

## Tank Recolor & Extract Guide

1. Pick a couple different tanks you think ya might want to start recoloring in your garage or from the Tech tree. Some tanks have ALOT more parts then others.
  1. **REMEMBER its COUNTRY and TIER!**
2. Locate your World of tanks Directory
  1. how to do this?
    1. Right click your WoT shortcut on your desktop
    2. choose open file location or
    3. select properties, under general / shortcut tab select open file location
    4. **do NOT close the World of Tanks window until all the following has been done!**
  3. follow this folder path in your WoT folder that you have opened
    1. Games\World\_of\_Tanks\res\packages
  4. scroll down till you start seeing the vehicles\_level\_01.pkg files
    1. there will be one for each tier level of tanks
  5. Now find the .pkg file that associates with the tank.
    1. Copy the whole folder to another location,
    2. **do NOT attempt to extract in the WOT Game folder!**
  6. Now Right click the .pkg folder and select 7zip > Extract to "Vehicles\_Level\_\*.pkg"
    1. **Remember where you extracted this file!**
    2. **Do NOT close this window until all steps are done!**
  7. Now navigate to the Tank you want to edit. As per **RULE 1!**
    1. you will need to recreate the vehicles actual path so that it can be correctly placed into your WoT Res\_Mod Folder so you can start editing.
  8. In world of tanks directory select in your navigation tree on right side of window and select the Res\_Mod folder from the main WoT directory
    1. Open latest version of wot folder (ex. 9.22.0.1 folder)
    2. Create new folder – vehicles (**keep it all lower case for now**)
      1. Create another folder – name of country of your vehicle
        1. your main address bar should look like this
          1. **Example:** Games\World\_of\_Tanks\res\_mods\0.9.22.0.1\vehicles\american
  9. Now go back to where you extracted the "Vehicles\_Level\_\*.pkg" file window.
    1. Locate your tank. *Hint! It will also be setup the same way we created our folder with the except of folder will be named Mod (Ignore that naming of the folder!)*
  10. Select the tank folder you want. Right click and select copy.. **NOT CUT!**
    1. Couple of options.
    2. You can paste the vehicle folder into the newly created Vehicles folder in the WoT directory
      1. **Example!:**  
**World\_of\_Tanks\res\_mods\0.9.22.0.1\vehicles\american\A41\_M18\_Hellcat**
      3. You can paste into another **temporary** location of your choice Just Remember where and keep that window open as well. **Yes, it will be a bit cluttered on your computer screen till ya get the hang of it to do all of this quickly.**
      4. The above step is temporary, you WILL have to copy and paste your vehicle folder into the game folder eventually to see your work and start working with editing.
  11. Now open your vehicle folder. There are ALOT of files and a few Folders. We are only interested the ones we will be editing.
    1. On your window's main task bar. Select View and select Medium – Large to see the actual DDS Images.
    2. We will only be Interested in the .DDS images that end with \_01\_AM.DDS for now for

basic editing.

3. These will be the ones that should look similar to the tank you want to recolor. **Do NOT change, rename, delete any of the remaining folders for now.**

**12. WHEN you are ready to start Editing your tank in photoshop do the following:**

13. Open where you have temporarily stored your Tank folder.
  1. Right click the **TANK folder** and choose Copy
14. Reopen your WoT game folder (RULE 2)
  1. Navigate to: World\_of\_Tanks\res\_mods\0.9.22.0.1\vehicles\”country of your tank. As per example above
15. Copy and paste your vehicle FOLDER into that country's folder.
  1. **Example:** World\_of\_Tanks\res\_mods\0.9.22.0.1\vehicles\american\A41\_M18\_Hellcat
  2. For now we can leave any and all files and folders that came with the extraction:
    1. **UNLESS** you have any preinstalled mods that may have already created other files and or folders pertaining to your tank.
      1. Then you will need to do one of the following
        1. Either select replace all or
        2. do not overwrite. Which should only place the .DDS files into that folder
        3. Manually copy and paste **ONLY the \_AM.DDS files**

**Unless I may have missed ANY steps.. You can start editing your tank and see the results directly in your world of tanks game!**