

What is Challenger 2 Main Battle Tank?

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About Challenger 2 Main Battle Tank:

- It is the **British Army's main battle tank (MBT)**.
- It is a **third-generation MBT**, the same generation as the Russian T-80 and T-90 tanks.
- It is **heavily armoured and highly mobile**, designed for **use in direct fire zones**.
- Whilst its **primary role is to destroy or neutralise armour**, Challenger 2 can **operate across a spectrum of high-intensity conflict**, counter-insurgency and peacekeeping roles.
- Countries using: It is in service with the **United Kingdom (386) and Oman (38)**.
- **Features:**
 - **The armour** of the Challenger-2 is **called the Chobham armour** or the **Dorchester armour** and is considered among the **best in the world**.
 - The tank is **27 feet long and eight feet tall**.
 - It has a **range of 547 kilometres** with a **maximum speed of 59 kilometres per hour**.
 - It is **armed with a rifled Royal Ordnance L30 120-mm main gun**, which can deliver main armament rounds up to a **range of around four kilometres**.

- The **secondary armament consists of two 7.62 mm machine guns.**
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Q1) What are 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. The export version of the Abrams is used by the armies of Australia, Egypt, Iraq, Kuwait, Poland, and Saudi Arabia.

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