U.S. Army Redstone Test Center

Test Services

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Who We Are

The Redstone Test Center (RTC) is a United States Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC) tenant activity on Redstone Arsenal. Located near Huntsville, Alabama, Redstone Arsenal currently operates on more than 39,000 acres of land. RTC encompasses over 14,000 of those acres, providing cutting edge test and evaluation support for our customers since the early 1950's. Our strength lies in the highly skilled workforce dedicated to the mission of providing the safest and most effective weapons systems possible to the soldiers in the field.

Our Mission SS On

To Provide Superior Technical Expertise and State-of-the-Art Facilities and Capabilities to Plan, Conduct, Analyze and Report the Results of Tests on Aviation, Missile and Sensor Systems, Subsystems and Components









Center Highlights







Supporting the Warfighter

RTC services are provided to ensure the safety, performance and reliability of military hardware and embedded software in their operational environment. To provide best technical results for our customer's dollar, we optimize each test program with the best combination and sequence of testing, modeling and simulation. RTC's state-of-the-art facilities and management processes are designed for rapid reconfiguring to support a wide variety of testing, providing maximum test scheduling flexibility with minimum cost to the customer.

RTC provides lifecycle support to programs from concept formulation through research and development, production and post-production testing helping to ensure top quality systems are provided to the Soldier.



Center Highlights

126,287 Square Foot World Class Rotary Wing Center Providing Lab and Aviation Support Services

Aviation Flight Testing on AH-64 Attack; CH-47 Cargo; Kiowa OH-58D; UH/EH/HH/MH-60 Black Hawks, Fixed Wing, Unmanned Systems

Highly Instrumental Missile and Rocket Test Ranges up to 8.5 km

Sled Test Tracks up to 1900 ft.

Shaped Charge Warhead Detonation Facility

Full Video Editing Facility

Telemetry Design and System Development Laboratory

Fixed and Mobile Telemetry Ground Stations

Precision Gauge Verification and Calibration Facility

Tinius Olsen 400,000 lb. Load Frame

Multi-pass Filter Test Machine

Pump Test Stand

Rocket Motor Dissection up to 50,000 lb. of Propellant

Capable of Simulating Underground Bunkers or Tunnels for Unmanned Ground Vehicles (UGVs), Communication Relay, Confined Space Operations Testing

Hardware-in-the-Loop (HWIL) Facility Designed to Test the Next Generation of Multispectral Guided Missile, Rocket and Munitions System

Multiple Test Stands for Solid and Liquid Propellant Motor Static Firings up to 10.0 M-lb. Thrust



Center of Expertise for Testing Lightning's Effects on Explosive and Hazardous Materials

Distributed Test Control Center (DTCC) implementing Secure Defense Research and Engineering Network (SDREN), Defense Research and Engineering Network (DREN), ATEC Test Integration Network (ATIN) and Secure Internet Protocol Router (SIPR) Network Operations Connectivity Supporting Distributed Test Events

Only Army Installation in the Southeast that has an Army R&D Weather Team

Helicopter Icing Spray System (HISS) Utilized for Icing and Water Intrusion Testing

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Telemetry & Data Management

Design, Build and Test Custom Telemetry Systems for R&D and Fielded Department of Defense (DoD) Weapon Systems

Maintain and Operate State-of-the-Art Mobile and Fixed Telemetry Ground Station Facilities in Support of Telemetry Data Acquisition on Redstone Arsenal and Elsewhere

Serve as Subject Matter Expert for the Army and DoD in Weapon System Telemetry and Flight Termination Hardware and Application

Serve as Technical Liaison between Instrumentation Research Programs and Actual Army/DoD Weapon System Needs

Missile & Rocket Flight Test

Medium Range Missile Flight Tests

Dynamic Warhead Testing

Small Missile and Rocket Flight Tests

Hit Avoidance/Active Protection System Training





Aviation Flight Test & Weapons Systems Integration

Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) and Manned-Unmanned Teaming

