

Northrop Grumman Demonstrates AN/AQS-24 Minehunting System for U.S. Navy



Northrop Grumman's AN/AQS-24 minehunting system, paired with a Mine Countermeasures Unmanned Surface Vehicle, successfully demonstrated a critically needed towed mine countermeasure capability. (Photo Credit: Northrop Grumman)

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In just 45 days, Northrop Grumman paired the AN/AQS-24 minehunting system with an unmanned surface vehicle

PANAMA CITY, Fla. – Dec. 15, 2025 – (PHOTO RELEASE) Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) successfully demonstrated the integration of its proven [AN/AQS-24 minehunting system](#) with a Mine Countermeasures Unmanned Surface Vehicle (MCM USV), addressing the U.S. Navy's growing need for an uncrewed, towed MCM solution. Just 45 days after signing a contract with the Navy, Northrop Grumman began open-water testing in Panama City to demonstrate the high-performing, helicopter-towed AN/AQS-24 can effectively pair with a MCM USV. The U.S. Navy confirmed that the AN/AQS-24 meets all primary government objectives for a safer and more efficient mine-hunting capability.