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Bundeswehr has ordered 568 logistics vehicles from Rheinmetall – a contract worth over €330m

The Bundeswehr has commissioned Rheinmetall to supply 568 logistics vehicles. These will include 349 UTF-trucks (unprotected transport vehicle) in 5t and 15t models, as well as 219 trucks with a swap-body system, 121 of which will have a protected driver's cab. The total value of both projects amounts to over €330m gross. The UTF-trucks are to be delivered in 2026, the swap-body trucks by November 2025. The budget committee of the German Parliament, the Bundestag, approved the funds on 18 December 2024. Thus Rheinmetall booked the orders in the fourth quarter of 2024.

The UTF-trucks are demands within the framework agreement concluded in July 2024 – the largest order in the history of the company in the field of logistical vehicles. It covers the delivery of up to 6,500 trucks worth up to €3.5bn gross. The framework agreement allows the Bundeswehr to flexibly order additional quantities of the already introduced Unprotected Transport Vehicles UTF 5t and UTF 15t trucks over seven years. In addition, a new vehicle class will be introduced under the framework agreement: the 4x4 model UTF 3.5t. It has a high degree of commonality with the UTF-family.



In 2024, Rheinmetall delivered a record of 2,015 logistics vehicles, making a significant contribution to strengthening the Bundeswehr's logistical capabilities. This marked a major step forward in the modernisation of the Bundeswehr's truck fleet and the expansion of its logistical capacities. The vehicles to be delivered between now and 2024 include 1,715 swap-body systems, 250 unprotected transport vehicles and 50 semi-trailer units, ordered under existing framework agreements between the Federal Office for Equipment, Information Technology and In-Service Support (BAAINBw) and Rheinmetall MAN Military Vehicles GmbH. The large quantity and rapid delivery impressively demonstrate the new era of the Bundeswehr's procurement, underlining the importance of Rheinmetall as a reliable partner for the armed forces.

For various years, the UTF-family has been contributing substantially to the operational effectiveness of Bundeswehr logistics units and formations. In July of 2017, the Bundeswehr commissioned Rheinmetall MAN to supply its new

► Key facts

- The Bundeswehr commissioned Rheinmetall to supply 568 logistics vehicles
- Total order value over €330m; delivery in 2025 and 2026
- In 2024, Rheinmetall MAN delivered over 2,000 HX-military trucks (WLS, UTF, SaZgM) to the Bundeswehr

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'UTF mil gl family in the 5t and 15t payload classes'. The UTF has become a showcase project due to the use of flexible framework contracts for high volumes in military procurement. More than 6,000 HX-vehicles, including the swap-body systems and 70t semi-trailer units, have been delivered to the Bundeswehr since 2017. A large share of the added value of the swap-body system and UTFs – over 75% – is generated in Germany.

The UTF and swap-body system are based on RMMV's robust HX-family of vehicles. As they are entirely designed for military use, they are highly mobile, also in difficult terrain. The high global prevalence of the HX-family of vehicles offers major advantages in terms of interoperability and logistics, particularly regarding multinational operations. In addition to Germany, the current user group includes, the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Austria, Hungary, Singapore, Slovenia, Denmark and also the Ukraine. The recent order underlines the high level of acceptance of the proven HX-vehicles. More than 20,000 units are already in use worldwide.