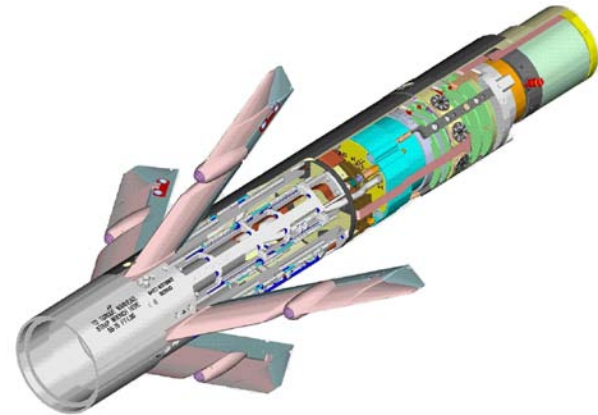


APKWS II

Turning 2.75-Inch Rockets into Precision Guided Munitions

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Advanced Precision Kill Weapon System II (APKWS II)



APKWS is highly effective weapon that allows aviators to complete their missions while minimizing the risk of harm to allies and non-combatants.



Advanced Precision Kill Weapon System II (APKWS II)



- **APKWS is a Semi-Active Laser (SAL) guidance kit added to current 2.75-inch Rockets**
 - **Manufactured by BAE Systems**
- **Low collateral damage and minimal aircraft integration**
- **Accurate: <1 meter CEP in Test Program**
- **Increased Kills/Sortie: up to 76 per sortie**

• **Status:**

Jan 2012 - Completed Operational Testing
Feb 2012 - Fielding Decision by USMC
Mar 2012 - Initial Operational Capability

Full Rate Production Decision 2012

High Precision, Low Collateral Damage Weapon Deployed

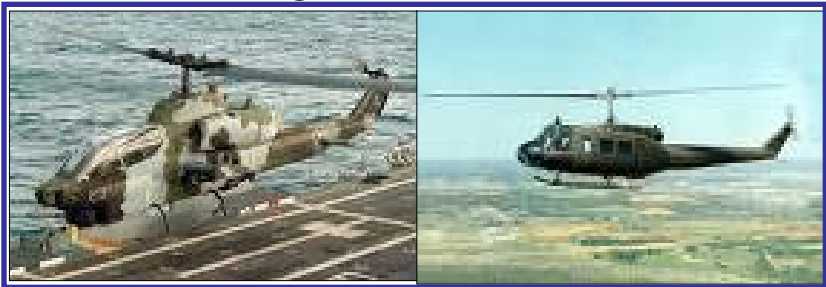


APKWS II Weapons System Overview

LAUNCH PLATFORM

Program of Record

Joint Capabilities Tech Demo



Legacy Launchers
USN/USMC - LAU-61/LAU-68

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

LASER SOURCE

APKWS II



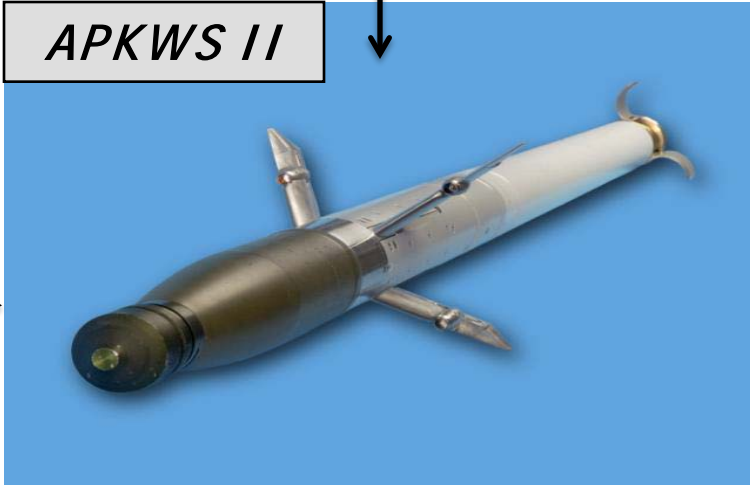
NTS



GLD



FLIR





APKWS II System



Aiming Cues
UH-1Y SCS 7



Shipping and Storage Container,
CNU-711/E (4 WGU-59/B)



Fastpack
PA-150 (4 AUR)



