

Spanish Frigate Launched With Lockheed Martin's Aegis Combat System

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The Spanish shipbuilder, Izar, on behalf of the Spanish Navy, today launched the second of four frigates that are part of its F-100 program. All four frigates will be equipped with the Lockheed Martin Aegis Combat System. The ship, Almirante Juan de Borbon (F-102), was launched in ceremonies at the Izar shipyard in Ferrol, Spain. In addition, the keel was laid for F-103 during today's ceremonies. Lockheed Martin Naval Electronics & Surveillance Systems (NE&SS) is the combat system engineering agent on the F-100 program.

The first ship in the class, Alvaro de Bazan (F-101), is scheduled to be commissioned in October. The Spanish Navy selected the Aegis Combat System for its F-100 frigate program in 1996.

"This is an exciting time for all of us involved in this program," said Fred Moosally, president of Lockheed Martin NE&SS. "We have an extraordinary, fully integrated team of Spanish and U.S. experts from the shipbuilding and electronics industries to produce Europe's most advanced and capable frigates. We're proud to be a part of the team and awed by the total commitment shown by every member."

The heart of the Lockheed Martin-developed Aegis Weapon System is an advanced, automatic detect and track, multi-function phased-array radar, called SPY-1. This high-powered radar is able to perform search, track and missile guidance functions simultaneously with a capacity to track hundreds of targets from the wave tops to the exoatmosphere. SPY-1 is now available worldwide in various configurations, providing the U.S. and allied nations with the world's most advanced naval, surveillance, anti-air warfare and missile defense capabilities.

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