



SOPMOD PROGRAM OVERVIEW

For the National Defense Industrial Association Small Arms Symposium



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- Weapon Shot Counter (WSC) Development
- Weapon Shock Simulation
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SOPMOD Mission





The SOPMOD Program Management Office at NSWC Crane, IN, will provide standardized, versatile weapons accessories to meet needs across SOF mission scenarios.

These accessories will increase operator survivability and lethality by enhanced weapon performance, target acquisition, signature suppression, and fire control. SOPMOD PMO will provide these accessories when they are operationally suitable, affordable, sustainable, and funded.



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SOPMOD Client Weapons

SOPMOD ORD 5 - Core Small Arms (Threshold) ...**Design For Use On:**

M4A1 Carbine M203 Grenade Launcher



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Capabilities Required



Standardized versatile weapons accessories

Modular- meets needs across SOF mission scenarios

Increased operator survivability and lethality by enhanced target acquisition, signature suppression, and fire control





Evolutionary Acquisition Subprograms:

Block I (Plus Platform Mods and Phased Replacements)

Block II (New and Combined Capabilities)

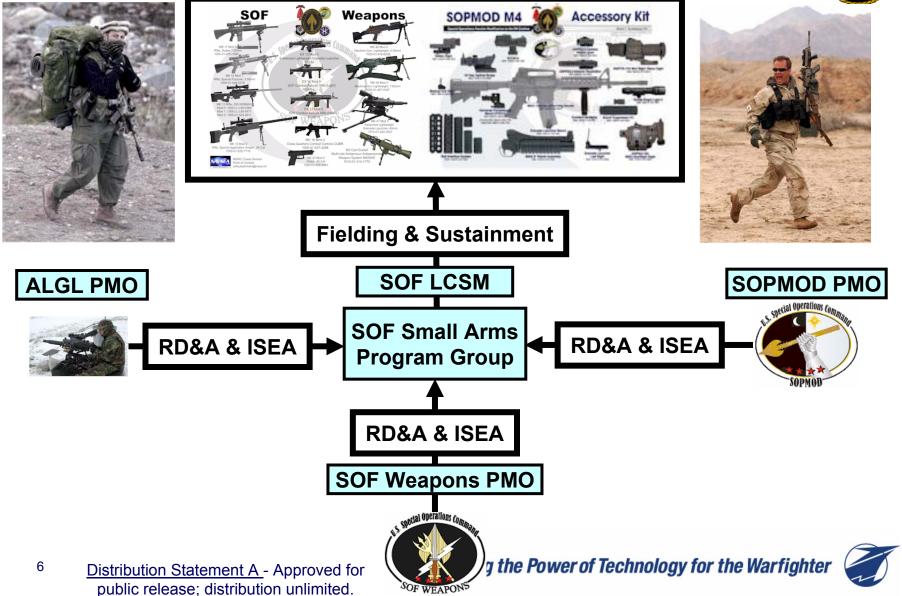
Block III (Emerging Capabilities)

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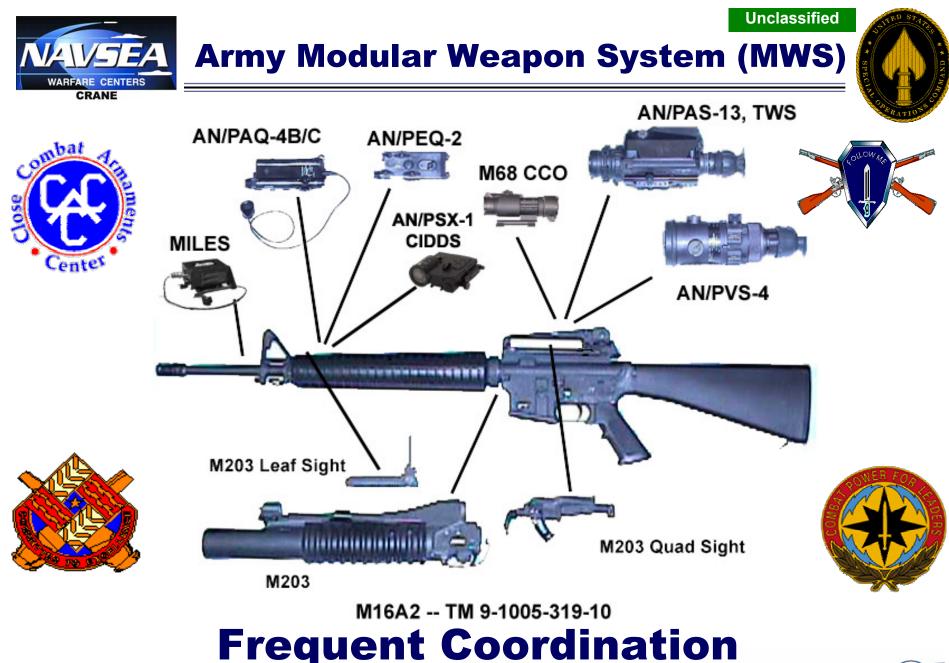


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Our Quality System is a set of formally documented activities that are carried out to ensure that we satisfy our customers' requirements.

Our Quality System is based on, and officially certified to, the requirements of ISO 9001-1994, an international standard for quality assurance in design, development, production, installation and servicing.

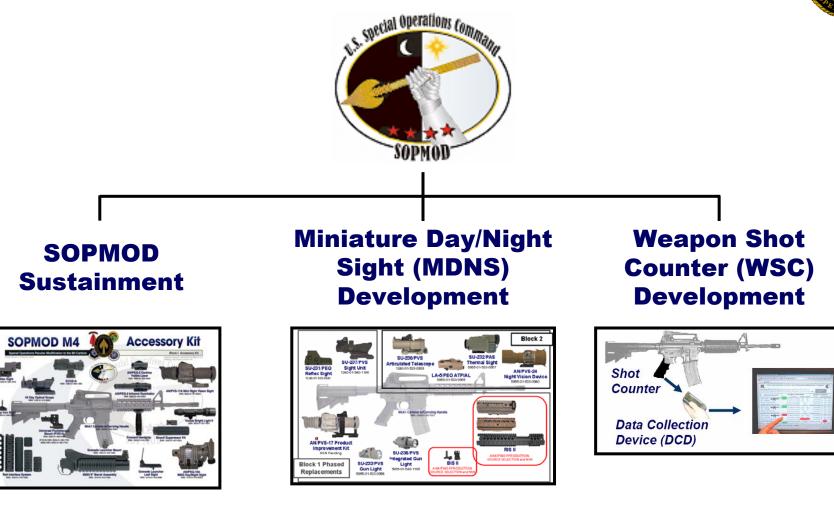






SOPMOD Sub-Program Structure





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SOPMOD Block 1

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USSOCOM PEO-SW / SOPMOD Accomplishments (1)

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Joint Weapon Accessory System Currently Used By Army Special Forces, Army Rangers, Navy SEALS, Air Force Special Tactics & USMC Special Operations.

