



WAY AHEAD FOR MBT's

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Areas of Responsibility

- **ALTAY MBT – Serial Production**
- **MBT Modernization Projects**
- **Active Protection Systems**
- **Bridging Systems**
- **Support International Cooperation**



Do tanks still have a place in modern warfare?



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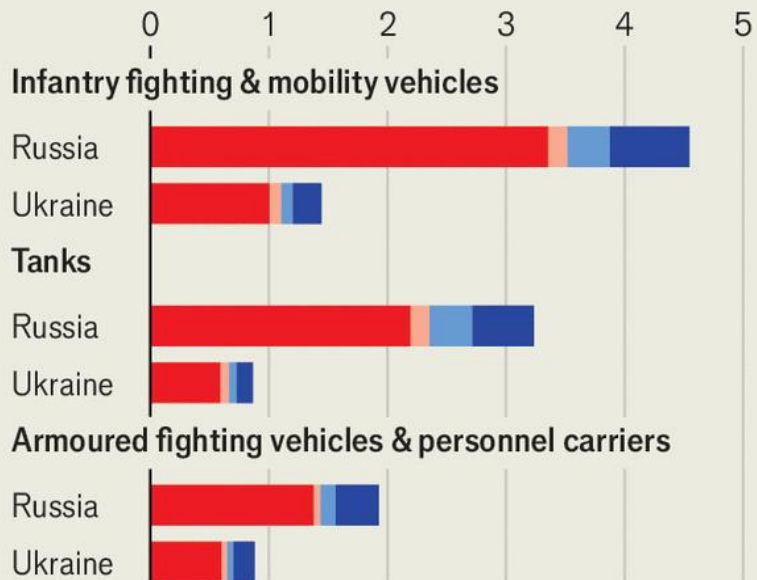
Equipment Losses

A high price to pay

Equipment losses in Ukraine war, '000

Feb 24th 2022-Jul 17th 2024

■ Destroyed
 ■ Damaged
 ■ Abandoned
 ■ Captured



Source: Oryx



Tank Hunters



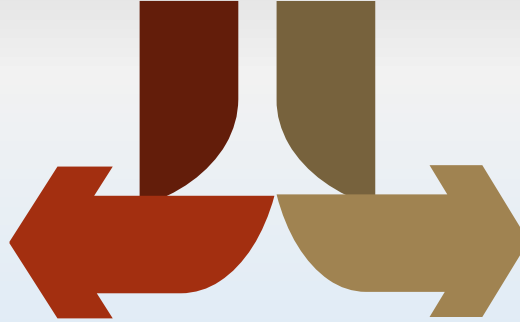
- Precision guided munitions fired from long range
- Anti-tank Helicopter
- Fixed Wing Attack
- UAV's
- Portable AT systems fired from short-range



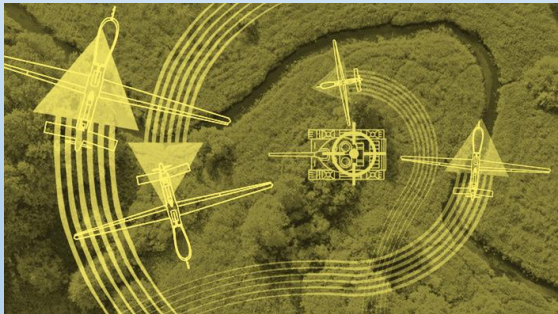
Battlefield Gone Under Metamorphosis



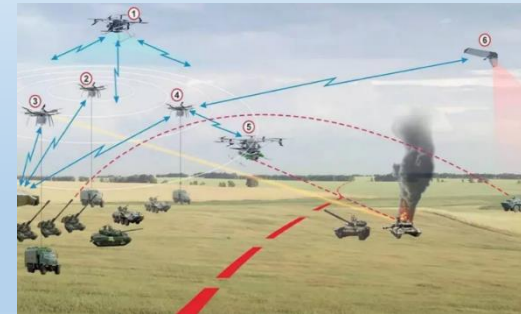
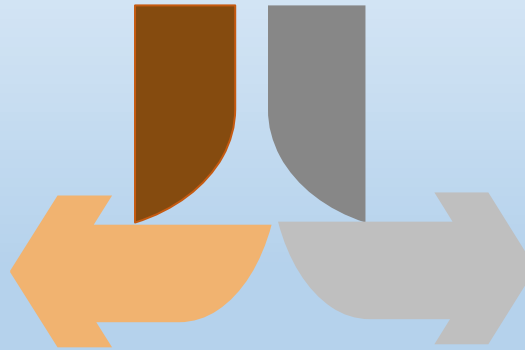
Asymmetric
warfare



