

EASTERN FRONT

MID-WAR FORCES

PANZER 38(t) TANK COMPANY ON THE EASTERN FRONT 1942-43

This supplement adds:

- Panzer 38(t) Tank Company
to German forces in *Eastern Front*.

You may field compulsory Combat Units (with a black box in the Formation Diagram) from a Panzer 38(t) Tank Company as Support Units in a German Force from *Eastern Front*.



22. PANZERDIVISION

PANZERKAMPFWAGEN 38(t) (SD KFZ 140)

Germany invaded Czechoslovakia in 1938, gaining control of its arms industry in the process. They kept the new Praga TNHPS light tank in production calling it the *Panzerkampfwagen 38(t)* after its year of introduction. The '(t)' indicates that it is a *tschechisch* or Czech design. These equipped several Panzer divisions in the invasions of France and Poland, proving to be an excellent tank. By the summer offensives of 1942, Panzer 38(t) tanks were found in the Panzer regiments of the 1st (10 tanks), 2nd (33 tanks), 8th (65 tanks), 19th (35 tanks), 20th (39 tanks) and 22nd (114 tanks) panzer divisions. The third battalion of 22nd Panzer Division's 204th Panzer Regiment, with twenty-six Panzer 38(t) tanks in its inventory, fought in the Crimea, away from the rest of the division.

22ND PANZER DIVISION

Officially formed on 25 September 1941 in France the division was initially equipped with Czech, French, and German tanks.

The 22nd Panzer Division was sent to the Eastern Front in February 1942. On arrival in the Crimean theatre, where Soviet 51st Army had gone on the offensive against German 42nd Corps on 13 March, two detachments of *Panzer Regiment 204* were hurriedly thrown into action on the orders of Erich von Manstein at 0600 on 20 March 1942. Under command of *Oberstleutnant* Wilhelm Koppenburg, the 204th Regiment's detachment got disoriented in deep fog, with one running into a Soviet minefield and the other suffering an ambush by Soviet 45mm anti-tank guns and a counterattack by Soviet 55th Tank Brigade. By 0900, the attack had to be aborted, with I. Battalion/204 suffering a 40% casualties and the division losing 32 out of its 142 tanks, including 17 Panzer 38(t)s, and six Panzer IVs.

In May 1942, the division was sent north to the Kharkov area and then took part in the 1942 summer offensive against Soviet forces in the Don River bend leading to the Battle of Stalingrad. The 22nd Panzer Division fought in the

Battle of Rostov in July 1942 where it played a key role in the successful German assault on the city. The battle saw the 22nd Panzer Division, alongside elements of the 14th Panzer Division and SS Wiking, push through to Rostov, resulting in a significant victory for German forces.

Together with the 1st Romanian Armoured Division (also equipped with Czech light tanks, the R2 or Panzer 35(t)), the 22nd Panzer Division formed the 48th Panzer Corps, and were tasked with defending the northern flank of the German Sixth Army at Stalingrad.

On 19 November 1942, the Soviets began Operation Uranus and encircled the German Sixth Army and much of the Fourth Panzer Army, smashing the 48th Panzer Corps, including the 22nd Panzer Division in the process. Many of the division's tanks had been parked in dugouts for an extended period of time and protected from the frost by straw. When the tanks were called on to respond to the Soviet offensive, many could not be started because mice had sought refuge in the straw and then in the tanks where they chewed up the insulation of electric system wires. The ability of the division to put up effective resistance was also compromised by the prior piecemeal deployment of division assets to shore up the Romanian line.

The division mustered as few as 30 serviceable Panzer 38(t)'s with which to meet the onslaught of the T-34s of the Soviet 1st Tank Corps. Contradictory orders directing the panzers in two different directions only aggravated an already difficult situation.

After desperate fighting around the Russian town of Petshany on 19–22 November 1942, the 22nd Panzer Division was virtually destroyed with survivors making their way southwest to and across the Chir River to join various ad hoc battlegroups. For its part, the Romanian 1st Armoured Division lost 60% of its combat strength and crossed the Chir River with only nineteen of its original eighty four serviceable R-2s. The 22nd Panzer Division was subsequently disbanded in April 1943.