Integrated Day And Night Aiming and Signature Suppression System

- 20 Varieties Of Subsystems
- 6 Varieties Of Minor Items And Parts Sets

Miniaturized Lights, Lasers, Optics, Image-Intensification Night Vision, Thermal Imaging, And Sound Suppressors

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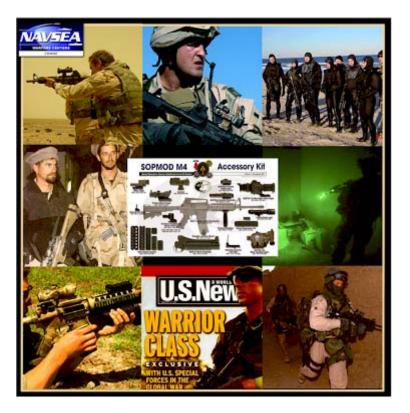




USSOCOM PEO-SW / SOPMOD Accomplishments (2)







105,876 Total End Items Fielded To Joint SOF Forces-Currently Used In GWOT, with 3,317 End Items Currently In-Transit

Over \$128 Million Awarded On Contracts To Date

Additional \$104M
Programmed For Future
Fielding

10 Emerging Technology Subsystems approaching FRP

Cradle-To-Grave Life Cycle Support To Customers, Controlled Through DoD Registry, Sustained Through A Joint Special Operations Logistics System

- Full Program Under One Roof at NSWC Crane.
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SOPMOD Sustainment Sub-Program



PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Program Status: GREEN

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- increased operator survivability and lethality by enhanced weapon performance, target acquisition, signature suppression, and fire control

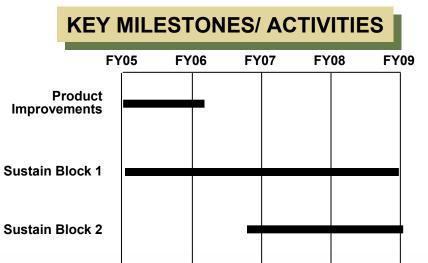
APPROXIMATE BUDGET PROFILE

- FY-95 to Present, Invested:
 - \$9M R&D
 \$128M Procurement
 \$13M O&M

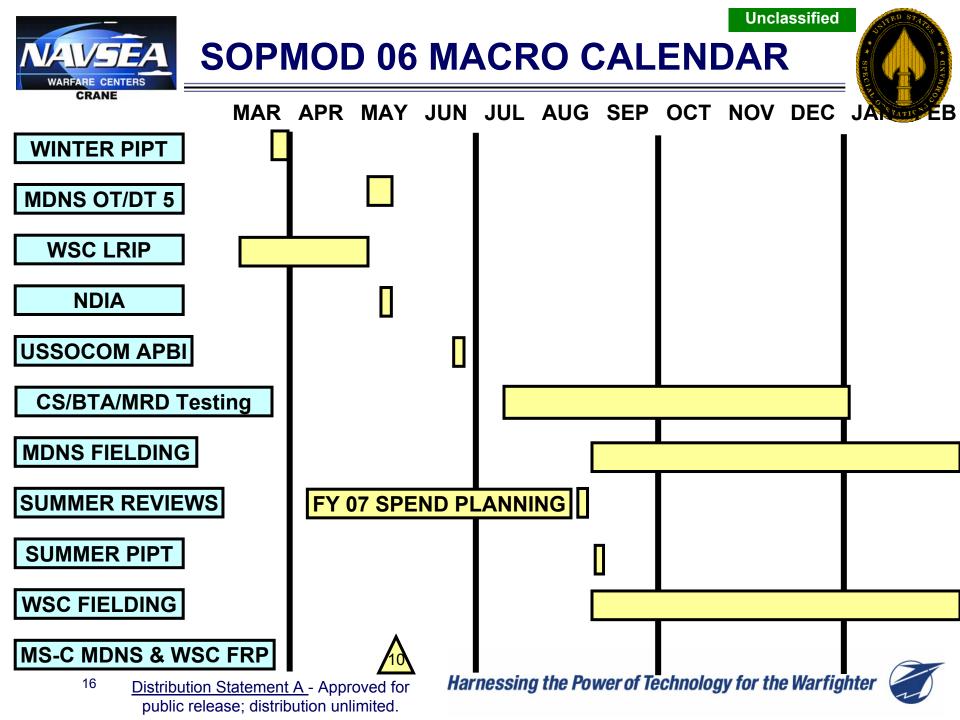
Planned Sustainment of Current and Future Systems through FY11:

\$34M O&M (Changing!)

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SOPMOD ACQUISITION TOP MAP

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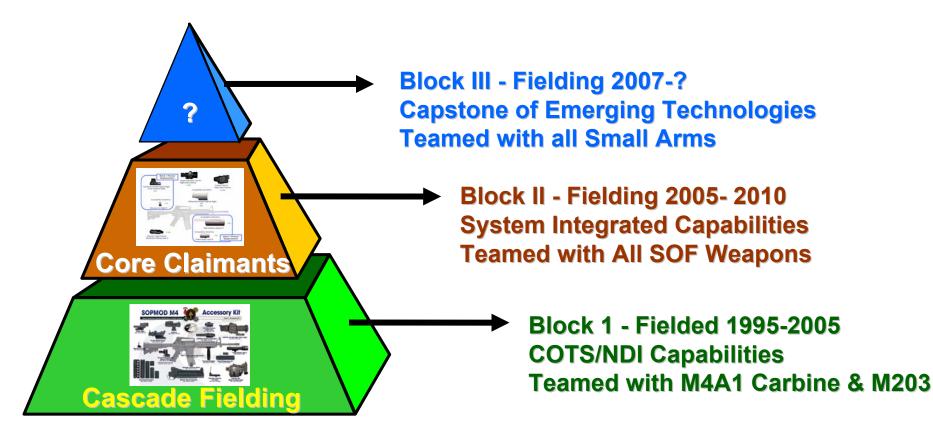




