

APKWS II Update

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Advanced Precision Kill Weapon System II (APKWS II)



- **APKWS is a Semi-Active Laser (SAL) guidance kit added to current 2.75-inch rocket motors and warheads**
- **Low cost, low collateral damage and minimal integration**
- **Accurate: <1 meter CEP in Operational Assessment**
- **Status: Successful DT/OA**
 - 19/21 direct hits
 - 1 miss due to multiple laser spots
 - 1 miss due to degraded laser signal
- **Increased Kills/Sortie: 14 - 38 per sortie**
- **Initial Operational Capability 3rd Qtr FY11**

Low Cost, High Precision, Low Collateral Damage for Irregular Warfare



Aviation Operational Need



Unguided Rocket (1-6 km)

- Area Suppression
- Illumination
- Obscuration
- Marking



Guided Rocket (1.5-5+ km)

- Precision Engagement
- Soft Targets



Hellfire Missile (1-8 km)

- Anti-Armor



APKWS II Weapons System Overview

LAUNCH PLATFORM

Program of Record

Joint Capabilities Tech Demo



Legacy Launchers
USN/USMC - LAU-61/LAU-68
USAF - LAU-131
USA - M260/M261

LASER SOURCE

APKWS II



NTS

GLD

FLIR





APKWS Comparison

WGU-59/B APKWS II

Length	73.8 inches
Weight	32 lbs
Diameter	2.792 inches (max @ bourrelet)
Longitudinal CG	41.39 inches
Lateral CG	0.001 inches



Unguided 2.75-inch rocket

Length	55.3 inches
Weight	23 lbs
Diameter	2.792 inches (max @ bourrelet)
Longitudinal CG	29.92 inches
Lateral CG	0.001 inches



LAU-61C/A Launcher

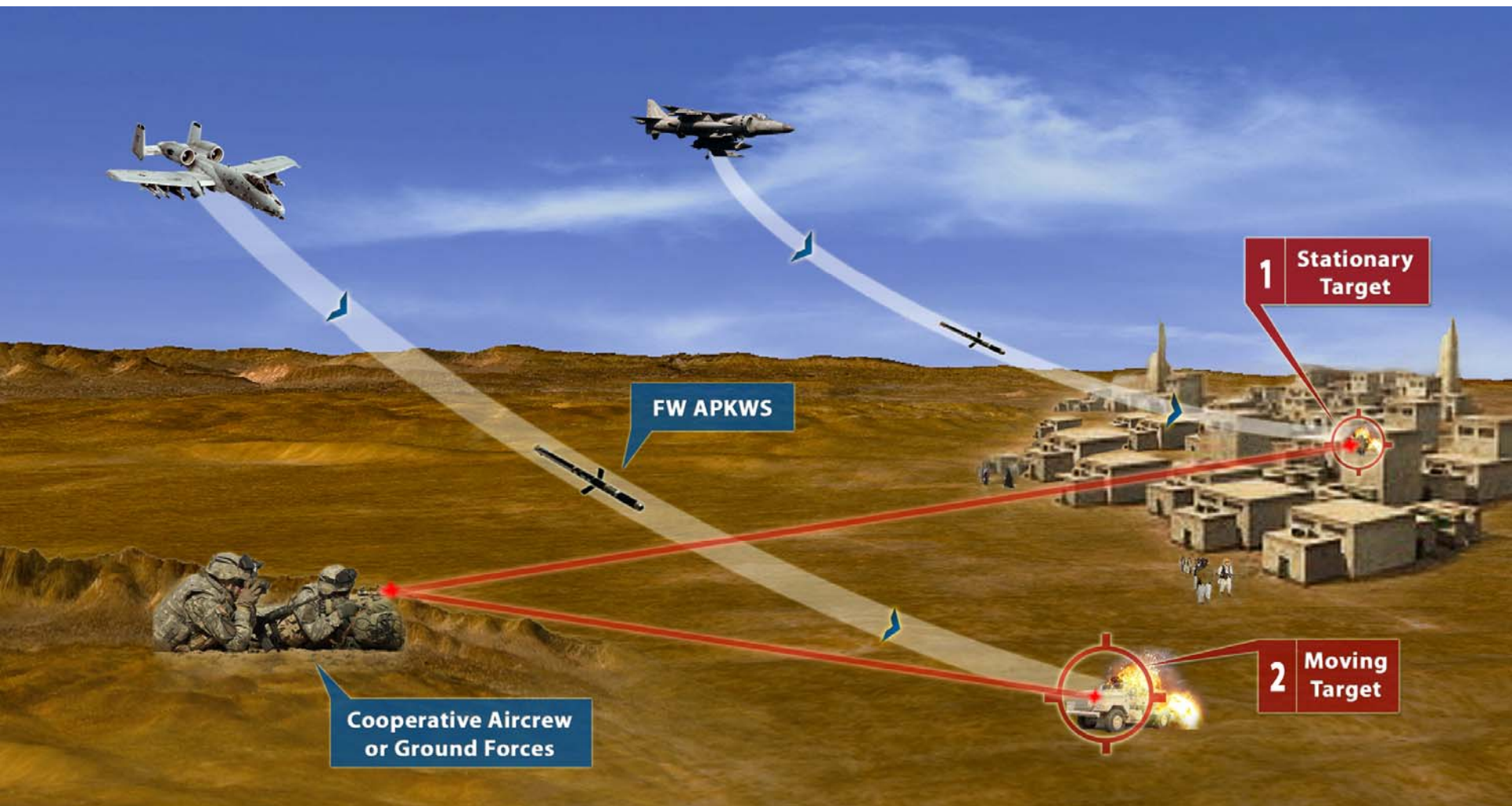


PA92 SSC

Features	Unguided 2.75-inch	APKWS II
MK-66 Mod 4 RM	X	X
M151/MK152 WH	X	X
Point Detonating Fuze	X	X
LAU-61/LAU-68 Launcher	X	X
PA-92 Shipping & Storage Container	X	X
SAL Guidance Section		X



