

# Surviving Renault FT Tanks

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Listed here are the Renault FT tanks that still exist today.



"Megashorts", April 2013 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/megashorts/8677248447/in/set-72157609057315170/>

## Renault FT (prototype) – Bovington Tank Museum (UK)

This FT still has the manufacturer's plate, but the SN is unknown. This Renault Tank is one of the prototypes built in 1917. It was given to the Imperial War Museum after the War and then came to the Tank Museum in 1965 (info. from the museum)

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

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Renault FT – The Weald Foundation (UK) – running condition

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"M55ikael", March 2006 - [http://i2.photobucket.com/albums/y14/M55ikael/WWII/Foto\\_0196.jpg](http://i2.photobucket.com/albums/y14/M55ikael/WWII/Foto_0196.jpg)

Renault FT – Tellevik Kystfort (Norway)  
This tank was previously located at Setermoen (Norway)

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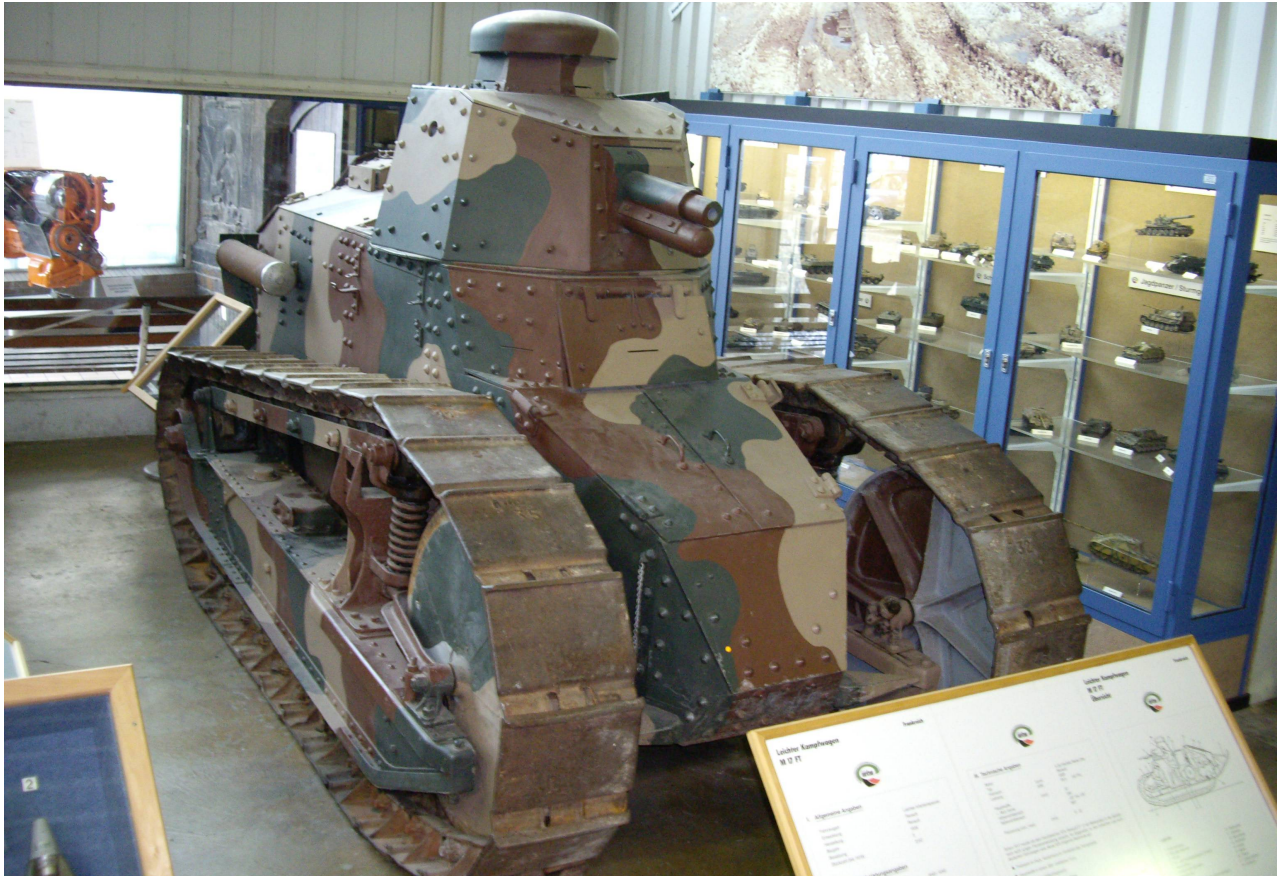