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TOP MAP STRUCTURE



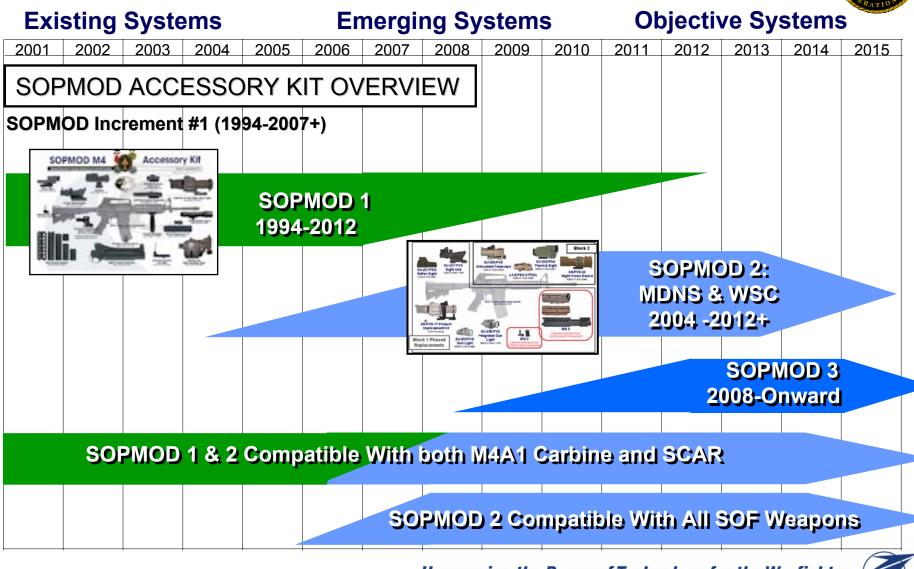
- Overview Top Map Shows Entire System at a Glance
- Five Detailed SOPMOD Accessories Top Maps Show Main Subsystem Categories
 - 1. Carbine Improvement Subsystems
 - 2. Passive Day Aiming Subsystems
 - 3. Passive Night Aiming Subsystems
 - 4. Active Aiming Subsystems
 - 5. Weapons Shot Counter Subsystems
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SOPMOD ACQUISTION TOPMAP Unclassified OVERVIEW

STRUCTURE STRUCTURE



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Unclassified SOPMOD ACQUISTION TOPMAP **Carbine Improvement Subsystems Existing Systems Objective Systems Emerging Systems** 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2001 USSOCOM ORD Amendment 5, 29 October 1999 MDNS CDD 16 December 2004 **RIS 2** RIS **Competition Ongoing BIS 2** BIS System Life Ends **Competition Ongoing** When M4A1 **Carbine Life Ends** CDR USSOCOM Directive May 1999 **HRM (Steel)** HRM (Alum) Managed By ARMY Slings, Ambidextrous Safety, Stock, Cases, Small Parts, Etc.

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MDNS Goals

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- Based on Unrequested FY02 Congressional Plus-Up
- Update Aging Technology on Current SOPMOD Items
- Address Possible Improvements in Current SOPMOD Kit Items
- Miniaturize and Ruggedize SOPMOD
- Integrated System Approach
- Encourage Innovation through Competition
- RDT&E + Modified NDI: Best of Both Worlds
- Meet Objective Fielding Requirements for SOPMOD Kits
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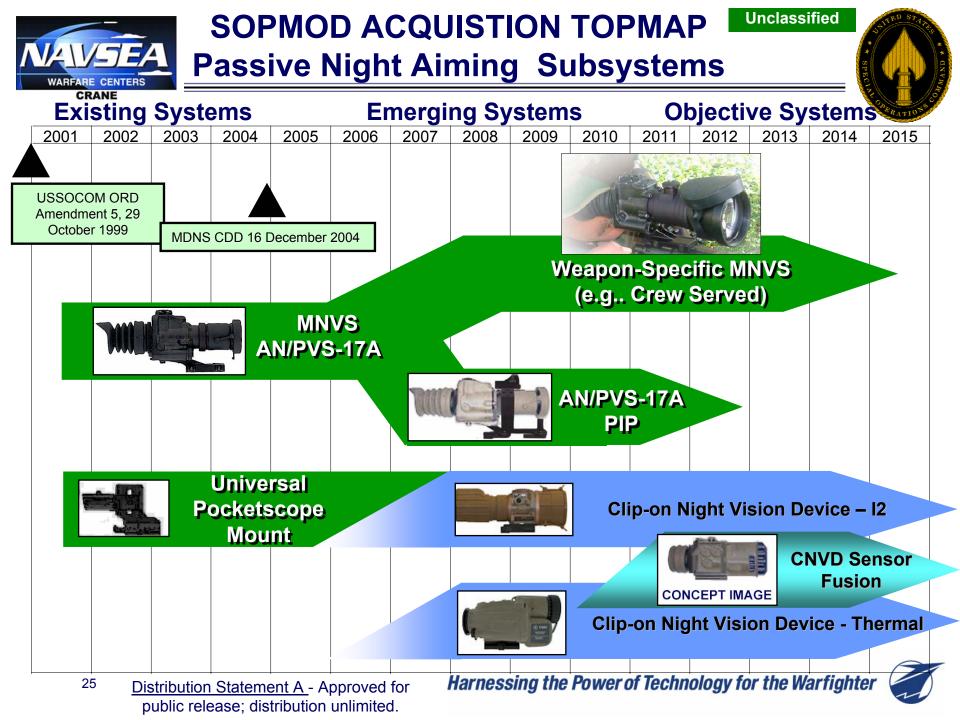
SOPMOD ACQUISTION TOPMAP Passive Day Aiming Subsystems

Objective Systems Existing Systems Emerging Systems 2002 2003 2007 2008 2012 2013 2001 2004 2005 2006 2009 2010 2011 2014 2015 USSOCOM ORD Amendment 5, 29 October 1999 MDNS CDD 16 December 2004 **ACOG Reflex** SU-231/PEQ Reflex Sight **ECOS - N** SU-237 **Sight Unit SU-230/PVS** ACOG 4x **Articulated Telescope**

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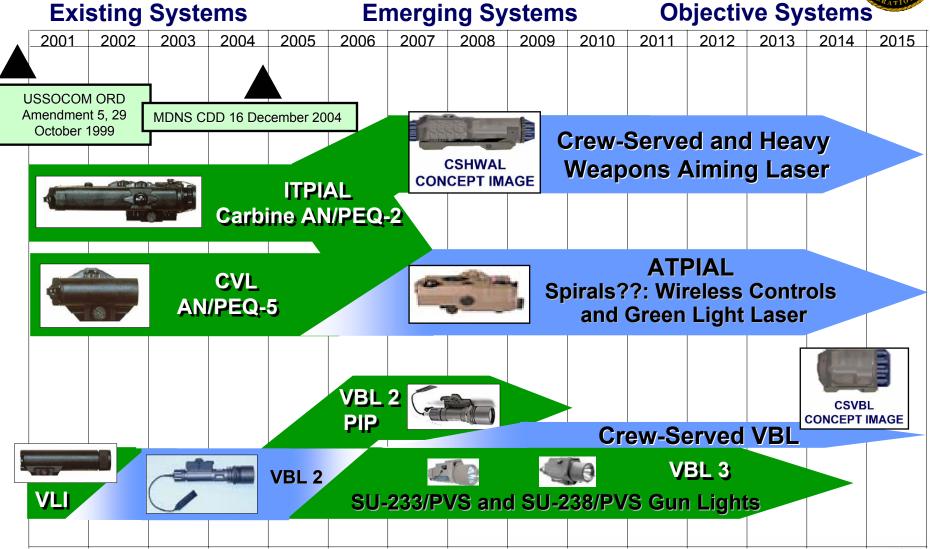




