

WWII LANDING VEHICLES, TRACKED (LVT)

15mm Miniatures

Version 2.1

Command Decision (Old Glory).

Sold in multi-figure packs (at discount) in the US.

Sold as individual models in the UK.

All photos are from the Skytrex site.

Prices shown are for US (Warweb 2008 discount pricing)

US: <http://www.warweb.com/>

(Miniatures > Old Glory > Old Glory Command Decision)

UK: <http://skytrex.com/>

(Military Vehicles > 15mm Command Decision)

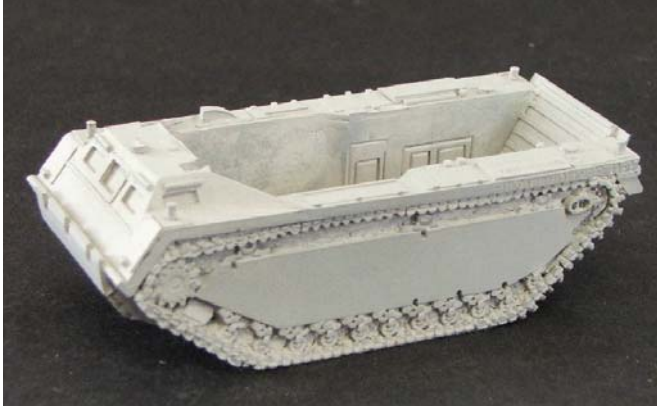
Prepared by Steve Green (SeattleRed@aol.com). Questions, comments and corrections always welcome!



LVT-1 Alligator ~ (CD-229) (x3 = \$14.39)



LVT-2 Water Buffalo ~ (CD-227) (x2 = \$13.20)



LVT-3 Bushmaster ~ (CD-236) (x2 = \$13.20)



LVT-4 Water Buffalo ~ (CD-237) (x2 = \$13.20)



LVT (A)-1 ~ (CD-227a) (x2 = \$13.20)



LVT (A)-4 ~ (CD-227b) (x2 = \$13.20)

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Game Models

Sold as individual models.

All photos obtained from the manufacturer (email).

Prices shown are from 2008 price guide.

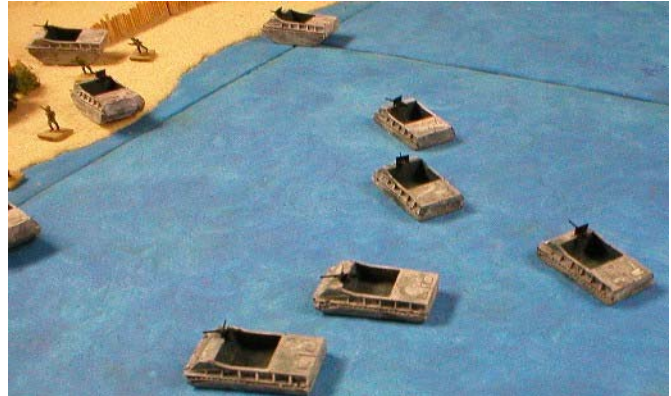
Note: These models are resin, and come assembled and painted unless you request otherwise.

Only available direct from the manufacturer. There is no web site, you must contact Game Models via email: gamodls@raex.com

Ask for current price guide and photos and he will get back to you promptly.



LVT-1 (listed as LVT tractor) (x1 = \$4)



LVT-1 Waterline (listed as LVT tractor) (x1 = \$4)



LVT-2 (waterline available - no photo) (x1 = \$4)



LVT (A)-1 (waterline available - no photo) (x1 = \$4)



LVT (A)-4 (waterline available - no photo) (x1 = \$4)

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Quality Casting (QC)

Sold as individual models.

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Prices shown are for US (Warweb 2008 pricing)

They only have these two LVT models.

