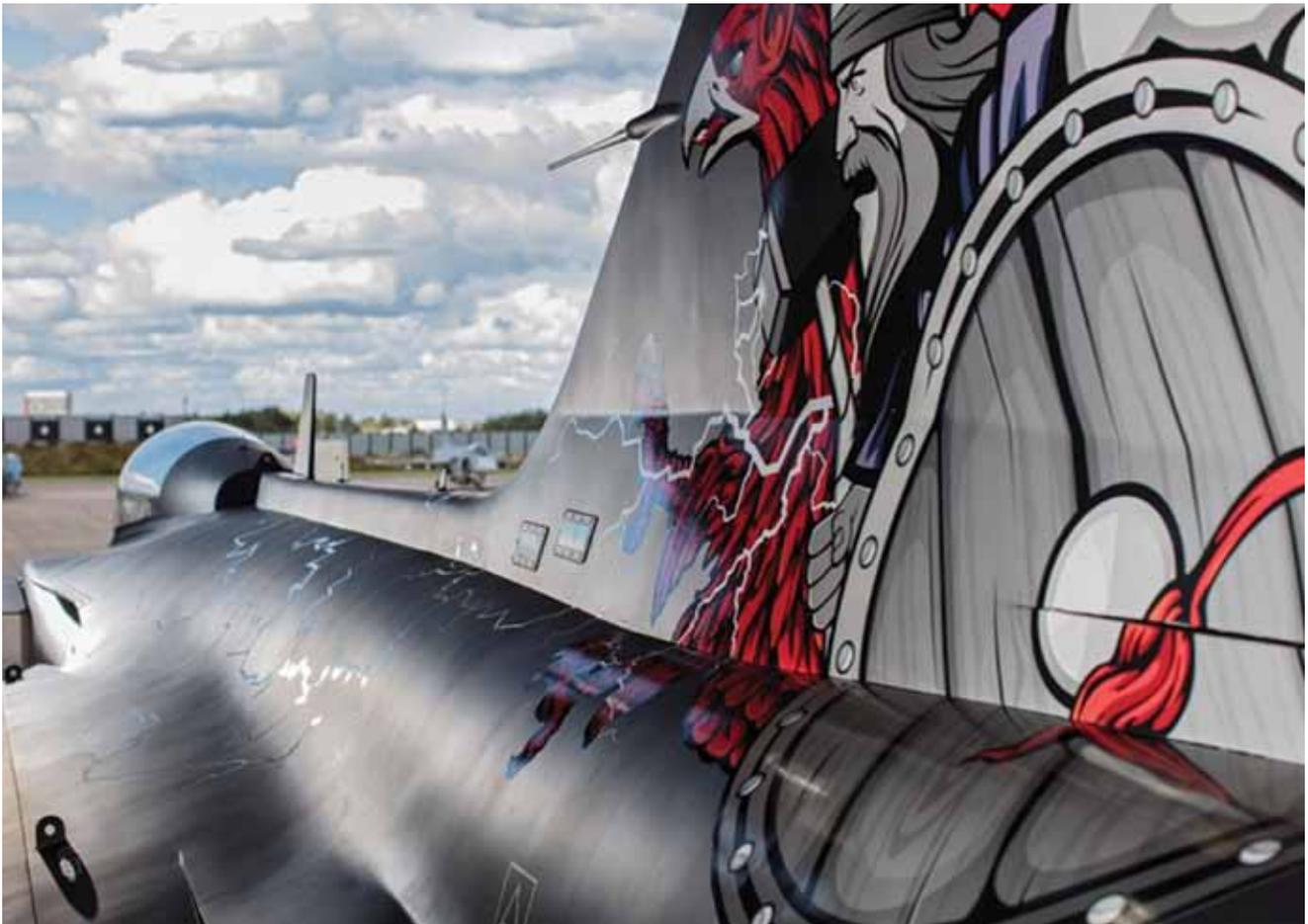


Saab reveals the Gripen Aggressor



Saab has unveiled a new variant of Gripen, the *Gripen Aggressor* based on the Gripen C-series and is “the ultimate platform for the adversary air combat training market.” Gripen Aggressor brings a ‘unique’ mix of high performance, mission flexibility and availability combined with a low life cycle cost. There is a growing segment within the adversary air combat training market for highly advanced aggressor capabilities to be able to perform realistic combat training. Gripen Aggressor provides an ‘exceptional, dissimilar opponent aircraft system against which pilots will sharpen and refine their combat skills so as to fight and win against an advanced enemy threat’.

“There is a major difference in the capabilities provided by the aggressors on the market today and what the need is for the coming years. In order to train as you fight, you need to fly advanced combat tactics against peer and near peer

opponents like the Gripen Aggressor. Essentially world class pilots need to train against world class opponents and that is the Gripen Aggressor”, stated Richard Smith, head of Gripen marketing and sales at Saab.

Gripen Aggressor is based on the proven Gripen C-series fighter weapon system, but has been customised for the aggressor role. It has all the ‘renowned’ handling and flight characteristics associated with the Gripen C and its advanced sensor and datalink capabilities, but will not carry live armament. The Gripen C-series is in-service across the world including NATO members and has a firm development plan with ongoing enhancements in hand.

An aggressor, or adversary, aircraft, is used to act as an opposing force in advanced military combat training. Aggressor squadrons use enemy tactics, techniques, and procedures to provide a realistic environment for the fighter pilots

to train against. Saab sees potential for the platform as a high-level aggressor option within both the United States Air Force’s Adversary Air (ADAIR) and UK MOD’s Air Support to Defence Operational Training (ASDOT) requirements, and wherever users look to prepare pilots for the challenges of sophisticated modern air combat.

Saab plans US based Production Capability for the T-X

Saab together with Boeing are competing to win the tender process to supply the United States Air Force with an advanced trainer aircraft. Saab will establish manufacturing and production capability in the United States for the T-X advanced trainer aircraft, should the Boeing and Saab solution be selected. Developed in partnership with Boeing, the T-X advanced trainer can provide a new highly capable training solution for the United States Air Force,