## Surviving Sherman Specialized Vehicles Last update : 30 September 2024

Listed here are the Sherman Specialized Vehicles (swimming, demining, rocket Shermans) that still exist today



"PSParrot", July 2012 - https://www.flickr.com/photos/parkstreetparrot/albums/72157644595641725

M4A2(75) Sherman Duplex Drive – Bovington Tank Museum (UK) Serial Number 9992, manufactured by Pullman Standard in December, 1942 (Peter Smith). Last one with its original flotation screen



Pierre-Olivier Buan, June 2014

M4A1(75) Duplex Drive (large hatch hull) – Exercise Tiger Memorial, Torcross (UK) Serial Number 37830; built by Pressed Steel Car in December, 1943. This DD was lost during the "Exercise Tiger" in April 1944, a fullscale rehearsal for the D-Day invasion of Normandy which led to the deaths of nearly 700 American troops, as a result of both blunders by the Allied forces and enemy attack by German boats. It was recovered on 19 May 1984. The recovery was researched, organised and financed by a local man, Mr. Ken Small, who wanted to display the tank as a memorial to those United States servicemen who had lost their lives in the 1944 Slapton beach landing exercises. This tank has "cast-in appliqué"



Pierre-Olivier Buan, March 2022

## M4A1(76) Sherman Duplex Drive (large hatch hull)

Musée des Blindés, Saumur (France) 75mm large hatch hull with cast-in appliqué. A staffer at Saumur reported that the US provided the DD to the French Army after WW II for examination and test purposes. When it was transferred to the Museum in the 1970s, it was missing its original "high bustle" 75mm turret. The Museum retrofitted the 76mm turret simply to make the tank look complete



Pierre-Olivier Buan, May 2013

M4A1(75) DD (large hatches) – D-Day Underwater Wrecks Museum, Commes (France) This tank was recovered by Jacques Lemonchois with several other wrecks between the 1970s and today (museum). It has "cast-in appliqué" on the hull sides



Pierre-Olivier Buan, May 2013

M4A4(75) Sherman Duplex Drive – Juno Beach, Courseulles-sur-Mer (France) This tank sank in the Channel during the landing operations and was recovered in 1971, accordind to a plaque beside the tank



https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=1470691429752292&set=pcb.2544035599008742

M4A1(75) Sherman Duplex Drive – Mémorial de Caen (France) Small hatch M4A1 with cast-in appliqué armor on the hull sides. This makes it an M4A1 produced by Pressed Steel Car between mid-October, 1943 and mid-December, 1943. This Sherman was painted by an artist and is making a tour through Europe



Pierre-Olivier Buan, June 2021

### M4A1(75) Sherman Duplex Drive – MM Park, La Wantzenau (France)

Built by Pressed Steel Car in September or October, 1943. This tank would have been built with a Mary Ann differential housing & low bustle turret. The turret currently installed on it is incorrect. Named "Beauvaisis III" on the sides. Attributed to the French 2nd Armored Div., 12ème RCA, 1er Escadron, 2ème Peloton on April 4th, 1945 to make up for combat losses, probably came from US stocks



Pierre-Olivier Buan, August 2013 - http://the.shadock.free.fr/Tanks in France/sherman rixheim/index.html

## M4A4(75) Sherman Duplex Drive – Rixheim (France)

Serial Number 16604, built by Chrysler in November, 1942. This tank comes from a fire range in Bourges (France). It has been restored to serve as a monument. Evidence show that it is an ex-British Sherman nicknamed "Massachussetts" and that it was equipped with Duplex Drive fittings before being converted back to M4A4(75), probably in 1943. The tank has been identified as being the "Fort L'Empereur", which served with 1<sup>st</sup> Chasseurs d'Afrique Regiment, 5<sup>th</sup> French Armored Division in 1944-45. The differential housing is not original to the tank and has been changed sometime between 1945 and 1950



http://www.deltaeffe.com/piana/images/collezione/pzu\_shermanddb1.jpg

M4A1(75) Sherman Duplex Drive (small hatch hull) – Piana delle Orme Museum (Italy) This tank was lost during an exercise in July 1944, to prepare the landings in Southern France (Operation Anvil/Dragoon). A first recovery attempt led by the US Navy failed in 2000 and the tank was finally recovered in May 2002, and restored by the museum. This tank doesn't have "cast-in appliqué"



Jim Goetz, January 2023

M4A2(75) Sherman DD – Armoured Corps Museum, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra (India) Manufactured by Fisher



"A.K.S. Eye", December 2015 - https://www.flickr.com/photos/125506796@N07/23586944080/in/photostream/

