FLIGHT TESTS FOR GROUND-BASED MIDCOURSE DEFENSE (GMD) SYSTEM

** The matrix below is a summary of the major flight tests in the Missile Defense Agency (MDA)'s Ground-based Midcourse Defense (GMD) system. Over the years, in MDA's hurry to deploy an initial GMD capability, tests have been delayed, had their objectives changed, or skipped entirely. In the process, MDA has gone through at least three different nomenclatures for its flight tests, which leads to confusion when trying to determine what is happening in the program. As such, this matrix will include the most recent information known about the latest flight tests, but it will also keep old flight test names so to show the evolving expectations and schedules that MDA has had for the GMD system. By any measure, the GMD system still has not undergone anything approaching operationally-realistic testing under challenging circumstances that adequately simulate a war-fighting environment. The system has made six intercepts out of twelve attempts. The latest test was called "FT-3" and held on May 25, 2007. It was a failure: the test target flew off-course and an intercept did not occur. **

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Test No.	Date	Intercept?	Notes	Decoys
IFT-1A	June 24, 1997	n/a	Non-intercept fly-by to assess the performance of the Boeing-built EKV seeker, collect target phenomenological data, and evaluate (post-test) target-modeling and discrimination algorithms. The target cluster consisted of 10 objects: one mock warhead, one bus (the stage of the missile which releases the warhead and decoys), and eight decoys. Boeing was not chosen as the NMD EKV contractor.	Eight decoys: three that were conical in shape, like the warhead, and five spherical balloons. One balloon was large – 2.2 meters in diameter – and had a brighter IR signature than the mock warhead. The two medium-sized balloons were about as bright as the mock warhead; they did not deploy as expected and were not reliable parts of the testing program. The two small balloons were released via a canister and were much dimmer than the

				mock warhead.
IFT-2	Jan. 16, 1998	n/a	Non-intercept fly-by to assess the performance of the Raytheon-built EKV seeker, collect target phenomenological data, and evaluate (post-test) target-modeling and discrimination algorithms. The target cluster consisted of 10 objects: one mock warhead, the bus (the stage of the missile which releases the warhead and decoys), and eight decoys. Raytheon was chosen as the NMD EKV contractor.	The same decoy set used in IFT-1A was also used in IFT-2.
IFT-3	Oct. 2, 1999	Yes	Element test of the EKV, not an end-to-end system test, which relied on a surrogate booster vehicle and range assets to define the "deployment basket" and deliver the EKV to that location. Once deployed, the EKV operated autonomously to intercept the mock RV. Due to a malfunctioning Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU), which normally is used to position the EKV for the intercept, a backup method of locating the target had to be exercised. The EKV called upon its "step-stare" capabilities (which are used only during off-nominal circumstances) to extend its field of view since the target was not where anticipated. After executing that procedure, the EKV acquired its	The only decoy used in IFT-3 was the large balloon from IFT-1A and IFT-2. It had an IR signature six times higher than that of the mock warhead. Because the decoy was so much brighter than the mock warhead, the EKV saw it first. Once the EKV realized that the balloon's IR signature did not match up with the target data it had received prior to the test, the interceptor shifted to the nearby target.

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			target. In a background	
			test parallel with the EKV	
			flight test, the BMC3 and	
			other elements functioned	
			as planned. The XBR is	
			still in development, so a	
			Ground Based Radar	
			Prototype (GBR-P) is used	
			in its stead. Because the	
			radar is in a position where	
			it cannot completely track	
			the missiles, a Global	
			Positioning System (GPS)	
			receiver on the mock	
			warhead emitted location	
			data; a C-band transponder	
			beacon was used as a	
			backup.	
IFT-4	Jan. 18,	No	<u> </u>	The only decoy year
11-4	2000	NO	First end-to-end system	The only decoy used
	2000		test (intercept attempt)	was the single large
			using NMD prototype	balloon from the
			elements (except the	previous tests.
			IFICS) and range assets to	Smaller balloons
			approximate the objective	originally had been
			system. The EKV was	planned to be a part
			again successfully	of IFT-4, but were
			delivered by a surrogate	dropped in an attempt
			booster and separated into	to simplify the test
			the deployment basket.	(partially because of
			The failure to intercept is	the Welch panel
			directly traceable to the	recommendations).
			cryogenic cooling system	
			of the EKV, which failed	
			to cool the IR sensors	
			down to their operating	
			temperatures in time	
			because of an obstructed	
			cooling line. Again,	
			because of the GBR-P's	
			limited tracking abilities, a	
			GPS receiver and a backup	
			C-band radar beacon on	
			the mock warhead emitted	
			location data.	
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IFT-5	July 8,	No	Second end-to-end system	The only decoy used
	2000		test (intercept attempt)	was the large balloon