SOPMOD ACQUISTION TOPMAP Active Aiming Subsystems

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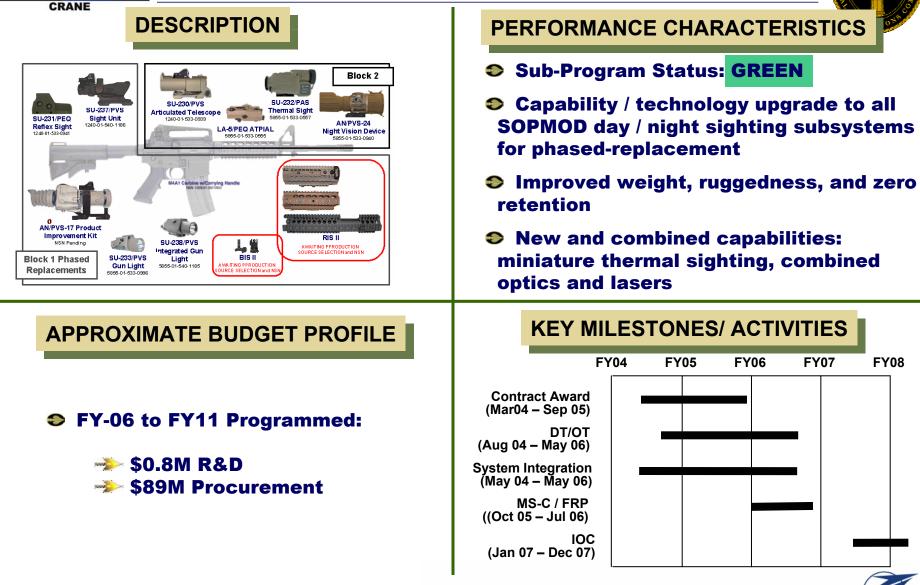




Miniature Day/Night Sight (MDNS) Development - OVERVIEW

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Rail Interface System II (RIS II) OVERVIEW

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- Floating Rail Concept
- Floating Grenade Launcher Capability
- Improved Shooting Accuracy
- 3 Contracts Awarded in March 2005

>>> N00164-05-D-4863 (A.R.M.S.)

N00164-05-D-4864 (Daniel Defense)

N00164-05-D-4865 (Knight's Armament)

Final Production Down-Selection In-Process



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Backup Iron Sight II (BIS II) OVERVIEW

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- Program Status: GREEN
- Improved Aperture Flexibility

Improved Set Position Features

2 Contracts Awarded in September 2005:

> N00164-05-D-8559 ((Knight's Armament)

N00164-05-D-4864 (A.R.M.S.)

Final Production Down-Selection In-Process



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SU-231/PEQ Reflex Sight OVERVIEW

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- Night Vision Compatible
- Increased Optical Field of View
- Holographic Technology
- Based upon EOTech 500 Series HWS
- 0.5 MOA Adjustments
- DL 123 Battery Powered
- Throw-Lever Mounts
- Contract N00164-04-D-4832 Awarded to EOTech
- Possible Spiral Developments Include Crew-Served Sizing and Ranging Reticles



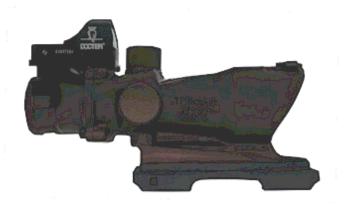
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SU-237/PVS 4X Dayscope w/ MRD OVERVIEW

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- 4X Magnification
- Incorporates Miniature Red Dot for CQB
- Improved Reticle Illumination
- 0.5 MOA Adjustments
- Throw Lever Mount
- Possible Spiral Developments
- Contract N00164-04-D-4834 Awarded to Trijicon



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SU-230/PVS 1-4X Dayscope OVERVIEW

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1X - 4X Switchable Magnification

Switchable CQB/Open Air Illuminated Reticle

Compatible with Miniature Red Dots

- Adjustable Reticle Illumination
- 0.5 MOA Adjustments
- Spiral Development Potential
- Throw Lever Mount

Contract N00164-04-D-4833 Awarded to Elcan Optical Technologies



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LA-5/PEQ Integrated Small Arms Illuminator OVERVIEW





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- Combined Visible/Infrared Pointing & Illuminating Lasers
- Size and Weight Reductions
- Enhanced Performance over SOPMOD Baseline
- 0.5 MOA Adjustments
- System Integrated with Forward Handgrip
- Potential Wireless Remote Capability
- IFF Capable
- Contract N00164-05-D-8510 Awarded to Insight Technology



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SU-233/PVS Visible Bright Light III (VBL III) OVERVIEW





- Increased Luminosity
- Size and Weight Reduction
- Improved Durability

Based Upon Insight Model M3X

M6X VBL w/ Integrated Visible Laser Also Available for Spiral Developments

Contract N00164-05-D-8568 Awarded to Insight Technology



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AN/PVS-24 Night Vision Device OVERVIEW





Original ORD 5 Block II

Sized and Scaled for Use on Carbines and Light Machineguns

Gen III OMNI V Auto-Gated Image Tube

Potential Sensor Fusion Spiral Development

Lightweight

Improved Zero Retention for Day Scopes

Contract N00164-04-D-4839 Awarded to Litton



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SU-232PAS Thermal Sight OVERVIEW





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New Capability

Significant Size/Weight Reduction

Improved Target Detection Capability

For Use as CNVD or Stand-Alone

1X-2X Zoom

Dual Video Output, VGA and RS 170

Throw Lever Mount

Improved OLED for Enhanced Performance

Potential CNVD-Sensor Fusion Spiral Development

Contract N00164-04-D-4840 Awarded to Insight Technology





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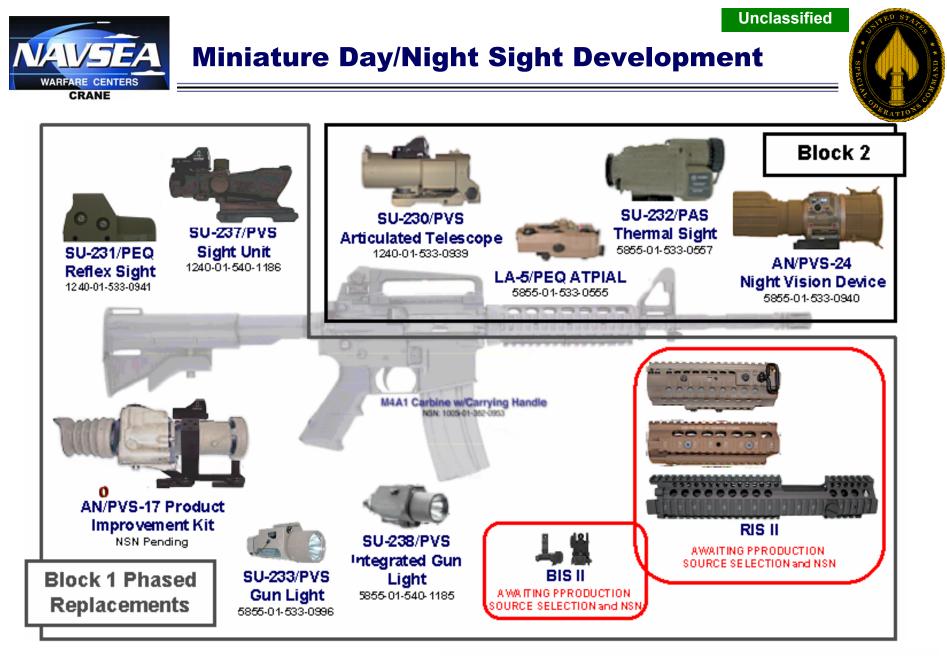
Final Round of Testing Underway