AUR Length/Weight: 73.8-inches /32.8 lbs



7-Tube LAU-68 F/A
Launcher



AH-1W, UH-1Y



APKWS HE Impact



APKWS Comparison

WGU-59/B APKWS II 2.75-Inch Rocket

Length	73.8 inches
Weight	32 lbs
Diameter	2.792 inches
Longitudinal CG	41.39 inches
Lateral CG	0.001 inches



LAU-68 F/A Launcher

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



Unguided 2.75 Inch Rocket

Length	55.3 inches
Weight	23 lbs
Diameter	2.792 inches
Longitudinal CG	29.92 inches
Lateral CG	0.001 inches



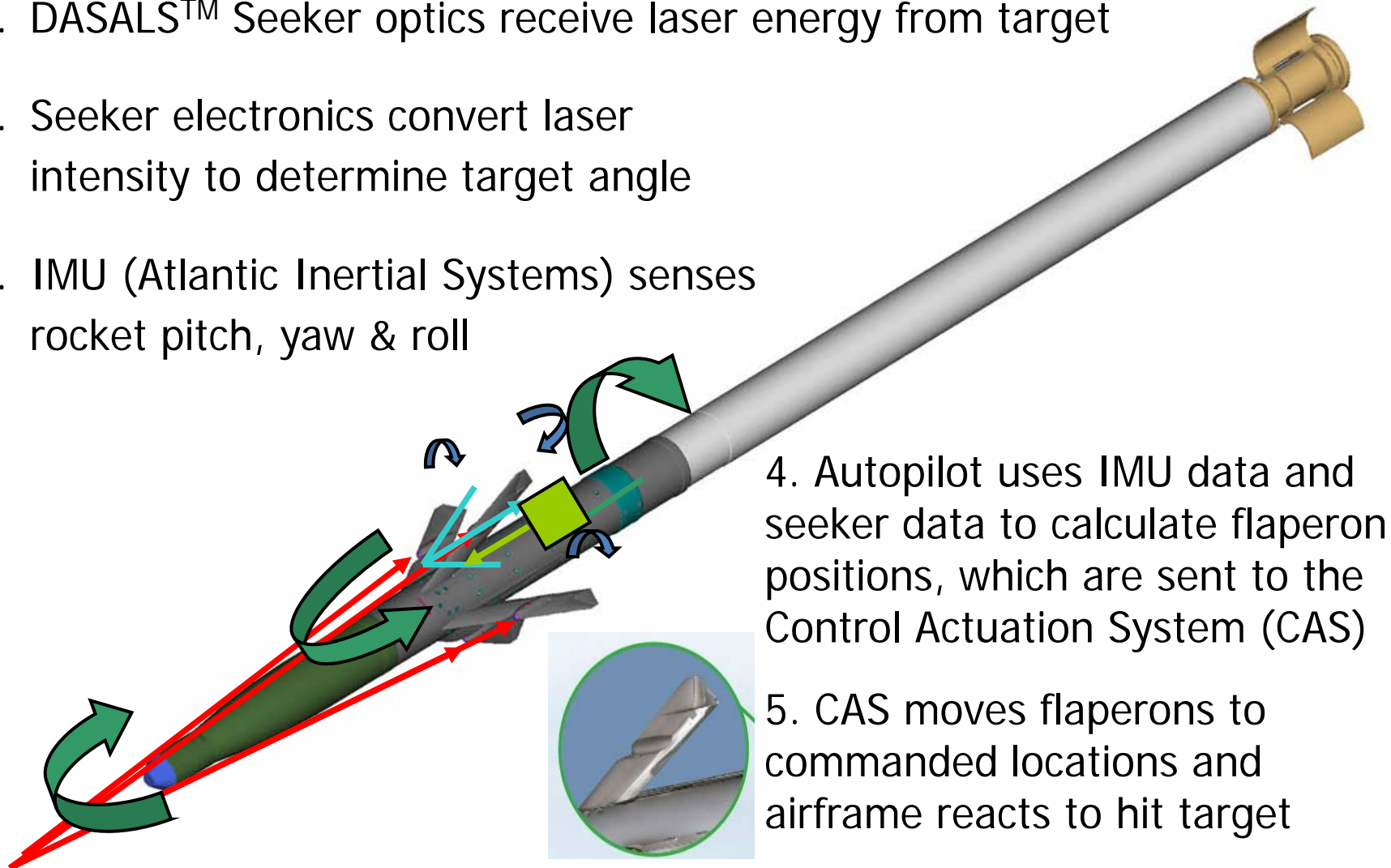
LAU-68 D/A or LAU-61 C/A Launcher



CNU-711/C Shipping and Storage Container

APKWS – How it Works

1. DASALS™ Seeker optics receive laser energy from target
2. Seeker electronics convert laser intensity to determine target angle
3. IMU (Atlantic Inertial Systems) senses rocket pitch, yaw & roll



