

BOARHOUND I ARMoured CAR

DEVELOPMENT

In July 1941 the US Army Ordnance office issued joint specifications with the British for three new armoured cars. The T17E1 specification called for a medium armoured car which eventually became the Staghound, while the T18 called for a heavy armoured car.

The T18 prototype was developed in 1942 by the Yellow Truck & Coach Company as a large all-wheel-drive, eight-wheeler with the front four wheels steering. Its thick armour was unusual for an armoured car, although this extra protection brought the weight of the vehicle up to 26 tons—similar to contemporary medium tanks such as the M3 Lee and three times the weight of the equivalent German eight-wheeled armoured cars.

Initially armed with a M6 37mm gun, it became clear that the T18 would need a more powerful weapon and the final version, the T18E2, was fitted with the newly-designed M1 57mm gun, a US-manufactured variant of the British 6 pdr gun.

While the United States Army proved entirely uninterested in the vehicle, the British Army's successful use of armoured cars in the Western Desert led them to place an order for 2500 T18E2 armoured cars, which they promptly christened the Boarhound I. High production costs led to cancellation of the initial order after only 30 were delivered.

COMBAT SERVICE

These 30 vehicles were shipped to North Africa to supplement the slower British AEC armoured cars supporting the light Humber armoured cars. The Boarhound's eight-wheeled design proved ideal in the open flat terrain of the desert with their speed and mobility being a great asset during running battles with German and Italian armoured cars. Their success led to further production of the Boarhound I and whole regiments were re-equipped with this superb armoured car.

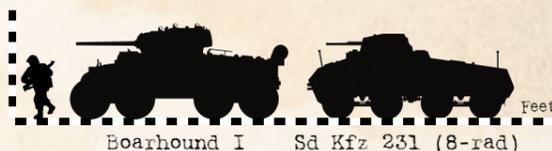
DESIGN FEATURES

The T18E2 Boarhound armoured car was designed as a heavy armoured car to counter the German eight-wheeler Sd Kfz 231 (8-rad) series. With much thicker armour and a heavier gun, it succeeds in this role admirably.

	 Boarhound I	 Sd Kfz 231
Weight	26 tons	9 tons
Armour	50mm	30mm
Weapon	57mm	20mm
Machine-guns	2x MG	1x MG
Speed	50 mph	53 mph
Power/weight	9 hp/ton	20 hp/ton

The Boarhound I is large and heavy for an armoured car, but in the hard, flat desert (which is treated as Road) it is faster than a tank. Its thick armour and big gun count more than the small size of lighter armoured cars, especially in the hands of the veteran Desert Rats.

Anti-tank 10, Veteran Reconnaissance



HEAVY ARMoured CAR PLATOON

The armoured car regiments spent all day every day watching the enemy in the deep desert. If anyone knew how to stay alive out there, they did.

Heavy Armoured Car Platoons are rated as: **Confident Veteran**

REPLACING STANDARD EQUIPMENT

There are three ways to field Boarhound I armoured cars:

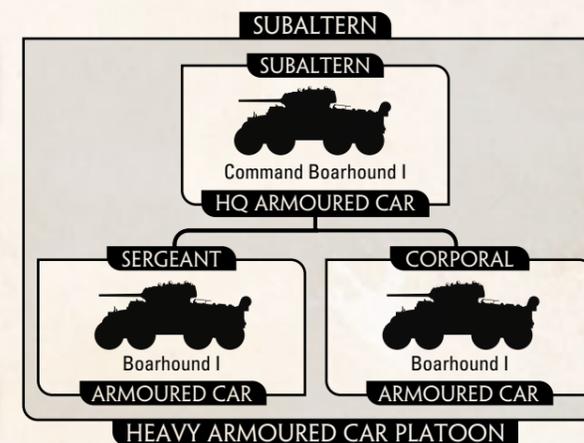
- You may replace one Armoured Car Platoon with a Heavy Armoured Car Platoon,
- You may replace all AEC I armoured cars in your Armoured Car Platoons with Boarhound I armoured cars for +15 points per armoured car, or
- If you are fielding an Armoured Car Squadron, you may replace all Armoured Car Platoons with Heavy Armoured Car Platoons, and purchase all armoured cars in the Company HQ as Boarhound I armoured cars for 75 points per armoured car.

PLATOON

3 Boarhound I 210 points

Because the Boarhound is practically invulnerable to enemy armoured cars, it can pursue an aggressive reconnaissance policy, driving them back as it seeks out the main enemy force. Be careful though. It is not a tank and cannot engage enemy armour in a frontal battle. Seek out their vulnerable flanks and unprotected approaches instead.

Heavy Armoured Car Platoons are Reconnaissance Platoons.



Name	Mobility	Front	Armour		Equipment and Notes
			Side	Top	
Boarhound I	Wheeled	4	2	0	Co-ax MG, Hull MG.
Weapon	Range	ROF	Anti-tank	Firepower	
OQF 6 pdr gun	24*/80cm	2	10	4+	No HE.

BOARHOUND I SPECIFICATIONS



Designation: Car, Armoured, Heavy, T18E2
 Crew: 4 (cdr, gnr, dvr, co-dvr)
 Weight: 59,080lb/26,800kg
 Length: 20'4"/6.20m Height: 10'2"/3.10m
 Width: 8'8"/2.60m
 Armament: 1x M1 57mm anti-tank gun,
 2x Browning .30 cal machine-guns
 Armour Thickness: 9.5mm to 50mm
 Maximum Speed: 50mph/80km/h
 Engine: 2x GMC 6-cylinder, petrol,
 270cu in/4 litre, 125hp each