Erik Knut, May 2018

Renault FT – Rogaland Krigshistoriske Museum, Stavanger (Norway)

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Pierre-Olivier Buan, August 2008 - <http://news.webshots.com/album/566334373OYhyFB>

## Renault FT – Wehrtechnische Studiensammlung Koblenz (Germany)

This FT still has the manufacturer's plate, the SN is 1934.18



Collectie Legermuseum, Delft  
<http://www.collectie.legermuseum.nl/>

## Renault FT – Nationaal Militair Museum, Soesterberg (Netherlands)





Pierre-Olivier Buan, August 2008 - <http://news.webshots.com/album/566321611vZcJYT>

### Renault FT – Netherlands War Museum, Overloon (Netherlands)

This FT still has the manufacturer's plate, the SN is 788.18



Pierre-Olivier Buan, August 2008 - <http://good-times.webshots.com/album/566360245euEIJQ?start=12>

### Renault FT – Royal Museum of the Armed Forces, Brussels (Belgium)

Still in Brussels in May, 2016





Pierre-Olivier Buan, June 2020

### First Renault FT – Musée des Blindés, Saumur (France) – running condition

This tank formerly carried a machinegun, but recently got the 37mm gun from the FT recovered from Afghanistan (AFV News forum)



Pierre-Olivier Buan, June 2020

### Second Renault FT – Musée des Blindés, Saumur (France) – running condition

This FT still has the manufacturer's plate, the SN is 6024.18





Pierre-Olivier Buan, March 2019

### Third Renault FT – Musée des Blindés, Saumur (France)

This tank was recovered by French Military Special Forces in Afghanistan and brought back to France in 2007 (info. from the museum)  
 It originally carried a 37mm gun, but was restored with a machinegun from one of the 2 FTs in running condition (AFV News forum)

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Massimo Foti, April 2010 - <http://www.com-central.net/index.php?name=Forums&file=viewtopic&t=12593>

### Renault FT – Musée de l'armée, Invalides, Paris (France)

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<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=1119626644843330&set=a.1119625804843414.1073741828.100003880149110>

Renault FT – Fort de Seclin, near Lille (France)



Noël Nox, August 2021 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/461618217292981/permalink/4171155423005890/>

Renault FT hull and turret – France 40 vehicles museum, Fismes (France)





Pierre-Olivier Buan & Fort de Seclin, May 2007 - [http://the.shadock.free.fr/Tanks\\_in\\_France/fort\\_seclin/index.html](http://the.shadock.free.fr/Tanks_in_France/fort_seclin/index.html)

### Renault FT hull and turret – Aquatic Maginot Line Memorial Way, Barst (France)

This tank was put on display as a defensive position in a rebuilt trench. It comes from another Maginot Line bunker, where it was originally placed as a defensive position before WW2. The driving train, engine, internal equipments and main armament are missing (France AFVs register)



<http://www.renault-trucks-defense-group.eu/News/Actualites/2016/Le-FT17-de-Fourchambault-a-Balard>

### Renault FT – Ministère des Armées, Paris (France)

The tank was previously located at Boulogne-Billancourt and was restored in 2010 or 2011





Pierre-Olivier Buan, July 2007 - [http://the.shadock.free.fr/Tanks\\_in\\_France/ft17\\_gien/index.html](http://the.shadock.free.fr/Tanks_in_France/ft17_gien/index.html)

## Renault FT – Musée de la Grande Guerre du Pays de Meaux, Meaux (France)

This tank was previously displayed at the 12<sup>ème</sup> BSMAT (formerly named ERGMEB, Gien). It is displayed in Meaux since November 2011



MM Park, March 2019 - <https://www.facebook.com/mmparkfrance/photos/a.321565518178066/798580940476519/?type=3&theater>

