

A Fistful of TOWs 3 Clarifications and Errata

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To determine which version of the rules you are using, look at the bottom of the title page (page 1) that has the Sherman and Abrams silhouettes. It will say something like "Version 1.1".

General Clarifications:

Clarification: Regarding shooting through friendly and enemy stands

You can do so. It's not explicitly stated, but it is there implicitly: friendly and enemy stands do not block LOS (rule 10.4), and to fire you need an unblocked LOS and to be in range (rule 13.2). Remember, a stand represents a platoon of men or group of vehicles in combat formation that typically actually has a frontage of at least a couple of inches and a lot of empty space in its interior. For example, real world Russian tank units will typically have a spacing of 50m-150m between tanks when attacking, and even more when defending. The model on the table marks the 'center of gravity' of the unit, but does not indicate the extent of the area covered by it. This is part of the reason why close combat occurs when stands are at 1" range instead of touching.

Clarification: p. 45 rule 6.2 fifth paragraph

Helicopters cannot move backward. The extremely poor rearward visibility in nearly all helicopters precludes flying backward for any significant distances, especially in nap-of-earth flight.

Clarification: p. 67 rule 9.5 last paragraph

Infantry in vehicles in close combat may dismount after the first round for both the attacker and defender.

Errata#1 – For the print edition and updated PDF (i.e., for version 1.1 of the rules).

Correction: p. 312 British Army 1980s+ list, Armoured Infantry Battalion

In the Base troops, the line "2 Spartan w/Milan, or 2 FV-432 + 2 Milan Team stands" should read "3 Spartan w/Milan, or 3 FV-432 + 3 Milan Team stands". In the stand inventory, the line "2 Spartan w/Milan, or 2 FV-432 + 2 Milan Team stands" should read "3 Spartan w/Milan, or 3 FV-432 + 3 Milan Team stands".

Correction: p. 42 rule 5.3.

Delete the statement "A natural "1" always fails and a natural "6" always succeeds." It was true in FFT2, but is not true for FFT3, owing to the existence of quality levels that have a 7+ quality number.

Addition: p.197 appendix B.13.1

Add to the availability modifiers "2.0 for a 3+ availability modifier, 1.67 for a 2+ availability modifier"

Correction: p.220 appendix B.18 Israeli missile ratings.

It turned out that MAPATS, Spike-SR, Spike-MR (Gil), Spike-LR (Gil) and Spike-ER (NTD) are not capable of NLOS attacks.

Correction: p.222 appendix B.18

Hellfire-M's notes should say "A hit on soft causes a QC, target gets terrain save."

Hellfire-N penetration ratings should be changed to "15he³" and the notes for it should say "A hit on soft causes a QC; no terrain save."

Addition: p.288 appendix D.2.1., and p.410 appendix F.2.1

Add to the availability modifiers "2.0 for a 3+ availability modifier"

Correction: p.373 appendix F.1

AMX VCI TOW 78-15 should have a "4" for its Equip rating.

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Correction: p.376 appendix F.1

Arjun Mk1 and Arjun Mk 1 w/ERA should both have an Equip rating of “ss,t,n,c,v”

Correction: p.391 appendix F.1

SA-8 SP SAM should have an Equip rating of “n”.

Correction: p.405 appendix F.1

M1134 Stryker AT should have a Rng on its gun of 6, not 20.

Correction: p.412 appendix F.3

PLL01 ammo should be “hsil”, Equip rating should be “-“.

Correction: p.415 appendix F.3

2S1 SP 122mm Gun, 2S3 SP 152mm How should have Equip ratings of “n”, and 2S7 SP 203mm Gun should have an Equip rating of “f,n”

Correction: p.416 appendix F.3

2S4 SP 240mm Mtr should have Equip rating of “r,n”.

Correction: p.445 section F.5.1.2 Helicopter Missiles.

ROF for Hellfire-M and Hellfire-N should be “1”, not “2”.

Errata Pre-print – Prior to release of print edition (i.e., prior to rules version 1.1; these have all been incorporated in print edition and updated PDF).

Correction: p.40 rule 4.7 first paragraph

Second sentence should say “numbers as” instead of “numbersas”.

Correction: p.40 rule 4.7 last paragraph

First sentence after the colon should say “First, look” instead of “First, first look”

Clarification: p. 45 rule 6.2 first paragraph

Add following sentence to end of paragraph: “Friendly stands may move through each other at no extra cost.”

Clarification: p. 56 rule 7.15

Everything the text says about rivers also applies to canals.

Clarification: p.56 rule 7.15 third paragraph

Change the last sentence to read “Crossing amphibious units and infantry are considered in the open for spotting and cover unless against the near bank (see diagram below).”

Clarification: p.67 rule 9.5.1

Rules for tank riders apply to riding self-propelled guns (such as assault guns), too.

Clarification: p.67 rule 9.6 first paragraph

Add following sentence to end of the paragraph: “Towed weapons have their own line on the spotting chart.”

Clarification: p. 71 rule 10.6 second paragraph

Change paragraph to read: “A stand becomes unspotted during the beginning of any phase in which it is out of all enemy stands’ LOS or visibility limit.”

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Clarification:

p.110 rule 16.5.2 Change first sentence to read: “At the end of any round of close combat where a moving vehicle that still has movement remaining is only engaged with enemy infantry (not towed weapons or vehicles), it may elect to disengage and continue moving past, through, or away from the infantry.”

