

Iskander-K

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Russia struck Ukraine's Cabinet building with an Iskander-K missile recently.

About Iskander-K

- It is a **Russian-made mobile short-range cruise missile launcher vehicle** based on an **8x8 military truck chassis**.
- The **design** of the Iskander-K is very **similar to the Iskander-M**, which is a **ballistic missile launcher vehicle**.
- The Iskander-K, **also referred to as SSC-8**, entered service with the Russian Armed Forces in February 2017.
- It is designed to perform **tactical-operational strikes**.

Iskander-K Features

- For the Iskander-K, the **vehicle** can be **fitted with two to six container launcher units**.

- The **truck launcher** can run at a maximum road speed of 70 km/h with a **maximum cruising range of 1,000 km**.
- The Iskander-K **can launch two types of cruise missiles**, including the **9M728 (SSC-X-7)**, also known as the **R-500** and the **9M729 (SSC-X-8)**, a new long-range missile.
- The **9M728 cruise missile** has a **maximum firing range of 500 km**, while the **9M729 cruise missile** is designed to destroy land targets and is **able to fly at a low altitude** to reduce the risks of detection and complicate countermeasures.

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