

# Ultra Light Vehicle (ULV) Research Prototype



## U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC)



### EPA DOT Fuel Economy Estimates JP8 Vehicle

#### Fuel Economy

**14.7** PTM  
[6.86 MPG]  
combined fuel economy

Combined Calculation:  
20% Harford  
40% Munson  
40% Churchville B

Munson Gravel Terrain 17.0 PTM [8.10 MPG]  
Harford Paved Terrain 12.9 PTM [6.14 MPG]

Churchville B Trails Terrain 13.1 PTM [6.26 MPG]  
Tactical Idle at 10kW Export 1.27 GPH

These estimates are hybrid vehicle model predictions using the Powertrain System Toolkit (PSAT) at GVW.

30 GAL fuel tank **cost**  
**\$111.90**



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#### MODEL PREDICTIONS and ESTIMATES

<b>Length:</b>	199 inches	<b>Curb Vehicle Weight:</b>	13,916 pounds
<b>Width:</b>	95.7 inches	<b>Payload:</b>	4,284 pounds
<b>Ride Height:</b>	81 inches	<b>Gross Vehicle Weight:</b>	18,200 pounds
<b>Transport Height:</b>	72 inches	<b>Axle Weight (Front/Rear):</b>	43%/57%
<b>Wheelbase:</b>	134 inches	<b>Crew Seating:</b>	4 + 1 Gunner
<b>Ground Clearance:</b>	5 to 23 inches	<b>Range (35mph, flat):</b>	337 miles
<b>Interior Volume:</b>	171 ft <sup>3</sup>		

#### PERFORMANCE @ GVW (MODEL PREDICTIONS)

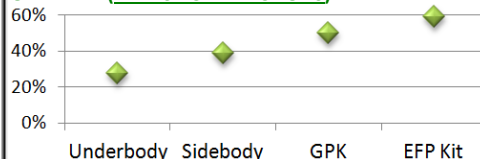
Top Speed	74 mph
Speed on 5% Grade (Initial/Cont)	45/38 mph
Acceleration 0 – 30 / 0 – 50 mph	5.1/16.2 s
Vertical Step	18 inches
NATO Lane Change	> 45 mph
Lateral Acceleration	0.54 g's
Gradeability Longitudinal/Side Slope	60%/40%
NRMM Cross Country Speed/% No Go	25 mph/18.2%

#### MRAP FOV-LIKE PROTECTION AGAINST A WIDE RANGE OF POTENTIAL THREATS (BALLISTIC PREDICTIONS)

##### Underbody Protection

- Mines
- Improvised Explosive Device
- Side Protection
- Improvised Explosive Device
- Explosively Formed Penetrator
- Rocket Propelled Grenade
- Small Arms Fire

#### ULV ARMOR AREAL DENSITY % IMPROVEMENT OVER RHA (BALLISTIC PREDICTIONS)



#### CONFIGURABLE COMMAND, CONTROL, COMMUNICATIONS, COMPUTERS, INTELLIGENCE, SURVEILLANCE AND RECONNAISSANCE & ELECTRONIC WARFARE (CAISR & EW) A-KIT INFRASTRUCTURE DEMONSTRATED TO SUPPORT:

- Mobile Computing Platform RF-7800N-CP for C4I application hosting, network router and switch, video server, data and vetriconic interfaces
- AN/VRC-110 Multiband Vehicular Radio System with AN/PRC-152 Type-1 Handheld Multiband Radio
- Dual RF-300M-V150 50 Watt Vehicular Adaptor with two PRC-117G(V)1(C) Type-1 Wideband Multiband Radios with Internal SAASM GPS
- RF-7800I Vehicular Intercom System
- One System Remote Video Terminal and Transceiver with Remote Optical Video Enhanced Receiver
- Fortress Encrypted Tactical Wireless Mesh
- Defense Advance GPS Receiver
- 360° SA Video via 2 FLIR ThermoVision WideEye II's
- Boomerang Geo-rectified Shooter Detection System
- Counter RCIED Modular Countermeasure Suite

#### SILENT OPERATION @ GVW (MODEL PREDICTIONS)

Battery SOC:	80%-20%	100%-0%
Silent Watch:	4.38 hours	7.3 hours
Electric Range:	12 miles	21 miles

#### SUB-SYSTEM DESCRIPTIONS

Subaru Boxer Horizontally-Opposed Turbo Diesel Engine Maximum Power: 175 hp  
Rated Engine Torque: 260 lb-ft  
JP8, 30 gallon tank

UQM-200 Power Phase Generator and Inverter  
Peak Power: 200 kW  
Continuous Power: 120 kW  
380VDC bus, 6kW 380VDC to 28VDC converters  
3kW 380VDC to 12VDC converter

