

Surviving Australian Cruiser Tanks

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Listed here are the Australian Sentinel tanks still existing today.



"Megashorts", November 2008 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/megashorts/3029529335/in/set-72157609057315170/>

AC 1 Sentinel – Bovington Tank Museum (UK)

Serial Number 8049 (Wikipedia)



https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/8/8e/AC1_Sentinel_8030.jpg

AC 1 Sentinel – Royal Australian Armoured Corps Tank Museum Puckapunyal, VIC (Australia)

Serial Number 8030 (Wikipedia)



Tim Dunn, June 2016 - <https://www.facebook.com/tim.dunn.9277/>

AC 1 Sentinel – Australian Armour and Artillery Museum, Cairns, QLD (Australia)

This tank was formerly part of the Melbourne Tank Museum, Victoria (Australia). It was auctioned in 2006 or 2007 (Bonhams and Goodman auction house). It was then part of Jacques Littlefield Collection in California. The entire Littlefield collection was donated to the Collings Foundation, and only 80 of the 240 vehicles of the collection will be displayed in a new museum, which will be built in Massachusetts. The other ones were sold in an auction in August 2014



Mikey Kreuzer, August 2007 - <http://picasaweb.google.com/mikey.kreuzer/BigThingsInStore>

AC 3 Thunderbolt – Treloar Technology Centre at the Australian War Memorial Canberra (Australia)

Serial Number 8066 (Wikipedia)



<https://www.facebook.com/BATRACInternational/photos/a.921948164528007.1073741937.888032457919578/1168863726503115/>

AC 3 Thunderbolt – Clive Palmers collection, Mountain Stud, QLD (Australia)

This tank was sold on an auction in late 2006 to an unknown collector (Bonhams and Goodman auction house)



<https://www.facebook.com/>

AC 4 Sentinel – Australian Armour and Artillery Museum, Cairns, QLD (Australia)

Uncut hull, with turret, gearbox and running gear, otherwise bare inside before restoration (Robert Stewart). This vehicle consists in a AC IE series hull and AC III turret. Previously owned by John Beldfield, It was missing the main gun and mount and hull MG mount. The tank was restored in 2014, it now has an authentic 17 Pdr barrel in attempt to faithfully represent the AC IV prototype, the mantlet and gun mount were reproduced (museum)



"Luke", September 2018

Australian Experimental Cruiser Tank AC-1 E2 (hull) Melbourne Tank Museum, VIC (Australia)

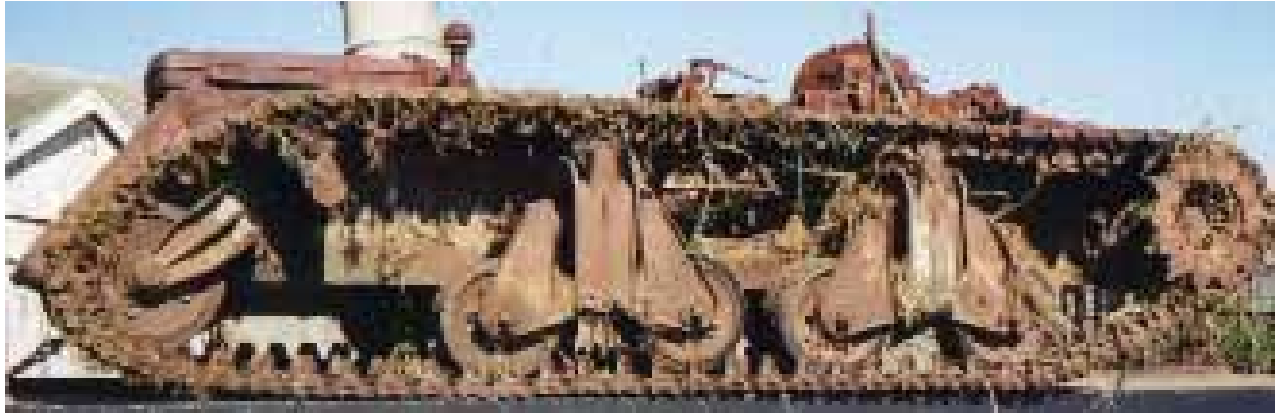
This hull is Serial Number 8001. The lower hull is 'complete', i.e. uncut, it is designed such that different upper hulls can be bolted to it for testing (Robert Stewart)



Rod Bellars, October 2014

AC I bottom hull – Rod Bellars Collection, Victoria (Australia)

This is a Sentinel hull with early Lee tracks fitted for practice, it comes from New South Wales (Rod Bellars)



Robert Stewart

AC I bottom hull – Robert Stewart Collection (Australia)

AC I Tank No. 8028 (axle housing no. 37, hull no. 32). It was rebuilt as a mobile crane to move blocks of concrete to build the harbor at Portland in South Eastern Australia. The rear bogies were removed and the track shortened. The rear idler wheels were dropped to ground level to provide a solid base and achieve maximum lift. This was carried out by cutting a triangular section including the third bogies from the hull, folding the rear hull down, and rewelding. A small industrial motor is firstly coupled to the original AC1 gearbox via a central reduction gearbox and secondly to a winch via a second gearbox derived from a veteran AEC truck (Robert Stewart)



Robert Stewart

AC I – Southern NSW (Australia)

Civilian bulldozer conversion, sporting Centurion tracks and a Cummins Marine diesel engine, but original gearbox (Robert Stewart)



http://www.oldcmp.net/exp_tank.html

Australian experimental light tank – John Belfield Collection, VIC (Australia)

This vehicle is a mock-up of light tank that was built because of the lack of armoured vehicles in Australia in 1941. It was brought on a testing ground and proved to be a total failure, because it could not be manoeuvred at all (John Belfield)

I'm looking for photos of those tanks :

Two AC I hulls – Camden, VIC (Australia)

Hulls cut to tub but complete running gear & gearboxes, at least one transfer case. One of the two hulls is cut above track level – as many were for tractor work – it is 'complete' in the sense it has its three sets of bogies. Judging from the welding at front it may well have been a dozer or tree pusher at one time

any Canadian or Australian Cruiser tank or APC that I forgot....

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