

RTX's Raytheon completes three successful tests of new Coyote upgrades



TUCSON, Ariz. – Raytheon, an RTX business, successfully completed three tests of its new Coyote Block 2C+RM upgrades, advancing the program from concept to testing in just 15 months. These Raytheon-funded developmental testing events show rapid progress of current Coyote Block 2C+RM interceptor upgrades to support an urgent joint U.S. military mission to counter evolving drone threats.

The Coyote Block 2C+RM upgrade builds on the combat-proven performance of current Coyote variants, which have intercepted hundreds of drones. This effort intends to integrate a rocket motor for faster launch and flight, along with a new seeker and warhead designed to defeat all classes of current and emerging drone threats.

“With a common backbone, Raytheon can rapidly scale the Coyote family across counter-drone missions – so we’re accelerating

the pace of innovation,” said Tom Laliberty, president of Land & Air Defense Systems at Raytheon. “Coyote Block 2C+RM is the latest example of how we’re investing to deliver critical upgrades to combat-proven technology that give service members a decisive advantage on the battlefield.”

The initial test series included several first-of-its-kind events, including confirmation of initial integration with the current counter-drone architecture and the first launches of a Coyote effector equipped with a tactical rocket motor to improve threat engagement times and faster successive shots.

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