

# Navy's Next Tomahawk Missile: Block 5



A Tomahawk cruise missile launches from the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Shoup during a live-fire exercise. U.S. Navy/Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class William Collins III

ARLINGTON,

Va.— Raytheon Missile Co. will build a new block upgrade of the Tomahawk cruise missile for the U.S. Navy even as the company takes older missiles into a recertification program to return them to service.

“Tomahawk has returned to production [after a one-year gap],” said Chris Daily, Raytheon’s Tomahawk program manager, speaking to reporters May 7 at the Sea-Air-Space Expo in National Harbor, Md. “All production beginning in fiscal ’20 will be Block 5.”

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*Chris Daily,*

*Tomahawk program manager at RAYTHEON*

He said the fiscal 2020-2021 production – 90 missiles per year – will emerge as Block 5 versions.

The Block 5 version is an upgrade of the Block 4 Tomahawk, with upgrades such as navigation and communications improvements.

A subversion,  
Block 5A, will be the Maritime Strike Tomahawk (MST), equipped  
with a multimode  
seeker that retains a land-attack capability.

“The MST is  
going to be a great addition to the fleet,” Daily said.

Another, the  
Block 5B, will be a Block V armed with the Joint Multiple  
Effects Warhead and  
will be fielded in 2024-2025.

Daily said  
the Block 4 Tomahawks being recertified after 15 years in  
service also will  
emerge as Block 5 versions. The first deliveries will occur in  
2020.

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