- Final Source Selection
- Integrated System Test
- Validation of Engineering Changes
- Validation of Hardware on Multiple Weapons



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Miniature Day/Night Sight (MDNS) Development

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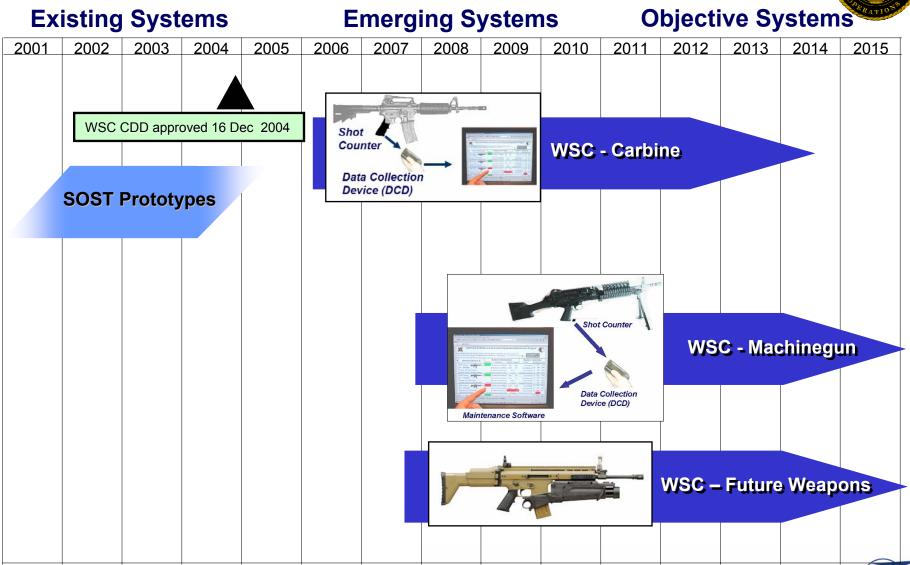


Weapon Shot Counter (WSC) Development

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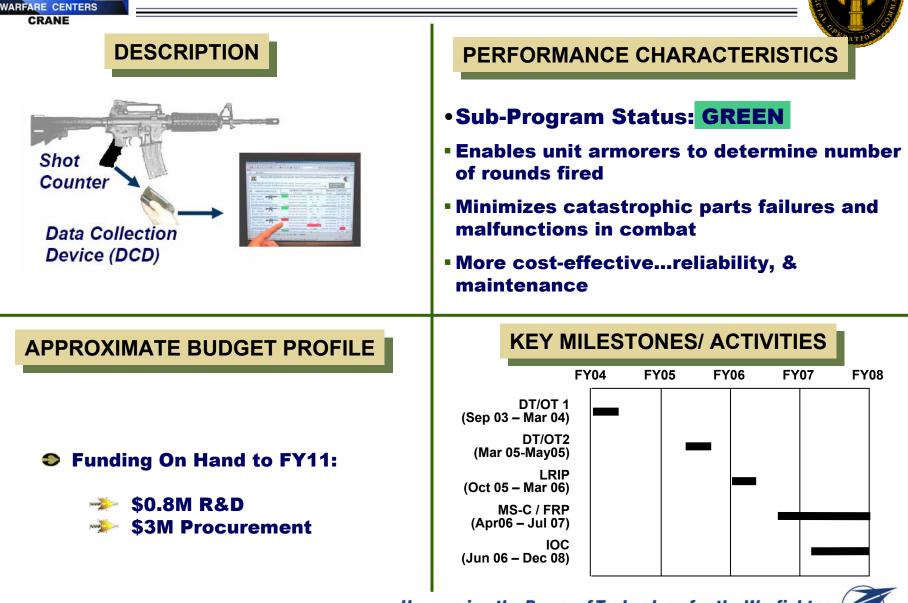
SOPMOD ACQUISTION TOPMAP Unclassified Weapon Shot Counter Subsystems



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Weapon Shot Counter (WSC)



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The Overall Problem



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- If His Gun Fails in Combat, He and His Companions May Die or Lose the Fight
- Worst Failure is a Catastrophic Breakage of Parts That Could Have Been Replaced, such as a Bolt, Leading to a Jammed Weapon That Is Not Repairable During a Firefight
- Second Worse Failure Is a Burned Out Barrel, Making a Hit on His Enemy Unlikely



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Bolt Failure Problem



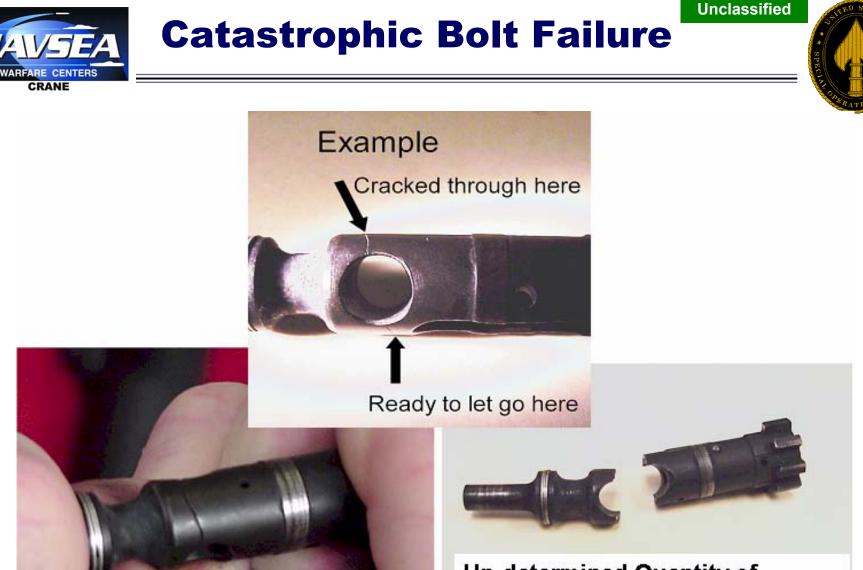
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- Most Bolts Subjected to Harsh Firing Schedules Will Show Initial Cracking Around 3,000 to 6,000 Rounds
- On Milder Schedules, Nearly All Bolts Will Show Initial Cracking at 6,000 to 10,000 Rounds
- Once the Crack Is Initiated, the Bolt May Fail at Any Time, or May Last for Thousands of Rounds, Depending on Crack Propagation



