

Merz ready to send Taurus missiles to Ukraine

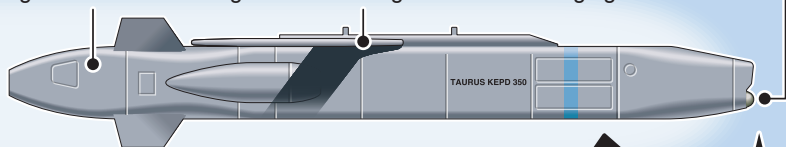
Germany's chancellor-in-waiting Friedrich Merz says Berlin is willing to supply Ukraine with Taurus long-range missiles, as he emphasised the need to help Kyiv "get ahead" in its conflict with Russia

TAURUS KEPD 350: German-Swedish air-launched cruise missile

High-thrust turbofan engine

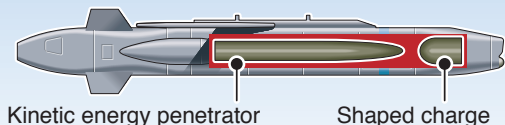
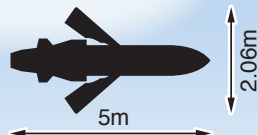
Wings

Imaging infrared seeker



Tandem warhead: Charge blasts through outer walls of bunker before penetrator explodes inside

Warhead weight
480kg



Range: **350-500km**

Weight: **1,400kg**

Speed: **Mach 0.6-0.95**



1 Missile launched from bomber, wings extend

HOW TAURUS FINDS ITS TARGET

2 Drops to very low altitude. Uses inertial navigation, GPS and terrain contour mapping sensors, staying below radar

3 Missile climbs steeply then strikes from above, using infrared seeker to precisely identify target