Urban Warfare

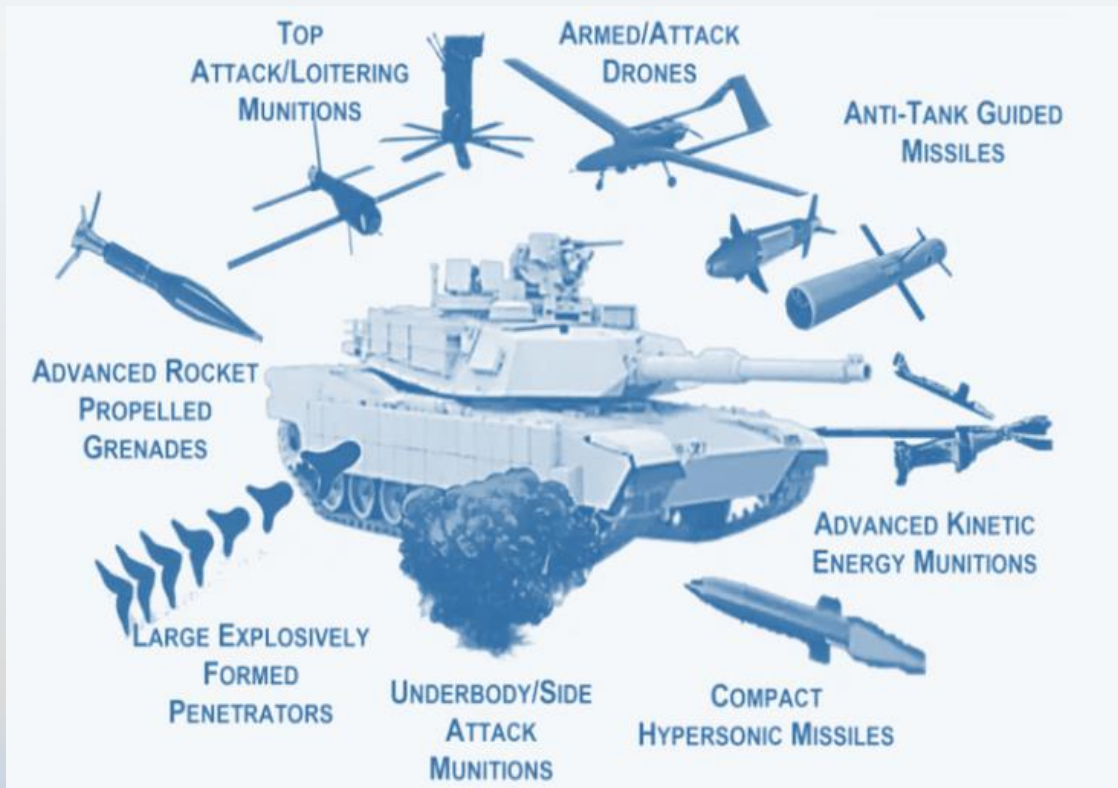


Drones



Network Centric Warfare

How to Encounter the Threats? Adding More Armor?



