

## AMR 33

**The AMR 33 (Automitrailleuse de Reconnaissance Renault Modele 1933) was developed as a light, fast and lightly armed tank in the early 1930s. It was poorly equipped to take part in the Battle of France in mid 1940.**

The AMR 33 was designed as a light and fast tank equipping cavalry units that could swarm over the battlefield in the vanguard of more heavily armed medium tanks. The design was developed by Renault in the early 1930s and tested during 1933 when an order was placed for 123 vehicles. During the rest of the 1930s various attempts were made to find a good use for these AMRs and to overcome the serious problem of weak suspension systems. At the beginning of the Battle of France the AMRs were consolidated into one Cavalry Light Division but in the fighting they performed very poorly and most were soon lost.

This model represents an AMR33 of the 3<sup>rd</sup> DLC, 3<sup>rd</sup> RAM at the beginning of the Battle of France, May 1940.

**Data:** *Engine* one 8 cylinder petrol engine of 63kW. *Width* 1.64m. *Hull length* 3.5m. *Height* 1.73m. *Combat weight* 5.5 tonnes. *Maximum speed* 54km/h, *Operational range* 200km. *Armament* one 7.55mm machine gun. *Crew* 2.

*Wespe Models* 1/72 kit. Completed August 2012.



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