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**Pattern (name): Daimler Ferret Mk I & II Scout Car,**

**Introduced into NZ Service: 1956, Withdrawn: Mk I 1978, Mk II 1982**

**Crew: 2 (commander, driver), Weight: 3.700 Kg**

**Length: 12 ft 2 in (3.7 m) Width: 6.0 ft 3 in. (1.91 m) Height: 6 ft 2 in. (1.88 m)**

**Guns: 7.62 mm MG, Mk II fitted in turret, Engine: Rolls Royce B60 Inlet over Exhaust 6 Cyl., petrol, 130 hp (97 kW)**

**Max Speed: 58 mph (93 km/h), Range: 190 mi (310 km)**



A Ferret Mk II Scout Car of 1<sup>st</sup> Reconnaissance Squadron (NZ Scottish) in mid 1960s

The **Ferret armoured car**, also commonly called the Ferret Scout car, is a British armoured fighting vehicle designed and built for reconnaissance purposes. A total of 4,409 Ferrets, including 16 sub-models under various Mark numbers, were produced between 1952 and 1971 by the UK company, Daimler. It was widely adopted by regiments in the British Army as well as 26 other Commonwealth and foreign countries.

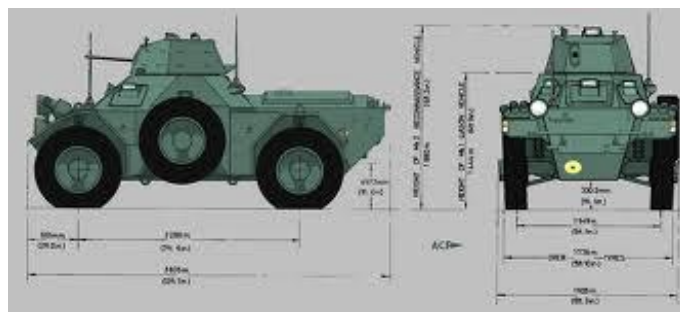
The Ferret shared many similar design features with the Dingo and Canadian Ford Lynx, but featured a larger fighting compartment and an optional small machine gun turret. It was built from an all-welded monocoque steel body, making the vehicle lower but also making the drive extremely noisy inside as all the running gear was within the enclosed body with the crew. Four wheel drive was incorporated together with "Run flat" tyres (which kept their shape even if punctured in battle, thus enabling a vehicle to drive to safety.) The turret, though not fitted to all models, carried a single machine gun. Six grenade launchers fitted to the hull (three on each side) could carry smoke grenades.



**Mk I**



**Mk II**



**Mk II**

### **New Zealand Service**

The first Mk I Scout Cars were imported in 1956 and used in a reconnaissance role by the Queen Alexandra's Regiment. Mk IIs were imported in 1962. Both types of vehicle saw active service with the New Zealand Regiment in the Malayan Emergency in the late 1950s and Borneo during Confrontation in 1964-66. The Mk Is were withdrawn in 1978 and the Mk IIs in 1982.

### *Acknowledgements*

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