

Hyundai Rotem presents the K2 tank and several vehicle models

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The strong representation of the South Korean defence industry is very visible at this year's MSPO. Many companies from the local defence sector are counting on the opportunity to sign contracts with the Polish government and maintain a high position in our country.



*K2 Black Panther main battle tank /
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It is no different in the case of one of the local tycoons - Hyundai Rotem. The Korean manufacturer appeared at the Kielce fair with the K2 main battle tank, which the Polish armed forces had already purchased earlier, basically basing our country's armoured forces on equipment from two countries: the Republic of Korea and the USA. It is important that Hyundai Rotem consistently focuses on strategic cooperation with the Polish Armed Forces and the Polish defence industry.

This time, the South Korean company brought a number of models of armoured vehicles and unmanned ground vehicles to Kielce. An interesting solution is the UGV unmanned ground vehicle, manufactured by the LIG Nex1 concern, armed with a machine gun and a single AT-1K Raybolt ATGM launcher.

The missile has a range of approx. 3 km, is thermal imaging guided and can penetrate up to 900 mm of steel protected by reactive armour. An unmanned vehicle armed in such way will not only defend itself, but is suitable for defeating heavily armoured targets - enemy armoured personnel carriers and IFVs. Next to the real UGV, a model of the vehicle is presented, lighter armed and equipped with a quad-rotor UAV. There is a cargo space at the rear of the vehicle, which emphasizes the multi-mission nature

of the Korean product.



Unmanned ground vehicle UGV, armed with a machine gun and a single AT-1K Raybolt ATGM launcher, manufactured by LIG Nex1 / Photo: Andrzej Pawłowski

There were also models of the improved wheeled K808 armored personnel carrier variants, one with a 105 mm gun, the other - with a 30 mm automatic cannon. Together with Hyundai Wia, the Sky Spider system was presented, in the All-in-One configuration, which integrates a radar, launcher, optoelectronic head, control and command system and an effector, in the form of a machine gun, designed to provide protection against UAVs.