



LEOPARD 1A3-A4

1/72nd Scale

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1/72ème Echelle

West German Leopard A4 Main Battle Tank

The Leopard A4 is the latest version of the Leopard, starting with the A1. It is the first German tank since WWII. It is also one of the most formidable tanks in the NATO Alliance. Fitted with a 105mm main gun which is interfaced with a computerized fire control system and split image range finder, it features the latest battlefield technology. One of its unique features is the double-walled "spaced" armor used in the turret making it highly resistant to armor piercing offensive weapons. Besides the main gun, the Leopard is armed with two 7.62 mm machine guns on top of the turret and eight smoke dischargers, four per side of the turret. It is powered by a Daimler-Benz MB 838 diesel engine and has a crew of 4. Its combat weight is 41 tons, length overall with the gun forward is 31.3 feet, the hull length is 23.26 feet, it is 10.66 feet wide and 9.18 feet tall. Ground clearance is 1.48 feet, the tracks are 1.8 feet wide. It has a combat range of 311 miles and a maximum road speed of 40 MPH.

Its main structure is shared with its two sister vehicles, the Flankpanzer Gepard with twin anti-aircraft guns and the Marder. These lead West Germany's mechanized ground forces in the NATO Alliance and help the balance of power against the Warsaw Pact. The Leopard 1A3-A4 is a prime example of the modern mechanized army.

Le tank de combat principal allemand: Leopard A4

Le Léopard A4 est la dernière version du Léopard, commençant par le A1. C'est le premier tank allemand depuis la deuxième guerre mondiale. C'est aussi un des tanks les plus redoutables dans l'Alliance avec l'OTAN. Equipé d'un fusil principal de 105mm comprenant un système de contrôle de tir géré par ordinateur et un chercheur double d'image de portée, il présente la dernière technologie de combat. Une de ses caractéristiques est le blindage à double murs "espace", utilisé pour la tourelle, la rendant ainsi très résistante aux armes offensives capables de percer le blindage. À part le fusil principal le Léopard est armé de 2 mitrailleuses 7.62mm au sommet de la tourelle et de huit émetteurs de fumée, quatre sur chaque côté de la tourelle. Il fonctionne avec un moteur diesel Daimler-Benz MB 838 et a un équipage

