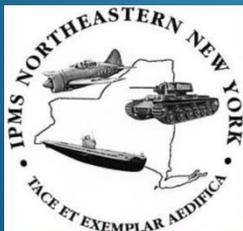


# Visiting a Japanese Ground Self Defence Force (JGSDF) Base in Japan



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# JGSDF BRIEF HISTORY

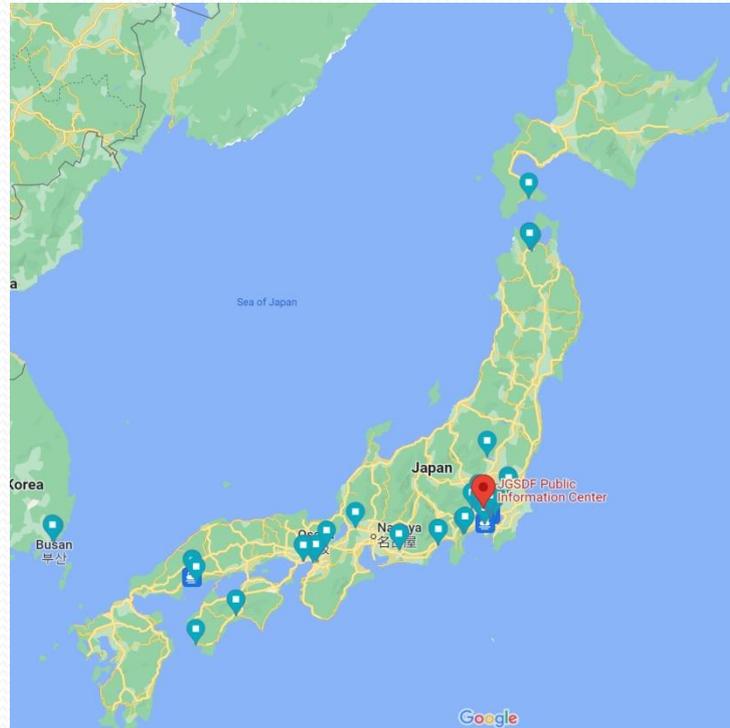
- **1945:** Japan accepts the Potsdam Declaration. The Imperial Japanese Army and Imperial Japanese Navy are dismantled.
- **1946:** Douglas MacArthur insists that Japan have NO military that could be used to settle international disputes. The Japanese Constitution in 1946, Article 9 states "*the Japanese people forever renounce war as a sovereign right of the nation and the threat or use of force as means of settling international disputes.*" But intent eventually allows for creation of military forces in Japan for self-defense purposes only.
- **1954:** The National Security Force was reorganized as the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (Army), the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (Navy) and the Japan Air Self-Defense Force (Air Force). That year the actual strength of the Ground, Maritime and Air Self-Defense Forces reached 150,000 armed mainly with U.S. World War II vintage equipment.
- **1960:** Under the terms of the “Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security between the United States and Japan”, the United States stations forces in Japan to deal with possible external aggression against Japan, while Japanese forces would deal with internal threats and natural disasters.

# JGSDF BRIEF HISTORY

- **1970's:** The Japan Ground Self-Defense Force expands due to threat from Soviet Union.
- **2004:** Special Operations Group formed with the mandate under the JGSDF as its Counter-terrorist unit.
- **2004 – 2006:** Japanese Government sends troops overseas to assist in Iraq war.
- **2015:** JSDF trains with the American forces. Japan activates its first marine unit since World War II on April 7, 2018.
- **2018:** British troops of the Honourable Artillery Company exercises together for the first time with Japanese GSDF soldiers. This also marks the first time in history that foreign soldiers other than Americans exercised on Japanese soil.
- **2021:** The JMSDF and JASDF as well as a U.S. Army train together in the largest GSDF exercises since after the Cold War
- **2023:** Citing regional threats from China, North Korea, and Russia, Japan unveils major overhaul of defense system including \$320 billion over the next 5 years.

