Surviving early armoured Cars (from WW1 to the 1920s)

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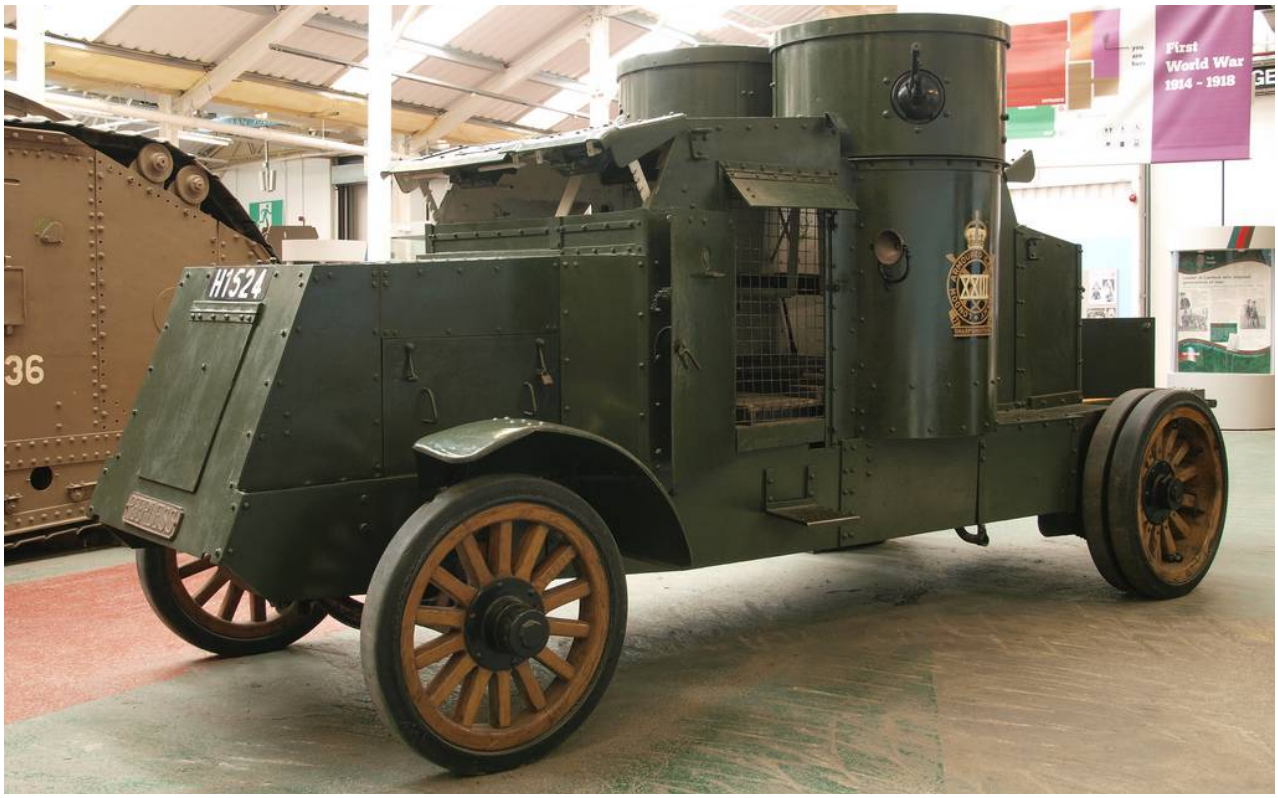
Listed here are the early armoured cars (from 1914 to the early 1920s) that still exist today.



"Megashorts", April 2009 - http://www.flickr.com/photos/megashorts/3469019760/in/set-72157609057315170/

Peerless Armoured Car – Bovington Tank Museum (UK)

"vintary", December 2009 - http://www.flickr.com/photos/vintary/4228029692/in/set-72157623099527804/

Peerless Armoured Car – Irish Defences Forces Training Centre, Curragh Camp, The Curragh (Ireland)

"Megashorts", June 2009 - http://www.flickr.com/photos/megashorts/3672621518/in/set-72157609057315170/

Rolls-Royce Armoured Car (1920 Pattern) – Bovington Tank Museum (UK) – running c.

This vehicle was built in Derby in 1920. It served in Ireland before the British withdrawal in 1922 and in Shanghai during 1927. Its paint scheme reflects this period. After being used in anti-invasion patrols in East Anglia in 1940, it went to the School of Tank Technology, then the Tank Museum in 1949 (Museum)

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http://www.milweb.net/webverts/54204/

Rolls Royce Armoured Car (RR AC original chassis with replica armoured body) "AAR1 Danny Boy / Tom Keogh" – Private collection (UK)

This is one of the 13 Rolls Royce armoured cars given to the Irish Free State government by the British government to fight the Irish Republican Army in the Irish Civil War (1922-1923) (Wikipedia). It was bought in an auction without its armoured body (to decommission the vehicle), so the body was completely reproduced with aluminium, instead of armour plate (http://www.rolls-royce101wo.net/)

”Paul”, January 2009 - http://picasaweb.google.com/trpsarge/CurraghTrip27thMay2008#5340542081523536546

Rolls Royce Armoured Car (1920 pattern) “AAR2 Sliabh na mBan”
Irish Defences Forces Training Centre, Curragh Camp, The Curragh (Ireland)

This vehicle is the ARR-2 “Sliabh na mBan”, which is generally accepted to be the car that was accompanying IRA Leader Michael Collins on the day he was killed. This is one of only two still running today, and is regularly aired during parades and open days, often driving under its own power (Wikipedia)

