

AMERICA'S PROTECTORS

An Army Vehicle Equipped With Possibilities



Beyond the military role, SmarTruck II can be configured for homeland security, community service and humanitarian aid applications.

(NAPSA)—It has been described as a truck with a mission but one smart new Army truck is equipped for whatever missions it takes to help protect the American way of life.

The Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command's National Automotive Center (NAC) recently unveiled the SmarTruck II, a vehicle capable of both counterterrorism support and homeland security for a variety of community service and humanitarian aid missions.

The vehicle introduces several new electronic and communications technologies, including a Pointer remotely controlled electric Unmanned Air Vehicle (UAV), advanced Spike pinpoint laser-guided missile, 360-degree video cameras, four integrated state-of-the-art global communications systems and a unique hyperbolic interactive Web site for data acquisition.

Built on a modified Chevrolet Silverado platform, this innova-

tive 6x6 all-wheel drive vehicle is engineered to meet military, homeland security, counterterrorism and municipal government challenges in a post-Sept. 11 environment.

The truck packs a bevy of electronically intelligent devices, state-of-the-art global communication systems and weapons options that will give its crew some crucial mission advantages.

"If you don't know exactly what you need, what's the next best thing? A modular vehicle that can become anything you want it to be," said Dennis J. Wend, executive director of the NAC.

The truck incorporates an interchangeable mobile applications system. The system consists of a heavy-duty stainless steel receiver frame that accepts multiple combinations of new special applications modules/pods. These interchangeable pods can be configured to perform a wide range of military missions or homeland security activities.