Targeting/Pilotage Sensors

Navigation/Communications/Avionics

Aircraft Platform Interoperability

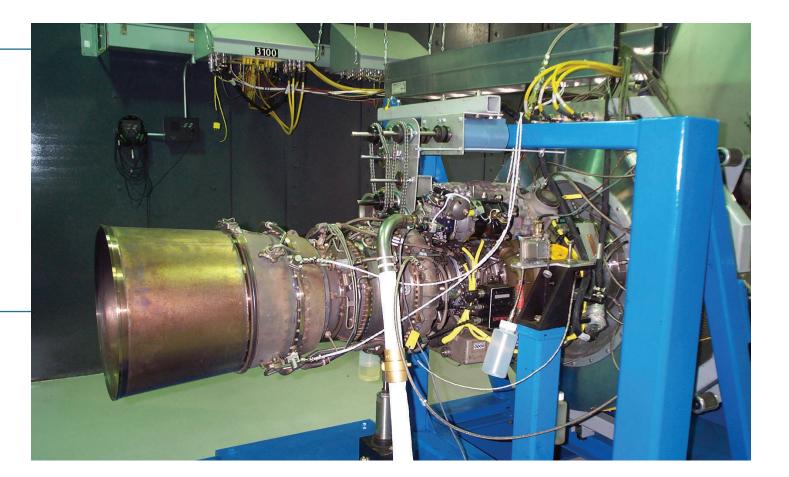
Software Regression

Aircraft Performance

Handling Qualities

Aircraft Icing Testing - Natural and Artificial

Aircraft Survivability Testing



Sensors

Sensor and Seeker Field Tests

Special Characterization of Targets and Environments

Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)/UAS Testing and Training Support

Captive Carry Testing

Dirty Battlefield/Obscurants

Target Acquisition Sensor Measurements on Boresight, Minimum Resolvable Temperature Difference (MRTD), Noise Equivalent Delta Temperature (NEDT), Modulation Transfer Function (MTF) at Environmental Extremes

Testing of Forward-Looking Infrared (FLIR), Direct View Optics (DVO) and Day TV and Laser Range Finder (LRF) Systems and Subsystems at Temperature Extremes

Laser Beam Characterizations at Extreme Temperatures, Seeker/Radiometer Calibration, Image Processing, Target Paint Reflectivity Measurements

Non-Uniformity Correction (NUC) of Infrared (IR) Sensors, Scene Projector Arrays and Projector Systems

Surveillance

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Component

Subsystem

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ROCKET/MISSILE PROPULSION TESTING

Rocket Motor Dissection for Propellant Aging Analysis

Exhaust Plume Attenuation and Signature Testing

Six Degrees of Freedom (6-DOF) Motor Firings with Thrust Vector Control Systems

DoD Army Representative of the National Rocket Propulsion Test Alliance (NRPTA)

Testing with Hypergolic Fuels and Oxidizers

SUPPLEMENTARY SERVICES

Assembly/Disassembly and Logistical Support for Large Missile Systems

Mobile Liquid Propellant Action Response Team (LPART)

Tanking/Detanking Operations of Liquid Engines

Inerting Operations of Warhead and Rocket Motors

AVIATION PROPULSION & ENVIRONMENTS TESTING

Ground Testing of Helicopter Engines (Air-Breathing, Turbo-Shaft)

Ground Testing of UAV Engines (Turbo-Prop)

Safety-of-Flight Testing (Explosive Atmosphere)

High Altitude and Rapid Decompression (12-ft Dia x 55-ft L Chamber)

Aircraft and Aviation Propulsion Components & Condition Based Maintenance (CBM) Testing



Subsystem Component & Surveillance

STRUCTURAL LOADING

MTS and Custom-Built Fatigue Test Tables

New Source Qualification Testing

Launcher, Rail, and Detent Load Capacity Testing

Superimposed Loading, Container Handling, and United Nations Performance Oriented Packaging (UN POP) Testing

Helicopter External Lift Static and Proof Loading

Tensile, Compression, and Shear Load Testing

AVIATION PLATFORM QUALITY DEFICIENCY REPORT (QDR)/CBM/CONFORMANCE INSPECTION PROGRAM (CIP)

