

SHOTTANK COMPANY

The Israeli Armoured Corps is the backbone of the IDF ground forces and operates under a 'combined arms' battle doctrine. An armoured formation contains a majority of tank units with the addition of mechanised infantry and artillery units working in cooperation. The cooperation between armoured and mechanised infantry enables the tanks to maintain combat momentum and mobility.

This doctrine was successfully demonstrated during the 1982 Operation 'Peace for Galilee' invasion of Lebanon. Combat in urban built-up areas have led to further modifications and updates of the IDF armoured corps combat doctrine. Updates were also made to equipment and weapons to suit battles in the urban environment.

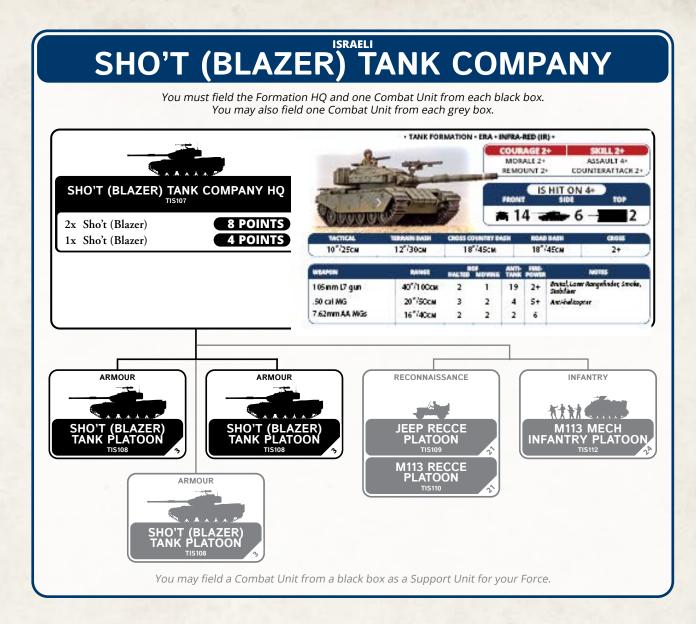
Some battalions still operate the Sho't (Whip) Centurion. These British tanks have been heavily upgraded since the wars of 1967 and 1973, with new American diesel engines and automatic transmissions giving them many mechanical components in common with the M60 Patton, or Magach 6 as the IDF call them, and the new Merkava tanks. They have been all upgraded to the M68/L7 105mm main gun in common with the Magach 6 and Merkavas as well as having improved fire-control systems and upgraded protection in the form of Blazer explosive reactive armour (ERA) and additional armour plates. These modifications have greatly enhanced the combat power of the Sho't.

Like much of the IDF, the tankers of the Armoured Corps are conscripts doing their term of service for the defence of their nation. However, many volunteer to be part of this prestigious corps. All members undergo basic training of two months involving rigorous physical training, infantry weapons training, as well as psychological and physical evaluation. Those chosen to be tankers are sent to the IDF armoured school where they are trained to be drivers, gunners or signaller/loaders for a month. They are then dispatched to an armoured unit where they learn to work as a crew and to operate in platoons and at higher command levels.

On completion of this training some are selected to become tank commanders and undergo further training on a tank commander course. Some of these go for further training to become tank platoon commanders and are selected for officer training.

SHO'T (BLAZER) TANK COMPANY You can field 0-3 Israeli Sho't (Blazer) Tank Companies as additional Formations as part of an Israeli Force in *Oil War* (see page 14).

You can take a Sho't (Blazer) Tank Platoon in a M113 Mech Infantry Company in *Oil War* (see page 23) instead of a Merkava 1, Merkava 2, or Magach 6 Tank Platoon.



SHO'T (BLAZER) TANK PLATOON

Height: 3.22m (10'5")

Weapons: L7 L/52 105mm gun

M2HB .50 cal MG 2x 7.62mm MG

SHO'T (BLAZER) TANK PLATOON3xSho't (Blazer)12 POINTS2xSho't (Blazer)8 POINTS

With several hundred in service, the Sho't served as one of the mainstays of the Israeli armoured brigades serving on all fronts during the wars of 1967 and 1973 defeating more numerous and technically superior Soviet-designed adversaries.

The Centurion Sho't is Israeli service went through a number of improvements during its service including a new engine and transmission, new pannier, and modified cupola in 1974; additional armour in 1976; Blazer explosive reactive armour (ERA), a new fire-control system and new sights in 1982; and a gun thermal sleeve and new laser rangefinder from 1985.

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10"/25cm	12 ^{*/} 30cm	18"/45cm				45cm 2+	
WEAPON	RANGE	-	MOVING	ANTI-	HIS-	MOTES	
105 mm L7 gun	40"/10Ccm	2	1	19	2+	Annal, Laner Aongefinder, Se Stabilizer	rck
.50 cal MG	20"/SCCM	3	2	4	5+	Anti-helkopter	
	16"/40cm	2	2	2	6		
7.62mm AA WGs		-					
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Crew: 4-com	mander, gunner, driver		Arı	nour:		95mm RHA	
Crew: 4 - com loader,	driver				Blaz	er ERA	
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560 kW (750 hp)

Range: 200 km (124 miles)