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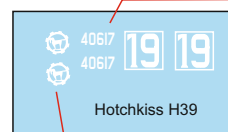
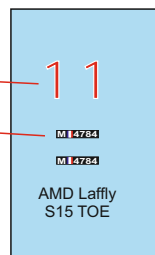
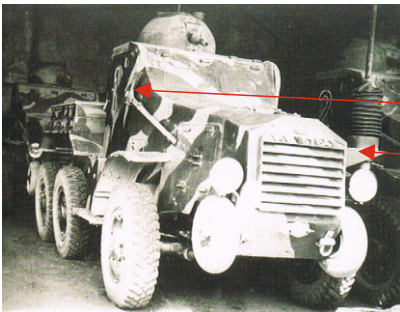
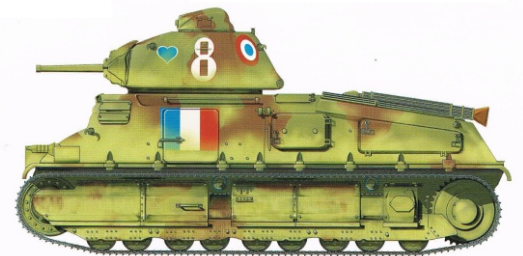
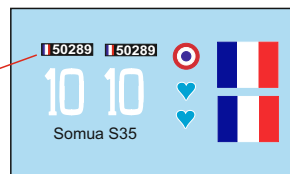


72040 WW-2 AFV's of the French Colonies

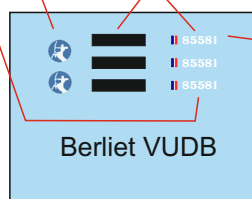
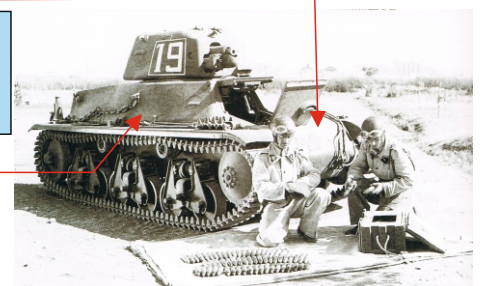
Before 1940, the armoured units in the French African colonies (like the regiments of the Chasseurs d'Afrique) received not only vehicles from the motherland, but also used vehicles designed for use in the hot African climate.

After the surrender of France in 1940, the French armies in Africa and the Middle East remained intact though loyal to the Vichy regime. After the British, Free French and American interventions in Syria, Morocco and Algeria, the Vichy troops partly returned to France and partly joined the Free French. In that period, evacuated vehicles from French origin, like the Somua S-35 were used, as well as improvised vehicles like the Dodge-White and the Dodge Tanaké.

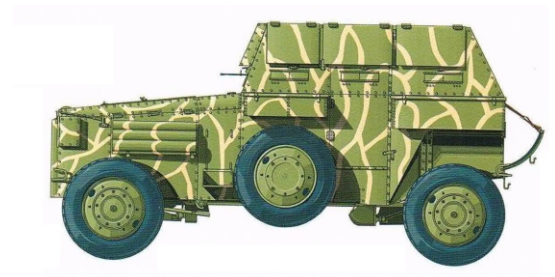
When the French 'Armee d'Afrique' crossed the Mediterranean sea to fight in Italy and Southern France, they were mainly equipped with American vehicles. This decal set covers the pre-war period and the early war period during the Vichy rule over the North African colonies.

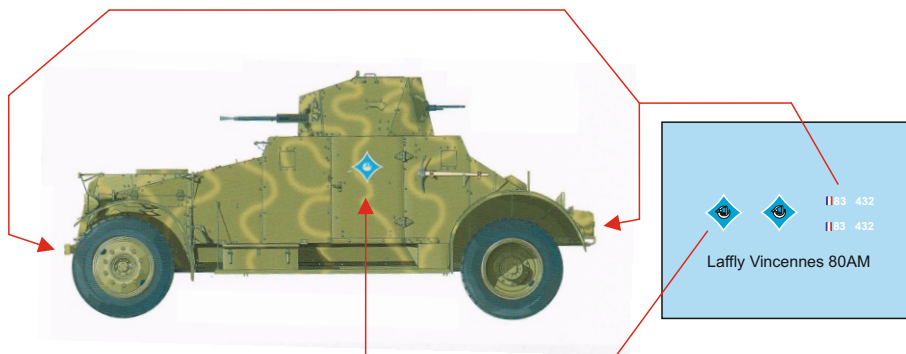


Hotchkiss H39: colors kaki green with wide, medium brown stripes/blotches.

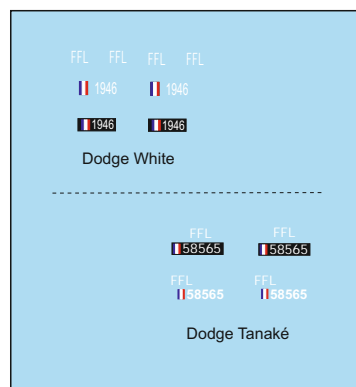


The Berliet VUDB changed its appearances; at first it was plain green with the numbers in white, but later sand colored stripes were added and the numbers were painted on a black base.

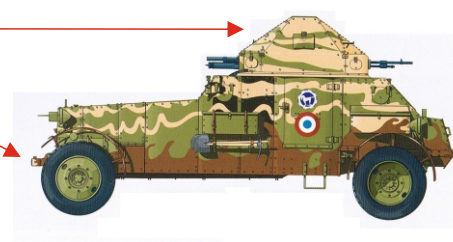
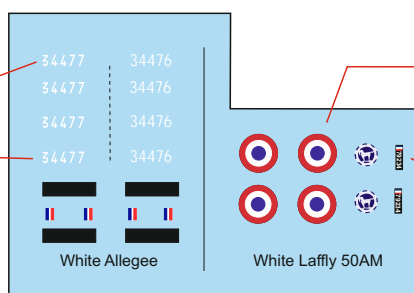




The Laffly Vincennes 80 AM was built locally and used in Algeria and Tunisia. The registration numbers were applied to the front fender and the rear hull / box. The unit sign was sometimes omitted.



Both the Dodge White and the Dodge Tanaké were improvised armoured cars, constructed by the Vichy French forces in Syria. They were used locally in 1941 when British and Free French forces took over Syria and Lebanon. Some Dodge Whites have been used by the Free French in Northern Africa. On both vehicles, the black numberplates were used on the front + rear, and the white numbers on the sides. The FFL signs were added after being captured. Colors are overall sand. The Tanaké's were given green camo spots in different variations.



Black based numberplates are optional on the White Allegee. Numbers with flags were placed on front, rear and sides.

Recommended models:

White Allegee	Wespe/Retrokit
Dodge White	Wespe/Retrokit
Dodge Tanaké	Wespe/Retrokit
White Laffly 50AM	Wespe/Retrokit
Laffly S15 TOE	Retrokit
Berliet VUDB	Wespe/Retrokit
Laffly Vincennes 80AM	Alby, Cromwell
Somua S35	Alby, Heller
Hotchkiss H39	Modelltrans

Recommended reading:

Chasseurs d'Afrique - J. Sicard & F. Vauvillier