

LEOPARD 2 A8 version: new reference configuration

Munich, June 13, 2023 – Krauss-Maffei Wegmann (KMW) and the Norwegian Defence Materiel Agency (NDMA) have agreed to align the nomenclature of the 54 new LEOPARD 2 Main Battle Tanks contracted in March 2023 with that of the German procurement office for the German LEOPARD 2 replenishment, as the Norwegian LEOPARD 2 has all the characteristics of the redefined LEOPARD 2 A8 configuration status. The new Norwegian Main Battle Tank will therefore be known as MBT LEOPARD 2 A8 NOR. The German procurement authority introduced the LEOPARD 2 A8 configuration, as it is a new production and includes the integration of the Active Protection System TROPHY from company EuroTrophy.

The MBT LEOPARD 2 A8 NOR has additional features compared to the German A8 version, for example the integrated Norwegian ICS/CORTEX system from the Norwegian company Kongsberg. This system reconfigures data transfer in the MBT and communication with other combat systems.

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