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Saab carries out new Meteor tests in the Hebrides

Saab has been awarded two new contracts, worth approximately 300 million SEK, for carrying out new missile tests with Meteor.

"Meteor is the leading missile programme in Europe and Gripen has once again been selected for carrying out new tests in the project", says Thomas Hellström, project manager for Meteor at Saab Aerosystems.

Gripen is the first and so far only fighter aircraft that has launched Meteor. The two new contracts mean that Saab will continue testing and carrying out important activities involving Meteor up until 2010. The contract includes firing and radar tests, taking place in the Hebrides in Scotland, at Aberporth in Wales and at FMV's test base in Vidsel, Sweden.

Meteor is a European collaborative programme between the UK, France, Italy, Spain, Sweden and Germany. The missile is planned to be the primary air-to-air missile for all the modern European fighter aircraft; Gripen, Eurofighter and Rafale.

Saab became involved in the Meteor programme as early as 2003 when Saab Bofors Dynamics was awarded a contract to develop and produce the missile. The same year, Saab Aerosystems received an order for the integration of Meteor onboard Gripen. Saab thereby plays a key and prominent role within the programme.

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