



Raytheon AIM-9X Block II Missile Completes First Captive Carry Flight

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EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla., Sept. 18, 2008 /PRNewswire/ -- A U.S. Air Force F-15C completed the first captive carry test of Raytheon Company's (NYSE: RTN) AIM-9X Block II air-to-air missile.

The infrared-guided AIM-9X Block II missile faced the same stressors -- wind, vibration and altitude -- that it would encounter during an operational mission. The test demonstrated that the AIM-9X Block II hardware and software could perform in combat-like conditions. The test also proved the missile could be successfully integrated on the F-15C Eagle.

"This test keeps the Raytheon-government team on track for test firing the AIM-9X Block II by year's end and achieving initial operating capability in 2010," said Harry Schulte, Raytheon Missile Systems vice president of Air Warfare Systems. "By adding lock-on-after launch capability and a one-way forward quarter datalink capability, the Block II builds on the legacy of the more than 3,000 AIM-9X Block I missiles Raytheon has delivered."

According to Capt. Jeffrey Penfield, the U.S. Navy's Air-to-Air Missile program manager, reaching this milestone is critical for maintaining a leading edge for U.S. and allied aviators.

"Completion of this test means our warfighters are another step closer to receiving the world's most capable infrared air-to-air missile," said Penfield. "The AIM-9X Block II is a revolutionary weapon that will give the warfighter a critical advantage. No other missile in the world will match the AIM-9X Block II in range, maneuverability, off-boresight capability and speed."

Raytheon Company, with 2007 sales of \$21.3 billion, is a technology leader specializing in defense, homeland security and other government markets throughout the world. With a history of innovation spanning 86 years, Raytheon provides state-of-the-art electronics, mission systems integration and other capabilities in the areas of sensing; effects; and command, control, communications and intelligence systems, as well as a broad range of mission support services. With headquarters in Waltham, Mass., Raytheon employs 72,000 people worldwide.

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