





Naval Aviation Automatic Test System (ATS) Roadmap and Challenges



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PMA260 "ATS" Portfolio



Consolidated Automated Support System (CASS) Family of Testers (FoT)



CASS



RTCASS



Operational Test Program Set (OTPS)

Specialty O-Level Testers



JSECTS



SGTS



Hybrid Test Set (HTS) (F-18E/F, EA-18G)



F-35 Navy Depot eCASS Program

Aviation Maintenance Advancement Solutions (AMAS)

- PEMAs
- SPECSc
- ARMS







Mobile Facilities (MF)





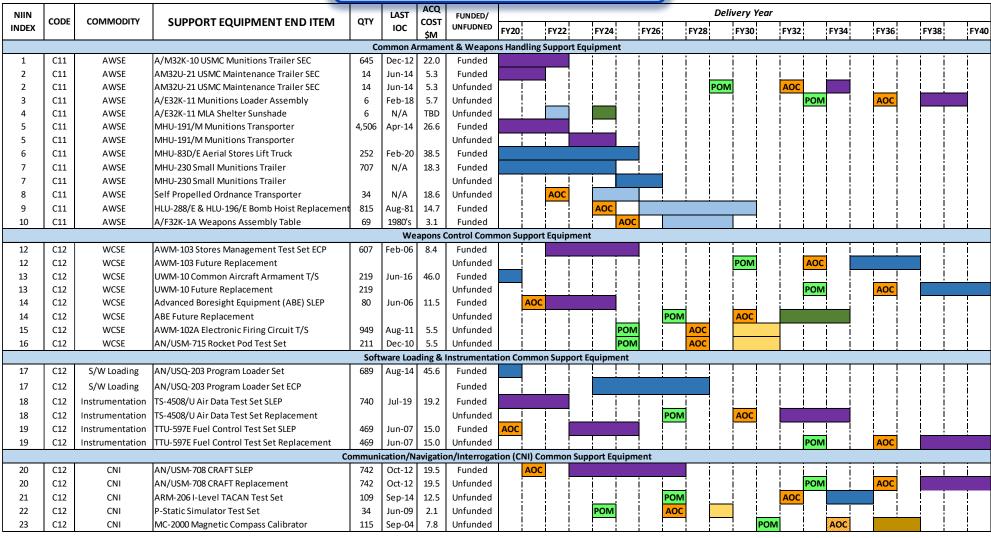
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PMA260 Naval Aviation Support Equipment (ASE) Flight Plan



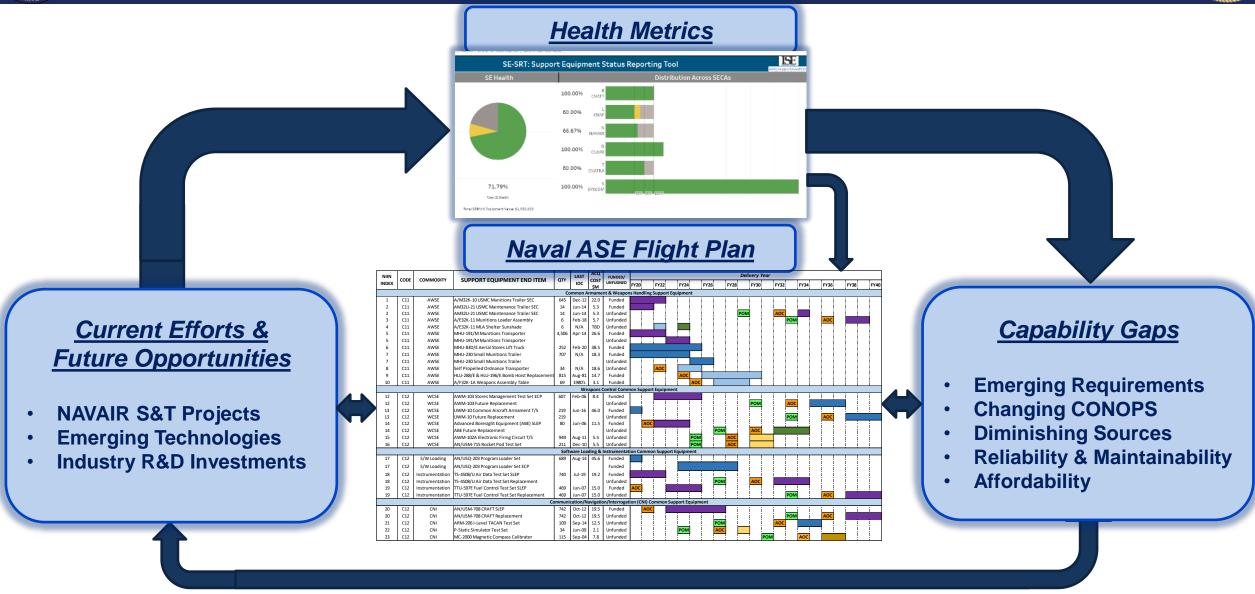
Naval ASE Flight Plan





Strategic Planning Cycle







CASS Family





- CASS is the first generation of the CASS Family of Testers (FoT) comprised of 5 configurations for test and diagnostics of complex weapon systems
- Over 500 were in Navy I-Level and Depot, shore and ship inventory, with Initial Operational Capability achieved in 1992
- Targeted to be out of Navy I-Levels by 2027 being replaced by eCASS