# JGSDF

## Camp Asaka, Saitama Japan



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朝霞自衛隊  
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 玉葱、牛肉、リンゴペースト、砂糖、胡麻油、味噌、醤油、鶏肉エキス、澱粉、豆板醤、にんにく、生姜、食塩、かつお風味調味料、唐辛子、調味料(アミノ酸等)、パプリカ色素  
 (原材料の一部に小麦を含む)  
 気密性容器に密封し、加圧加熱殺菌

# インナー

インナー  
 肉、豚脂肪、糖類(ぶどう糖、砂糖)、塩、醤油、卵たん白、香辛料、リン酸(Na)、調味料(アミノ酸等)、pH調整剤、保存料(ソルビン酸K)、酸化防止剤(ビタミンC)、着色剤(亜硝酸Na)  
 気密性容器に密封し、加圧加熱殺菌  
 60g

# 白飯

名称	包装米飯(白飯)
原材料名	うるち米(国内産)/調味料
内容量	200g
賞味期限	トレイ裏面に記載
保存方法	直射日光を避け室温で保存
販売者	株式会社 武蔵高野 東京都千代田区神田錦糸町3丁目3番地5 神田大木ビル

製造所 テーブルマーク株式会社 新潟魚沼工場  
 新潟県魚沼市長岡813番地3

栄養成分表示 1食(200g)当たり (推定値)

エネルギー	295kcal	炭水化物	67.8g
たんぱく質	4.6g	食塩相当量	0.0g
脂質	0.6g		

電子レンジ 約2分    ホイル 約1分

①トレイのフタを点線まであけます。  
 ②電子レンジで温めます。  
 500W・600W → 約2分  
 1000W → 約1分30秒  
 (機種により多少異なります。)

熱湯で調理される場合、フタをはがさず、商品を重ねずに天面を上にして入れ、鍋のフタをせき約14分加熱してください。

- 調味料由来の臭いを感じる場合がありますが、品質には問題ありません。
- フタ、トレイに傷がつきますとカビの原因になります。取り扱いには充分ご注意ください。
- 気温の変化により、水滴がついたりトレイが変形することがありますが品質に問題はございません。
- うるち米由来の胚芽等が黒っぽい粒に見える場合がありますが、品質に問題はございません。

電子レンジで加熱する場合は、加熱前に点線まであけてください。  
**やけどにご注意!**

# 小形乾パン

名称 乾パン

原材料名

【乾パン】小麦粉

を含む)、こま

【金平糖】金平糖

合成着色料(赤色3号)

内容量

賞味期限

保存方法

製造者

賞味期限



多湿を避け、常温で

株式会社 白鳥工場  
白鳥町123番地

外袋  
内袋

ウイナーソーセージ

名称	ウイナーソーセージ
原材料名	畜肉(牛肉、豚肉)、豚脂、鶏肉、 結着材料(脱脂粉乳、でん粉)、 食塩、砂糖、香辛料、調味料(アミノ酸等)
殺菌方法	気密性容器に密封し、加熱殺菌
内容量	100グラム
賞味期限	下部に記載
保存方法	直射日光を避け、常温で保存する。
製造者	日東ベスト株式会社 YN21 山形県寒河江市幸町4-27

包材の材質  
PP(ポリプロピレン)  
M(アルミ)  
※捨てるときは、お住まいの自治体の分別収集のルールに従ってください。

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# FUJI AH-1S “COBRA”

**Serving with JGSDF Anti-Tank Units, 92 x AH-1S were built with provision for 8 TOW missiles and with Ichihara engines. These are being slowly replaced by the AH-64DJP Apache.**







INSTALL EPD  
FOR MARK 66  
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FUZE ← FIRE

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CAUTION  
TWO MAN LIFT REQUIRED  
FOR INSTALLATION

AIM-7E-3B PRACTICE  
ITEM 71E-3B  
MILITARY NO. 1410-01-370-2292  
3M  
RAYTHEON COMPANY  
P.O. BOX 10000  
DAYTON, OH 45468-0001  
GAAH01-60-C-0047



CAP. 262 U.S. GAL.  
USE H11-7-5624  
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RED GROUND  
AND FLIGHT

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ジャッキ・ポイントを支持すること

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# Toyota High Mobility Vehicle

**Based on the Hummer design, but is an indigenous unique design. It is Toyota's largest 4WD, designed for military use as infantry transport, a light prime mover for heavy mortars, and mobile Surface-to-air missiles. Max speed is 105 km/h.**











# Komatsu LAV

**Produced in 2002. Currently used exclusively by the Japan Self-Defense Force, it has seen use in the Iraq War. Crew of 4 + 1 gunner. Top speed is 100 km/h.**





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# Komatsu Type 96 APC

**Entered service with in 1996. This vehicle complements the existing fleet of tracked Type 73 Armored Personnel Carriers already in service. Slowly being replaced as of 2022 with newer model.**

















# Mitsubishi Type 90 MBT

**Entered service in 1990, to replace the Type 61 and to supplement the then current fleet of Type 74 tanks. It is to be succeeded by the Type 10 tank.**