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			GMD's exoatmospheric	
			kill vehicle (EKV)'s target	
			position estimation data,	
			which is used to monitor	
			and track the target during	
			its flight so that the EKV	
			can make an intercept.	
			According to MDA	
			spokesperson Lt. Col. Rick	
			Lehner, the recurring	
			glitch "never interfered	
			with the effectiveness of	
			the EKV," and could have	
			been attributed to	
			"degraded EKV inertial	
			measurement unit output	
			data." MDA believed the	
			anomaly to have been	
			caused by electromagnetic	
			interference into test-	
			unique cabling. This	
			cabling was also used in	
			IFT-7, IFT-8, and IFT-9	
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IFT-7	Dec. 3,	Yes	The only variable changed	There was only one
IFT-7	Dec. 3, 2001	Yes		There was only one decoy in IFT-7, and it
IFT-7		Yes	The only variable changed	
IFT-7		Yes	The only variable changed from IFT-6 was the target	decoy in IFT-7, and it
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IFT-7		Yes	The only variable changed from IFT-6 was the target booster: instead of Lockheed Martin's Multi-Service Launch System, Orbital's Target Launch Vehicle was used. The target set, a modified Minuteman ICBM carrying a mock warhead and a single decoy, did not	decoy in IFT-7, and it was the same one that
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			target missile. Critics	
			noted that interceptor	
			received a wealth of	
			targeting information prior	
			to the test and questioned	
			its operational realism.	
IFT-8	March 15,	Yes	Again, the kill vehicle was	Three decoy balloons
H I O	2002	103	given prior information to	(one large, two small)
	2002		guide it to the target,	were used to increase
			which may well have been	the difficulty of
			appropriate for an early	determining the
			level of testing but	target's location;
			certainly does not indicate	however, critics
			a realistic operational test.	pointed out that the
			The system still depends	infrared signals of the
			on a C-band transponder	balloons differed
			beacon emitting location	from that of the mock
			data in order to find the	warhead. The large
			mock warhead. At the	balloon had a much
			time of IFT-8, the	larger infrared
			Pentagon had planned on	signature than that of
			holding at least 20 more	the mock warhead,
			tests which were to be	whereas the two
			completed at a pace of	small balloons had
			roughly one every four	much smaller
			months. This has not	signatures.
TETT O	0 . 14	**	happened as promised.	TET O
IFT-9	Oct. 14,	Yes	The Aegis SPY-1 radar	IFT-9 is said to have
	2002		was used for the first time	included the same
			in a national missile	three decoy balloons
			defense capacity. It	(one large, two small)
			tracked the target missile	in its target cluster as
			in-flight, and the	were used in IFT-8,
			information it gathered	but the specifics are
			was passed to the GMD's	unknown as MDA
			battle management system	classified decoy
			but was not used to	details in May 2002.
			achieve the intercept.	
			Also, a C-band	
			transponder on the mock	
			warhead provided early	
			<u> </u>	
			flight trajectory and	
			location data. IFT-9 was	
			originally planned to take	
			place in August 2002, but	
			was twice delayed. First it	