Capability Gaps

- Operating beyond its 20-year projected life cycle
- Aging test technologies

Current Efforts / Opportunities

- In sundown period so limited changes
- Reclaiming parts from removed stations to support sustainment
- 7-year follow-on Performance Based Logistics (PBL) contract awarded April 2024

- Replace with eCASS at Navy sites
- Sustain until 2035 timeframe for the International Partners



RTCASS Family





- RTCASS is the second generation of the CASS FoT comprised of 2 configurations for test and diagnostics of complex weapon systems used by the Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron (MALS)
- Initial Operational Capability achieved in 2008 and operated in Mobile Facilities at shore I-Level sites
- Currently used by both Rotary Wing and Fixed Wing MALS
- eCASS is being introduces to the Fixed Wing MALS for F-35 support

Capability Gaps

- Limited test capability
- Not practical to upgrade to support F-35 test requirements

Current Efforts / Opportunities

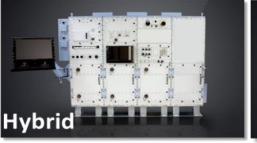
- Reclaiming parts from removed stations to support sustainment
- 7-year follow-on PBL contract awarded April 2024

- Fixed Wing MALS will use eCASS with the introduction of F-35 I-Level capability
- Marine Corps Head Quarters evaluating replacing RTCASS with eCASS at Rotary Wing MALS



eCASS Family











- eCASS is the third generation of the CASS FoT comprised of 4 configurations for test and diagnostics of complex weapon systems
- Initial Operational Capability achieved in 2017 operating at Navy ship and shore I-Levels, Depots, and Marine Corps L-Class ships
- Replaces CASS at Navy and Marine Corps sites and several International Partners

Capability Gaps

 Upgrading test capability to support F-35 and other Platform's test requirements at I-Level and Depot

Current Efforts / Opportunities

- Complete production
- Upgrade the EO Console
- Upgrade for F-35/other support
- Completed the "Migration" of CASS TPSs to eCASS
- Moved to PBL repairable support in May 2024

- eCASS on track to replace CASS at I-Level sites
- With last production buy in 2023, working to establish a follow-on production contract for the 2025 timeframe
- Plan obsolescence upgrades



eCASS Family (Cont.)



Electro-Optical 4th Generation eCASS EO Subsystem

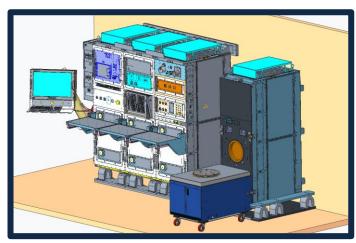
- Replaces the aging EO3 Console
- In development with Lockheed Martin
- Fielding in the 2026 timeframe

eCASS F-35B/C I-Level support

- Capability not originally planned for F-35 support
- eCASS F-35 upgrade adds:
 - 4 internal eCASS instruments
 - 2 new external ancillaries
- First eCASS F-35 upgrade fielded March 2022
- F-35 TPS development continues

eCASS F-35 Depot support

 Defining plans to replace existing ATE at two Navy Depots with eCASS



eCASS EO4 Configuration



F-35C



Hybrid Test Set (HTS) TPS Offload to CASS/eCASS





- HTS is a 1980s vintage SRA tester, originally an I-Level tester but now used at Depot supporting F/A-18
- High failure UUTs were "Offloaded" to CASS in the early 2000s for I-Level use
- HTS is now very difficult to support, and the objective is to "Offload" at least the F/A-18E/F and EA-18G SRAs as soon as possible
- CASS/eCASS HTS "Offload" Group "A" (OTPS A) and Group "B" (OTPS B) are in process

Capability Gaps

- HTS is difficult to support and canalizable stations are minimal
- No other F/A-18 SRA support is available in government or industry for the remaining UUTs supported
- FMS Partners are struggling

Current Efforts / Opportunities

- Most urgent "Offload", OTPS A -development is complete and in production for I-Level use
- Final "Offload", OTPS B -development in process

Future Strategy

 Sundown the HTS at Depot when F/A-18C/Ds are out of Navy inventory



Joint Services Electronic Combat System Tester (JSECST)





- JSECST is a primary flight line Electronic
 Warfare (EW) and Communication Navigation
 Identification (CNI) testers used by Naval
 Aviation to functionally test systems (go/no-go)
 and provide guided diagnostics to isolate faults
- Tester completed a mid-life upgrade of this aging Tester and engineering life extension changes continue

Capability Gaps

 Given the age of the System, close DMSMS monitoring required for component obsolescence

Current Efforts / Opportunities

- Continue engineering life extension changes as needed
- Acquired 2 Testers from the Royal Australian Air Force as sustainment mitigation
- Textron funded by Air Force to investigate redesign Solution of Hand Held Control Unit (HHCU)
- Joint Service PMR at Textron early June

