

Soviet Vehicle Guide

This is the perfect companion piece to the *U.S. Army Vehicle Guide*, detailing and illustrating a plethora of Soviet and Warsaw Pact equipment. The *Soviet Vehicle Guide* contains:

Details of the T-80 and T-90 main battle tanks, the BMP series of armored personnel carriers, the BT-76 Soviet light tank, the SO-120, an automatic 120mm turret-mounted mortar, the OT-65 light scout car, the SAU-203 self-propelled gun, the SA-13 ADA rocket launcher vehicle, and several hovercraft in the KVP series (including both transport and combat variants).

Additional information on the latest Soviet weapons and armor enhancements, such as the AT-8 and reactive armor (just now coming into service in western Europe). Many of these vehicles are illustrated in full color on eight pages of color plates, or in the black and white line drawings accompanying the descriptions. *Soviet Vehicle Guide* also includes the complete worldwide order of battle for all the Soviet divisions and several brigades and regiments as of July 2000, brief divisional histories, tables of organization and equipment from battalion to division for Soviet military units, and notes on the use of hovercraft in **Twilight: 2000**.

The *Soviet Vehicle Guide* presents referees and players of **Twilight: 2000** with a single authoritative source of information for the vehicles of World War III.

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The Soviet Army

This chapter will provide players with an overview of the current position and approximate strength of the Soviet Army and Navy forces as of July 1, 2000. The order of battle provides an infrastructure of the Soviet command system. The divisional histories give a brief description of the major units of the Soviet Armed Forces. Referees are allowed considerable freedom in manipulating this data to suit the needs of their campaign.

All strengths given for manpower have been rounded to the nearest thousand. Tank strength is for main battle tanks only, and the numbers reflect the current best estimate. Most units have acquired an assortment of other vehicles including lighter armored vehicles, soft-skinned vehicles, civilian vehicles, and a variety of captured equipment.

Order of Battle

STRATEGIC CENTRAL REGION COMMAND

Strategic Reserve

Current Location: Ryazan, USSR

106th Guards Air Assault Division

7th Guards Air Assault Division

9th Soviet Army

4th Guards Tank Division

15th Guards Tank Division

2nd Guards Motorized Rifle Division

3rd Guards Motorized Rifle Division

WESTERN TVD (theatre of war)

Baltic Front

Current Location: Poland

22nd Soviet Cavalry Army

43rd Cavalry Division

96th Cavalry Division

84th Cavalry Division

Central Front

Current Location: Poland

4th Soviet Guards Tank Army

21st Motorized Rifle Division

20th Tank Division

124th Motorized Rifle Division

3rd Soviet Shock Army

127th Cavalry Division

129th Motorized Rifle Division

12th Guards Tank Division

1st Western Front

Current Location: Poland

1st Soviet Guards Tank Army

9th Guards Tank Division

11th Guards Tank Division

25th Tank Division

1st Tank Division

8th Soviet Guards Army

39th Guards Motorized Rifle Division

20th Guards Cavalry Division

131st Motorized Rifle Division

2nd Western Front

Current Location: Northeastern Germany

2nd Soviet Guards Army

21st Guards Motorized Rifle Division

103rd Motorized Rifle Division

117th Motorized Rifle Division

157th Motorized Rifle Division

20th Soviet Guards Army

132nd Cavalry Division

12th Guards Motorized Rifle Division

94th Cavalry Division

1st Southwestern Front

Current Location: Czechoslovakia

21st Soviet Army

102nd Guards Motorized Rifle Division
135th Motorized Rifle Division
108th Motorized Rifle Division

2nd Southwestern Front

Current Location: Austria

8th Soviet Guards Tank Army
5th Tank Division
51st Tank Division

16th Soviet Army

106th Motorized Rifle Division
35th Guards Motorized Rifle Division
41st Soviet Army
18th Guards Motorized Rifle Division
122nd Motorized Rifle Division
130th Motorized Rifle Division

1st Byelorussian Front

Current Location: Western Russia

86th Air Assault Brigade
7th Soviet Guards Tank Army
3rd Guards Tank Division
8th Guards Tank Division
22nd Tank Division
47th Tank Division

9th Soviet Guards Tank Army
1st Guards Motorized Rifle Division
138th Motorized Rifle Division
3rd Guards Motorized Rifle Division

NORTHWESTERN TVD**Red Banner Leningrad Front**

Current Location: Leningrad

76th Guards Air Assault Division
27th Naval Infantry Regiment
6th Soviet Army
45th Guards Motorized Rifle Division
77th Guards Motorized Rifle Division
137th Motorized Rifle Division
154th Motorized Rifle Division
152nd Motorized Rifle Division
18th Soviet Army
64th Guards Motorized Rifle Division
69th Motorized Rifle Division
37th Motorized Rifle Division

Red Banner 3rd Baltic Front

Current Location: Latvia (near Riga)

11th Soviet Guards Army
140th Motorized Rifle Division
107th Motorized Rifle Division
40th Guards Motorized Rifle Division