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APKWS Off Axis Capability

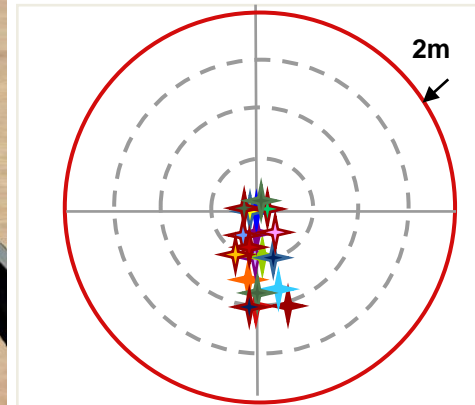
5000 meter shot



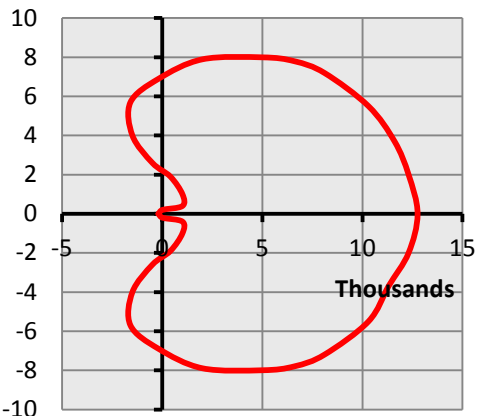
3000 meter shot



1400 meter shot



**Average Miss Distance:
0.44 meters**

