# **Aimpoint BR8**

# A Fire Control System for Small Arms

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### Reasons for missing the target

### Weapon System (e.g. dispersion)

#### **External influence**

(e.g. ballistical trajectory, wind speed and direction, temperature)

#### Time

(e.g. duration for operation of weapon system)



**Target** (e.g. visibility, motion)

#### **Operator influence** (e.g. shooting position, estimation of distance to target, breathing, aiming, trigger control)

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### Most important influence

### Operator

#### Distance to target together with ballistic trajectory

## Mechanical solution — MPS3

- 4 MOA red dot
- 8 NVD settings and 8 daylight settings
- 70,000 hours of operation (on setting 12 of 16) on a single battery
- AA 1.5 V alkaline battery (sight accepts voltage up to 5.0 V)
- Prepared for external picatinny rail
- MIL-STD 1913 MGMount includes 3-step ballistic compensator (200,800 and 1200m)

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# MPS3 and MGM

 MIL-STD 1913 MGMount includes 3-step ballistic compensator (200,800 and 1200m – option customized)



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### In operative use with US Forces



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## Swedish FCS development

- Trials with AGL's with different FCS's, and a market study have shown that currently there is no simple, lightweight, robust and affordable FCS available.
- Sweden has therefore decided to develop a FCS with industry for use with underslung grenade launchers, AGL's and 84mm Carl Gustaf recoilless rifles.
- A PDF study was done in 2002.
- A development contract was placed with Aimpoint in 2005.
- Delivery of prototypes in 2007.
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## Aimpoint BR8 - Background

- Fully integrated Sight and Fire Control System
- Suitable for a variety of weapons where ballistical correction to improve range performance and  $P_{Hit}/P_{Kill}$  is essential
- Prepare system for additional functionalities as technology matures

## Potential

 A very large number of grenade launchers with very poor sight systems are in operative use (M203, AG36, XM320....)

- A large number of Automatic Grenade Launchers are in operative use (Mk 19, Mk47, GMG.....)
- A large number of Heavy Machine Guns are in operative use (M2, M3.....)
- A substantial number of Infantry Support Weapons are in use (Carl Gustaf.....)



### Crew served, in service



#### Mk47 with LVS

- + Can do everything anytime
- Expensive, poor batterylife
- Requires a lot of training
- Heavy

### Crew served, in service



Mk47 with IS 2000

+ Easy to use+/- Small for CS,Big for HH- Moving parts

## Hand held, almost in service



OICW with optronic sight

- + Can do everything, anytime
- + 24h system
- Expensive, poor batterylife
- Small FOV = short range

## Hand held, almost in service

#### LEDs indicates correct elevation



Soldato futura, separate FCS

+ Low cost

- -Eyes on sight, not on target
- -No real night capability
- -No possibility to correct fire

# Aimpoint BR8 – System

- 1x optical magnification
- 2MOA dot size
- Unlimited eye relief
- 1,2 kg



- 600 m measurement distance
- MIL-STD 1913 (Picatinny rail) interface
- Rechargeable internal battery
- AA size back-up battery

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## How it works







#### 1. Aim and measure range



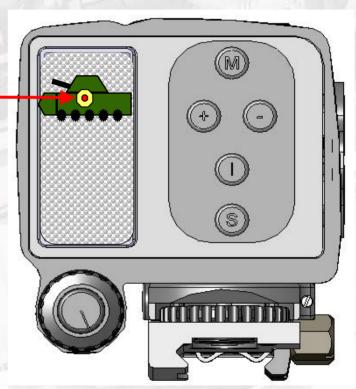
2. Realign and shoot

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## Man-Machine Interface

#### **Red dot**

Red dot Sight zeroed for the assault weapon
Zeroed to the lobe of the LRF



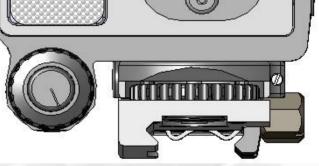
## Man-Machine Interface

Possibility to make a new LRF measurement

Possibility to use assault weapon

#### Blinking Red Dot

presented as aimpoint for 40mm UGL (superelevation)



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## Find your target



## Aim at target – Measure Range



## Blinking Red Dot - Superelevate





## Aimpoint BR8 – Project status

- Prototypes have been delivered to FMV (Swedish Defence Materiel Administration)
- Demonstrated for NATO in Toledo 2007-02-15: > 65% P<sub>Hit</sub> at 1.2x1.2m targets from 100 to 250m!
- Additional prototypes available in late 2008

## WHAT DOES THE USER GET?

#### Superior situational awareness



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## WHAT DOES THE USER GET?

- Superior situational awareness
- Fastest target acquisition
- User friendly and reliable
- Dawn and dusk capability
- Compatible with all generations of NVG
- Long battery life
- Dramatic increase in P<sub>Hit</sub>
- Increased lethality to the enemy and increased survivability to own troops
- Reduced training time and costs

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