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1914-1938 Armored Fighting Vehicles (AFV Plans)



Synopsis

George Bradford's latest collection of scale drawings of armored fighting vehicles focuses on the years from World War I to the eve of World War II, a period of fast-paced AFV development around the world. The volume is filled with detailed diagrams of more than 100 vehicles from Britain, Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Poland, Romania, the Soviet Union, and the United States, including: Whippet medium tank (Britain) Renault R35 light tank (France) Panzer I light tank (Germany) T-35 multiturreted tank (Soviet Union) T3 Christie tank (United States) And many more . . .

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Customer Reviews

I love these books and will keep buying them. 1914-1938 contains mostly 1:35 scale drawings with some 1:48 and one 1:72 (Char 2C) for large vehicles. I almost took a star away because this book, covering WWI through pre-WWII, contains a large number of duplicate drawings from his WWII books. Without counting and comparing, I'd guess 2/3 of the drawings have appeared in his other books. That said, this book is still worth every penny, even if you've bought all of Bradford's previous works.

I have followed George Bradford's work since 1964 and he has always come up with an excellent product. These plans originated in a series, by country in 1/35 and 1/48 scale, of popular armored fighting vehicles (AFVs) that he sold on his web site. They complement the standard reference texts in the field that provide the technical and operational details of AFVs. Since the Bellona series stopped production years ago these are the best available resource for military

modelers other than articles specifically written on a particular vehicle. What I found particularly useful is that he covers subjects that are obscure or have been overlooked in the normal study of AFVs. This opinion applies to the entire series that has been published.

A rather unique resource for those interested in pre WWII armor. Excellent drawings and supplemental info. I appreciate the coverage of several countries efforts in the early development of armor rather than the usual focus on the "major" players.

This book is a comprehensive display of armored fighting vehicles from the first armored cars to the advanced tank prototypes just before WWII. It starts with the Rolls-Royce and Minerva Armored Cars by Britain and Belgium respectively. This edition ends with the some of the AFVs that would go on to be key players in WWII like the German Panzer IV Ausf. A and British A13 Cruiser tank. The book starts with an introduction that explains the drawings and range of vehicles covered. There is also a page showing the scale conversions necessary to either enlarge or decrease the size of the illustrations for easy model-building. Each page shows a different vehicle in crisp 3 or 4 view drawings along with the scale they are drawn in and has a scale ruler on it. The drawings are very nice and show the front, rear, top, and at least one side of each vehicle. Variations on the basic design that led to different marks are also illustrated as insets on the same page as the vehicle. Also, areas that are obscured by parts of the vehicle are shown in detailed insets on the page. The range of vehicles covered varies from common ones like the British Mk IV tanks, US M1917 6-ton tank, and Czech LT vz. 38 light tank to lesser known vehicles like the German Gepanzerter Kraftwagen Sd.Kfz 3 armored car. The vehicles are easily grouped by year as well. Highly recommended for modelers and armor enthusiasts alike.

These diagrams of pre-WWII vehicles are well done as per the other books in the series. This one includes tanks, self-propelled guns, armored cars and tractors both well known and some not so well known. The vehicles are primarily North American (USA & Canada) and European, although Japan is represented. My only complaint is that the vehicles are organized by year rather than nationality. Nevertheless, modelers and tank buffs will find this a valuable guide and I am quite pleased to have it in my collection.

This book is what it is. For the serious student of Armor Fighting Vehicles, it is not. Exterior graphical representations to scale for modelers, it is. It could be an expensive coloring book. There

are no interior depictions or technical data on the vehicles displayed. For what it is, however, I am sure that it is quite good

Now this is a very unusual book as it covers an era mostly neglected by most authors. I have not seen many drawings available for this era and I really enjoyed looking at all the drawings, makes me want to model all of them.

My son, who builds models, asked for every title in this series. This is the newest and I found out about it just in time for his birthday. The only way these could be better is if some of the pages were in color.

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