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Description;

This is a representation of a jeep carrying a .50 caliber Browning M2HB "Ma Deuce" circa 1943. Willys or Ford? Actually a mixed bag. Mechanics had no scruples mixing parts, so do I.

It is painted as an hypothetical 4th vehicle of Headquarter, Combat Command B, 10th Armored Division, the "forgotten doughboys of Bastogne".

Installation;

Like any other «aircraft», install in your "Aircraft" folder. Gauges in the «gauges» ZIP file go into your "gauges" folder. If prompted to replace previous gauge, choose «yes» if the gauge is newer than the one you already have, otherwise, say «no» and verify if it is compatible. Gauges have been renamed, but we never know... BTW, if you have already installed "Jeep1", you can skip this part as gauges are exactly the same.

Driving;

Always start your engine with the "E" key. Black-out lights are activated with the "L" key and headlights with the "Ctrl+L" keys.

Best way to appreciate your driving experience is to go on 3D mode ("S" key) and get into a 1:1 view ratio ("- " keyboard key, not numpad key). All gauges are repeated. But you can ride in 2D mode as well, if you prefer.

The shift plate on the glove box (first plate left) conceals an on-off button that reveals/hide a "switchboard" with 5 toggle switches. From left to right, they activate/deactivate;

- 1- AAC GPS gauges;
- 2- ADF/NDB dial and frequency selector;
- 3- radio stack;
- 4- clock and compass; and
- 5- knee board.

Look at the "panel instructions" PDF for more details.

Fighting;

Three DP files are part of this release. I have given the jeep six ammo boxes, each holding 105 rounds, for a total of 630 rounds capacity. The DP file in place is an "hybrid" as it contains a "TG2 enabled" gun activated by the gun trigger and a forward-firing gun activated by the cannon trigger, each with 630 rounds. The fixed gun is not loaded from the start. The fixed gun muzzle flash is at... the muzzle, while the TG2 gun flash is at the firing chamber position to reduce to a minimum the parallax correction necessary to aim.

For purists, I have included two DP files with TG2 and NO_TG2, both activated by the gun trigger. Your choice.

The gun can be disable if hit by a bullet or a shell, so don't be surprise if it starts to "shoot blanks" after being hit!

You can shoot from the driver's seat, but the gun itself will sometimes block your view. To remedy that, activate the horn, with the horn gauge or with F7 or F8 buttons, you will find yourself in the gunner position. Returning to the driver seat is done as well with the horn gauge or F6 or F5 buttons.

Credits;

I have done pretty much everything in that file, with the notable exception of the original gauges. The model was first created with AF99 and animated with Aircraft Animator, but almost everything was hand coded by yours truly and bares very little resemblance with the original model. Bitmaps were made with Saint Paint, retouched with BMP2000 for multi-resolution and transparencies. I also used EOD texturing tool to help in the placement of the bitmaps and the choice of colors.

The air file was built using AirEd from one of the air files I had done previously for the AAC Fleet. It is a FS98 style air file. Ivan is working on a CFS1 style air file and, if he ever succeed, later versions will use it.

Original DP file was done with DPEd but manually edited for special effects and «fine tuning».

Sound sub-folder and the files in it, sound.cfg included, is my own work, based on actual "Go Devil" 60 HP 4 cylinders soundtracks found on the WEB, remastered with the addition of wind sounds, suspension creaking, and real jeep horn sampled and reworked with Cool Edit 2000.

Aircraft.CFG was built by me.

Panel was created with CfgEdit and reworked manually as well. Panel bitmaps were created with Saint Paint.

All the gauges were modified in some ways; bitmaps were changed with GAUBMP2 (Chuck Dome), some gauges had their fonts modified with GAUMOD98 (Chuck Dome), others were made to «glow» at night with Make Pink (Chuck Dome, again ;-)). This is why all gauges have been renamed, in order to not «crush» originals creators work. Some have already been distributed in precedent releases, and some were specifically modified for the jeep. In some cases, I have tried to get in contact with the originals creators but e-mail were no longer valid and efforts to locate new addresses were vain. Considering that the new gauges are released as freeware and that proper credit is given when known, I release these gauges under the term of this general release in good faith, hoping that it satisfies the authors and comply with their wishes. If not, they can communicate with me and, upon evidence of ownership, I will modify accordingly. Here are the gauges new names, the original name and creators with modifications made;

- AAC100.gau from gps100.gau by Dome Fliteware (Chuck Dome), illuminated and adapted with AAC waypoint list, bitmaps modified.
- extra-300.wiskey-compassLGT.gau from Extra-300.Wiskey-Compass.gau by Microsoft, illuminated.
- GLOWMP3_Radio_HQ.gau from MP3_Radio by R.L. Clark, illuminated and bitmaps brighten for contrast. Read "radio readme.txt" for instructions.
- GUY_clock.gau from Carp707_clock.gau, author unknown, illuminated.
- GUYCOM.gau from comgr.gau by Dome Fliteware (Chuck Dome), illuminated, bitmaps modified, fonts modified.
- GUYNAV1.gau from nav1g.gau by Dome Fliteware (Chuck Dome), illuminated, bitmaps modified, fonts modified.

- GUYNAV2.gau from nav2g.gau by Dome Fliteware (Chuck Dome), illuminated, bitmaps modified, fonts modified.
- GUYXPDR.gau from xpdr.gau by Dome Fliteware (Chuck Dome), illuminated, bitmaps modified, fonts modified.
- jeep95mphlgt.gau from PZL PR-015 ASI.gau by Fox Instruments, illuminated, bitmaps modified.
- jeepAmpLgt.gau from Extra-300 Amps.gau by Microsoft, illuminated, bitmaps modified.
- jeepFuellgt.gau from rp73AnalogFuelQty.gau, author unknown, illuminated, bitmaps modified.
- jeephonker.gau from 737-400 Flaps.gau by Microsoft, bitmap modified.
- Jeepoillgt.gau from 3m1Oil.gau by Realistic Panels (Jorge Alsina), illuminated, bitmaps modified.
- jeeptemplgt.gau from Extra-300 EGT.gau by Microsoft, illuminated, bitmaps modified.
- Lgt.button.3X.gau from TogglePanel.gau (misnamed Twin Engine Manifold Pressure Gauge!) by Mike Weerasinghe, illuminated, bitmaps modified, variable pointer hex-edited.
- LIT2ERKadf.gau from trgadf.gau by ERK Panels, illuminated.
- LITking.adf.slaved.gau from Bendix_King ADF Slaved.gau, Microsoft, illuminated.
- RCS.button.XX.gau from TogglePanel.gau (misnamed Twin Engine Manifold Pressure Gauge!) by Mike Weerasinghe, variable pointer hex-edited.

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