Gearbox, Swashplate, Pump, Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) and Transmission Teardown and Analysis

Tooling and Test Stand Design and Fabrication

Hydraulic System/Component, Servo- Actuator, and Valve Testing

Clutch, Transmission, and Swashplate Dynamic Evaluations CIP for Flight Critical Hardware

METROLOGY AND FILTER TEST LABS

Nondestructive Testing (NDT) / Nondestructive Evaluation (NDE)

Full Metrology [Weight, Center of Gravity (CG), and Moments]

X-Ray (Film and Direct Digital)

Dynamic Spin Balance

Environmentally Controlled Lab for Temperature, Humidity, and Particulate Levels

Total of 9 Coordinate Measuring Machines (CMMs), including 3 Ultrahigh Accuracy and 1 Portable

Hydraulic Filter Testing for Efficiency, Pressure Drop, Cyclic, and Steady Flows

Transmission Filter Testing, Including High Temperature and Flow Fatigue

ELECTRONICS, CABLE AND INSTRUMENTATION LABS

Component Adaptable Station Test Lab Electronic (CASTLE)

High Voltage Test Station & Cable Insulation Resistance/Voltage Breakdown

Strain Gauge, Load Cell, Crack Wire, and Fail Safe Instrumentation

Automated High-tech Data Collection and Recording Capabilities

FUNCTIONAL TESTING

Missile, Launcher, and Ground Support Equipment Repair Parts Evaluations

Hydrostatic Testing, Pneumatics, Flow Assessment, and Leak Detection

Speed, Torque, and Mechanical Magnification Appraisals; Failure Analyses and Engineering Evaluations

Proof of Concept, First Article, Quality Verification and Lot Acceptance Testing

MISSILE SURVEILLANCE TESTING

Evaluation of Long-term Storage Effects

Screening for Reset Accuracy

Nondestructive Functional Testing

Air-Transportable, with Capability to Test Worldwide

STOCKPILE RELIABILITY TESTING

Gyro Tests

Battery/Coolant Tests

Accumulator Tests

Squib Tests

Gas Generator Cartridges

Shelf-life Extension Tests

Subsystem Testing



Modeling & Simulation

DISTRIBUTED TESTING

Classified and Unclassified Computer Networks

Fiber Links to All RTC Ranges and Laboratories as well as Connection to DREN

Cross-Domain Solution

Control of Local DTCC

HWIL Testing

Performance Assessment and Production Acceptance Testing of Millimeter Wave (MMW), IR, and Semi-Active Laser (SAL) Missile Seekers and All-Up Rounds (AURs)

MODELING AND SIMULATION

Finite Element Analysis

Modal Analysis

Transportation Analysis

Rigid and Flexible Body Vehicle Dynamics

Multi-Physics Analysis

Solid Modeling

Classified Distributed Test Node

Terrain Induced Vehicle Vibration Effects

Munitions & Ordnance

Ordnance Modification

Prototype Missile Assembly

Missile Telemetry Kit Installation

Missile Modifications

Component Removal and Replacement

Explosive Prototype Development

Flash X-ray and Detonation Velocity

Missile Systems Exploitation

Warhead Jet Characteristics

Multiple Caliber Bullet Impact Testing (up to 3-round burst)

Fragment Impact with 40 mm Bore up to 8,300 fps

40-ft Drop Testing of Live Munitions

Slow and Fast Cook-off Tests

Warhead Arena Tests

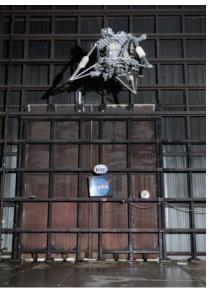
Sympathetic Detonation

Spall Impact

Shaped Charge Jet Impact

Vulnerability and Survivability Tests







Climatic C

MIL-STD-810 TESTING

Altitude

Extreme (Low and High) Temperature

Temperature Shock

Solar

Humidity

Temperature/Altitude/Humidity

Salt Fog

Freezing Rain and Icing

Blowing Rain and Dripping Rain

Submersion/Leak

Blowing Sand and Dust

Settling Dust

FIELD SERVICES

Life Cycle Environmental Profile (LCEP) Development

Field Conditioning and Instrumentation

Worldwide Historic Climatic Data

DoD Storage Environment Database (High, Low, and Mean Temperature; Solar; Barometric Pressure; and Humidity)

