

U.S. Army Class 530 Fire Truck

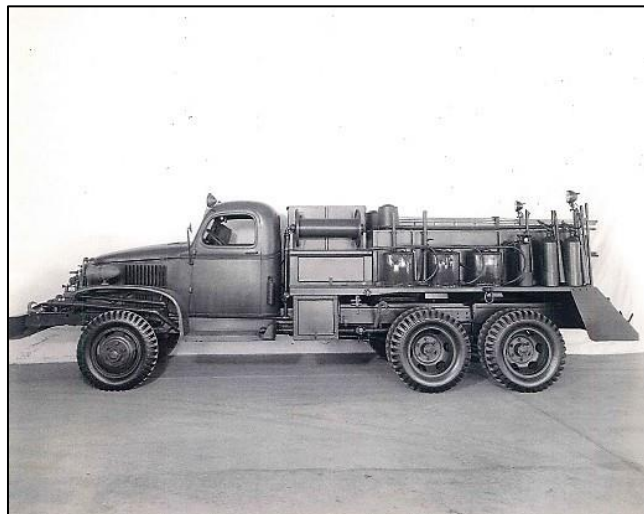
Postwar



Class 530 in Air Force Service, Kimbo, Korea USAF 1925039

At the end of World War II the Army was proving fire protection in many of the counties that it occupied including Japan, Korea and the Philippines and large numbers of new fire trucks were needed to be used by Fire Fighting Platoons, Fire Fighting Detachments and Camp Fire Departments. The 1945 Class 530s along with a number of Class 335s were being used by the fire fighting units, but their production had ended during the war and were no long available.

A new version of the Class 530 soon appeared built on the GM CCKW, 6x6, 2 ½ ton truck that had performed so well during the war. Unlike the McCabe Powers 530 and the General Detroit 335 the truck was designed with a 400 gallon water tank which allowed for a lower profile truck body with less weight. The truck maintained the 500 GPM front mounted pump, dual booster reels, amount of supply hose carried, along with the tools carried on the original Class 530. Scores of new trucks would be built with the last ones constructed as late as 1951. The fire bodies were produced by several manufacturers including Central Fire Trucks, General Fire Truck and the Minnesota Fire Equipment Company. A large number of the Class 530s were field conversion kits and retained their original CCKW registration numbers. Others were factory conversions and were renumbered with Army "50" series fire truck registration numbers.



Minnesota Fire Equipment Company Class 530.

During the 1950s a number of the 530 bodies and pumps were removed from the aging 1940s CCKW chassis and remounted on the new GMC M-135, 6x6, 2 ½ ton chassis with single tires on the rear axles.



Class 530 on the GMC 2 ½ ton chassis, Korea, USA 41194547.



Class 530 during fire prevention week parade, Korea, 1950s.



Class 530 USA 4678419 pictured at the Yokohama Ordnance Depot, Japan, 1948.



Right rear view of the Minnesota Fire Equipment Class 530.



Class 530 pictured in Korea 1953.