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Bell Completes First Fuselage for MV-75 Cheyenne



Wichita, KS (November 16, 2026) – Bell Textron Inc., a Textron Inc. company (NYSE:TXT), announced the completion of the first fuselage for the MV-75 Cheyenne today. This milestone comes just two years after Bell selected Wichita as the site for MV-75 fuselage manufacturing in support of the U.S. Army's Future Long Range Assault Aircraft (FLRAA) program.

Leveraging decades of experience, the Bell team designed and assembled the complete fuselage from nose to tail. This includes each of the major assemblies: Fwd Fuse, Mid Fuse, Aft Fuse and Fuselage Mate. The team supports the full process, starting from primary structure to mating, joining and installing fuselage skins.

All MV-75 fuselage operations are performed at the Wichita Assembly Center (WAC) in Wichita, KS, Bell's latest investment in our manufacturing infrastructure to support MV-75 production. This state-of-the-art facility was designed to rapidly scale production by

leveraging equipment such as advanced drilling technology, enabling the team to reduce cycle time on the fuselage while improving safety and quality.

“This achievement is a testament to the dedication and agility of Bell and the entire MV-75 team, who rapidly established infrastructure and moved with purpose to design and assemble the first fuselage,” said Adam Blackford, general manager, Wichita Assembly Center, Bell. “The completion of this fuselage reflects our unwavering commitment to delivering the MV-75 Cheyenne to our warfighters.”

The fuselage has been delivered to Bell’s Amarillo Assembly Center in Amarillo, TX where the team is preparing to mate it with the completed wing structure and nacelle. The team will then load the MV-75 into a full-scale structural test fixture being purpose-built to calibrate instrumentation strain gauges and proof load the aircraft. This will be the first major test of the MV-75's capability and demonstrate its structural reliability and safety.

The completion of the fuselage, wing, and nacelles marks a significant milestone for the first MV-75 test aircraft and moves Bell and Team Cheyenne one step closer to completing the build and beginning flight test. Our top priority is delivering this next-generation capability to the Army with urgency, without sacrificing on quality or safety.

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