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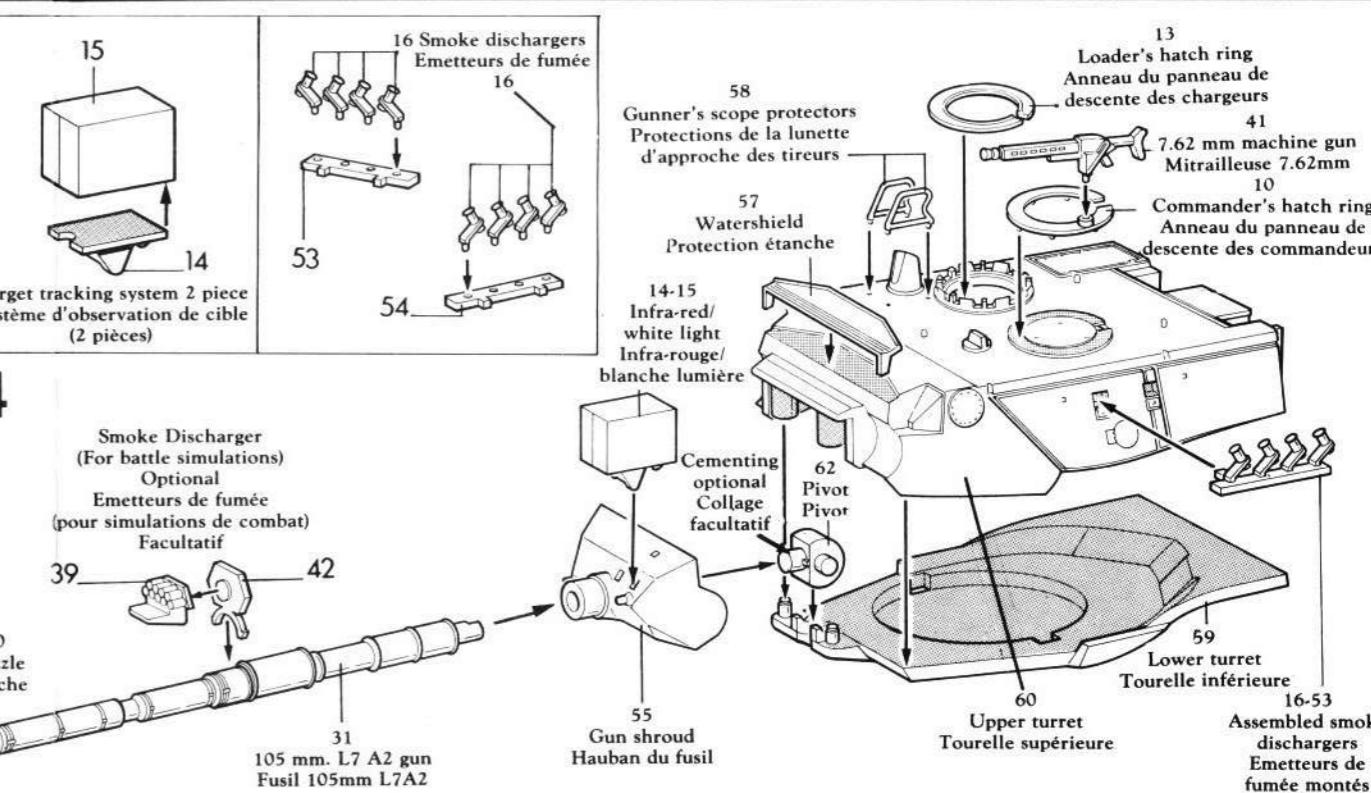
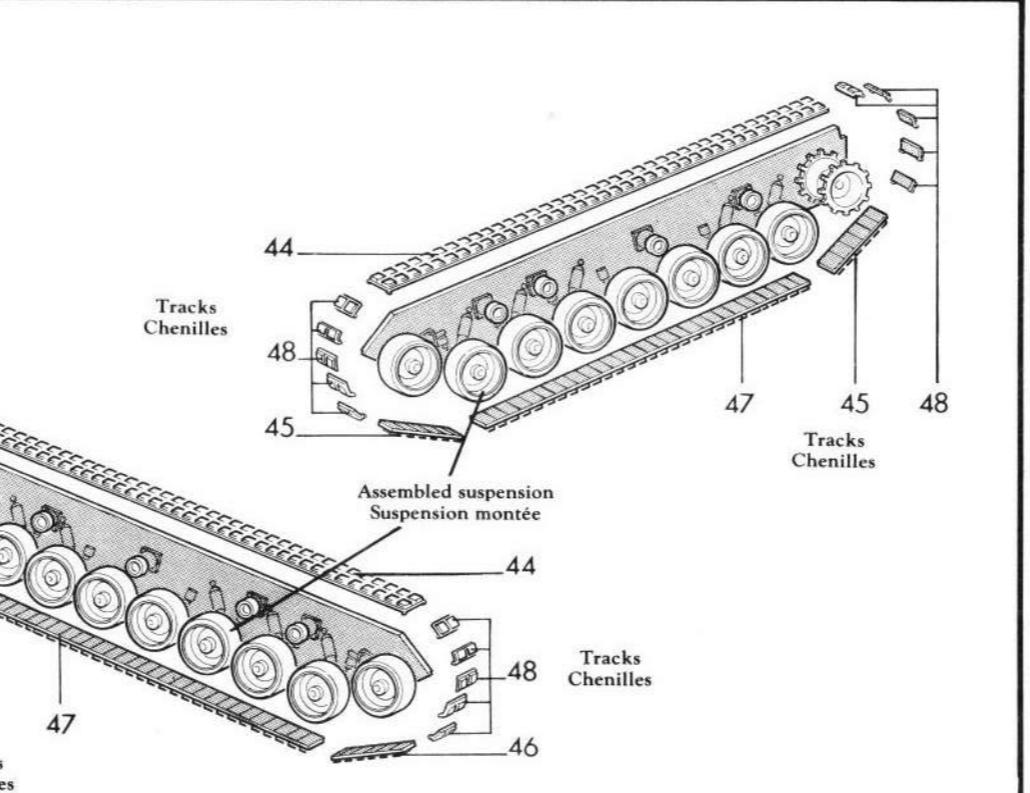
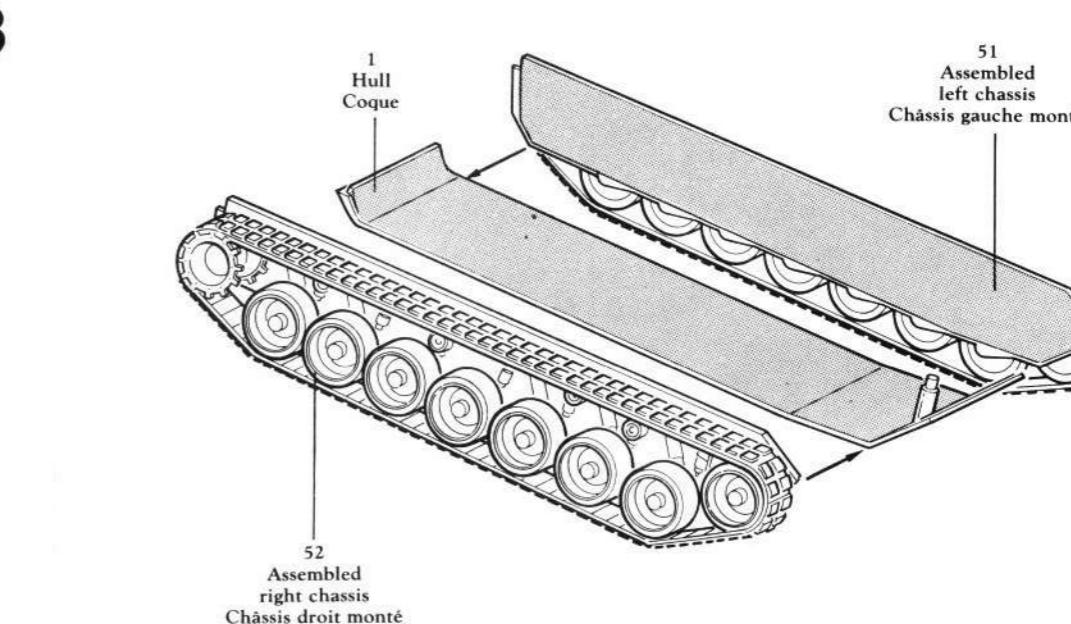
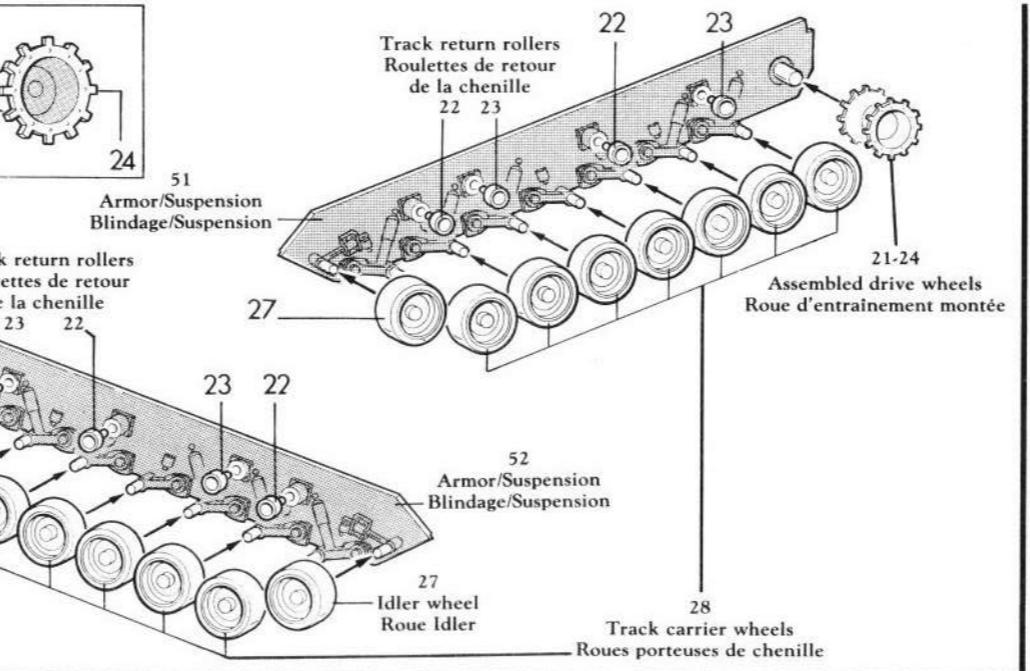
Before starting to assemble the model, carefully examine the various assembly steps indicated in the directions. A) Carefully remove the parts from the sprues using a sharp hobby knife. B) Eliminate any burrs, check the fit of each piece before cementing in place. Before assembly, paint any internal parts of the model or parts which are difficult to get at once assembly has been made. Always follow the assembly order indicated on the sheet and, in the case of alternative parts which make it possible to obtain different versions, always choose the version you prefer before assembly.