Test Specification Development





Dynamic

LABORATORY DYNAMIC TESTING

Dynamic Testing of Hazardous Items at Temperature Extremes

Electrohydraulic Vibration (High Force, High Displacement)

Electrodynamic Vibration (High Force, High Frequency)

6-DOF Motion Replication

Classical & Shock Response Spectra (SRS) Shock Replication (up to 48 X 48 Shock Machines)

Acoustics and Vibro-Acoustics (Large Reverberation Chamber with 6-DOF Motion Replication)

Acceleration (Centrifuge) Testing

Fuze/Safe & Arm Device Functional Testing (Electrical/Electronic and Mechanical)

Loose Cargo Testing

Pendulum Impact Testing

Drop Testing

FIELD DYNAMIC TESTING AND ANALYSIS

Instrumented Road/Mobility of Wheeled/Tracked Vehicles

Rail Impact (Hazardous and Temperature Extremes)

Mobile Data Acquisition and Signal Analysis

Laboratory Vibration Schedule Development

Unmanned Ground Vehicle (UGV) Testing

Electromagnetic Environmental Effects (E³)

AVIATION AND MISSILE SYSTEM TESTING

Electromagnetic Radiation Operational (EMRO)

Electromagnetic Interference (EMI) MIL-STD-461F

High Intensity Radiated Field (HIRF)

Hazards of Electromagnetic Radiation to Ordnance (HERO)

Hazards of Electromagnetic Radiation to Personnel (HERP)

Hazards of Electromagnetic Radiation to Fuel (HERF)

Electromagnetic Vulnerability (EMV)

Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC)

Power Quality

Source/Victim Noise Floor

Electronic Explosive Devices (EEDs)

Electrostatic Discharge (ESD)

Helicopter-generated ESD (HESD)

Personnel-borne ESD (PESD)

Lightning Effects

Direct Strike

Near Strike

Precipitation Static (P-Static)

DO-160E (Pin-Injection Lighting, Bulk-Cable Injection)

MIL-STD-704A-F (Power Quality/Compatibility)

Emissions Control (EMCON)

Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP)/Nuclear

Antenna Pattern Measurements

Radar Cross Section (RCS)

Shielding Effectiveness (SE)

SUPPLEMENTARY SERVICES

Electromagnetic Engineering Support

Electromagnetic Environment Definition

Electrostatic Charge Measurements

Aircraft Ground Station Support

Telemetry Ground Station Support

SPECIALIZED CAPABILITIES

High Fidelity Instrumentation Design, Development and Fabrication

DoD Unique Live Ordnance Lightning Effects and ESD Testing

Transportable Lightning Effects and ESD Testing

Full MIL-STD-464A and ADS-37A-PRF Radio Frequency (RF) Test Levels

Large Reverberation Chamber

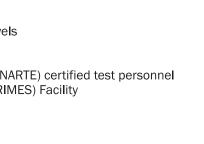
Counter Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Test and Evaluation

National Association of Radio and Telecommunications Engineers (NARTE) certified test personnel

Joint Preflight Integration of Munitions and Electronic Systems (J-PRIMES) Facility

Radiation Hazards (RADHAZ) Surveys and Assessments

RCS



J-PRIMES (Eglin Air Force Base)

System and Component Level EMC Testing Threat Emitter Simulation Radar-Target Generation Antenna Pattern Measurements





How We Work

The Center retains a small group of senior Test and Evaluation, and Systems Engineering professionals to assist customers in test design, coordination, planning and performance analysis. This group serves as the initial point of contact for customers, and responds to changing customer needs.











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