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### Capacity expansion: Rheinmetall builds first Lynx infantry fighting vehicle for Hungary in Hungary

Rheinmetall continues to expand Europe's armoured vehicle production capacity. Following the opening of the Group's production, development and test facility for armoured fighting vehicles in Zalaegerszeg, the first Lynx infantry fighting vehicle to be built in-country in Hungary has now rolled off the assembly line. It is currently undergoing commissioning.

In mid 2024, following comprehensive function, performance and quality inspections in Zalaegerszeg, the first Hungarian-built Lynx will be transferred to the Hungarian armed forces.

"Rheinmetall is steadily expanding its production capacity in Europe in order to meet growing demand from our customers and to support European security", states Rheinmetall executive board chairman Armin Papperger.

"Opened in August of this year, our new plant in Hungary is the most advanced production and testing facilities for armoured vehicles anywhere in the world," notes Papperger, going on to point out that it will further strengthen the Group's global production network.



"We're proud of our team in Zalaegerszeg and of our colleagues in Germany, who reached this milestone in record time", declares Paul Walf, managing director of Rheinmetall Hungary.

The Hungarian ministry of defence awarded Rheinmetall a contract in September 2020 worth over €2 billion to supply Hungary with Lynx infantry fighting vehicles and related products and services. In the first production phase, Hungary is taking delivery of 46 Lynx IFVs made in Germany. The first vehicle was already transferred to the Hungarian military in October 2022. Starting at the end of 2023, the remaining vehicles will be produced in Hungary by Rheinmetall Hungary Zrt., a joint venture company co-owned by Rheinmetall (51%) and the Hungarian state (49%).

Opened in August 2023, Rheinmetall's ultramodern facility in Zalaegerszeg will enable the development and production of state-of-the-art wheeled and tracked armoured fighting vehicles for the Hungarian armed forces. These include the Lynx KF41 family as well as the Evo version of the Panther KF51 main battle tank.

### ► Key facts

- Rheinmetall Hungary builds first Lynx KF41 IFV in Zalaegerszeg plant
- Transfer to Hungarian military in mid-2024
- Ultramodern development and production centre reinforces Rheinmetall's global production network
- Total of 209 Lynx KF41 vehicles in 7 variants ordered; anti-aircraft tank now in development

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The contract originally envisaged seven variants of the Lynx KF41 for the Hungarian military: the standard infantry fighting vehicle; a command post vehicle; a reconnaissance vehicle; a forward artillery observer vehicle; a mortar track; a field ambulance; and a driver education vehicle. As a further variant, Rheinmetall will develop a Lynx mobile air defence vehicle with a Skyranger 30 turret. The contract for the conceptual development of this variant was signed in December 2023.