

Surviving British Rare World War II Armoured Cars

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Listed here are British Rare WW2 armoured cars that still exist today.



"Megashorts", April 2009 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/megashorts/3425084356/in/set-72157609057315170/>

Crossley-Chevrolet M1939 Indian Pattern – Bovington Tank Museum (UK)

These were Crossley Armoured Cars refurbished in 1939 by Chevrolet (<http://mailer.fsu.edu/~akirk/tanks/India/India.html>)
Presented by the government of Pakistan in 1951 (Museum)



"Megashorts", November 2009 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/megashorts/3055840575/in/set-72157609057315170/>

Crossley Armoured Car Mk I – Bovington Tank Museum (UK)



"Megashorts", April 2009 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/megashorts/3425084380/in/set-72157609057315170/>

Lanchester Armoured Car Mk II – Bovington Tank Museum (UK)



Pierre-Olivier Buan, May 2023

Beaverette Armored Car Mk IV – Bovington Tank Museum (UK)



Massimo Foti, October 2014 - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/massimofoti/31136356744/>

Beaverette Armoured Car Mk III – Imperial War Museum, Duxford (UK)



<https://www.facebook.com/113173945423511/photos/pcb.1457720930968799/1457718754302350/?type=3&theater>

Beaverette Armoured Car Mk III – Cobbaton Combat Collection (UK)



<https://www.facebook.com/historic.engineering.nl/photos/pcb.2539801349419624/2539801186086307>



<https://www.facebook.com/320637694669345/photos/pb.100057525726954.-2207520000../3714304085302672/?type=3>

Beaverette Armoured Car – Kevin Wheatcroft Collection (UK)

One of the vehicles has been restored in 2020. The other one may be restored but “that all depends on the availability of several ultra rare parts unique to this type of vehicle” according to the restorer



Phil Homer - <http://www.standardmotorclub.org.uk/cars/military/features/beaverette.htm>

Beaverette Armoured Car Mk IV – Grange Cavern Museum, North Wales (UK)

This Mk IV has been cut down for civilian use, also evidenced by the fitting of headlights and sidelights (Phil Homer). The museum is now closed & the Beaverette's whereabouts is unknown (Adam Gallon)



<http://hmvf.co.uk/topic/38489-standard-beaverette-pre-restoration-information-gathering/>

Beaverette Armoured Car Mk IV – Private collection, Cambridgeshire (UK)



"ACTIVEARMOUR", May 2008 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/westrat/6139497687/in/set-72157627528055969>

Beaverette Armoured Car Mk III – Irish Defences Forces Training Centre, Curragh Camp, The Curragh (Ireland)



"ACTIVEARMOUR", November 2010 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/westrat/5559213803/in/set-72157626527866327>

Beaverette Armoured Car Mk IV – Curragh Camp Museum, Curragh Camp, The Curragh (Ireland)



Martin Ijdo, March 2020

Beaverette Armoured Car Mk IV – Stichting Nationaal Militair Museum, Soesterberg (Netherlands)



http://www.asphm.com/vehicules/standart_beaverette/standart_beaverette.html

Beaverette Armoured Car – MM Park, La Wantzenau (France)



"mzk", Aug. 2011 - <https://picasaweb.google.com/mzk.muzea/NordlandRodeKorsKrigsminnemuseumNarvik#5650731805688743634>

Morris Light Rcn Car – Nordland Rode Kors Krigsminnemuseum, Narvik (Norway)



"Megashorts", November 2008 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/megashorts/3055840527/in/set-72157617875883920/>

Morris Light Reconnaissance Car Mk I – Bovington Tank Museum (UK)

This car is a Mark I, with chassis number 523. It was one of a batch of 500 ordered in May 1941. Its wartime service is unknown, but it was restored by Morris Motors Limited then donated to the Tank Museum in 1961 (Museum)



"Megashorts", June 2012 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/megashorts/7468286720/in/set-72157630343761988/>

Morris Light Reconnaissance Car Mk II – Bovington Tank Museum (UK)

This vehicle was presented to the Museum by Morris Motor in 1961 (Info. from the museum)



