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Teaming with Mercedes-Benz and ACS: Rheinmetall presenting Caracal airborne vehicle family

At the ILA 2022 trade fair Rheinmetall is showcasing the Caracal airborne vehicle family. In partnership with Mercedes-Benz and ACS Armoured Car Systems, Rheinmetall has tailored the new versatile and highly mobile 4x4 vehicle family to the requirements of platforms for airborne or special operations units. Now the new vehicle system, designed to the highest Original Equipment Manufacturer standards, will be presented to a wider circle of professionals.

The new family of airborne Caracal vehicles is based on the latest G-class chassis for rescue and special operations. The Caracal features maximum mobility, a lightweight design and optionally mountable protection elements for countering ballistic and landmine threats. Its 249 horsepower, six-cylinder Euro III diesel engine gives the 4,900 kg vehicle a top speed of 140 km/h.

The Caracal's compact design makes it possible to airlift up to two vehicles in the cargo hold of a CH-53K King Stallion or CH-47F Chinook transport helicopter, which can also carry it as underslung cargo.

Thanks to its unique modular design and two available wheelbases, the Caracal can be employed in a variety of roles during airborne operations – as a basic troop carrier or medical support vehicle, for example, or as supply vehicle – all on one automotive platform.

The Caracal will be ready for full-scale production starting in 2023. Rheinmetall offers full lifecycle support for a period exceeding twenty years.

ILA 2022 takes place in Berlin 22 to 26 June. Under the motto “Providing friendly forces with the best-possible protection”, Rheinmetall is showcasing part of its comprehensive range of products and activities there. Rheinmetall will also be spotlighting its extensive expertise in counter-drone operations and protection systems as well as in simulation and training, and technical documentation. Rheinmetall looks forward to welcoming you to ILA 2022 at Stand G3 – 003.



► Key facts

- Exclusive cooperation between Rheinmetall, Mercedes Benz and Armoured Car Systems
- Numerous variants available, covering the full spectrum of requirements for airborne forces
- G-class military off the shelf chassis from Mercedes Benz
- Up to two vehicles can be airlifted in a CH-53K or CH47F heavy transport helicopter

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