

Britain-Ukraine tank deal

The British Ministry of Defence plans to send surplus Challenger 2 main battle tanks (MBT) to Poland. The deal would then see Poland supply Ukraine with its Soviet-era T-72 tanks

Challenger 2

Crew: 4. Commander, loader, gunner, driver

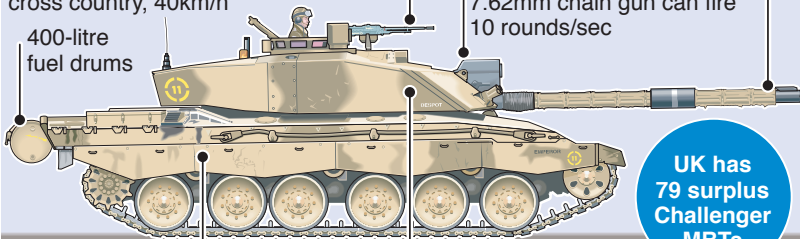
Road speed: 56km/h, cross country, 40km/h

Gun system: 120mm rifled, chrome-lined barrel. Can elevate 20 degrees or depress 10 degrees

7.62mm machine gun

Gunner's sight: Co-axial 7.62mm chain gun can fire 10 rounds/sec

400-litre fuel drums



UK has 79 surplus Challenger MBTs

Engine: Perkins CV12, 12-cylinder, 26.1 litre turbocharged diesel

T-72 MBT

Crew: 3. Commander, gunner, driver

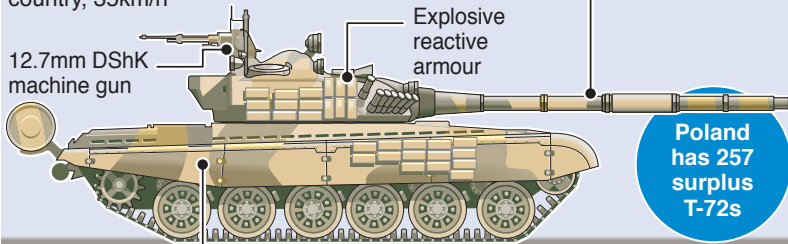
Road speed: 60km/h, cross country, 35km/h

Turret: Shape minimises radar signature

Gun system: 125mm smooth-bore with co-axial 7.62mm machine gun. Can elevate 14 degrees or depress 6 degrees

12.7mm DShK machine gun

Explosive reactive armour



Poland has 257 surplus T-72s

Engine: V12, 12-cylinder. Multi-fuel – can use diesel, petrol or aviation fuel