"jens.lilienthal", November 2009 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/21532948@N04/4135638858/>

Morris Light Reconnaissance Car – Imperial War Museum Duxford (UK)



"Megashorts", June 2010 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/megashorts/4746343288/in/set-72157624356207158/>

Morris Light Reconnaissance Car 43rd Reconnaissance Regiment Living History Group (UK)



<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=4297325146953314&set=gm.4103586163059487>

Morris Light Reconnaissance Car – Private collection, Appleby-in-Westmoreland (UK)

This vehicle was collected from the Rush Green Motors. Sometime after leaving service the Morris had been cut down, the turret discarded and a sports car windscreen attached. Holes were cut in the armour to lighten it. Unfortunately this meant that after a time it gave way in the middle (James Eagle)



<http://hmvf.co.uk/forumvb/showthread.php?34344-Morris-LRC-MK2>

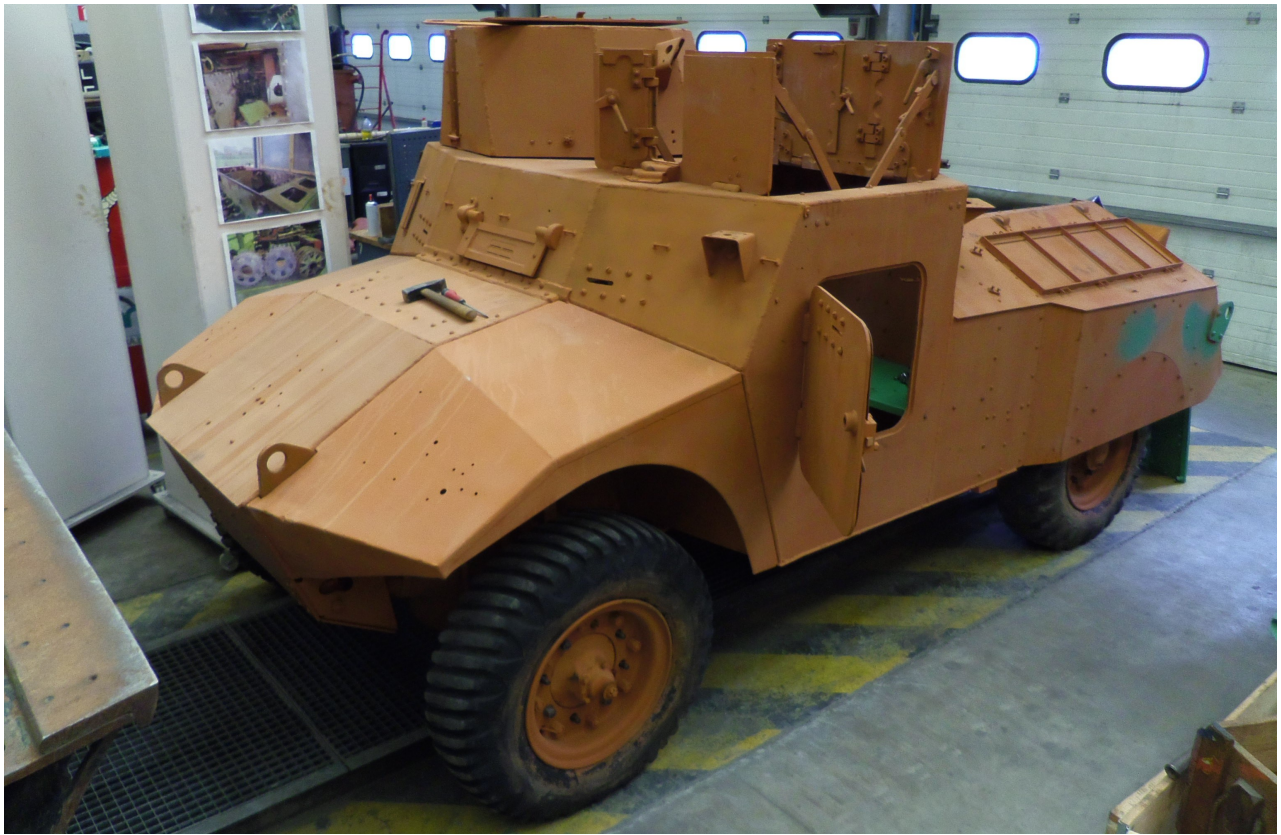
Morris Light Reconnaissance Car – Private collection (UK)

