

1944 Chevrolet Canadian Military Pattern (CMP) C-15A, 15 cwt, 4X4 General Service Truck

Technical Details

Service: 1940 - 1946

Built By: Chevrolet & Ford Canada (Vehicle on display was built by a Chevrolet)

Body Details: All steel (welded), General Service (Cargo) with No. 13 Cab

Engine Details: Originally fitted with Chevrolet 215 Cu In 85 HP "Straight Six, overhead - valve engine and a 6v electrical system. Currently fitted with a Chevrolet 235 Cu In engine and a 12v electrical system

Armament: Personal Weapons (Lee Enfield 303 Rifle)

Employment: Cargo, Troop Transport and Anti-Tank Gun Tractor

Background

All CMP vehicles were designed with a standard cab, of which there were three variations: the Nos. 11, 12 and 13 Cabs, and fitted to a standard chassis and drive train. Chevrolet and Ford Canada worked together to produce over 400,000 CMP vehicles during the WWII, supplying vehicles to all British Commonwealth countries and the Soviet Union. Most parts were interchangeable between Chevrolet and Ford built vehicles, which allowed a wide variety of vehicle configurations.

The vehicle on display is fitted with the No. 13 Cab on a 101" wheel-base chassis. The snub-nosed No. 13 Cab design was adopted to allow for a more compact design for transport by ship. The forward-angled windscreen was a Canadian innovation to prevent glare and reduce the risk of reflected light visible to enemy aircraft.