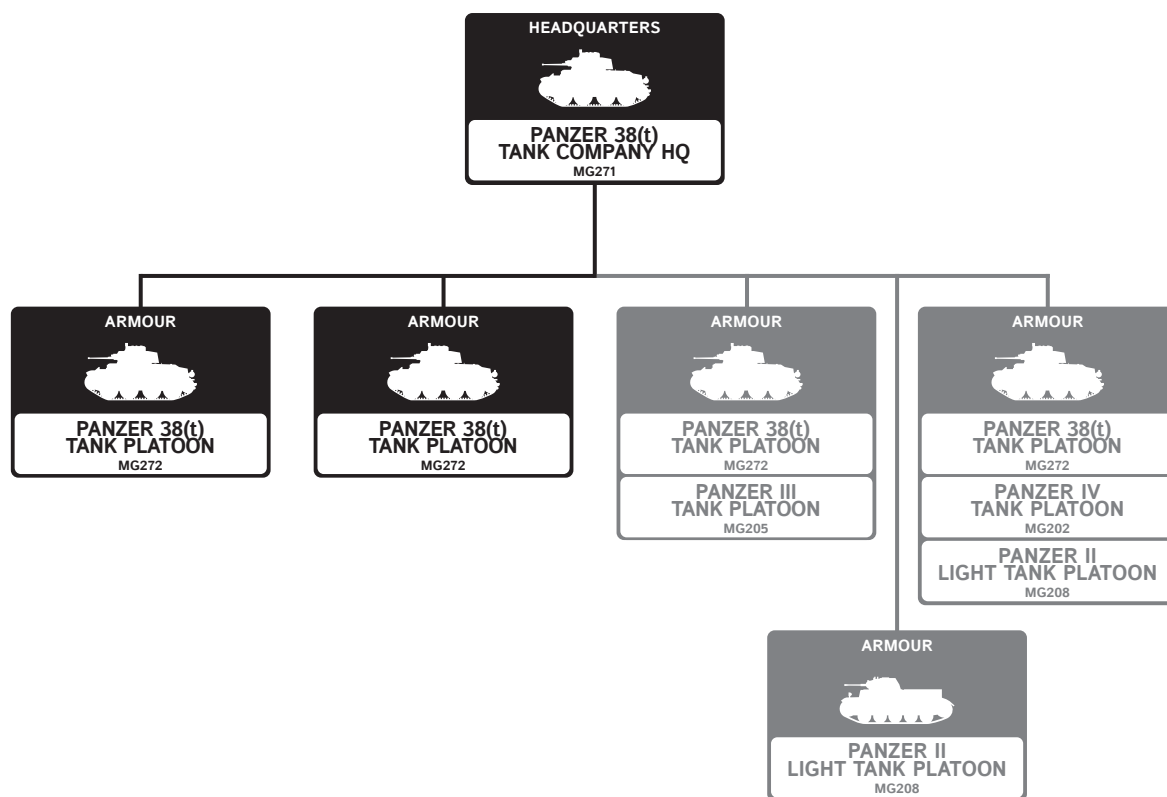




PANZER 38(t) TANK COMPANY

LIGHT TANK FORMATION

You must field the Formation HQ and one Combat Unit from each black box.
You may also field one Combat Unit from each grey box.



You may field a Combat Unit from a black box as a Support Unit for your Force.

PANZER 38(t)

Some divisions still field the Panzer 38(t) instead of the Panzer III. By 1942 most of these were either later production models with integral 50mm frontal armour (Ausf. G), or upgraded with an additional 25mm of armour plate bolted on to the front (Ausf. E or F).



Crew (4):	Commander, gunner, driver, co-driver
Weight:	9.85 tonnes
Length:	4.60m (15' 1")
Width:	2.12m (6' 11")
Height:	2.40m (7' 10")
Weapons:	3.7cm KwK38(t) gun 2x 7.92mm MG37(t) MG
Armour:	8-50mm
Speed:	42 km/h (26 mph)
Engine:	Praga Typ TNHPS/II 6-cylinder petrol 92 kW (123 hp)



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PANZER 38(t) TANK COMPANY HQ



2x Panzer 38(t) (late) (3.7cm) **6 POINTS**

1x Panzer 38(t) (late) (3.7cm) **3 POINTS**

The crews of the German Army's Panzer 38(t) units were experienced veterans who got the most out of their out of date tanks.

Czech Panzer companies were initially equipped entirely with Panzer 38(t) and Panzer II light tanks. However, as time went on losses were replaced with Panzer III tanks.

MOTIVATION	
CONFIDENT 4+	
Third Reich	3+
Last Stand	3+
Protected Ammo	3+
Remount	3+

SKILL	
VETERAN 3+	

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IS HIT ON	
CAREFUL 4+	
ARMOUR	
FRONT	4
SIDE & REAR	2
TOP	1

TACTICAL	TERRAIN DASH	CROSS COUNTRY DASH	ROAD DASH	CROSS
10"/25cm	12"/30cm	18"/45cm	20"/50cm	3+

WEAPON	RANGE	ROF HALTED	MOVING	ANTI-TANK	FIRE-POWER	NOTES
Panzer 38(t) (late)(3.7cm)	24"/60cm	2	1	6	4+	Overworked
Panzer 38(t) (late) (MGs)	16"/40cm	4	4	2	6	

PANZER 38(t) TANK PLATOON



5x Panzer 38(t) (late) (3.7cm) **15 POINTS**

4x Panzer 38(t) (late) (3.7cm) **12 POINTS**

3x Panzer 38(t) (late) (3.7cm) **9 POINTS**

MOTIVATION	
CONFIDENT 4+	
Third Reich	3+
Last Stand	3+
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Remount	3+

