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Rheinmetall delivers weapon system for British RCH 155 wheeled howitzer

Rheinmetall has secured a contract for a key project for the British Armed Forces. Among other items, the company will supply the weapon systems for the British Army's RCH 155 wheeled howitzers. A corresponding supply contract was awarded to Rheinmetall in the second quarter of 2026. The contract value is in the low three-digit million-euro range.

The RCH 155 wheeled howitzer is a product of ARTEC GmbH, which is procured by both Germany and the United Kingdom. ARTEC is a joint venture between Rheinmetall and KNDS Deutschland, whose shareholders act as subcontractors.

In May 2026, the UK placed an order for 72 RCH 155 wheeled howitzers. Both countries are currently qualifying the 155 mm L/52 RC (remote-controlled) weapon system. Upon verification, Rheinmetall will supply 72 elevating masses and on-board tools. Additional non-recurring services will also be provided, such as support in preparing training materials and technical documentation. The weapon systems will be manufactured at Rheinmetall's new gun production facility in Telford, which is being taken into operation step wise.



RCH 155 wheeled howitzer (Photo: KNDS)

The RCH 155 combines the proven drive module of the GTK BOXER wheeled armoured vehicle with an enhanced, fully automated version of the weapon system used in the self-propelled Panzer howitzer 2000. It thus combines automated artillery firepower with a high level of protection and excellent wheeled mobility. Its ability to fire whilst moving is particularly notable, making it one of the most advanced systems of its kind. The wheeled artillery system features an unmanned, fully automated turret.

In the field of 155 mm weapon systems, Rheinmetall is not only one of the leading system houses but also one of the world's largest ammunition manufacturers. The company is currently expanding its production capacity significantly.

► Key facts

- Rheinmetall delivers weapon systems for the British Army's RCH 155
- 72 155 mm L/52 RC weapon systems and other services; contract value in the low three-digit million-euro range
- Delivery is scheduled to take place between May 2028 and June 2031
- Manufacturing at the new production facility in Telford, UK

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