# Mitsubishi Type 10 MBT

**Entered service in 2012. Compared with other currently-serving main battle tanks in the JGSDF, the Type 10 has been equipped with enhancements in its capability to respond to anti-tank warfare and other contingencies. It replaced the aging Type 74.**



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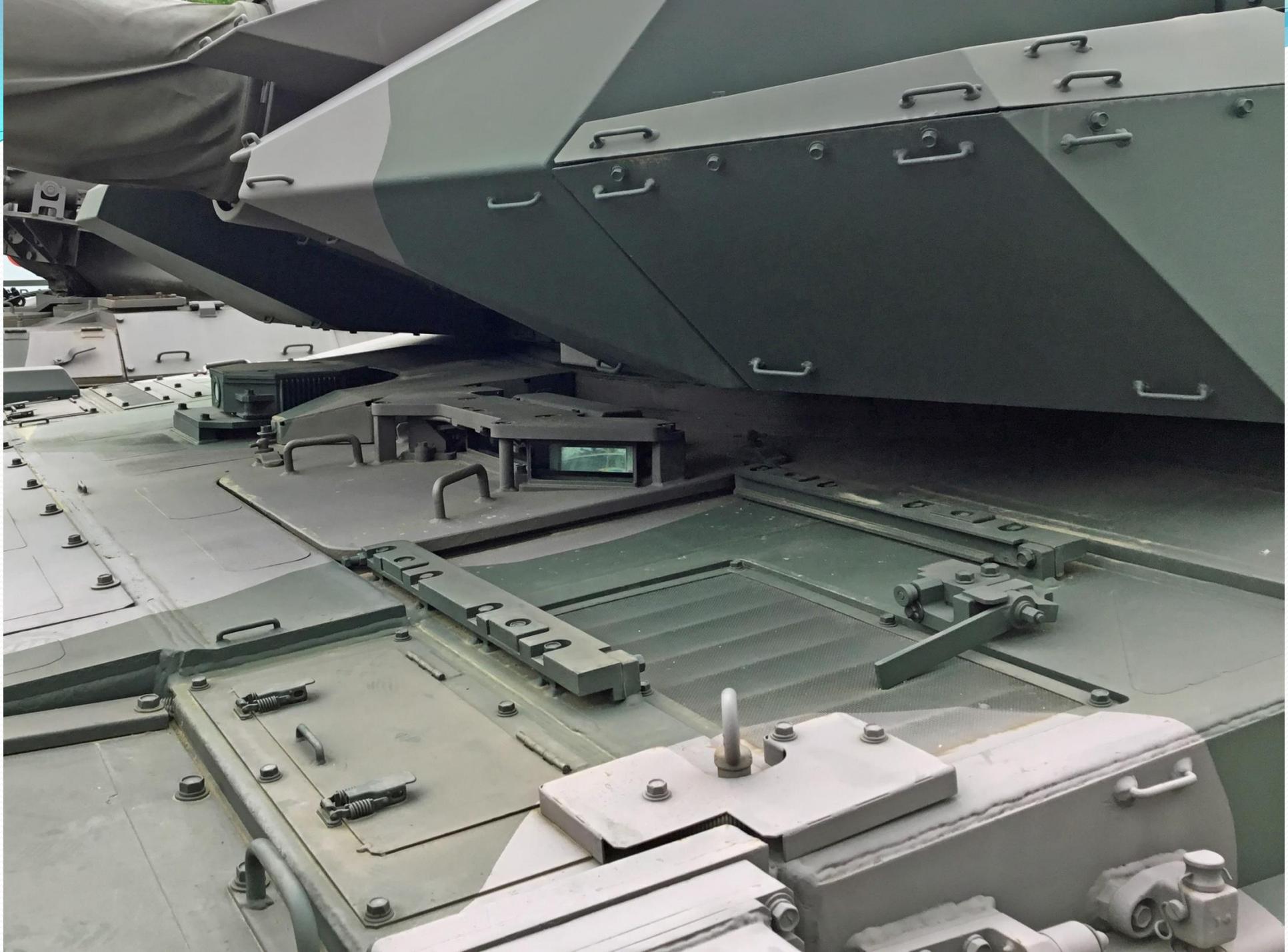