## Renault FT restoration project – MM Park, La Wantzenau (France)





Pierre-Olivier Buan, July 2020

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Another Renault FT restoration project – MM Park, La Wantzenau (France)

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Renault FT– Fondation Marius Berliet, Le Montellier, near Lyon (France)

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<http://nicokubel.blogspot.fr/2015/05/villy-la-ferte-2015-les-vehicules.html>

### Renault FT – Private Collection (France)

The hull was buried and used as an observation post on the Maginot line, in the 1930s. It was excavated in 2013 and the tank has been restored in 2013-2014



Adj Uof Haudenschild, Kdo MAZ, Schweizer Armee, June 2009

### Renault FT – Sammlung Historische Panzer, Thun (Switzerland) – running condition

Two Renault FTs were bought by Switzerland in the 1920s for trials. Since no records exist about this tank, it's not possible to know if it is one of the original two, or if it was acquired after WW II, together with german tanks that are now visible in the Panzermuseum. It has been fully restored during the three last years. On 29 May 2009, it was in running condition again. For the restoration, original parts has been extensively used, but the transmission, radiator (engine cooling) and some small parts were replaced with newly-built parts (Adj Uof Haudenschild, Kdo MAZ, Schweizer Armee)





<https://www.elindependiente.com/tendencias/historia/2018/10/03/renault-ft-17-tanque-nos-matamos-la-guerra-civil/>

### Renault FT – El Goloso Museum, Madrid (Spain) – running condition

This FT still has the manufacturer's plate, but the SN is unknown. This tank has been restored to running condition in 2018



"Air Joker 16", May 2010 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/airjoker16/6076748869/in/photostream/>

### Renault FT – Academia General Militar (AGM), Zaragoza (Spain)

This tank has a fake barrel (Justo Molina). In the late 1990s this tank was sent from the Escuela Militar de Montaña y Operaciones Especiales in Jaca to the Academia General Militar (AGM) in Zaragoza (Spain), where it remains today (Lucas Molina Franco)





Javier Villaroya, August 2006

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Renault FT – Centro de Mantenimiento de Sistemas Acorazados n°2, Segovia (Spain)

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<http://tercioidiaquez.blogspot.fr/2012/01/carros-museo-acinf.html>

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Renault FT – Academia de Infanteria, Toledo (Spain)

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Panssarimuseo, June 2019 - <https://www.facebook.com/Panssarimuseo/photos/a.1641112205931632/2367489403293905/>

### Renault FT – Finnish Armour Museum, Parola (Finland)

This FT still has the manufacturer's plate, the SN is 9129.18



<http://weaponsman.com/?m=201512>

### Renault FT – Polish Army Museum, Warsaw (Poland) – running condition

This tank is a gift from Afghanistan government. There were 4 different known Renault FT tanks in Afghanistan in 2003, this is the 4<sup>th</sup> one. The tank *could be* an original Polish tank which was lost in Polish-Soviet 1920 war and then given by Soviet Union to Afghanistan. Poland used 120 FT-17 tanks in that war and some were lost during fights





Rafał Białecki, September 2008

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### Renault FT – Kalemegdan Military Museum, Belgrade (Serbia)

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Doug Kibbey, October 2006 - <http://www.com-central.net/index.php?name=Forums&file=viewtopic&t=5132>

### Renault FT – Muzeul Militar National, Bucharest (Romania)

This FT still has the manufacturer's plate, the SN is 841.18

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"Gunner", March 2008 - <http://www.mapleleafup.org/forums/showthread.php?p=96189>

Renault FT – Bamako (Mali)



Yuri Pasholok, May 2019 - [https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=2315870751964339&id=100006243103648](https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=2315870751964339&id=100006243103648)

Renault FT – Patriot Park, Kubinka (Russia)





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Lorén Hannah, March 2012

### Renault FT – US Army Heritage and Education Center, Carlisle, PA (USA)

This tank was part of the Patton Museum collection in Fort Knox. It was transferred to Carlisle in March 2009 (Don Moriarty)



