USA and Italy Choose Rheinmetall for Their Infantry Fighting Vehicle

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Global strategic confidence in Rheinmetall's land technology finds a twofold, striking transatlantic confirmation. While in Rome the 50-50 joint venture **Leonardo Rheinmetall Military Vehicles (LRMV)** proceeds at full pace in supplying armored programs for the Italian Army, the United States takes the same step: **American Rheinmetall** has indeed delivered the first of eight prototypes of the **Lynx XM30** vehicle to the US Army, laying the groundwork for replacing the historic and ubiquitous M2 Bradley.

The move confirms how the Lynx platform — a cornerstone choice also for Italy's industrial vision for heavy infantry renewal — is now the Western reference point for next-generation armored vehicles.

Key Facts of the XM30 Program in the United States

- **Delivery and testing:** American Rheinmetall has delivered the first of eight prototypes to the US Army, initiating government development and performance testing under the EMD (Engineering and Manufacturing Development) contract worth approximately **764 million dollars**.
- **TiC 2.0 Initiative:** The prototypes support the Army's *Transformation in Contact 2.0* initiative, enabling rapid prototyping, soldier training, and real-scale operational simulations in parallel with technical testing.
- **Multi-state industrial supply chain:** Production leverages a highly integrated USA logistics and industrial chain, with turret manufacturing in Plymouth (Michigan), hull and chassis assembly in Slidell (Louisiana), and final inspection jointly with DCMA.
- **Advanced technology:** The Lynx XM30 integrates an open modular architecture, a cutting-edge hybrid-electric propulsion system, and is designed to dominate scenarios characterized by drones and electronic warfare.
- **Excellence industrial team:** American Rheinmetall leads a premier industrial coalition that includes Textron Systems, Raytheon, L3Harris Technologies, Allison Transmission, and Anduril Industries.

Rheinmetall technology conquers the world: the XM30 prototype reaffirms the common strategic line between Italy and the United States

A Shared Industrial Vision

The parallelism between Washington's and Rome's choices highlights **an unprecedented doctrinal and industrial convergence.** The strategic intuition that led Italy to bet on a European industrial hub centered on bilateral cooperation finds a mirror reflection in the choice of the US administration and military leadership.

Both for the Italian Army — engaged in renewing the combat line — and for the US armed forces, the answer to the challenges of modern warfare passes through **advanced digitalization**, **hybrid propulsion and heavy modularity.** Rheinmetall thus confirms itself as the industrial architect of the new armored power of the Atlantic Alliance, with the Italy-United States axis united in the sign of advanced technological modernization.

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