

## COMPANY COMMANDER

### MODULE 12

#### SELF PROPELLED ARTILLERY

##### TACTICAL BRIEFING ON SELF PROPELLED ARTILLERY

From its beginnings in the middle ages, artillery has evolved into the most destructive of the battlefields weapons. Artillery has caused more casualties than any other weapon. The vulnerability of these units has been that they are reasonably static while in action, and vulnerable to units of their own type in a counter battery role ("Counter battery" is firing on the artillery that is firing on you with your own artillery) The self propelled artillery unit is able to deploy and commence firing in minutes, and if effective counter battery fire is used, the Self Propelled artillery unit can redeploy to a different firing position and carry on the mission. This has obvious advantages in operations, but the cost of these units is very high, and there is a need for support vehicles to carry additional ammunition and communications. This flexibility comes at a price, but the survivability of these units is high, as long as they do not come into direct fire range, as their armour is generally only proof against shell splinters, but not against a direct hit from an anti tank weapon or high velocity anti tank warhead.

All these units are considered to be crewed.

Unit Designation	M-125 Self Propelled Mortar		
Country	USA		
Base Price	231		
Base TTC	320		
Crew	5		
Unit Weight (Lbs)	27542		
Road Speed (mph)	30		
Supply (Pts)	11		
Travel Range (Miles)	300		
Main Armament	81mm Mortar		
Main Armament Range (M)		Attack strength Infantry	4
Secondary Armament	1 x .5 HMG	Attack Strength Soft	6
Secondary Armament Range (	900	Attack Strength Lt Armou	1
Defence Strength	4	Attack Strength Anti Tan	0
Artillery Minimum Range (Me	200	Attack Strength AAA	2
Artillery Maximum Range (Me	4000	Attack Strength Forts	4



One reconditioned M-125 81mm mortar carrier. The Mortar is housed in M-113 chassis, giving mobile fire support with crew and weapon protection. The 81mm Mortar has crew and ammunition for immediate use, and can operate independently from supply sources using its combat load for a short time. It can also use its heavy machine gun for defence against Infantry and air attack. Unit is amphibious.

Unit Designation	M-50 Ontos Self Propelled Gun Carrier		
Country	USA		
Base Price	160		
Base TTC	240		
Crew	4		
Unit Weight (Lbs)	19500		
Road Speed (mph)	28		
Supply (Pts)	7		
Travel Range (Miles)	140		
Main Armament	6 x 106 mm Recoilless Rifles		
Main Armament Range (M)	1100	Attack strength Infantry	6
Secondary Armament		Attack Strength Soft	6
Secondary Armament Range (		Attack Strength Lt Armou	4
Defence Strength	0	Attack Strength Anti Tan	4
Artillery Minimum Range (Me		Attack Strength AAA	0
Artillery Maximum Range (Me		Attack Strength Forts	8



One reconditioned M-50 Ontos (The Thing) Multi-barrelled recoilless rifle vehicle. This unit was originally designed for US airborne forces to provide fire support and some anti-armour capability. The M-40 is a fairly effective weapon, but the armour does not include any cover for the crew while operating the weapons. However, the firepower of the vehicle may be of use to factions in the early stages in the offensive role, and later to local defence forces and defences as the campaign develops.

Unit Designation	M-44 155mm Self Propelled Howitzer		
Country	USA		
Base Price	330		
Base TTC	430		
Crew	5		
Unit Weight (Lbs)	62000		
Road Speed (mph)	25		
Supply (Pts)	18		
Travel Range (Miles)	75		
Main Armament	1 x 155 mm Howitzer		
Main Armament Range (M)	16000	Attack strength Infantry	14
Secondary Armament	1 x .5 HMG	Attack Strength Soft	19
Secondary Armament Range (M)	900	Attack Strength Lt Armou	12
Defence Strength	4	Attack Strength Anti Tan	6
Artillery Minimum Range (Me)	700	Attack Strength AAA	2
Artillery Maximum Range (Me)	15970	Attack Strength Forts	18



One reconditioned M-44 155mm Self Propelled Gun. Although old, the M-44 still packs a powerful punch with its heavy 155mm shells. The ammunition is heavy, and for this reason, the combat supply usage in action is very high, requiring a serious logistic effort to keep the gun firing. Set up time is minimal and the gun is able to "scoot and shoot" however, there is detriment to its accuracy. Protection is of steel armour type, and proof against small arms and shell splinters. It is also armed with a heavy machinegun for local and air defence.

Unit Designation	SPM-85 Pram-S Self Propelled Mortar		
Country	Russia		
Base Price	190		
Base TTC	320		
Crew	4		
Unit Weight (Lbs)	37419		
Road Speed (mph)	39		
Supply (Pts)	9		
Travel Range (Miles)	340		
Main Armament	1 x 120 mm Mortar		
Main Armament Range (M)	8000	Attack strength Infantry	7
Secondary Armament	1 x 12.7 mm HMG	Attack Strength Soft	7
Secondary Armament Range (M)	1100	Attack Strength Lt Armou	3
Defence Strength	3	Attack Strength Anti Tan	1
Artillery Minimum Range (Me)	600	Attack Strength AAA	2
Artillery Maximum Range (Me)	8000	Attack Strength Forts	6



One reconditioned SPM-85 Pram- S 120mm Self Propelled Mortar. This unit is based upon the BMP-1 series of vehicles, and has only light armour , proof against small arms and shell splinters. It does have good mobility, and the auto loader means it has a good rate of fire. However, it will quickly use up its ready use ammunition, so requires rapid resupply. The heavy 120 mm rounds can cause major damage very quickly.