

Saab Delivers Upgraded Gotland-Class Submarine To FMV

Defence and security company Saab has redelivered one of the Swedish Navy's Gotland-class submarines to FMV after general overhaul and upgrades.

On 29 September 2014 Saab was contracted to perform overhaul and upgrade work on one of Sweden's Gotland-class submarines. That work has now been completed. All necessary measures have been taken to ensure the submarine's operational availability. The upgrade includes new sensors and navigation systems, giving the vessel enhanced capabilities.

This submarine is one of three in the Gotland class (HMS *Gotland*, HMS *Halland* and HMS *Uppland*) commissioned in the late 1990s. These vessels achieved international renown when HMS *Halland* conducted training in the Mediterranean during 2000, together with the French, Spanish and the US Navies. This led up to that HMS *Gotland* was based for two years (2005-2007) in San Diego, California, to participate in training with the US Navy.

Maintenance and overhaul are important parts of the ongoing business at Saab Kockums. In the near future another Gotland-class submarine will be subject to a mid-time upgrade, receiving all the improvements necessary to meet future operational requirements.

“Modification of submarines is our daily business. We are continuously working with upgrades of the existing submarine fleet. At the same time, Saab Kockums is now building the A26 next-generation submarine for the Swedish Navy. It is future-proofed vessel with a design that allows for faster and easier upgrades. Everything we do is driven by the need to make our submarines as





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modern and effective as possible,” says Gunnar Wieslander, head of business unit Saab Kockums.

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