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Un-determined Quantity of Rounds After Initial Crack

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Non - Catastrophic Bolt Failure

Lug broken out:

Cracked Lugs Are Normally Impossible to Detect Ahead of Time Without a Microscope

May Cause Weapon to Jam When Lug Breaks Loose

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The Barrel Burn Problem

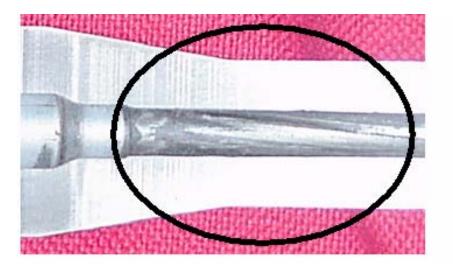


- Most M4A1 Carbine Barrels Subjected to Harsh Firing Schedules Will Be Burned Out Between 4,000 and 6,000 Rounds
- On Milder Firing Schedules, They May Last 10,000 Rounds
- Barrel Gauges Are Only 60% Accurate and Are Expensive to Buy and Calibrate. After Barrel Inspection:
 - The Armorer May Think the Gun Is OK, but There Is a 40% Chance That the Barrel Is Burned Out and the Shooter Cannot Reliably Hit His Enemies
 - The Armorer May Have Turned the Gun in for Depot Overhaul, but There Is a 40% Chance That the Barrel Is Still Good...millions of Dollars Wasted in Unneeded Repairs



The Barrel Burn Problem – Throats





- The Throat Is the Rifled Area in Front of the Chamber
- Erodes Forward of the Chamber in a Cone-shaped Pattern or a Football-shaped Pattern
- Taper Barrel Gauges <u>Do Not</u> Adequately Measure Throat Erosion

Throat Erosion is the Primary, Progressive Cause of Poor Accuracy

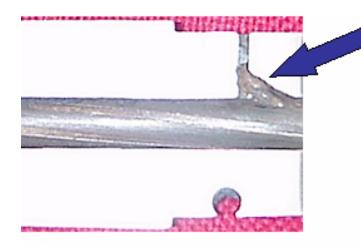
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The Barrel Burn Problem – Gas Port Erosion





- Unburned Powder Particles Mixed in Hot Gasses Erode Port
- Decreases Gas Friction, but Without Increase of External Port Size
- Cannot Be Detected With Gauges



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- Increases Rate of Fire
- Increases Bolt, Spring, and Part Fatigue
- Possible Cause of Failure to Eject and Poor Accuracy
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Shot Counter Goals



Modify the Current Maintenance System From a Time Schedule to a Usage Schedule

Minimize Catastrophic Failures and Weapon Jamming, and Resultant Injuries or Deaths in Combat



- Enable Weapons Maintenance Personnel (Armorers) to Easily
- Determine the Number of Rounds Fired Through a Weapon
- Provide Data Collection Device (DCD)



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Shot

Counter

Summary of WSC System



Determine Weapon Status – Conduct Maintenance Actions

Load to PC or Laptop



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Potential Spiral Developments



Shot Counters for Other SOF Small Arms



Light Machine Guns



Sniper Rifles

Distinguish Blanks From Ball Ammo Distinguish Between Dry and Live Fire

Cadence of Fire

Barrel Temperature





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Weapon Shot Counter (WSC) Development

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Weapon Shock Simulation

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The Challenge

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- Development of Accessories for Small Arms
- Example Developmental Test Endurance Requirement
 - ->> Live Fire
 - ->> 30,000 Rounds per unit, 10 units tested

~80 cents per Round (labor + ammo + maintenance)

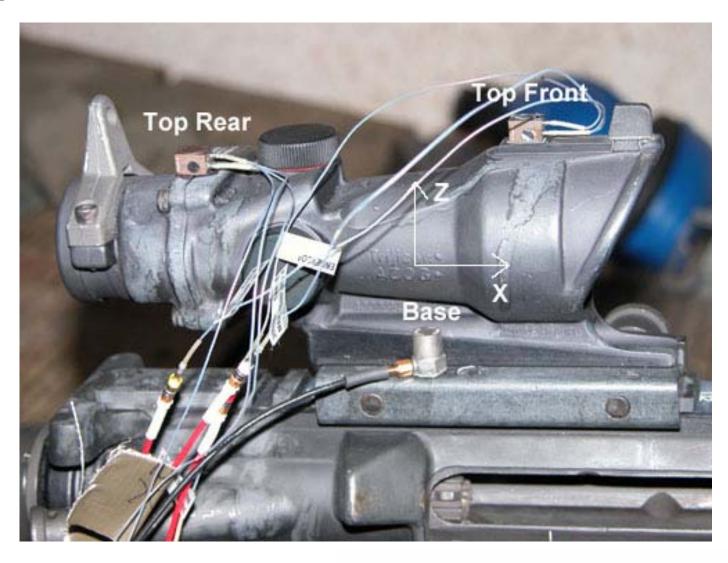
\$24,000 per unit, \$240K total cost for endurance test

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Data Acquisition

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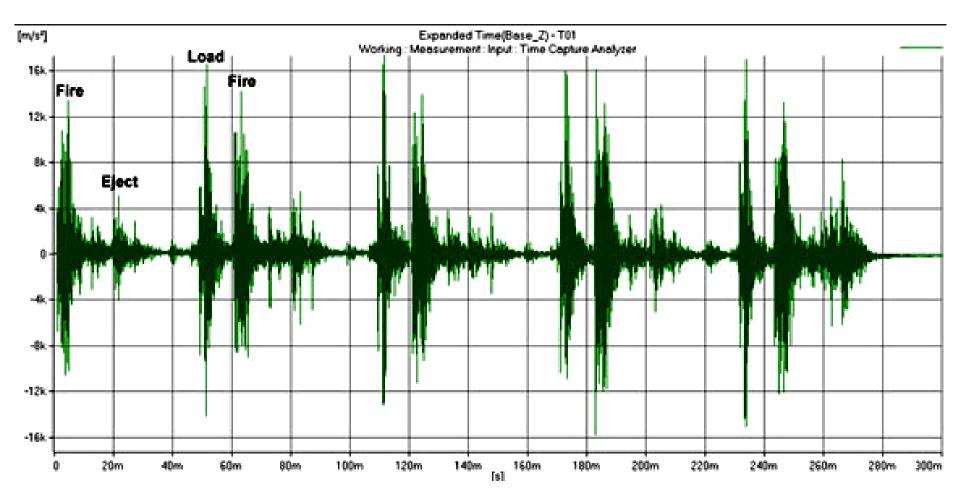




