



# E-2D ADVANCED HAWKEYE WITH NEW AERIAL REFUELING CAPABILITY SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES FIRST FLIGHT

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**Northrop Grumman has successfully completed the first flight of an E-2D Advanced Hawkeye equipped with aerial refueling (AR).**

**Under a 2013 engineering, manufacturing, and development (EMD) contract award, Northrop Grumman designed, developed, manufactured, and tested several sub-system upgrades necessary to accommodate an aerial refueling capability.**

**“The Northrop Grumman aerial refueling team continues to put outstanding effort into bringing this much-needed capability to the E-2D Advanced Hawkeye and our warfighters who rely on it,” said Capt. Keith Hash, program manager, E-2/C-2 Airborne Tactical Data System Program Office (PMA-231).**

**The aerial refueling capability will allow the E-2D to provide longer on-station times at greater ranges, extending its mission time to better support the warfighter.**

**The upgrades installed to support aerial refueling include probe and associated piping, electrical and lighting upgrades, and long endurance seats that will enhance field of view in the cockpit and**

reduce fatigue over longer missions.

“First flight is an exciting day in the journey from concept to an aerial refueling equipped E-2D,” said Jane Bishop, vice president, E-2/C-2 programs, Northrop Grumman. “This takes the E-2D to another level, which will bring more combat persistence to the U.S. and our allies.”

The aerial refueling program will modify three aircraft for testing planned through 2018. Production cut-in and retrofit plans are scheduled to begin in 2018.

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