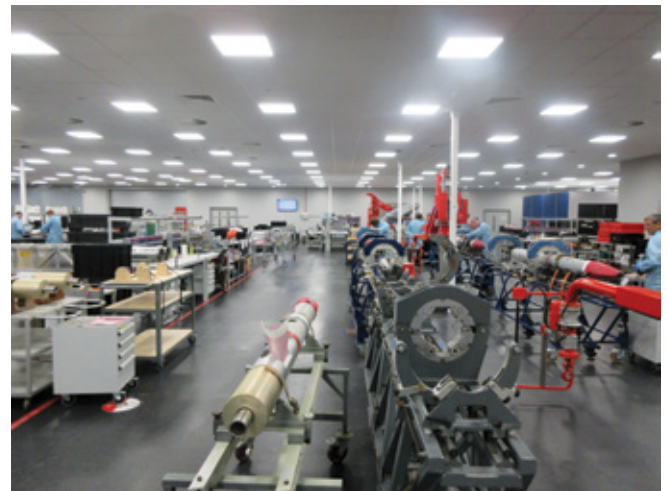
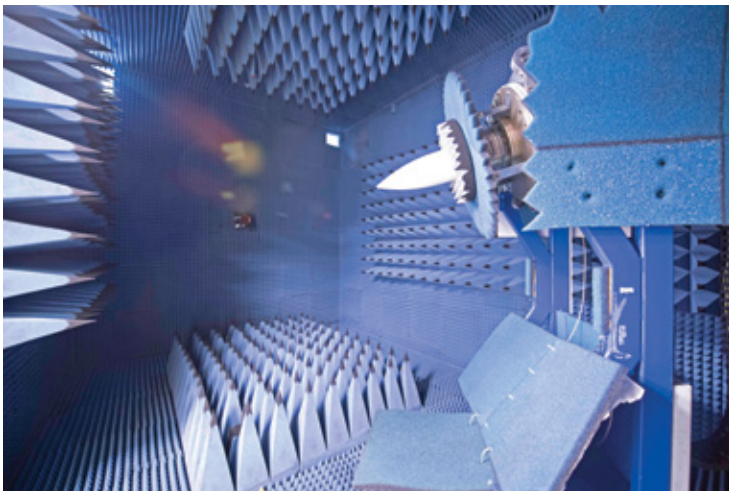


VAYU on-the-spot report

Visit to MBDA facilities in UK and France



The four images above are from the MBDA Bolton (UK) site from where we started our tour. Clockwise: The main building at Bolton, missile integration, shop floor and HWIL (Photos: MBDA).

From 19–24 November 2023, MBDA invited a select group of Indian media for a tour of their European sites where they updated the Press on Indian–MBDA missile co-operation, their commitment to Atmanirbhar Bharat and showcased some of their key manufacturing sites where some Indian systems such as Meteor, SCALP, MICA and ASRAAM are manufactured.

The tour started from 19 November at Manchester, UK with the next day being spent at Bolton, UK. The day after that was Paris and on 22 November we were taken to MBDA’s site at Selles–Saint–Denis. The next day was at Bourges with return to Paris the same night. On 24 November, we departed back for India

a fully and much satisfied group!

MBDA has a long history with the Indian Air Force, Indian Navy and Indian Army and at every Aero India (at Yelahanka, Bangalore plus at Defexpo) has been showcasing the newest missiles in Indian service as well as the systems that could help equip all branches of the Indian Armed Forces in the future.

The current cherry on the crown are the weapon systems that arm the IAF’s latest Dassault Rafale combat aircraft. These highly capable weapons from MBDA give the IAF an air combat capability that is unrivalled by any of India’s neighbours. The most famous of these is the Meteor beyond visual range air to air missile (BVRAAM), which is



The Meteor for IAF Rafales and (right) MICA for both IAF Rafales and Mirage 2000’s.