Addition: p. 111 rule 16.5.3

Add following paragraph to end of section: “If the vehicle ends its move still within 1” of the infantry, in the infantry's turn the infantry may engage the vehicle in close combat or may elect to remain concealed. If the infantry becomes spotted while within 1” of the vehicle, it must engage the vehicle in close combat. If the infantry remains concealed, on the vehicle's next Movement Phase the vehicle may attempt to engage the infantry in close combat again or may move away.”

Correction: p.123-124, rule 19.4.2 Create Hasty Vehicle Entrenchment entry.

Change entry to read, “Create Hasty Vehicle Entrenchment. Creates a hasty vehicle entrenchment. Can be done only by engineer bulldozers. It takes two engineer bulldozer stands to construct one hasty vehicle entrenchment. Success roll of 6+ is required. Cannot make success roll if either dozer stand is suppressed.”

Correction: p.198 and p.410 artillery points table.

Some digits got shifted left a column thanks to a bug in Indesign. Bottom row of table should read:

1 Fire Unit	2	4	23	35	28	103	AP: 156 AT: 380 Mixed: 496
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Correction: p.251 Soviet Army 1939-1945 army list.

In the entries for “Motorcycle Recon Regiment [Mechanized Corp, Tank Corp, or Independent]” and “Motorcycle Recon Battalion [Mechanized Corp, Tank Corp, or Independent]” replace all occurrences of “3 Motorcycle Rifle Companies” with “9 Motorcycle Infantry #1 stands”, replace all occurrences of “2 Motorcycle Rifle Companies” with “6 Motorcycle Infantry #1 stands”, and replace all occurrences of “1 Motorcycle Rifle Company” with “3 Motorcycle Infantry #1 stands”.

Correction: p.253 Light Field Artillery Battalion and Cavalry Field Artillery Battalion.

Replace instances of “7676mm” and “776mm” with “76mm”.

Clarification: p.288 rule D.2.1.

Change “artillery hit number” to “artillery accuracy number” in the point value equation and in the modifiers list.

Addition: p.288 rule D.2.1, and p.410 rule F.2.1.

Add to the availability modifiers “1.67 for a 2+ availability modifier”

Clarification: p.288 rule D.2.1, and p.410 rule F.2.1.

Change “artillery hit number” to “artillery accuracy number” in the point value equation and in the modifiers list.

Addition: p.289 rule D.2.3.

Add to end of section these example point calculations:

“Gun example: A Soviet 122mm howitzer battalion in a rifle division in 1945 has 4 122mm howitzers, an accuracy number of 5+ and an availability modifier of +1. The base point cost is 28 (it is a towed unit), the multiplier for the accuracy number is 0.88, and the multiplier for the availability modifier is 1.33. So $28 \times 0.88 \times 1.33 = 32.77$ which rounds to 33 points for the battalion.

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MRL example: A Soviet BM-13-16 multiple rocket launcher regiment in a tank army in 1945 has 6 BM-13-16 stands. The BM-13-16 is medium with two fire units of HE per stand. Med HE fire units costs 2 points each. So $6 \times 2 \times 2 = 24$ points for the regiment.”

Correction: p.359-360, US Army 1973+ army list.

Change the entries for the MLRS Battalion and MLRS Battery to read:

MLRS Battalion

'84-'15: 8 M270 MLRS

'05-'15: 8 M270 MLRS w/GMLRS

MLRS Battery

'83-'15: 2 M270 MLRS

'05-'15: 2 M270 MLRS w/GMLRS

Addition: p.411 rule F.2.3.

Add to end of section these example point calculations:

“Gun example: a 1980s British Abbot regiment has an accuracy number of 3+ and availability modifier of +2. It is 105mm self-propelled, so the base cost of the regiment is 42 points. The multiplier for the accuracy number is 1.11, and the multiplier for the availability modifier is 1.67. So $42 \times 1.11 \times 1.67 = 77.855$ which rounds up to 78 points for the regiment.

MRL example: A mid-1980s U.S. M270 MLRS battery has two stands, is very heavy and has 2 fire units of ICM per stand. Cost for very heavy ICM is 103 points, so cost for the battery is $103 \times 2 \times 2 = 412$ points.”

Correction: p.441 Aircraft Data Chart, 1950 Onward.

The A-10 should have a 2 under A-10 Strafe, and not under Cannon Strafe.

Correction: p. 443 Helicopter Data Chart, 1950 Onward.

The Mi-24 “Hind” should have 4 pods, not 1.

Correction: Quick Reference Charts. Engineering Table, Create by Engineer/Other column.

Change entry on Hasty Vehicle row from “auto/3+ if dozer blade” to “6+ two bulldozers / n.a.”

Engineering Table, Create by Engineer/Other column. Move the asterisks from the column heading to the row for Hasty Infantry so it reads “auto* / 3+ *”

Correction: p. 433 Infantry Data, 1950 Onward.

The Syrian Infantry, Engineer, and Parachute MG stands should NOT have a * after their MAW ROF, except for the Infantry in years 91-94, and 95-15. The RPGs are not guided missiles, and should not get a *. Only the AT-7a and AT-13 should have a *.

Addition: p.413 Artillery Data, under France.

Added the AML-60, AML-60-7, AML-60-12, and AML-60-20 mortar vehicles. Please see electronic version of data at FFT3.com under Downloads to get the ratings.