

Type: Car, Armored, 4x4 Nomenclature: **AEC-Staghound**
 Country: Lebanon Year of Introduction: 1956

Physical Data:

Weight empty (est) 26500 lb (12031kg)
 Weight loaded (est) 29000 lb (13166kg)
 Length (oa) 212 in (5385 mm)
 Width (oa) 106 in (2692 mm)
 Height (est) 100 in (2540 mm)
 Ground Clr 13.3 in (337 mm)
 Wheel Base 120 in (3048mm)
 Armor .47-1.25 in
 (12-32 mm)
 NBC Protection Individual

Armament:

Main (1) 75mm
 Elevation (est) -7 to +20°
 Traverse 360°
 Aux (2) .30 caliber LMG

Capacity:

Fuel 50 gal (190 ltrs)
 Ammo/Qty 75mm (50 rds)
 Cargo Volume n/a
 Crew 4

Engine:

Type (2) Gasoline
 Engine Model GM 270
 Mfr Chevrolet
 No of Cyls 6
 HP 97 hp (71.6 kW)
 each @ 3000 rpm
 Location Rear
 Cooling Liquid

Transmission:

Type Hydromatic
 No of speeds 4 Fwd/1 Rev
 w/2spd trans case
 Mfr GMC
 Drive 4x4

Suspension System:

Type Leaf spring
 Steering Front axle
 Turning Radius 55 ft (16.8 m)
 No of wheels 4
 Tire Size 14.00 x 20 in

General Data:

Electrics 24V
 Intercom Yes
 Night Vision No

Performance:

Speed 56 mph (89.8 k/ph)
 Spd/Water n/a
 Range 199 mi (320 km)
 Fording 31.5 in (800 mm)
 Max Grade 57%
 Trench 35 in (900 mm)
 Step 19.7 in (500 mm)



Remarks: By 1956 in addition to their standard 37mm armed T17E1 and 75mm armed Staghound Mk III armored cars, Lebanon had fielded a set of Staghounds with the turret replaced by that from the British AEC Mk III Heavy Armored Car. Like the Staghound Mk III, the vehicle was equipped with a 75mm cannon. It appears that no more than a dozen of these cars were completed with the last being retired in the early 1980's.

Top: AEC-Staghound circa 1956, this is a newly converted vehicle. Above: Another AEC-Staghound, this time circa 1976. After at least 20 years of service (and 30 years since the chassis was originally built) these vehicles were beginning to show their age. Note the air-cooled .50 caliber HMG mounted on the turret roof. (Photos: Author's Collection)

Usage: Lebanon only.