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			was postponed for about a	
			week while program	
			officials scrambled to fix a	
			leak in the kill vehicle's	
			helium tank. Then it was	
			delayed because of	
			problems with the seals of	
			an engine nozzle on the	
			booster rocket.	
IFT-10	Dec. 11,	No	IFT-10 failed when the	The increase in target
11 10	2002	110	Raytheon-built	complexity over the
	2002		exoatmospheric kill	entire GMD flight
			vehicle (EKV) did not	test program has been
			separate from its booster	much slighter than
			rocket, a modified	originally planned;
			Minuteman ICBM that	for example, IFT-7
			was being used as a	initially was to
			surrogate until a more	include a tumbling
			advanced booster rocket	RV, but problems
			could be developed. The	with the GMD
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			problem was created when	technology have
			a pin broke that should	prevented that target
			have activated a laser to	type from being a
			release the boost vehicle's	part of any test target
			restraining units, causing	clusters so far. This
			the boost vehicle to remain	lag in target
			with the EKV. The failure	complexity,
			to separate precluded the	especially when
			EKV from attempting an	combined with the
			intercept of the target	test delays after IFT-
			missile. The pin came	10, has hindered
			apart from excessive	MDA's ability to
			vibrations related to the	demonstrate the
			removal of a piece of	GMD technology's
			insulating foam by the	targeting
			subcontractor to make	discrimination
			monitoring the system	capabilities in more
			easier. IFT-10's failure	realistic test
			caused Boeing and	scenarios.
			Raytheon to forfeit much	
			of the award fees. This	
			was the first night test of	
			the GMD flight test	
			program, but because the	
			intercept failed, the	
			objective of IFT-10 to	
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	demonstrate the ability to
	intercept a target at night
	was not achieved. Also
	incorporated into the test
	process for the first time
	were the radars of the
	Theater High Altitude
	Area Defense system and
	the Airborne Laser, both
	of which were used to
	track the target missile
	after its launch. IFT-10
	was the last flight test with
	the surrogate booster
	rocket. A nearly year-long
	pause was given to the
	testing program so that a
	new booster could be
	brought into the program
	and new hardware could
	be installed in the Ft.
	Greely site.
IFT-11 and IFT-12 Cancelled N	N/A The MDA announced in
	January 2003 that it would
	cancel these tests so that it
	could instead focus on
	developing the GMD
	system's booster rocket.
	At the time of that
	announcement, MDA had
	cancelled nine out of 20
	flight tests that had been
	scheduled from that time
	through the next five years
	so it could meet the Bush
	administration's deadline
	of starting an initial
	missile defense
	deployment in 2004.
	These cancellations
	prompted a report from the
	non-partisan General
	Accounting Office
	warning that the MDA is
	"in danger of getting off
	track early and impairing

			the effort over the long-	
			term."	
IFT-13	Cancelled	N/A	The MDA cancelled IFT-	
			13 – a flight intercept test	
			– so that it could focus on	
			developing a new booster	
			rocket for the GMD	
			system. Instead, the test	
			has been split into three	
			booster development tests,	
			IFT-13A, -13B, and -13C.	
IFT-13A	N/A	N/A	Lockheed Martin's test,	
			IFT-13A, has been	
			cancelled due to	
			explosions at its rocket	
			fuel mixing plant in the	
			summer and fall of 2003.	
			MDA will use only the	
			Orbital version of the	
			booster rocket for the	
			GMD system.	
IFT-13B	Jan. 26,	N/A	This system-level test of	
	2004		the Orbital Sciences' boost	
			vehicle launched the	
			rocket carrying a	
			simulated EKV from	
			Kwajalein Atoll against a	
			simulated target coming	
			from Vandenberg AFB,	
			Calif. IFT-13B was not an	
			intercept attempt.	
			Included in this test was	
			the latest version of the	
			GMD program's fire	
			control software, which is	
			being built by Northrop	
			Grumman and which	
			performed as expected in	
			this test. IFT-13B was the	
			second test of Orbital	
			Sciences' booster; the first	
			was Booster-Verification	
			(BV)-6, successfully held	
			in August 2003.	
IFT-13C	Dec. 15,	No. The	In this test, the new Orbital	
	2004	interceptor	Sciences booster was	
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failed to	supposed to fly from
leave the	Kwajalein and hit a target
silo.	coming out of Kodiak,
	Alaska. While the target
	flew as planned, the
	booster failed to leave the
	ground. The system shut
	itself down 23 seconds
	before launch. According
	to Lt. Gen. Trey Obering,
	the head of the MDA, this
	was due to a "very minor
	glitch" in the software. He
	stated that the failure arose
	when a routine pre-flight
	test showed that there were
	too many electronic
	messages being missed in
	the interceptor's
	communications bus, but
	that this was the designers'
	fault for having set the bar
	too high for an acceptable
	level of missed messages.
	However, there are many
	other problems with the
	1553 communications bus
	being used for the GMD
	system, which is regarded
	by some as being
	incapable of processing
	messages at a rate that is
	fast enough for the GMD
	system to work effectively.
	IFT-13C officially was
	slated to be a target "fly-
	by," but program officials
	had hoped that an intercept
	would occur since both a
	live target and live EKV
	were used. IFT-13C was
	originally supposed to
	have been held in
	December 2003, but a pre-
	flight ground-inspection
	determined that there were

