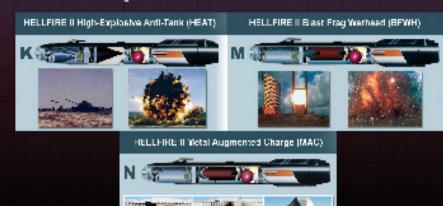


# **HELLFIRE II Background**

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The HELLFIRE missile was principally designed as an air-to-ground missile system for the U.S. Army and the US Marine Corps' attack helicopter platforms. Since its original fielding in the mid-1980s, it has seen combat in Panama, the first Gulf War, Kosovo, Afghan stan, and, most recently, Iraq. In each conflict HELLFIRE distinguished itself by its ability to reach out at extended ranges to attack and destroy targets with pinocint accuracy. To take full advantage of this demonstrated capability, HELLFIRE has been adapted to a number of other platforms beyond the attack helicopter. HELLFIRE has been successfully fired from several wheeled and armored vehicles, various small boats and ships, and ground-mounted tripads. The tripod-mounted system is currently in service with Swedish and Norwegian detense forces.



Range	500-8,000 meters	Close or standoff support.
Lectrality	A moreal begon A	Dual tandem shaped-sharge high-explosive anti-tank workeed     Defeats all content/purjected among
	Bunkers, light vehicles, urban (soft) targets	Bisst fragmentation warhead     Penetrates dual brick wall
	Enclosures, snips, beats	<ul> <li>MAC warhood provides high lethality, low colleteral demage</li> </ul>
Accuracy	Samilactive laser guidance	Predeion weapon system     Hits laser spot, low collateral damage
Operations	Day/night operation	Dual mode sensor (IR/direct view)
	Adverse weather	40°C to +71°C
	Surveable	Small signature - Standalf range     High mobility - Fixes from deflede

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# Air-to-Ground HELLFIRE II

The HELLEIRE L is a world class, air to ground multipurpose. lactical missi o system. It is versat to—certificd on various platforms —and adaptable—integrated into numerous fire control systems. In each instance, HELLFIRE makes a major contribution to the warfighting capability of its platform.

HELLFIRE It is be tified on a wide range of serial platforms; for example, the Defender (MD-500 series), Klowa Martiot (OH-58D), I Blackhawk (UH-80 series), Apache (AH-84A and AH-84D), Cobra -(AH-1W and AH-1Z), Seanawk (SH-60 series), Australia's Eurocopter Tiger, and the Predator unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV).

HELL-FIRE is also integrated into multiple fire control systems, such as Leesheed Martin's Arrowhead (M-TADS/FNVB) and Target Sight System (AN/AAC-30); Raytheon's Electro-Optical Sensor System. (AN/ZSG-2) and Multi-Spectrum Targeting Systems (AN/AAS-52 and MTS-8); FLIR Systems! BRITE I Star \* ; Kolisman's Night Targeting System (NTS); and Sagem Detense Sépurite's STRIX.



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# **Vehicle-Launched HELLFIRE II**

The vehicle-mounted version uses the standard two-rail M-310 HELLFIRE launcher, except that the launcher and missiles are mounted on and fired from a pocestal attached to the vehicle. The other components (launch control box, electro optical targeting system, HELLFIRE control box, cables) are identical to those that comprise the tripod-mounted system. The high-mobility rtiliw "VVWMMH) elairev belserw esogrugitium modification, is able to carry up to six HELL FIRE II. missiles. Other vehicles are capable of similar modification.



been successfully fired from the HMMWV and is readily adaptable to similar vehicles. The principal advantage of the vehicle option over the Injection, on is speed, speed to employ and speed to displace; increasing crew survivability and efficiency.

# **Ground-Launched HELLFIRE II**

- The Iripod version consists of:
- 1. A single-rail HELLFIRE launcher with tire control mounted on a lightweight tripod.
- 2. A portable launch control box (LCB). 3. A small HELLFIRE control box (HOB),
- 5. An electro option targeting system (EOTS) with daymight sensors and laser rangefinderates grator Each component is qualified, proven in production, and man-portable. The system can be assembled and quickly made ready to fire HELLFIRE II missiles.

Fower is provided by a 12-volt battery (vehicle or stand-atone) and barteries installed in the taunch control box and electro optical targeting system. The capies enable the boxes to be located a sate. distance from the launcher during fring.

The components in the tripod-mounted HELLFIRE system are transportable in a standard HMMAV/ or similar vehicle or a utility helicopter. As mentioned, Inpod systems are currently in service in Sweden.



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# **Ship-Launched HELLFIRE II**

# The littoral variant consists of:

. Boat (various options)

7. Electro optica display

- 2. Launcher (aunchinails and fire control unit) 3. Stabilized or unstabilized launch platform
- 4. Electro-optical targeting system with laser rangefinder/dasignator
- 5. Launch control with moving map-Mission computer.
- While the components that comprise the system are qualified, the littora HELLF RE system is not yet qualified. However, in mid-2004 the Norwegian. Navy, in conjunction with Norwegian and US industry, accomplished a very successful first—firing 12 HELLHIRE missies in Sea State III at targets or land and sea designated autonomously and remotely.

- Semi-active laser guided in salle—it hits the laser spot. Operates in extreme temperature environments.
- Electro-optic countermeasure resistance proven by test. Fully operational in presence of bardefield dutter backscalter dust water vapor, smoke, and sea soray.
- Dayinight operation Easily modernized: modular construction insprogrammable.
- High survivability: "shoot-and-scoot" capability.

# Strategic Considerations

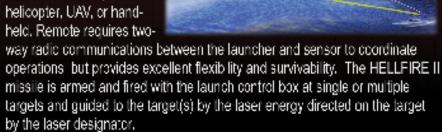
## **Concept of Operations**

Target detection and engagement is remote or

autoremous. Autonomous

A target is detected and designated by the system's electro-optical targeting system using its infrared. (thermal) or direct view (day) optics and its laser rangefinder designator (LRFD). Remote

Detection and engagement can also be accomplished by targeting systems located on a boat, helicopter, UAV, or handheld. Remote requires two-



### Summary

The HELLFIRE II missile system is recognized worldwide as the premier rotary-wing air-to-ground missile system. It now brings its lethality to the ground and sea battlefield with the same devastating precision-strike capabilities that have been combat-proven in several operations from multiple airborne platforms. The HELLFIRE's range, precision, mobility, and flexibility give battlefield commanders the ability to decisively impact conventional and unconventional operations — and in an affordable, reliable, maintainable package.

Ground- aunched HELLFIRE and its adverse-weather, extended-range, day/night, precision-attack capability are available through either commercial or Foreign Military Sales (FMS) channels within 18-24 months from receipt of order. The littoral system requires qualification but can be delivered in 24 to 30 months after contract award.

