

Northrop Grumman Completes Assembly of Manta Ray UUV



A full-size prototype of Manta Ray, a new class of uncrewed underwater vehicle, is assembled in Northrop Grumman's Annapolis facility. (Photo Credit: Northrop Grumman)

ANNAPOLIS, Md. – April 8, 2024 – (PHOTO RELEASE) Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) completed assembly of a full-size uncrewed underwater vehicle (UUV) prototype known as Manta Ray. A new class of UUV, it is an extra-large glider that will operate long-duration, long-range and payload-capable undersea missions without need for on-site human logistics.

Manta Ray was built through a [Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency \(DARPA\) program](#) aimed at advancing key technologies to benefit future UUV designs, including techniques to manage energy, increased payload capacity, low-power propulsion and more.