

Russia Eyes Early Delivery of Advanced S-500 Air Defense System

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Russia's advanced S-500 air defense system could be delivered to the military as soon as 2020, five years earlier than previously disclosed, Russia's deputy defense minister has [said](#).

Deputy Defense Minister Alexei Krivoruchko [said](#) last month that the S-500, an upgrade of the currently deployed S-400, was initially scheduled for delivery in 2025 after preliminary tests in 2020. In Monday's interview with a subsidiary of the state-owned Rostec industrial conglomerate, Krivoruchko noted that air defense troops tested the S-500 using "new and unparalleled missiles" in 2019.

"We're confident that the new system will be ready for delivery to the armed forces in 2020," Krivoruchko told the Concern Radio-Electronic Technologies' (KRET) monthly magazine.

The S-500 Prometheus is touted as being capable of intercepting stealth warplanes. The surface-to-air missile was reported to have carried out the world's [longest missile test](#) in 2018.

President Vladimir Putin [said](#) at the time that the S-500 is capable of operating in “ultra-high altitudes including near space.”

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