

# AMX-30DCA

The AMX-30DCA was an anti-aircraft version of the French AMX-30 main battle tank. The turret came from the AMX-13 light tank and offered improved capability, but none were ordered for production.

The AMX-30DCA was designed to give the French Army anti-aircraft capability by using a DCA turret - *Défense Contre Avions*, 'defense against aircraft' - mounted on an AMX-30 hull. The turret had been designed for the AMX-13 light tank and 60 were produced, starting in 1969. The AMX-30 hull offered a larger chassis providing superior mobility and a more stable platform that could carry much more ammunition (1,200 rounds, as compared to the 600 carried by the AMX-13). Development began in 1969 but none were ordered by France. In 1975 Saudi Arabia ordered an improved version called the AMX-30SA.

This model represents a prototype AMX-30DCA in 1969.

**Data:** *Engine* one Hispano-Suiza HS-110 engine producing 680hp. *Hull width* 3.1m. *Hull length* 6.59m. *Combat weight* 36,000kg. *Maximum speed* 65km/h. *Maximum range* up to 600km. *Armament* two Hispano-Suiza 30-millimeter 831 A automatic guns, coupled to an Oeil-noir fire control system. *Crew* 4.

*WSW* 1/72 kit completed by Leigh Edmonds in October 2016.



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