M-8 Greyhound Armored Car U.S. Service: 1943 to 1952

The M-8, nicknamed Greyhound by the British, was put into use beginning in 1943. It was lightly armored and armed. It was susceptible to mines and crews would augment the armor by putting sandbags on the floor. It performed well on hard surfaces speeding up to 55 mph, but poorly elsewhere. It was mechanically sound.

The primary roll for the M-8 was reconnaissance, security and infantry support. Armament for the vehicle was a 37mm anti tank gun which was no match for the heavier tanks. There was a .30 cal. coaxial machine gun. It had a manually traversed turret. An optional .50 cal. M2 machine gun could be mounted on a pintle at the back of the turret.

The four man crew was made up of a Commander / Gunner / Driver / Codriver-Radio Operator-Loader. It served in all theaters of operation in WW2 and into the Korean war.







