

Daimler (UK) Ferret - Car, Scout, Mk 2/3 (4x4)

Specifications:

Built by: Daimler Motors, Coventry, UK.

Canadian Army service: 1954 - 1979.

Engine: Rolls-Royce B60, 6-Cylinder, in-line gasoline engine, 130 HP.

Transmission: 5-speed "pre-select" Gearbox & Transfer Case (forwards and reverse).

Maximum speed: 58 mph/93 kph

Vehicle weight: 4 tons (Imperial).

Crew: 2 - Driver, Vehicle Commander/Gunner.

Armament: 1 x Browning M1919 .30 Cal Machine Gun, 6 x smoke/high explosive Grenades and Crew personal weapons.

Employment: Reconnaissance, Internal Security, UN - Peacekeeping duties.

Background:

The Canadian Army was one of the earliest users of the Ferret, with 124 Ferret Mk 1's being purchased and issued to Canadian Army armoured regiments, as part of each regiment's reconnaissance squadron. Canadian Ferrets were not equipped with turrets.

The Ferret pictured represents one borrowed from British Army stock on Canada's first deployment to Cyprus in 1964, on UN Peacekeeping duties, until Canadian Ferrets arrived in theatre. The markings are correct for the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians).

Canadian Army Ferrets were subsequently deployed to then West Germany as part of Canada's NATO commitment, and to Cyprus, and the Sinai desert in Egypt on UN Peacekeeping duties. These vehicles were also used in Canada in various security operations, including the FLQ crises of 1970, and the Montreal Olympics in 1976.