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			serious flaws in the EKV's	
			circuitry that could affect	
			the divert and attitude	
			control system. This	
			pushed back the test	
			several times so that the	
			electronic unit in question	
			could be replaced.	
IFT-14	Feb. 13,	No. The	This test was a planned	
11 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	2005	interceptor	intercept attempt. As in	
	2003	failed to	IFT-13C, Orbital	
		leave the	•	
		silo.	Sciences' booster, carrying	
		SHO.	Raytheon's production kill	
			vehicle, was supposed to	
			fly from Kwajalein and hit	
			a target coming out of	
			Kodiak, Alaska. And, also	
			as in IFT-13C, while the	
			target flew as planned, the	
			booster failed to leave the	
			ground. This time,	
			however, the system shut	
			itself down just a few	
			seconds before launch.	
			This failure has been	
			traced to the arms that	
			hold the interceptor up in	
			the silo: apparently, they	
			did not contract all the	
			way, so the software that	
			monitors the launch's	
			progress aborted the	
			mission. Since then, MDA	
			has realized it must	
			remove the arms entirely	
			and put in new	
			components that can work	
			in the silo environment.	
			The faulty performance of	
			the silo arms has been	
			found by outside	
			investigation teams to be	
			due to faulty quality	
			control. The other GMD	
			interceptors that have	
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			already been fielded will	

			need to be fixed as well.	
IFT-15	May be	N/A	This test may have been	
	cancelled?		cancelled. If it is held, it	
	Unknown		should not be confused	
	(had been		with IFT-15A, which is	
	planned for		simply a radar	
	fall or		characterization flight. In	
	winter		IFT-15A, the target missile	
	2004)		would be launched from	
			Kodiak, Alaska. IFT-15,	
			as planned by MDA	
			officials, was supposed to	
			have been a fully	
			integrated flight intercept	
			test with the target coming	
			from Kodiak and the	
			interceptor from	
			Kwajalein.	
Medium-range air-	April 8,	N/A	In this test, a medium-	
launch target	2005		range target was dropped	
			from the rear of a C-17	
			aircraft about 800	
			northwest of the Pacific	
			Missile Test Facility in	
			Hawaii. According to	
			MDA, ""The missile's	
			rocket motor then ignited,	
			sending it on a planned	
			trajectory over the Pacific	
			Ocean." The Cobra Dane	
			radar was not used as	
			planned.	

