

**Organization of Japanese Armored Divisions
1939-1945**

1st Armored Division:

- 1st Tank Brigade
 - Headquarters (48/91/62/15/16/35/0/0)*
 - 1st Tank Regiment (49/314/708/13/13/175/0/0/0)
 - 3rd Tank Regiment (49/314/708/13/13/175/0/0/0)
 - 5th Tank Regiment (49/314/708/13/13/175/0/0/0)
- 1st Motorized Infantry Regiment (106/397/2,526/47/40/232/0/0/0)
- 1st Motorized Artillery Regiment (no data)
- 1st Armored Division Anti-aircraft Unit (20mm)
(74/22/1212/41/31/89/0/0)
- 1st Armored Division Anti-aircraft Unit (75mm)
(45/141/828/0/0/0/0/0)
- 1st Armored Division Engineer Unit
(46/185/91842/31/89/0/0)
- 1st Armored Division Anti-tank Unit
(25/71/348/11/8/27/18/0)
- 1st Armored Division Maintenance Unit
(26/104/648/15/101/0/0/15)
- 1st Armored Division Transport Unit
(31/118/515/8/208/100/0/0)

* Numbers are as of August 1945: officers, Warrants & NCOs, men, sedans, trucks, tanks & armored vehicles, tractors, engineer vehicles)

2nd Armored Division:

- Division Headquarters (48/86/22**/16/15/35/0/0)
- 3rd Tank Brigade
 - Brigade Headquarters (5/6/0/4/0/0/0/0)
 - 6th Tank Regiment (49/314/1508/36/68/173/0/0)
 - 7th Tank Regiment (49/314/1508/36/68/173/0/0)
 - 10th Tank Regiment (49/314/1508/36/68/173/0/0)
- 2nd Motorized Infantry Regiment (106/397/4,025/47/110/232/0/0)
- 2nd Motorized Artillery Regiment (no data)
- 2nd Armored Division 20mm AA Unit (74/220/2,412/42/121/89/0/0)
- 2nd Armored Division Engineer Unit (46/185/1,718/18/92/122/0/0)
- 2nd Armored Division Anti-tank Unit (24/71/548/11/39/0/18/0)
- 2nd Armored Division 75mm AA Unit (45/141/828/30/1/94/33/0)
- 2nd Armored Division Transport Unit (32/118/1,015/8/358/8/0/0)
- 2nd Armored Division Signal Unit (9/28/152/??/??/??)
- 2nd Armored Division Maintenance Unit (no data)
- Casualty Collection Unit (no data, total 550 men)

** enlisted normally assigned from subordinate units.

3rd Armored Division:

- Tank Brigade
 - 12th Tank Regiment
- 3rd Mobile Infantry Regiment
- 3rd Mobile Artillery Regiment
- 3rd Armored Division Reconnaissance Unit
- 3rd Armored Division Anti-tank Unit
- 3rd Armored Division Anti-aircraft Unit

3rd Armored Division Engineer Unit
3rd Armored Division Transport Unit
3rd Armored Division Maintenance Unit

4th Armored Division:

Tank Brigade
 28th Tank Regiment
 29th Tank Regiment
 30th Tank Regiment
4th Mobile Infantry Regiment
4th Mobile Artillery Regiment
4th Armored Division Reconnaissance Unit
4th Armored Division Anti-tank Unit
4th Armored Division Anti-aircraft Unit
4th Armored Division Engineer Unit
4th Armored Division Transport Unit
4th Armored Division Maintenance Unit

Equipment

Tank Regiment
 HQ - 2 light tanks & 5 medium tanks
 Bns - 31 light tanks & 50 medium tanks
 3 HMGs & 76 76 trucks
Infantry Regiment
 81 LMGs, 39 HMGs, 18 47mm AT guns, 6-75mm guns, 9 Lt. Tanks
 18 prime movers, 301 trucks
Artillery Regiment
 9-37mm AT guns, 12-75mm guns, 24-105mm howitzers, 57 prime
 movers & 198 trucks
Anti-Tank Battalion
 4 HMGs, 18-47mm AT guns, 18 prime movers & 39 trucks
Anti-Aircraft Battalion
 24-20mm AA guns, 8-75mm AA guns, 10 prime movers & 115
 trucks
Reconnaissance Unit
 9 LMGs, 3-37mm AT guns, 32 light tanks, 10 medium tanks,
 52 trucks
Engineer Unit
 6 HMGs, 6-37mm AT guns, 153 trucks