It was well and truly buried at the far end of a 60ft garage in Portsmouth with 15 years of hoarded junk piled high around it! The previous owner has had about 20 years but it has not seen daylight since entering the garage. Its plate indicates that it was built in March 1945, its armour had been cut in the past probably when it was demob'd but has mostly been repaired quite well, all the hatches and doors have been made new (long time ago) and one side door is the original. There is a lot of work to restore the vehicle, the biggest job will be making the turret and the cooling fan drives (information from the owner)



<http://hmvf.co.uk/forumvb/showthread.php?40263-is-this-wheeled-armour-rare>

Morris Light Reconnaissance Car – Private Collection (UK)



Pierre-Olivier Buan, April 2016

Morris Light Recon Car – Heintz Barracks, Bastogne (Belgium)



Pierre-Olivier Buan, December 2018

Morris Light Reconnaissance Car – MM Park, La Wantzenau (France)

This vehicle was previously part of "For Freedom Museum, Knokke-Heist (Belgium)"



"colinpark_photo" - http://s690.photobucket.com/albums/vv262/colinpark_photo/Malaysian%20Armour/?start=20

Morris Light Reconnaissance Car – Malaysian Army Museum, Port Dickson (Malaysia)



"Deep Blue Sea", May 2017 - <https://twitter.com/WassanaNanuam/status/868725632305315840>

Morris Light Reconnaissance Car – Royal Thai Army School, Bangkok (Thailand)



David Barlow, February 2022



David Barlow, February 2022



Jim Goetz, January 2023

Three Morris Light Rcn Cars – The Cavalry Centre, Fort Adison, Saraburi (Thailand)



"rudy.rijen Dav", March 2008 - <https://plus.google.com/photos/110835723186713435585/albums/5456695858092323745?banner=pwa>

Morris Light Reconnaissance Car – Artillery Museum, Mueang District, Lopburi Province (Thailand)



"feelthai", September 2018 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VwBkmhhopF0>

Two Morris Light Reconnaissance Cars – Royal Thai Army Special Forces Museum at Ft. Narai Lopburi province (Thailand)



"Lek", March 2011 - <https://picasaweb.google.com/101515277404418496096/WirathaiMonument>

Morris Light Rcn Car – Wirathai Monument, Nakhon Si Thammarat (Thailand)



Ian Garnett, July 2018

Morris Light Rcn Car – Infantry Museum, Thanarat Camp, Khao Noi
Pran Buri Province (Thailand)



http://www.geocities.com/britsatwar/morris_recce_car

Morris Light Reconnaissance Car – Private collection (USA)



David Barlow, February 2022

Morris Light Rcn Car hull – The Cavalry Centre, Fort Adison, Saraburi (Thailand)



Megashorts", June 2009 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/megashorts/3677991434/>

Guy Armoured Car – Bovington Tank Museum (UK)

This car has chassis number AC13639. It was the first to be produced, making it the first British all-welded armoured car ever made. The car was one of 50 Mark Is and had Army serial number T10359. It is now the last survivor (Museum)



Massimo Foti, March 2011 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/massimofoti/sets/72157626270470716/?page=2>

Coventry Armoured Car – Bovington Tank Museum (UK)



Pierre-Olivier Buan, January 2025

Coventry Armoured Car – Armoured Corps Museum, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra (India)



"Megashorts", November 2008 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/megashorts/3055710963/in/set-72157617875883920/>

AEC Armoured Car – Bovington Tank Museum (UK)

This car was ordered from the Associated Equipment Company in February 1942 and built later this year. As a Mark II it has a 6 pounder gun, Mark IIIs had the 75mm. Its wartime history is unknown but as it came to the Tank Museum from the School of Tank Technology in 1949, it is unlikely to have seen combat (Museum)



