

Pattern: (name) Humber Armoured car Mk II & III

Maker: Rootes Group, UK

Introduced into NZ Service: 1941, Withdrawn: 1942 ?

Crew: Mk II 3 (commander, gunner, driver) Mk III 4 (commander, gunner, loader, driver);

Weight: 7.2 tonnes, Length: 15 ft 0 in. (4.57 m) Width: 7 ft 2 in. (2.18 m) Height: 7 ft 10 in. (2.4m)

Guns: one 15 mm Besa MG, one 7.92 mm Besa MG; Armour: 15 mm

Engine: Rootes 6 cylinder, 90 bhp; Speed: 45 mph (73 Km/h) Range: 260 miles (402 Km)



Mk II



Mk III

Made by the [Rootes Group](#), the Humber was essentially a combination of the [Karrier KT 4 artillery tractor](#) chassis and the armoured body of the [Guy Armoured Car](#). The KT4 was already in production for the Indian Army, and Guy were having problems with the production levels required. The Karrier name was dropped to avoid confusion.¹

The first order for 500 was placed in 1940. The first Humbers were more or less identical to the Guy down to the faults in armour but this was rectified. Production started in 1941. The Mk II included improvement to the armour around the driver, 440 were built.

The Mark III improved upon the Mark II by providing a three-man turret. Mark III production ended in 1942 after 1,650 had been built.

New Zealand Service

The Humber Armoured Car was used as command and reconnaissance vehicles by the NZ Armoured Brigade in the Libyan campaigns of late 1941.

Acknowledgements: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Humber_Armoured_Car

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