

What are M1 Abrams Tanks?

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About M1 Abrams Tanks:

- It is the **United States main battle tank**.
- The **first M1 tank was manufactured** by General Dynamics Land Systems (GDLS) **in 1978** and was delivered to the **US Army in 1980**.
- It was **named in honor to General Abrams, commander of US forces during the Vietnam War**.
- The **export version** of the Abrams is used by the armies of **Australia, Egypt, Iraq, Kuwait, Poland, and Saudi Arabia**.
- **Features of M1 Abrams Tanks:**
 - It uses a **powerful and complex turbine engine** that produces **1,500 horsepower** and requires **four persons to operate**.
 - It is **one of the heaviest tanks** in service at nearly **62 metric tons**.
 - The M1 tanks have a **maximum speed of 45 kmph**.
 - **Armement:** The Abrams is **armed with a 120 mm main gun** and .50 caliber and 7.62 mm machine guns.

- It can **destroy tank-size targets** at a **range of 2 km** while firing **on the move**.
 - **In modern versions** of the Abrams tank, there are **layers of depleted uranium** armour which **provides substantial protection** to those inside.
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Q1) What is a main battle tank?

The main battle tank, also known as a battle tank or universal tank, is a tank that fulfills the role of armor-protected direct fire and maneuver of many modern armies. The main battle tank market is segmented by type and by geography.

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