

COMPANY B MORRIS 15CWT FACT SHEET

The 15 cwt CS8 Morris-Commercial prototype was built in 1934. The British War Office wanted a general purpose vehicle of around 15 cwt capacity. Morris in co-operation with the War Office, designed a new truck using many parts from their 1933 civilian C series. The new truck was to be known as the CS8 (S meaning 6 cyl and 8 meaning approx. 8 ft wheelbase). The truck displayed some innovations, it had a short stubby appearance with a high ground clearance and the semi forward control layout enabled maximum use of the cargo area.

The CS8 went on to evolve into the ubiquitous 15 cwt general purpose truck that was eventually built by other British manufacturers such as Guy, Bedford, Commer and Fordson. The 15 cwt range of vehicles were made in large numbers and they became the backbone of the British army. Until late 1940 CS8's were fitted with small aero screens and canvas doors but, during 1941 a revised cab appeared with a full windscreen and metal skinned half doors. During 1942 a 4 cyl variant, the C4, replaced the CS8. The C4 was essentially the same truck as the CS8 but it had a 4cyl engine, it was built in two Mk's (different wheelbases), and it was fitted with a full windscreen and metal doors like the late CS8's. The CS8/C4's were eventually replaced by the 4 cylinder 4X4 C8 quad models that began production during 1944.

The CS8 was seen fitted with many body types and it was used in many different roles including office, communications van, water tanker, refueled and 2 pounder portee.

An interesting aside for gamers is that the best known CS8 Morris seen around the world would be the vehicle used in the 1960's U.S. TV comedy series "HOGAN'S HEROES". The vehicle appeared in many episodes as a German truck. It was a lucky break for the series makers that this was historically correct as many CS8's were captured at Dunkirk and subsequently used by the Wermacht.

21,319 CS8's were built from 1934 to 1941.

Company B has endeavored to produce a kit that allows the customer to build the ubiquitous Morris CS8 in the varied forms that appeared in the numerous theaters around the world during WWII. The basic kit comes in two basic variants; an open back and a van.



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The vehicle can be built with windshield, windscreen, canvas top deployed or just the frame.



The open back model will accept our canvas frame which can be built either open or closed.



The Morris comes with a driver with 3 head variants, helmet, beret or floppy hat.

We also offer several custom loads for the Morris.

