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Russia ramping up full mass production of various Armata vehicles from 2017-2020

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The Russian Armata is a platform on which a wide range of heavy military vehicles will be created, able to operate in difficult counter-fire conditions

- T-14 Armata main battle tank
- T-15 armored personnel carrier
- Koalitsiya-SV self-propelled artillery platform
- T-16 armored recovery vehicle (ARV).



Until 2020, only individual units will be equipped with the T-14 Armata. For now, a pilot test-batch of 20 tanks is being produced. Their trial operation by the troops should identify shortcomings, which subsequently can be eliminated before bulk purchases take place.

The delivery of T-15 armored personnel carriers and Koalitsiya-SV self-propelled artillery platforms will probably start either simultaneously, or somewhat later after the T-14 tanks.



The Kurganets-25 is the middle brother of the new armored vehicles trio, which is nonetheless almost 10 tons heavier than the most modern armored vehicle currently in service with the Russian Army – the BMP-3. Moreover, unlike the T-15, the Kurganets can swim.

It is possible to install various weapons modules on the base of this new platform – and thus creating infantry combat vehicles (cannon armaments) and APCs (machine-gun armaments).

The testing of these machines should be completed by 2016, and mass production is planned to begin in 2017-2018.



Mass production of the Boomerang vehicles is scheduled to begin in 2017, and large-scale deliveries to the armed forces – in 2019.