Robert De Craecker - http://www.primeportal.net/trucks/de_craecker/aec_walk.htm

AEC Armoured Car – Heintz Barracks, Bastogne (Belgium)

This tank was previously stored at the depot of the Tank Museum in Kapellen (Belgium)



Alexey Domin, August 2017 - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/142809800@N03/36842919851/in/dateposted/>

AEC Armoured Car – Patriot Park, Kubinka (Russia)



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/374483227141849>

AEC Mk 3 Armoured Car restoration project – Private collection, Cumbria (UK)



Peter Jouvenal, April 2017

Armoured Carrier, Wheeled, India Pattern, Mk I or Mk II
Afghan Army logistic base, Kabul (Afghanistan)



Pierre-Olivier Buan, January 2025

Armoured Carrier, Wheeled, India Pattern, Mk I or Mk II
Armoured Corps Museum, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra (India)



Pierre-Olivier Buan, January 2025

Armoured Carrier, Wheeled, India Pattern, Mk IIC or Mk III
Armoured Corps Museum, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra (India)



<https://twitter.com/tms313/status/1228945870252412928>

Armoured Carrier, Wheeled, India Pattern, Mk IIC or Mk III
Defence services museum, Naypyidaw (Burma / Myanmar)



Peter Jouvenal, April 2017

Armoured Carrier, Wheeled, India Pattern, Mk IV
Afghan Army logistic base, Kabul (Afghanistan)



<http://www.mapleleafup.net/forums/showthread.php?t=30413>



<http://www.mapleleafup.net/forums/showthread.php?t=30413>

Two Armoured Carriers, Wheeled, NZ Pattern – The Weald Foundation (UK)
Formerly owned by James Gosling



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Armoured Carrier, Wheeled, NZ Pattern – James Gosling Collection (UK)
The hull comes from a private collection in New Zealand



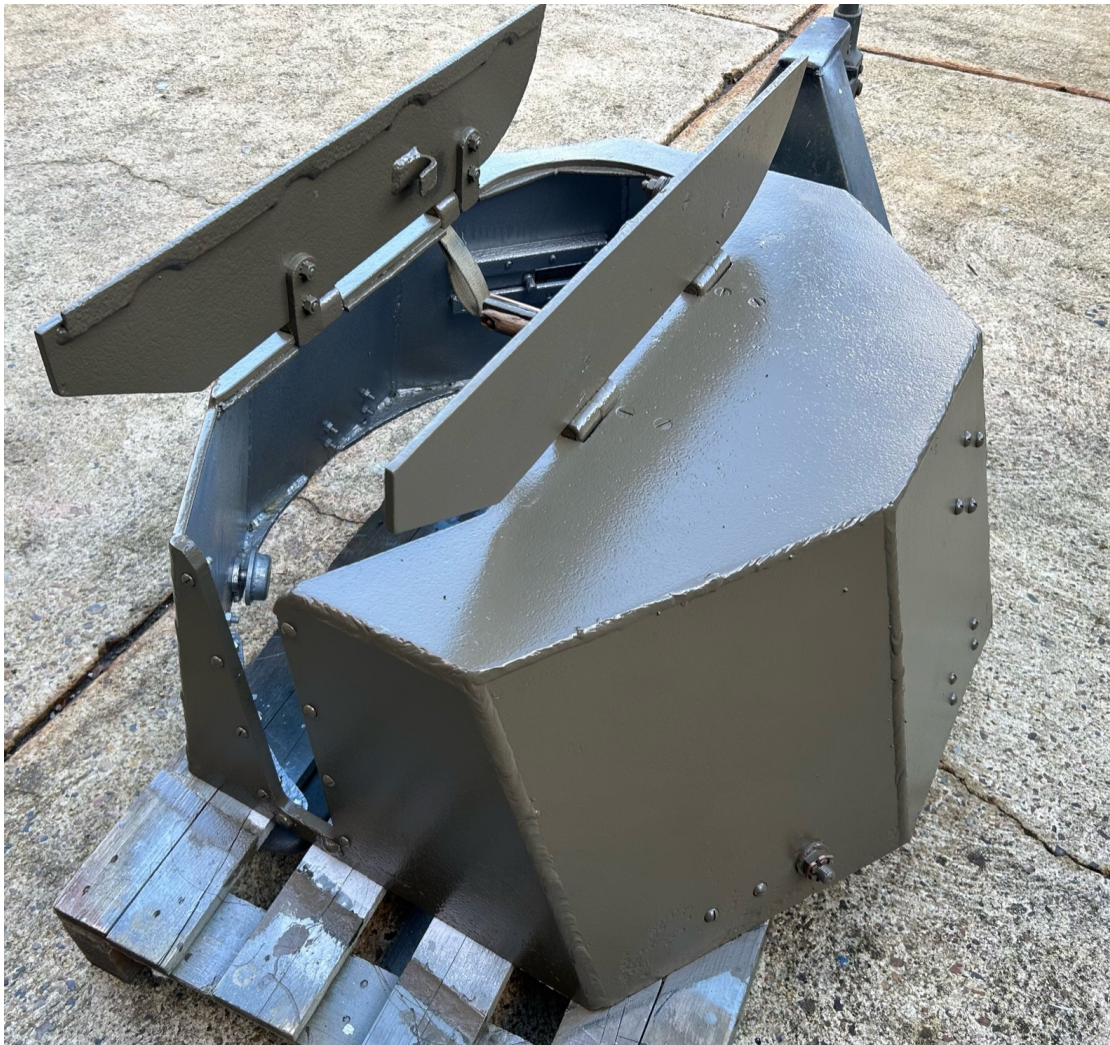
<http://hmvf.co.uk/forumvb/showthread.php?16812-Inidan-NZ-Pattern-Wheeled-Carrier>