M4A2(75) Sherman DD – Jaisalmer War Museum, Jaisalmer (India) Manufactured by Fisher



https://www.google.com/maps/place/Isolated+Army+War+Tank/

M4A2(75) Sherman DD – Ex-Army fire range, Mandoli (near Belgaum), Karnataka (India) Serial Number 26395, built by Fisher in May, 1943



Jim Goetz, January 2023

M4A2(75) Sherman DD – Ex-Army fire range, Mandoli (near Belgaum), Karnataka (India) USA 3056470 was formerly painted on that one. It has No. 506 stamped inside the dataplate frame. Thus, the Serial Number should be 15290 and the tank has been produced by Federal Machine and Welder in December, 1943. Located 200m south of the tank above



Mick Wilson, November 2023

M4A2(75) Sherman DD – Near Piranwadi, Karnataka (India) Serial Number 16337, USA 3064766, built by Fisher in June, 1942. Partially scrapped



Mick Wilson, November 2023

M4A2(75) Sherman DD – Near Piranwadi, Karnataka (India) Serial Number unknown



https://www.facebook.com/shermanregister/

## M4A1(75) DD (small hatches) – U.S. Army Center for Military History Storage Facility Anniston, AL (USA) Previously located at the D-Day Underwater Wrecks Museum, Commes (France). This tank was recovered by Jacques Lemonchois with several other wrecks between the 1970s and today (museum)



Jon Bernstein

# M4A2(76) HVSS Duplex Drive – U.S. Army Armor & Cavalry Collection, Fort Benning, GA

(USA) This tank has an HVSS suspension and a 76mm gun. Serial Number 69278, built by Fisher in May 1945 (Joe DeMarco). It is one of two HVSS Duplex Drive pilot models that were built on British request



Brian Skerry and Bertrand Sciboz - http://pagesperso-orange.fr/cap.info/ddtank/b-skerry/DDtank-skerry.htm



Marc Violet and Bertrand Sciboz - http://pagesperso-orange.fr/cap.info/ddtank/ceres/DDtank-ceres.htm

Some M4A1(75) Sherman Duplex Drive tanks – Off the Normandy coast (France) These tanks failed to reach the beaches on 6 June 1944, and sank in the Channel where they still remain today. Some DD tanks can still be found off Utah Beach and Omaha Beach



Don Moriarty, February 2009

# M4A4(75) Sherman – T6 Swimming Device Vehicle

U.S. Army Armor & Cavalry Collection, Fort Benning, GA (USA) Serial Number 20026, built by Chrysler in April, 1943 (USA AFVs register). It was one of the tanks sent to York Safe & Lock for conversion to a T6 swimming device vehicle. It had a small number of spigot mortars added for beach obstacle clearance (Kurt Laughlin). Originally part of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Ordnance Museum collection, later transferred to the Marine Air-Ground Museum at Quantico, and now in the Patton Museum Collection (Joe DeMarco). The tracks with duckbills has been removed from this tank and serve to restore the Sherman Jumbo "Cobra King" in its original Dec. 1944 configuration (Don Moriarty)



Pierre-Olivier Buan, May 2023

M4A2 Sherman BARV – REME Museum of Technology, Lyneham (UK) Serial Number 13895, manufactured by Pullman Standard in March, 1943



Sander Degeling

M4A2 Sherman BARV – Rex & Rod Cadman Collection (UK) Serial Number 26319, manufactured by Fisher in April, 1943



"Megashorts", December 2009 - http://www.flickr.com/photos/megashorts/4205629165/

M4A2 Sherman BARV "Vera" – D-day Museum, Portsmouth (UK) – running condition This tank was purchased from Pounds Marine Shipping Ltd of Portsmouth, in 1986 (museum)



Jim Goetz, January 2023

M4A2 Sherman BARV – Armoured Corps Museum, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra (India) Converted from an M4A2 manufactured by Pullman Standard



Pierre-Olivier Buan, June 2014

M4A2 Sherman BARV wreck – Bovington Tank Museum (UK) Serial Number 16518, manufactured by Fisher in July, 1942. This tank was previously a target on a fire range (see the link below), it was recovered in mid-2008 <u>http://s144.photobucket.com/albums/r183/plainmilitary/Plain%20Military%20wrecks/?</u> <u>action=view&current=WW30.jpg</u>



Pierre-Olivier Buan, May 2023

M4A4(75) Sherman Crab – Bovington Tank Museum (UK) Serial Number 19925, built by Chrysler in April, 1943



Massimo Foti, July 2012 - http://www.flickr.com/photos/massimofoti/7669125990/in/set-72157630734008964/





