Armoured Vehicle Workshop
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Selection and Procurement of Armoured Vehicles

How to make the right selection of AVs

- Threat > protection level
- Timescale
- Profile & purpose of visit (VIP or lower profile)
- Number of passengers per vehicle
- Terrain
- Fuel type available locally
- Standardisation of fleet
- Maintenance & support
- Existing softskin vehicles to uparmour?

Recommended specification considerations

- Long range fuel tank(s), min 120 litres/25 gallons
- Under bonnet fire suppressant system & handheld
- Battery maintenance
- Comms & cable access
- Intercom
- Runflats
- Air-conditioning
- Heated front screen
- Lashing points

Additional specification considerations

- ECM?
- Emergency hatch?
- Window lifter?
- Tyres, wheel size
- Engine protection
- Wheel arch blast protection
- Rear cargo area?
- Jacks
- Spares
- Colour
- Roof panels?
Variations in techniques

- Profiled glass
- Stepped glass

Variations

Tendering & Evaluation

- Get your specification right from the start
- Include any options
- Know the market – anticipate pitfalls, site visits
- Establish your evaluation criteria before issuing tender
- Include criteria in tender (refer to your procurement guidelines)
- Be prepared to justify your contract awards as much as required (but not more)
- Stick to procedure for announcing contract award etc

Contract

- Have one!
- Clear, concise & legal. Refer to quotation.
- Terms & conditions – whose apply?
- Specification detailed in full
- Inspection schedule
- Delivery date & Incoterm
- Invoice & documentation instructions (inc manuals & keys)
- Points of contact

Variations

Inspection of vehicles – Money well spent

- Know what you’re buying!
- DFID inspects twice during build
- Consider checking
  - Armour overlaps
  - Points of friction
  - Doors & window open correctly
  - Locking/unlocking
  - Lights functioning normally
  - Road test: handling

Vehicle Evaluations

- DFID has instigated programme of evaluation of its AVs
- Covers each armourer’s version of each model
- Surprising variation!
- Duty of care
- In-vehicle safety sheet
- Vehicle history folder
**Refurbishment**
- After deployment
- Repair seen and unseen damage
- Recertification
- Incorporate any feedback/new comms etc
- Re-inspect and re-road test
- Refurbishment in-house or locally

**Availability of AVs in time of need**
- Our masters don’t always factor in build time!
- Depends on world events
- Understand process & know suppliers
- Consider framework agreement
- Possible mitigation is to stock armoured vehicles, or softskins for potential up-armour

**Import/Export Restrictions**
- Consider export licensing in country of manufacture
- Warranty restrictions
- Restriction in country of import AND transit
- VAT/Duty
- Comms
- ECM
- Documentation

**Any Questions**