Armoured Carrier, Wheeled, NZ Pattern – Private collection (New Zealand)



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Armoured Carrier, Wheeled, NZ Pattern – Private collection (New Zealand)



Kevin Powles

Morris Armoured Car turret – Kevin Powles Collection (UK)



Pierre-Olivier Buan, December 2016

AEC Mk III Armoured Car turret – Heintz Barracks, Bastogne (Belgium)



Massimo Foti, June 2017 - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/massimofoti/35133960984/>

Hillman Gnat armoured car **reproduction** – Bob Grundy collection (UK)

The Hillman Gnat was conceived by Major General Vyvyan Pope in 1940 to replace the motorcycle combinations in the reconnaissance role. The project lapsed when he was subsequently killed in the Western Desert. It was never an armoured prototype, only the turret was of steel, the hull/body made of Plymax a composite sheet steel and plywood (Bob Grundy)



https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Royal_Tank_Museum#/media/File:Royal_Tank_Museum_121.jpg

Wagner armoured car **reproduction** – Jordanian Tank Museum (Jordan)

Very little is known about these armoured cars. Between 6-12 were ordered in around 1940 by John Glubb for the newly formed Mechanized Force of his Arab Legion. To be constructed by Wagner's mechanical works of Jaffa, a German firm. They had probably been got rid of as soon as the real armour started to be made available to the Legion by the British Command in 1942-43. After that time they conceivably might have been passed on to the Mandate Police across the Jordan, to end their days in the hands of both Jews and Arabs in the War of 1948-49 (http://www.angelfire.com/pq2/armour/mystery_ac/index.htm)



George Buzby, 2005

Armoured Carrier, Wheeled, India Pattern, Mk IV
Unknown vehicle scrapyards (Afghanistan)



<http://www.hawkerhind.com/recovery.html>



"Hawker Hind", November 2005 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/45038141@N02/4144793690/in/set-72157622900533634>

Two Armoured Carriers, Wheeled, India Pattern, Mk IV
Unknown vehicle scrapyard (Afghanistan)

I'm looking for photos of those vehicles:

Beaverette Armoured Car – Kent Battle of Britain Museum, Folkestone (UK)

One more Morris Light Reconnaissance Car – The Cavalry Centre, Fort Adison, Saraburi (Thailand)

Any vehicle that I forgot...

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