



40M TURAN I & 41M TURAN II

DEVELOPMENT

During the 1930's the Hungarians began looking for heavy and medium tank designs to equip their armoured divisions. After attempts to purchase German and Swedish designs fell through, they approached Skoda in former Czechoslovakia in late 1939. The Hungarians had captured two Skoda LT-35 (Panzer 35(t)) light tanks in 1939 from the Slovaks and had tested them with positive results. The Hungarians selected the T-21/T-22 medium tank from the available Skoda designs.

The Hungarians made a few design modifications: increasing the armour to 35mm, changing the cupola, upgrading the electrical equipment and changing the gun from a 47mm to their own 40mm (which had better armour penetration).

Production was divided between four Hungarian companies, but the first prototype wasn't finished until June 1941. Flaws in the design required further time to iron out. Meanwhile, the armour was increased to 50mm. The new tank was named the Turan after a Hungarian term for an idealised nomadic horse-warrior.

COMBAT SERVICE

The first Turan I tanks did not leave the factory until mid 1942, but by the end of the year 230 Turan I tanks had been issued to Hungarian armoured units.

Even before the first Turan I was produced, experience against the red Army led the Hungarian General Staff to order the Turan II mounting a short 75mm gun. These began delivery in July 1943.

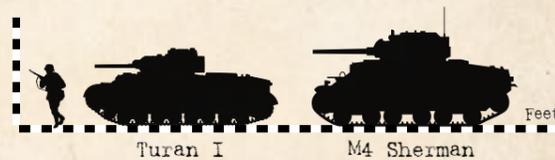
The Hungarians rushed their new tank units to the Ukraine in 1943 to help hold back the Soviet surge to the Dnepr River.

DESIGN FEATURES

After initial teething problems the Turan proved a reliable tank. With more armour than their old T-38 tanks, they could hold their own in a fight. Although the 40mm gun of the Turan I could deal with light tanks, it was the 75mm gun of the Turan II that gave the Hungarians some punch against the T-34.

The up-gunned Turan II resulted from experience against the Soviet T-34 tank.

Range 24"/60cm, Anti-tank 9, Firepower 3+



Turan I, 1944.

TURAN HARCKOCSIZO PLATOON (TURAN ARMoured PLATOON)

Experienced tank crews were assigned to the newly equipped tank battalions.

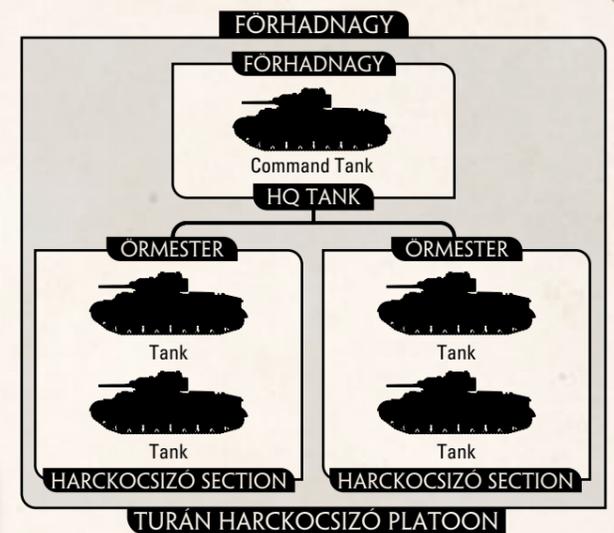
Turan Harckocsizo Platoons are rated as: **Confident Veteran**

REPLACING STANDARD EQUIPMENT

Any Hungarian company may replace any or all of its Medium or Heavy Harckocsizo Platoons with Turan Harckocsizo Platoons. If it is a Harckocsizo Szazad, it may also purchase the tanks in the Company HQ as a Turan I tank for 90 points each or a Turan II tank for 100 points each.

PLATOON

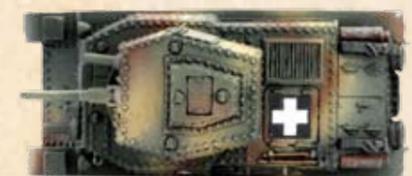
- 5 Turan I 450 points
- 4 Turan I 360 points
- 3 Turan I 270 points
- 3 Turan II 300 points



If used aggressively Turan I and II tanks can take on the superior numbers of Soviet tanks. Use terrain and speed to reduce the enemy fire and to bring your own fire to bear where it will be most effective.

Name	Mobility	Armour			Equipment and Notes
		Front	Side	Top	
Turan I	Standard Tank	5	3	1	Co-ax MG, Hull MG, Protected ammo.
Weapon	Range	ROF	Anti-tank	Firepower	
40mm 41M gun	24"/60cm	3	7	4+	
Name	Mobility	Armour			Equipment and Notes
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Turan II	Standard Tank	5	3	1	Co-ax MG, Hull MG, Protected ammo.
Weapon	Range	ROF	Anti-tank	Firepower	
75mm 41M gun	24"/60cm	2	9	3+	

TURAN I AND II SPECIFICATIONS



Designation:	40M Turan I	41M Turan II
Crew:	5 (cdr, gnr, ldr, rdo, dvr)	
Weight:	40,124lb/18,200kg	42329lb/19,200kg
Length:	18'2.5"/5.55m	18'2.5"/5.55m
Height:	7'10"/2.39m	7'10"/2.39m
Width:	8'/2.44m	8'/2.44m
Armament:	1x 40mm 41M gun 2x 8mm 34/40A M machine-gun	1x 75mm 41M gun
Ammunition Stowage:	101x 40mm	56x 75mm
Armour Thickness:	20mm to 50mm	20mm to 50mm
Engine:	Manfred Weiss-Z V-8h petrol, 260hp	
Max Speed:	29mph/47km/h	28mph/45km/h
Road Radius:	102 miles/165km	93 miles/150km

