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"Threats to the Next generation Combat Vehicle"

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- Introduction
- Main Battle Tanks
- Infantry Fighting Vehicle and APCs
- Anti-Tank Guided Missiles
- Artillery and Rockets





### Introduction

- Worldwide trend to upgrade and improve capabilities
  - Better fire control and sensors
  - Increasing UAS/drone use
  - Advanced ATGM proliferation









- Russian intent was 70% of all AFVs to be modernized and/or new production by 2020\*. This goal can only be met by overhaul and modernization, not from new production.
- Emphasis was on upgrading MBTs first
  - T-90M
  - T-72B3
  - T-80BVM
- New fire control with Sosna-U stabilized gunner's sights and 2<sup>nd</sup> Gen FLIR
- 125mm 2A46M-5 gun allowing for use of Svinets APFSDS
- Relikt ERA (over Kontakt-5)
- More powerful V-92S2F diesel engine (T-72B3)
- All capable of firing gun-launched ATGM w/5k range





# Planned IFV Upgrades

- State Armament Program for 2018-2025 order calls for 540 upgraded BMP-2 infantry fighting vehicles and BMD-2 airborne IFVs
  - New B05Ya01 Berezhok turret w/2A42 30mm cannon
  - 4 x Kornet ATGM launchers
  - New gunner's sight with independent line-of-sight stabilization, thermal imagers, laser rangefinder and missile guidance channel
  - Digital onboard computer coupled to a sensor suite
  - Automatic target tracking

Independent commander's panoramic sight with independent dual axis

stabilization









# IFV Improvements

- Increase in Lethality
  - Addition of KORNET ATGMs w/5500m range (EM 8000m)
  - Modernized fire control and enhanced sensors/thermal imagers increase engagement ranges
  - Potential anti-helicopter capability
  - 30mm lethality remains the same, but enhanced by FC improvements
  - AG-30 automatic grenade launcher
- No apparent improvements in survivability/protection
  - Frontal armor vulnerable to NATO medium cannon
  - Sides only protected to 7.62mm
  - SLAT armor available



# 2025 and Beyond





Kurganets-25 fielding of two variants w/3-man crew

- IFV w/30mm 2A42 cannon (6 dismounts)
- APC w/12.7mm HMG (8 dismounts)
- Both turrets unmanned
- Significantly improved protection against a variety of threats
- Hard-Kill Afganit APS on IFV and Soft-Kill APS on both
- 360 degree cameras
- Lethality Improvements
  - Advanced Fire Control and Sensors
  - Four KORNET-EM w/8km range on IFV
- Survivability significantly improved over BMP
  - Applique over base armor
  - 10 ton weight increase over BMP
  - Active Protection
  - Protected crew compartment



## 2025 and Beyond





# **APC Improvements**

#### 8X8 Bumerang APC fielding in two variants

- Kurganets turret w/30mm 2A42 cannon and four KORNET-EM ATGMs
- Kurganets RWS w/12.7mm HMG
- Intended to replace BTR series
- 3-man crew w/7 dismounts
- Lethality Improvements
  - Advanced Fire Control and Sensors
  - Four KORNET-EM w/8km range on IFV
- Survivability better than BMP
  - Applique over base armor



# 2025 and Beyond





8X8 Bumerang APC fielding in two variants



In case you missed it, possible fielding of a Bumerang with a 125mm gun.....



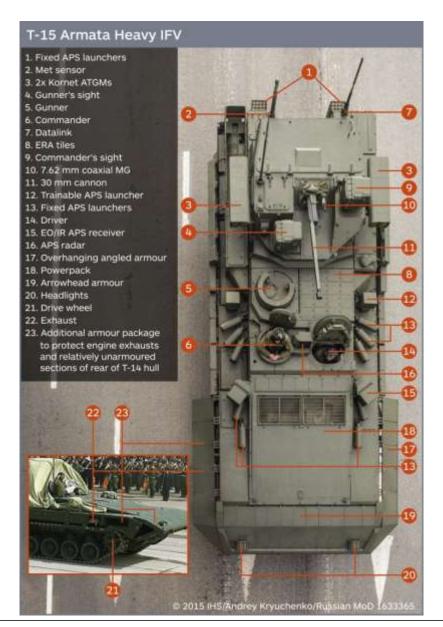
#### The Armata Chassis















# Increasing capabilities

- New fielding almost all tandem
- Increased ranges 25Km+ future
- Reduced SACLOS guidance, more LBR, LSAH







# **Artillery and Rockets**







# Increasing capabilities

- Increased rate of fire
- Increased ranges (100km+ MRL)
- Increased Accuracy
- Improved target acquisition/RSTA











# **Key Takeaways**





- ATGM quantities, range, lethality will continue to improve
- All MBTs and IFVs will have highly capable ATGMs with significant range and modern sensors/fire control
- MBTs have increased survivability now/Next Generation IFVs future
- Artillery and rocket fire ranges, accuracy, and targeting sensors are all increasing
- Avoiding detection will be increasingly difficult. Improved sensors, drones/UAVs, eyeballs and encrypted communications, electronic emissions all work against it
- Newly upgraded MBTs and IFVs will remain in service for a long time





# Questions?