Marc Romanych, August 2017

### Renault FT with US 6-Ton M1917 turret – Fort Meade, MD (USA)

Serial Number 1984.18 (USA AFVs register). This is the very first Renault FT tank sent to the USA from France as the pattern Tank, in order to produce it in the USA. Refitted after WW1 with a US-made turret. It was almost scrapped during WW2. The gun barrel is welded into the mantlet as the rear brass piece was removed for scrap metal during the war (Hayes Otoupalik)





<https://saint-brieuc.maville.com/actu/>

### Renault FT “Five of Hearts” – National Mus. of the US Army, Fort Belvoir, VA (USA)

This particular tank participated in the Meuse-Argonne offensive, and was used to make a critical break in German lines near Exermont, France. When it was taken out of action during the battle, it had over 100 holes in its armor. The fate of the tank's crew is unknown (<https://www.worldwar1centennial.org/index.php/communicate/press-media/wwi-centennial-news/3022-world-war-i-tank-installed-in-the-under-construction-museum-of-the-u-s-army.html>). Previously displayed in Fort Meade

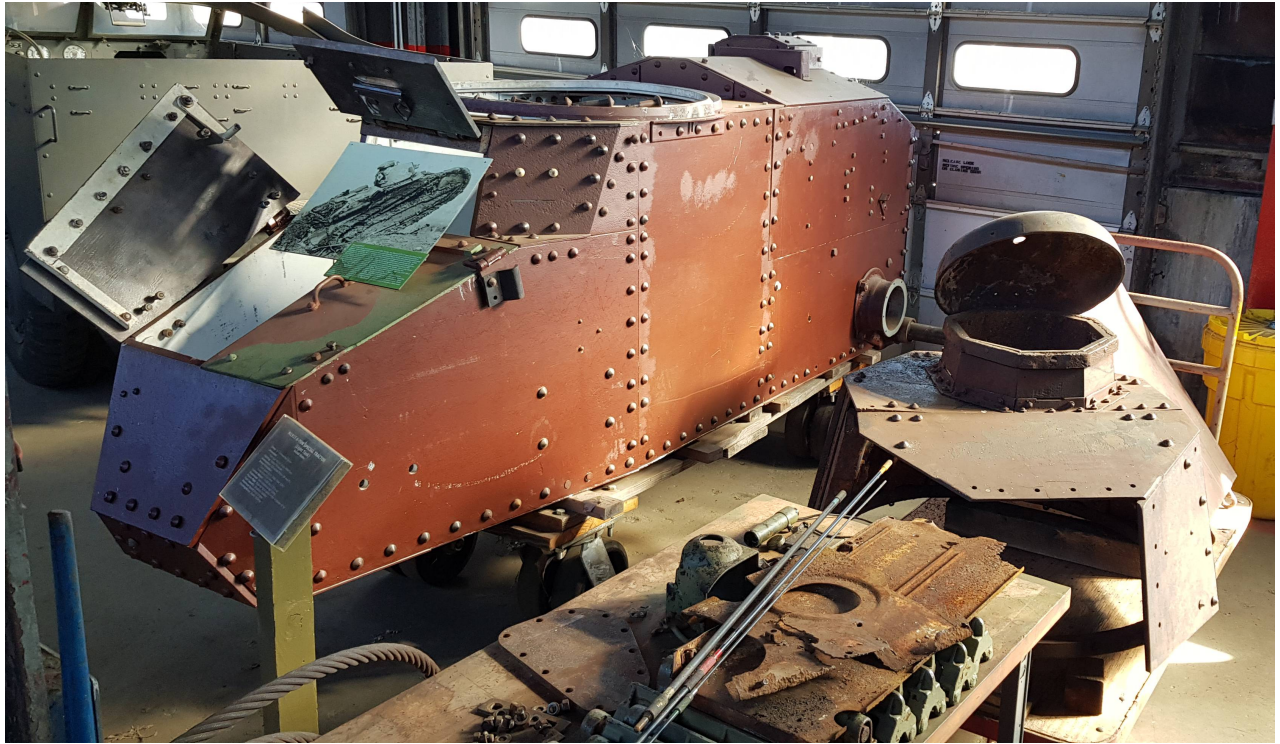


Pierre-Olivier Buan, September 2018

### Renault FT – National Infantry Museum, Fort Benning, GA (USA)

This tank was recovered from a dump in Afghanistan in 2003, with another hull which can be seen below (Don Moriarty). It was part of the Patton Museum collection in Fort Knox





