

The Zetros by Arquus: A New Franco-German Dynamic Serving Tactical Mobility for Armed Forces

At the 2025 Forum Entreprises Défense, Arquus unveils the Zetros by Arquus, the result of an unprecedented partnership with Daimler Truck. This new military truck, designed for the most demanding environments, combines the robustness of Daimler Truck's permanent 6x6 Zetros chassis with Arquus' expertise in militarization and systems integration.

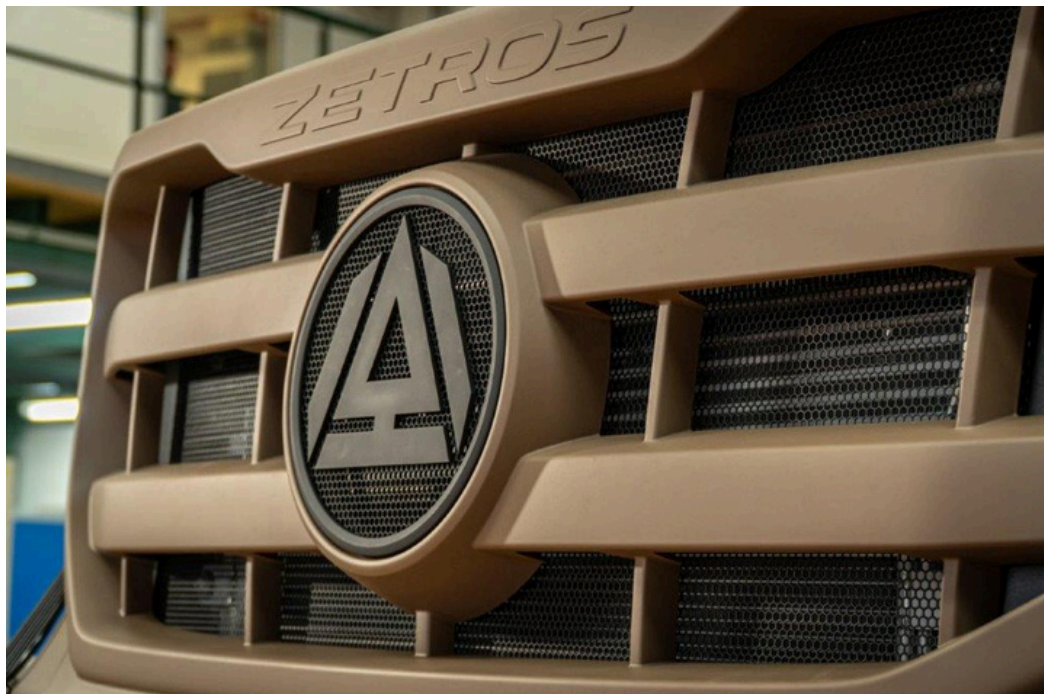
Complementary strengths

This unique Franco-German industrial partnership reflects a shared ambition: to provide French and European forces with the best mobility solution – reliable, competitive, and sovereign – based on the versatile Zetros military tactical chassis, while strengthening Europe's Defence Industrial and Technological Base.



The truck for demanding armies

Having gone into service with international armed forces including Canada, Lithuania and Ukraine in recent years, the Zetros now enters the French market with Arquus' significant added value: militarization, integration of equipment and weapon systems, versatile configurations – armoured or unarmoured, for troop transport or logistics– and full support provided within French territory. Designed for severe operating conditions, the truck accommodates two crew members in the front cabin with optimal comfort and protection. It consistently delivers a payload capacity of over 6 tons, regardless of the integrations or cabin type.



“We want French Forces to have confidence in a robust and proven military truck, with upper-end tactical performances and a high proximity to the units for In Service Support operations.”

Emmanuel Levacher, General Manager of Arquus

“This Zetros, developed as part of our partnership project, combines Daimler Truck's proven vehicle platform with Arquus' military expertise regarding equipment and protection. Together, we can provide French and European forces with a reliable vehicle that strengthens operational readiness and industrial sovereignty of our neighboring countries.”

