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Ericsson Saab Avionics receives an order for updating the JAS 39 Gripen fighter

Ericsson Saab Avionics AB has received an order from Saab AB in Linköping for electronics units for the Gripen batch 1 and 2 (140 planes).

The order is worth approximately SEK 55 million.

Deliveries to Saab will begin in 2002.

The order was received by Ericsson Saab Avionics' division in Jönköping. The division has previously received orders for similar equipment for batch 3 (64 planes).

The electronics unit, GECU, (General systems Electronic Control Unit) is a combined unit for controlling and monitoring the air, hydraulic and fuel systems and replaces the three separate units currently used in batches 1 and 2 of the plane.

Updating with GECU involves the modernization of the electronics using compact construction technology and commercially available components, COTS.

Ericsson Saab Avionics AB is owned jointly by Ericsson and Saab and is the principal supplier of electronic systems to the JAS 39 Gripen.

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