Design Options Triangle



Payload



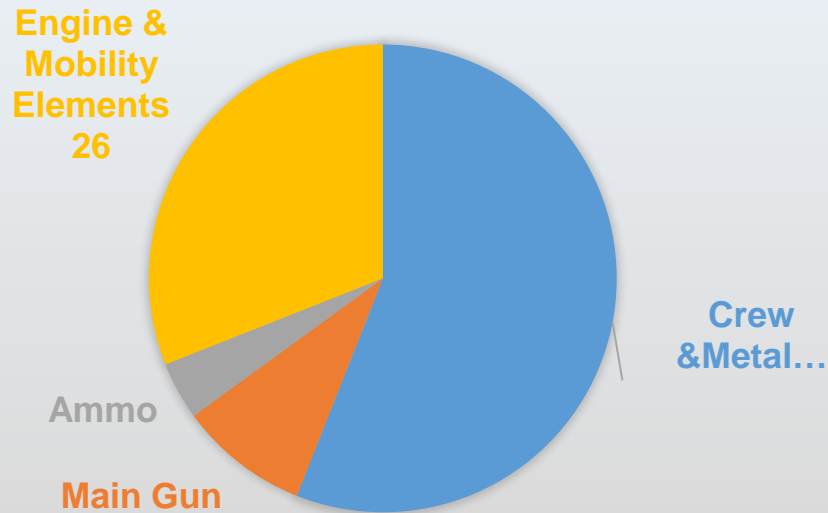
Mobility

Armor Protection

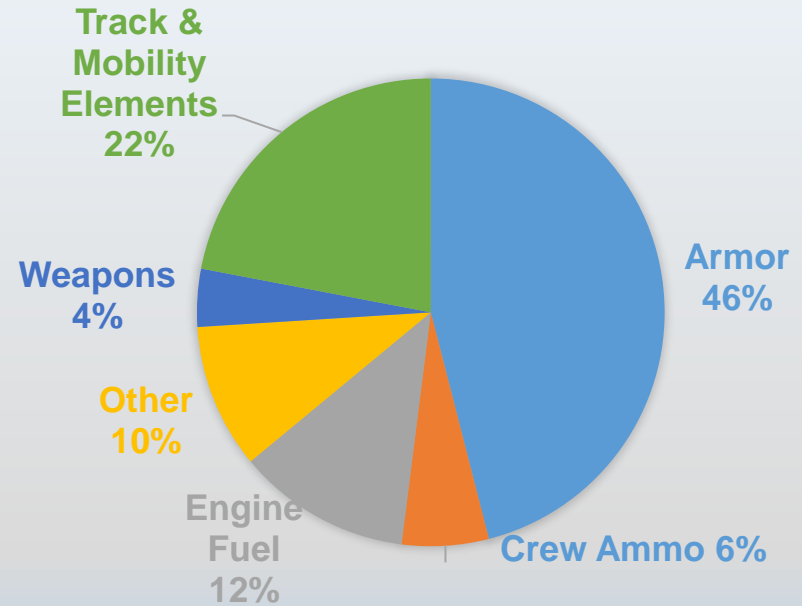


MBT Volume / Weight Analysis

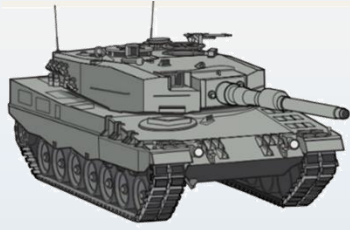
DISTRIBUTION OF VOLUME MBTS



DISTRIBUTION OF WEIGHT MBTS



Weight Increase - Leopard Tanks



Leopard 2A4 (1985)

Selected features

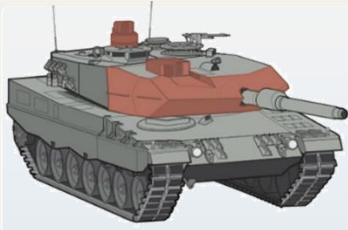
- 55 tonnes

Firepower:

- Fully digital fire-control system

Protection:

- Improved composite armour in hull and turret



Leopard 2A5 (1995)

Selected features

- 62.5 tonnes

Firepower:

- Improved fire-control system and fully-electric turret drives
- Improved commander's periscope with integrated thermal imaging

Protection:

- Additional spaced armour modules fitted to turret front



Leopard 2A6 (2001)

Selected features

- 62.5 tonnes

Firepower:

- Improved RH 120 L/55 120mm smoothbore gun enabling improved muzzle velocity



Leopard 2A7 (2014)

