

# *Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle (EFV) 30mm Ammunition Feed System*



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# Presentation Outline

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- Ammunition Feed System (AFS) Overview
- Testing Completed to Date
- Key Program Milestones (and Video)
- Path Forward



# EFV Vehicle Highlights

- **Mission**

- Transport Infantry From Ships Beyond the Horizon to Inland Objectives
- Provide Direct Fire Support During Combat Operations

- **Speed**

- Land: 45 mph
- Water : 29 mph

- **Weight: 76,000 lbs**

- **Carrying Capacity: 20**

- 3 Crew; VC, gunner and driver
- 17 Infantry

- **Fire Power**

- MK46 30mm Weapon Station With the MK44 30mm Automatic Gun
- M240 7.62mm Coaxial Machine Gun





# EFV AFS Key Requirements

- **Ready ammunition capacity:**

| Container      | Threshold  | Objective  |
|----------------|------------|------------|
| Primary (HE)   | 150        | 180        |
| Secondary (AP) | 50         | 60         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>200</b> | <b>240</b> |

- **Rate of Fire: 200 rounds/min.**

- ↗ Single shot, 5 round & continuous burst

- **Gun Elevation Range: -10° to +45°**

- **Vehicle Attitude: Up to 60% grade (31°)**

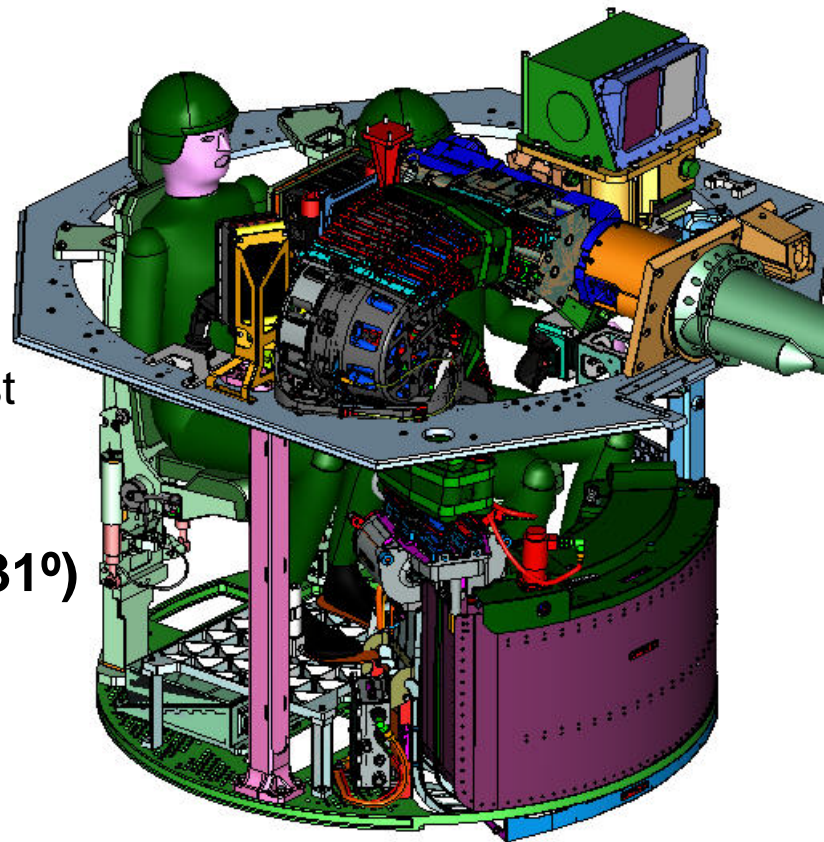
- **Operational after 360° rollover**

- **Weight: 235 lbs**

- **Reliability:**

- ↗ ≥ 10,000 (MRBF),

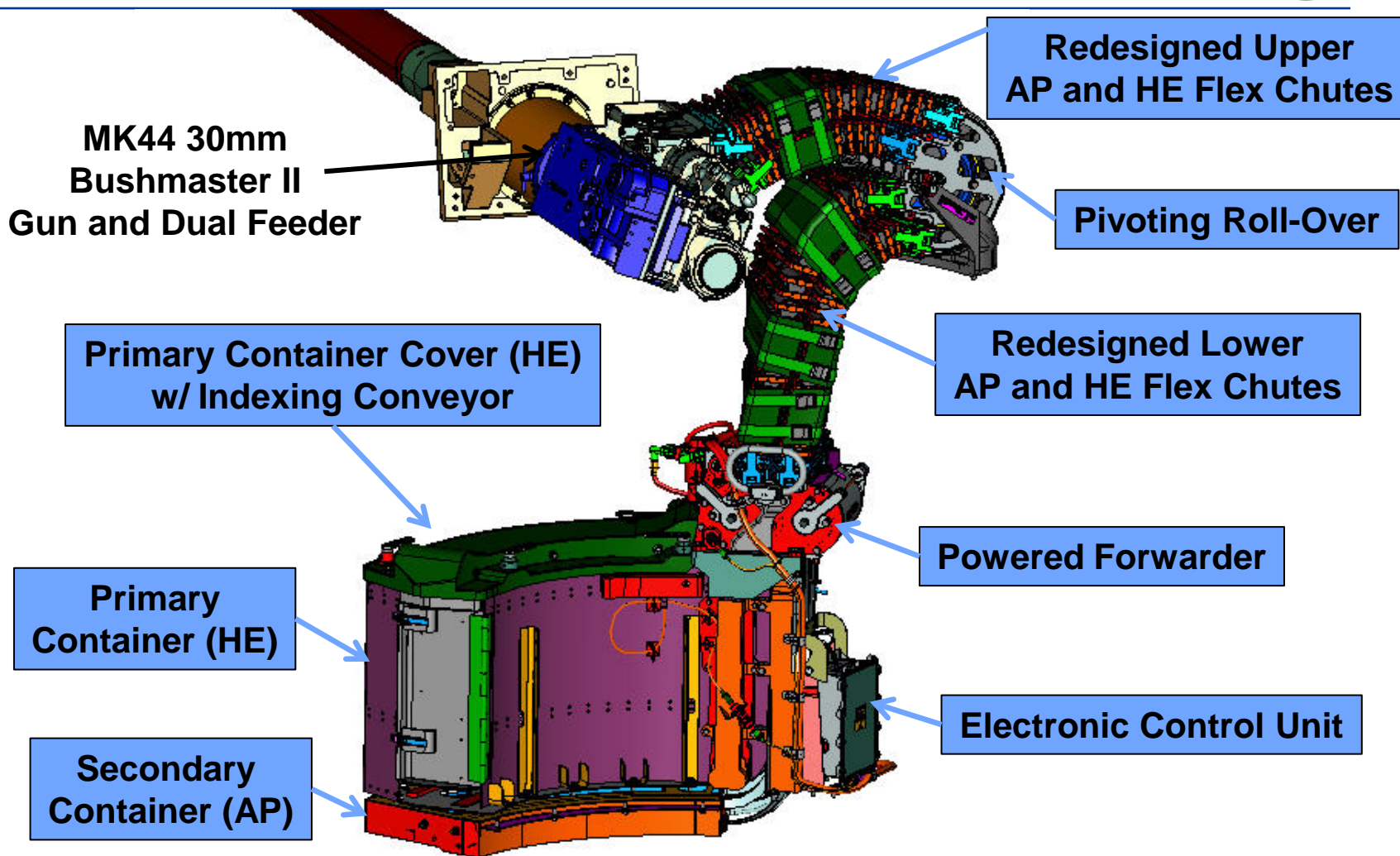
- ↗ ≥ 22,000 (MRBOMF)





# EFV Design Overview

## -Current AFS Configuration



# EFV Testing Summary

## - AFS Brassboard



### ● Cycle Testing

- ↗ ~10,000 rounds cycled
- ↗ HE can resistance characterized
- ↗ HE can index function characterized
- ↗ Booster function characterized
- ↗ Cycle tested both HE & AP sides
- ↗ Loading assessment with vehicle mock-up
- ↗ 31° Tilt Test
  - HE ammo can and forwarder only



### ● Identified design improvements

- ↗ Roll-Over Geometry Redesign
- ↗ HE can round positioning & retention features
- ↗ HE separator mechanism actuation method external to can

