

# The Rolls Royce Armoured Car: A Legacy of Excellence

In the annals of armored warfare, few vehicles stand out as iconic as the Rolls-Royce Armoured Car. A product of British ingenuity and engineering prowess, this legendary vehicle played a pivotal role in numerous conflicts throughout the 20th century.

Now, in "The Rolls Royce Armoured Car: New Vanguard 189," renowned military historian Steven Zaloga delves into the fascinating history, design, and combat record of this extraordinary machine. With meticulous research and a wealth of rare photographs and illustrations, Zaloga brings to life the story of this armored behemoth.

## From Concept to Combat

The genesis of the Rolls-Royce Armoured Car can be traced to the early 20th century, when the British Army recognized the need for a fast and well-protected vehicle to counter the threat of enemy cavalry and armored cars. In 1914, Rolls-Royce Motors Ltd. was commissioned to develop a prototype based on their Silver Ghost chassis.



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The resulting vehicle, known as the Rolls-Royce 1914 Armored Car, was a masterpiece of engineering. It featured a rugged chassis, a powerful engine, and a robust armored body that provided excellent protection for its crew. The car's distinctive silhouette, with its sloping hood and angular turret, made it an instantly recognizable symbol of British armored warfare.

## **Into the Fray**

The Rolls-Royce Armored Car made its combat debut during the First World War. Initially used for reconnaissance and escort duties, it quickly proved its mettle in skirmishes against German cavalry and armored cars. Its speed and maneuverability allowed it to outflank and outgun enemy forces, proving its superiority in the face of adversity.

In the interwar years, the Rolls-Royce Armored Car underwent numerous upgrades and modifications. The most significant of these was the addition of a turret-mounted 3-pounder gun, which significantly increased the car's firepower. This enhanced version, known as the Rolls-Royce 1920 Armoured Car, became the standard armored car of the British Army in the 1920s and 1930s.

## **World War II: A Proving Ground**

With the outbreak of World War II, the Rolls-Royce Armored Car found itself thrust into a global conflict of unprecedented scale. It served in a wide range of theaters, from the deserts of North Africa to the dense jungles of Burma. Its versatility and adaptability made it a valuable asset to the British and Commonwealth forces.

In the deserts of North Africa, the Rolls-Royce Armored Car proved its prowess in reconnaissance and desert warfare. Its ability to traverse treacherous terrain and outpace enemy forces made it an ideal vehicle for long-range patrols and hit-and-run raids. In the Far East, it played a critical role in jungle warfare, providing support to infantry and armored units in dense vegetation.

## **The Post-War Era**

Following the end of World War II, the Rolls-Royce Armored Car continued to serve in British and Commonwealth armies. It saw action in numerous conflicts, including the Korean War, the Suez Crisis, and the Malayan Emergency. It also served as a training and ceremonial vehicle in many countries around the world.

In the 1960s, the Rolls-Royce Armored Car finally began to be phased out of front-line service. By this time, more modern and capable armored vehicles had entered the field. However, its legacy as one of the most iconic armored cars in history remained intact.

## **A Legacy of Innovation**

The Rolls-Royce Armored Car's enduring popularity stems from its combination of innovative design, exceptional performance, and historical significance. Its armored body, powerful engine, and advanced weapons systems made it a formidable opponent on the battlefield.

## **Beyond the Battlefield**

Beyond its military service, the Rolls-Royce Armored Car has also captured the imagination of collectors and enthusiasts worldwide. Its rarity and

historical significance make it a highly sought-after collectible, with restored examples fetching high prices at auctions.

Furthermore, the Rolls-Royce Armored Car has been featured in numerous films, television shows, and books. Its iconic silhouette and reputation for toughness have made it a popular choice for filmmakers looking to add a touch of historical authenticity to their productions.

"The Rolls Royce Armoured Car: New Vanguard 189" by Steven Zaloga is an indispensable resource for anyone interested in the history of armored warfare. With its thorough research, engaging narrative, and stunning visuals, this book paints a vivid portrait of this legendary vehicle and its role in shaping the course of history.

Whether you are a military historian, a collector, or simply an admirer of classic machinery, "The Rolls Royce Armoured Car: New Vanguard 189" is a must-read. It is a testament to the enduring legacy of this extraordinary machine that played a pivotal role in some of the most iconic conflicts of the 20th century.



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