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Pattern: (name) Armoured Car, Daimler Mk II

Introduced into NZ Service: 1953, Withdrawn 1960

Crew: 3 (Commander, driver, gunner), Battle Weight: 7.5 tonnes

Length: 13 ft 0in. (3.956 m) Width: 8 ft 0 in. (2.44 m) Height: 7 ft 5 in. (2.23m)

Guns: one 2 pdr, one 7.92 mm Besa MG.

Engine: Daimler 6 cylinder 95 hp. Speed: 50 mph (80 Km/h) Range: 205 miles (330 Km)



Photo taken Armistice in Cambridge November 2010

One of the best armoured cars produced in WW II, they were purchased second hand (un-reconditioned) from Britain at a cost of 860 pounds each and the first vehicles were issued to squadrons of the 1st Armoured Regiment in 1953. However they proved to be unreliable due to their poor condition. Eleven Daimler Mk IIs were brought into the country in 1956. The Daimlers were withdrawn in 1960 being considered past their use by date.

Reference: Fighting Vehicles of the New Zealand Army by Michael Burgess.

Royal New Zealand Armoured Corps by J Plowman & M Thomas.