Pierre-Olivier Buan, September 2018

### Renault FT – U.S. Army Armor & Cavalry Collection, Fort Benning, GA (USA)

This hull was recovered from a dumb in Afghanistan in 2003, with another (more complete) Renault FT which can be seen above (Don Moriarty). It is currently being restored. The turret has been discovered at Fort Benning and recovered in February, 2017



Doug Barber, April 2011 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/brevort/5594465761/lightbox/#/photos/brevort/5594465761/>

### Renault FT – National WW1 Museum, Kansas City, MO (USA)

Presented by French Government to the M.H.DeYoung Museum, San Francisco, CA. in 1920. Retains its original 37mm Cannon. This is the only French FT tank which retains its original war time French camouflage paint. The tank was previously owned by Hayes Otoupalik, who sold it in 2007 (<http://www.kansascity.com/105/story/344756.html>)





Pierre-Olivier Buan & Dave Bruton, September 2018 - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/13963542@N08/albums/72157702209766724>

### Renault FT – Jackson Barracks Military Museum, New Orleans, LA (USA)

The photo was taken 2 months after the museum was hit by the hurricane Katrina in August 2005. The tank is currently being restored (Wikipedia). Retains its original turret. Presented by the French Govt in 1920 to Louisiana (Nathaniel MacDonald)



<http://americangimuseum.org/collections/restored-vehicles/french-renault-light-tank/>

### Renault FT – Museum of the American G.I., College Station, TX (USA)

Renault FT hull with transmission and engine. The running gear has probably been reproduced. For years this tank was located in Comins, Michigan and is unit marked to the 345th Tank Bn. It was used in War Bond Drives in Chicago, Illinois and later purchased as war surplus and used for years on a farm in Comins, Michigan (Hayes Otoupalik)





<http://www.cvmarj.com.br/2for.htm>

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Renault FT – Escola de Material Bélico (EsMB), Vila Militar, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

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<http://www.defesanet.com.br/ft17/parte5.htm>

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Renault FT – Parque Regional de Manutenção/1, Vila Militar, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

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Trevor Larkum, September 2011 - <http://preservedtanks.com/Profile.aspx?UniqueID=1053>

Renault FT – Museu Histórico do Exército (Conde de Linhares), São Cristóvão,  
Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

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<http://www.cibld.eb.mil.br/index.php/museu-blindado#renault-ft-17>

Renault FT – Centro de Instrução de Blindados, Santa Maria (Brazil)

There should be another Renault FT at this location, which looks more like a wreck, with some missing parts

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Marcelo Domingues, June 2008

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Renault FT – Academia Militar das Agulhas Negras (AMAN), Resende (Brazil)

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Alfredo Andre, August 2006

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Renault FT – 2º Regimento de Carros de Combate, Pirassununga (Brazil)

