REISER to Start Production of NH90 Maintenance Training Rig for the Dutch Air Force

Full-scale naval NH90 replica will support maintenance training in Den Helder while reducing reliance on operational helicopters



Representatives of the organizations involved in the NH90 MTR project during the official kick-off at REISER's site in Berg, Germany.
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Berg, Germany, 10 November 2026 – The NH90 Maintenance Training Rig (MTR) project for the Netherlands' Materiel and IT Command (COMMIT) officially kicked off in Berg, with production beginning immediately. Procured through the NATO Helicopter Management Agency (NAHEMA), the trainer will be built by Reiser Simulation and Training GmbH (REISER) to train NH90 Mechanics and Avionics specialists in Den Helder. Delivery is scheduled for the end of 2028.

The NH90 MTR is a full-scale replica of the naval version of the NH90. It will reproduce the aircraft's training-relevant structure, components, and interfaces without using original aircraft parts. The MTR will support more than 1,100 mechanical and 150 avionics training tasks, including component removal and installation, adjustments, functional checks, and fault identification.

Practical training has until now relied on operational NH90 helicopters. The MTR will allow personnel to repeat procedures on replica components, significantly reducing the need to use operational aircraft and original parts for training. This will help keep helicopters available for their primary missions. The MTR can also be integrated into the practical element of a military aircraft maintenance training course approved in line with EMAR 66 requirements.

Building on the success of the MTR in use at the German, French and New Zealand Armed Forces, the Dutch MTR will be the ninth MTR in operation, underlining REISER's expertise in the development and building of highly reliable Maintenance Training Equipment. Dutch mechanics attended the Factory Acceptance Test of the German MTR last week, sharing practical experience and reinforcing confidence in the project's quality and collaboration.

"Close cooperation between NAHEMA, COMMIT and REISER enabled us to prepare the contract in record time. Everyone involved was committed to moving the project forward," says Sylvain Rid, Head of Business Line Maintenance Training and Components of REISER. "We are proud to supply another NH90 MTR that will play a key role in modern maintenance training."

About Reiser Simulation and Training

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