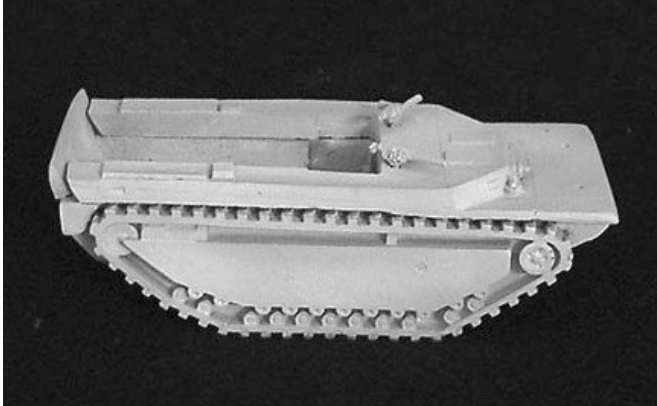
US: <http://oldglory15s.com/catalog/>

(15mm Figures > World War II > American Forces)

(Quality Castings > WWII > Americans > Amtracks)

Also available US: <http://www.warweb.com/>

(Miniatures > Quality Casting > WWII > American)



LVT-4 Water Buffalo ~ (Q-6027) (x1 = \$8.54)



LVT(A)-4 ~ (Q-6025) (x1 = \$8.54)

Other Manufacturers

I checked the following well-known manufacturers of 15mm WWII miniatures for LVTs and other amphibious vehicles, and found none:

- Flames of War
- Peter Pig
- Quick Reaction Force
- True North

If anyone knows of another manufacturer of 15mm LVTs or amphibious vehicles, please let me know, and I will update this document with the relevant information.

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Production Numbers & Pacific Theater Use

Model	Built	Distribution & Use	Production Data
LVT-1	1,225	540 USMC, 485 US Army, 200 Allies First used on Guadalcanal (Aug 1942) but only to ferry supplies. Also used on Bougainville (Nov 1943), Tarawa (Nov 1943) and New Britain (Dec 1943).	72 (1941), 851 (1942), 302 (1943)
LVT-2	2,962	1,355 USMC, 1,507 US Army, 100 Allies First used on Tarawa (Nov 1943). Also used on New Britain (Dec 1943), Kwajalein (Feb 1944), Eniwetok (Feb 1944), Saipan (Jun 1944), Guam (Jul 1944), Tinian (Jul 1944), Peleliu (Sep 1944), Iwo Jima (Feb 1945) and Okinawa (Apr 1945).	1,540 (1943), 1,422 (1944)
LVT-3 *	2,964	2,962 USMC First (and only use) on Okinawa (Apr 1945).	1 (1943), 733 (1944), 2,230 (1945)
LVT-4	8,351	1,765 USMC, 6,086 US Army, 500 Allies First used on Saipan (Jun 1944). Also used on Guam (Jul 1944), Tinian (Jul 1944), Peleliu (Sep 1944), Philippines (Oct 1944), Iwo Jima (Feb 1945) and Okinawa (Apr 1945).	11 (1943), 4,980 (1944), 3,360 (1945)
LVT (A)-1	510	182 USMC, 328 US Army First used on Kwajalein (Feb 1944). Also used on Eniwetok (Feb 1944), Saipan (Jun 1944), Guam (Jul 1944), Tinian (Jul 1944), Peleliu (Sep 1944) and Okinawa (Apr 1945).	3 (1942), 288 (1943), 219 (1944)
LVT (A)-2 **	450	450 US Army First used on New Britain (Dec 1943). Also used on Kwajalein (Feb 1944), Iwo Jima (Feb 1945) and Okinawa (Apr 1945). Essentially an armored version of the LVT-2, with minor differences to the cab area. In addition, over 1,000 of the LVT-2s listed above (those built starting in March 1944) were assembled using the armored cab specifications, giving them an appearance similar to the LVT (A)-2, but they were not given the official (A) designation.	200 (1943), 250 (1944)
LVT (A)-4 ***	1,890	533 USMC, 1,307 US Army, 50 Allies First used on Saipan (Jun 1944). Also used on Guam (Jul 1944), Tinian (Jul 1944), Peleliu (Sep 1944), Iwo Jima (Feb 1945), and Okinawa (Apr 1945).	1,489 (1944), 401 (1945)

* For a number of reasons, this craft was not available for combat use until the invasion of Okinawa in April 1945.

