

# Lightweight Multi-Role Missile Integrated SAFU & Lethal Payload L.J.Turner - Thales

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## Lightweight Multi-Role Missile - Overview

#### Lightweight multi-role missile :

- low cost/low mass/multi-purpose
- **Precision strike/light platforms.**
- Defeat of Land, Sea & Air targets ٠
- Anti-FIAC (Fast Inshore Attack Craft)

# Family of weapons : nce PDM No 1015170 Issue 001

- **Expansion into future variants**
- **Multiple Platforms**
- **UAV** capable



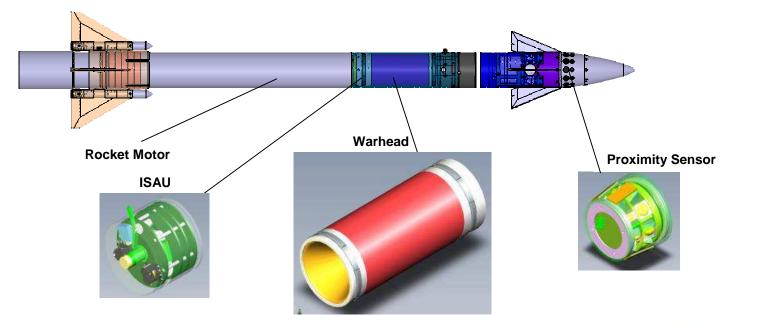


#### Lightweight Multi-Role Missile

- Requirement for a novel integrated SAFU
- For both warhead & second stage rocket motor

#### **Integrate the Lethal Payload**

- Warhead & SAU as a single unit
- Compact design small space envelope
- Integrated safety & arming unit and second stage rocket motor ignition safety
- Combine the qualification Reduce Development Time & Cost



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## **ISAU - Key functions**

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## Energetic Interface to both rocket motor & warhead

Detonator and Through Bulkhead Igniter

#### **Prevents unintentional arming**

Second stage Rocket Motor & Warhead

#### Autonomous ignition of the second stage rocket motor

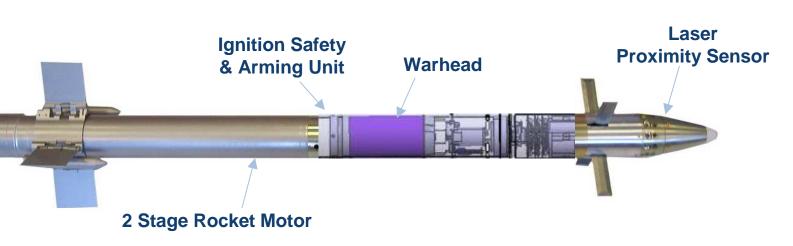
After achieving safe distance from the launch platform

## Arming the warhead

Missile has achieved warhead safe separation

#### Initiate the warhead

Receipt of the trigger



#### Warhead & Rocket Motor

- Safety and design issues
  - integration of the two different safety functions within the same physical package
  - Common safety environmental inputs
- Benefits of integrated design
  - Reduction of time and cost of qualification

#### **Different safety standards**

#### SAU – STANAG 4187 (Mil-Std-1316)

- Safety functionality should not be mixed
- Shared safety environments
  - Power
  - First Motion (IOM)
  - Bore Rider

#### MISAU – STANAG 4368 (Mil-Std-1901A)

- Latest version closer to warhead safety standards
  - Shuttered primary energetics
  - In line firing levels greater than 500 Volts

#### **Integration of both standards**

Ensure all safety requirements met





## **ISAU Integrated Safety Architecture**

#### Integrated safety sequence

- For autonomous weapon functions
  - Second stage rocket motor and warhead
- Safety 1
  - Instant of move (IOM) + Arming power
- Safety 2
  - First stage rocket motor
    - Borerider (Set back, spin & tube exit)
  - Two independent electronic timers

#### Second stage rocket motor fires

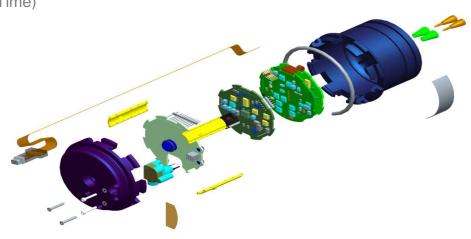
- Safety 3
  - Second stage rocket motor 0
    - Accelerometer circuit (Acceleration + Time)
  - Two independent electronic timers 0

#### Warhead armed

- **Target Detection** 
  - Impact trigger 0
  - **Proximity trigger** 0

#### Warhead fires





#### **Initial ISAU Safety Functions**

- Power supply on
- ISAU monitors the Instant of Movement (IOM) and Bore Rider (BR) validation circuits
- First Stage Rocket Motor Fires
- IOM circuit detects tape break and switches power on to timer and control circuitry.
- Circuitry detects BR closure
- Timers one and two triggered from BR
- Parallel Timers one and two complete sequence