See also : http://www.esatclear.ie/~curragh/sliabh_na_mban.htm

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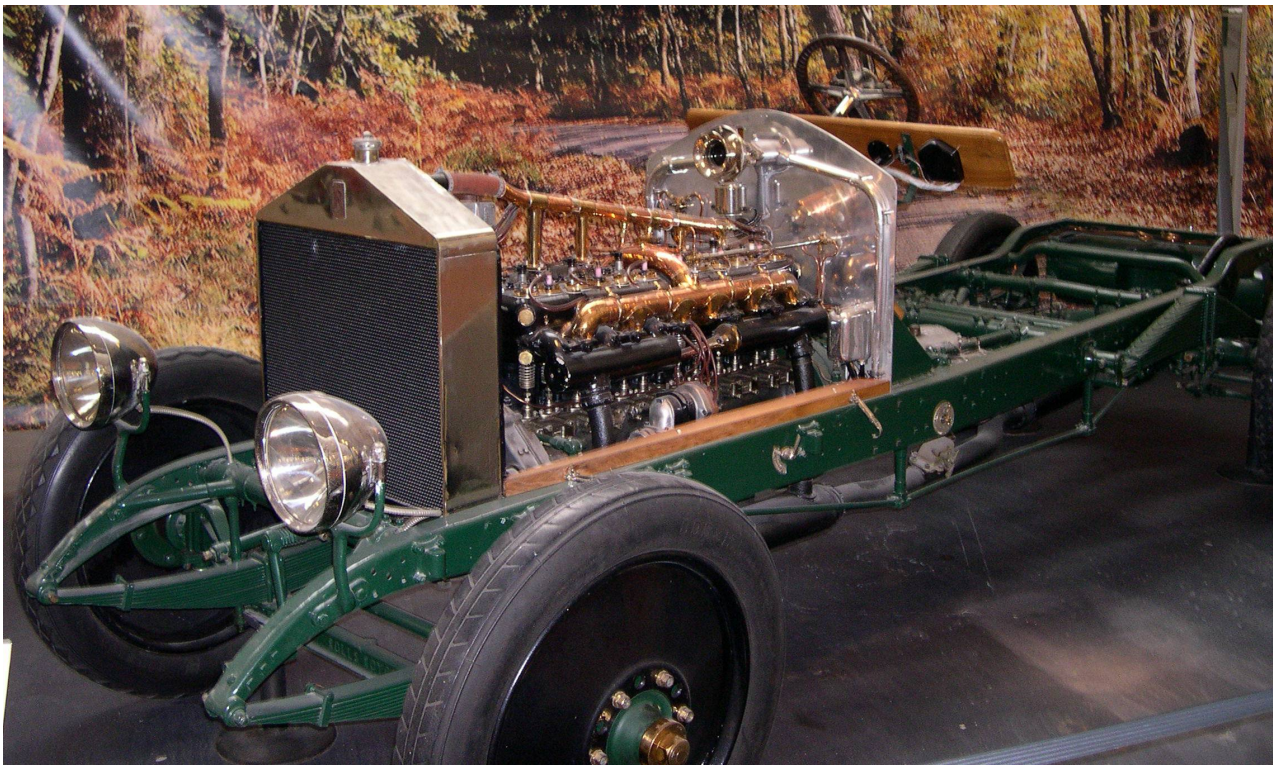

Mathieu George, 2007

Rolls-Royce Armoured Car chassis – Cité de l'automobile (Collection Schlumpf), Mulhouse (France)

The museum’s sign indicates that this chassis is from a Rolls-Royce Armoured Car (Mathieu George)

"rahul m", November 2010 - http://picasaweb.google.com/113353781365135287048/CavalryTankMuseumMIRCAhmednagar#

Rolls Royce Armoured Car
Armoured Corps Museum, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra (India)

Massimo Foti, November 2009 - http://www.com-central.net/index.php?name=Forums&file=viewtopic&t=11768

Lancia 1Z – Museo di guerra per la pace Diego de Henriquez, Trieste (Italy)
This example was modernized in 1930 (Massimo Foti) and should be the n° 69 (http://miles.forumcommunity.net/?t=21201035)

Patrik Krista, July 2015 - https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=865843056784322&set=pcb.865843423450952&type=1&theater

Lancia 1ZM wreck – Militärhistorischen Museum der Bundeswehr, Dresden (Germany)

This vehicle was previously located at Camp Warehouse, near Kabul (Afghanistan). The Italian War Minister's office said this wreck was recovered and moved to Dresden Museum in 2007 (http://miles.forumcommunity.net/ forum)

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https://hcservices.be/1914-theta-based-1-z-armoured-car/

Lancia 1Z chassis – Historic Competition Services, Wommelgem (Belgium)

The vehicle we have here, found its way to the Czech Republic and now to Belgium. This chassis is clearly marked 1-Z without the later “M”. This indicates it's possibly one of the only “6” chassis ever made! The vehicle comes with front and rear axle with spring and steering, an original type engine and spares for at least one more engine and original gearbox (dismantled), original clutch. Aluminium bulkhead as well as steel bulkhead, many spares and assorted parts. No body unfortunately

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"vintary", January 2010 - http://www.flickr.com/photos/vintary/4261620933/in/set-72157623099527804/

Lancia Triota – Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) Museum, Belfast (Northern Ireland)

http://www.com-central.net/index.php?name=Forums&file=viewtopic&t=11503&start=30

Lancia Triota – Ulster Folk and Transport Museum, Holywood (Northern Ireland)

assimo Foti, July 2009

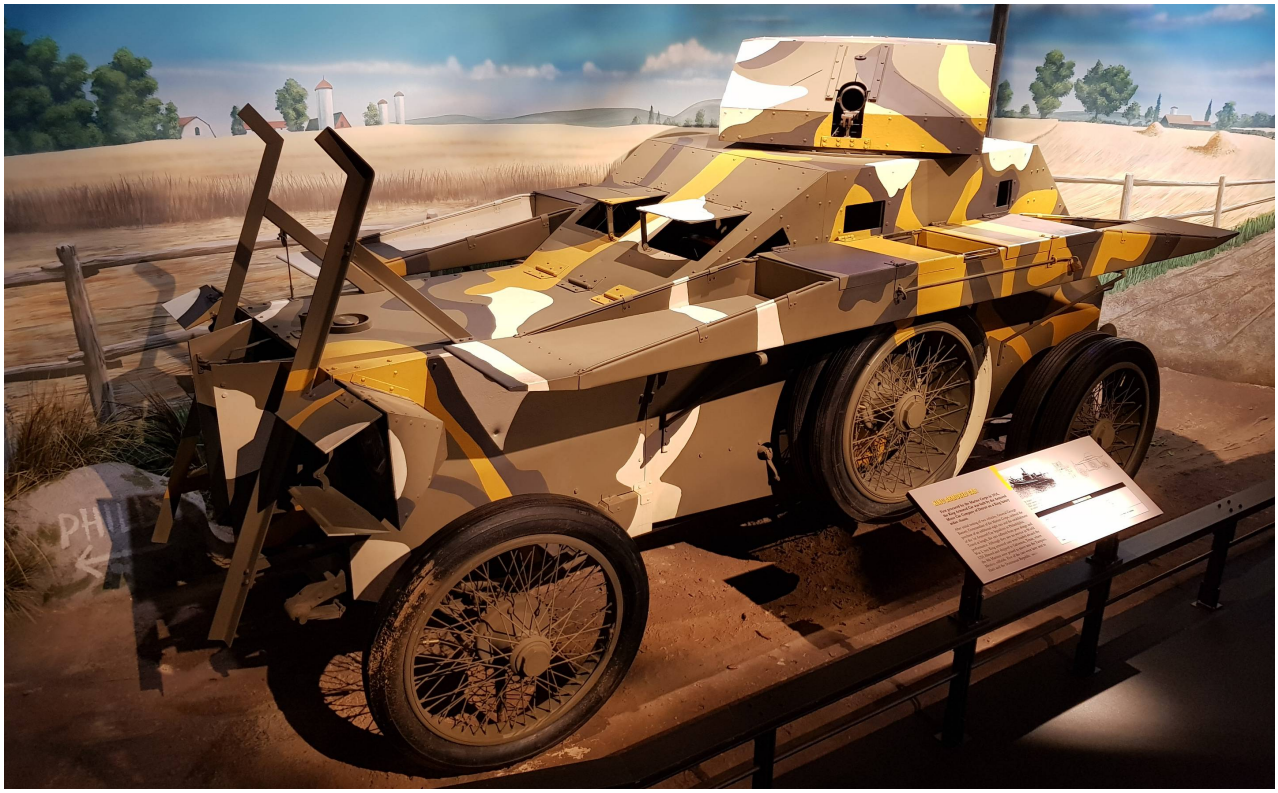
Lancia Triota – Museo della Motorizz. Militare della Cecchignola, Rome (Italy)

