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Boeing Unveils Unmanned Phantom Ray Demonstrator

by Staff Writers
St. Louis MO (SPX) May 11, 2010
Boeing has unveiled the fighter-sized Phantom Ray unmanned airborne system, a test bed for advanced [technologies](#).



"We are on a fast track, and first flight is in sight," said Darryl Davis, president of Boeing Phantom Works. "Phantom Ray is on schedule to fly in December, about two years after this project began. This is a tremendous accomplishment for Boeing and the Phantom Ray team."

Phantom Ray is scheduled to begin taxi tests this summer. The first flight in December will be followed by up to nine additional flights over approximately six months.

Phantom Ray, which evolved from the X-45C program, is one of several programs in the Phantom Works division of Boeing Defense, Space and Security. Phantom Works uses rapid prototyping initiatives to design, develop and build advanced aircraft and then demonstrate their capabilities.

Phantom Ray is designed to support potential missions that may include intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; suppression of enemy air defenses; electronic attack; strike; and autonomous aerial refueling.

"The initial flights will take Phantom Ray through its paces for the flight test profile. Beyond that, the missions and systems tested will be determined by future warfighter needs," said Craig Brown, Phantom Ray [program manager](#) for Boeing.

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Key Phantom Ray suppliers include General Electric-Aviation (propulsion and power distribution), Honeywell (brake system), Woodward-HRT (flight control actuation system), Crane Hydro-Aire (brake controls) and Heroux-Devtek (landing gear).

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US drone strike kills two in Pakistan: officials

Miranshah (AFP) May 3, 2010

A US drone fired four missiles into a vehicle into an Al-Qaeda and Taliban stronghold of Pakistan's northwest tribal belt Monday, killing two militants, local security officials said. The attack came just hours after Pakistani Taliban chief Hakimullah Mehsud vowed to attack US cities in two purported new videos released months after his reported killing in a US missile strike last January. ... read more



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