

Notes for Czech Army Units

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Tancik-33 70 produced 1930 to 1934
Max Armor: 12mm Max Speed: 35 km/hr
Main Gun: two MG

Notes: A light tankette armed only with machine guns, produced in the early 30's. Obsolete by 1938 but still in use. Very similar to the tankettes being used in this period by most nations.



LT-34 50 produced 1934 to 1936
Max Armor: 15mm Max Speed: 30 km/hr
Main Gun: 37L/40

Notes: Good gun for 1930's but armor was minimal and speed marginal.



LT-35 434 produced 1935 to 1940
Max Armor: 25mm Max Speed: 34 km/hr
Main Gun: 37L/40

Notes: Designed as a replacement for the LT-34. Improved armor, slightly improved speed. Early teething problems led to a call for a new tank, which turned out to be the LT-38. Part of the production run of the LT-35 was exported, with 126 going to Romania as the R-2 and 10 to Bulgaria as the T-11. Though the 37L/40 gun is not quite as good as the 37L/47.8 gun on the LT-38, the performance difference is marginal and after some debate between Byron and myself, we decided to rate this shorter gun the same as the longer one.



LT-38 74 supplied to Slovakia from 1940 til 1944
Max Armor: 50mm Max Speed: 42 km/hr
Main Gun: 37L/47.8

Notes: The Slovak Army received 37 new and 37 used of these tanks from the Germans (Pz-38t in German service). This counter represents the later versions with the improved armor. These were used by the Slovaks on the eastern front against the Russians.



Panzer II Ausf D

Notes: The Slovak Army received sixteen "well-worn" Panzer II's from the Germans in April, 1944. They replaced the aging OA-30 armored cars in the 1st and 2nd reconnaissance groups and were deployed with the East Slovak Army in August 1944. This counter represents the PanzerBlitz version of the PzII and was used on the eastern front.



Marder III

Notes: The Slovaks received eighteen Marder III tank destroyers in 1944. They were organized into the 2nd Anti-Tank Battalion and deployed with the East Slovak Army in August 1944.



OA-27 15 produced 1929
Max Armor: 5.5 Max Speed: 35 km/hr
Main Gun: 2 MG

Notes: also represents the earlier OA-23 (12 built). Not a great armored car but still in Czech Army service in 1938. Because of generally poor performance, this unit should move as a truck off-road.

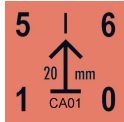


OA-30 51 produced 1933 to 1934
Max Armor: 6mm Max Speed: 60 km/hr
Main Gun: 2 MG forward, 1 MG reverse

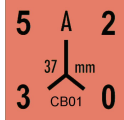
Notes: The most numerous and important Czech armored car. A number of these were later used by German security forces in occupied areas. Eighteen of these saw service with the Slovak Army. This unit should move as a truck off-road.



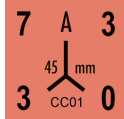
Motorcycles used as recon units.



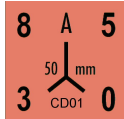
Standard Czech Army anti-aircraft unit in 1938.



Standard Czech AT gun in 1938. Also used by the Slovak Army



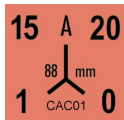
The Slovaks used captured Russian weapons throughout the Eastern Campaign. Fourteen 45mm ATGs were used during 1943.



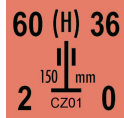
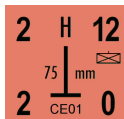
The Slovaks received ten 50mm ATGs from the Germans in early 1943 to help offset the superiority of the Russian T-34 tanks.



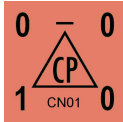
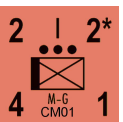
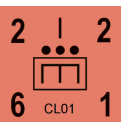
During 1944, the Slovaks ordered twenty-four 75mm ATGs from Germany, but "...the arrival of only nine can be confirmed."



The Germans furnished a few 88 AT guns to the Slovak Army to help with the big Russian tanks.



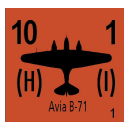
Czech artillery. Similar to contemporary armies.



Standard early war minor country infantry units. The rifle unit on the right has Panzerblitz range and is for use by the Slovak Army against the Russians along with the CP.



Infantry Divisions would be mostly foot and horse-drawn. Only a few tractors made. They would pull the heavy artillery but are so slow that mobile formations probably wouldn't have them.



Avia B-71 light bomber. Czech version of the Russian SB2. A 2-engine bomber capable of carrying 1000 lbs of bombs and armed with 3 MG's. The Czechs had about 100 of these in 1938.



MB 200 medium bomber. French built 2-engine bomber capable of carrying 2600 lbs of bombs. The Czech air force had 54 of these in 1938.