The vehicle belongs to the IVECO company (the company which built Centauro, Lince, Freccia and other modern armoured vehicles) and it's on loan to the Museum (Massimo Foti)

Pierre-Olivier Buan, March 2020

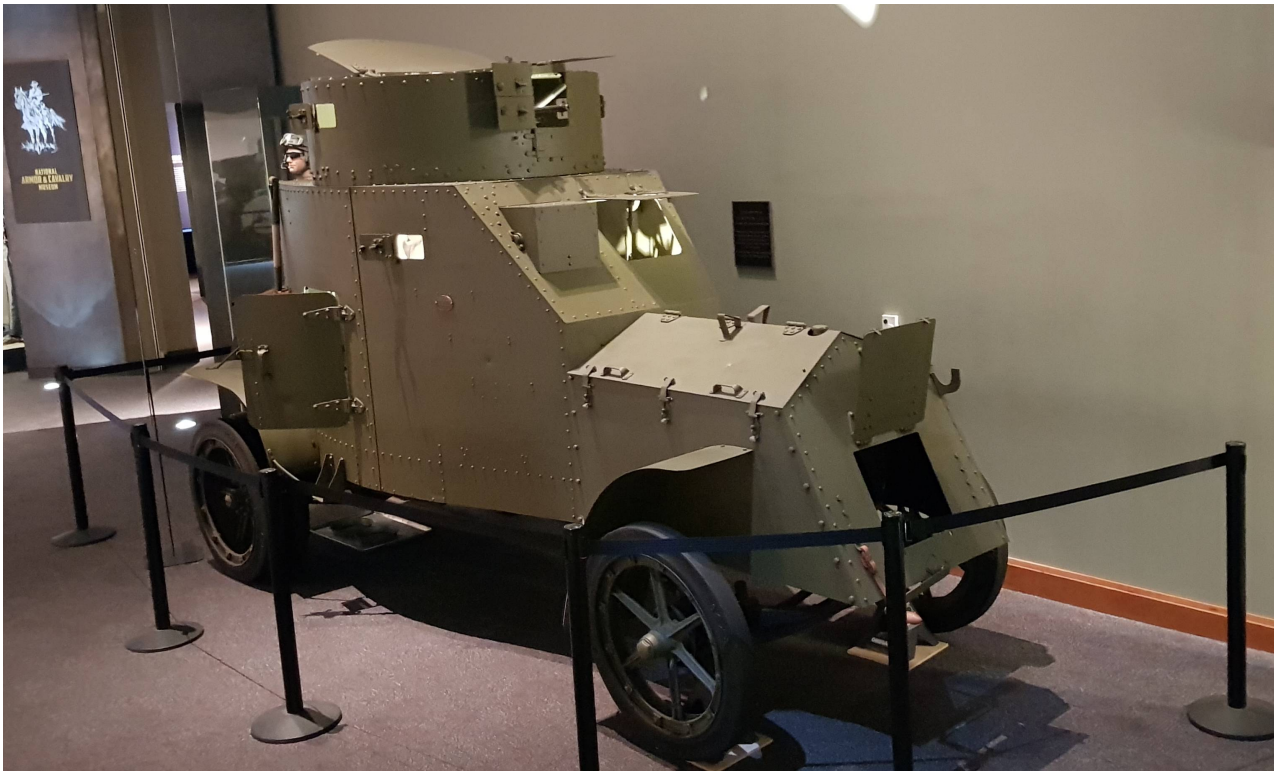
Crossley M1923 Indian Pattern Armoured Car – National Museum of Military History, Johannesburg (Republic of South Africa)

In 1925, the Union Defence Forces purchased two Crossley armoured cars from Britain, for use in potential civil unrest. In August, 1932 these vehicles were used to suppress an Ovambo uprising in South West Africa. In May, 1940 they were modified and used for training (info. from the museum)



Pierre-Olivier Buan, September 2019

King Armored Car – US Marine Corps Air-Ground Museum, Quantico, VA (USA)