FT 04-5	Contombor	N/A	In this tast the Cohra	
1.1 04-2	September	1N/A	In this test, the Cobra	
	2005		Dane radar was used to	
			track a long-range air-	
			launched target.	
			According to a GAO	
			report, "Cobra Dane	
			performed as expected in	
			these test events, but	
			officials in the office of	
			the Director, Operational	
			Test and Evaluation	
			(DOT&E) are concerned	
			that the radar's software, as	
			currently written, could	
			cause the GMD element to	
			waste inventory."	
FT-1 (formerly FTG 04-	Dec. 14,	N/A	The interceptor was	
1/BV+RRF/13a/16b/IFT-	2005		launched against a	
1/b). As of spring 2006,			simulated test target flown	
this is the newest			on a trajectory from	
nomenclature for the			Kodiak, AK. Unlike the	
flight tests.			previous two flight tests,	
inght tests.			the operationally	
			configured warhead and its	
			booster did leave the	
			ground. Originally, when	
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			it was still called IFT-13a,	
			the test was to include the	
			Lockheed Martin boost	
			rocket. However, since	
			then, that booster has had a	
			multitude of problems	
			during development and	
			the Orbital Sciences	
			booster is now the	
			program's primary boost	
			vehicle.	
FTG 04-5 (IFT-19/2d)	Held in	N/A	IFT-19 had been cancelled	
	1QFY06		in earlier MDA test	
			schedules, but some	
			variant of it apparently	
			was revived.	
FTX-01 (formerly FT	2QFY06	N/A	Originally intercept	
04-1/IFT-16a)			attempt IFT-16, then	
,			changed to radar	
			characterization flight test	
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			IFT-16A, then FT 04-1,	
			now FTX-01.	
FT 04-2	2QFY06	TBD		
FTG 04-2 (IFT 1/c)	2QFY06	TBD		
FTC-02B (formerly	April 13,	N/A	In FTC-02B, a missile	
CMCM-1/FT 04-2)	2006		system powered by a two-	
	(originally		stage SR19 rocket was	
	scheduled		flown from the Kaui Test	
	for		Facility in the Pacific	
	4QFY05)		Missile Range Facility.	
			According to an MDA	
			press release, the payload	
			included the "deployment	
			of complex	
			countermeasures, a mock	
			reentry vehicle, an on-	
			board sensor package."	
			This series of radar	
			certification flight was	
			initially part of the Block	
			2004 effort. CMCM	
			means that it's a critical	
			measurements and	
			countermeasures test.	
			According to MDA, "Test	
			data from these missions,	
			including lessons learned	
			about complex	
			countermeasures, will be	
			used in the design of	
			missile defense interceptor	
			and sensor elements across	
			the Ballistic Missile	
			Defense System." CMCM-	
			5, -6, -7, and -9 have been	
			cancelled.	
CMCM-2 (formerly FT	April 28,	N/A	This countermeasures test	
04-4)	2006		was a repeat of the one	
	(originally		held on April 13, 2006.	
	to be held		MDA tested its radars in	
	4QFY05)		the Pacific Missile Test	
	- /		Facility in Hawaii against	
			a target missile that carried	
			countermeasures, a mock	
			warhead, and an on-board	
			sensor package. No	
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			interceptor missiles were	
ETC 03 (formarly ET	3QFY06	N/A	used. Cancelled.	
FTC-03 (formerly FT 06-3/CMCM-3)	3QF100	N/A	Cancened.	
FTG-2 (formerly FT-2/FT 04-3 (MRT))),	Sept. 1, 2006 (had been planned to be held March- May 2006)	Yes	An interceptor launched out of VAFB intercepted a target launched out of Kodiak, Alaska. This was the first time that an operational radar (Beale AFB, Calif.) was used to capture targeting information. This was not officially an intercept attempt. Originally, the purpose of the test was to collect data on the phenomenology of the intercept and had been designated a radar certification test. The Seabased X-band Radar (SBX) was not used in this test, as it was still undergoing repairs in Hawaii. It watched the test but did not provide any data for the interception. As for the target, MDA said only that a "threat representative target" was	No countermeasures were used.
FTX-2 (formerly FT 06- 1 GMD RCF3)	Originally to be held 3QFY06; now	N/A	used. Test will use the SBX for tracking and will simulate the intercept of a live target in order to certify	
	scheduled for 2QFY 07		the radar; it will also collect SBX data as a "risk reduction path for FTG-04." This series of radar certification tests supports the Block 2006 BMDS system's development. The SBX radar will be in "shadow mode." The	

			be tracking the target – an	
			intercept will not be	
ET 2 (former aller ETC 2)	Mary 25	No	attempted. This had the same scenario	No constante
FT-3 (formerly FTG-3)	May 25, 2007	No		No countermeasures
			as the successful intercept	were planned to be
	(originally		on Sept. 1, 2006: the only difference was that FT-3	used.
	scheduled			
	for December		was officially scheduled to	
			be an intercept attempt.	
	2006)		However, the test target	
			did not fly out the way it	
			was supposed to, so the	
			interceptor was never	
			launched and an intercept did not occur. This test	
			was supposed to be held	
			the day before, but due to weather considerations on	
			May 24, 2007, had been	
			delayed. In general, the	
			was supposed to use the	
			upgraded radar at Beale	
			AFB for all guidance	
			functions, while the SBX	
			was supposed to have been	
			used to collect data "in	
			shadow mode for post msn	
			playback."	
FT-3A	Fall 2007	TBD	This test was scheduled in	
11 311	1 411 2007	IBD	response to the failure of	
			FT-3. It will be a repeat of	
			FT-3 in terms of its	
			objectives.	
FT-4 (formerly FTG-4)	Originally	TBD	The target missile for this	
, , ,	1QFY07;		test will be launched from	
	now		Kodiak, AK. The details	
	4QFY07		of this intercept, as	
			described by FY 08 budget	
			documentation, are	
			unclear. The Test and	
			Targets section states that	
			the SBIRS radar will	
			perform all functions from	
			target acquisition on.	
			Whether a SBIRS satellite	
			will be able to perform this	

