

Harpoon Missiles

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Harpoon Missile Latest News

The U.S. Air Force is exploring the use of the Harpoon anti-ship missile on its F-16s, signaling a potential shift in its approach to naval warfare.

About Harpoon Missile

- The Harpoon (RGM-84/UGM-84/AGM-84) is a **subsonic anti-ship cruise missile developed by Boeing for the U.S. Navy.**
- It was first introduced in 1977.
- It is currently **in service with** the armed forces of more than **30 countries, including India.**

Harpoon Missile Features

- It is an **all-weather**, over-the-horizon, anti-ship missile system.
- A single missile measures 4.5 m in length and weighs 526 kg.

- **Propulsion: Turbojet, solid propellant.**
- **Range: 90-240 km**
- It can be **launched from ships**, submarines, **shore batteries, and aircraft.**
- It is capable of executing both **land-strike and anti-ship missions.**
- The missile can fly at speeds of up to Mach 0.85 (647 mph or 1,041 km/h) and carry a 221 kg blast warhead.
- It incorporates **GPS-assisted inertial navigation**, which enables the system to have both an anti-ship and a land attack capability.
- It uses mid-course guidance and an **active radar seeker** to track and hit surface targets.
- Its active radar guidance, low-level, sea-skimming cruise trajectory, terminal mode sea-skim or pop-up maneuvers, and warhead design assure high survivability and effectiveness.

Harpoon Missile FAQs

Q1. Which country made Harpoon missile?

Ans. United States

Q2. Does India have a Harpoon missile?

Ans. Yes, India does have a harpoon missiles.

Q3. What is a Harpoon missile used for?

Ans. It is capable of executing both land-strike and anti-ship missions.

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