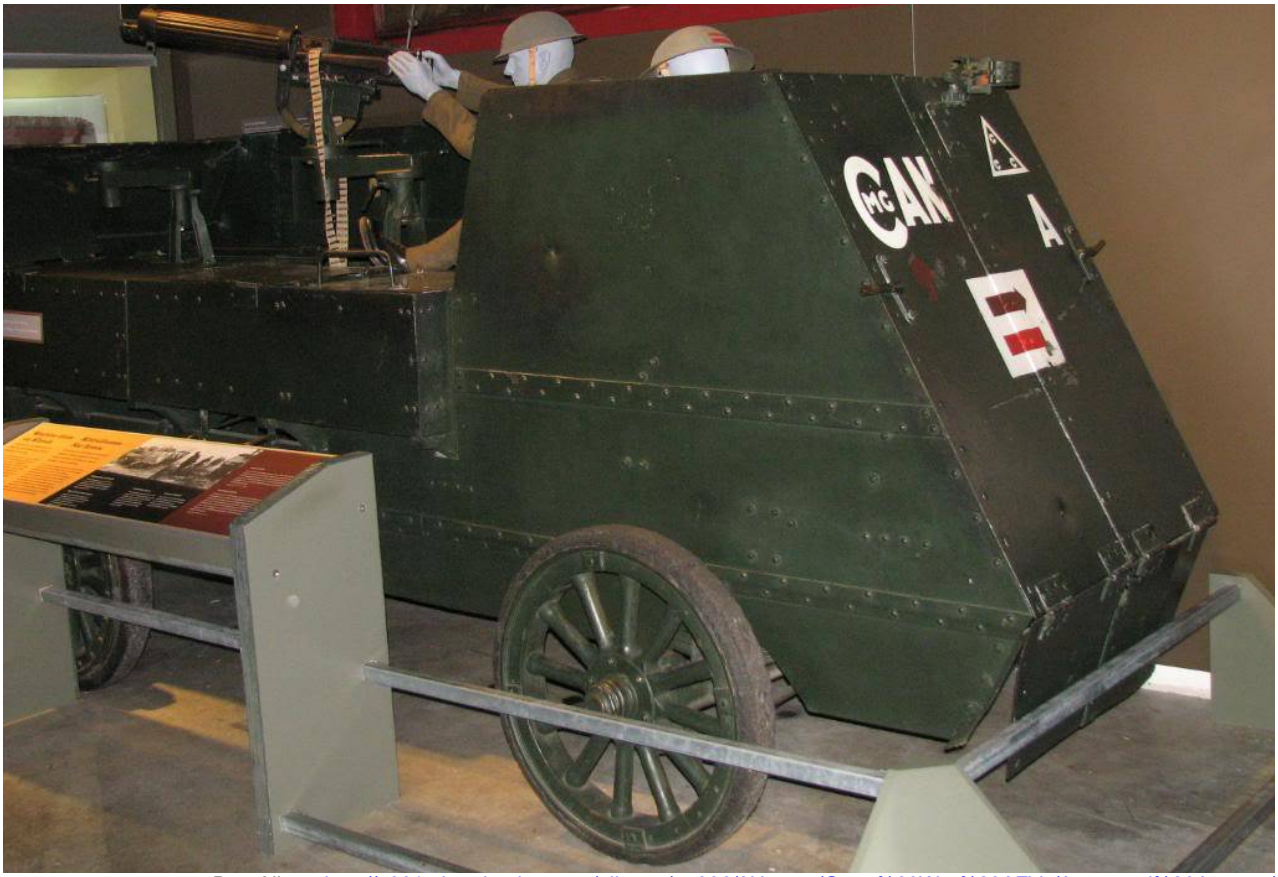
Pierre-Olivier Buan, September 2018 - https://www.flickr.com/photos/13963542@N08/sets/72157700964645051

M1914 White Armored Car – National Infantry Museum, Fort Benning, GA (USA)

https://www.facebook.com/NationalArmorandCavalryMuseum/

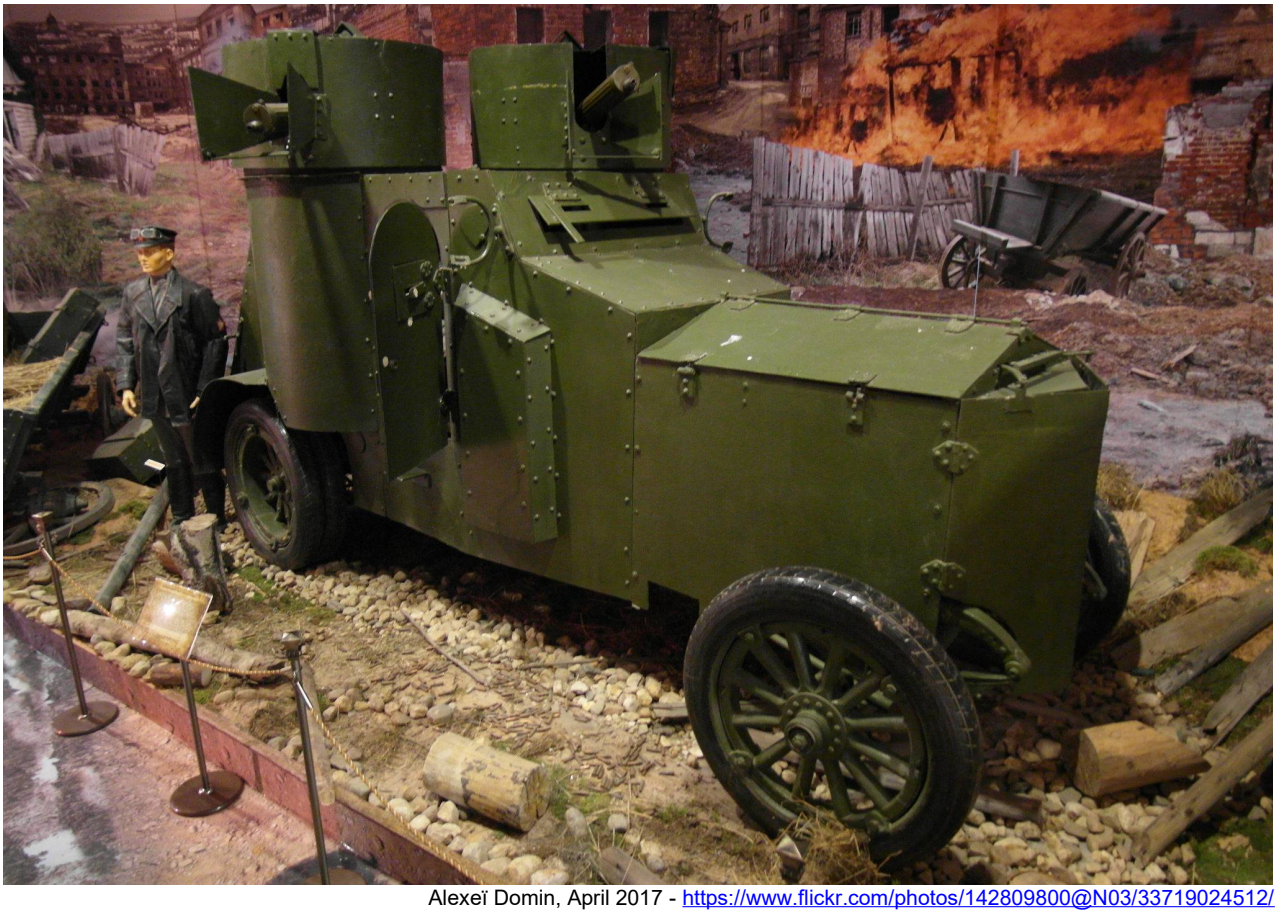
Ford Armoured Car (Admiralty Pattern) – West Wales Maritime Heritage Society (UK)