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			task by the time the test is	
			held is uncertain. The	
			Midcourse section of the	
			FY 08 budget	
			documentation indicates	
			that an Aegis ship will cue	
			the SBX radar, which will	
			then perform all guidance	
			functions. However, the	
			SBX radar has returned to	
			Hawaii for more repairs,	
			so its utility is dubious for	
			now.	
FTG-05 (formerly FTG	Originally	TBD	IFT-20 had been cancelled	
06-1/IFT-20/21)	to be held		in earlier MDA test	
	4QFY06;		schedules. FTG 06 had	
	now		originally been planned as	
	scheduled		the first intercept flight test	
	for		attempt for MDA's Block	
	1QFY08		2006 capability. It was	
			supposed to be a salvo	
			mission, but now that it's	
			FTG-05, that appears to be	
			scrapped. Descriptions of	
			this test in FY 08 budget	
			documents contain	
			contradictions similar to	
			those in descriptions of	
			FTG-04. The Test and	
			Targets section states that	
			an Aegis ship will cue the	
			SBX radar, while the	
			Midcourse section claims	
			that SBIRS will handle all	
ETC 06: originally	Omiginally	TBD	guidance functions. This test calls for the	
FTG- 06; originally	Originally	עפו		
intended to be FTG-7-	scheduled		intercept of a medium-	
1a/b (salvo mission)	for		velocity lethal object. The	
	4QFY06.		FY 08 budget once again	
	now 3Q		contains contradictory	
	FY 08		information about the	
			radars the test will use.	
			The Test and Targets	
			section states that the SBX	
			will be used; the	
Î.	Í	l	Midcourse section says	

			that SBIRS will be used.	
FTG-07	1Q FY 09	TBD	The test will again attempt	
			to intercept a medium-	
			velocity lethal object.	
			Which radar is to be used	
			is again unclear. The Test	
			and Targets section	
			mentions a "LO/EO	
			UEWR Mod 1/2 ESG."	
			The SBX is mentioned in	
			the Midcourse section.	
FTG-X	3Q FY 09	TBD	"Test objectives are under	
			review"	
FTG-X (2)	1Q FY 10	TBD	FY 08 budget documents	
			list a FTG-X series and	
			give dates for each test but	
			no additional information.	
FTG-X (3)	3Q FY 10	TBD	FY 08 budget documents	
- (-)			list a FTG-X series and	
			give dates for each test but	
			no additional information.	
FTG-X (4)	1Q FY 11	TBD	FY 08 budget documents	
` ,			list a FTG-X series and	
			give dates for each test but	
			no additional information.	
FTG-X (5)	3Q FY 11	TBD	FY 08 budget documents	
			list a FTG-X series and	
			give dates for each test but	
			no additional information.	
FTG-X (6)	1Q FY 12	TBD	FY 08 budget documents	
			list a FTG-X series and	
			give dates for each test but	
			no additional information.	
FTG-X (7)	3Q FY 12	TBD	FY 08 budget documents	
			list a FTG-X series and	
			give dates for each test but	
			no additional information.	
FTG-X (8)	1Q FY 13	TBD	FY 08 budget documents	
			list a FTG-X series and	
			give dates for each test but	
			no additional information.	
FTG-X (9)	3Q FY 13	TBD	FY 08 budget documents	
			list a FTG-X series and	
			give dates for each test but	
			no additional information.	
FTS-01	3Q FY 08	N/A	This test appears to be	

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			designed to certify the	
			STSS system, specifically	
			through "detection &	
			acquisition of a boosting	
			missile with acquisition	
			sensor" and through a	
			"handover of boosting	
			missile track from	
			acquisition sensor to track	
			sensor on same SV." It	
			seems likely that either a	
			target missile will be	
			launched for this	
			demonstration.	
FTX-03 (formerly FT	1QFY07	N/A	This test, which was	
06-2)	_		formerly a part of the	
			GMD system, has now	
			apparently been	
			incorporated into the	
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			these tests appear in the FY 2	2008 budget.****
FT 06-6 (GMD RCF-4)	1QFY07	TBD		
FTG 06-2	1QFY07	TBD		
FTG 06-3a/b (formerly	2QFY07	TBD	In this test, the GMD	
IFT-23/24)			interceptor is supposed to	
			be cued via the FBX-T.	
FT-5	2QFY07	TBD		
FT-6	3QFY07	TBD		
FTG 06-4	3QFY07	TBD		
FT 06-4 (CMCM-4)	3QFY07	N/A	This will be a risk	
	24101		reduction flight for the	
			MKV program.	
FTG 06-4 (formerly IFT-	3QFY07	TBD	IFT-25 had been cancelled	
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25)			in earlier MDA flight test	
	105700	TDD:	schedules.	
FTG 06-2 (formerly IFT-	1QFY08	TBD	The SBX will be tested in	
22)	(slipped		this.	
	one			
	calendar			
	year from			
	the FY 06			
	budget			
	documents)			
FT-7a/b (Salvo)	1QFY08	TBD		
FTS-01 (formerly FT 06-	1QFY08	TBD	This will include a test of	
1 13-01 (101111cHy 1 1 00-	141.100	עעו	This will include a test of	