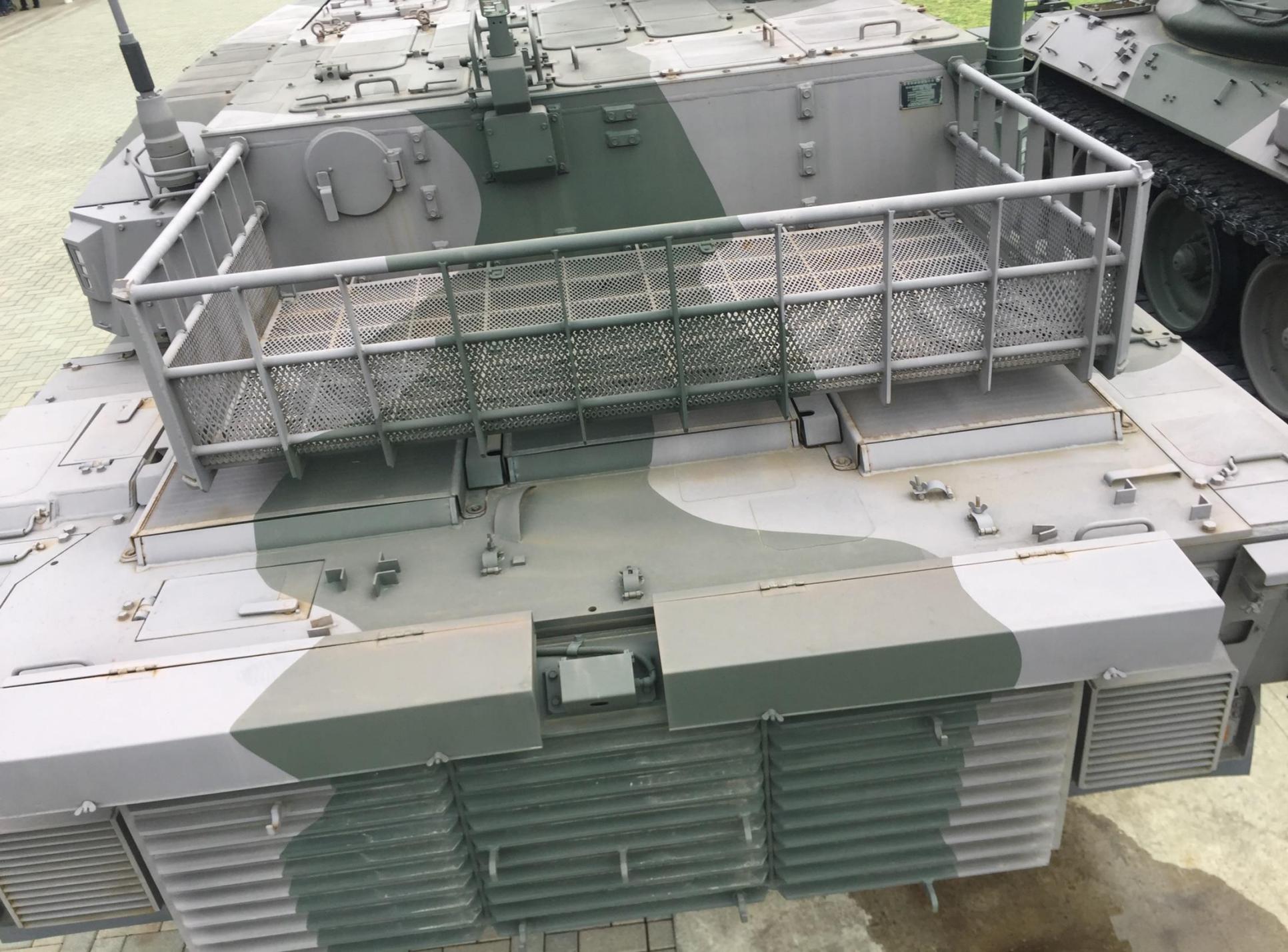




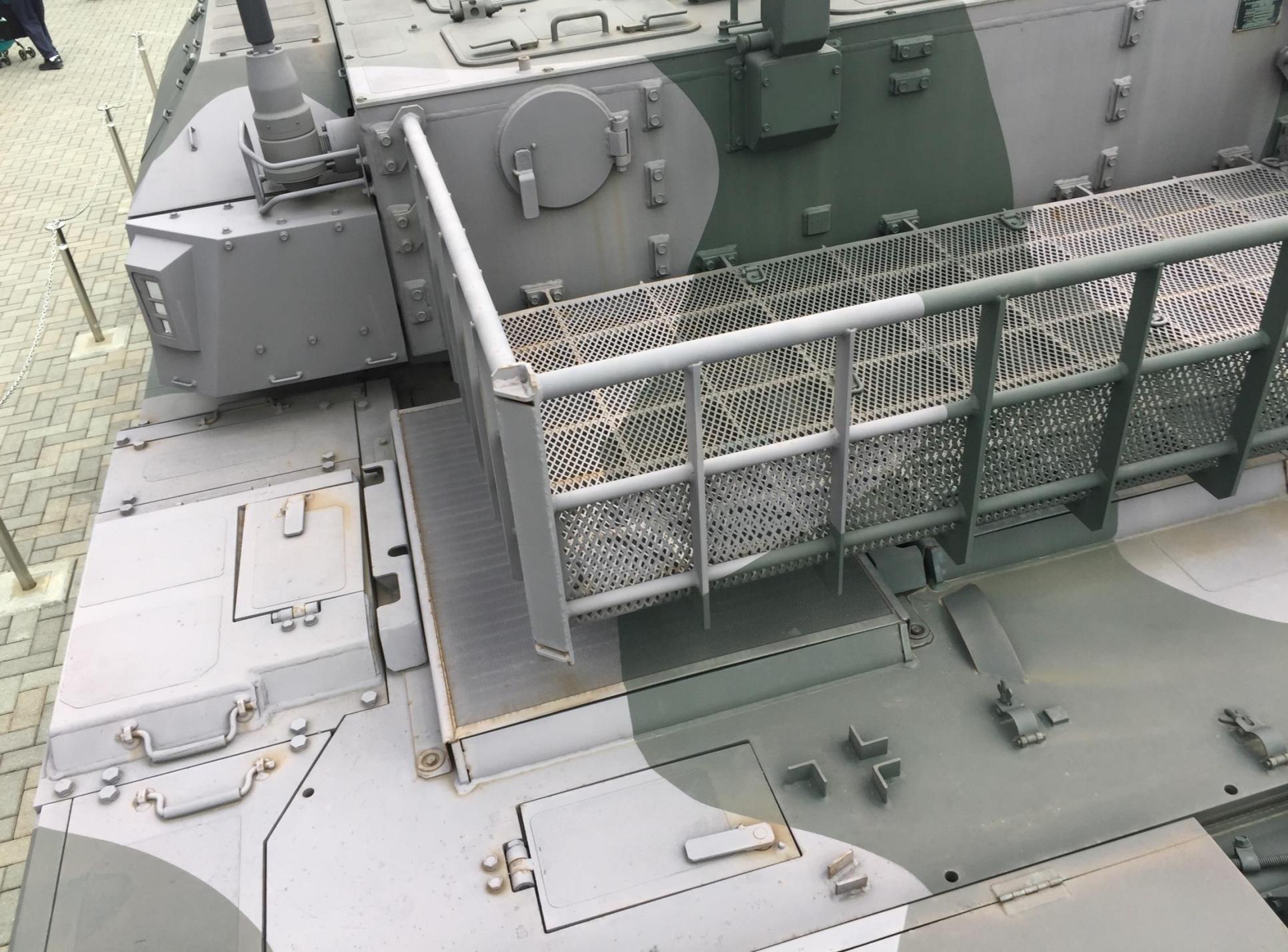


















# Mitsubishi Type 74, 105mm SPH

**Entering service in 1974, it carries 30 rounds on board. It is amphibious when using the erectable flotation screen stowed around the periphery of the upper hull. All were retired in 1999.**













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# Mitsubishi Type 74 MBT

**Replaced the Type 61. Same class as the US M60 Patton or German Leopard 1. Like these designs, it mounts a rifled 105 mm gun. The design did not enter widespread use until 1980, by which point other Western forces had introduced more capable designs. It was followed by the heavier Type 90. Both the Type 74 and Type 90 will all be eventually replaced by the new-generation Type 10 tank.**























# Mitsubishi Type 75, 155mm SPH

**Entering service in 1999, it was gradually replaced by the Type 99 155 mm self-propelled howitzer. All were retired in 1999.**



















# Mitsubishi Type 87, AA Gun

**This Japanese air defense weapon is built around the Oerlikon 35mm twin cannon system as used on the Gepard self-propelled anti-aircraft gun. The system uses a modified Type 74 tank chassis. It is also nicknamed by field officers as "Guntank" after the similar-looking mecha in the *Mobile Suit Gundam* series.**