STEPS TO FOLLOW IN ATTACHING THE DECALS PROPERLY.

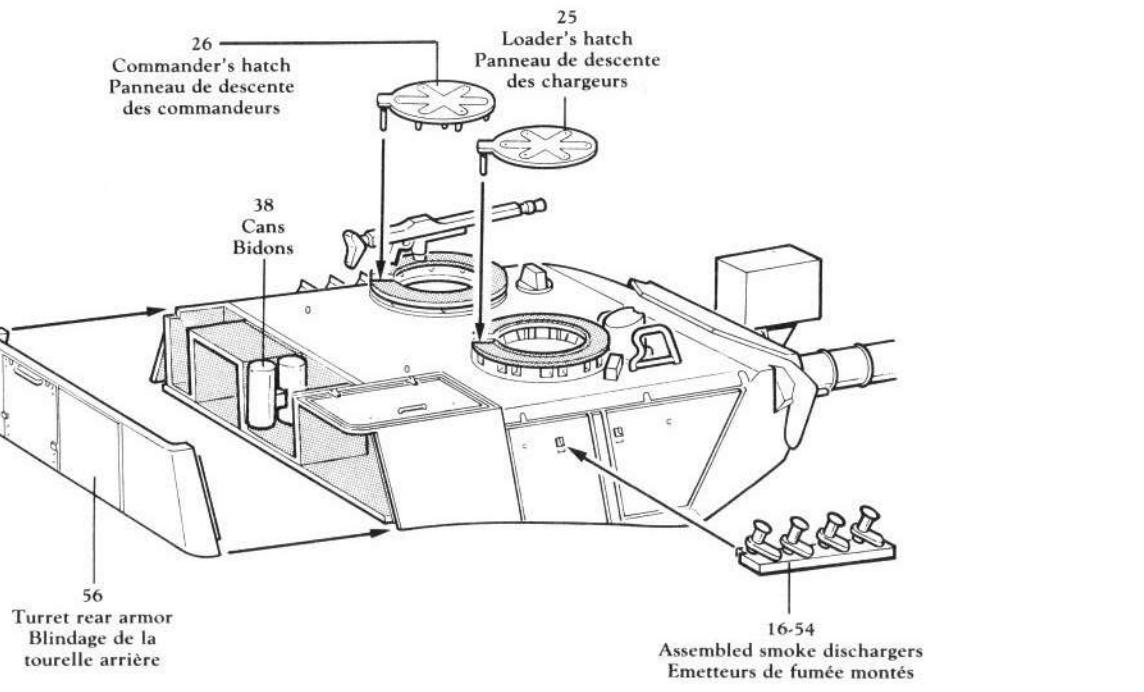
1) Cut out the subject you have chosen, being very careful to clip along its outlines so as not to leave any ragged edges. 2) Soak it for a few seconds in warm water. 3) Carefully separate it from its backing. 4) Place the decal on the model. Remove all drops of water with a dry cloth. Any air bubbles which may have formed can be removed by gently squeezing them out to the edges of the decal.

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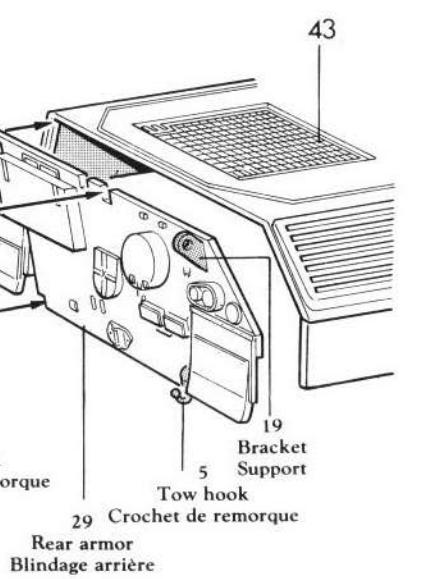
1) Découper le sujet choisi en veillant à bien suivre le contour extérieur pour ne pas laisser de bords mal finis. 2) Le tremper pendant quelques secondes dans de l'eau tiède. 3) Le détacher avec soin du support. 4) Placer les décalcomanies sur le modèle réduit. Enlever toutes les gouttes d'eau avec un chiffon sec. On peut éliminer toutes les bulles d'air qui ont pu se former en appuyant doucement et en chassant l'air par les bords du décalcomanie.