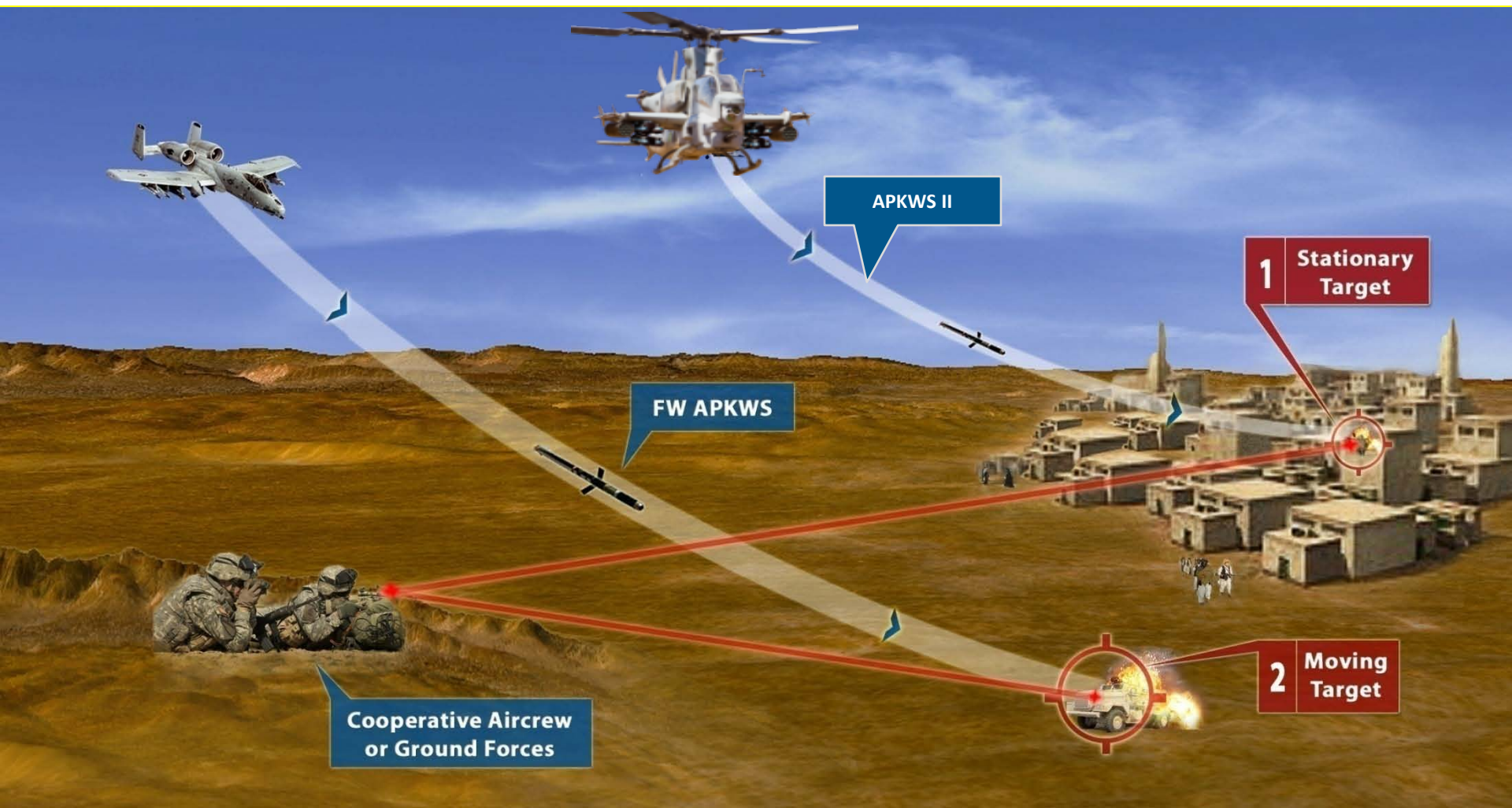


Surface Danger Zone

-1,600 to 12,750 meters (longitudinal)
±8,000 meters (lateral)



Concept of Operations





Fixed Wing APKWS JCTD

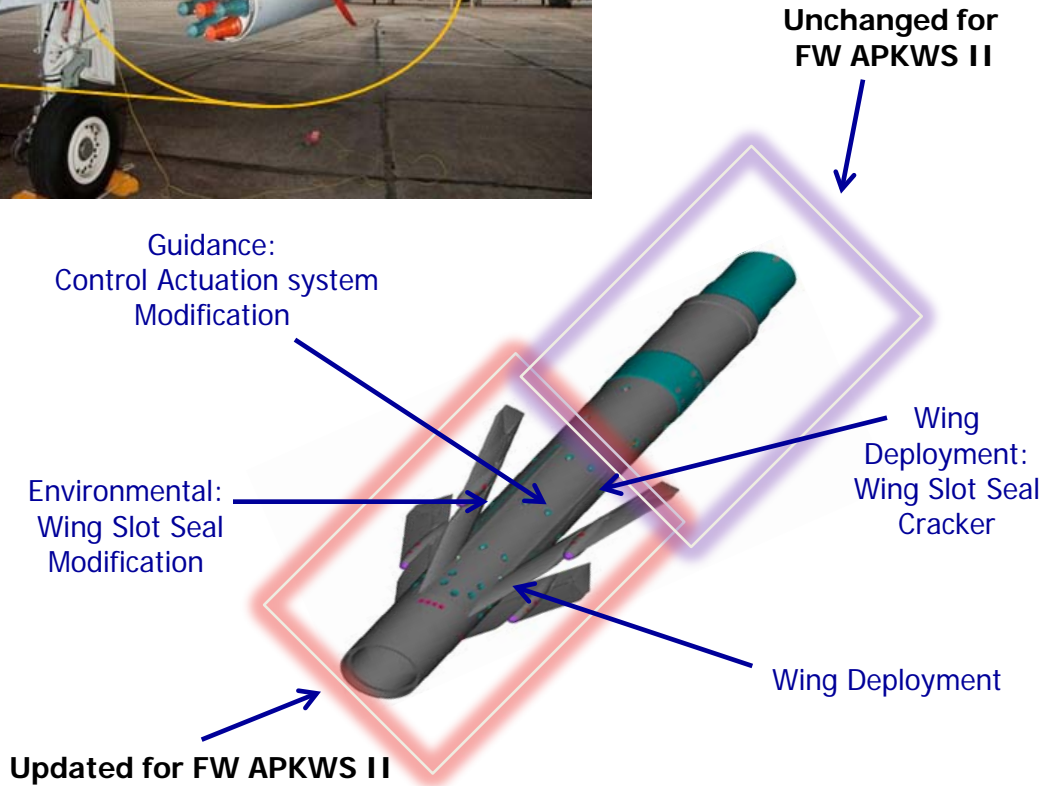
- Shots & Military Utility Assessment Spring 2013