#### **Rocket Motor Functions**

- Rocket Interface Circuit power is switched on
- Rocket Static Switch 1, 2 and Rocket Dynamic signal is switched on
- Rocket interface circuit fires igniter
- Second Stage Rocket Fires



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#### **Warhead Arming Functions**

- Velocity Sensing Accelerometer Circuit acquires velocity within time window
- Parallel Timers one and two complete sequence
- Warhead Static Switch 1, 2 and Warhead Dynamic signal is switched on
- Warhead Charging Circuit power is switched on.
- HV Capacitor starts charging
- ISAU transits to Armed
- Trigger pulse initiates detonation





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#### **Physical implementation**

- Rocket Motor timers
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#### **Rocket Motor Inhibit function**

Prevent second stage rocket motor firing if Timer not elapsed.

#### **Impact Detection function**

Prevents second stage rocket ignition if an impact is detected (e.g. the ground)

#### Min safe second stage rocket ignition distance

 Rocket Timers not to expire before minimum Safe Distance when the missile is travelling at lowest velocity.

#### Minimum safe arming distance

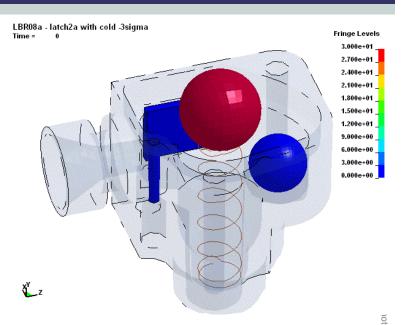
- Warhead Arming Timers, not to expire before missile has travelled beyond safe separation threshold
- Environment 3 Missile Velocity verification from second stage rocket motor prior to expiry of Warhead Arming Timer.
- If the Velocity verification occurs after the timer expires then the Arming process shall be inhibited.



## Safety 2 - Bore Rider Assembly

#### **B Model Bore Rider Assembly**

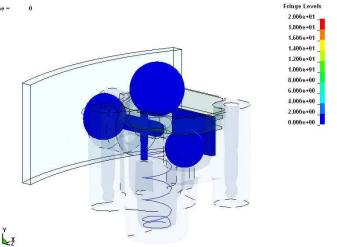
- Designed to meet STANAG 4187
  - No stored energy tending to arm
- Designed to use 3 available environments
  - Launch Shock
  - Roll rate
  - Tail pick-up Cover plate removal
- Mechanical latch
  - Ensures contact if spin rate drops below threshold
- LS Dyna modelling
- Catapult testing performed



