

# M1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tank

## FACT SHEET



### What

The M1A1 Abrams is the Australian Army's Main Battle Tank and is the key component in the combined arms team. It has the firepower, mobility and survivability necessary for the modern battlefield.

### Why

The M1A1 provides valuable direct fire support capabilities that other platforms, even infantry fighting vehicles, cannot replicate. With a crew of four, the Abrams is armed with a 120mm cannon, 12.7mm M2HB Quick Change Barrel Machine Gun and 2 x 7.62mm MAG58 Machine Gun. It has an operational range of more than 400kms. The Abrams is fitted with an onboard digital fire control computer which enables the gunner to 'point and shoot' at targets. This capability allows it to engage targets at extended ranges, by day or night. The tank is fitted with advanced composite armour, which provides substantial defence against enemy fire and Improvised Explosive Devices.

### When

The Abrams Fleet is held by Army's three Armoured Cavalry Regiments in Adelaide, Brisbane and Townsville. Tanks for training purposes are also held at the School of Armour in Puckapunyal and the Army Logistic Training Centre at Bandiana.

### Further information

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