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## Major order worth billions: Rheinmetall to supply the Bundeswehr with FV-014 loitering munition

Rheinmetall has received a major order from the Bundeswehr for FV-014 loitering munition systems. A contract to that effect was signed today in Koblenz. Deliveries are scheduled to begin in the first half of 2027, following qualification from the second quarter of 2026. The framework contract is worth billions, with the first call-off amounting to approximately €300m gross. The order will be



booked in April 2026. The framework agreement optionally includes a five-figure number of FV-014 autonomous reconnaissance and strike drones.

“Within a very short time, Rheinmetall has developed an autonomous drone that combines reconnaissance and

strike capabilities. The FV-014 will enable the Bundeswehr to protect its own forces and engage critical targets in a fast, controlled and effective manner. We are grateful for the trust placed in us and will begin producing the system in large quantities on an industrial scale very soon”, said Armin Papperger, CEO of Rheinmetall AG.

The FV-014 loitering munition system has a range of up to 100 km and is equipped with a 4 kg warhead and detonator mechanism. The drone can remain airborne for up to 70 minutes, monitoring targets until engaging on them. The system combines intelligence and firepower and is manufactured entirely within the EU.

## ► Key facts

- Rheinmetall to supply the Bundeswehr with large quantities of FV-014 loitering munition
- Framework contract worth billions, with an initial call-off of around €300m
- Development and manufacturing entirely in the EU
- Rapid startup to industrial scale

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