7/TMDD-1)			the STSS.	
FTS-02 (formerly FT 06-	1QFY08	TBD	This will include a test of	
8 (SMDD-1)	101100	155	the STSS.	
FT 08-1 (RDC)	1QFY08	TBD	the STSS.	
FTG 06-5	1QFY08	TBD		
FTG 06-5	1QFY08	TBD	This will be a risk	
(BV+RRF/16b)	101100	155	reduction flight of the	
(2 () () ()			BV+ booster.	
FTG 06-2	2QFY08	TBD	D	
FTG 06-3	2QFY08	TBD		
FT 06-4 (CMCM-4)	2QFY08	TBD		
FT 08-2 (CMCM-6)	2QFY08	TBD	According to the 2006	
(TMDD-2)			budget documents, this	
			series of radar certification	
			flight tests, as planned at	
			that time, was supposed to	
			support the Block 2008	
			BMDS system's	
			development.	
FT-8	3QFY08	TBD		
FT 08-3 (SMDD-2)	3QFY08	TBD		
FTG 08-1 (formerly IFT-	3QFY08	TBD		
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FTG 08-2	3QFY08-	TBD	May have been cut.	
	2QFY09			
FT 08-4 (RDC)	4QFY08	TBD		
FTG 08-3	1QFY09	TBD	Was a salvo launch in the	
			2006 budget documents.	
FTG 08-4	1QFY09	TBD		
FT 08-6 (RDC)	2QFY09	TBD		
FTG 08-5	4QFY09	TBD	Was a salvo launch in the	
EE 00 E (DD G)	4057400		2006 budget documents.	
FT 08-7 (RDC)	4QFY09	TBD		
FTG 08-5	4QFY09	TBD		
FTG 08-6	4QFY09	TBD		
FT 08-8 (STSS)	1QFY10	TBD	1 2005	
FTG 10-1	2QFY10	TBD	According to the 2006	
			budget documents, this	
			series of intercept flight	
			intercept tests, as planned	
			at that time, was supposed	
			to support the Block 2010	
			BMDS system's development.	
FT 08-5 (CMCM-8)	2QFY10	TBD	development.	
FTG 10-1	2QFY10 2QFY10	TBD		
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FTG 10-2a/b (Salvo)	2QFY10	TBD	
FT 10-1 (RDC)	3QFY10	TBD	
FT 10-2 (STSS)	3QFY10	TBD	
FTG 10-3	1QFY11	TBD	
FT 10-4 (STSS)	2QFY11	TBD	
FTG 10-4	3QFY11	TBD	
FTG 10-5a/b (Salvo)	3QFY11	TBD	
FT 10-5 (RDC)	4QFY11	TBD	
FTG 10-6	4QFY11	TBD	
FTG 04-3 (IFT 2/a)	Unknown	TBD	This test was mentioned in
			the 2006/2007 budget
			documents, but not the
			2007 budget documents.
FTG 04-4a/b (formerly	4QFY06	TBD	This test was mentioned in
IFT-17/18)			the 2006/2007 budget
			documents, but not the
			2007 budget documents.
FT 06-5	Unknown		Not mentioned in the
			2006/2007 or 2007 budget
			documents.
IFT-27	Cancelled		This cancellation dates
			back to earlier MDA flight
			test schedules.
IFT-28	Cancelled		This cancellation dates
			back to earlier MDA flight
			test schedules.
IFT-29	Fall 2007	TBD	Unclear which flight test
			this is under the new
			naming system.
IFT-30	Fall 2008	TBD	Unclear which flight test
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