Selected features

- 64.5 tonnes

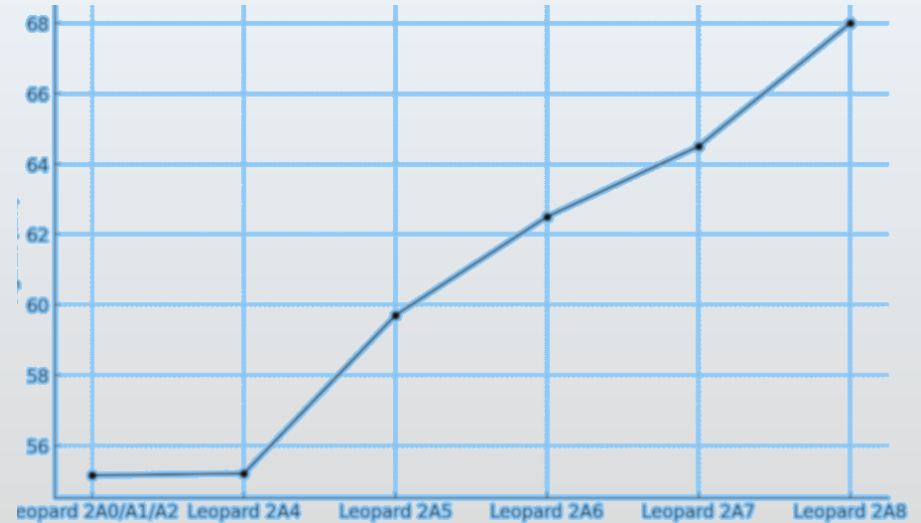
- Fitted with an auxiliary power unit which allows major systems to be operated when the engine is off

Firepower:

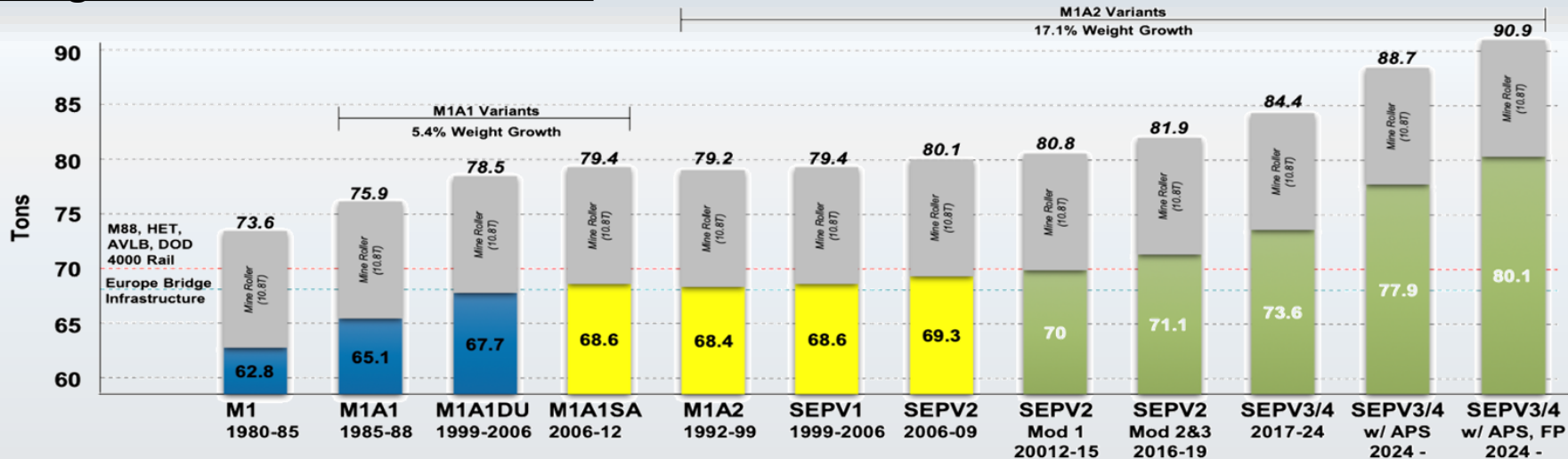
- Improved fire-control system with data-link allowing the use of programmable rounds
- Improved commander's thermal optics

Protection:

- Mounting points for additional side armour
- Fitted with additional belly armour



Weight Increase - American Tanks



Weight Problems (More ...)



Decreased Mobility

Problematic Logistics



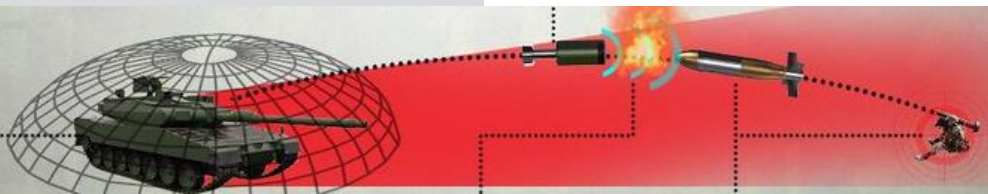
Complicated Use / Excessive Training Needs

Troublesome Transportation



Don't Wanna Be too heavy but safe? → Hybrid Protection

A strong alliance of hybrid protection?

