

ARA-Developed GBU-72 Advanced 5K Penetrator Tested at Eglin

Applied Research Associates, Inc. (ARA) supported the development of the GBU-72 Advanced 5K Penetrator, which was recently released by a 96th Test Wing F-15E Strike Eagle while cruising over the Eglin Air Force Base range at 35,000 feet as part of a test series.

The GBU-72 was developed to overcome hardened deeply buried target challenges and designed for both fighter and bomber aircraft. ARA developed the weapon design and its projected effectiveness using advanced modeling and simulation techniques and processes before the first warhead was forged. This is a repeatable process for all future direct attack weapons.



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