SKILL	
VETERAN 3+	

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IS HIT ON	
CAREFUL 4+	
ARMOUR	
FRONT	4
SIDE & REAR	2
TOP	1

TACTICAL	TERRAIN DASH	CROSS COUNTRY DASH	ROAD DASH	CROSS
10"/25cm	12"/30cm	18"/45cm	20"/50cm	3+

WEAPON	RANGE	ROF HALTED	MOVING	ANTI-TANK	FIRE-POWER	NOTES
Panzer 38(t) (late)(3.7cm)	24"/60cm	2	1	6	4+	Overworked
Panzer 38(t) (late)(MGs)	16"/40cm	4	4	2	6	

Early models of Panzer 38(t) had just 25mm of armour, but by 1942 most Panzer 38(t) sported an additional 25mm of armour plate bolted on top. However, its small 3.7cm gun kept it from going head to head with the newer Soviet T-34 and KV-1 tanks. It relied on the prowess of the panzer leaders and its mobility to keep it alive and integral part of the Panzer division.



PANZER III TANK PLATOON



5x Panzer III (7.5cm) **40 POINTS**

4x Panzer III (7.5cm) **32 POINTS**

3x Panzer III (7.5cm) **24 POINTS**

5x Panzer III (short 5cm) **25 POINTS**

4x Panzer III (short 5cm) **20 POINTS**

3x Panzer III (short 5cm) **15 POINTS**

OPTIONS

- Replace any or all Panzer III (short 5cm) with Panzer III (long 5cm) for +2 points each.

MOTIVATION	
CONFIDENT 4+	
Third Reich	3+
Protected Ammo	3+
Remount	

SKILL	
VETERAN 3+	

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IS HIT ON	
CAREFUL 4+	

ARMOUR	
FRONT	5
SIDE & REAR	3
TOP	1

TACTICAL	TERRAIN DASH	CROSS COUNTRY DASH	ROAD DASH	CROSS
10"/25CM	12"/30CM	18"/45CM	20"/50CM	3+

WEAPON	RANGE	ROF	HALTED	MOVING	ANTI-TANK	FIRE-POWER	NOTES
Panzer III (7.5cm)	24"/60CM	2	1	9	3+	HEAT	
Panzer III (short 5cm)	24"/60CM	2	1	8	4+		
Panzer III (long 5cm)	28"/70CM	2	1	9	4+		
Panzer III (MGs)	16"/40CM	4	4	2	6		

PANZER IV TANK PLATOON



4x Panzer IV (short 7.5cm) **24 POINTS**

3x Panzer IV (short 7.5cm) **18 POINTS**

2x Panzer IV (short 7.5cm) **12 POINTS**

OPTIONS

- Replace any or all Panzer IV (short 7.5cm) with Panzer IV (long 7.5cm) for +4 points each.

MOTIVATION	
CONFIDENT 4+	
Third Reich	3+
Protected Ammo	3+
Remount	

SKILL	
VETERAN 3+	

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IS HIT ON	
CAREFUL 4+	

ARMOUR	
FRONT	5
SIDE & REAR	3
TOP	1

TACTICAL	TERRAIN DASH	CROSS COUNTRY DASH	ROAD DASH	CROSS
10"/25CM	14"/35CM	18"/45CM	20"/50CM	3+

WEAPON	RANGE	ROF	HALTED	MOVING	ANTI-TANK	FIRE-POWER	NOTES
Panzer IV (short 7.5cm)	48"/120CM	ARTILLERY		2	4+		
or Direct Fire	24"/60CM	2	1	7	3+	Smoke	
Panzer IV (long 7.5cm)	32"/80CM	2	1	10	3+		
Panzer IV (MGs)	16"/40CM	4	4	2	6		

As more and more Soviet T-34 tanks began to show up on the battlefield, the older short-barrelled Panzer IVs began to be pushed into an auxiliary role, supporting the more powerful long-barrelled tanks with valuable artillery fire and smoke screens.

PANZER II LIGHT TANK PLATOON



5x Panzer II (2cm) **10 POINTS**

4x Panzer II (2cm) **8 POINTS**

3x Panzer II (2cm) **6 POINTS**

MOTIVATION	
CONFIDENT 4+	
Third Reich	3+
Last Stand	

SKILL	
VETERAN 3+	

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IS HIT ON	
CAREFUL 4+	

ARMOUR	
FRONT	3
SIDE & REAR	1
TOP	1

TACTICAL	TERRAIN DASH	CROSS COUNTRY DASH	ROAD DASH	CROSS
10"/25CM	12"/30CM	18"/45CM	20"/50CM	3+

WEAPON	RANGE	ROF	HALTED	MOVING	ANTI-TANK	FIRE-POWER	NOTES
Panzer II (2cm)	20"/50CM	2	1	5	5+		
Panzer II (MG)	16"/40CM	3	3	2	6		

Panzer IIs were long obsolete as a frontline battle tank, but they were still very useful to the battalion for scouting and screening light enemy counterattacks.