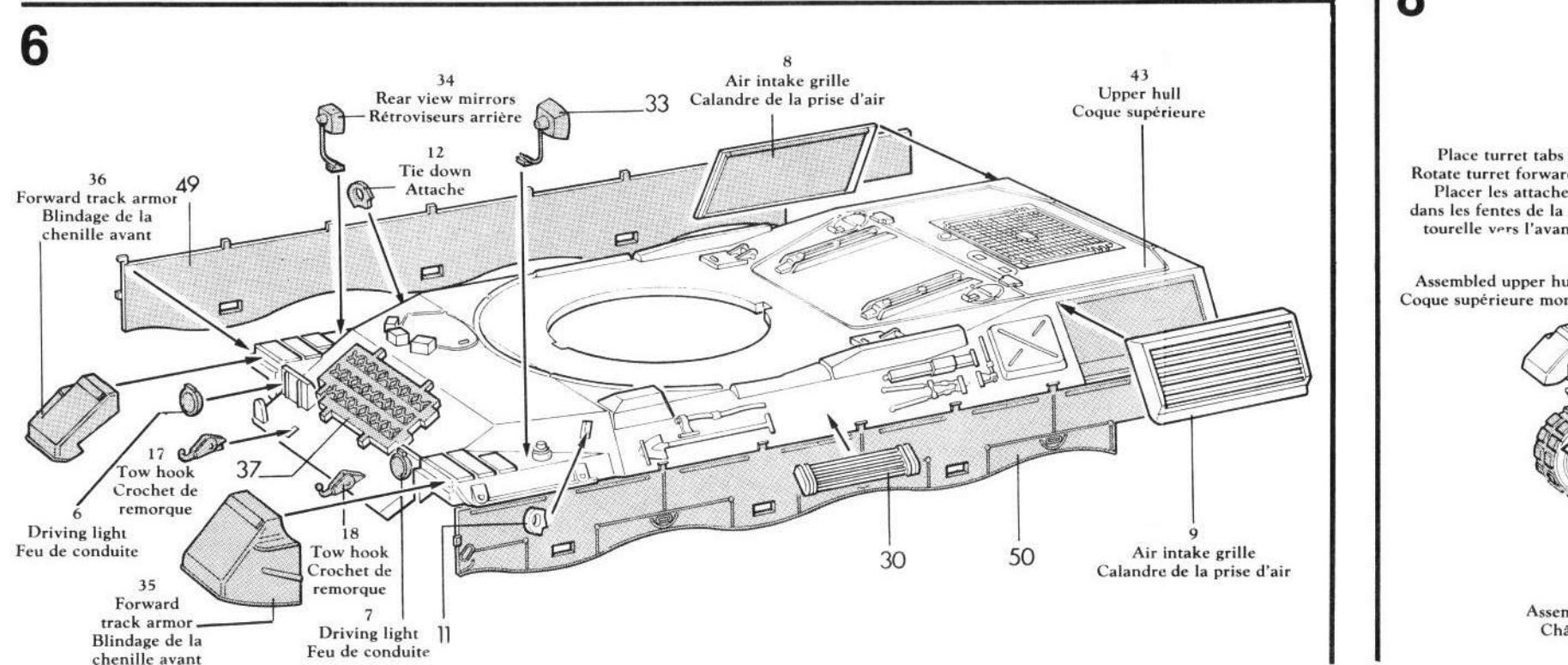
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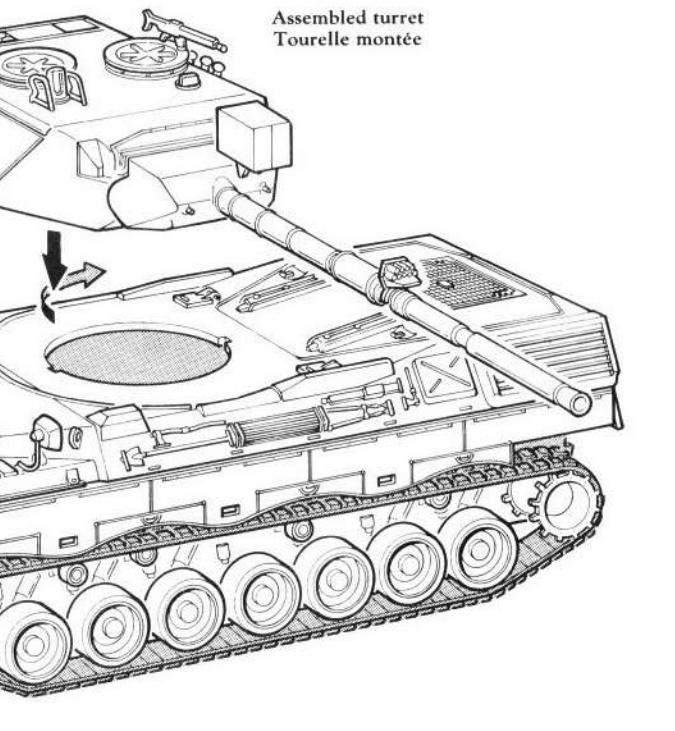