Air Force A-10C with LAU-131A/A and APKWS Instrumented Measurement Vehicles at Eglin AFB



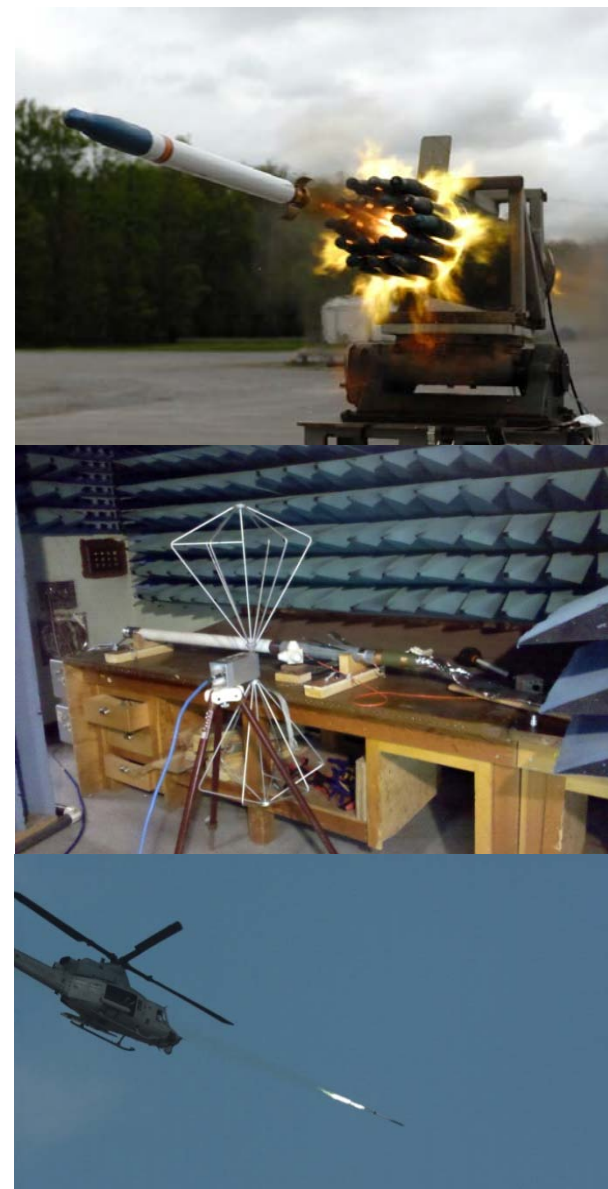
USMC AV-8B with LAU-68F/A and APKWS Instrumented Measurement Vehicles at NAS China Lake



APKWS II Program of Record Qualification Testing Complete

- **Laboratory/Ground Tests Summary**
 - Environmental Qualification
 - Adjacent Rocket Fire
 - Hazards of Electromagnetic Radiation to Ordnance
 - Drop Tests – Handling (37") & Safety (40')
 - Shipboard Shock
 - Electromagnetic Environmental Effects (E³)
 - Ground Launch at Targets from 1.5 to 5 Km
 - First Article and Lot Acceptance Tests

- **Flight Tests**
 - Captive Carriage & Safe Separation
 - Integrated Flight Tests (IT-B and IT-C)
 - Operational Assessment (OT-B)
 - Initial Operational Test and Evaluation (IOT&E)



Production

- Low Rate Initial Production
 - Lot 1 Delivered
 - Lot 2 in Manufacture
- Full Rate Production
 - In Negotiation





Other Applications

- Same interface as unguided rockets
 - Simple qualification for follow-on platforms



MQ-8B
Firescout

Rapid Deployment
Capability



F- 18 Hornet

Follows Fixed Wing JCTD



AT-6 Texan

Industry Funded
Demonstration



Summary

- APKWS II in production
- Units being tested in combat
- Success in combat will inform future plans

Questions?





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