

► DIVISION *VEHICLE SYSTEMS*

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## Rheinmetall and RBSL at DSEI 2023: Mechanised Infantry Vehicle Boxer UK Update

At the Defence and Security Equipment International (DSEI) 2023 show this year, one of the two Rheinmetall Mechanised Infantry Vehicle (MIV) Boxer prototypes will be on display on the British Army stand. The two prototypes began industry de-risk trials recently, ahead of Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S) commencing its own customer trials in the Autumn.

The first Rheinmetall production vehicles will be completed in Germany at the end of September 2023. The first Boxer to be built in the UK is currently in production, and due to be completed in early 2024.



In 2019, the UK Ministry of Defence placed an order for 523 Boxer vehicles, via the European armament agency Organisation for Joint Armament Co-operation (OCCAR), and increased the order by 100 vehicles in April 2022. Contracted by Artec, Rheinmetall developed and fabricated the first prototypes and first series at its plant in Kassel, Germany. They had content supplied by the United Kingdom, such as the remotely controlled weapon stations, generic vehicle architecture components, the local situational awareness system and the vehicle emergency lighting system.

Though series production began in Germany, the bulk of manufacturing activity is moving to the United Kingdom through 2023, principally at the British plants of Rheinmetall BAE Systems Land (RBSL) and the KNDS subsidiary WFEL.

### The Boxer – versatile and battle-tested

The Boxer is a highly-protected 8x8 wheeled armoured vehicle. Its modular architecture enables a greater number of variants than any other vehicle system. To date, some 1,500 vehicles in twenty different versions have been ordered by Australia and four NATO countries: Germany, the Netherlands, Lithuania and the United Kingdom.

The British Army is procuring four variants, including Infantry Carrying Vehicle, Command & Control, Field Ambulance and Specialist Carrier variants.

## ► Key facts

- Rheinmetall is exhibiting at DSEI 2023 defence show in London, 12 – 15 September 2023
- Two Boxer prototypes have been produced, one currently in industry trials
- First British-built Boxer currently in production, due to complete early 2024
- Meet us at stand H5-110

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On the Rheinmetall stand at DSEI 2023 will be the Combat Reconnaissance Vehicle (CRV) variant of the Boxer, together with a Skyranger air defence system mission module. And on view at the British Army's stand will be a Boxer configured as a command vehicle (C2), a version developed in the United Kingdom.