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Press Information

Volvo Aero selected for the Mako Trainer Program

Volvo Aero Corporation has been selected as a major contributor to the General Electric Aircraft Engines (GEAE) F414M/MT engine for the EADS Mako trainer.

A Memorandum of Understanding, MoU, has been signed between GEAE and Volvo Aero Corporation. The MoU involves cooperation on development activities, hardware production, final assembly and testing, up to a total engine value of 30%.

The long-term partnership with GEAE since 1982 on the RM12 engine program for the Swedish Gripen fighter gave Volvo Aero Corporation a prominent role in the Mako program. The Mako HEAT is a candidate for the ongoing Advanced European Jet Pilot Training (AEJPT) program. The Mako HEAT will be powered by a GEAE F414MT engine, the single-engine derivative of the F414, which has been de-rated about 25 per cent to provide low life-cycle cost. A full-rated F414M would be installed into the LCA derivative for export sales.

In 2000 Volvo Aero and GEAE entered into a new major military cooperation agreement. The cooperation involves the F414 engine for the F/A-18E/F Super Hornet. Volvo Aero manufactures structural and rotating components in the engine's fan and compressor area. The chosen components are part of Volvo Aero's area of specialization.

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