



DENMARK



Background: Once the seat of Viking raiders and later a major north European power, Denmark has evolved into a modern, prosperous nation that is participating in the general political and economic integration of Europe. It joined NATO in 1949 and the EEC (now the EU) in 1973. However, the country has opted out of certain elements of the European Union's Maastricht Treaty, including the European Economic and Monetary Union (EMU), European defense cooperation, and issues concerning certain justice and home affairs.

Geography Denmark: Location: Northern Europe, bordering the Baltic Sea and the North Sea, on a peninsula north of Germany (Jutland); also includes two major islands (Sjælland and Fyn). Area: total: 43,094 sq km. note: includes the island of Bornholm in the Baltic Sea and the rest of metropolitan Denmark (the Jutland Peninsula, and the major islands of Sjælland and Fyn), but excludes the Faroe Islands and Greenland. Area - comparative: slightly less than twice the size of Massachusetts. Land boundaries: total: 68 km. Border countries: Germany 68 km. Coastline: 7,314 km. Climate: temperate; humid and overcast; mild, windy winters and cool summers. Terrain: low and flat to gently rolling plains

Elevation extremes: lowest point: Lammefjord -7 m, highest point: Yding Skovhoej 173 m. Natural resources: petroleum, natural gas, fish, salt, limestone, chalk, stone, gravel and sand.

Natural hazards: flooding is a threat in some areas of the country (e.g., parts of Jutland, along the southern coast of the island of Lolland) that are protected from the sea by a system of dikes. Geography - note: controls Danish Straits (Skagerrak and Kattegat) linking Baltic and North Seas; about one-quarter of the population lives in greater Copenhagen. (CIA World Factbook 2007)



1909 Car, Armd, 4x2. Hotchkiss Mod 1909. (see France for vehicle details).

1915 Car, Armd, 4x2. Car, Armd, Jensen.

1917 Car, Armd, 4x2. Gideon 2T (1917)

1918 Car, Armd, 4x2. Scania-Vabis Mod 1918

1930 Carr, Anti-Aircraft, 4x2. FP-1, Ford.

1931 Carr, Anti-Aircraft, 4x2. FP1-1, Ford AA Truck, Mod 1931.



1932 Car, Armd, 4x2. Forsgspanservogn, Ford, FP.2.



About 1930 the army was allowed to carry out experiments with armored vehicles again, and this time they built their own armored trucks. Two Ford AA chassis with twin rear wheels was armored and armed with a 20mm Madsen machinegun. These cars were named FP-1 and FP-2, FP meaning "Forsøegs Panser" or armored experimental. The three pictures shows these cars as they evolved during the three rebuilds. The first version is from 1931. The idea was, that in case of war, suited commercial vehicles were to be given to the army, and armored bodywork was to be fitted on them. This idea was later abandoned, but FP1 and 2 were kept in service right up to WW2, as they were cheap to use, and Denmark had very few other armored cars.

1933 Carr, Anti-Aircraft, FP2, Ford AA Truck, 4x2. Mod 1933.

1934 Car, Armd, 4x4, PV6 (Landsverk 185). (see Sweden for vehicle details).



1935 Car, Armd, 6x4. Landsverk 181.

Remarks: Serials PV7 and PV8 (see Sweden for vehicle details).

1939 Car, Armd, 4x4. M39/40 Lynx.



Above: Lynx number PV 10 shortly after being taken into service. Remarks: The five vehicles, serials PV7 through PV11, were later used by Germany in the occupation of Denmark. (See Sweden for vehicle details).

1941 Carr, Wpns. Truck, Med, Ford w/20mm.



Above: Ford commercial two-axle medium truck with 20mm AA gun mounted in the rear.

1945 Car, Armd, 4x2. Holger-Danske V3.

1946 Car, Armd, 4x4. AEC Mk III.

Remarks: Denmark acquired three AEC Mk III armored cars in early 1946, all had been removed from service by the end of the following year (see UK for vehicle details).

1950 Veh, Recce. Car, Scout, Humber, Mk 1. (see UK for vehicle details).



Above: Humber Scout Car Mk 1. (Photo Author's collection)

1954 Truck, Utility, 1/4-Ton, 4x4, M38A1. (see US for vehicle details)

1970 Veh, Util. VW181 Kurier, 4x2.



Above: Type 181 with soft-top and brush guards. (Photo: Author's Collection). Remarks: An unknown number of VW Type 181 utility vehicles were acquired from West Germany for liaison work (see Germany for vehicle details).

1975 Veh. Util. 1/4-ton. Trk, Util, 1/4-ton, M151A1.



Above: A pair of M151A1 "Mutts" with a reconnaissance unit, circa 1982. Remarks: An unknown number of M151 series vehicles were taken into service in the mid to late 1970s (see US for vehicle details).

1993 Vehicle, Utility. MB G-Wagen.



Above: Danish G-Wagen on maneuvers circa 1993. Remarks: (See Germany for vehicle details).

1996 Veh, Recce. Mowag Eagle.



Above: Danish Eagle in Iraq circa 2002. (Photo: DoD)
Remarks: 10 vehicles were delivered from Switzerland in 1996 (see Switzerland for vehicle details).

2001 Carr, Pers, Armd, 6x6. Patria XA201. Denmark leased a small number of personnel carriers and ambulances for peace keeping duties. These were based on the XA-200 chassis and hull, (see Finland for series details).

2006 Carr, Pers, Armd, 8x8, MOWAG Piranha III.
Used by danish units in Afghanistan with ISAF.