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# RUAG Australia and DoD complete additive repair project

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The Australian subsidiary of Swiss defence group RUAG has completed a programme in collaboration with the Australian Department of Defence (DoD) to develop and demonstrate laser additive deposition (LAD) technologies to repair high-strength steel components, RUAG said on 4 March.

The company said the technologies were demonstrated by a project to repair and return to service an arrester hook from a Boeing F/A-18 Hornet operated by the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF).

RUAG Australia said the hook had been identified as worn 'beyond safe limits' due to operational activities and that LAD technology restored the hook and "ensured it met operational and design requirements".

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