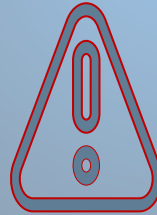
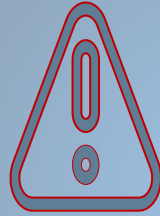


You have to step there, but fasten your active protection.

Air Domination has become so costly and hard to achieve cos of air denial assets and increased EW abilities



The Sole way of extending decisive firepower on adversary came to be Artillery and **Armored Platforms**



Sole Armor & Soft Kill solutions is not very effective against Anti Tank Threats on the battlefield

Top Attack and Flyover Anti Tank threats has proliferated in an unprecedented manner. Only remedy for such threats are Active Protection Systems incorporating Hard Kill abilities

PULAT Active Protection System

Stand Alone

Modular
Distributed



Compatible with
both legacy and
new generation
armoured platforms

360° Protection
against both AT &
ATGMs

AKKOR Active Protection System

Hard kill & soft kill
integrated active
protection suite

Fly-over, Top-
attack, ATR &
ATGMs



Boosted
situational
awareness

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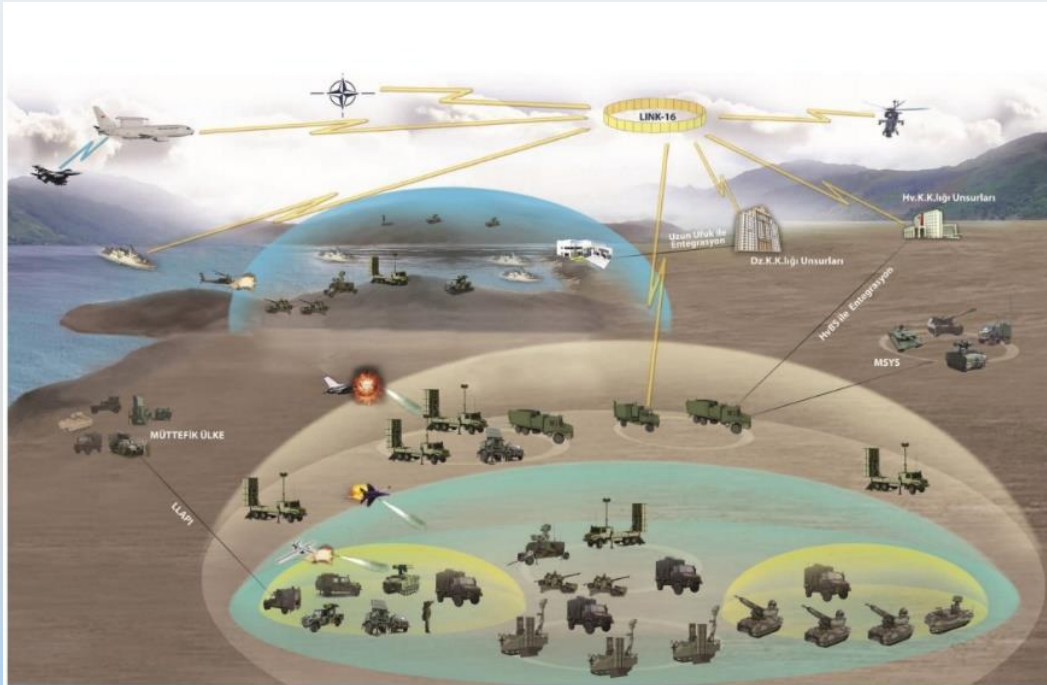


Tank needs teammates. Joint Operations !

Tanks supported by UAV's
Howitzers
Tank Camouflage
Anti Air Support

Readies the battleground for MBT's to
show their skills

Azerbaijan- Armenia Conflict



Tank needs electronics. Situational Awareness!



Enhanced Situational Awareness
Enhanced Active Protection Systems
complying with Urban Warfare
Strong Coordination - Infantry Troops

Helps MBT's to survive and Show skill
in urban warfare

Israel – Hamas Conflict

Tank needs protection on the top. !