Privately owned. The car was originally one of around 12, and was built in Birmingham in 1916 on a Model T Ford chassis



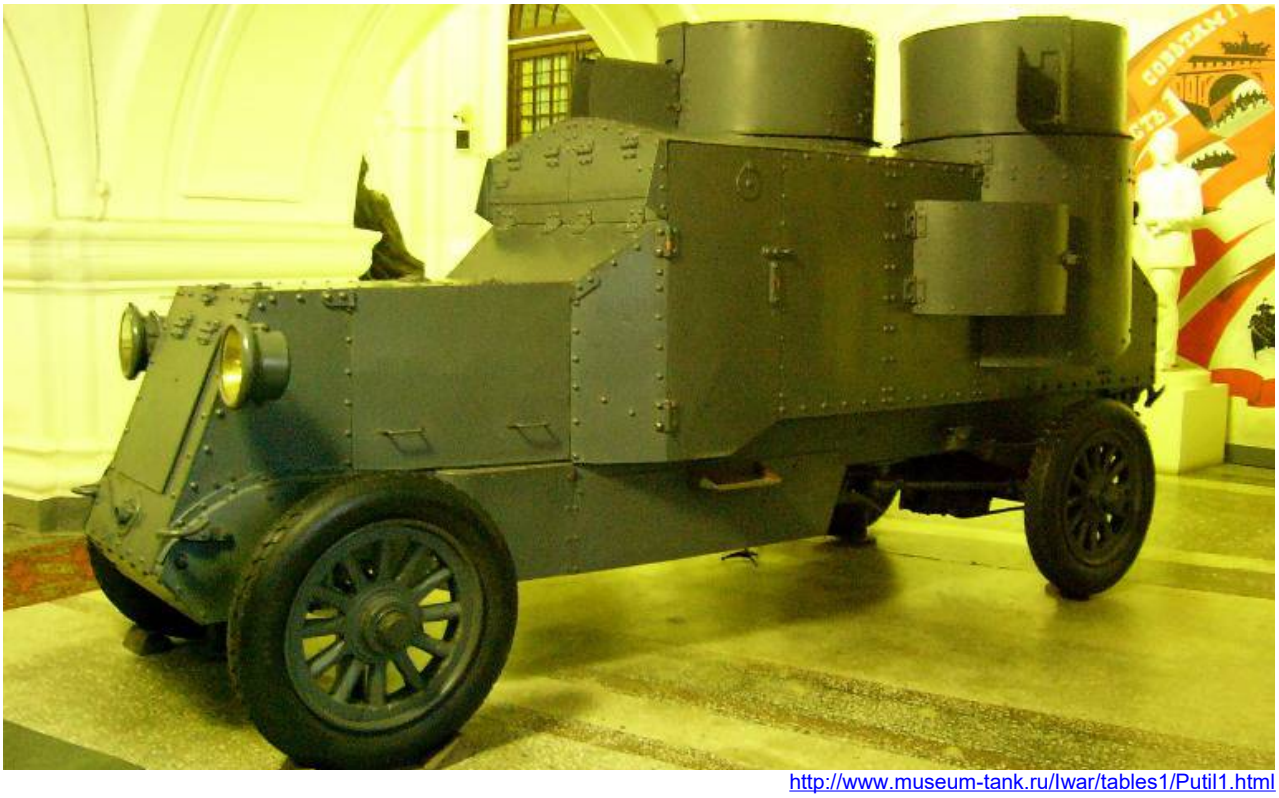
Don Allen - http://s661.photobucket.com/albums/uu336/8Hussar/Great%20War%20AFVs/Armoured%20Autocar/

Canadian Autocar Machinegun Carrier – Canadian War Museum, Ottawa (Canada)



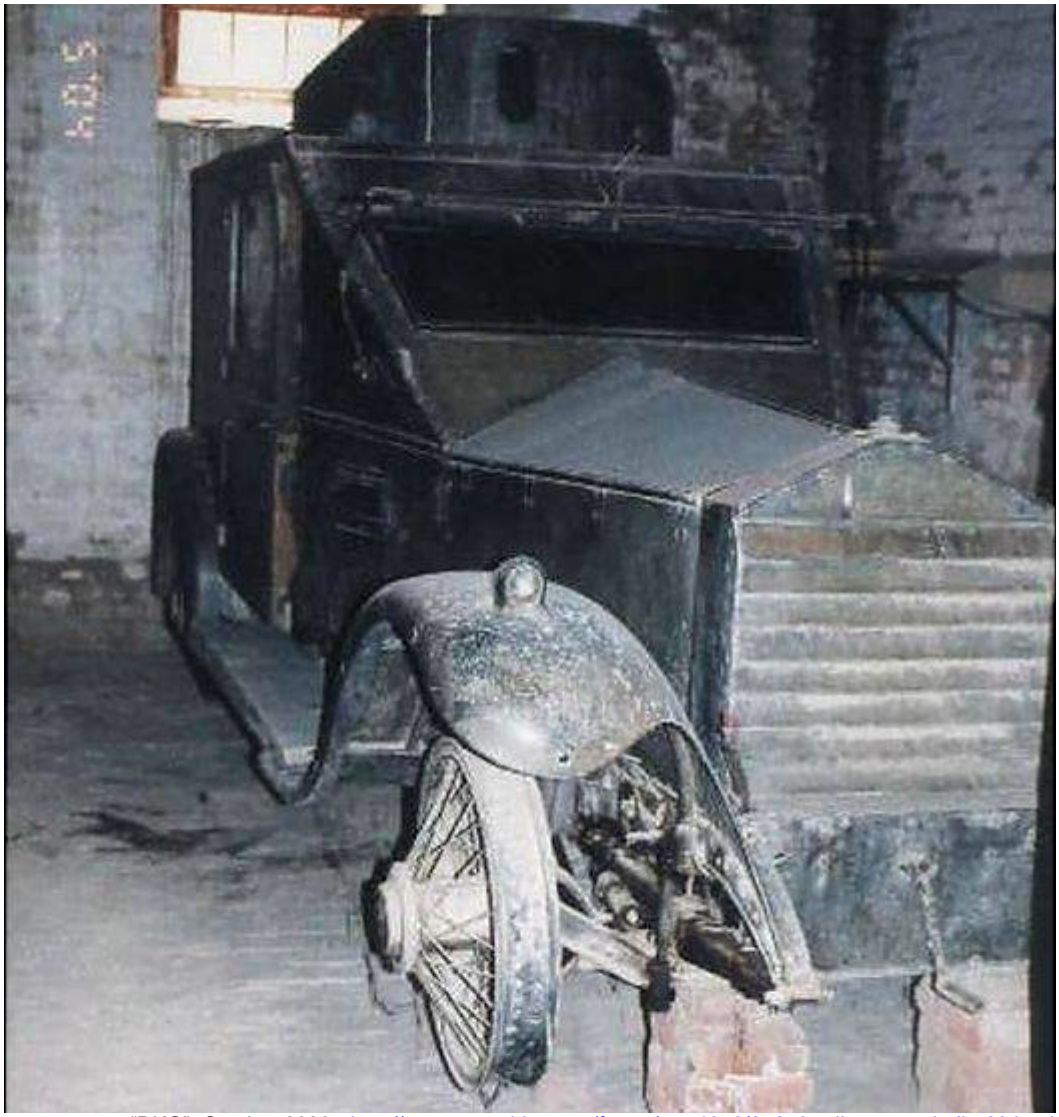
Alexeï Domin, April 2017 - https://www.flickr.com/photos/142809800@N03/33719024512/

