



Driver s Handbook for the Churchill Infantry Tank (Paperback)

By Vauxhall Motors

Periscope Film, LLC, United States, 2012. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 198 x 122 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Designed to replace the Matilda II and Valentine, the Churchill tank was renowned for its ability to cross rough terrain and defeat obstacles, and one of the few Allied tanks that could compete with the German Panther and Tiger tanks. The Churchill s design arose from the post-Blitzkrieg chaos of 1940. The fall of France and the defeat at Dunkirk made clear that mobility was to be of paramount importance to the British Army. An existing design was scrapped, and a new design designated A22 was awarded to Vauxhall, with orders that the tank needed to be in production by 1941. Powered by twin-six gasoline engines, the A22 / Mk. 1 Churchill used a new gear box that allowed it to be steered by the relative speed of its tracks. Capable of 15 mph, the tank had a range of 56 miles and armor from .63 to four inches thick, and carried a crew of five and a 2-pdr gun. The Mk I Churchill first saw combat at the Dieppe Raid, where its performance underwhelmed. Subsequent...



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