

Anti Structure Shoulder Launched System

Insensitive Munition Program





Outline

- System description
- IM Process Plan
- High Explosive selection and qualification
- Sub-System preliminary tests
- AUR Tests
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System description

SRM

Counter mass

Propellant

Main Features

- Multi target defeat capability using a tandem warhead
- Enhanced blast explosive
- Fully disposable
- Fire from enclosed capability
- Davis gun launcher
- Weight: 10kg; Length: 1 meter

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Performance

FTB

Behind wall incapacitation

BIC

- Bunker (ETB) defeat
- Light armor defeat
- Mouse Holing
- Effective range: 400m
- Effective hit angles up to 60°

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Disposable Launch

tube



An effective multi purpose weapon





IM Features

- Lightly confined warheads
- Cure cast explosives
- Davis-Gun Launcher with liquid countermass



IM Process Plan

- IM activities began at day one.
- Design relied on existing technologies and knowledge from legacy munition.
- THA was conducted to identify relevant threats
- IM activities planned ahead in a gradual manner:
 - Explosive qualification
 - Sub components tests
 - AUR tests





Explosive selection

Performance:

Plate accelerationOpen field firingClosed chamber firing

Safety:

•STANAG/ UN tests •EMATP Tube tests



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Sub-System tests

Test Type Test Item	FI	BI	SCO	FCO
BIC	Unpackaged Packaged	Unpackaged	Unpackaged	
FTB	Unpackaged Packaged	Unpackaged	Unpackaged	
SRM			Packaged Propulsion sub	Packaged Propulsion sub
GG			system	system



Bullet Attack

- Test Item Bare Warheads
- 1 0.5 AP round fired.
 - Result No reaction Type V





Fragment Attack (modified)

- 1830 m/ sec EFP fragment
- Test Item Bare and Packaged warheads
- Result Packaged Type V









Slow / Fast Heating

- Graduated "ignition sequence" Focus on the propulsion system
- Liquid countermass :
 - Countermass evacuation prior to ignition





AUR IM tests - Fragment Attack

- STANAG Fragment 2500m/sec
- Point of aim identified at preliminary tests
- Unpackaged weapon Type I, Type V
- Packaged weapon Type V

Packaging contribution





AUR IM Tests - Slow Heating

Test item - Packed AUR
Ignition temperature ~145°C (internal temperature ~130°C)
Reaction - Type V

Packaging contribution







AUR IM Tests- Fast Heating

- Test item Packed and unpacked AUR
- Explosive burn and expulsion out of the hearth
- Reaction Type IV



Unpackaged AUR







AUR IM Tests- Sympathetic Reaction

- Donor weapon FTB initiation
- Donor and 4 acceptors were colored fir easy post test identification
 - **Reaction Type V**





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	FI	BI	SCO	FCO	SR	
Unpackaged	Ι	V	V	IV	NA	
Packaged	V	V	V	IV	V	

Conclusions

•IM issues should be delt with from the begining :

- •THA for identifying credible threats
- •IM features (explosive selection countermass design) implementation.
- •Gradual test plan (components, sub system, AUR tests).
- •Whole body of evidence (not just Go/No-go trials)

•Packaged / Unpackaged configuration must be selected at the THA stage

•The AS is now a qualified weapon system in active service



Thank You

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