SOUTHWESTERN TVD**Southern Front**

Current Location: Central Yugoslavia

112th Air Assault Brigade
20th Soviet Army
73rd Guards Motorized Rifle Division
266th Motorized Rifle Division
9th Motorized Rifle Division

Danube Front

Current Location: Romania

32nd Air Assault Brigade
38th Soviet Army

24th Motorized Rifle Division
97th Motorized Rifle Division
3rd Soviet Guards Tank Army
14th Tank Division
42nd Guards Tank Division
13th Tank Division
117th Guards Tank Division

1st Ukrainian Front

Current Location: Northern Ukraine

14th Air Assault Brigade
13th Soviet Army
128th Motorized Rifle Division
318th Guards Motorized Rifle Division
70th Guards Motorized Rifle Division
19th Soviet Army
33rd Guards Motorized Rifle Division
34th Tank Division
286th Motorized Rifle Division
92nd Motorized Rifle Division
98th Guards Motorized Rifle Division

SOUTHERN TVD**Transcaucasus Front**

Current Location: Northern Iran (near Tehran)

104th Guards Air Assault Division
24th Guards Air Assault Brigade
7th Soviet Guards Army
261st Motorized Rifle Division
164th Motorized Rifle Division
75th Motorized Rifle Division
24th Guards Motorized Rifle Division
627th Attack Helicopter Regiment
4th Soviet Army
31st Guards Motorized Rifle Regiment
26th Motorized Rifle Division
146th Motorized Rifle Division
32nd Attack Helicopter Regiment
45th Soviet Army
147th Motorized Rifle Division
19th Motorized Rifle Division
10th Motorized Rifle Division
45th Attack Helicopter Regiment
1st Soviet Army
346th Motorized Rifle Division
150th Motorized Rifle Division
8th Motorized Rifle Division
11th Attack Helicopter Regiment
40th Soviet Army
66th Motorized Rifle Division
360th Motorized Rifle Division
15th Tank Division
84th Motorized Rifle Division
340th Attack Helicopter Regiment

FAR EASTERN TVD**1st Far Eastern Front**

Current Location: Manchuria

98th Air Assault Brigade
50th Airmobile Brigade
39th Soviet Army
23rd Motorized Rifle Division
100th Motorized Rifle Division

36th Soviet Army
 49th Tank Division
 6th Tank Division
 46th Motorized Rifle Division
 5th Soviet Army
 3rd Tank Division
 29th Motorized Rifle Division
 79th Motorized Rifle Division
 71st Motorized Rifle Division

2nd Far Eastern Front

Current Location: Mongolia
 17th Soviet Army
 11th Tank Division
 34th Motorized Rifle Division
 56th Motorized Rifle Division
 91st Motorized Rifle Division

Yalu Front

Current Location: Korea
 203rd Air Assault Brigade
 63rd Naval Infantry Regiment
 35th Soviet Army
 173rd Motorized Rifle Division
 194th Motorized Rifle Division
 38th Motorized Rifle Division

Siberian Front

Current Location: Siberia
 2nd Soviet Army
 70th Motorized Rifle Division
 342nd Motorized Rifle Division
 78th Motorized Rifle Division
 31st Motorized Rifle Division
 15th Soviet Army
 118th Motorized Rifle Division
 102nd Motorized Rifle Division
 73rd Motorized Rifle Division
 116th Motorized Rifle Division

Aleutian Front

Current Location: Pacific Northwest and Alaska
 6th Guards Air Assault Division
 1st Naval Infantry Brigade
 18th Hovercraft Transport Regiment
 11th Soviet Army
 7th Motorized Rifle Division
 147th Motorized Rifle Division
 113th Motorized Rifle Division
 1st Arctic Mechanized Brigade
 2nd Arctic Mechanized Brigade

PACIFIC TVD

1st Indochinese Front

Current Location: Vietnam
 128th Air Assault Brigade
 28th Soviet Army
 50th Guards Motorized Rifle Division
 104th Motorized Rifle Division
 101st Guards Motorized Rifle Division

Unit History and Current Status

Tank Divisions

1ST TANK DIVISION

Originally a Category II (see note at the end of *Organization*) division from the Baltic MD, the 1st TD was brought up to nearly its full complement and sent to the Far East in 1995. In July 1997 the division was returned to Europe in response to the NATO threat in Poland.

Subordination: 1st Guards Tank Army
Current Location: West Central Poland
Manpower: 3000
Tanks: 9

2ND TANK DIVISION

A prewar Category II division stationed in southern East Germany, the 2nd fought well against the initial German invasion. The division has been heavily engaged throughout the war in Europe, and in early 1999 it stopped answering orders. The unit is believed to be operating as a marauder band at this time.

Subordination: None
Current Location: Near Bratislava?
Manpower: 2000
Tanks: 6

3RD GUARDS TANK DIVISION

A Category II division from the Byelorussian MD, the 3rd Guards TD was brought up to full strength in early 1995. The unit took part in the Soviet counteroffensive at Brest and the relief of Warsaw, after which it returned to Byelorussia. In April 2000 the division became involved in the Ukrainian revolt.

