Map Production in Early 70s - Matador Acid Bath?

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I have spoken to someone today who said that he towed an unusual casualty once from Osnabruck almost to Muenster. The Signals outfit he was with came across a Matador 6x6 (?) at the side of the autobahn. The driver said he was from the Topo and had broken down. He said that his vehicle was designed to tarnsport a bath of acid slung between the front and foremost rear axles. The acid bath was to kept as still as possible to avoid slop and was somehow connected to the production of maps.

The driver said that the vehicle's fit was classified and could not be left unattended.

The Unit took the vehicle in tow and was almost in Muenster by the time the Polizei removed them from the autobahn for travelling below the minimum speed limit.

Can anyone give me any more detail about the "Matador" and its role?

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