

Western-made tanks sought by Ukraine

Supplying Ukraine with modern main battle tanks such as Britain's Challenger 2 or the German-made Leopard 2 would mark a significant step-up in Western support for Kyiv

CHALLENGER 2

Entered service: 1998

Crew: Four

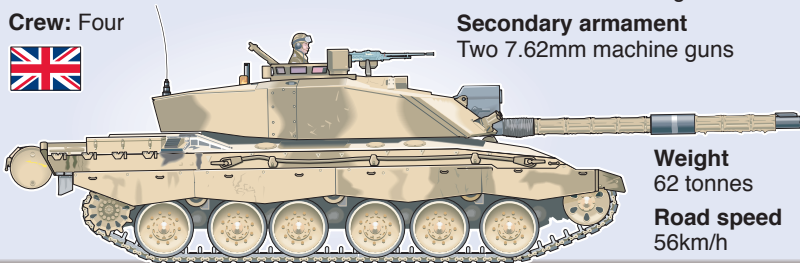


Manufacturer: BAE Systems

Main armament: 120mm L30 rifled gun

Secondary armament

Two 7.62mm machine guns



Weight
62 tonnes

Road speed
56km/h

Engine: 12-cylinder, 1,200hp
Perkins Caterpillar CV12 diesel

Protection: Second-generation
Chobham armour on turret and hull

LEOPARD 2

Entered service: 2001

Crew: Four

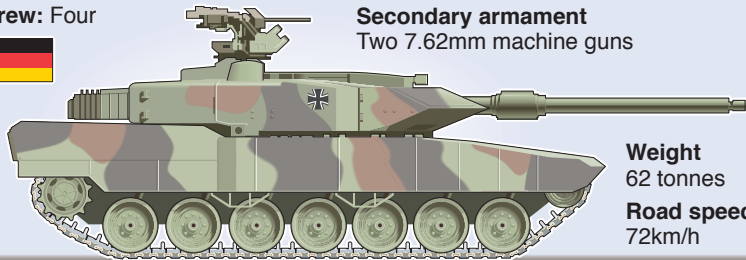


Manufacturer: Krauss-Maffei Wegmann

Main armament: 120mm L55 smoothbore gun

Secondary armament

Two 7.62mm machine guns



Weight
62 tonnes

Road speed
72km/h

Engine: 12-cylinder, 1,500hp
MTU MB 873 diesel

Protection: Spaced multilayer armour,
improved armour over front turret