

EXHIBIT # 19

M-2A1 HALFTRACK

USA

The World War II American Halftrack was a Jack-of-all-trades. It was used not only as an Infantry transporter, but also as a scout vehicle, an artillery tractor and a command/communications vehicle. Furthermore, it provided the basic chassis for a wide range of tank destroyers, self-propelled artillery mounts, gun-motor-carriages, anti-aircraft mounts, and other special purpose vehicles. The tank destroyer version mounted a 3 inch (75 mm) M5 AT gun, which was very effective against most German tanks. There were two basic types of halftracks in two families: gasoline and diesel powered. The M-2 and M-3 were gas powered and utilized in the US service, while the M-5 and M-9 were diesel powered, manufactured primarily for lend-lease. The designation A1 indicates the addition of a 50-cal ring mount above the cab. These halftracks were the most common types of armored vehicles of WWII. Over 53,000 were produced by White Motor Co., Autocar, Diamond T. and International Harvester. After WWII most variations were quickly removed from service, leaving only two anti-aircraft types to see service in the Korean War.

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Length: M-2 19 ft. 6 in, M-3 20 ft. 9 in. Width: 7 ft. 3 in. Height: 8 ft. 9 in.

Weight: 17,800 lbs. and 21,649 lbs. respectively

Crew: Up to 13 soldiers

Power: White 160 AX, 6 cyl water cooled gasoline engine, 147 hp/ International Harvester Red 450B, 6 cyl water cooled diesel engine, 130 hp

Armament: various, one 30-cal machine gun up to one 105 mm Howitzer/quad 50-cal machine guns (also known as the "meat chopper")

Armor: ¼ in, ½ in on the windshield

Speed: 45 mph Range: 200 miles