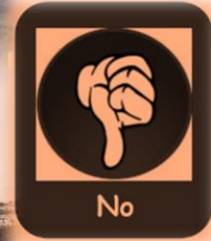


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Then How Tanks May Survive Against the Threats?

Weight / Size
Decrease !

Joint Operation is
the key !!

Tanks should defend
themselves from new
generation threats !!!

(UAV, AT, Loitering
Munition)

Heat Mark -
Camouflage +
Hard to be spotted !!!!

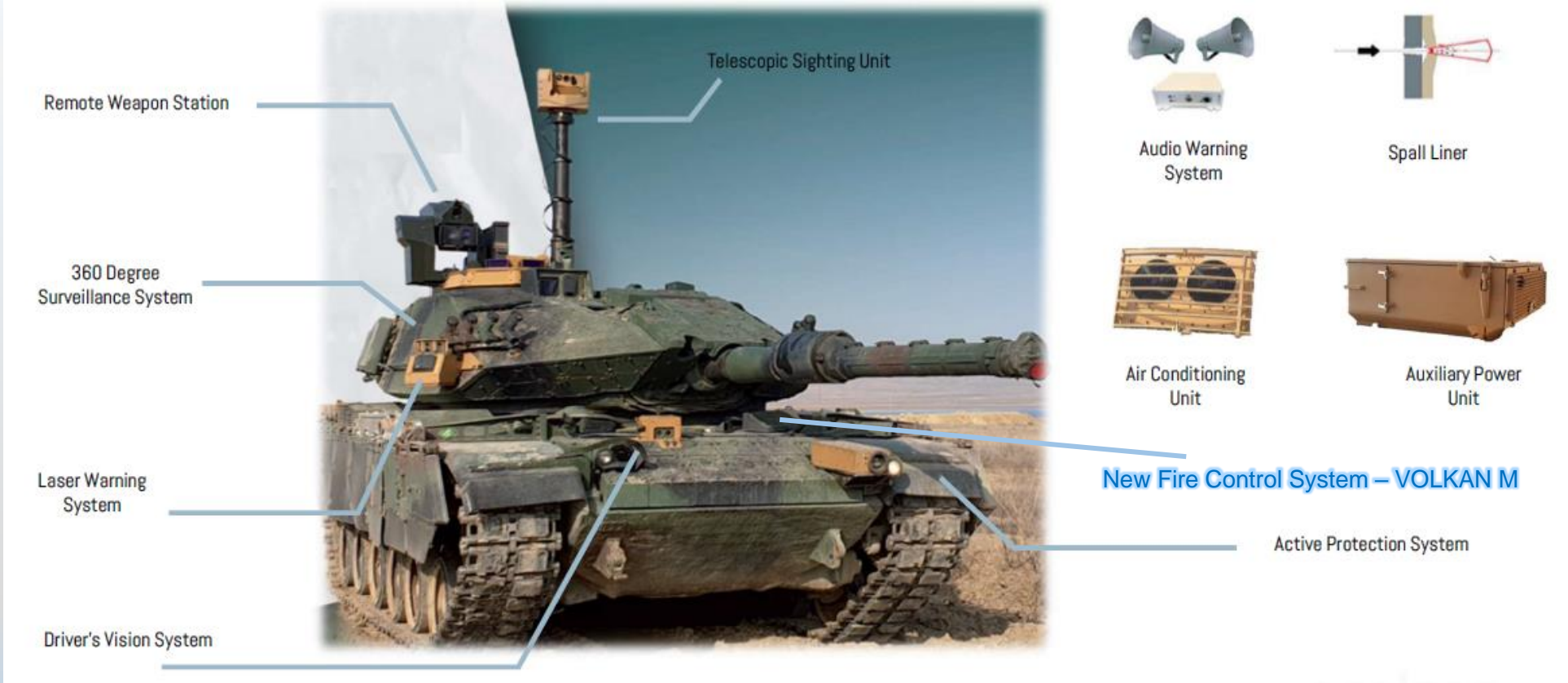
Cost of tanks
Cost of Tank Ammo
MUST BE
DECREASED !!!!!

