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Subject: Re: Stealth Tanks within 5 years

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Starbuzz wrote on Thu, 01 November 2007 14:48: There is still a lot of work to do. They have to downsize the camera/projection equipment and make them smaller and more reliable under field conditions.

Also, this breakthrough will make military industries worldwide to enhance existing IR systems making them better to combat the threat of an invisible tank.

Then there's the challenge of reducing the operating noise of the tank. Then comes the problem of dealing with visual cues (threadmarks). And they have to test it in adverse weather conditions and see how it affects the cloaking technology.

So a lot of work needs to be done so don't expect a fully functional, cost effective, and mass-production ready version until 15-20 or more years into the future.

But nevertheless, it's a fine achievement.

I'm sure they've addressed all of your concerns. A government military (unless they're North Korea) isn't going to come out and give an estimate on when the equipment will be able to see service time and not be able to back it up. I'm sure they know a bit more than you do. I'm not saying that you're wrong because it's very possible they're overestimating their progress, however, I'm sure their estimate of 5 years is much closer than your guess.

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