

M4A3(105) Assault Gun

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Late in WWII the U.S. military introduced an improved mobile 105mm howitzer, the M4A3 built on the Sherman tank body. This model uses the Heng Long M4A3(105) howitzer “tank” in 1/16 scale. This vehicle was not referred as a tank but as an Assault Gun. It was not built for tank on tank warfare but history proved this not 100% correct.

To convert the Heng Long “almost ready to run” model to a vehicle that is more realistic a number of items had to be changed, modified, and/or added. A total repaint of the entire vehicle to a more correct O.D. (and eliminate the weird Heng Long version of dirt/grime). Many of the Heng Long items were not used or relocated. A few new items are planned for the future.

Along with the modifications, decals were made for the stars and identification. Records were searched and based on the late war reorganization of the armored units it was found that many of these vehicles were put into an assault gun platoon and attached to the unit’s headquarters company. This included two 3 half-tracks, and three M4A3 assault guns along with four M10 ammo trailers, each tank towing one and one of the half-tracks towing the last one.

All vehicles assigned to this group (owned by various member) will have their unique designations following the military directions. This tank is in the 2nd armored division, 67th armored regiment, headquarters company and is vehicle 31.