Navitas Li-Iron Phosphate Battery (Li-Fe-PO<sub>4</sub>)  
Capacity Energy Power: 14.2 kWh  
Peak Output Power: 180 kW  
Continuous Output Power: 65 kW

American Traction Systems (ATS) Drive Inverters  
Remy-410HVH HT drive motors, High Voltage Hairpin Conductor, Permanent Magnet Rotor

EATON E-Locker Differentials Ratio: 3.08:1  
LOC Planetary Gearing Hubs Ratio: 2.6:1  
Gearing ratio overall, motors to tires: 8:1

LiquidSpring Compressible Liquid Adaptive Suspension System: 18 inches of travel, with integrated elastomeric jounce bumper

Hutchinson Wheels: Aluminum, 20" diameter X 11" wide, 40mm positive offset, 335mm bolt circle, 8 hole pattern.

Mickey Thompson Tires: Baja ATZ Radial, 40X14.5R20LT – 4805 lbs load capacity at 65psi

Service Brakes: Outboard mounted, hydraulic, master cylinder push rod, 380mm carbon-ceramic rotors, six piston calipers

Parking Brake: Caliper type – rear wheel outboard, spring activated, hydraulic release

Jankel: Blast Limiting Attenuation Seats

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The Ultra Light Vehicle (ULV) Research Prototype program enabled the creation of an integrated technology demonstrator vehicle focused on the program's four primary objectives.

**Primary Objectives:**

- 1) Protection: Comparable to MRAP FoV
- 2) Performance: 14,000 lbs CVW
- 3) Payload: 4,500 lbs
- 4) Price: \$250k at 5k QTY

**Predicted Primary Results:**

- 1) Protection: Comparable to MRAP FoV
- 2) Performance: 13,916 lbs CVW w/ Add-On Armor
- 3) Payload: 4,284 lbs
- 4) Price: \$260k at 15k QTY

**Secondary Objectives:**

- 1) Performance: TARDEC-Selected Tactical Vehicle Mobility Requirements

**Predicted Secondary Results:**

- 1) Performance: >90% of the TARDEC-Selected Tactical Vehicle Mobility Requirements

The ULV is an Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) funded science and technology effort to explore the art of the possible in survivability technology in order to inform and enhance future production programs. This project partnered with nontraditional defense contractors to access commercial markets, developing solutions and novel approaches that push the limits of a lightweight, low cost, highly survivable vehicle. The high risk/high reward and fast paced (16 months) contract included a mix of innovative, advanced technologies and COTS-based products. The ULV is neither ready nor intended for actual production, and validation testing for performance and survivability will continue into 2014.

The final design includes a contractor designed steel-base occupant-centric cab with the front and rear steel frames extending directly from the cab creating a monocoque structure without a traditional frame. The majority of the vehicle systems attach directly to the front and rear frames. The cab includes lightweight composite armors and various blast attenuating and occupant safety technologies with multi-egress options. The suspension is compressible liquid with a full 18 inches of travel, using long/short arm design offering mobility over rough terrain. The hybrid drive system eliminates the need for under-cab drive components, thus allowing the underbody geometry to present clean load shedding surfaces in a blast event. Drive redundancy consists of two electric drive motors, one front and one rear (only one of which is required for motion), each directly coupled to a differential, and driving planetary geared hubs with a single speed. The planetary geared hubs keep weight to a minimum by reducing the half-shaft torque requirement, keeping each traction motor centrally located between each wheel set, and providing high drive efficiency. The engine/generator "gen-set" mounted in the front provides the continuous power, while the battery mounted in the rear provides power surge and energy storage capability. The combination offers power redundancy, as only one energy source is required for motion, and the battery is capable of moving the vehicle on electric power alone (capable of 10+ mile range on battery alone).

Within the schedule, it was not possible to include all Government Furnished Equipment (GFE) specified in the secondary research objectives. Careful scrutiny of the full menu of GFE led to decisions to eliminate older electronic equipment in favor of a lower weight system with full Internet Protocol control options, improved integration, and focus on warfighter future needs (with warfighter input through Integrated Product Teams (IPT) as well as organized group evaluations). The ULV electronics package chosen for integration represents the full electronic suite capability that is present in similar fielded tactical vehicle fleets focused on using the newest electronic equipment. The use of a common integrated user interface for radio, shot detection, video, and GPS positioning resulted in a significant space and weight savings.

Finally, the nature of the organization and communication plan aided significantly in achieving the rapid design and build completion of the prototype vehicles. Specifically, the IPT structure established by the TARDEC ULV Research Prototype Team was populated by potential stakeholders in the various vehicle technical, performance, and programmatic categories.

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## GROUND SYSTEM SURVIVABILITY (GSS)

### ULV Research Prototype Effort Executed By:



### Additional Key Participants:

