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## ***TECHNOLOGY DRIVEN. WARFIGHTER FOCUSED.***

120mm XM360 Primary Weapon Assembly  
XM1202 Mounted Combat System (MCS) of Future Combat System (FCS)  
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Three (3) of the systems have large caliber main guns:

**NLOS - M – Non Line Of Sight Mortar Carrier**

**- 120 MM Mortar**

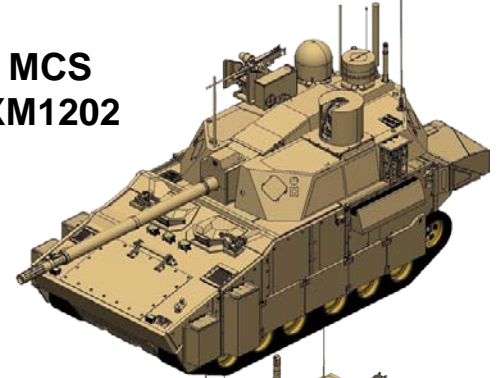
**NLOS – C – Non line of sight cannon**

**- 155 MM Gun**

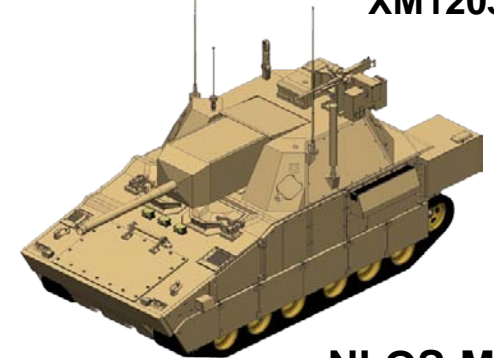
**MCS - Mounted Combat System**

**– 120 MM Gun**

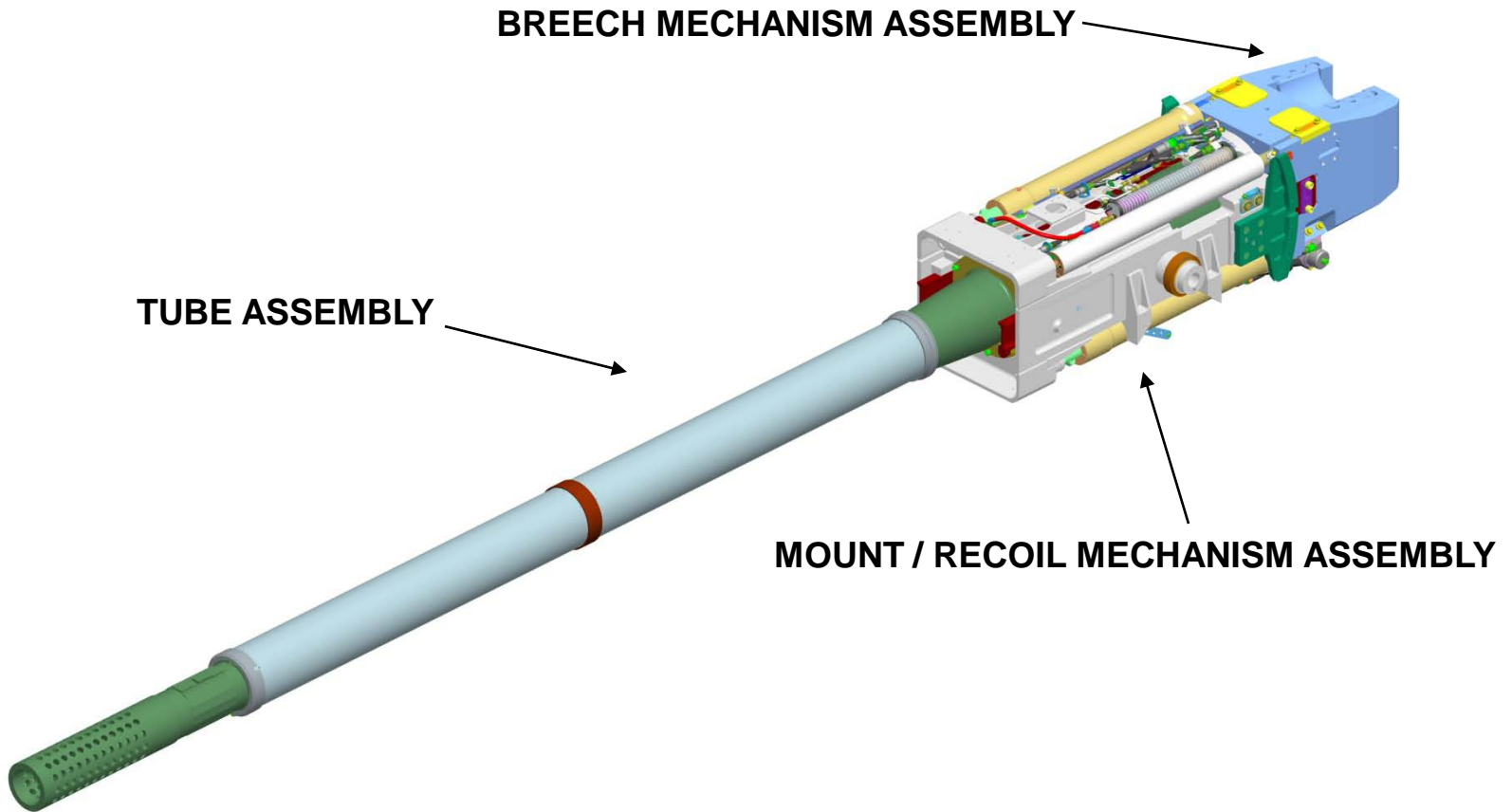
**MCS  
XM1202**



**NLOS-C  
XM1203**



**NLOS-M  
XM1204**



- Completed delivery of 3 gun assemblies
- Completed integration of 1 Gun Assembly into XM1202 Firing Platform Turret
- Completed two (2) Tube Pre-Fatigue Firing Tests
- Completed two (2) Tube Laboratory Hydraulic Fatigue Tests
- Completed one (1) Breech Laboratory Hydraulic Fatigue Tests
- Completed Durability (simulated damage) Test of Composite Tube Section
- Completed one (1) Gun Mount Durability Firing Tests
- Completed phase 1 of Extreme Temperature Firing Tests
- Completed Scavenger Headwind Testing
- Completed Bore Clear Camera Testing
- Completed Breech Actuator/Mechanism Durability Cycling test
- Tube Frequency Response Testing
- Supported XM360 on XM1202 Firing Platform
  - Integration
  - Shock – Vibration – Road Simulator
  - Firing Tests

- Two (2) Tubes Completed Fatigue Tests
  - Pre-fatigue Firing
  - Hydraulic Cycling
- Tested 5 critical sections
  - Chamber
  - Origin
  - Composite Wrap (2)
  - Muzzle (MRS)
- Materials Properties taken of tube sections after failure



**RESULTS – XM360 Tube Met Life Requirements**

- One (1) Breech Test in process (>50% complete)
  - Hydraulic Lab Cycling



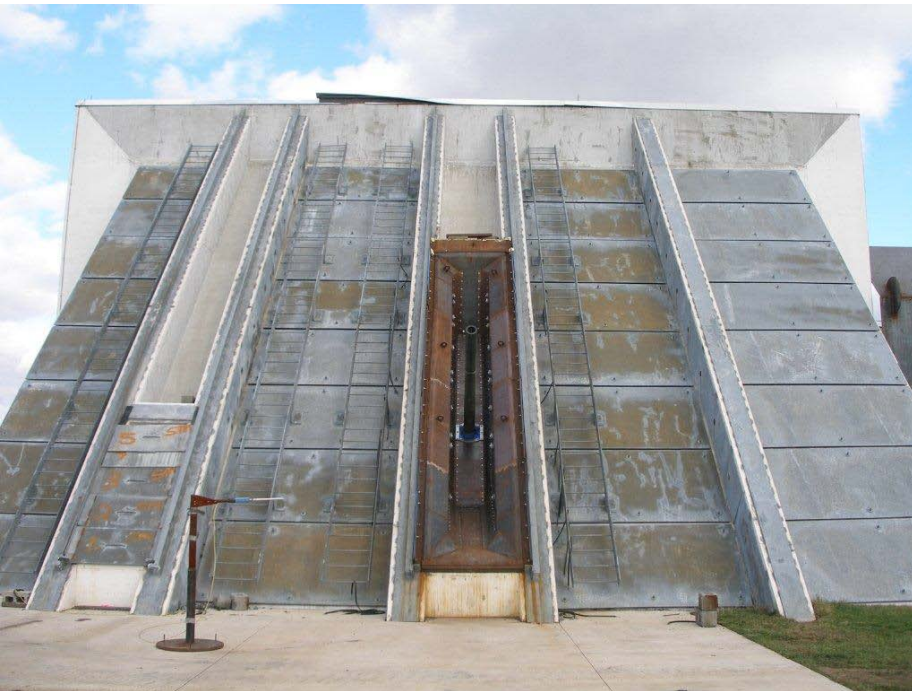
**RESULTS – XM360 Breech on track to meet  
Fatigue Life Requirements**

- Gun Tube Composite Wrap TRL-6 Testing (Mar. 2006 to Dec. 2006) Firing Damage applied to a Composite Tube Section – Non-Autofrettaged Zone
  - Gun Fired 250 Rounds (198-M829A3, 37-M831A1, 5-M865)
  - Applied 10,000 lab Fatigue cycles to Muzzle end section. No fatigue damage noted.
  - Firing Damage applied to tube @ APG (7.62mm armor piercing round) – “Glancing Blow”
  - Fatigued Tested 200 cycles – No Fatigue damage noted.



**RESULTS – XM360 Composite Damage not a significant hazard**

- XM360 Installed in Aberdeen Test Center Climate Chamber:
  - Completed Hot, Cold Test Firing
  - Completed extreme elevation tests



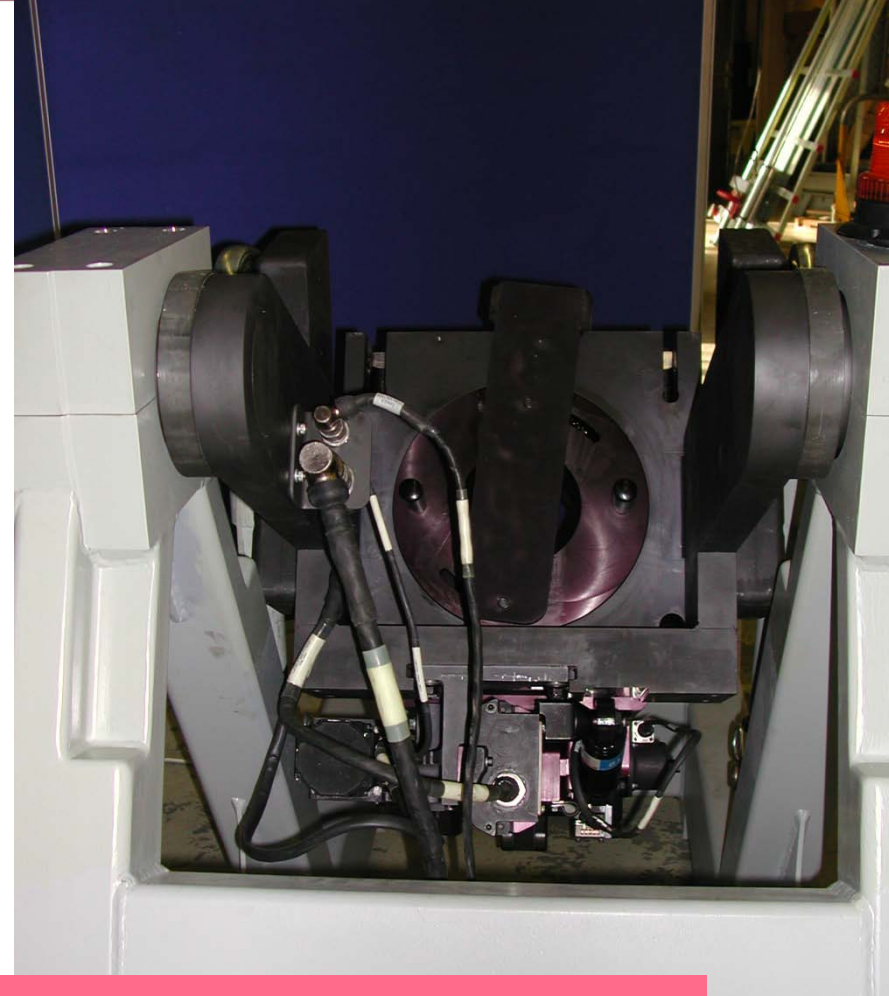
**RESULTS – XM360 met Climatic Extreme Requirements**



XM360  
Cradle 1  
7/21/07

- XM360 Gun Mount fixtured in Impact Simulator at Rock Island Arsenal and cycled 20 times prior to firing tests to check function and performance.

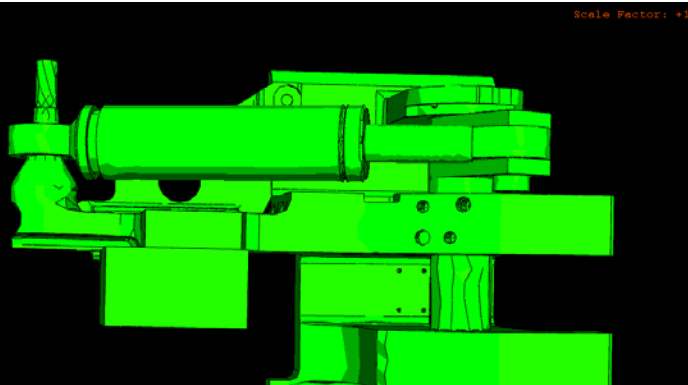
**RESULTS – XM360 Mount Performance met Requirements**



- Breech Actuator & Mechanism fixtured in test stand & actuator cycled at various elevations
- Completed 18,557 cycles without stoppage

**RESULTS – XM360 Breech Actuator on track to meet Reliability Requirements**

- During Firing Tests – some mechanism housing structural failures occurred
- Subsequent Investigation found unique firing loads being transferred from tube into mechanism & exciting the housing
- Analytical models were developed to duplicate the event and used to redesign the housing
- FEA modal resonant freq – 400Hz      Strain measurements at ATC – 356Hz



**RESULTS – XM360 Mech Housing redesigned & tested - strain gages verified lower stresses**

ODB: Housing-brace  
Step: Step-3  
Node 1: Value = 6.32251E+06 Freq = 400.19 (cycles/time)  
Deformed Var: U Deformation Scale Factor: +5.000e+00

- ARDEC/Benet Labs partnered closely with vehicle developer – GDLS – and ammunition developers to ensure early:
  - Integration across sub-systems & interfaces
  - Performance of all subsystems optimized

**RESULTS – XM360  
Gun Assembly  
Integrated with gun  
drives very early in  
design process:**

- Software tuned in early
- Interfaces Optimized



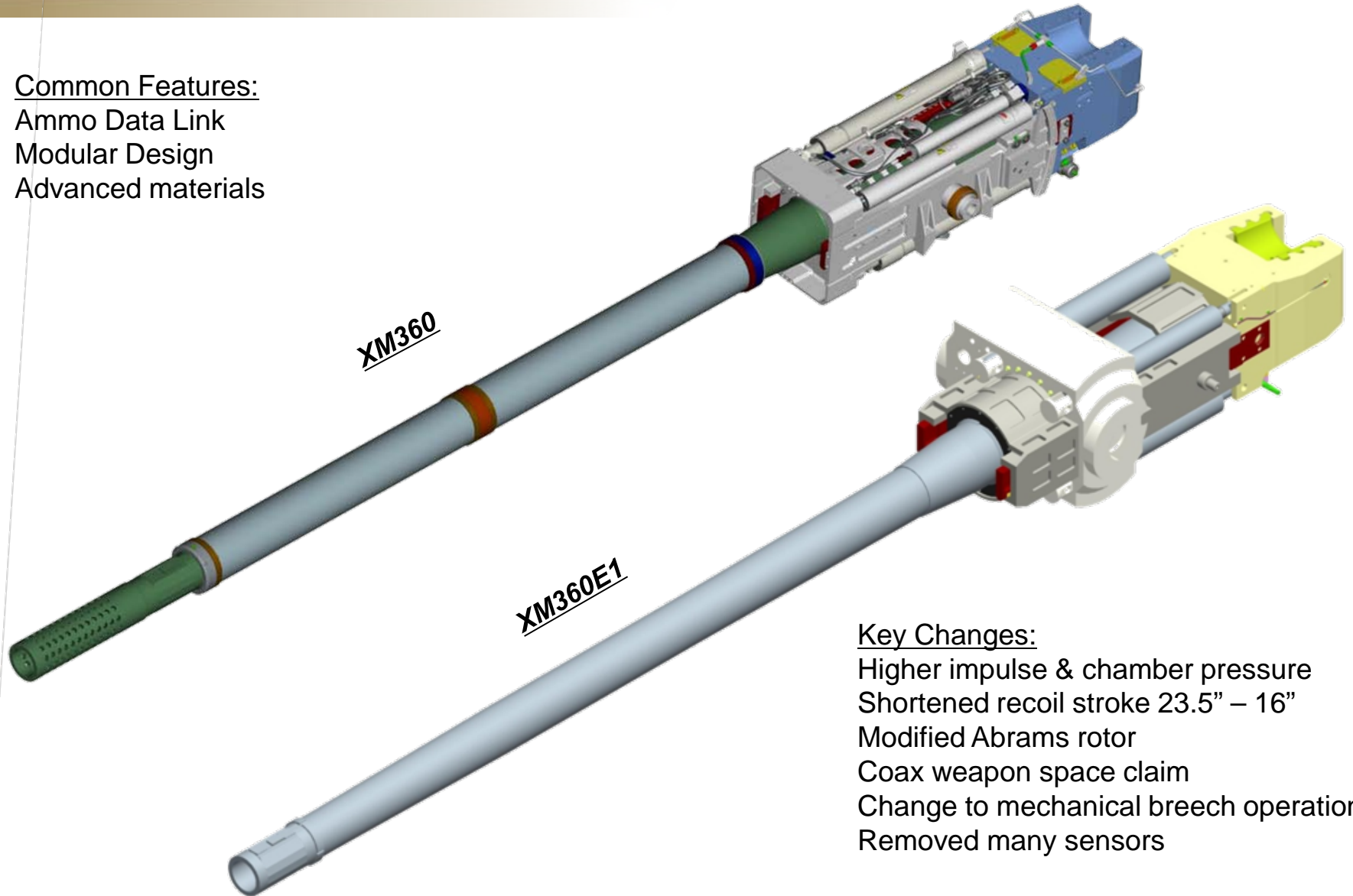
- XM360 Mount in XM1202 Turret with autoloader, active gun & turret drives (video)



- Original FCS Requirements:
  - Provide the firepower of the M256 cannon on the M1A2 in a light weight, compact package - fire all current & developmental 120mm ammunition
  - Provide reduced impulse to a 20 ton class vehicle (muzzle brake) – provide remote actuation and operation (600vdc electric supplied)
- NEW REQUIREMENTS:
  - Provide **increased firepower** in a light weight, compact package - fire all current & developmental & **next generation** 120mm ammunition
  - Provide capability of firing on M1 series Tank with hatches open (no muzzle brake)
  - Provide mechanical breech operation



Common Features:  
Ammo Data Link  
Modular Design  
Advanced materials



Key Changes:  
Higher impulse & chamber pressure  
Shortened recoil stroke 23.5" – 16"  
Modified Abrams rotor  
Coax weapon space claim  
Change to mechanical breech operation  
Removed many sensors

- From 2004 – 2009, combined results of Government sponsored Tech Base Work and XM360 PWA SDD Program a total of 1,952 rounds fired (1,182 rounds SDD Program)
- Four (4) complete design iterations were completed
  - Vehicle Dynamic Response Demonstrator (joint PM MAS – GDLS – Army Tech Base)
  - Advanced Technology Demonstrator (Army Tech Base)
  - Lightweight Armament Enhancement Program (Army Tech Base)
  - FCS Primary Weapon Assembly (GDLS CRADA)
- Most key requirements were verified by test:
  - Weight
  - Accuracy
  - Ammunition Compatibility
  - Tube Fatigue Life
  - Breech Fatigue Life
  - Integration in lightweight turret
- Post FCS – the XM360 is being re-developed into the XM360E1 variant for the next M1 Abrams Tank upgrade – Abrams Evolutionary Design (AED)





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