** I have been unable to find anyone who makes an LVT (A)-2 model in 15mm. The main differences between the LVT-2 and the LVT (A)-2 (for those who wish to modify the former and create the later) are as follows:

- ~ Replace the clear Plexiglas driver window on the front with slightly raised armored hatches
- ~ Add slightly raised armored hatches on the roof in line with the front windows for the driver and radio operator
- ~ Remove the radio operator front window entirely
- ~ Remove the small side Plexiglas windows entirely

*** Early models proved to be vulnerable to enemy close assaults due to a lack of machineguns. After Tinian (Jul 1944) the LCT (A)-4 was modified from a single .50 MG (with no shield) located at the rear of the open turret (in a ring), to having two .30 MGs, one on each side of the turret (each with an armored shield). A third .30 MG was added in a ball mount in the hull. This revision was known as the "Marianas Model", and would be seen in battles after Tinian.

Note: The Game Models and Quality Casting figures are the early version of the LVT (A)-4, while the Command Decision figure is the Marianas Model.

OTHER AMPHIBIOUS VEHICLES

15mm Miniatures

Command Decision



DUKW Amphibious Lorries ~ (CD-228) (x3 = \$14.39)



Amphib Jeep (Seep) ~ (CD-230) (x4 = \$8.40)

Game Models

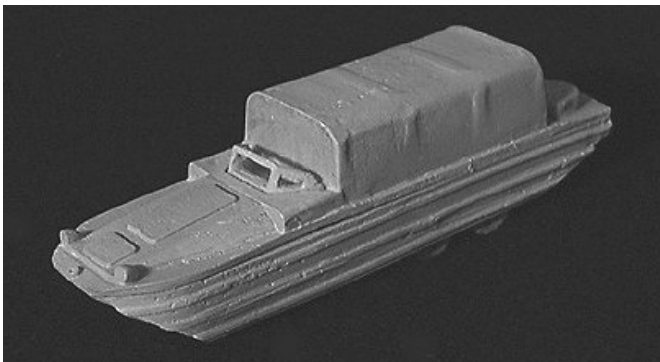


DUKW wheeled, open or canvas covered (x1 = \$4)



DUKW waterline, open or canvas covered (x1 = \$4)

Quality Casting



DUKW ~ (Q-6023) (x1 = \$8.54)



Amphib Jeep (listed as Quack) ~ (Q-6013) (x2 = \$8.54)



M29C Weasel ~ (Q-6013) (x1 = \$8.54)

OTHER AMPHIBIOUS VEHICLES

Production Numbers & Pacific Theater Use

Model	Built	Distribution & Use	Production Data
DUKW	21,200	Unknown, though Britain received 3,240 First used in Europe at Sicily (Jul 1943) First used in combat in the Pacific at Bougainville (Nov 1943). Also used on Kwajalein (Feb 1944), Eniwetok (Feb 1944), Saipan (Jun 1944), Guam (Jul 1944), Tinian (Jul 1944), Peleliu (Sep 1944), Philippines (Oct 1944), Iwo Jima (Feb 1945) and Okinawa (Apr 1945).	4,508 (1943), 11,316 (1944), 5,376 (1945)
Ford GPA "Seep"	12,778	(distribution unknown) (usage unknown) The Ford 1/4 ton GPA, also known as the Seagoing Jeep or "Seep" was shipped in small quantities to Europe and the Pacific. Initial combat use showed the vehicle to be too slow and heavy on land, and too small to be a good boat in open water. Its low freeboard meant the Seep would swamp and capsize in rough waters. The Seep's intended objective: to ferry soldiers to and from ships off-shore, and haul cargo up the beach and continue inland, was therefore not met. Most of these vehicles ended up being shipped to Russia. They were quite pleased with the Seeps ability to cross rivers and inland waters, and put the vehicles to good use.	12,778 between April 1942 and June 1943
M29C Water Weasel	8,000	(distribution unknown) (usage unknown) An amphibious version of the M29 Weasel, originally designed in 1943 for the planned invasion of Norway. Used more extensively in the European theater, they were not commonly found in the Pacific until Iwo Jima (Feb 1945).	About 8,000 between 1943 and 1945

Some Sources:

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 US Amtracs and Amphibians at War 1941-45, Concord Publications (S. Zaloga).
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 US Marine Corps PTO 1943-44, Osprey Battle Orders #7 (G. Rottman).
 US Marine Corps PTO 1944-45, Osprey Battle Orders #8 (G. Rottman).
 Encyclopedia of Weapons of World War II (C. Bishop)
 Jane's World War II Tanks and Fighting Vehicles, The Complete Guide (L. Ness) (Production Numbers)