

U.S. Marine Corps (Ground)
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USMC ATE/TPS Overview

- AN/USM-657 - Third Echelon Test System (TETS)
- AN/USM-717 - Virtual Instrument Portable Equipment Repair/Test (VIPER/T) System
- AN/USM-718 - Ground Radio Maintenance Automatic Test System (GRMATs)
- Platforms/TPSs
- On-going and Future Test Activities

USMC ATE Systems

- AN/USM-657 - Third Echelon Test System (TETS)
 - 228 systems
 - 25 Core (Analog/Digital)
 - 165 RF
 - 38 EO
 - Upgrades in process (from VIPER/T program)
 - Instrument Controllers (replacement) – 228
 - Power Distribution Units (replacement) – 164
 - Synchro/Resolver Simulator (added capability) – 44
 - 18 GHz RF Subsystem (replacement) - 5
 - Field locations
 - Supporting Marine Infantry Divisions, Air Wings, Logistics Groups, Headquarters Groups, and Depots



USMC ATE Systems

- AN/USM-717 - Virtual Instrument Portable Equipment Repair/Test (VIPER/T) System
 - 127 VIPER/T Systems ordered and delivered
 - 45 RF
 - 44 RF/EO
 - 38 EO



EO Subsystem

USMC ATE Systems

- AN/USM-717 - VIPER/T (Cont'd)
 - Systems provided as GFE for development
 - Picatinny Arsenal – New Jersey
 - TPS development for LAV-25A2 Electric Turret LRUs
 - TPS development for Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle LRUs
 - Astronics DME – Orlando, FL
 - TPS rehost and APS Production for LAV-25 A2 LRUs
 - 23 APSs complete, 19 remaining
 - TPS Development and APS Production for hand held optics and thermal imagers
 - Development to be completed mid Oct
 - Production for 34 APS kits to follow
 - Elcan Optical Technologies – Richardson, TX
 - TPS development for the Medium Range Thermal Bi-Ocular (MRTB)

USMC ATE Systems

- AN/USM-717 - VIPER/T (Cont'd)
 - Fleet fielding
 - Light Armored Reconnaissance (LAR) Elements, Afghanistan
 - 2nd LAR Bn, Camp Lejeune, NC
 - 3d LAR Bn, 29 Palms, CA
 - Exercise Support Division, 29 Palms, CA
 - Electronics Maintenance Company, Camp Lejeune, NC
 - 1st and 4th LAR Bn, Camp Pendleton, CA
 - 1st Ordnance Maintenance Co, Camp Pendleton, CA
 - School of Infantry, Camp Pendleton, CA
 - 2nd Ordnance Maintenance Co, Camp Lejeune, NC
 - Marine Corps Logistics Center, Barstow, CA

USMC ATE Systems

- AN/USM-717 - VIPER/T (Cont'd)
 - Retrofit Kits for legacy TETS
 - Instrument Controllers – New laptop, docking station and Windows XP-based operating system with modified system software
 - 228 modification kits ordered
 - 163 kits delivered
 - Power Distribution Units - New single box PDU with modified system software
 - 164 kits ordered and delivered
 - Synchro/Resolver Simulators - NAI Synchro/Resolver Simulator VXI card and cables with modified system software
 - 44 kits ordered
 - 25 kits delivered
 - RF Subsystems – Synthetic instrument-based design in VXI cards to provide RF stimulus and measurement to 18 GHz
 - 5 kits ordered and delivered

USMC ATE Systems

- AN/USM-657 TETS and AN/USM-717 - VIPER/T
 - On-going efforts
 - Software Support
 - Astronics DME providing software maintenance for TETS and VIPER/T through June 2011
 - System software and supporting documentation
 - Calibration Support
 - Astronics DME providing support for out of cal VIPER/T systems
 - VIPER/T EO Upgrades
 - Low Light Mods
 - Reduce visible light levels for Image-Intensified (I2) devices
 - Support for AN/PAS-24A IWNS-I2 and similar I2 devices
 - Target Wheel Mods
 - Replace targets to allow testing and aligning of handheld and weapons-mounted optics and laser devices
 - Include removable/replaceable targets

