

Notes for Early German Units

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Panzer I Ausf A 818 produced 7/34 to 6/36 Poland, France, Denmark, Norway
Max Armor: 13mm @ 10 degrees Max Speed: 37 km/hr
Main Gun: two MG13

Notes: this version intended for training only, some never even had turrets. However, they were issued to the Panzer divisions and when the time came to fight, many of these went to war with their parent units. This version has one less road wheel and is shorter than the B version.



Panzer I Ausf B 675 produced 8/35 to 6/37 All campaigns thru 1941
Max Armor: 13mm @ 10 degrees Max Speed: 40 km/hr
Main Gun: two MG13

Notes: Redesigned, lengthened, one more road wheel, stronger engine. This is the first production model actually intended to be used as a fighting vehicle. Both the A and B models were combat tested in the Spanish Civil War where a few were even modified to carry a 20mm cannon in the turret.



Panzer II Ausf a,b,c 1213 produced 5/36 to 4/40 Poland, France, and beyond
Max Armor: 13mm Max Speed: 40 km/hr
Main Gun: 20L/55

Notes: Represents the first three versions of Pz II. Armor is very thin. This is the primary version which should be used for the Polish and French campaigns.



Panzer II Ausf D,E 43 produced 5/38 to 8/39 Polish Campaign
Max Armor: 30mm @ 9 degrees Max Speed: 55 km/hr
Main Gun: 20L/55

Notes: A major redesign as a fast cavalry tank for pursuit actions. This fast version was to be issued to the Light Divisions during the Polish campaign but it is uncertain if they were ever issued and there were only 43 produced. All were withdrawn in March of 1940 and converted to flame tanks.



Panzer II Ausf F 524 produced 3/41 to 12/42 Russia and beyond
Max Armor: 30mm @ 9 degrees Max Speed: 40 km/hr
Main Gun: 20L/55

Notes: Armor has been increased to a maximum of 30mm. Used as a reconnaissance tank. Production was delayed and finally cancelled at the end of 1942 with only 524 built. Pz II's at beginning of Russian campaign should be a mix of these and earlier version Pz II c



Panzer III Ausf A,B,C,D 70 produced 1937 to 6/38 Poland, Norway, withdrawn 2/40
Max Armor: 15mm @ 25 degrees Max Speed: 40 km/hr
Main Gun: 37L/46.5

Notes: First versions of Pz III. Armor very thin. B,C,D versions had 8 road wheels instead of the 6 on all later versions. Only a few produced but all would have been pressed into service in a Czechoslovakian campaign in late 1938.



Panzer III Ausf E,F,(G) 581 produced 12/38 to 7/40 Poland and on at least until 7/44
Max Armor: 30mm @ 21 degrees Max Speed: 40 km/hr
Main Gun: 37L/46.5

Notes: Armor upgraded to 30mm. This is the only version of Pz III which saw service in the French campaign. While many were upgraded to 50L42 gun after France, no 50L42 gun version actually participated in the French campaign. This total also represents the first 50 of the G model produced. The rest of the G production (about 550) were completed with the 50L42 gun and many had 30 mm extra armor bolted on the front to make them equivalent to the H model. The G model in Ward's counterset would represent the 308 H models produced and the upgraded G models.



Panzer III Ausf G 550 produced 5/40 to 2/41 Russia and beyond
 Max Armor: 30mm @ 21 degrees Max Speed: 40 km/hr
 Main Gun: 50L/42

Notes: These represent the rest of the G production which did not have extra armor bolted on and also the surviving E and F models from France which were upgunned but not uparmored. The 50L42 Pz III's rolling into Russia should have some of these mixed with the ones with the defense of 6.



Panzer IV Ausf A 35 produced 10/37 to 3/38 Poland, Norway, France, withdrawn
 Max Armor: 15mm @ 12 degrees Max Speed: 31 km/hr
 Main Gun: 75L/24

Notes: Very first production version of Pz IV. Weak engine and weak armor. These saw service early in the war and then were withdrawn. Would certainly have seen action in a Czech campaign, did see action in Poland and France.



Panzer IV Ausf B,C,D 405 produced 4/38 to 5/41 Poland, France, Balkans, Russia
 Max Armor: 30mm @ 12 degrees Max Speed: 40 km/hr
 Main Gun: 75L/24

Notes: More powerful engine and better armor. No better version of the Pz IV than this saw service in either the Polish or French campaigns.



Panzer 35t 219 confiscated 3/39 Poland, France, Russia
 Max Armor: 25mm @ 30 degrees Max Speed: 35 km/hr
 Main Gun: 37L/40

Notes: The Czech LT-35 was the main battle tank of the Czech army in 1938. The Germans confiscated 219 of them but did not choose to produce any more. They saw service with the 1st Light Division in Poland and the 6th Panzer Division in France and Russia. The survivors were withdrawn from service in late 1941.



Panzer 38t A,B,C,D 475 produced 5/39 to 11/40 Poland, France, Norway, Russia
 Max Armor: 25mm @ 16 degrees Max Speed: 42 km/hr
 Main Gun: 37L/48.7

None of these existed when the Germans annexed western Czechoslovakia in 1938 but they were designed and had already been ordered for the Czech army. The Germans put them into production in the Czech factories and they became an important early war German tank. This first version had only 25mm of armor and is the only version which participated in Poland and France. After the experience of the Polish campaign, armor was increased to 50mm starting with the E series and is represented by the existing counter in Ward's set.



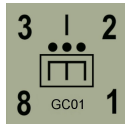
Rifle Platoon

Notes: This is an early war version of the German rifle platoon and should be used to represent the Germans in Czechoslovakia and in Poland.



Rifle Platoon

Notes: This rifle platoon would be appropriate for early war border troops as well as any weaker German infantry of the period.



Engineer Platoon

Notes: A slightly weaker engineer platoon to go with the weaker rifle platoons



Bicyclists

Notes: Early German infantry division recon units had a mix of bicycle mounted infantry and cavalry. These units are for use in those infantry recon units.