

WASP MILAN ER

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To provide land forces with new operational capabilities, MBDA, Panhard and Sagem have modified the WASP remote-controlled turret to enable crews to fire MILAN ER medium-range missiles under armour protection.

The WASP MILAN ER turret is being presented at the 2009 Paris International Air Show on the Panhard stand (No. AB020), mounted on a light armoured vehicle (VBL).

This new turret includes most of the components of the WASP turret (launched by Panhard and Sagem in 2008) including, in particular, the capability of operating a 7.62 mm machine gun under armour for close defence of the vehicle. The WASP's Sagem camera has, however, been replaced with a multi-sensor camera of the CM3 type to provide the crew with long-distance observation capability by day and night and in all weather plus the capability of firing a MILAN ER missile to engage and destroy any battlefield threat within a range of 3000 m.

The WASP MILAN ER turret thus offers new capabilities for armoured vehicles engaged in operations, providing support for dismounted infantry or for logistic convoy escorts. Operating the missile from the vehicle protects the battery crew from enemy fire and increases the responsiveness of the weapon system's operation.

Panhard General Defense, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Auverland since the beginning of 2005, has been designing and constructing armoured vehicles for nearly a century including, in particular, the VBL light armoured vehicle of which 2,300 are currently in service and the PVP, more than 930 of which has been ordered by the French Army. In 2008, Panhard achieved sales of €90 million. For more information: www.panhard.fr

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MBDA is jointly held by BAE SYSTEMS (37,5%), EADS (37,5%) and FINMECCANICA (25%).

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