

Panhard AML-90

The AML-90 is one of a range of French light armoured cars developed in the late 1950s. The AML has become one of the most successful vehicles in its class with around 6000 being manufactured and serving with about 30 nations.

The AML was developed in France as a versatile replacement for the Ferret armoured car. Construction began in 1960 and, of the 6000 manufactured, 1300 were made in South Africa for use by the South African army. The AML-90 is the most heavily armed version with a 90mm low pressure cannon. Most commonly it is used in light reconnaissance and internal security but some countries have used it as their principal armoured weapon instead of more expensive tanks.

This model represents an AML-90 of the French Army taking part in Operation Turquoise in Rwanda in 1994

Data: light armoured car. *Engine* one Panhard 4 cylinder petrol engine developing 67kW (90hp). *Length* 5.11m (16ft 9¼in). *Width* 1.97m (6ft 5½in). *Weight* 5.5tonnes. *Maximum road speed* 100km/h (56mph). *Range* 600km (375miles). *Armament* one GIAT 90mm (3,54in) DEFA gun, a co-axial 7.62mm machine gun and a 7.62mm anti-aircraft machine gun. *Crew* three.

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