

UK to Upgrade Its Type 23 Frigates



The UK MOD has awarded contracts worth £80 million to upgrade the backbone of the Royal Navy surface flotilla, the Type 23 Frigates.

A £68M contract, with Rolls-Royce subsidiary MTU, which includes a training and transitional support package, will see each ship supplied with four new diesel generators and associated upgraded power distribution. A second contract, worth £12 million, with Hitzinger UK, will provide voltage converters to deliver greater power to the frigates.

The work is part of a programme of upgrades to weapon systems, infrastructure and navigation equipment which will ensure that these adaptable frigates, built between 1985 and 2002, continue in service and are able to be deployed worldwide for a number of years to come.

The new generator equipment, being manufactured in Germany and Austria, will be installed at Her Majesty's Naval Base, Devonport, during planned upkeep periods. The contract is set to be completed in 2024.



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