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## Thales wins French Navy simulator support contract



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**Thales has been chosen by the French Navy to provide through-life support (TLS) for almost all of its simulators. The six-year contract with the Navy's fleet support department (SSF) calls for the support of 41 simulators at six naval facilities in France.**

These simulators cover a broad spectrum of operations and all deployment contexts, from shipboard system maintenance to surface vessel crew training as well as firing simulators for the Mistral missile, 12.7 mm and 20 mm guns and other weapons.

They are used to train the crews of all French Navy surface vessels, including its multimission frigates, air defence frigates and the *Charles de Gaulle* aircraft carrier. The new TLS contract covers simulators delivered from the 1990s to today, including systems currently on order.

This latest award strengthens Thales's leadership in training and simulation for naval customers.

### Key points

- Thales to provide TLS for almost all French Navy simulators.
- Six-year contract for 41 simulators.
- Simulation systems for all operational deployment contexts.

### Note to editors

*Thales supports naval forces around the world with a wide range of training products, services and solutions, with a particular focus on mission planning and training efficiency.*

- **Surface crew training**

*For surface vessels, Thales provides highly integrated systems for the training of crews, command personnel and sensor and weapon operators.*

- **Training systems for submarines**

*Thales is present in the submarine segment, with pre- and in-service training systems deployed around the world. Solutions include submarine control simulators and combat system trainers.*

- **Maritime patrol aircraft and anti-submarine warfare**

*Thales delivers training solutions for a range of maritime patrol aircraft and helicopters, including highly realistic simulation of sensors (sonar, radar, EO/IR, etc.) and weapon systems, in an environment reproducing the most severe sea states. Advanced tactical environments can be tailored to the specific requirements of naval forces and their operational contexts.*

- **e-Learning and computer-based training**

*Thales has developed computer-based training (CBT) solutions for a number of vessel types around the world. These solutions are available on mobile platforms and are used for initial and operational training as well as for training in shipboard system maintenance.*

### About Thales

Thales is a global technology leader in the Aerospace, Transportation, Defence and Security markets. In 2014, the company generated revenues of €13 billion with 61,000 employees in 56 countries. With over 20,000 engineers and researchers, Thales has a unique capability to design and deploy equipment, systems and services to meet the most complex security requirements. Its unique international footprint allows it to work closely with its customers all over the world.

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