# EFV Testing Summary

## - Delivered Production Systems 1-9



- **Acceptance Testing**

- 9 systems
- GDATP EDL facility
- Engineering Pre-Test

- **Formal ATP**

- 4 gun elevations
  - $-10^{\circ}, +15^{\circ}, +30^{\circ}, +45^{\circ}$
- Cycling per elevation
  - Single Shot
  - 5 round burst
  - Continuous burst
- Download capability



# EFV Testing Summary

-Total rounds cycled per production configuration



| System   | Pre ATP<br>Cycled Rounds | ATP<br>Cycled Rounds | Post ATP<br>Cycled Rounds | Total Rounds<br>on System |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| System #1  | 2316                     | 156                  | 0                         | 2472                      |
| System #2  | 1302                     | 188                  | 0                         | 1490                      |
| System #3  | 193                      | 158                  | 9928                      | 10279                     |
| System #4  | 107                      | 121                  | 0                         | 228                       |
| System #5  | 120                      | 156                  | 73                        | 349                       |
| System #6  | 122                      | 156                  | 0                         | 278                       |
| System #7  | 193                      | 251                  | 0                         | 444                       |
| System #8  | 206                      | 307                  | 0                         | 513                       |
| System #9  | 274                      | 402                  | 0                         | 676                       |
| <b>Totals</b>  | <b>4833</b>              | <b>1895</b>          | <b>10001</b>              | <b>16729</b>              |
| <b>Total rounds cycled on Turret #1<br/>(including brassboard) as of 4/25/2010</b> |                          |                      |                           | <b>26735</b>              |



# EFV Testing Summary

## - Follow On Engineering Testing Design Upgrades



- **6 Design Areas Identified for Upgrades on Delivered Systems**

- HE Cover
- HE Separator Handle
- ECU Firmware
- HE Container
- Pivoting Roll-Over Sprocket
- Forwarder Clutch

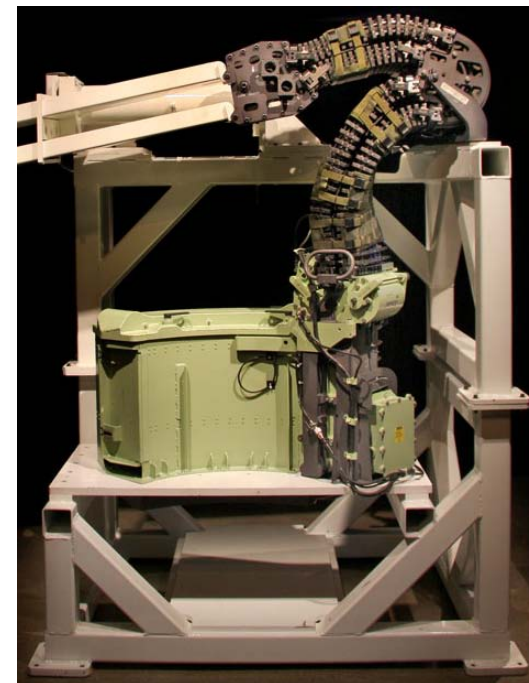
- **Retrofit Activity**

- Delivered systems were returned to GDATP for retrofit
- Two week turnaround time per system
- Upgrade activity occurred from February through April 2010.
- All Systems have been retrofitted and returned to GDAMS.



# Key Program Milestones

- **Contract Award: November 2007**
- **PDR: March 2008**
- **Brassboard Hardware Testing**
  - ↗ Sept. 08 - Jul. 09
- **CDR: Sept. 2008**
- **Production Acceptance Testing**
  - ↗ Aug. – Dec. 2009
- **Live Fire Demonstration**
  - ↗ October 2009 at the GDATP Ethan Allen Firing Range
  - ↗ Representatives from GD Amphibious Systems (GDAMS), Marine Corps EFV Program Office, Government Accountability Office (GAO) and local media.



# Live Fire Demonstration





# EFV AFS Path Forward

- **GDATP Supplier Retained Unit**

- **Complete Engineering Testing**

- 10,000 rounds cycle test in the GDATP Engineering Development Laboratory (EDL)
- Testing will include efforts in a 31° tilt stand.

- **Conduct Environmental Qualification Testing**

- Testing consists of Shock, Vibration, Underwater Mine Blast, Temperature, High Pressure Spray and Salt Fog

- **Delivered Units**

- **Operational Assessment (OA) Summer 2010**

Questions?

