Wireless Programming of 40mm Grenade Launcher Ammunition

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Nammo Raufoss AS

- The ammunition factory was established in 1896
- Nammo is located at various sites in Norway, Sweden, Finland, Germany, Switzerland and the US.
- The main office is at Raufoss in Norway
- Nammo has about 1800 employees and a turnover of approximately 3 Billion NOK





Nammo Test Center

- Nammo has its own test center located 8 km from the main office at Raufoss
- 15 firing ranges from 0 to 2000 m
- Monorail for rocket firing
- Firing of 5.56mm to 155mm
- Environmental test center
- Example of test equipment
 - Radar
 - High speed video cameras
 - X-ray
 - Acceleration, shock and pressure









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Easy integration to weapon systems

- Antenna unit
- Cable to Fire Control Unit
- Standard SPI or RS232 interface to Fire Control System
- No modification of the weapon is needed



H&K AGL with Vingmate Fire Control Units



Nammo

H&K AGL with AIM Fire Control Units





Antenna



Airburst Round, Highly effective in Urban Combat

Takes out Targets in Defilade







Incapacitation Contour







Specifications



- Electronic programmable Time Fuze
 - Airburst function (electronic)
 - Point detonating function (mechanical)
 - Self-Destruct function (electronic)
 - Mechanical Safe & Arm (US MK91)
- Pre-fragmented shell body
- IM Properties (use of PBXN 5 & 9)
- Improved Propulsion System



40RF grenade

Electronics Loop Antenna Safe & Arm Unit with electrical detonator Booster (PBXN5) Main Explosives (PBXN9) Prefragmented body **Propulsion system**





Fuze electronics

Battery







-Airburst function

- -Self destruct function ~20s (RC)
- -Safe separation time ~430ms/100m (RC)



Jamming

- Very narrow band transmission -> high effect in the actual band
- Distance from jammer to projectile >> distance from weapon to projectile
- Reprogramming the projectile not possible
- Frequency > 1 GHz in practice requires free sight

- The jammer could be localized and taken out



Status

- In qualification
- Will be qualified this year (2009) for the H&K gun



Other calibers

 The RF concept can be used on other weapon platforms that need a Programmable Airburst capability









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