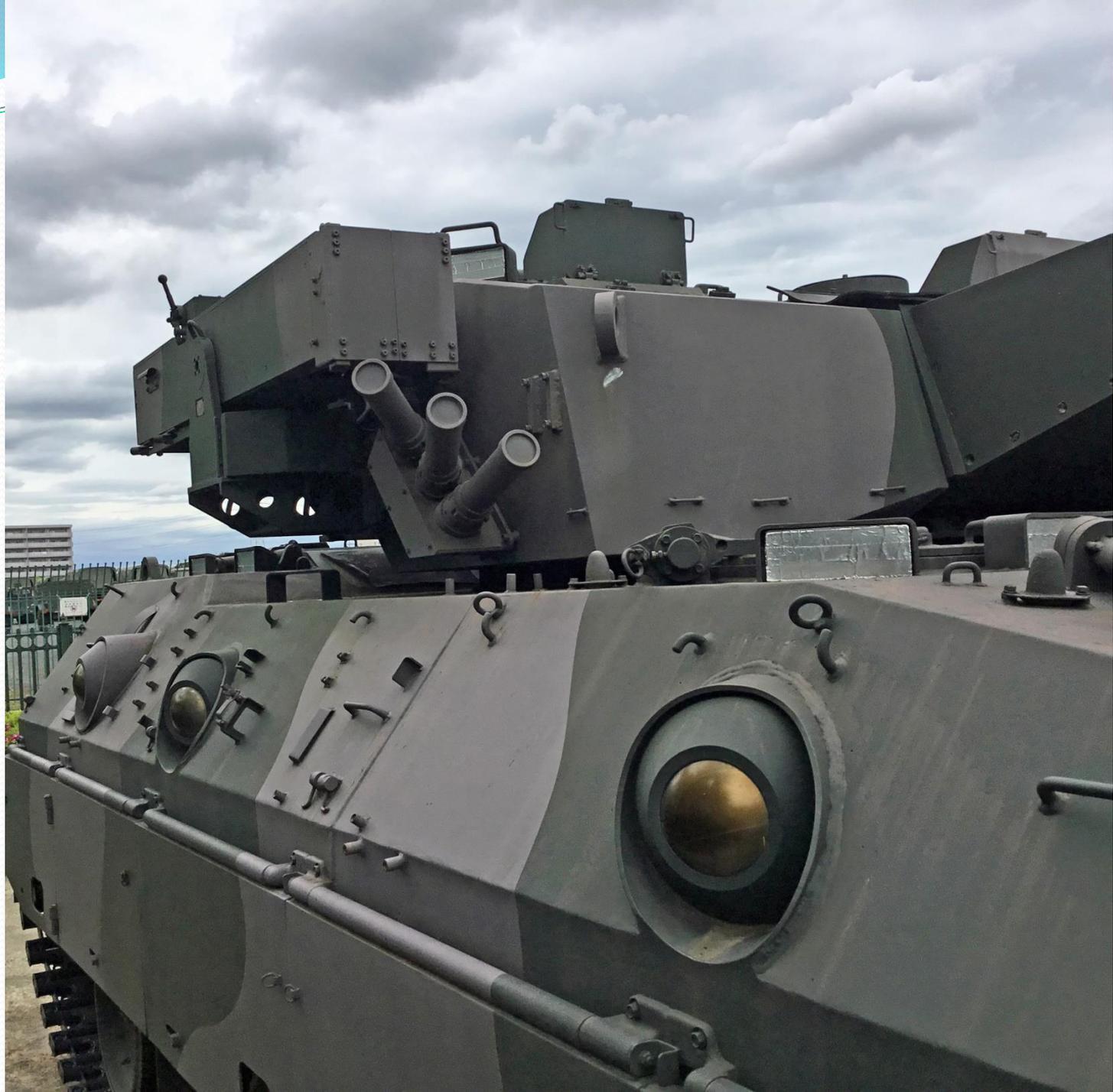




# Mitsubishi Type 89 IFV

**Entered service in 1989. The main armament of the vehicle is an Oerlikon 35 millimeter cannon.**















# Type 94 Beach Minelayer

**Entered service in 1990, to replace the Type 61 and to supplement the then current fleet of Type 74 tanks. It is to be succeeded by the Type 10 tank.**











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## JGSDF

Japan Ground Self-Defense Force

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### 広報センター

JGSDF Public Information Center  
(りっくんランド)



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りっくんランド

販売数	12冊
定価	1冊別
送料	750円
税別	750円
送料	750円

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陸上自衛隊

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# Thanks!

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