Lockheed Martin JLTV Prototypes Surpass 25,000 Miles Of Operational Testing

Lockheed Martin's first two operational Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV) prototypes have successfully exceeded 25,000 combined miles of testing, more than half of which have been conducted off-road to simulate actual mission conditions.

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Designed as an infantry carrier, the JLTV Category B model was unveiled in October 2007, while the Utility Vehicle Light Category C model, which is designed with a focus on payload, was introduced in February 2008. The prototypes are undergoing 400 to 500 miles of rigorous secondary and off-road testing daily at a variety of facilities across the country.

"The original goal for our two prototypes was to successfully complete 25,000 combined test miles by the end of the year," said Louis DeSantis, vice president and general manager of Ground Vehicle Systems at Lockheed Martin Systems Integration - Owego. "Reaching this milestone ahead of schedule is further evidence of just how committed we are to giving the customer a mature low-risk, and technically innovative solution that can deliver important new capabilities to Soldiers and Marines as quickly as possible."

Lockheed Martin is scheduled to feature its third JLTV prototype, the General Purpose Mobility Vehicle Payload Category A model, at Modern Day Marine September 30 - October 2 and at the Association of the United States Army's Annual Meeting and Exhibition October 6-8.

The Lockheed Martin-led JLTV Team includes:

-- BAE Systems Mobility & Protection Systems, providing advanced armor solutions and production facilities for high volume assembly;
-- Alcoa Defense, supplying materials experience, design services and aluminum components that give the vehicle its structural strength at reduced weight; and
-- JWF - Defense Systems, offering state-of-the-art machining and cost-effective fabrication.

Lockheed Martin serves as the prime contractor and design agent, providing systems engineering, platform integration, design expertise, and program and supply chain management.

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