

SCALP Missile

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SCALP Missile Latest News

India and France are in discussions to finalise a major deal for the procurement of SCALP cruise missiles, following their successful use by the IAF in precision strikes against terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan during Operation Sindoor last year.

About SCALP Missile

- The SCALP missile, also known as **Storm Shadow**, is a **long-range, air-launched cruise missile**.
- It was **developed together by France and the United Kingdom**.
- It is in **service with multiple NATO and allied air forces**.

SCALP Missile Features

- The missile has a launch weight of around 1,300 kg and a length of approximately 5.10 m.
- It is powered by **turbojet engines** and has a **range of 250 km**.

- The missile has a **tandem warhead configuration**, comprising a shaped charge for initial penetration and a secondary high-explosive charge for enhanced lethality.
- Its **stealth design** and **advanced navigation system (INS, GPS, and terrain referencing)** allow it to **fly low**, evade detection, and strike deep into enemy territory.
- **On approaching the target**, its onboard **infrared seeker matches the target image with the stored picture** to ensure a precision strike and minimal collateral damage.
- Capable of night and **all-weather operations**, SCALP is particularly **effective for penetrating hardened bunkers and ammunition stores**.

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