Modernization Projects Feeding on New Platform Development

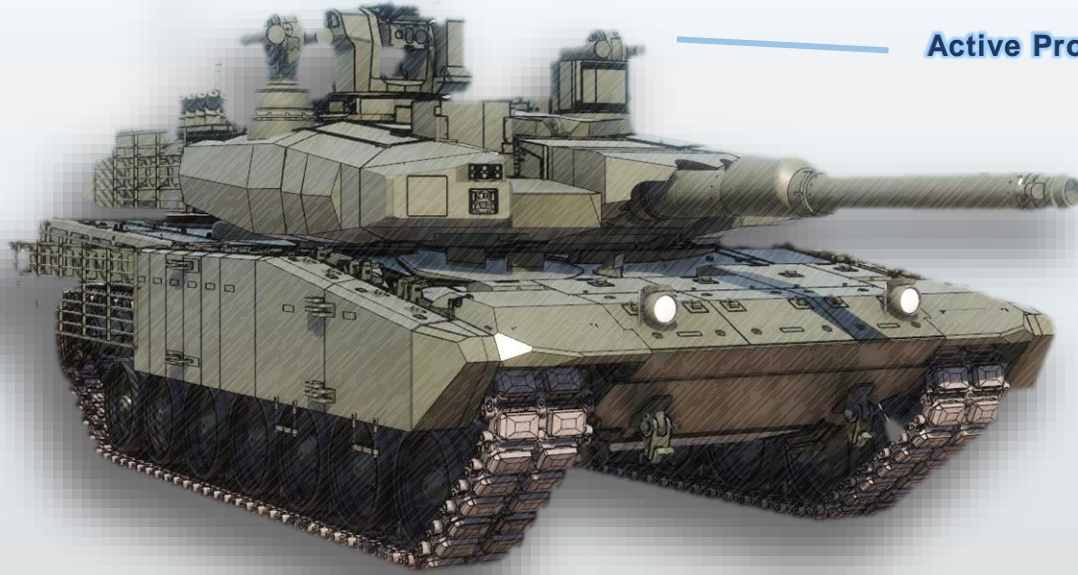


- Modernization Programs Led New Techs
- Feedback From The Battlefield
- Opportunity To Try / Operate ALTAY Subsystems On Legacy Platforms
- Increased Operational Capability

M60 Tank Modernization Program



Leopard 2A4 Modernization Program



Active Protection System – AKKOR



Remote Controlled
Weapon Station



Add-On Armour



Electrical Gun &
Turret Drives



Digital Radios



Intercommunication
System



Next Generation Fire
Control System



Laser Warning
System



Driver Vision System



Battlefield Management
System (C4I)

T72 Modernization Project for Kazakhstan

ASELSAN integrated ASELSAN subsystems and successfully finalized modernization of T-72A and T-72B series tanks.

Talks are ongoing for serial production phase to upgrade the rest of the fleet.



Remote Weapon Station



Digital Radios



Intercommunication System



Driver Vision System



Fire Control System

T85 Modernization Project

- Turkish industry has broad experience on different type of legacy platforms (Leopard 1&2, M60 Series, T Series)
- Fire Control System for Soviet Tanks (TR-85 included) was first morphed from ASELSAN background info of Fire Control Systems, tested on T-72A and compatible with all T series tanks.
- All mission systems that are offered to TR-85 have modular system architecture and can easily be adapted to T Series tanks.





ALTAY MBT

Discover latest variant of Turkish-made Altay MBT Main Battle Tank

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Turkish Army Receives Upgraded Domestically Built Altay Main Battle Tank for Trials

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Turkish 'fire and move' main battle tanks to the test range

By Boyko Nikolov — On Apr 23, 2023

Turkey: A New Turkish Tank, Yeni Altay

27 June 2023

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Turkish Armed Forces receives its first Altay tanks

by Ganimat Kaur Sidhu



The TSK received its first two Altay MBTs for testing from BMC during a ceremony at the manufacturer's plant at the Turkish Ministry of National Defense's Arifiye Campus on 23 April, in the presence of President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan.

