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Rheinmetall wins major order for medium-calibre ammunition – 300,000 rounds for Gepard anti-aircraft tank

Acting on behalf of Ukraine, the German Ministry of Defence has tasked Rheinmetall with supplying 300,000 rounds of 35mm ammunition for the Gepard anti-aircraft tank, which is now deployed by the Ukrainian military. The order value is in the low three-digit million euro range.

Rheinmetall will be supplying 150,000 rounds each of Armour Piercing Discarding Sabot – Tracer (APDS-T) and High Explosive Incendiary – Tracer (HEI-T) ammunition. This will enable effective engagement of a multitude of targets. The first APDS-T rounds will be delivered in summer 2023. A shift in production from APDS-T to HEI-T is scheduled to take place in mid-2024.

At its plant in Unterlüß, Rheinmetall is currently creating additional medium-calibre ammunition production capacity, which is due to go into operation in summer 2023. In building this new production line, Rheinmetall is responding to sharply increased global demand.

Rheinmetall is one of the world's leading makers of advanced weapon systems for air defence. The market leader in gun- and guided missile-based systems, it is the world's sole single-source supplier of fire control technology, automatic cannon, integrated guided missile launchers and Ahead airburst ammunition. Among its most advanced ground-based air defence systems is the Skyranger 30, mounted on the multipurpose Boxer wheeled armoured transport vehicle.

Key facts

- Rheinmetall wins order to produce 300,000 rounds of 35mm x 228 cal. ammunition
- Ammunition earmarked for Ukraine
- Order value is in the low three-digit million euro range
- Additional mediumcalibre ammunition production capacity in Unterlüß will be ready this summer

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