Subject: Re: Stealth Tanks within 5 years Posted by Starbuzz on Fri, 02 Nov 2007 04:06:52 GMT

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cheesesoda 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.

Quote: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.

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

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

Quote: 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. I did not guess. My educated estimate is based on recent military development history.

Look nowhere other than the prestigious American Land Warrior program! Here was a concept that stood to utilize futuristic electronics and gadgets making a single soldier into a well-informed cyborg. You know what happened to the utter shock of the military community?

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Toggle SpoilerIt got CANCELLED this year because they could not make the gun and computer gear weigh any less!

So there you go...you NEVER know when a problem will arise and when it does, especially in the military-industrial complex, you better have the time, the money, the patience of the military, and the politicians (politicians = money) on your side.

The Land Warrior program is the best and most recent example of the massive challenges involved in developing and mass producing new concepts and technology.

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.