

Russian Military Tips Over 40-Ton Battle Tank

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The Russian military has accidentally tipped over a 40-ton battle tank while transporting it on a city street.

“They dropped a tank. It’s lying on the road,” traffic police in the Sakhalin region 9,000 kilometers east of Moscow was quoted as [saying](#) by the state-run TASS news agency.

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Footage filmed by passersby showed the T-80 main battle tank upside-down with its crawler belt in the air and turret puncturing a hole in the asphalt.

“You got lucky,” the author of one of the videos [told](#) a shocked driver in front of the upturned tank as he surveyed the damage up close.

“It was a good tank. Almost ran over a car,” the video’s author said.

There were no injuries reported in the incident.

The Sakhalin.info outlet later [published](#) footage of soldiers and heavy equipment flipping the armored vehicle back on its wheels.

The Russian Armed Forces’ Eastern Military District reportedly said that the T-80, which costs \$3 million to manufacture, did not suffer damages.

It blamed the incident on the driver of a heavy-equipment transport system who “allowed the T-80 tank to tip over from a platform onto the roadway” on a highway entering the city of Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk.

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