Kungchuling Mechanized Brigade: (1934-1940)

 4th Armored Regiment (Light Tanks)
 3 Light Armored Battalions
 3 Armored Train Detachments
 Depot
 Supply Platoon
 2 Maintenance Platoons
 Reserve Platoon
 Motorized Infantry Regiment
 1 Tankette Company
 3 Motorized Infantry Battalions, each with
 3 Motorized Infantry Companies
 1 Self Propelled Infantry Gun Company
 Tractor Drawn Artillery Battalion

3 Self Propelled Artillery Batteries
1 Ammunition Detachment
1 Motorized Engineer Company
1 Tank Platoon (flame)
1 Motorized Engineer Platoon
Depot

Staff

1 Major General
2 Staff Officers
2 Adjutants
1 Cryptographer
1 Signals Officer
1 Records Officer
3 Ordnance Officers
3 Intendence Officers
3 Medical Officers
30 NCOs and Enlisted
5 Sedans
10 Trucks

Motorized Infantry Regiment

Regimental HQ (2 Sedans & 8 Trucks)
Tankette Company (17 tankettes)
3 Infantry Battalions, each with:
 (1 sedan, 59 trucks, 4 37mm guns)
Regimental Train (30 trucks)

Motorized Infantry Battalion

Battalion Headquarters (1 sedan & 4 trucks)
3 Infantry Companies (15 trucks each)
Infantry Gun Company (10 trucks & 4 37mm guns)

4th Tank Regiment

Regimental HQ (5 light tanks, 2 sedans, & 5 trucks)
3 Tank Companies (15 light tanks each)
3 Tank Company Train (10 trucks each)
Depot (10 light tanks, 30 trucks, & 4 repair vehicles)

Tractor Drawn Artillery Battalion

Battalion HQ (3 sedans & 7 trucks)
3 Batteries (4 Model 90, 75m guns & 10 trucks each)
Train (40 trucks)

Motorized Engineer Unit

Unit HQ (1 sedan & 2 trucks)
Tank Platoon (flame)
Engineer Company (12 trucks)

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Division Headquarters

1 Lt. General, commanding
1 Colonel, Chief of Staff
3 Lt. Col or Major, Staff Officers
4 Captains or 1st Lts, Staff Officers
1 Lt. Colonel, Adjutant
1 Captain, Adjutant
2 Captain or 1st Lt, Adjutants

1 Col or Lt. Col. Ordnance Chief
5 Capt or 1st Lt., Ordnance officers
1 Col or Lt. Col., Intendance Chief
5 Capt or 1st Lt., Intendance officers
1 Col or Lt. Col., Medical Chief
5 Capt or 1st Lt., Medical officers
5 medium tanks, 10 sedans, 15 trucks

Reconnaissance Unit

Headquarters (3 light tanks, 3 sedans, 7 trucks)
2 Light Tank Companies (10 light tanks, 5 trucks ea)
1 Medium Tank Company (10 Model 97 M tanks & 5 trucks)
1 Motorized Infantry Company (15 trucks - 150 men)
1 Maintenance Platoon (10 trucks & 2 repair vehicles)

2 Tank Brigades, each with:

Headquarters (3 medium tanks, 2 sedans, 3 trucks)
2 Tank Regiments

Tank Regiment,

Headquarters (4 light tanks, 2 medium tanks, 2 sedans,
3 trucks)
4 Medium Tank Companies (3 Model light tanks, 15 Model
89B or 97 (m) medium tanks, & 5 trucks)
1 Medium Tank Company (3 Model light tanks, 10 Model 97
medium tanks, 5 trucks)
Maintenance Company (30 trucks, 3 repair vehicles & 10
reserve tanks)

Infantry Regiment

Regimental HQ (2 sedans & 10 trucks)
3 Infantry Battalions, each with
Battalion HQ (1 sedan & 5 trucks)
3 Infantry Companies (15 trucks, 150 men)
1 Machine Gun Company (6 machine guns)
1 Regimental Gun Company (10 trucks, 6 75mm mountain guns)
Maintenance Company (40 trucks & 6 repair vehicles)

