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Somua MCL11 tracteur du 155GPF/ Somua MCL11 155GPF tractor

Successor of the Somua MCG, the Somua MCL appears in 1934 and interests rapidly the French Army who needs a tractor more powerful to recover its tanks and move its artillery.

Its career in the artillery will be reduced by the arrival and adoption of the Laffly S35T. A group of 155 GPF will nevertheless be completely equipped in May 1940.

On 11 May 1940, 148 MCL recovery tractors are in service and 26 chassis are received. At this time, they are particularly intended to tow the Titan - Coder tank trailers of either 20 tonnes (Somua S35, Renault D2) or 30 tonnes (Renault B1 and B1 bis).

Whenever possible, these materials have been reused by the Wehrmacht.

Successor of the Somua MCG, the more powerful Somua MCL tractor is ordered in 1935 by the French Army to recover its tanks and tow its 155 GPF guns.

The better suited Laffly S35T tractor replaced many MCLs and only one group of 155 GPFs was still equipped with the second in 1940.

In May 1940, 148 Somua MCL recovery tractors are deployed in armoured units, mostly towing the Titan - Coder tank trailers of either 20t capacity (for Somua S35s and Renault D2s) or 30t capacity (for Renault B1s and B1 bis). 26 bare chassis are on hand too.

All the still fit tractors were quickly put back to use by the Germans.

