

Navy Orders 24 Harpoon Cruise Missiles from Boeing



USS Coronado, an Independence-variant littoral combat ship, launches the first over-the-horizon missile engagement using a Harpoon Block 1C missile three years ago. U.S. NAVY / Lt. Bryce Hadley

ARLINGTON, Va. – The U.S. Navy has ordered 24 Harpoon Block II+ Harpoon cruise missiles from Boeing Defense, Space & Security, the Defense Department said in an August 12 announcement.

The Naval Air Systems Command has awarded Boeing a \$15.6 million firm-fixed-price order for the 24 missiles plus 25 captive air training missiles (CATMs).

The Harpoon Block II+ includes a new GPS guidance kit, improved weapon reliability and survivability, and a new data-link interface that enables in-flight updates and improved target selectivity. Fleet introduction of the Block II+ was achieved in 2017 on the F/A-18E/F followed by the P-8A in 2019.

A CATM is installed on the weapon pylon of an aircraft and gives the electronic signals of a live missile without an actual launch.

The order is expected to be completed in August 2023.