Anti-Tank Unit:

Headquarters (1 sedan & 5 trucks)
3 Anti-Tank Companies (5 trucks & 6 47mm AT guns)
Maintenance Platoon (20 trucks & 2 repair vehicles)

Artillery Regiment:

Headquarters (3 sedans & 7 trucks)
2 Battalions, each with:
HQ (2 sedans & 4 trucks)
4 75mm Gun Batteries (10 trucks & 4 75mm guns each)
2 75mm Mountain Gun Batteries (10 trucks, 4 tractors,
& 4 75mm guns each)
1 Heavy Battalion
120mm Battalion, HQ (2 sedans & 4 trucks)
3 120mm Howitzer Batteries (10 trucks, 6 tractors,
4 120mm guns each)
Maintenance Company (50 trucks & 6 tractors)

Anti-Aircraft Unit:

Headquarters (1 sedan & 5 trucks)
3 Anti-Aircraft Batteries, each with: (4 75mm guns)
1 Anti-Aircraft Battery (15 trucks & 8 20mm AA guns)
1 Maintenance Company (30 trucks & 3 repair vehicles)

Maintenance Unit:

Headquarters (3 sedans & 7 trucks)
3 Repair Companies (10 trucks & 6 repair vehicles)
1 Spare Parts Company (30 trucks)

Transportation Regiment

Headquarters (3 sedans & 7 trucks)
4 Transportation Companies (70 trucks)
Maintenance Company (10 trucks & 3 repair vehicles)

Authorized Organization, Mechanized Army

Headquarters

1st Armored Division
1st Tank Brigade
2 Tank Regiments, each with
3 Medium Companies
1 Medium Companies (Chiha - Model 97)
1 Maintenance Company
2nd Tank Brigade
2 Tank Regiments, each with
3 Medium Companies
1 Medium Companies (Chiha - Model 97)
1 Maintenance Company
Infantry Regiment
3 Infantry Battalions, each with
3 Infantry Companies
1 Machine Gun Company
1 Infantry Gun Company (6-75mm guns)
Artillery Regiment
2 75mm Battalions (3 btrys ea)
1 120mm Battalion (3 btrys)
1 Maintenance Company
Anti-Tank Battalion
3 Anti-Tank Batteries (47mm guns)
Maintenance Platoon
Anti-Aircraft Battalion
3 Anti-Aircraft Battalions (3 75mm btrys ea)
1 Anti-Aircraft Battalion (3 20mm btrys)
Reconnaissance Battalion
2 Light Tank Companies
1 Medium Tank Company (M) (Chiha - Model 97)
1 Infantry Company
1 Maintenance Platoon
1 Signal Company
1 Maintenance Battalion
3 Repair Companies
1 Spare Parts Company
1 Engineer Battalion
3 Engineer Companies
1 Maintenance Company
1 Transportation Regiment
4 Transportation Companies
1 Maintenance Company
2nd Armored Division
same as 1st Division

Units Assigned to the Mechanized Army, Before 30 October 1943:

1st Tank Group
2nd Tank Group
6th Tank Regiment (54th Division)
7th Tank Regiment (Central China Expeditionary Forces)
1st Anti-tank Company (Depot Guards Division)
2nd Anti-tank Company (57th Division)
4th Anti-tank Company (54th Division)
7th Anti-tank Company (51st Division)
12th Anti-tank Company (56th Division)
1st Independent Field Artillery Regiment (-4th Co)
(Kwantung Army)
5th Independent Engineer Regiment (B) (-1st Co) (3rd Army)
3rd Independent Engineer Company (Heavy River Crossing)
(3rd Depot Division)
Engineer Unit (-3rd Co), 3rd Tank Group (54th Division)
27th Independent Field AAA Company (3rd Depot Division)
28th Independent Field AAA Company (3rd Depot Division)
29th Independent Field AAA Company (3rd Depot Division)
16th Field Automatic Cannon Company (3rd Depot Division)
18th Field Automatic Cannon Company (15th Division)

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