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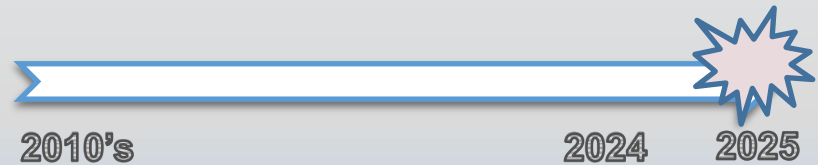


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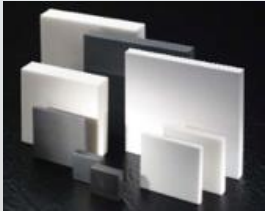


FEATURES

- Intimidating Firepower
- Hybrid Protection and Flawless Survivability
- Perfect Maneuverability in its class
- Advanced Electronics
- Supplementary Subsystems



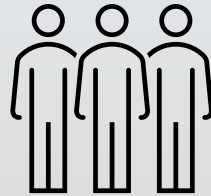
ALTAY



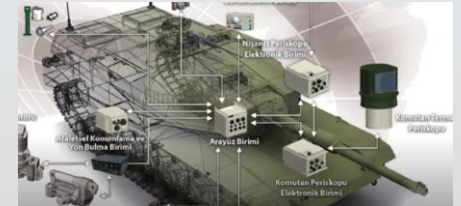
CERAMICS



APS



EMBEDDED TRAINING SIMULATORS



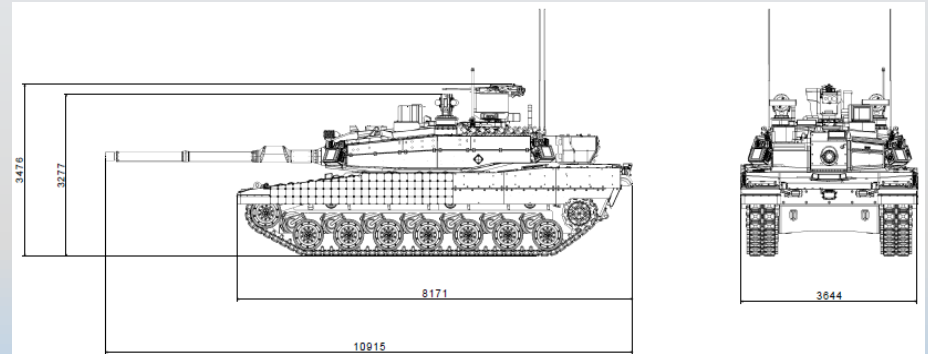
FIRE CONTROL VOLKAN2

ALTAY



- Highest protection level with the lightest solution to withstand the latest CE and KE threats by considering crew protection as a priority.
- Composed of RHA steel hull and turret structures with welded composite armour and add-on ERA packages

DESCRIPTION	VALUE
Personnel Number	4 (commander, gunner, ammo loader, driver)
Combat Weight	70 tons MLC
Engine	1500 HP
Transmission	Automatic HiTech Transmission



ALTAY

- VULNERABILITY
- Indigenous Armor Package
- Composit , Reactive, Slat Armor Solutions
- Spalliners
- Active Protection System
- IFF
- Fire Extinguishing
- Nuclear Chemical Threat Warning Systems



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FIRE POWER

- 120 mm L55 Smoothbore Maingun
- Ability to fire Laser Guided Missiles
- Excellent Stabilization with state of the art VOLKAN 2 FCS
- TV/Thermal
- Electric Driven Turret



ENGINE

12 Cyl, 1500 hp Engine

TRANSMISSION

Automatic 5 Forward 3 Reverse

SUSPENSION

ISU Suspension Unit – Elec Controlled

OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

+52 °C / -32 °C

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ALTAY

- OTOKAR A.Ş. Phase-1 Protoype Production & Qualification
- BMC 250 First Set
- More MBT's Not Yet Contracted
- ALTAY Family – Not Yet Contracted
- ALTAY T3
 - **Concept Studies**
 - **Configuration Definition**
 - **Preliminary Design**
 - **Capability Demonstration Prototype**



Tank Logistics : Wet Gap Crossing Program

OTTER – The older platform features

- Current Speeds of up to 3 m/s
- Speed on Water 10 km ph
- Operation time without refueling minimum 6+h
- Retracted wheels and axel in water



Tank Logistics : Enhanced Wet Gap Crossing Platform Program



9 AAAB set a 110 m
bridge in 17,36 min



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"İstiklal ve İstikbalimiz için"



