

## Australian Armoured cars and Scout cars

### **Ford Armoured Car LP 1 - 4**

Total production run: 18

LP1 - 4x2, armed with a .303 Vickers Machine Gun.

LP2 - 4x2, armed with a .303 Lewis Machine Gun.

LP3 - 4x2 armed with a .303 Lewis Machine Gun.

LP4 - 4x4 armed with a .303 Lewis Machine Gun.

LP1 – 1 vehicle, 1935

LP2 - 2 vehicles, 1937

LP3 - 6 vehicles - June 1939

LP4 - 9 vehicles November 1939

All Ford LPs were all out of service during 1942.



LP3 - "CURLEW"



1940-04-07. ARMoured CARS PASS HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL  
Source AWM

#### Sources:

1. <http://www.diggerhistory.info/pages-armour/allied/bandicoot.htm>
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### **Car, Armoured, Heavy (Aust) "Rhino"**

Rhino armament was a QF 2 pounder Mk IX and a co-axial .303" Vickers water cooled Medium Machine Gun mounted in an armoured turret.

Production cancelled due to vehicle being over weight for suspension.

Date of project 1942 - 1942

1 -2 prototypes produced.



Parade of Australian Military vehicle, Melbourne, Victoria, 11/11/1942  
(AWM)

Vehicle bottom right is a Rover Armoured Car followed by a Rhino Heavy Armoured Car, then Sentinel tanks.

Sources:

1. AUSTRALIAN CMP BASED ARMoured VEHICLES

[http://users.bigpond.net.au/blitz\\_trucks/AUSTCARS.html](http://users.bigpond.net.au/blitz_trucks/AUSTCARS.html)

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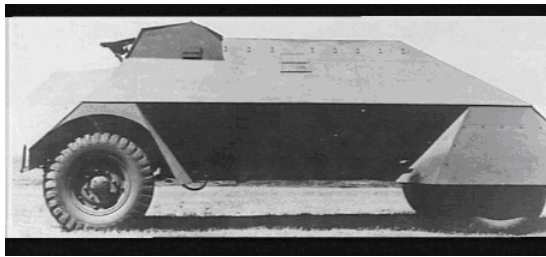
### **Armoured Car Light "Rover"**

Built by Ruskin Motor Bodies Pty Ltd of Melbourne and the Ford Motor Company of Australia in 1942 and 1943. A total of 238 Rovers were built.

The Rover entered service with the Australian army in April 1942.

By late 1943 the first of the Staghound Armoured Cars started to arrive in Australia and the Rover was soon after declared obsolete.

Hopkins states in his book the Rover was armed with a single .303 Vickers MG. This is the only indication of armaments for this vehicle I have found.



ARMOURED CARS (AUSTRALIA) LIGHT. THE GENERAL DESIGN OF THIS CAR WAS MAKE-SHIFT CONSISTING OF AN OPEN "BOX" OF 8 TO 12 MM ARMOUR PLATE MOUNTED ON THE STANDARD WD154 WHEEL BASE CHASSIS. IT WAS PRODUCED AS AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE AND PRODUCTION CEASED AFTER 236 WERE MANUFACTURED. (AWM)



June 1942. Australian-built Light Armoured Cars (Rovers) on manoeuvres with the Australian 2nd Armoured Brigade. (AWM)



1943-06-02. PERSONNEL OF M.T. VEHICLE PARK, GROUP 1A, RECAMOUFLAGING ON ARMoured CAR. (AWM)

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### **Car, Scout (Aust) Dingo** **(Ford Scout Car – ‘Dingo’)**

In all some 245 Dingo scout cars (registration numbers 77001-77246) were manufactured, and served with the Australian Army until superseded by the Canadian Mk.3\* Lynx I scout car in 1944. ([www.mheaust.com.au/Aust/Walkaround/Dingo/Austdingo.htm](http://www.mheaust.com.au/Aust/Walkaround/Dingo/Austdingo.htm))

“All 245 vehicles produced were disposed of in 1945”, from Wikipedia.



The 'Car, Scout (Aust) Dingo' arose out of a requirement in early 1941 to equip the Australian Army with a scout car which was locally built as procurement from overseas allies was unlikely during the early stages of the Second World War. The design incorporated commercially available components together with a locally produced all-welded Australian Bullet Proof (ABP) 3 armour plated hull. A total of 245 vehicles were built between late 1941 and early 1943 when production ceased due to the unsatisfactory performance of the vehicle. Further modifications and development was halted in favour of imported Lynx Scout Cars from Canada. The Dingo Scout Car served mainly with the Australian armoured divisions as a training vehicle. It had a crew of 2, carried a Wireless Set No.19 Mark 2 and was armed with a Bren Light Machine Gun. (AWM)



PUCKAPUNYAL, AUSTRALIA. 1942-06-20 TO 1942-06-21. AUSTRALIAN-MADE SCOUT CARS SEARCHING FOR THE "ENEMY" IN A MANOEUVRE WITH HEAVY AND LIGHT TANKS AND TWO-POUNDER GUN CARRIERS AT A REVIEW OF THE

1ST AUSTRALIAN ARMoured DIVISION BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ALLIED LAND FORCES, GENERAL SIR THOMAS BLAMEY. (AWM)



SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA. 1942-12-12. HALT. THE COMMANDERS OF THESE ARMoured CARS GIVE THE SIGNAL TO STOP AS THERE IS A HOLD UP IN THE PROCESSION OF AUSTRALIAN-MADE MUNITIONS AND WAR EQUIPMENT THROUGH THE STREETS OF SYDNEY. THE VEHICLES IN THE REAR ARE THE NEW CRUISER TANKS SEEN IN PUBLIC FOR THE FIRST TIME. NEARLY 400 VEHICLES OF VARIOUS TYPES TOOK PART.

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