

AMX-13 DCA

The AMX-13 DCA was one of a number of French armoured vehicles developed from the AMX-13 light tank. The AMX-13 DCA was an anti-aircraft version with a new turret mounting two 30mm cannon and radar.

The AMX-13 was designed as an air-mobile light tank mounting a 75mm cannon in a novel oscillating turret. Design began in 1946, they began entering service with the French Army in 1953 and they were later exported to almost 30 countries. They had a rugged and reliable hull that allowed development into other versions including armoured personnel carriers, anti-aircraft vehicles, bridge layers and self propelled howitzers.

The anti-aircraft version was developed in the 1960s to give the French Army a mobile anti-aircraft vehicle. It combined a DCA turret with the existing AMX-13 hull. Production began in 1969 and 60 were manufactured.

This model represents an AMX-13 DCA in service with the French Army in the early 1970s.

Data: *Engine* one SOFAM 8Gxb eight cylinder petrol engine of 186kW. *Hull width* 2.51m. *Hull length* 4.88m. *Combat weight* 17,200kg. *Maximum speed* 60km/h. *Maximum range* up to 300km. *Armament* two 30mm Hispano/Oerlikon IT cannon. *Crew* 3.

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