



Does this Look familiar?

The Italian Lancia Astura Lynx

The Lancia Lynx was an Italian built copy of the Daimler Dingo 4x4 scout car

Mussolini determined to equip the Italian units in recognition of their need of a light and manoeuvrable armoured car.

Moreover it had to be possess drive to all on the four wheels, independent suspensions and be capable of high level of acceleration and speed

In November 1942 the prototype was introduced whose structural outline had been inspired (stolen) from the English Dingo scout car some examples of which had been captured in Libya.

The motor was that one of Lancia Astura first series Saloon cars, the rear enclosure and engine mountings were modified and the gearbox revised to change to a hydraulic 4 speed pre-selector. Again copied from the Wilson gearbox of the English Dingo.

Also the transmission and the suspensions were copied and retained the four wheel steering of the Mk1 Dingo.

The armament provided was a single Breda 38 cal machine-gun mounted in an unusual sleeve.

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The unit prototype appeared with the test plate KING 101. It possessed an 8 cylinders motor producing 82horse power and had a top speed of 86 Km/h

It is believed that some 300 examples of this vehicle were produced. However most did not see service with the Italian Army due to the breakdown of relations with the Germans and the latter armistice with the Allies.

On July 25, 1943, Benito Mussolini was ousted from power and replaced by a new government.

As a result the German Army commandeered most vehicles and the remainder were utilised by Units of Repubblica Sociale Italiana - Armoured Group Leonessa who were otherwise restricted from operating heavier armoured vehicles because the Germans did not wholly trust them.

The following formations are known to have used Lancia Lynx copy  
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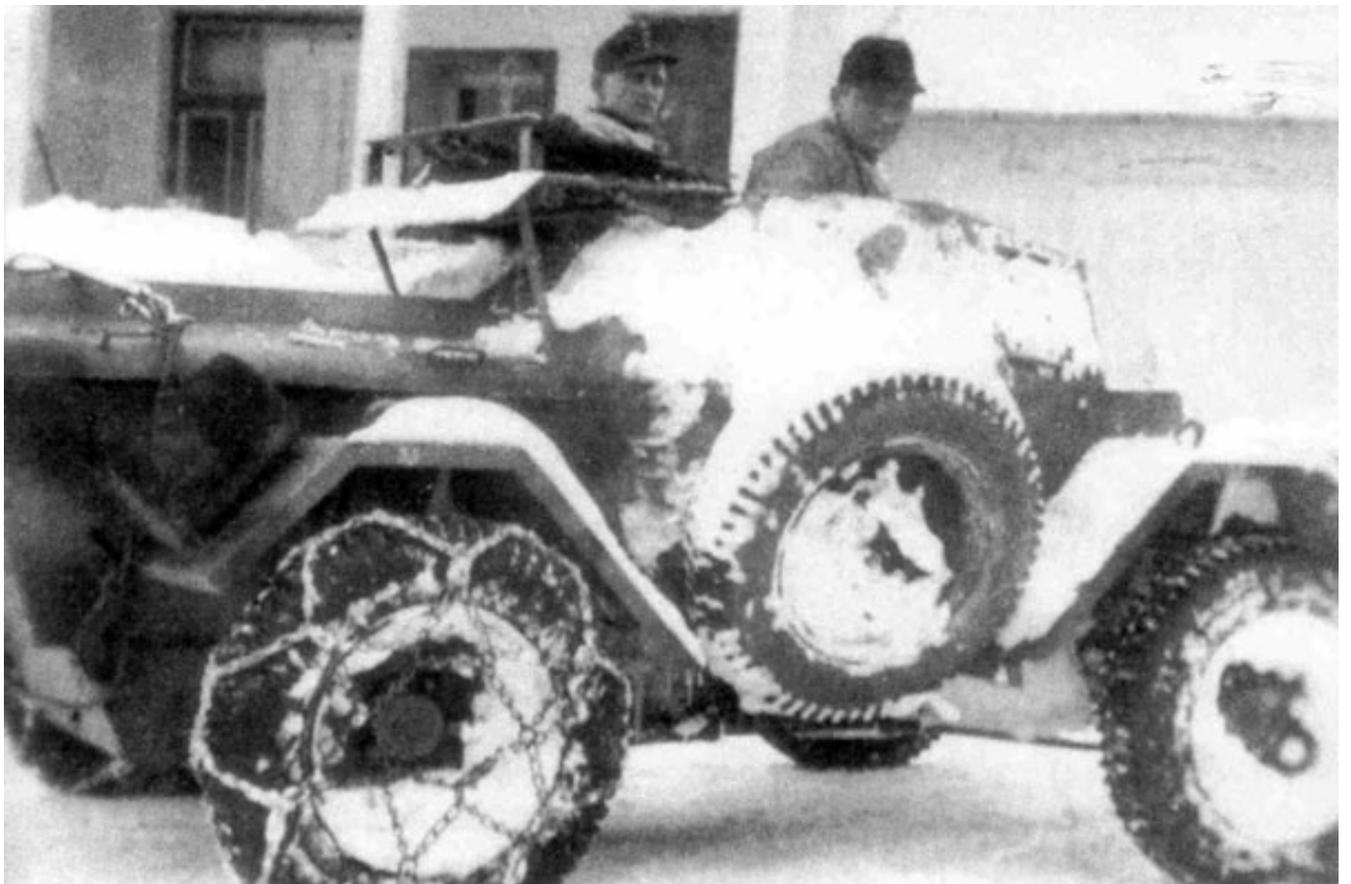
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After the armistice ant the end of WW2, the production of the Lynx was resumed at Lancia and another 392 produced until the end of March 1945.

Destined for use in the for recognisance and communication roles, some vehicles still remained in service in the Italian Army and also the police force



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