

Armco International, Manufacturer of Armored Vehicles, Offers 3 Helpful Tips on Buying an Armored SUV or Armored Sedan

Today, there are dozens of armored vehicle manufacturers around the globe, which makes it difficult to sort through the good from the "not so good." Here are 3 useful tips for buying armored vehicles.

Detroit, MI ([PRWEB](#)) January 06, 2014 -- Choosing a builder of armored vehicles can be a difficult task. There are over 30+ companies worldwide with various pricing structures. Private individuals looking to armor a car for protection can struggle with this, but they are not alone; governments and NGO's have a difficult time as well. The following points can save buyers a lot of time and headaches when searching for an armored vehicle builder. Most importantly, it may save lives.

1. Does the armoring company have VPAM-BVR 2009/VR7 Ballistic /ERV 2010 Blast Certification? To obtain this certification the manufacturer must fully armor a vehicle and send it to a third party test facility (the top testing facilities are located in Germany). The vehicle has to defeat over 300+ ballistic events and several blast events to achieve certification. The only way an armoring company can validate their design is by armoring a vehicle and testing it after it has been armored. Any company can provide a certificate for the ballistic materials (opaque and transparent) from their supplier, but most buyers do not realize how critical the design and installation process on armored vehicles is. Certified Materials do not ensure a safe vehicle. The materials, the design, and the installation process are all equally important.

Armco International's Production Manager often says, "If you give a bad chef good ingredients, would you expect a good meal?" Pictures of our certified Toyota Land Cruiser can be found on <http://www.armoredcarssale.com>.

2. How long has the company been in the armored vehicle manufacturing business? Before 2005, there was only a handful of manufacturers built armored vehicles manufacturers. After 2005, the number of manufacturers has more than doubled. Several companies have opened up over the years and are operating out of a garage with a welding machine, and have not been in business for more than a year or two. An armored vehicle is only as good as the company that stands behind it. Typically, a manufacturer with more than 10 years of experience (Armco International has been in the industry for 21 years) is financially stable and is able to stand behind their warranty. Years of experience will also mean years of experience with various product lines and vehicle types. Please view our full product lines at <http://www.armoredcarssale.com>.

3. Find out if their facility is ISO certified. A quality management system (if implemented correctly) will improve the consistency of a builders operations, improve efficiency, and improve product quality. In addition, find out if their welders and/or processes are certified by an independent, reputable, internationally recognized organization.

Choosing a manufacturer of armored vehicles can be easy with the proper guidance. Narrowing down the prospective companies by using the tips above will not guarantee a great experience, but they will definitely increase the chances.



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