

## British Tank A Codes

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### British Tank "A" Code list

Here is a list of each tank that was assigned an "A" code and a brief description of the tank.

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Description
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	A.1.	1926
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"Independent" Vickers, 29 tons
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	A.2.E1	1924	Medium Tank Vickers Mk I
	A.3.E2	1925	3 Man Tank
	A.4.	1929	Vickers "Carden-Loyd" light tank
	A.5.	1928	Vickers "Carden-Loyd" 3 man light tank, 5 tons
	A.6.E1-E3	1928	Experimental 16 ton tanks, pilots of Medium Mk.III, designed by Vickers
	A.7.E1-E3	1929-31	Experimental Medium Tanks, 14-18 tons, 14mm Armour, built by R.O.F.
	A.8.	1934-7	Experimental Medium Tank, Vickers, 17.5 tons - never completed
	A.9.	1935	Cruiser Tank Mk.I
	A.10.	1935-36	Cruiser Tank Mk.II
	A.11	1936-38	Infantry Tank Mk.I (Matilda)
	A.12	1939	Infantry Tank Mk.II (Matilda II)
	A.13.Mk I	1937	Cruiser Tank Mk.III
	A.13.Mk II	1937	Cruiser Tank Mk.IV
	A.13.Mk III	1937	Cruiser Tank Mk.V (Covenanter)

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	A.14.	1938	Heavy Cruiser, 30mm armour, 23 tons
	A.15.	1938-1940	Cruiser Tank Mk.VI.(Crusader)
	A.16.	1938	Development of A.13 as Heavy Cruiser, armour 25mm, 18-21 tons.
	A.17.	1939	Light Tank Mk.VII (Tetrarch)
	A.18.	1939	Cruiser based on A.17, abandoned, turret used for later cruisers
	A.19.	1939	Cruiser tank with auxiliary turrets on top of main turret
	A.20	1940	"Shelled area Infantry tank", designed by Mech Board and Harland & Wolff
	A.21	1940?	Development of A.20, schematic drawings only
	A.22.	1940/41	Infantry Tank Mk.IV. (Churchill)
	A.23.	?	Lighter version of A.22, sketch stage only
	A.24.	1941	Cruiser Tank Mk.VII (Cavalier)
	A.25.	1941	Light Tank Mk. VIII (Harry Hopkins)
	A.26.	?	Lighter and faster version of A.22.
	A.27.	1941/42	Cruiser Tank Mk.VIII (Cromwell)
	A.28	1941	Cromwell with increased armour and skirting plates, 28 tons. Designed by Rolls Royce
	A.29	?	Large Cruiser to carry 17pdr, 45 tons, twin track with Cromwell engine
	A.30	1941-42	Challenger
	A.31	?	Cromwell with heavier armour, 32 tons, abandoned at paper stage, Rolls Royce
	A.32	?	Cromwell with A.22 armour standard, new suspension, 34.5 tons, abandoned
	A.33.	1942-3	Assault tank, 40 tons, 6pdr gun and heavy armour. Built by English Electric
	A.34.	1942-43	Comet
	A.35.	?	Heavy version of Cromwell, increased armour and stronger suspension, 35 tons
	A.36.	?	Heavy version of A.30 with increased armour and stronger suspension. 40 tons
	A.37.	?	Heavier version of A.33 with extra suspension bogie per side, longer hull

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		A.38.	1944	Valiant I/II, 27 tons, 6pdr/75mm gun, designs by Vickers, Rolls Royce
		A.39.	1942-45	Tortoise Heavy Assault Tank, 32pdr, 75 tons.
		A.40.	?	Heavier version of A.30, 4" frontal armour, 17pdr, 35.5 tons
		A.41.	1943-	Centurion Tank
		A.43.	?	"Black Prince" super Churchill, 152mm frontal armour, 17pdr gun, 50 tons
		A.44	?	A.34. with 57.2" turret ring, 17pdr gun