

## Saint-Chamond (late)

**The Saint-Chamond was the second tank to be designed and built in France, after the Schneider. Like the Schneider it had many faults, but it also began the battlefield revolution and led to later and much more efficient tanks.**

The Saint-Chamond began with plans for the arms manufacturer, Forges et Aciéries de la Marine et d'Homécourt à Saint-Chamond, to build Schneider tanks, but it evolved into quite a different vehicle. Four hundred were ordered on 8 April 1916 and the final one was delivered in March 1918. After the 165<sup>th</sup> had been made a slightly improved version was introduced with a sloped roof and improved vision and ventilation, but little improvement to other major problems. At the end of the war only 72 remained serviceable, 54 were converted as ammunition carriers and the rest were scrapped.

This model represents a late Saint Chamond of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battery, AS.37, in 1918.

**Data:** *Engine* one 4 cylinder Panhard-Levassor petrol engine of 70kW. *Width* 2.7m. *Hull length* 8.7m. *Height* 2.4m. *Combat weight* 22 tonnes. *Maximum speed* 12km/h. *Armament* one 75mm Canon de 75 modele 1897 field gun and four 8mm Hotchkiss M1914 machine guns. *Crew* 8.

*Reviresco* 1/72 kit with Black Knight decals. Completed in May 2012



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