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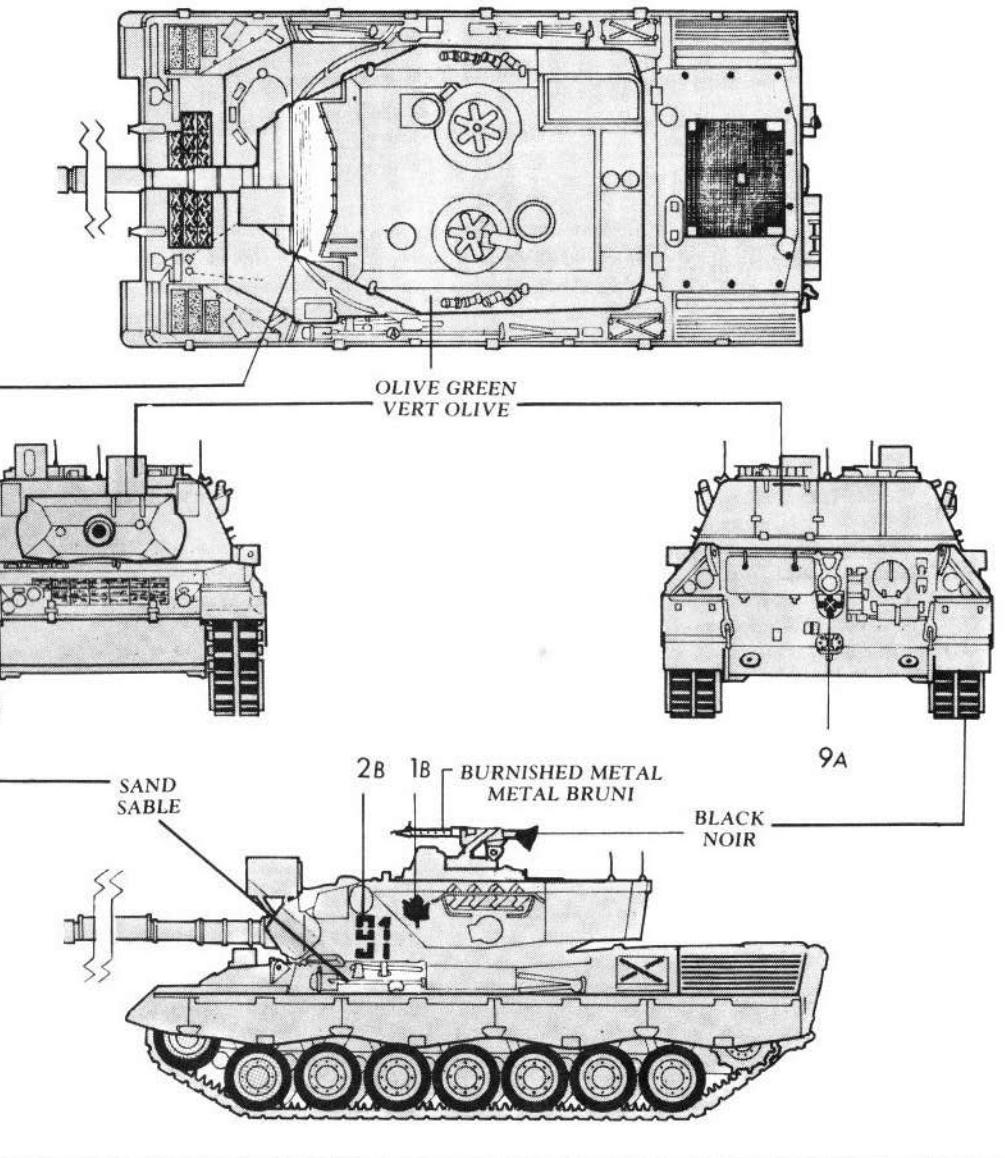
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