
Subject: Re: Stealth Tanks within 5 years
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Fri, 02 Nov 2007 15:12:16 GMT
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Starbuzzcheesesoda wrote on Thu, 01 November 2007 14:56 I'm sure they've addressed all of your concerns.

Usually in the military world, the term "addressed" translates to having a fully functional prototype that "addresses" or solves most concerns that were raised during concept stage. So, in that regard, your statement is not true. However, it is completely logical to think that the engineers have carefully thought out the challenges they will face as the project matures.

I don't give a fuck what "addressed" means in terms of military. I'm using the word as a civilian would, so puffing up your chest with that little tidbit has no bearing whatsoever on what I said.

StarbuzzQuote:A government military (unless they're North Korea) isn't going to come out and give an estimate on when the equipment will be able to see service time and not be able to back it up.

Picking on North Korea definitely highlights your deep insightful knowledge in military technology. No offense cheese.

EVERY nation in the history of modern warfare has had delays in some of the most prestigious military projects. Cost overruns, design stalemate, political opposition are some of the factors that cause delays. In most cases, they are eventually overcome but that does not mean it will be a "walk in the park." And this British project will most surely experience those.

Again, enough with the puffery. My remark about the DPRK was merely political rhetoric.

I understand what delays do to projects. I work for a machine builder. I know what delays occur and how much they push back projects.

StarbuzzQuote:I'm sure they know a bit more than you do.

Agreed. But do you agree that someone who has been closely and enthusiastically following military developments in Western nations is slightly more knowledgeable than the general population?

Correct, but me siding with the Ministry of Defense's estimate has nothing to do with knowledge of military developments, but rather listening to a government military that you agreed to knowing more than you. If you're going to admit that they know more than you, then you have to concede that they've probably thrown in estimates for delays.

StarbuzzQuote:I'm not saying that you're wrong because it's very possible they're overestimating their progress, however, I'm sure their estimate of 5 years is much closer than your guess.

My educated estimate is based on recent military development history.

I'm sure their's is as well.

StarbuzzBlah blah blah, cancelled project, blah blah blah...

To say that the British invisible tank will be a 5 year walk in the park hinges on blind ignorance.

Either way, we will see who is right in 5 years. I bet 15 years minimum.

Nothing is a walk in the park. To assume that I even assume that is ignorance, as well.