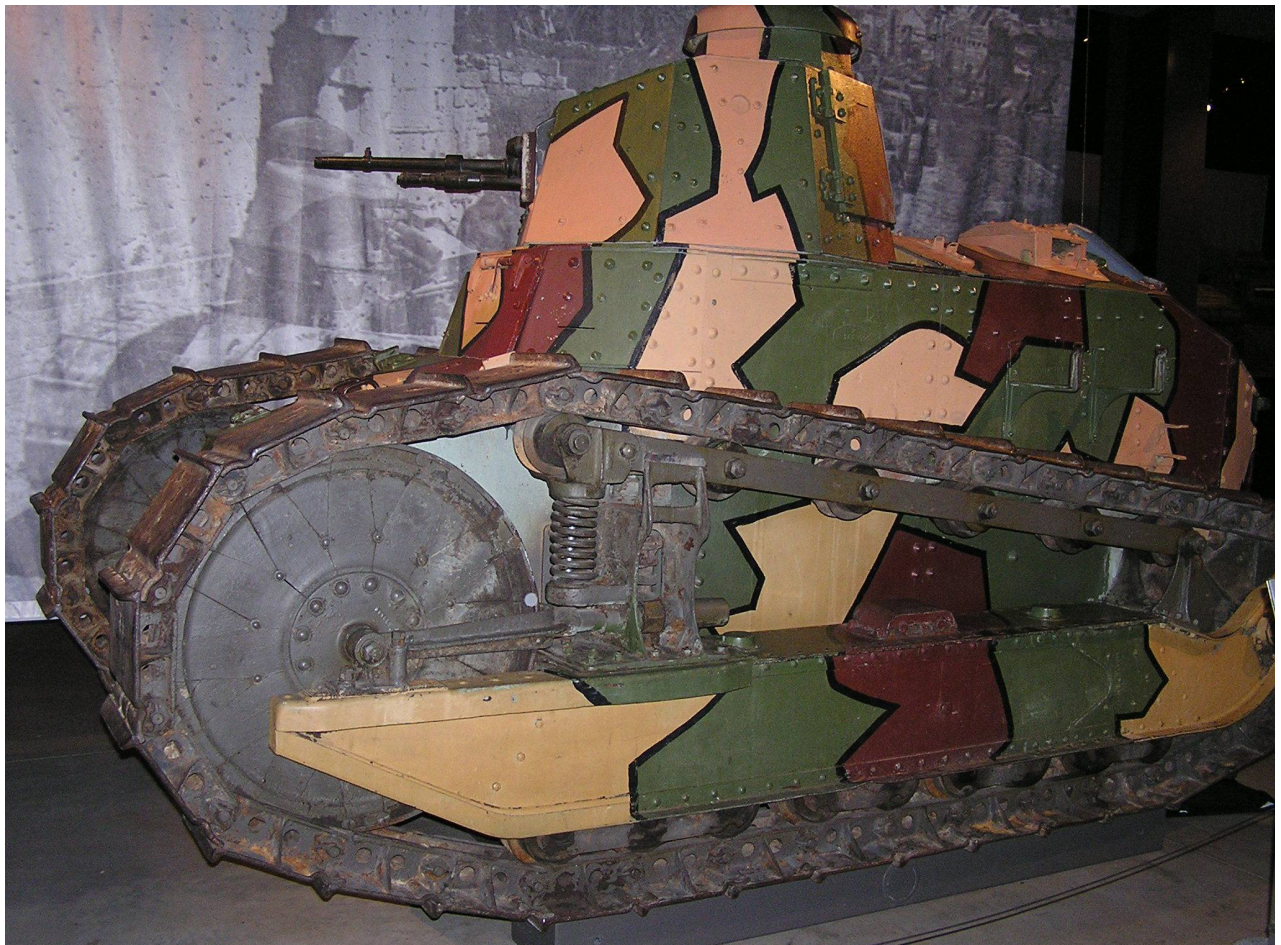
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"Lucas", June 2007 - <http://picasaweb.google.com/TratoresAntigos/MUSEUEduardoMatarazzo#5225528649518173026>

Renault FT – Museu Eduardo André Matarazzo, Bebedouro (Brazil)



Peter Napier, January 2006

Renault FT – Australian War Memorial, Campbell ACT (Australia)





August 2013 - <http://tankysmrzovka.cz/rubriky/novinky/novy-dokument-6>

### Renault FT wreck – Kongsfjord (Northern Norway)

This tank sits near the village of Kongsfjord, in the Finnmark region (Norway). It was used by the Wehrmacht for coastal defence (Hayes Otoupalik). Unfortunately, it was vandalized in 2008, some tracks and parts of the engine deck disappeared (Tor Edgar Olsen)



<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.829484870414009.1073741858.801749283187568&type=1>

### Two Renault FT hulls – André Becker Collection (Belgium)

#### Renault FT hull – Adam Rudnicki Collection (Poland)

Some pictures of the hull can be seen here, it has neither a turret, nor tracks / suspension system yet :

<http://www.bylo-nie-minelo.pl/index/page/lang/pl/id/140/trip/186.html>

<http://www.tvp.pl/historia/magazyny-historyczne/bylo-nie-minelo/wideo/19112011-1500/5572358>





Yuri Pasholok, August 2020 - <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=2679679218916822&set=pcb.2679934845557926>

Russkij Reno (Russian copy of the Renault FT) – Patriot Park, Kubinka (Russia)