Typical Profile

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Typical Values



ACOG Values G/100																
	Top Front X				Top Front Z				Top Rear X				Top Rear Z			
	+ve		-ve		+ve		-ve		+ve		-ve		+ve		-ve	
	low	high	low	high	low	high	low	high	low	high	low	high	low	high	low	high
MK46	5	11	4	9	2.5	6	3	6	4	11	5	10	2.5	5	2	5
M240B	5	11	4	9	3	6.5	3.5	8	6	12	6	20	3	4.5	3	7
M249	6	15	6	14	5	21	4	16	7	14	8	14	2.5	6	4	6
MK48	6	17	6	9	4	6	4.5	9	4	13	4	9	3	8	3	14
M4A1	20	36	24	42	8	16	8	16	8	17	9	20	4	12	6	9



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Shaker System

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Previously-Purchased System TIRA 5880/LS-330 EDS



Vibration Research Controller



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Shaker System

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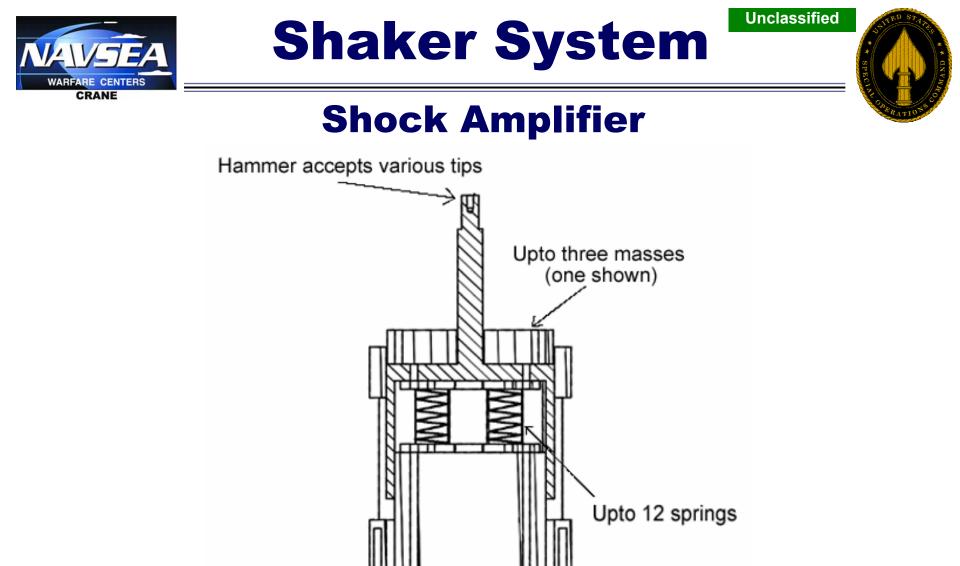
Shaker Specification

Shaker	TV 5800/LS-330					
Amplifier	A 52318					
Rated Force	16kN (3.6Kip)					
Frequency Range	DC-3kHz					
Displacement	50.8mm (2in)					
Velocity	2.5m/s (100in/s)					
Acceleration	176g					
Moving Mass	9.3kg (20lb)					
All values are shock ratings						

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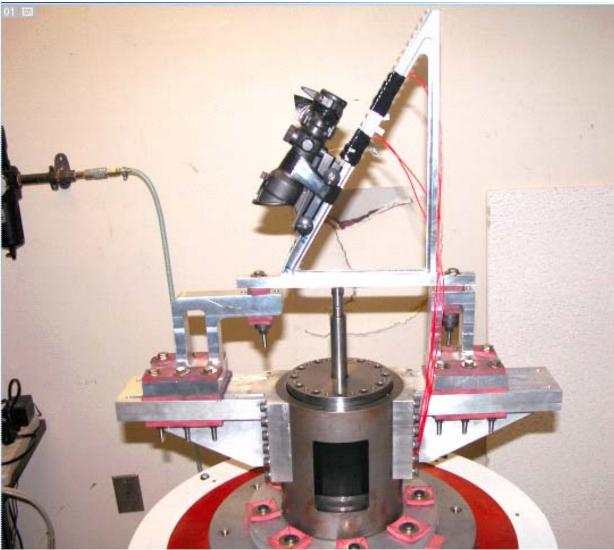




Test Setup

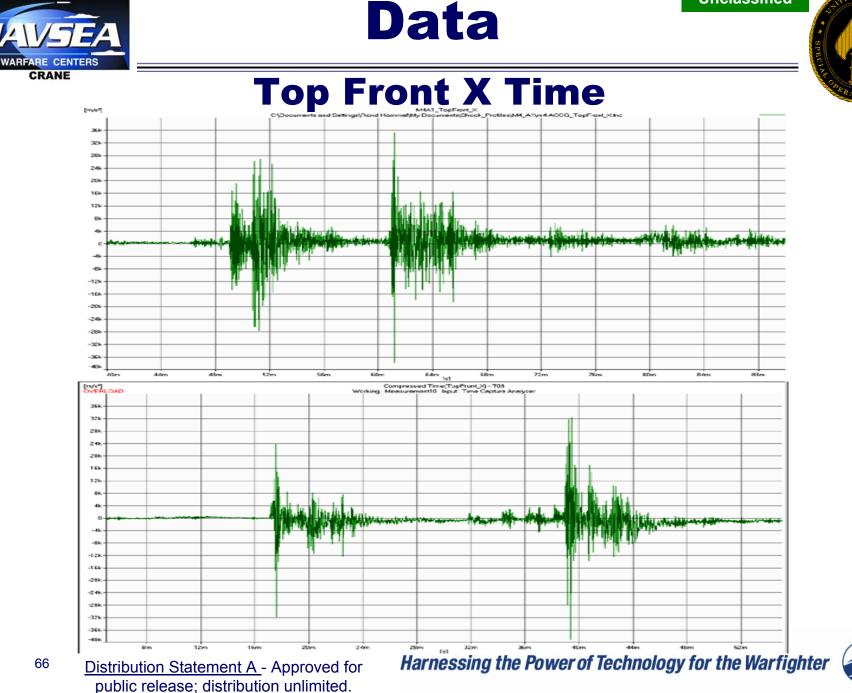
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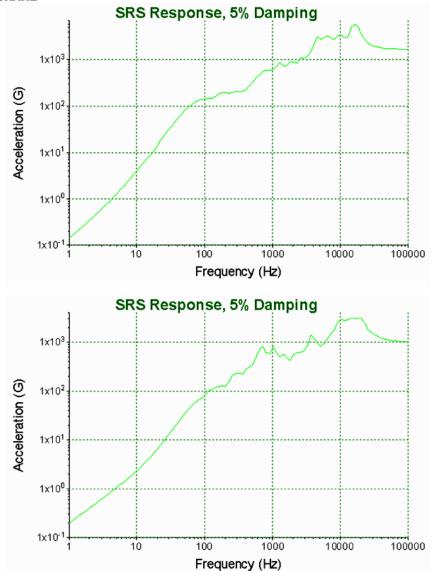




