

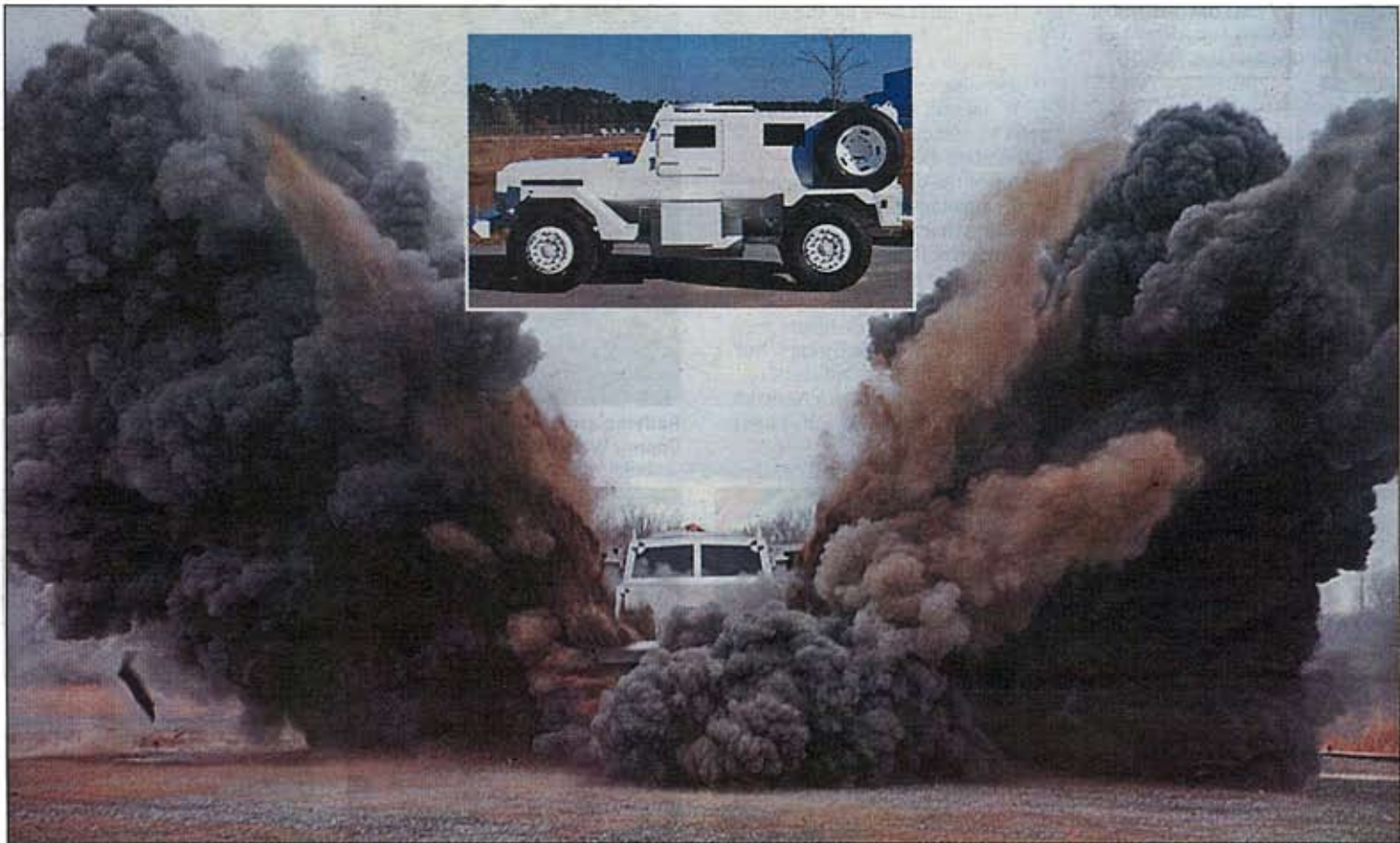
# TNT no match for Protector

YOU can bet your Holden Commodore wasn't put through testing like this.

The Protector 2, which Queensland-based company Protected Transport Systems (PTS) hopes to manufacture out of Toowoomba, has recently undergone rigorous testing in the US. PTS is bidding for a billion dollar contract to manufacture the light-armoured vehicles and it plans to construct them in Toowoomba at Great Western Manufacturing, which would generate 250 jobs over five years.

During testing, the Protector 2 was subjected to 6.8 kilograms of TNT. According to PTS executive chairman Derek Andrews, a US military observer present at the blast remarked it appeared the vehicle would still be driveable after the blast.

A decision on the contract is expected in June.



Testers reported that no shrapnel entered the vehicle's crew compartment and the two test dummies inside the Protector 2 recorded no potentially serious injuries after 6.8kg of TNT was detonated under the vehicle's hull. INSET: The Protector 2.

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