

# US Marine Corps Successfully Tests Iron Dome-Based Air Defense Prototype



The U.S. Marine Corps has tested Rafael's Iron Dome ground launcher and Tamir interceptor with its Medium-Range Interceptor Capability prototype, G/ATOR radar and Common Aviation Command & Control System. *RAFAEL*

HAIFA, Israel – The U.S. Marine Corps conducted a successful live-fire test of Israel-based Rafael's Iron Dome ground launcher and Tamir interceptor missile integrated with the USMC Medium-Range Intercept Capability prototype, Rafael said July 18.

The test included the Marine Corps' Ground/Air Task Oriented Radar and Common Aviation Command & Control System.

"This demonstration proves that we do now have a relevant capability," said Don Kelley, program manager for ground based

air defense at PEO Land Systems, immediately following the successful test.

“Once again, Rafael’s systems have proven that they are capable of seamless, optimized integration with other defense systems,” said Brig. Gen. (Res.) Pinhas Yungman, executive vice president and head of Rafael’s Air Defense Systems Directorate.

“This test has proven the Iron Dome Tamir Interceptor and associated ground components can be integrated quickly and efficiently in any relevant defense architecture and intercept various aerial threats successfully in complex and advanced scenarios,” said Moshe Patel, head of the Israel Missile Defense Organization within Israel’s Ministry of Defense. “We look forward to further partnerships with the U.S. Armed Forces on air and missile defense.”