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Rheinmetall's Widder: Versatility on four wheels

High mobility and an all-terrain capability, coupled with maximum operational flexibility and readiness, are fundamental characteristics that armed forces and law enforcement agencies around the world expect from their vehicle fleets – including the kind of lightweight, non-armoured vehicles used in routine administrative operations. Rheinmetall MAN Military Vehicles (RMMV) has thus reinforced its product range with a line of commercial-off-the-shelf vehicles in the under 3.5-tonne class.

At AAD, Rheinmetall will be unveiling its versatile new van, the Widder, for the first time. This robust, extremely reliable vehicle features a five-cylinder, 131 HP turbo diesel engine, with a six-speed transmission, giving it a top speed of 185 km/h. Permanent all-wheel drive and ground clearance of 370 mm assure excellent off-road performance. Additional characteristics:

- The cab can seat up to five, fully equipped troops.
- A rifle rack, radio with handset, and a variable storage concept result in superb ergonomics and flexibility.
- Blackout drive, a trailer hitch and additional military features are available.
- Weighing around 2.2 tonnes when empty and with an authorized total weight of 3.2 tonnes, it has a payload of up to 973 Kilo.

Thanks to special equipment kits, the Widder can be configured for a wide variety of different missions. The German Bundeswehr and the armed forces of other nations already use the vehicle for transporting personnel and supplies, for instance, and as a command post or military police patrol vehicle.

Moreover, as an expert system integrator, RMMV can of course also integrate other subsystems and components from Rheinmetall's extensive portfolio of products in the Widder, as well as customer-specific equipment kits. Even highly specialized variants are available. At AAD, for example, Rheinmetall is showcasing a Pilot Rescue Vehicle, fully equipped emergency response vehicle for use at air force bases.

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