Time

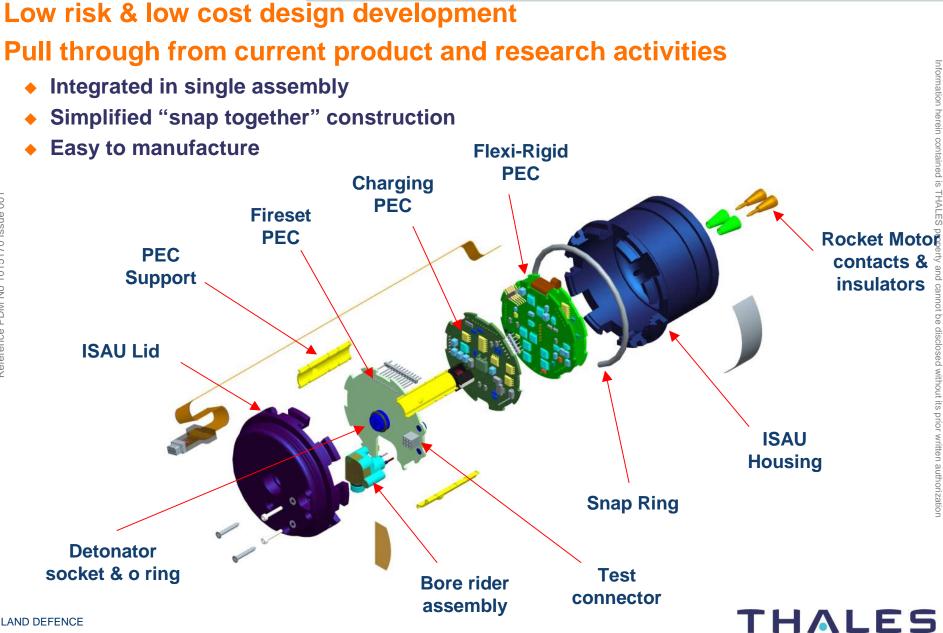






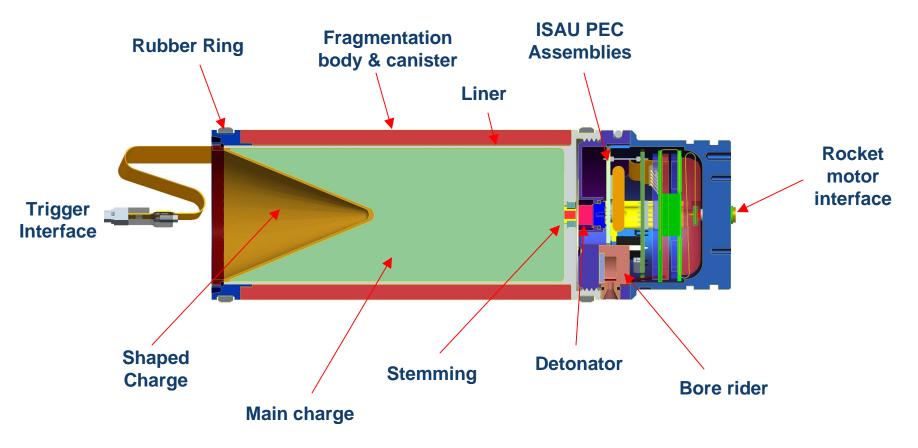


## Mechanical – ISAU Assembly



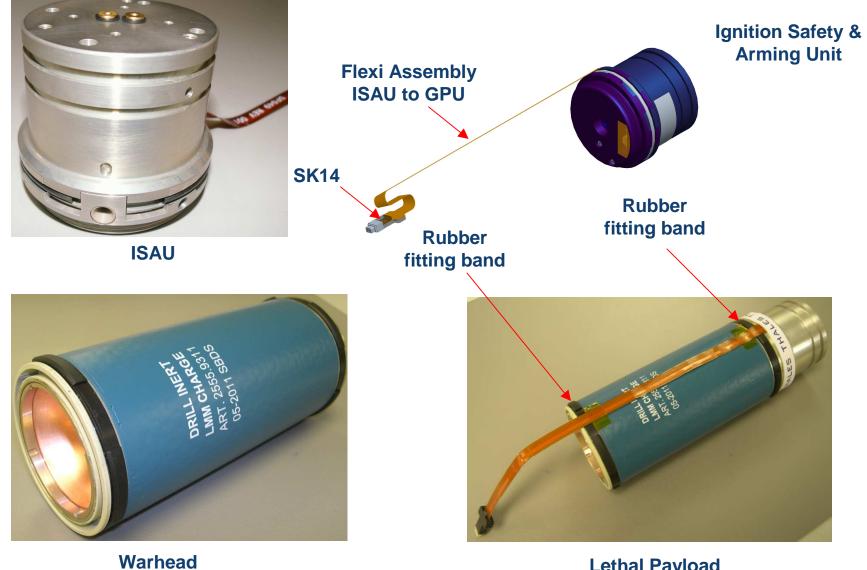
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## Lethal Payload Assembly





## Lethal Payload System Modules



**Lethal Payload** 

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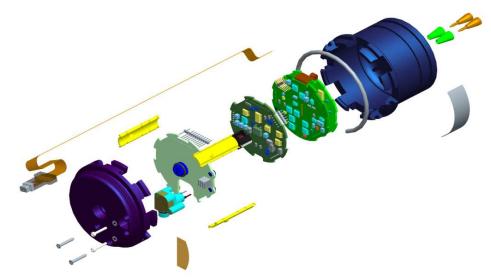
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#### **Safety**

- Compliance to STANAG 4187 & 4368
- Mixed functionality and safety environments
  - Work with the national safety board to address early
  - Good partitioning of functionality
    - Ignition circuits separated from Initiation circuit
  - Design now provisionally accepted by UK DOSG



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#### **Advantages**

#### Single integrated unit

- Simplified ESAU design for both warhead & rocket motor ignition
- Reduced volume, easier to integrate/mount in weapon
- Reduced complexity greater reliability
  - Shared safety 1
  - Shared safety 2
  - Shared power supply

#### Single integrated development & qualification programme

- Reduced cost of management and common activities
- Single qualification programme
- Integrated lethal Payload
  - Integrated approach of warhead and ISAU
  - Common qualification activities



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#### Further integration of the lethal package

- Lethal Package defined as Warhead/SAU/MISAU
  - Similar to Hard Target Fuze
  - Onboard sensor and trigger processing
    - Accelerometer, Processing and intelligent algorithms for Hard Target Fuze
    - Laser or RF detection with processing and algorithms for Prox Fuze

#### **Integration of Safety Standards**

#### • STANAGS 4187 (Mil-Std-1316) & 4368 (Mil-Std-1901A)

• Create a single common standard for weapon energetics safety



## The Future for Lethal Ordnance Systems

## LMM Trials Video

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