

## In WWI and WWII, Allied troops used fake inflatable "tanks" to trick German soldiers.

The use of "dummy tanks" made of inflatable rubber served many purposes in war time, starting with WWI and WWII. These dummies were effective in convincing enemy soldiers that you had more tanks than you actually did. They were also useful as a decoy, so that you move your real tanks without being noticed.



When the British and the Americans were preparing for the D-Day invasion (WWII), they used the inflatable dummies to replace their real tanks, concealing the real tank movements. The Germans were fooled into thinking that the invasion was taking place from Pas-de-Calais instead of Normandy.

Inflatable tanks are still used today. The Russian military still produces blow-up tanks and anti-aircraft weapons. These inflatable tanks are much more sophisticated because they now have to trick both the human eye and thermal imaging. An inflatable T-80 tank costs \$6000.

Check out [this story](#) to learn more about a Russian company that produces inflatable weapons. Site contains a short video story with some advertising.