USMC ATE Systems

- AN/USM-718 - Ground Radio Maintenance Automatic Test System
 - USMC MARCORSYSCOM Quantico
 - Screening and diagnostic test capability for both current and future software-defined, tactical radios
 - Field-level solution for organic secrep maintenance
 - To be fielded 1-to-1 with TPS kits
 - Ground Radio Application Program Sets (GRAPS)
 - 5-Year contract with options for up to 700 units
 - Preparing for GRMATS First Article Test

USMC ATE Systems

- Ground Radio Application Programs Sets (GRAPS)
 - Solicitation on FBO
 - Small Business set-aside
 - Proposals due 14 September
 - TPS kits to be used in conjunction with AN/USM-718 GRMATS for testing USMC tactical radios
 - TPS development/rehost for 25 UUTs
 - Production of up to 700 GRAPS kits

Platforms/TPSs

- Current platforms supported by Marine Corps ATE
 - AN/MRC-142 Digital Wideband Transmission System
 - AN/TPQ-46A Firefinder Radar
 - AN/TRC-170 Tropospheric Scatter Microwave Radio Terminal
 - LAV-25 Light Armored Vehicle (LAV-25A2) Turret LRUs
 - LAV-AT TOW II System and LRUs
 - AN/PAS-22 Long Range Thermal Imager
 - M-777A2 (LW155) Light Weight 155 Digital Fire Control System LRUs
 - M1A1 Abrams (CCAs)
 - Amphibious Assault Vehicle (AAV) Intercom System LRU/CCA
 - Family of Handheld/Vehicular Tactical Radio Systems

Platforms/TPSs

- Current TPS Efforts in Development
 - Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle (EFV) System LRUs
 - (11) LRUs currently identified for TPS development
 - General Support of Tactical Handheld and Weapons Mounted Optics and Laser Aiming Devices
 - Enhancements to existing AN/PSM-117 APS
 - ECPs to current VIPER/T system configuration
 - Thermal, Image Intensified, and Laser Devices
 - LAV-25A2 Instrument Panel/Annunciator Panel/Heads-Up Display

Platforms/TPSs

- Future/Planned TPS Efforts
 - AN/TRC-170 Follow-on TPSs
 - AN/TPQ-46A Firefinder Follow-on TPSs
 - Support Wide Area Network (SWAN-D)
 - Shoulder-Launched Multipurpose Assault Weapon (SMAW II)
 - LAV-25A2 Improved Thermal Sight System (ITSS)
 - Additional Handheld/Vehicular Tactical Radio/Communication Systems

Ongoing Efforts

- Modernization of Software Development Tools, Processes, and Techniques
- Increased Testing Capability of Nonlinear Optics
 - Common EO prototype
 - Downsized Laser Tester prototype
- Increased use of IT and Networking of ATS
 - NxOMS & MSRE
- Inter-service Initiatives
 - Common USMC ATE Interface
 - SBIR NAVAIR-101-666 - Universal Switching Across Automatic Test Systems
 - Advance the Concept of Smart Test
 - Army Parallel Test SBIR

USMC Future Test Activities

- General Purpose Automatic Test System (GPATS)
 - Future Marine Corps Automatic Test System
 - Successor to TETS and VIPER/T
 - Reduced footprint, modular and configurable based on mission requirements
 - Analog/ Digital, RF, Optics, Lasers, Cable Testing
 - Will support Depot, Field and Organizational Maintenance
 - At-System Diagnostics
 - Off-System Component Testing
 - Joint Capabilities Integration Development System (JCIDS) action in progress
 - ICD for Automatic Test Systems

USMC Future Test Activities

- EO Test Requirements
 - Common EO Tester prototype developed to assist in determining feasibility for a portable, stand-alone EO Test System
 - Downsized Laser Tester (DLT) solicitation closed 18 August
 - Develop a portable Laser Test Capability to support fielded laser aiming devices
 - Currently in Source Selection
- Identifying requirements for a Portable Cable Test System
 - On-vehicle testing of cable assemblies

MCATES Roadmap

