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Climbing Champion

In 1958, the small off-road truck of Steyr-Daimler Puch was presented for the first time on the IAA to the public.

Shortly after, the first vehicles were driving under the hard conditions of the Austrian Armed Forces and after the ok of the military the series production began in September 1959. The vehicle was offered under the abbreviation 700 AP to the Steyr-Daimler Puch AG, but it was more known under the name "Haflinger". The truck was a really climbing vehicle like the breed of horse.

From the technical point of view, the 700 AP had a central tube frame, which reminded experts of the automobile history of the manufacturer Tatra. This connection was no coincidence, because the creator of the Haflinger, Erich Ledwinka, was the son of the former technical director of Tatra, Hans Ledwinka. Not only the ingenious central tube frame, but also the independent suspension and swinging half-axes made

sure that the AP became known for its high off-road performance.

The Haflinger found friends not only at the Austrian Armed Forces, but also in the military authorities of Switzerland, Germany, Great Britain, Indonesia and Australia – just to mention a few of them.

Between 1959 and 1974, exactly 16.647 examples left the factory in Thondorf.

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