Daniel Zittel, Head of Defence Sales at Daimler Truck

Responsiveness through engaged teams and centres of excellence

Both companies have a strong footprint in France. As a leader in land mobility solutions and a long-standing partner of the armed forces, Arquus operates five centers of excellence in France – Limoges, Saint-Nazaire, Garchizy, Satory, and Lisses – where more than 2,000 employees are committed every day. Arquus has nearly 25,000 vehicles of all types in service with the French Army, 20,000 of which are supported by the company.

Daimler Truck assembles its military vehicles in Wörth am Rhein, near the French border, and at its plant in Molsheim (Alsace, France). The Molsheim plant is part of Daimler Truck's industrial activities in France, which directly employs more than 3,000 people in the country. Since 2008 more than 15,000 Zetros trucks have been sold.

Thanks to this complementarity and these strengths, the partners can rapidly scale up production, with the capacity to manufacture several hundred trucks per month. This provides the flexibility needed to address operational priorities – from urgent deployments to major defense programs.



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About Daimler Truck

Daimler Truck Holding AG ("Daimler Truck") is one of the world's largest commercial vehicle manufacturers, with over 40 main locations and more than 100,000 employees around the globe. The founders of Daimler Truck created the modern transport industry with their trucks and busses a good 125 years ago. Unchanged to this day, the Company's aspirations are dedicated to one purpose: Daimler Truck works for all who keep the world moving. Its customers enable people to be mobile and get goods to their destinations reliably, on time, and safely. Daimler Truck provides the technologies, products, and services for them to do so. This also applies to the transformation to CO2-neutral driving. The company is striving to make sustainable transport a success, with profound technological knowledge and a clear view of its customers' needs. Daimler Truck's business activities are structured in five reporting segments: Trucks North America (TN) with the truck brands Freightliner and Western Star and the school bus brand Thomas Built Buses. Trucks Asia (TA) with the FUSO and RIZON commercial vehicle brands. Mercedes-Benz Trucks (MBT) with the truck brand of the same name and BharatBenz. Daimler Busses (DB) with the Mercedes-Benz and Setra brand busses. Daimler Truck's new Financial Services business (DTFS) constitutes the fifth segment. The product range in the truck segments includes light, medium and heavy trucks for long-distance, distribution and construction traffic and special-purpose vehicles used mainly in the municipal and vocational sector. The product range of the bus segment includes city buses, school buses and intercity buses, coaches and bus chassis. In addition to the sale of new and used commercial vehicles, the company also offers aftersales services and connectivity solutions.

About ARQUUS

Arquus is a French defense company, an expert in protected mobility and a European leader in the design, production, and maintenance of armored vehicles, integrated into the John Cockerill industrial group since July 2024. This strategic consolidation opens up new technological, industrial, and commercial opportunities while complementing John Cockerill Defense's product offering. A long-standing partner of the French Armed Forces, having designed and produced 90% of the French Army's wheeled vehicles, Arquus is actively contributing to the development of military forces through the SCORPION program, placing soldier safety at the heart of its research. A designer of durable armored vehicles, Arquus is the creator of iconic vehicles such as the SHERPA, VAB, BASTION, and VLRA. With a fleet of nearly 30,000 vehicles in service across five continents, 22,000 of which are directly supported by its teams, Arquus is committed to providing reliable, high-performance defense solutions tailored to the strategic challenges of today and tomorrow. Developing autonomous military platforms suited to all theaters of operation, Arquus creates custom solutions by anticipating the needs of ground forces every day. Arquus is also a systems integrator and creator through its business unit HORNET, which produces the remote-controlled turrets for the SCORPION program. With a range of security and defense solutions, from heavy armored vehicles to remote-controlled robots, Arquus is shaping custom solutions for the future of land defense.