

'Surviving M50 Ontos Rifle Multiple Self-Propelled

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Listed here are the M50 Ontos, Rifle Multiple 106 mm self-propelled, that still exist today.



"Bill", October 2011 - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/34639780@N07/6270030611>

T165E1 Ontos (SN / USA # UKN) – Camp Atterbury, Edinburg, IN (USA)

Donated to the Camp Atterbury Museum by an Indiana based USMCR unit in the 1970's. Interior is fairly complete.

Drivers Compartment has the sole surviving 'Glowmeter' (1st Generation prototype drivers gauge/panel).



<http://www.auctionsamerica.com/events/all-lots.cfm?SaleCode=LC14&search=&category=Cars>

T165E1 Ontos (SN / USA UKN) – Unknown location

The vehicle was previously part of Jacques Littlefield Collection, Portola, CA (USA). It was sold on auction in July 2014.



Roger Davis, May 2009 - <http://www.cdsg.org/forums/viewtopic.php?t=259&sid=61dc57deb8d1e035dbb91cf19153629f>

T165E2 Ontos (USA 40232509) (SN UKN) – US Army Ordnance Museum, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD (USA)

This 3rd Generation prototype was initially delivered on 9 June 1954 to Ft Bragg, NC for the purpose of the US Army's Ontos 'Troops Test'. It was among the 'first batch' of factory built T165E2's and not an upgraded early model T165 or T165E1. It had been on display for many years on the old 'Mile of Tanks' at APG, Md.



Paul Hannah, November 2015 - <http://www.vgbimages.com/AFV-Photos/Russell-Military-Museum-Zion-IL/n-QWVWDB/i-2GntXnn>

T165E2 Ontos (USMC # & SN UKN) – Russell Military Museum, Zion, IL (USA)

The vehicle was previously part of Jacques Littlefield Collection, Portola, CA (USA). It was sold on auction in July 2014.



"Freedom's Falcon", July 2018 - https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Royal_Tank_Museum_9.jpg

M50 Ontos – Royal Jordanian Tank Museum (Jordan)



http://www.fortbenningphotos.com/Fort-Benning-Past-Present/Armor-Museum/2011-02-25-TMP-Main-Post-AR/15974335_WRfgK6#!i=1198303163&k=VXydf

M50A1 Ontos (USMC # 226684) (SN 304) – Storage Area, National Infantry Museum, Fort Benning, GA (USA)

This M50A1 Ontos was given to the Patton Museum in 1971, donated by the USMC. It was statically displayed for many years around the Museum. In the late 1990's it was placed in storage. In 2004, a two year restoration project was initiated. The restoration was completed in May 2006. In Aug 2006, the fully operational Ontos was highlighted in a 'Mail Call' segment starring R.Lee Ermev. Although it was restored and displayed at the Patton Museum, it was transferred to Ft Benning GA to be part of the new National Armor & Cavalry Museum. On 29 Oct 2010, the 6- 106mm Recoilless Rifles were dismounted.



2010 - Photo provided by Don Moriarty

**M50A1 Ontos (USMC # 226806) (SN UKN) – Marine Corps Air Ground Center,
Twentynine Palms, CA (USA)**

This Ontos is a production M50A1 statically displayed at the Marine Corps Air/Ground Center, Twentynine Palms, Ca. It has been displayed for a number of years with the non-standard desert camouflage pattern. No Ontos serving in the USMC from 1957 to 1970 was ever painted in this pattern.



Roger Davis, June 2011 - <http://cdsg.org/forums/viewtopic.php?p=1085#1085>

M50A1 Ontos (USMC # & SN UKN) – Ropkey Armor Museum, Crawfordsville, IN (USA)

The turret and major weapons / mounts are missing. It is automotively operational and is used on occasion in local parades. The commanders couple is a non-standard Ontos coupla, that came from another type vehicle.



