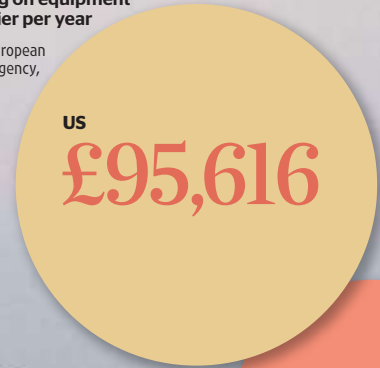


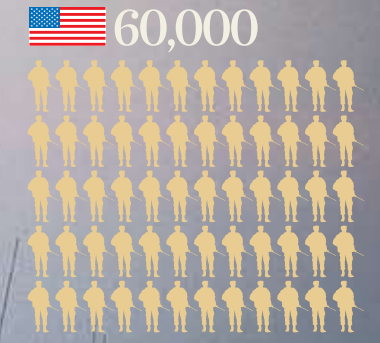


Military expenditure
Spending on equipment
per soldier per year

Source: European
Defence Agency,
2007



Troops in Afghanistan

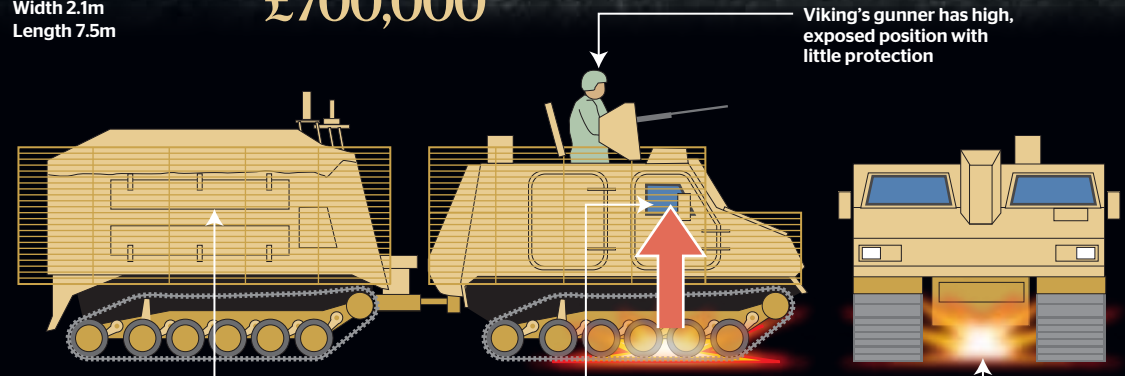


Viking armoured vehicles in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Photograph Eros Hoagland

UK: Viking BVS10

Weight 10,600kg
Height 2.2m
Width 2.1m
Length 7.5m

Estimated cost
£700,000



Viking's rear compartment lacks seatbelts to protect occupants

Driver is particularly vulnerable to blasts

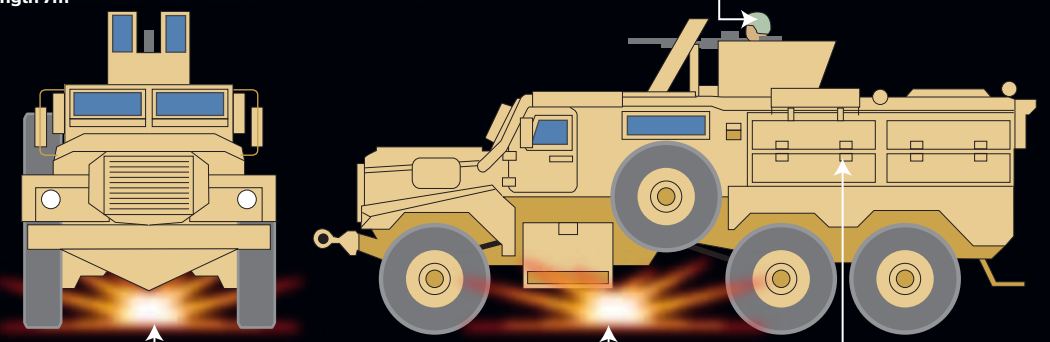
Viking lacks sufficient underside armour: track design concentrates force of explosions

Viking's gunner has high, exposed position with little protection

US: Cougar 66X MRAP

Weight 23,133kg
Height 2.6m
Width 2.8m
Length 7m

Estimated cost
£394,341



Cougar's gunner has better-protected position

Roadside bombs and mines are deflected by v-shaped design of MRap/Cougar's hull

Passengers in Cougar's rear compartment have five-point harnesses to protect them