

## News Release

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### **Cobham Receives Release for Flight Certificate for Mobile Aircrew Restraint System (MARS)**

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida -- Cobham has received a Release for Flight certificate from the US Air Force for the Mobile Aircrew Restraint System (MARS), meaning the restraint system is now flight-worthy and approved for use by the service's HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopters.

"The MARS is a great system which I think will provide real value to air crews by preventing an inadvertent ejection from the aircraft during sudden unexpected aircraft maneuvers or hard landing," said Kelly Coffield, president of Cobham Life Support. "This certificate also allows Cobham to pursue MARS opportunities with other operators of the H-60 family of helicopters, so I hope we can broaden use of this system to prevent avoidable injuries or deaths, in both military and commercial applications."

MARS is a derivative of Cobham's MA-16 family of inertia reels featuring dual-mode locking capability, and is used by helicopter aircrew who must operate throughout the helicopter – especially near open doors and hatches -- during flight.

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### **About Cobham Life Support**

Cobham Life Support specializes in life support and personal survival equipment systems including oxygen systems for aviators and astronauts, crew restraints, flotation gear and crew and cargo release mechanisms. Manufacturing personal and on-board systems, Cobham Life Support provides military helicopter pilots and US armored vehicle crews with liquid-cooled vests to increase endurance in the heat of battle, protects aircraft fuel tanks against fire on military and commercial aircraft and generates on-board oxygen on more than 2500 military aircraft, to reduce aircraft reliance on bottled systems. The Cobham Life Support cryogenic cooling range enables infrared electro-optical equipment in missile seekers, targeting systems, aircraft defensive countermeasure systems, and night vision equipment.

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