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Military Vehicles in Preservation

Daimler Ferret Mk I & II

The first production Ferrets were built from 1952 and the last was built in 1971. It was a development from Daimler's famous Dingo. In all, 4 409 were built. It was the basis for the Fox which first appeared in in UK 1969. It was used in many countries from Abu Dhabi to Zambia as a scout car along with Tank and Armoured Car units.

Specifications:

Engine: Rolls Royce B60 Mk 6A 6-cylinder petrol engine **Power:** 129 BHP at 3 750 RPM

Transmission: Wilson Epicyclic gearbox

Length: 12' 7" (3.84 metres) **Width:** 6' 3" (1.9 metres) **Height:** Mk I (w/o turret): 4' 9" (1.45 metres), Mk 2/3 (with Turret) 6' 2" (1.88 m)

Laden Weight: Mk I 4.22 tonnes, Mk 2/3 4.4 tonnes **Speed:** 58 MPH (92 km/hr) on the road

Fording: 3' (.9 metres) (without preparation) 5' (1.52 metres) (with kit) **Trench crossing:** 4' (1.22 metres) with channels carried on front

Vertical obstacle: 1' 4" (.4 metres) **Gradient:** 42% (20.7 degrees) **Range:** 109 miles (300 km) **Crew:** 2 (Driver and Commander)

Armament: **Mk I:** Pintle mounted Bren gun **Mk 2/3:** Turret mounted .30 / 7.62mm Browning, elevation +45 degrees, -15 degrees, 360 degree traverse, non-powered. **Ammunition:** 2 500 rounds for BMG

In South Africa in 1988, Ferrets were trialled by 44 Parachute Brigade (Parabats) as vehicles for the M40 105mm Recoilless Anti-Tank rifle and the Milan Rocket Launcher. Vehicles were dropped by means of both the Platform Extraction System (PLEDS) as well as the [Low Altitude Parachute Extraction System](#) (LAPES).

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