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About L-3 Communications

L-3 Communications Corporation is a leading supplier of a broad range of products and services used in a substantial number of aerospace and defence platforms.

L-3 Communications' Fuzing and Ordnance Systems division, the former BT Fuze Products produces cluster munitions and parts thereof, including fuzes. The company advertises the **M864E2 Projectile** on its website and produces **the self-destruct fuze for M101 submunition**.

According to the company's website, the M864E2 155mm Projectile "is used to deliver dual purpose armour defeating and antipersonnel grenades with XM1162 pyrotechnic Self-Destruct Fuzes for extended ranges ...". Its features include, "72 dual purpose grenades (48 ea M42; 24 ea M46); Self-Destruct PyroFuzing with SD reliability, 99% primary, 95 SDF of which no more than 1 in 500 hazardous duds."

The self-destruct fuze (GMLRS ESAD) for M101 submunition, 404 pieces of which are fit in each M-30 missile of the Lockheed Martin GMLRS (Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System), is also advertised on the website. "The M30 rocket will be placed in the war reserve inventory and will require the approval of a combat commander before they are used. After 2018, they can no longer be used. In future production, the warhead containing DPICM will be replaced by an alternative non-cluster munitions warhead."

Two facts lead us to assume that the production of the M101 submunition (DPICM) will end in the near future: the new US export law precludes the export of cluster munitions by the US (except for the CBU-97 and the CBU-95) AND the US Army will cease procurement of DPICMs and will only buy unitary rockets after the deliveries of the previously contracted DPICM rockets are complete, supposedly last summer. Still, since L-3 Communications has not publicly stated they will end the production of cluster munitions, and since L-3 still makes the M864E2 Projectile, we retain L-3 Communications on the list of cluster munitions producers. Moreover, the company advertises the M101 submunition on its website.

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