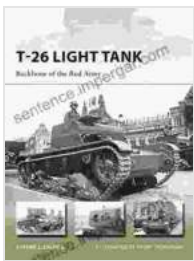


# Backbone of the Red Army: New Vanguard 218

The T-34 medium tank was the backbone of the Red Army during World War II. It was a well-designed and well-built tank that was superior to most of the German tanks it faced. The T-34 was also relatively easy to produce, which allowed the Soviets to build large numbers of them.



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The T-34 was first developed in the early 1940s. It was based on the earlier T-32 tank, but it had a number of improvements, including a more powerful engine, a better transmission, and a more sloped armor layout. The T-34 was also the first Soviet tank to be equipped with a diesel engine.

The T-34 entered production in 1940. It was initially used in the Winter War against Finland. The T-34 performed well in this conflict, and it quickly became clear that it was a formidable weapon. The T-34 was also used in

the early stages of the Great Patriotic War against Germany. It played a major role in the defense of Moscow and in the Battle of Stalingrad.

The T-34 continued to be produced throughout the war. It was constantly being upgraded and improved. The most significant upgrade was the T-34/85, which was equipped with a more powerful 85mm gun. The T-34/85 was the most common variant of the T-34, and it was used in large numbers in the final stages of the war.

The T-34 was a highly successful tank. It was well-designed, well-built, and relatively easy to produce. The T-34 was also a formidable weapon, and it played a major role in the Soviet victory in World War II.

## **Technical Specifications**

- Weight: 26.5 tons
- Length: 6.1 meters
- Width: 3.0 meters
- Height: 2.4 meters
- Engine: V-2-34 diesel engine
- Power: 500 horsepower
- Speed: 53 kilometers per hour
- Range: 360 kilometers
- Armament: 76mm gun, two 7.62mm machine guns

## **Variants**

- T-34: Original production model
- T-34/76: Model with a 76mm gun
- T-34/85: Model with an 85mm gun
- T-34/100: Model with a 100mm gun
- T-34/122: Model with a 122mm gun

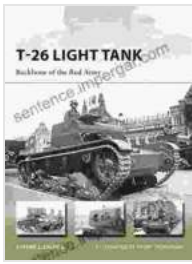
## **Combat History**

The T-34 was used in a wide variety of combat roles during World War II. It was used as a main battle tank, an infantry support tank, and a tank destroyer. The T-34 was also used in a number of amphibious operations.

The T-34 was a highly effective tank. It was well-protected, well-armed, and relatively mobile. The T-34 was also easy to maintain and repair. This made it a popular tank with the Soviet troops.

The T-34 played a major role in the Soviet victory in World War II. It was one of the most important tanks of the war, and it helped to turn the tide of the conflict in favor of the Soviets.

The T-34 was a groundbreaking tank that had a major impact on the course of World War II. It was a well-designed and well-built tank that was superior to most of the German tanks it faced. The T-34 was also relatively easy to produce, which allowed the Soviets to build large numbers of them. The T-34 played a major role in the Soviet victory in World War II, and it is considered to be one of the most important tanks of all time.



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