Izorski-Fiat Armoured Car – Central Armed Forces Museum, Moscow (Russia)



http://www.museum-tank.ru/Iwar/tables1/Putil1.html

Russian Austin – Military Historical Museum of Artillery, St.-Petersburg (Russia)



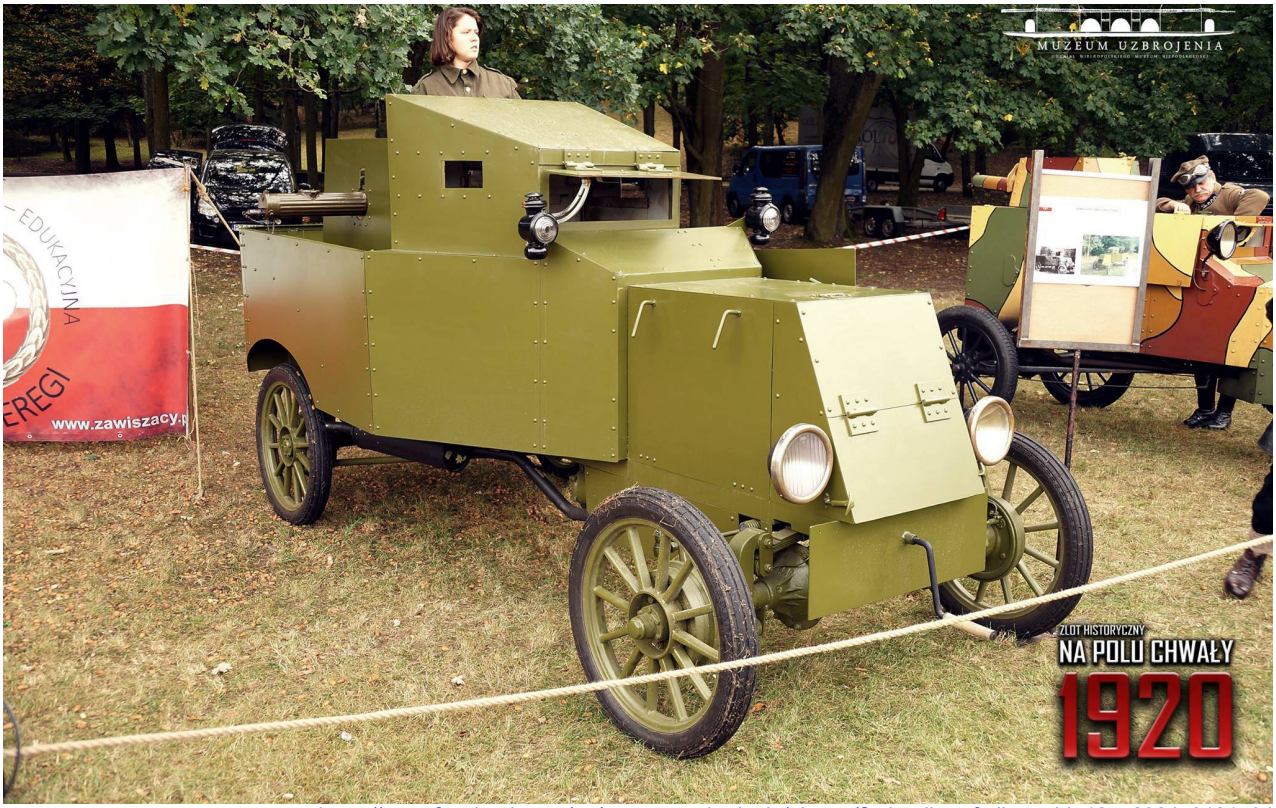
"DKG", October 2008 - http://www.team-bhp.com/forum/pre-1950/37279-rolls-royces-india-60.html

Baxter Armoured Car – Unknown location (India)

They were a series of donated vehicles converted to armoured cars using kits provided by Baxter of Talbot-Baxter fame ("JimWeb")

https://www.facebook.com/Filmov%C3%A9-repliky-525650531123703

Austin 2nd Series Armoured Car **reproduction** – Private collection, Olomouc (Czech R.)