Subordination: 7th Guards Tank Army
Current Location: Mozyr, Byelorussia
Manpower: 3000
Tanks: 18

3RD TANK DIVISION

A Category I division from the Far East MD, the 3rd was engaged in the initial invasion of China where it was surrounded and nearly destroyed. Sent back to Khabarovsk for reinforcements, which never came, the division rejoined its command after the collapse of China.

Subordination: 5th Army
Current Location: Manchuria
Manpower: 500
Tanks: 2

4TH GUARDS TANK DIVISION

A Category II division from the Moscow Military District, the 4th was brought up to full strength in early 1997. Sent into action against the 3rd German Army in Silesia, the 4th GTD was encircled and nearly destroyed. The 4th GTD has been withdrawn to the Strategic Reserve.

Subordination: Strategic Central Command
Current Location: Near Kaluga
Manpower: 100

5TH TANK DIVISION

A prewar Category I division stationed in Hungary, the 5th Division has been active in the campaigns in Austria and

southern Germany. In 1999 the division absorbed the survivors of the 253rd MRD.

Subordination: 8th Guards Tank Army

Current Location: Vienna, Austria

Manpower: 4000

Tanks: 16

6TH TANK DIVISION

A Category I division from the Transbaikal MD, the 6th was a spearhead in the invasion of China and fought there until the collapse of the Chinese forces. It was sent to Manchuria in early 1998 where it has taken part in various anti-partisan activities.

Subordination: 36th Army

Current Location: Manchuria

Manpower: 4000

Tanks: 36

8TH GUARDS TANK DIVISION

A prewar Category I division from the Byelorussian MD, the 8th Guards TD fought at the Battle of Brest and aided in the relief of Warsaw. The division was sent to the Ukrainian border in early 2000.

Subordination: 7th Guards Tank Army

Current Location: Kalinkovichi, Byelorussia

Manpower: 3000

9TH GUARDS TANK DIVISION

A Category I division originally stationed in East Germany, the 9th Guards TD was withdrawn to bolster the Far Eastern Front. After war broke out in Europe, the unit was transferred back to the West in 1997 and has been engaged in several battles since returning to Poland.

Subordination: 1st Guards Tank Army

Current Location: West Central Poland

Manpower: 4000

Tanks: 24

9TH TANK DIVISION

A prewar Category I division stationed in Germany at the outbreak of hostilities there, the 9th has been involved in the fighting for Germany and Poland ever since. After the division HQ was destroyed in late 1999, the unit revolted and began operating independently from Soviet control. It is believed to be marauding in southern Poland.

Subordination: None

Current Location: Southern Poland?

Manpower: 1000

Tanks: 2

10TH GUARDS TANK DIVISION

A prewar Category I division stationed in East Germany, the 10th fought well throughout the campaigns in East Germany and Poland. In late 1999 the unit declared itself in favor of NATO and stopped fighting.

Subordination: None

Current Location: Warsaw Area

Manpower: 1000

Tanks: 6

11TH GUARDS TANK DIVISION

A Category I division stationed in East Germany, the 11th Guards TD was heavily engaged against the Bundeswehr and

their former East German allies at the start of the war in Europe. The division has performed well in the various central European campaigns throughout the conflict.

Subordination: 1st Guards Tank Army

Current Location: West Central Poland

Manpower: 500

Tanks: 3

11TH TANK DIVISION

A Category II division from Soviet forces in Mongolia, the 11th TD was involved in the initial invasion of China and continued fighting in the Far East throughout the campaign. After the collapse of China, the unit was withdrawn to Mongolia where it has fought sundry separatists and marauders.

Subordination: 17th Army

Current Location: Mongolia

Manpower: 1000

Tanks: 8

12TH GUARDS TANK DIVISION

A prewar Category I division in GSFG, the 12th Guards TD has been a part of the 3rd Shock Army for the entire war. The division has fought in every major campaign in the area and has suffered accordingly.

Subordination: 3rd Shock Army

Current Location: Central Poland

Manpower: 500

Tanks: 0

13TH TANK DIVISION

A Category II division from the Carpathian MD, the 13th TD was sent into action against Romanian forces in late summer of 1997. The division took part in the destruction of the Romanian forces north of Ploesti and has remained in the area fighting Romanian partisans.

Subordination: 3rd Guards Tank Army

Current Location: Central Romania

Manpower: 3000

Tanks: 12

14TH TANK DIVISION

A prewar Category II division from the Kiev MD, the 14th TD was brought up to nearly full strength by April 10, 1997, and sent to Romania as part of the 3rd Guards Tank Army. The division fought poorly in Romania and suffered heavy losses, particularly in vehicles. In July 2000 the division was converted to cavalry.

Subordination: 3rd Guards Tank Army

Current Location: Bucharest, Romania

Manpower: 1000

Tanks: 1

15TH GUARDS TANK ARMY

A Category II division from the Moscow MD, the 15th GTD was brought up to full strength and rushed into action in Silesia, where it performed well. After the front stabilized, the 15th GTD was withdrawn to its home station at Tula, where it is being held in reserve.

Subordination: 9th Soviet Army

Current Location: Tula

Manpower: 2000

Tanks: 16