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FN Herstal Introduces Product Advances with Composite Material

(Herstal, Belgium) – June 17, 2013. For the first time in its history, Belgium-based FN Herstal has utilized advanced composite material for yoke manufacturing.

The yoke is a critical and complex mechanical component on the FN Medium Door Pintle Turning (FN MDP™ Turning). It is exposed to helicopter vibrations and firing recoil forces of the weapon, and is designed to sustain 20g crash loads as per the existing standards.

By using the advanced composite material the weight of the yoke is reduced by 30% decreasing the overall weight of the pintle weapon system – a critical aspect in aeronautics – while maintaining all structural properties of the previous aluminum version.

By integrating advanced technologies and materials in airborne weapon systems, FN Herstal further strengthens its position as a leading solution provider for MODs and OEMs.

The prototype of the newly developed yoke will be on display in the FN Herstal booth – Belgian Pavilion, Hall 2B, Booth no. G53 – during the Paris Air Show in Le Bourget from 17 to 23 June 2013.

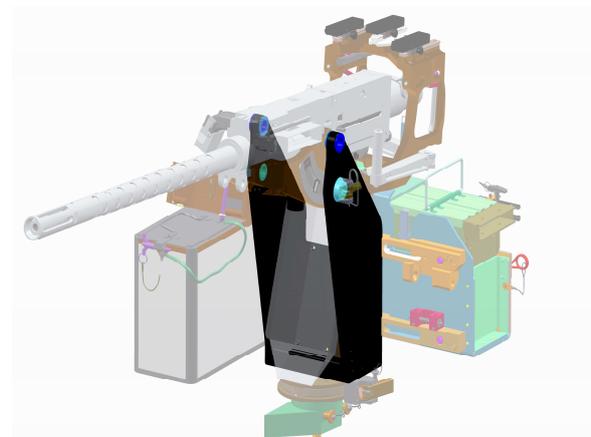
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3D drawing shows advanced composite yoke on .50 cal FN MDP™ (Medium Door Pintle) Turning

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Since its creation in 1889, Belgium-based Company FN HERSTAL has designed, developed and manufactured small calibre firearms and products based on state-of-the-art technologies, imposing itself over the decades as a leading supplier of light and portable weapons, integrated weapon systems and ammunition to military, law enforcement and special forces operators worldwide.

The recent years were no different with FN Herstal launching a number of newly-developed products, such as the FN SCAR[®] family including a 5.56 or 7.62 assault rifle, a 40mm grenade launcher and a precision rifle, the FN FCU[™] Fire Control Unit for 40mm grenades, the FN MINIMI[®] 7.62 machine gun, and the FN SmartCore[®] shot counter. On the integrated weapon systems, the development of a deFNder[®] RWS line was undoubtedly a significant step.

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