

Lockheed Martin Completes Delivery Of Live Fire Training Targetry Equipment To Sweden

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Lockheed Martin has successfully completed deliveries of all targetry equipment under its WHIP (Weight, Hit Indication, and Planning) Program with the Försvarets Materielverk, Swedish Defence Materiel Administration.

The WHIP equipment was produced in two lots by Lockheed Martin Information Systems. Lot I has been deployed since September 2002 at four major live fire training sites in Sweden. Lot II is currently being deployed at additional training sites located throughout Sweden.

The WHIP system is a rapidly deployable, easily configurable, radio- controlled, modular live fire training package used to improve the readiness of the Swedish land forces. The system employs a lightweight General Purpose Target Mechanism (GPTM), which can be deployed as either an infantry lifter or as a scaled vehicle lifter.

Several GPTMs can be grouped together to form a frontal target or a full flank target. The system also provides projectile hit location detection and round identification, and controls infrared targets at programmable levels. The WHIP software package provides range database mapping and control, scenario preparation and preview, scenario operation in either manual or automatic mode, and a flexible After Action Review.

"The WHIP equipment is the most versatile we have ever produced," said Jim Craig, Training & Simulation Solutions-Ground Systems vice president. "This targetry system offers the soldier the ability to perform conventional training in fixed locations, and the flexibility to use the same targets in non-conventional training scenarios such as urban warfare, convoy protection and ambush training. We never forget that we're working for the soldier and designed this equipment so it can be literally dropped anywhere in the world and training can immediately begin."

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