Pz.Kpfw. I Ausf. A mit 2cm. Breda mod. 35 Gun

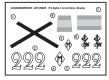
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Conversion kit for TRISTAR Pz.Kpfw.IA

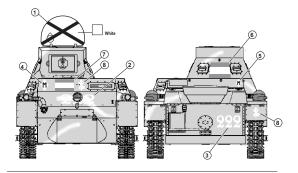
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2-d company, Abteilung Drohne, Legion "Condor", Spain, 1938







The combat debut of Pz.Kpfw. IA $\,$, the first German tank since the Treaty of Versailles, was in 1936, during Spanish Civil War. 106 tanks, (102 Ausf A, Ausf B and 4 kl.Pz.Bf.Wg IKIA saw service with "Legion Condor" and General Franco's "Nationalists". By the spring of 1938, "Bandera de Carros de Combate de la Legion", consisted of two tanks battalions was formed. Pz.Kpfw. Is equipped 1-st Tank Battalion, while captured T-26s equipped the second. German High Command used the opportunity of the Spanish Civil War to test and compare their new weapons and tactics of Blitzkrieg. Pz.Kpfw. I was designed as light training tank for the pre-war Panzer Divisions never intended to be be used in combat conditions. Iits armour and MG armament were both very weak, because of its original design capabilities. Pz.Kpfw. I tanks proved to be outclassed by Soviet T-26 and BT-5 provided to "The Republicans". To overcome that, several Pz.Kpfw. I were rearmed with Czech 2cm. Breda mod. 35 anti-tank guns mounted in a modified turret.