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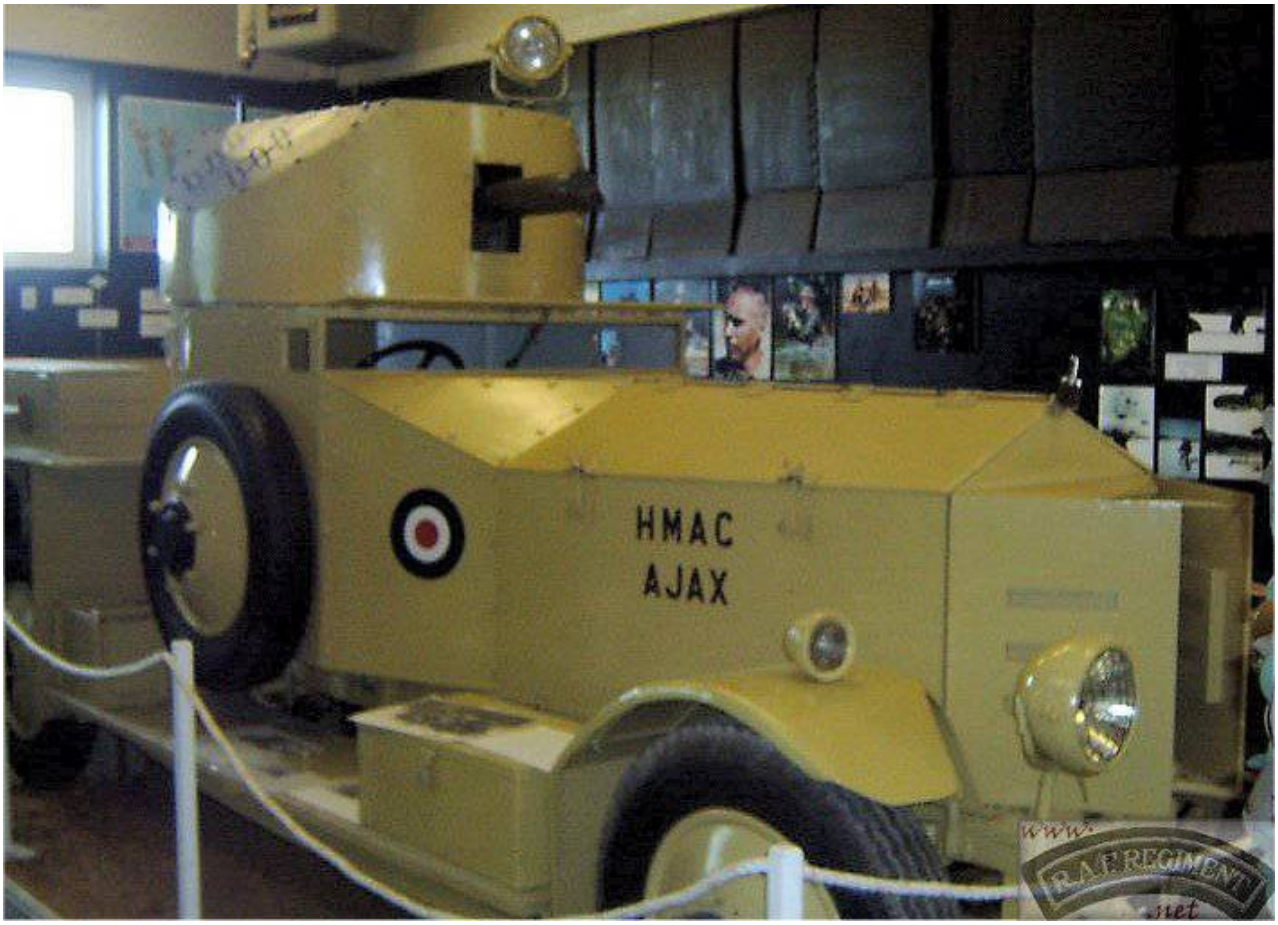
Ford Armoured Car **reproduction** – Private collection (Poland)

Vehicle used by the British Armoured Car Expeditionary Force in Russia during WW1



http://www.rafregiment.net/RAF_Regt_Museum.htm

Rolls-Royce Armoured Car **reproduction** – The Royal Air Force Regiment Museum
RAF Regiment Depot RAF Honington (UK)

The RAF replica is suppose to have been built on an armoured car chassis (Neal Gunderson)

"normko", June 2008 - http://www.flickr.com/photos/normko/2602223188/in/set-72157605735815662/

Rolls Royce Armrd Car **reproduction** – The Honourable Artillery Company, London (UK)

http://www.cfgphoto.com/img828.htm

Rolls-Royce Armoured Car **reproduction** – Private Collection (New Zealand)

"The Challenger", January 2018 - https://www.facebook.com/wgchallenger/

Rolls Royce Armrd Car **reproduction** – Royal Jordanian Tank Museum (Jordan)

According to the museum's website, "The armored vehicle exhibited is a replica of the original. It was specially manufactured for the Jordanian Army for the 60th anniversary of the Independence of Jordan and led the Military Parade in June 2006"

http://www.jebelsherif.org/index.php?article_id=9&page=8

Lancia 1ZM **reproduction** – Cyrene area (Lybia)

The *Lancia Z* is a quite accurate replica based on the chassis of a Landrover (Kuno Gross). This replica was built for the film "Lion of the desert", which was made in Lybia in the 1980s (http://therunagatesclub.blogspot.com/2008/01/lion-of-desert-dvd-backgrounder.html)

http://www.ioh.pl/forum/viewtopic.php?t=7378

Lancia 1Z **reproduction** – Museo della Motorizz. Militare della Cecchignola, Rome (Italy)

"Dave", March 2007 - http://picasaweb.google.com/1bigdinstl/PatagoniaLake#5050512066491944802

Jeffery Armoured Car **reproduction** – Pancho Villa State Park, Columbus, NM (USA)

Its a replica of an early Jeffery Armoured Car built by volunteers and staff at Pancho Villa State Park. It is an original Jeffery Quad chassis with new armour ("JimWeb")

https://www.facebook.com/

Mors Minerva armoured car **reproduction** – Royal Museum of the Armed Forces, Brussels (Belgium)

In 2014-15, the Royal Museum of the Armed Forces in Brussels raised 40,000 euros towards building a replica Mors-Minerva armoured car. The result, first exhibited in 2015 in the insignia of the Expeditionary Corps, went on display in 2015 (Wikipedia)

Dmitry Bushmakow, November 2009

Russo-Balt armored car **reproduction** – First World War museum, Tsarskoe Selo St Petersburg (Russia)

This vehicle is on loan from Dmitry Bushmakow. This is a 1915 Russo-Balt armoured car of the 1st automobile-machinegun company, Russian tsarist army. It is based on a Russo-Balt typ S24/40 chassis. The frame, armor plates, armored wheels are correct and made from new. It is a right-hand drive, it carries original ww1 Russian-produced machineguns (Dmitry Bushmakow)

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https://makowonline.pl/dwa-dni-spotkan-z-historia-czyli-niepodlegla-na-100/

Poplavko-Jeffery armored car **reproduction** – Grupa Historyczno-Edukacyjna "Szare Szeregi" (Poland) – running condition

A different model of armoured car basing on the Jeffery Quad chassis was built in Russia by Ukrainian officer Victor Poplavko who was the Odessa city commandant (1917–18), and was known as Jeffery-Poplavko. This series started with a single vehicle, converted by Captain Victor Poplavko in November 1915, and deployed on the South-Western Front. 31 vehicles were built in total

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https://www.facebook.com/AustinPutilow?fref=ts

