Australian Light Armoured Vehicle (ASLAV) FACT SHEET



What

The Australian Light Armoured Vehicle (ASLAV) is an eight-wheel-drive vehicle that has been designed to deal with the harshest conditions. It is particularly suited to long-range battlefield surveillance operations.

Why

The ASLAV is effective due to its reliability, low maintenance costs and ability to travel quickly over long distances. It is armed with a 25 mm M242 Bushmaster Chain Gun, 2 x 7.62 mm MAG58 Machine Gun and a 76mm Grenade Launcher. ASLAVs are fitted with an electric turret, enhanced drive train, improved thermal optics, and an integrated laser range finder. It reaches speeds of 100kph.

Other enhancements, include run flat tyres, small arms resistant armour, internal spall protection, a counter improvised explosive device suite and a fire suppression system.

When

The current variants of the ASLAV include the reconnaissance, personnel carrier, command, surveillance, ambulance, fitter and recovery vehicles. It has been successfully deployed on ADF operations since 1999 and will soon be replaced in Australian service by the 8x8 Boxer Combat Reconnaissance Vehicle.

Further information

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