

# Matchbox Oshkosh M-ATV

£1.00 (about \$1.50)

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This is one of a range of chunky vehicles that Matchbox have produced branded under the "On A Mission" theme. Several of these -- such as a large fuel tanker and an all-terrain vehicle in particular -- have a very SF look about them and would be wonderful additions to a 15mm setup. However, it is this attractively angular scout vehicle that caught my eye. With the commander's turret on it, the Oshkosh M-ATV is quite obviously a military scout car. Not so long ago that model turret would have carried a machine gun or anti-tank missile mount (just like the real thing does!), but now it's built as an unarmed off-road vehicle that has been set off on a "Heroic Rescue" -- but what's in a name?

The model of the Oshkosh M-ATV, against its real world counterpart, is roughly 1:100 scale -- which to my mind is a bit big for 15mm but if it's assumed to actually be a slightly smaller vehicle actually looks fine with 20mm figures. My example is headed straight for my AK-47 setup: I use 1/76<sup>th</sup> figures and vehicles for AK-47 -- which does mean bigger bases for the elements and also a slightly larger playing area but has the advantage of bringing items like this into the realm of "ready for play the same day." Whilst it's obviously useful for other Modern-Era rulesets, it would also be ideal for near-future Science Fiction games.

And with the pictures below speaking for themselves, there's not a lot more to say really -- this model is the right size, the right look -- even the paint work is pretty good, in my opinion -- I wouldn't go as far as stripping it down, maybe a light wash to dull it down but I probably wouldn't even bother with that. There's room for some crew at the back, but I may just base it with a figure or two alongside. Not sure about that -- but for the vehicle itself most likely I'll just dry brush the wheels a bit, add a spare weapon mount then stick it to a base and flock and it's ready to go.



