Surviving German SPGs based on foreign chassis

Listed here are the German self-propelled guns based on captured and modified foreign equipment that still exist today.

Pierre-Olivier Buan, March 2019

Marder I built on Lorraine Schlepper (f) chassis – Musée des Blindés, Saumur (France)

10.5cm leFH 18 auf Geschützwagen 38H (f)
Musée des Blindés, Saumur (France)
10.5cm leFH 18/40 auf Geschützwagen Lorraine Schlepper(f) – Central Museum of the Second World War, Poklonnaya Gora, Moscow (Russia) – running condition

This vehicle comes from the Trun scrapyard in France. It is currently being restored with an original gun.

15cm sFH 13/1(Sf) auf Gw Lorraine Schlepper(f) – El-Alamein War Museum (Egypt)
15cm sFH 13/1(Sf) auf Gw Lorraine Schlepper(f) – Unknown location (Iraq)

“This vehicle stood as a monument at the entrance to a bombed tanks or ordnance factory north of Basorah, not far from the remnants of a Saddam memorial. Some weeks later, I was up at it again, and I saw to my horror that the side armor was removed. In 2005 there were a lot of wrecks around the landscape, vehicles from 3 wars, so there was plenty to look at. At that time, people also began to cut up these wrecks. Whether it was being scrapped or local Arabs had taken sides to make a roof with it or the like, I do not know. I have asked several guys who have been there in recent teams, no one can remember it. It also became a “rogue area” (full of insurgents) so it was not a place you just drive straight up to” (Rasmus Munkholm)

Gordon Blaker, curator of the museum, January 2015

15cm sFH 13/1(Sf) auf Gw Lorraine Schlepper(f)
US Army Artillery Museum, Fort Sill, OK (USA)

According to the museum records, this vehicle was captured at El-Alamein
Panzerjäger 35R 731(f) (armed with 47mm Pak(t) L/43.4 gun)
Panzermuseum, Thun (Switzerland)

Marder III with 7.62 cm PaK36(r) – Musée des Blindés, Saumur (France)
Marder III with 7.62 cm PaK36(r) – Fort Lee U.S. Army Ordnance Museum, VA (USA)

Formerly displayed at Aberdeen proving ground museum. According to the museum records, this vehicle was captured at El-Alamein.

Marder III Ausf. H – Deutsches Panzermuseum Munster (Germany)
Marder III Ausf. H – Museo di guerra per la pace Diego de Henriquez, Trieste (Italy)

Marder III Ausf. M – Steve Lamonby Collection (UK) – running condition

According to the owner, this vehicle is an original Marder III Ausf. M, which was found in Czechoslovakia.
The second Marder III seen in the Saving Private Ryan film is a modified Swedish Sav m/43 tank.
Marder III Ausf. M – Musée des Blindés, Saumur (France)
This tank seems to be in its original paint

Marder III Ausf. M – Museo di guerra per la pace "Diego de Henriquez" (inv. n. C.T. 6062)

Marder III Ausf. M – Museo di guerra per la pace Diego de Henriquez, Trieste (Italy)
Marder III Ausf. M – U.S. Army Armor & Cavalry Collection, Fort Benning, GA (USA)
Previously part of the Aberdeen proving ground museum. According to the museum records, this vehicle was recovered from Tunisia

15 cm Schweres Infanteriegeschütz 33/1 Grille – Fahrzeugmuseum, Bad Ischl (Austria)
This vehicle was recovered from a lake in Austria
15 cm Schweres Infanteriegeschütz 33/1 Grille
US Army Artillery Museum, Fort Sill, OK (USA)
This vehicle was transferred from Aberdeen museum to Fort Sill in November 2012. According to the museum records, this vehicle was recovered from Italy.

