# Type: Carrier, Weapons Nomenclature: Truck, Utility, 1/4-ton, 4x4, M38A1C Country: USA Date of Introduction: 1952 

| Physical Data: |  |
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| Weight Empty | $2,660 \mathrm{lb}(1208 \mathrm{~kg})$ |
| Weight Loaded (max) | $4,500 \mathrm{lb}(2043 \mathrm{~kg})$ |
| Length (OA) | 154 in $(3912 \mathrm{~mm})$ |
| Width (OA) | 61 in $(1549 \mathrm{~mm})$ |
| Height | 73 in $(1854 \mathrm{~mm})$ |
| Ground Clearance | 9 in $(229 \mathrm{~mm})$ |
| Wheel Base | 81 in $(2057 \mathrm{~mm})$ |
| Wheel Tread | 49 in $(1245 \mathrm{~mm})$ |
| Drive | 4 x 4 |
| Armor | n/a |
| NBC Protection | Individual |
|  |  |
| Armament: |  |
| Main - Cal | (1) 106mm |
|  | Recoilless Rifle |
| Elevation \& traverse | Manual |
| Fire Control | Optical |
| Aux wpn - Cal | Crew weapons |

Capacity:
Fuel Gasoline 17.5 gals
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Ammo/Qty } & \text { Per wpns carried. } \\ \text { Crew/Passengers } & 1 / 3\end{array}$
Cargo Volume (max) n/a

| Engine: |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Type | Gasoline |
| HP at Rev/Min | 72 hp ( 53 kW ) |
|  | @ 4000 rpm |
| Model | F-head. |
| Mfr | Willys |
| No. of Cyls | 4 |
| Location | Front |
| Cooling | Liquid |
| Transmission: |  |
| Type | Manual |
| Speeds Fwd/Rev | 3/1 w/2-spd transfer |
| Model | Synchromesh |
| Mfr | Willys |
| Suspension System: |  |
| Type | Leaf spring |
| Wheels Steerable | Front pair |
| Turning Radius | 18 ft 11.5 in ( 5.8 m ) |
|  | left and 19 ft 9.5 in ( 6 m ) right |
| No of wheels | 4 |
| Tire Size | 7.00x16 |
| General Data: |  |
| Elec Voltage | 24 Volt |
| Radio | As fitted by user |

Night Vision Devices:As supplied by user.
Performance:
Speed/Land
Speed/Water
Range
Fording Depth

Max Grade
$55 \mathrm{mph}(88.5 \mathrm{k} / \mathrm{ph})$ n/a
350 mi ( 563 km )
37.5 in ( 953 mm )
w/o kit, 79.5 in
( 2019 mm )
w/wading gear
60\%


Remarks: The introduction of the M38A1 in 1952 was soon followed by the M38A1C fitted with at first a 105 mm recoilless rifle, the M27A1 and then soon after the improved 106 mm recoilless rifle the M40A1. Despite the difference in caliber, both weapons could actually fire the same round. The standard Battalion Anti-Tank weapon in the US Army, the M38A1 soldiered on from the mid 1950s to the early 1970s by which time it was replaced by the M151A1C and M825 Ford Mutt. While replaced in the US, the M38A1C could be found later than that in several armies in the mid-East and South America.

Above: Top, M38A1C with Rifle: 106 mm , M40A1 with Mount Rifle: 106 mm M79. This combination was to become the standard for the M38A1C.

Lower, early M38A1C with Rifle: 105mm, M27A1 and Mount, Rifle: $105 \mathrm{~mm}, \mathrm{M} 75 \mathrm{~A} 1$. Both rifles actually fired the same round, but the M40A1

Rifle was designated a 106 mm weapon to help avoid confusion between the two weapons. (Photos: US Army)

Usage: The M38A1C was used by the US from 1952 until the early '70s. Other countries that used the M38A1C included: Australia, Brazil, Canada, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Pakistan, Peru, Morocco, Republic of the Congo, Spain and Uganda.

Manufacturer: Willys-Overland, later Willys Motor Inc. (owned by Kaiser).