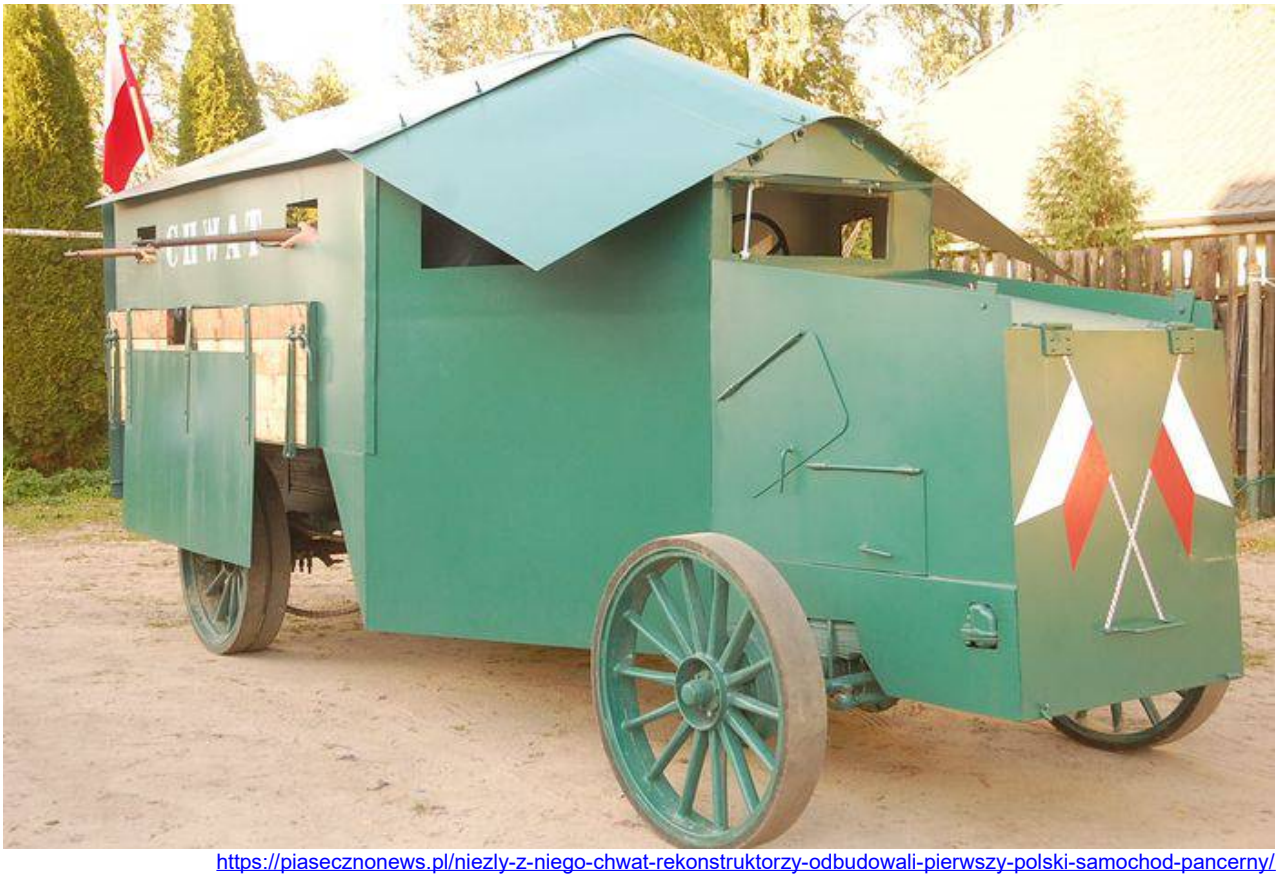
Russian Austin **reproduction** – Armoured Weapons Museum, Land Forces Training CentrePoznań (Poland) – running condition

This vehicle is a replica of the Austin-Putilov "Poznańczyk" (ex Russian Army "Stenka Razin"). It is one of the about 20 Austins that the Polish Armed Forces captured in the Civil War and Polish-Soviet War in 1919-1921, and subsequently employed in the 1920s. This example was built in 2013 by Waldemar Banaszyńskiego and Artur Sobieraj (Piotr "kruszyna" Kaźmierczak)

https://www.konflikty.pl/aktualnosci/relacje/estonskie-muzeum-okupacji-i-walk-o-wolnosc/

Armoured Car "Estonia" **reproduction** – Admiral Johan Pitka Memorial, Talin (Estonia)

Built in December, 1918 under the guidance of engineer Saukas and the Tallinn Shipyards. Used during the Estonian War of Independance, sent to the front on 20 May, 1919



https://piasecznonews.pl/niezly-z-niego-chwat-rekonstruktorzy-odbudowali-pierwszy-polski-samochod-pancerny/

Polish "Chwat"armored car **reproduction** – "Szare Szeregi" reenactment group (Poland)

First armored car built in Poland, between 1st and 3rd November, 1918

http://odkrywca.pl/budowa-ehrardt-m17,751689.html#751689

Polish Ehrardt M1917 **reproduction** – Private collection (Poland)

"Redakcja", August 2009 - http://www.dobroni.pl/rekonstrukcje,gra-historyczna-roku-1920-w-ogrodzie-saskim,2312

Polish Ford FT-B **repro** – Historical Association "Year 1920" (Poland) – running c.

The first Polish large-scale built armoured car. This replica is based on original Ford T chassis from Canada and is using original Ford T engine as power unit. It was made by enthusiasts associated in the Historical Association "Year 1920" in Poland (Rafał Białęcki). More photos on http://www.1920.fora.pl/bron-i-pojazdy,21/rekonstrukcja-forda-ftb,131.html

https://www.facebook.com/1527980030773955/photos/a.1528687357369889/2509662865938995/

Polish Ford FT-B **repro** – "Szare Szeregi" reenactment group (Poland) – running c.

"Messer", November 2008 - http://www.kartonwork.pl/forum/viewtopic.php?p=180228&sid=b32d13581e7719951b8b75f77035723a

Polish Peugeot 1918 **reproduction** – Private collection (Poland) – running condition

It is based on a Robur truck and have an ZUK engine (Rafał Białęcki). More photos on :
http://www.odkrywca-online.com/pokaz_watek.php?id=278255#278333

"Thomas T.", August 2015 - https://www.flickr.com/photos/theadventurouseye/20853307470/in/album-72157657951866876/

Czech Austin Armored car – Private collection (Czech Republic)

Czech Corps in Russia during the Russian civil war used some Austin Armored cars (assembled from fragments of Austin armored cars of the 1st and 2nd series)

I'm looking for photos of those armoured cars :

Any vehicle that I forgot...

This document is a compilation of photos published on the web. I would like to thank especially **Rafał Białęcki**, who deserved the most part of the job on this document, and also the people who took these photos and put them on their websites, or sent them to me, and those who helped me doing these lists (particularly people of the AFV News Discussion Board). For any question, you can email me at soldat_ryan@hotmail.com

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