

## Schiebel wins Nato contract to supply 700 AN-19/2 Mine Detecting Sets

Austria-based Schiebel has secured a contract from the Nato Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA) to supply mine detectors.

Under the contract, the company is tasked with providing NSPA with 700 units of the AN-19/2 set, which is claimed to be one of the world's most widely used mine detectors for both humanitarian and military purposes.

Used for fast, accurate demining in all climates and terrains, it has served as the standard detector for numerous armies, including most Nato countries.

The modular design of the mine detector provides maximum flexibility and ease of maintenance, Schiebel stated.

Schiebel offers a kit that upgrades the company's older detectors to the latest technology in landmine detection equipment.

The upgrade would increase the sensitivity of the AN-19/2 and allows the device to operate in mineralised soils such as laterite and magnetite.

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As part of the upgrade, the AN-19/2 will be equipped with a new search head and a new electronics card.

When operated in continuous wave or ATMID mode, the detector uses new technology and a new search head to detect minimum-metal-content mines in even the most difficult mineralised soils.

The upgrade incorporates the two technologies into one detector to provide ultimate versatility in varied operating conditions, according to Schiebel.

In June, Schiebel's Camcopter S-100 unmanned air system (UAS) has successfully completed qualification flight trials in the Western Mediterranean.

The tests were conducted on the French Navy's newest Mistral-class amphibious assault ship, Bâtiment de Projection et de Commandement (BPC) Dixmude.