

Lockheed Martin Havoc 8x8 Demonstrates High Levels Of Crew Protection In Marine Corps' Blast Testing

DALLAS, Sept. 24, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Lockheed Martin's [NYSE: LMT] [Havoc 8x8 Armored Modular Vehicle](#) successfully completed protection systems testing, achieving every test objective during a series of blast tests this summer. Havoc is Lockheed Martin's entry in the Marine Personnel Carrier (MPC) competition.

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Havoc completed all threshold and objective protection system testing, with instrumentation indicating that no disabling injuries would have resulted to any of three crew members and nine dismounted Marines, had they been on board during the test events.

"Keeping Marines safe and ready to execute their mission is our top objective, and we have now validated that Havoc will provide the protection our Marines require," said Scott Greene, vice president of ground vehicles at Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control. "Havoc's armor performed just as our advanced protection modeling had predicted."

In March, Havoc successfully concluded amphibious and human-factors "swim" testing, showing its ability to maintain 100 percent operational readiness while completing all surf- and wave-condition testing required by the Marines.

Additionally, Lockheed Martin delivered a U.S. Content report to the Marine Corps demonstrating the company's plan for undertaking significant U.S. production in support of the MPC program. The report included information on Havoc's high degree of commonality with other Marine Corps vehicles, aimed at reducing cost, training requirements and logistics needs.

Havoc is a multi-mission, expeditionary ground combat vehicle that is an evolution of the Patria 8x8 Armored Modular Vehicle, a battle-tested design used by armed forces globally. In cooperation with Plasan Sasa Israel, the team has advanced the design of the vehicle significantly for the Marine Corps. Its configuration allows for a wide range of weapons, sensors and communications options to address evolving mission requirements. Havoc features exceptional mobility and transportability, and can protect its crew against a variety of extreme threats.

Lockheed Martin is the prime contractor and systems integrator for Havoc. The company's award-winning experience in managing performance based logistics programs for ground platforms enables increased system readiness and lower ownership costs.

For more than three decades, Lockheed Martin has applied its systems integration expertise to a wide range of successful ground vehicles for U.S. and allied forces worldwide. The company's products include the combat-proven Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) M270-series and High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS) mobile launchers, Havoc 8x8, Common Vehicle, Light Armored Vehicle-Command and Control, Warrior Capability Sustainment Programme, Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV) and pioneering unmanned platforms such as the Squad Mission Support System (SMSS).

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