

Elbit Doubles Production Rates of Semi-Active Laser Seeker for JDAM

FORT WORTH, Texas – Elbit Systems of America is doubling its Semi-Active Laser seeker production rates to keep up with demand for the Laser Joint Direct Attack Munition (GBU-54/56), the company said in a release. The increase in production rates is under an existing five-year indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity contract with Boeing, supporting both domestic and foreign customers.

The Laser JDAM can target static and fast-moving objects. The system does not rely on satellite signals, but instead seeks a laser target that is placed by ground forces or an aircraft. The precision-guided munition (PGM) locks on and tracks the target.

“Elbit Systems of America invested in doubling its production capacity for the Laser Joint Direct Attack Munition seekers because we recognize how important this solution is to our warfighters,” said Raanan Horowitz, Elbit’s president and CEO. “We’re working closely with our Boeing customer to ensure this significant capability is supplied as quickly as possible.”

The Laser JDAM program was recognized by the Aviation Week Network and won a Program Excellence Award in October 2018 for Supply Chain Production. The Laser JDAM is operational on nearly all U.S. air combat platforms as well as many of the aircraft of U.S. allies.

Production of the Laser JDAM seeker is performed at Elbit’s manufacturing facility in Fort Worth, Texas.