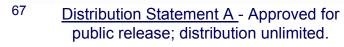








Top Front X SRS



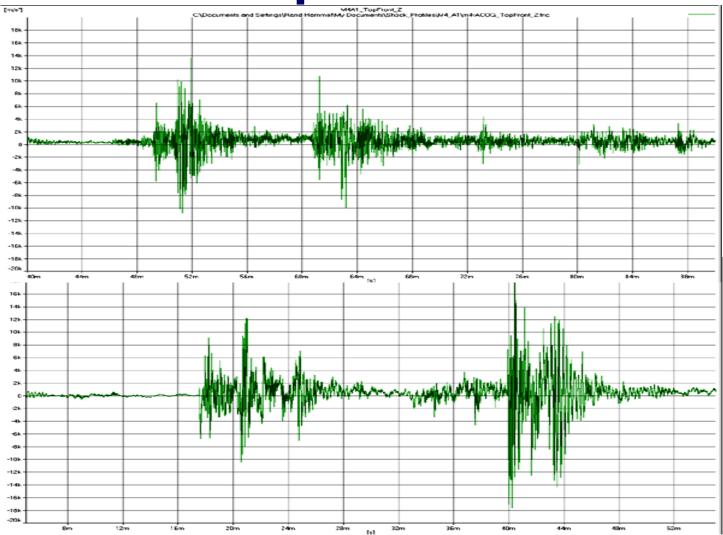


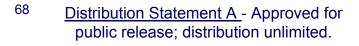










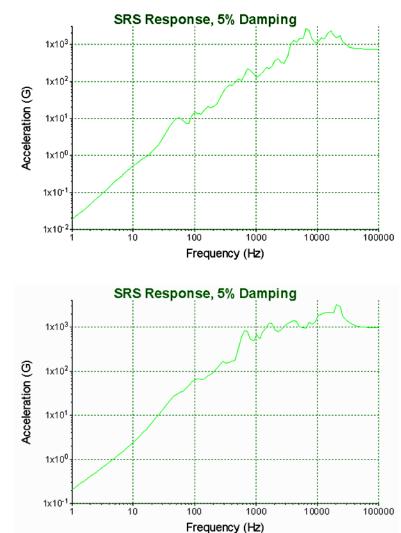












Top Front Z SRS

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Representative Failures Have Been Reproduced On Several Accessories

- Reticle Failure On Scope
- Battery Failures On Several Devices
- Accurate Counting Of Shot Counters
 - Mount Failures On Several Devices
- Cable & Connector Failures Of Internal Electronics
- Simulation And HALT Testing Catch And Fix Design Weaknesses Prior To Fielding
- Need To Continue To Compare Lab And Field Failures

Does Not Completely Replace Live-fire

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Conclusions

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NSWC Crane developed a shock simulation system that amplifies the impulse of an Electromagnetic Shaker to replicate firing shock profiles on small arms accessories

Further testing needed to validate simulations through a comparison of field and lab failures

Current shock simulation capability has demonstrated cost savings and contributed to design improvements



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Weapon Shock Simulation

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New Initiatives And Business Opportunities

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Clip-on Night Vision Device - Sensor Fusion





CNVD-SF CONCEPT IMAGE

Initial Objectives:

- Improved Target Acquisition
- Less than 2 Pounds
- Less than \$30K Per Copy, Objective less than \$10K
- Technology Readiness Assessment Complete
- Draft Specification and Acquisition Strategy Published, Open for Public Comment until End of June 2006
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- Infrared Laser Capability (and Visible Green Laser?) Out to 2.2 KM
- Weight Less Than 1.5 lbs
- DL123 Battery and External Power
- MIL-STD-1913 Interface
- Compatible with
 - 🥪 M2 50 Cal MG
 - 🥪 MK 47 ALGL?
 - ->> M240 MG (Series)
 - MK15 .50 Caliber Sniper Rifle
 - 🥪 MK 44 Mini Gun Sys
 - 🥪 MK 48 LMG
 - MK 19 (and Other Weapons?)

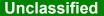
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CSHWAL CONCEPT IMAGE



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- Visible White Light and Infrared Illumination Capability Out to 2.2 KM?
- Weight Less Than 2.5 lbs?
- DL123 Battery and External Power
- MIL-STD-1913 Interface
- Compatible with
 - 🥪 M2 50 Cal MG
 - ->> MK 44 Minigun System
 - 🥪 MK 19?
 - ->> MK 47 ALGL?



CSVBL CONCEPT IMAGE

Force Development Experimentation Ongoing

Market Survey and Performance Specification Being Drafted

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Weapons Quadrant Mounts



Specific Specialized Range-Adjustable Quadrant Mounts for:

- 🥪 M2 50 Cal MG
- ->> MK 44 Minigun System
- 🥪 MK 19
- MK 47 ALGL? (On Separate Announcement)
- Compatible or Able to be Integrated into Current Ballistic Shields – NOTE: Shields Can be Modified
- MIL-STD-1913 rail surfaces to accept various sights
- A Conceptual Objective Sighting Combination would provide Range-Adjustable Quadrant Rails for:
 - Rapid Aiming, e.g. SU-231/PEQ Reflex Sight
- Night Passive Aiming, e.g. SU-231 + Clip-ons (CNVD's)



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Provides Attachable CQB Capability to Existing SOPMOD Sights

Currently Available in COTS Configuration on Contract N00164-04-D-4834 Awarded to Trijicon

- Needs to be Improved:
 - Needs Durability to Meet All SOF Combat Requirements
 - Waterproof up to 66 Feet
 - Easier Battery Change
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Boresight Training Aids



Unclassified

BTA will provide small, inexpensive, easily transportable devices that can be quickly installed and removed from the weapon to provide a means of verifying the collimation of the point-of-impact/point-of-aim

Compatible with SOPMOD Aiming and Target Acquisition Systems and the following weapons:

- M4A1 Carbine
- M24 and M82 Sniper Rifles
- Mk11 Rifle
- MK12 Special Purpose Rifle (Series)
- MK13 Series Sniper Rifle
- M240 MG (Series)
- M249 MG (Series)
- Mk46 LMG
- Mk48 LMG
- MK16 SCAR Light
- MK17 SCAR Heavy
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- Product-Improved Attachable Flash Hider to 5.56mm Carbines and Machineguns
- Must be Compatible with SOPMOD Sound Suppressor
- Current Small Purchases for Force Development Test / Experimentation





SUMMARY: Unclassified Free World Business Opportunities



Clip-on Night Vision Device – Sensor Fusion

- Crew Served/Heavy Weapons Accessories
 - Crew Served Heavy Weapons Aiming Laser (CSHWAL)
 - Crew Served Visible Bright Light (CSVBL)
 - Weapon Quadrant Mounts (WQMs)
- Miscellaneous
 - Miniature Red-Dot (MRD)
 - Boresight Training Aids (BTA)



- Sound-Suppressor Compatible Flash Hiders
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