Munitionspanzer 38 (t) – US Army Artillery Museum, Fort Sill, OK (USA)
The museum got this vehicle from Fort Knox (US Army Artillery Museum)
7,5 cm PaK 97/38 auf T-26 (r) – Vadim Zadorozhy Museum
Arhangelskoie, Moscow Oblast (Russia)

Flakpanzer 38 (t) Gepard – André Becker Collection (Belgium)
Flakpanzer 38 (t) Gepard – Battle of Normandy Museum, Bayeux (France)
This particular vehicle, which belonged to the 12th SS Panzerdivision, was destroyed on 20 or 21 August 1944 near St-Lambert-sur-Dives. It was retrieved from the Trun scrapyard and renovated by the museum’s team (information from the museum). It might be on loan from Saumur museum.

Panzerjäger 35R 731(f) 47mm Pak L/43.4 main gun – MM Park, La Wantzenau (France)
10.5cm leFH 18 auf Geschützwagen 38H (f) reproduction
MM Park, La Wantzenau (France) – running condition
This vehicle was previously part of the Auburn museum and was sold in December 2012. The hull and chassis comes from a Hotchkiss tank. The armoured superstructure and gun shield are reproductions, but the 105mm gun is real and comes from an AFV (Dmitry Bushmakow)

10.5mm leFH 18(Sf) auf Gw Lorraine Schlepper(f) (Alkett) reproduction
Private collection (France) – running condition
The reproduction is based on an original Lorraine 37L chassis, and was built as a vehicle assembled by Alkett ("Sander D"). The gun barrel and gun breach are original, found in Normandy in 2004. The rest of the gun mount was fabricated (Craig Moore). It has its original 1942 Delahaye 103TT engine, the owner wants to put the original gas tanks, hand-crank engine starting system and radiator
Marder III Ausf. H (vis-mod Strv m/41) – 21st Panzer Division Living History Group (UK) – running condition
This Marder has been built from the chassis of a Swedish Strv m/41, using some original Marder parts (Allan Swatman, owner)

Marder III Ausf. H (vis-mod Sav m/43) – Bob Graebe Collection, St Louis, MO (USA)
The chassis hull number is 90150. The chassis was originally a Stridsvagn M/41 S1, later was converted to a Stormartillerivagn M/43 SPG. Bob Graebe purchased the chassis from the Arlon Victory Museum in the Belgium Ardennes when it closed. All of the armour below the mudguards is original to the Swedish WW2 chassis. The fighting compartment and upper driving compartment are newly fabricated out of the correct thickness steel. The 7.5 cm Pak 40 gun is an original WW2 German piece. The gun mount that is attached to the chassis is also original, it is unique to the Marder III Ausf H. The owners intend to hunt down original pieces over the coming years and they will replace fabricated sections with these parts over time. The replica has been fitted with a Scandia-vabis 1664 engine for reliability, maintenance and the availability of spare parts (Bob Graebe via Craig Moore)
Marder III (Vis-mod Pz. 38(t)) – Victory Park at Poklonnaya Gora, Moscow (Russia)

According to Alex Pankov, this is an early Pz.38 (t) hull (most likely Ausf. B) which was visually-modified to look like a Marder during its restoration. This vehicle doesn’t correspond neither to an Ausf. H (there is no room for the vehicle personnel at the back of the vehicle, like on Ausf. H variants), nor to an Ausf. M (the engine is still at the back of the vehicle, as there is still the engine back door).

Marder III Ausf. M (vis-mod Pvb 301) – Private Collection (UK)

This Marder has been built from the chassis of a Swedish Pbv 301, it contains some original Marder parts. The Pbv 301 is an armored personnel carrier built from the obsolete Swedish Stridsvagn m/41 tank.
Marder III Ausf. M (vis-mod Pbv 301) – Oshawa Military and Industrial Museum, Oshawa, Ontario (Canada)
The Oshawa Military and Industrial Museum is also known as the Ontario Regiment (RCAC) Museum. Formerly owned by the Auburn museum and sold in May, 2017

I'm looking for photos of those tanks:

- Flakpanzer 38 (t) Gepard – Kevin Wheatcroft Collection (UK)
- Flakpanzer 38 (t) Gepard – Cadmans brothers Collection (UK)

any German vehicle based on a modified foreign vehicle that I forgot....

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