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RESPECT
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BRADLEY

Mission

To provide protected transport of an infantry squad on the battlefield, perform cavalry scout missions, and overwatch fire support for dismounted infantry

Entered Army Service

1981

Description and Specifications

The M2/M3 Bradley Fighting Vehicle is a fully-armored, fully tracked vehicle designed to carry mechanized infantry into close contact with the enemy. It possesses sufficient cross-country mobility to keep up with the Abrams main battle tank, medium and long-range firepower capable of defeating any vehicle on the battlefield, and is adequately armored to protect the crew from artillery and small arms threats.



<i>Length</i>	21 ft 2 in
<i>Width:</i>	11.83 ft with armor tiles, 10.75 ft without
<i>Height:</i>	11.8 ft
<i>Weight:</i>	50,000 lbs unloaded, 67,000 combat loaded
<i>Power Train:</i>	600 hp Cummins VTA-903T diesel engine with GM-Allison HMPT-500-3SEC hydro-mechanical automatic transmission
<i>Cruising Range:</i>	250 miles
<i>Crew:</i>	M2A3: 9 (3 crew, 6 dismounts); M3A3: 5 (3 crew, 2 dismounts)
<i>Armament:</i>	25-mm M242 Bushmaster cannon, TOW II missile system, 7.62mm M240C machine gun

Information courtesy Army.mil and GlobalSecurity.org

The vehicle's namesake is Gen. Omar Bradley, General of the Army (1950).

Manufacturer

United Defense

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