Concept of Operations





Key Performance Parameters

<i>KPP</i>	<i>Demonstrated</i>	<i>Rotary Wing</i>		<i>Fixed Wing</i>	
		<i>Threshold</i>	<i>Objective</i>	<i>Threshold</i>	<i>Objective</i>
<i>Max Range</i>	<i>5000 meters</i>	<i>5,000 meters</i>	<i>8,000 meters</i>	<i>11,000 meters</i>	<i>16,000 meters</i>
<i>Min Range</i>	<i>1500 meters</i>	<i>1500 meters</i>	<i>500 meters</i>	<i>2,000 meters</i>	<i><2,000 meters</i>
<i>Prob (H/S) within 2 meters of laser spot</i>	<i>0.95</i>	<i>≥0.80</i>	<i>>0.99</i>	<i>≥0.80</i>	<i>>0.99</i>
<i>System Reliability¹</i>	<i>0.86</i>	<i>≥0.86</i>	<i>≥0.99</i>	<i>≥0.86</i>	<i>≥0.99</i>

Note 1: System Reliability (0.86) is defined as the guided reliability (0.95) x warhead reliability (0.91) x motor reliability (0.99) given the presence of a firing impulse



Test Results

Safe Separation (August 2009)

Developmental Test (November 2009–
January 2010)

- 13 test shots
- 5 for 5 direct hits on 05 JAN 10

Operational Assessment (January 2010)

- 8 shots against operationally representative targets
- 7 of 8 used M151 HE 10 lb warheads

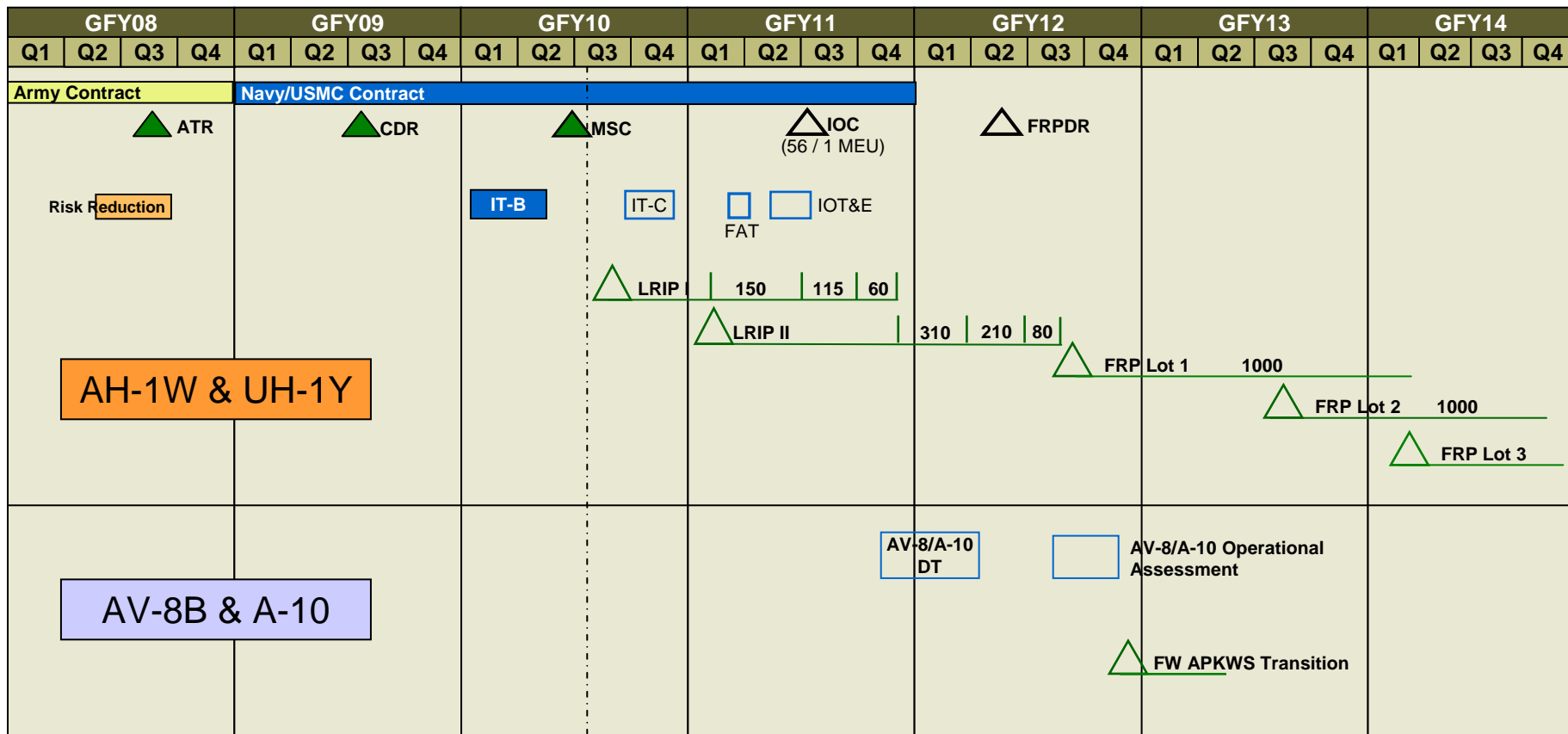
**Average laser spot to impact point distance for all
government test shots is**

0.47 meters or 1.5 feet





APKWS II Program of Record and FW JCTD Schedule



AH-1W IOC – FY11

AV-8B and A-10 residual capability – FY12