Bas Slaat, April 2022 - https://www.facebook.com/groups/360848450751344/permalink/2167086320127539

M4A4(75) Sherman Crab – Westkapelle, Walcheren (Netherlands) Sherman V Crab T-148656. It landed from LCT 650 "6 CHERRY" during Operation Infatuate II in November, 1944. This Crab has infortunately lost its mine flail, but still have the distinctive fittings on the hull sides



Pierre-Olivier Buan, May 2019

M4A4(75) Sherman Crab – Eeklo (Belgium) Serial Number 19187, built by Chrysler in March, 1943. This Crab has lost its mine flail, but still have weld scars on the hull sides



Jim Goetz, March 2017 - https://www.facebook.com/

M4A4(75) Sherman Crab – Yad Ia-Shiryon Museum, Latrun (Israel) Serial Number 17997, built by Chrysler as an M4A4 in January, 1943



Jim Goetz, January 2023

## M4A4(75) Sherman Crab – Armoured Corps Museum, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra (India)



http://relics.warbirds.in/main.php?g2\_itemId=448

M4A4(75) Sherman Crab – Centre parade grounds, Cavalry Barracks Defence Officer's Colony, Secunderabad (India) This tank has lost the flail system rotor and nearly half of the supporting structure



Photo from Google Maps, 2018

## M4A4(75) Crab – College of Military Engineering museum, Dapoli, near Pune (India)



https://www.google.com/maps/place/Army+Museum/

M4A4(75) Sherman Crab – Pakistan Army Museum, Rawalpindi (Pakistan) This Crab has infortunately lost its mine flail, but still have the distinctive fittings on the hull sides



Muhammad Umair, October 2018

M4A4(75) Sherman Crab – Ayub National Park, Rawalpindi (Pakistan) This Crab has infortunately lost its mine flail, but still have the distinctive fittings on the hull sides. Oddly, it has an armor plate that covers the hull bow machine gun, an item usually seen on Sherman Fireflies



Paul Hannah, September 2008 - http://www.vgbimages.com/

M4A4(75) Sherman Crab - Canadian Forces Base, Borden (Canada) Serial Number 5072, built by Chrysler in September, 1942



K. Mac Kinnon, August 2012 - http://public.fotki.com/dkmackinnon/sites/swords-and-ploughsh/img-1216.html

### M4A4 Sherman CIRD - Canadian War Museum, Ottawa (Canada)

SN 5457, built by Chrysler in September, 1942. Currently in storage (Canada AFVs register). This tank is missing the Canadian Indestructible Roller Device, but still has the distinctive patches on the hull sides. This is the first Sherman V with CIRD fittings that came to light in recent years. In 1992 Ed Storey 'discovered' it at CFB Kingston, Ontario, Canada, where it stood on the base golf course in the Gore Training Area. Its gun, mount, engine and engine deck are missing and the gun aperture in the turret is plated over. It is seen here at the Military Heritage Museum, Brantford, Ontario, Canada, to where it later moved. As of March 1999, this Sherman was being acquired by the Canadian War Museum at Ottawa. Reportedly, a set of rollers had also been found, but these turned out not to be CIRD rollers (Hanno Spoelstra)



Pierre-Olivier Buan, September 2024

M4A2(75) Sherman CIRD – Waterloo Officer's Mess Canadian Forces Base, Borden (Canada) This tank is missing the Canadian Indestructible Roller Device (CIRD), but still has the distinctive patches on the hull sides and fittings

This tank is missing the Canadian Indestructible Roller Device (CIRD), but still has the distinctive patches on the hull sides and fittings on the differential housing (Hanno Spoelstra). Most probably built by Pullman Standard in July or August, 1942



http://balmoralgreen.com/les-blind-s/sherman-m4a4.html

### M4A4 with T5E3 mine excavator (partial reproduction) Balmoral Green association, Versailles (France) – running c. Serial Number 18114, built by Chrysler in January, 1943. Ex-British Lend Lease M4A4 with WD Number T-147194. Restored with a reproduction T5A3 mine excavating device



Neil Baumgardner, May 2009 - http://www.com-central.net/index.php?name=Forums&file=viewtopic&t=11415

M4A1(75) Sherman Calliope – U.S. Army Armor & Cavalry Collection Fort Benning, GA (USA) Serial Number 7320, built by Lima LW in January, 1943 (USA AFVs register).



David Hobbs, February 2022

T40 Multiple Rocket Launcher "Whizbang" – U.S. Army Armor & Cavalry Collection Fort Benning, GA (USA) Recovered from one of the Fort Benning ranges in 2022

## I'm looking for photos of those tanks :

any Sherman Specialized Vehicle that I forgot ....

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