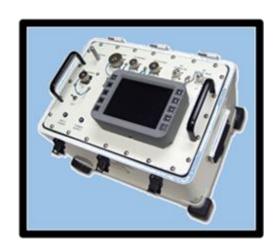
Future Strategy

Planning for Tester replacement by the early 2030s



Signal Generator Test Set (SGTS)





- SGTS is a flight line Electronic Warfare (EW) and Communication Navigation Identification (CNI) RF cable tester
- Additional requirements have emerged however this aging System is no longer procurable
- Plan to replace in the 2027 timeframe

Capability Gaps

- Given the age of the System, close DMSMS monitoring required
- No longer procurable
- Immediate quantities needed for several International Partners who have no capability

Current Efforts / Opportunities

- ECPs in process to be able to sustain until 2027
- IOC for upgraded DoD Cyber Compliant system planned May 2024

- Have selected a commercial replacement solution for the International Partners
- RFI for potential Navy solution planned summer 2024
 - Market research performed via Industry day Dec. 2024



Electrical Intermittent Fault Detection Systems (EIFDS) OSD RSIP Effort



Automatic Wire Test Set (AWTS)





Wire Intermittent Fault Tester (WIFT)

- OSD FY24 & FY25 RSIP effort to target efforts aimed at reducing intermittent faults in Electrical Wiring Interconnect Systems (EWIS) on aircraft to improve readiness and reduce related non-value-added maintenance costs.
- Develop and field Test Program Sets (TPSs) to test & troubleshoot high degrader EWIS using currently fielded aircraft wiring test equipment and/or procure additional quantities of aircraft wiring SE to support additional aircraft support equipment requirements driven by activities to help reduce EWIS intermittence such as phased EWIS inspection requirements.

Capability Gaps

 FY24 RDT&E funding to conduct trade studies to determine root causes of intermittence, assess the effectivity of existing fielded test aircraft wiring test equipment to combat EWIS intermittence and to identify any EIFDS gaps. Trade Study initiated July 2024 (CR Delayed start)

Current Efforts/ Opportunities

- In FY24, H-60 and T-45 procuring AWTS' and TPSs to test & troubleshoot top degrader wiring harnesses, wiring panels, junction boxes & chassis assemblies. \$7.5 of \$8M Obligated.
- In FY25, PMA260 procuring WIFTs to complement AWTS in isolating insulation & other faults detected by AWTS.

Future Strategy

 Continue to leverage AWTS and WIFT to develop test and troubleshooting capabilities for high degrader EWIS as identified across all T/M/S aircraftWork to close any EIFDS gaps identified through RDT&E trade studies.



Augmented Reality Maintenance System (ARMS)





- ARMS is an Augmented Reality headset (currently Hololens 2) based remote tech assist tool that virtually brings together Fleet technicians and shoreside Subject Matter Experts (SMEs)
- ARMS provides real-time communication (video/audio/text/model sharing/hologram placement) between SMEs and on-site technicians to enable remote assistance, reducing time & travel costs to effect repairs

Capability Gaps

- Responsive and affordable SME technical assistance for deployed forces and combat repair
- Dependable/available network connectivity across multiple Fleet force domains

Current Efforts / Opportunities

- Initial version developed by NAWC-AD Lakehurst
- In development for cloud based application/portal
- ARMS testing using SATCOM (Starlink/Starshield) connectivity

- Advance efforts to develop militarized (rugged) Augmented Reality goggles
- Integrate technical data and Artificial Intelligence (AI) for voice automated access to repair and troubleshooting procedures





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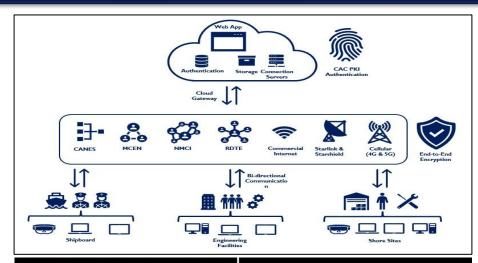


PMA260 Aviation Maintenance Advancement Solutions (AMAS)Program



Augmented Reality Maintenance System (ARMS) development

- ARMS is an Augmented Reality headset (currently Hololens 2) based remote tech assist tool that virtually brings together Fleet technicians and shore-side Subject Matter Experts (SMEs)
- Software developed by Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division Lakehurst and demonstrated down to very low bandwidths, including below 256 kbps
- Currently in development for a cloud based SME application portal (hardware agnostic)
- ARMS to leverage enterprise shore & afloat networks and SATCOM (Starlink/Starshield) to maximize connection opportunity between deployed technicians and SMEs





SME using 2-in-1 tablet

- Viewing what the maintainer is working on
- Provides guidance through indications, voice communication, text chat, and file sharing

Maintainer using AR Headset

- Able to ask for assistance through voice communication, text chat, transmitting viewpoint, and sending images
- SME guidance overlaid during maintenance action









Chat

File Sharing

PhotoSharing

Model Sharing

Annotation/Holograms





PMA260 Naval Aviation Support Equipment (ASE) Flight Plan



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FLIGHT PLAN ROADMAP

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End Life Sustainment Strategy

Health Assessment (i)

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