

## M48 Patton Tank Fund



The **M48 Patton** is an American [first-generation main battle tank](#) (MBT) introduced in February 1952, being designated as the **90mm Gun Tank: M48**. It was designed as a replacement for the [M26 Pershing](#), [M4 Sherman](#), [M46](#) and [M47 Patton](#) tanks, and was the main battle tank of the [U.S. Army](#) and [U.S. Marine Corps](#) in the Vietnam War.<sup>[6][7]:5</sup> Nearly 12,000 M48s were built, mainly by [Chrysler](#) and [American Locomotive Company](#), from 1952 to 1961. The M48 Patton was the first U.S. medium gun tank<sup>[8]</sup> with a four-man crew, featuring a centerline driver's compartment and no bow machine gunner.<sup>[9]</sup> As with nearly all new armored vehicles it had a wide variety of suspension systems, [cupola styles](#), power packs, fenders and other details among individual tanks.

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