

UK Develops Challenger 3 Tank Due to Need for More Lethal Tank – Defense Secretary

Description

UK: "Britain needs a more lethal tank. That's why we're investing hundreds of millions of pounds in the Challenger 3 to rapidly get the Army the upgraded tank they need to fight and win on any modern battlefield," Shapps said on X on Saturday.

On Thursday, the UK Defense Ministry announced that the latest of eight Challenger 3 prototypes had rolled off the production line.

<u>The new edition</u> includes a more advanced turret with a more powerful smoothbore gun compatible with NATO ammunition, as well as upgraded armor and sensors. The UK army is expected to eventually receive 148 Challenger 3 tanks.

The UK has supplied Ukraine with several Challenger 2 tanks. In September 2023, a Challenger 2 tank was destroyed in combat between the Russian and Ukrainian forces, with the incident believed to be the first destruction by enemy <u>fire in the model's</u> nearly 30 years of being in service.

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