

## FRENCH NAVY FURTHER EXPANDS CAMCOPTER® S-100 FLEET

**Vienna, 9 April 2026:** The French Navy, through the French Government defence procurement and technology agency (Direction Générale de l'Armement, DGA) and Naval Group, has ordered five additional CAMCOPTER® S-100 systems under the Navy's unmanned aviation programme. Naval Group, as prime contractor and lead system integrator, will deploy and integrate the systems on the Frégates Européennes Multi-Mission (FREMM) including mission management through the Steeris® MS system.

Each system consists of two CAMCOPTER® S-100 Unmanned Air Vehicles (UAV), increasing the French Navy's total fleet to eight S-100 systems, once deliveries are completed. The systems will be delivered progressively, starting 2026.

The French Navy has operated and deployed the CAMCOPTER® S-100 globally at sea since 2012, when the system was first fully integrated aboard the Gowind-class L'Adroit Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV). In 2019, it was integrated on the Mistral-class amphibious helicopter carrier Dixmude, marking the first operational integration of a rotary-wing Unmanned Air System (UAS) into a European naval Combat Management System (CMS). In 2020, the French Navy expanded its capability with the acquisition of two additional S-100 systems, deployed aboard the Mistral and Tonnerre.

The CAMCOPTER® S-100 provides maritime Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities and is operated from naval vessels without the need for launch or recovery equipment. Its compact footprint and proven shipborne performance enable flexible deployment across a wide range of missions, and different classes of ships.

"The French Navy was among the first European naval forces to operationally integrate the CAMCOPTER® S-100 into its shipborne operations. This follow-on order reflects the system's capabilities, as well as maturity and the confidence placed in its performance at sea. We are proud to continue supporting the French Navy with a proven and operationally deployed VTOL UAS," said Lubos Sramek, Director of Schiebel Aéronaval SAS in Toulon.

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**About Schiebel:**

Founded in 1951 in Vienna, the globally operating Schiebel Group focuses on the development, design and production of the revolutionary CAMCOPTER® S-100 Unmanned Air System (UAS). Certified to meet AS/EN 9100 standards, Schiebel has built an international reputation for producing high-tech military, commercial and humanitarian products, which are backed by exceptional after-sales service and support. Schiebel has facilities in Vienna and Wiener Neustadt (Austria), Toulon (France), Manassas, VA (USA), Abu Dhabi (UAE), and Shoalhaven (Australia).

**About the CAMCOPTER® S-100:**

Schiebel's CAMCOPTER® S-100 Unmanned Air System (UAS) is an operationally proven capability for military and civilian applications. The Vertical Takeoff and Landing (VTOL) UAS requires no prepared area or supporting equipment to enable launch and recovery. It operates by day and by night, under adverse weather conditions, with a beyond line-of-sight capability out to 200 km / 108 nm, over land and sea. Its carbon fiber and titanium fuselage provides capacity for a wide range of payload/endurance combinations up to a service ceiling of 5,500 m / 18,000 ft. In a typical configuration, the CAMCOPTER® S-100 carries a 34-kg / 75-lbs payload up to 10 hours and is powered with AVGas or JP-5 heavy fuel. High-definition payload imagery is transmitted to the control station in real time. In addition to its standard GPS waypoint or manual navigation, the S-100 can successfully operate in environments where GPS is not available, with missions planned and controlled via a simple point-and-click graphical user interface. The high-tech unmanned helicopter is backed by Schiebel's excellent customer support and training services.

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