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Arhip Ivanov - [http://pomniti-nas.ru/mshow.php?GalleryID=1&s\\_OID=3549](http://pomniti-nas.ru/mshow.php?GalleryID=1&s_OID=3549)

Russkij Reno (Russian Renault FT) – Nizhny Novgorod, Nizhny Novgorod Oblast (Russia)

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Photo provided by the Weald Foundation

### Renault FT TSF – The Weald Foundation (UK)



Pierre-Olivier Buan, March 2019

### Renault FT TSF – Musée des Blindés, Saumur (France)

The Renault FT TSF (*Transmission Sans-Fil* or Wireless Communication) tank is a command tank version of the Renault FT. It is equipped with a radio, has no armament and a three-men crew. 188 of these tanks were built (Wikipedia)





Roger Davis, June 2010 - <http://www.com-central.net/index.php?name=Forums&file=viewtopic&t=13107>

### Renault FT TSF – Fort du Hackenberg, Veckring (France)

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Pierre-Olivier Buan, March 2018 - [http://the.shadock.free.fr/Tanks\\_in\\_France/ft17\\_zeiterholz/index.html](http://the.shadock.free.fr/Tanks_in_France/ft17_zeiterholz/index.html)

### Renault FT TSF – Fort du Zeiterholz, Entringe (France)

The tracks are not original, they were used to move the hull from its previous location

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<http://www.bohun-bunkry.net/wp-content/gallery/zimowy-zlot-malechowo-2011/obraz-144.jpg>

### Renault FT TSF – Unknown location (Poland)

This FT TSF hull has been seen at "Zimowy Złot Pojazdów Militarnych" which happened in January 2011 in Malechowo, near Koszalin (Poland)



[https://www.facebook.com/radpituch/photos/?tab=album&album\\_id=1045679758802437](https://www.facebook.com/radpituch/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1045679758802437)

### Renault FT TSF hull – Panzerfarm, Kęszycki Brothers Collection (Poland)

The hull on the left side has been sold or exchanged and is now in Fort IX Czerniakowski, Warsaw





<https://www.facebook.com/WolontariatMuzeumPTW/photos/a.115060672440731.1073741829.114647082482090/181531435793654>

Renault FT TSF hull – Polish Army Museum, Fort IX Czerniakowski, Warsaw (Poland)  
Previously owned by the Kęszycki Brothers



Oliver Wlekinski

Renault FT TSF top hull – Aquatic Maginot Line Memorial Way, Barst (France)





<http://www.netlabor.hu/roncskutatas/modules/myalbum/photo.php?id=22206&cid=44>

### Fiat 3000 tank parts recovered on the artillery range of Hungarian Defence Forces near Várpalota (Hungary)

The hull of this tank was destroyed by HEAT weapons but many fragments and parts were found underground.  
Five Fiat 3000 were bought in 1930 for testing (without armament), they were later used for training purposes.  
The Fiat 3000 tanks were put away from active service in 1942, and used as hard targets (Ferenc Bálint)



"Marcin", November 2011 - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/15632944@N00/6426391481/in/photostream/>





Mikołaj Klorek, August 2011

## Two Renault FT reproductions – Foundation of the History of Polish Armoured Fighting Vehicles, Toruń (Poland)

Replicas were built in 2010 for the film "The Battle of Warsaw 1920" directed by J. Hoffman. These tanks built by Robert Tirczakowski. Both fully functional replicas (Mikołaj Klorek)



<https://twitter.com/zyzio79/status/1009571554026549248>

## Renault FT reproduction – Private collection, Wołomin (Poland)



I'm looking for photos of those tanks :

A second Renault FT – Fort de Seclin, near Lille (France) – currently stored and not publicly visible  
Renault FT TSF hull – Adam Rudnicki Collection (Poland)

Any Renault FT that I forgot....

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The surviving Six Ton Tanks M1917 (US version of the Renault FT) are listed here :  
[http://the.shadock.free.fr/Surviving\\_6ton\\_M1917.pdf](http://the.shadock.free.fr/Surviving_6ton_M1917.pdf)

**Main page :** [http://the.shadock.free.fr/Surviving\\_Panzers.html](http://the.shadock.free.fr/Surviving_Panzers.html)