"RogueSpirit", October 2008 - http://www.flickr.com/photos/turner_family/3288032980/

M50A1 Ontos – National Museum of the U.S. Marine Corps, Quantico (USA)

It was cosmetically refurbished at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD and then used as the focus of a diorama on the 1968 TET Offensive in the National Museum of the USMC



"Mark L.", April 2009 - <http://picasaweb.google.com/lopicma/RockIslandM50Ontos#>

M50A1 Ontos (USMC # & SN UKN) – Rock Island Arsenal Museum, IL (USA)



2007 - Photo provided by Don Moriarty

M50A1 Ontos (USMC # 22690) (SN UKN) – Museum of the Forgotten Warriors,
Marysville, CA (USA)



Neil Baumgardner, January 2008 - <http://www.com-central.net/index.php?name=Forums&file=viewtopic&t=8702>

M50A1 Ontos (USMC # 226_ _ _) (SN UKN) – American Society of Military History
"Tankland" South El Monte, CA (USA)

In 2006 it was repainted with 3rd Anti Tank Battalion markings. These were the markings that were on the vehicle when it was acquired.



Mike Pressley, February 2019

M50A1 Ontos (USMC # & SN UKN) – USMC Museum of the Carolinas, Jacksonville, NC (USA)

The Ontos was previously converted for use by the Forestry Service. It is a composite of a number of vehicles to include a former range target at Camp Lejuene. It is a privately owned vehicle that was donated to the USMC Museum of the Carolinas in Jacksonville NC.



2004 - Photo provided by Don Moriarty

M50A1 Ontos (USMC # & SN UKN) – Private collection, Central New York, NY (USA)

The Ontos was converted for use by the Forestry Service. It was acquired by a private owner and is currently 1 of 5 vehicles in a recently formed Ontos Historical Organization which has been organized by Ontos Crewmen, headquartered in Central New York.



2016 - Photo provided by the owner

M50A1 Ontos (USMC #226893 & SN UKN) – Private collection, Hockley, TX (USA)

The Ontos was converted for use by the Forestry Service. It was acquired by a private owner and was restored using several individual vehicles. It is operational, and is used frequently in local parades. Its paint scheme replicates a vehicle (C22) from C Co 3rd Anti Tank that was destroyed during combat action in the Republic of South Vietnam.



Mark Hawthorne, August 2020

M50A1 Ontos (USMC #226717 & SN UKN) – Museum of the American G.I., College Station, TX (USA)



2009 - Photo provided by Don Moriarty

M50A1 Ontos (USMC # & SN UKN) – Private collection, Hockley, TX (USA)

The Ontos was converted for use by the Forestry Service. It was acquired by a private owner and has since been sold to a third private owner. It is currently located in Hockley TX and will be moved to another location in Texas for a future restoration project.



2005 - Photo provided by Don Moriarty

Approximately 68 M50A1 Ontos – Desert holding area of what used to be "NAWS",
China Lake, CA (USA)

When the USMC deactivated the M50A1 Ontos in 1969-70, a large number were shipped to a range target holding area.

Many were 'pushed' off the transport trucks in the 70's and remain as they were dumped off.

Included in this group is vehicle that has been verified as a TET 1968 'Hue' veteran from 1st Anti Tank Battalion (USMC # 226855)



Michael Butts, 2015

M50A1 Ontos (USMC # 226849) (SN 465) – Mechanized Museum of the US Marine
Corps, Camp Pendleton, CA (USA)



(USMC # 226934) (SN UKN)
2004 - Photo provided by Don Moriarty



2004 - Photo provided by Don Moriarty



2004 - Photo provided by Don Moriarty



2004 - Photo provided by Don Moriarty

Four M50A1 Ontos (USMC # & SN UKN) – Private collection, Central New York, NY (USA)

All 4 vehicles were stored for a period of time in Henderson KY. They have since been moved to a new 'facility' that was a former Chrysler dealership complex in Central New York township. A recently formed Ontos Historical Organization has been organized by Ontos Crewmen, with the focus of restoring several of the USMC vehicles and displaying them to the public.



Neil Baumgardner, January 2011 -

http://smg.photobucket.com/albums/v218/baumgar/Camp%20Pendleton/?action=view¤t=102_2574.jpg

M50A1 Ontos (USMC # 226923) (SN 528) – Mechanized Museum of the US Marine Corps, Camp Pendleton, CA (USA)

This Ontos was acquired complete without 106mm RR's by the Mechanized Museum of the Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton.



2015 - Ann Kent

M50 Ontos reproduction – Forgotten Warriors Museum, Cape May, NJ (USA)

I'm looking for photos of those vehicles:

Any M50 Ontos that I forgot...

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