

# **BMP Infantry Fighting Vehicle 1967-94**

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## **Review by Jonathan Aird**

With over 55,000 built, the BMP is one of the most important armoured vehicles of all time ó the first true IFV -- it offered a revolution in mechanised infantry tactics. There is a good section on the precursors to the BMP, and on the tactical nuclear battlefield doctrine which drove the BMP's development. There follows a section of similar length tracing the development of the BMP from its first batches through to the later variants aimed ever more at a conventional battlefield, as the doctrine of tactical nuclear weapons fell out of favour.

A detailed description of the vehicle's interior conditions and layout is followed by a brief combat history, up to Gulf War I. The book is rounded out with details of the BMP-3 and the many (really very many!) variants of the vehicle in use around the world.

The book is a very good overview of the vehicle which greater combat use details would make of more benefit to the wargamer. However, details of usage issues ó ammunition carried, issues with the turret and main armament etc. ó would be of great use in a skirmish or small battle game.

### **Plates:**

A: BMP-1 Syrian army 1973 & Egyptian Army 1973

B: BMP-1 Iraqi army 1991

C: BMP-2 Free Kuwait, 1991

D: BMP-1 Double Page Cutaway

E: BMP-2 Soviet Army Afghanistan 1985 & 1988

F: BMP-2D Afghanistan 1985 & 1987

G: BRM-1K Reconnaissance vehicle 1985, BMP-3 Moscow 1990

