

# 1987 VW Iltis Canadian

## Specifications

**Service:** 1987 – 2009

**Built By:** Bombardier Canada (under licence)

**Body Details:** Ladder-type frame with a welded uni-body, bolted to the frame, with a ½ ton cargo capacity.

**Engine Details:** Standard Block VW 049 1.7 litre 4 cylinder engine.

**Armament:** Personal Weapons – C7 Rifle

**Employment:** Replacement vehicle for the M38A1 Cdn 2&3 Jeeps and M151A2 MUTTs. Intended to be used primarily in command, communications, liaison, and reconnaissance roles.

## Background

The Iltis was a direct replacement vehicle for Canada's aging fleet of M38A1 Cdn 2 and Cdn 3 Jeeps and M151A2 MUTTs. Bombardier Canada, who had obtained exclusive worldwide manufacturing rights for the Iltis, received a contract for 2500 vehicles in late 1983, with eight different configurations to be produced, with one basic version, and seven "kitted" variants.

The seven variants to the basic vehicle include:

1. Basic vehicle with a 100-amp alternator;
2. TOW (Tube-launched, Optically-tracked, Wire-guided) A/T Missile Launcher;
3. Cable Layer;
4. Command and Reconnaissance;
5. Ambulance;
6. Ceremonial; and
7. Vehicle with a Tail-Gate.

The Iltis has seen service not only in Canada, but overseas in Germany with Canada's 4 Mechanised Brigade Group

By 2009, the entire Iltis fleet had been formally retired and disposed of.