

ScanEagle® VTOL

*VTOL without compromise—
for our best-in-class UAS*



UNCREWED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS



Expand your mission with Vertical Takeoff and Landing (VTOL) capability unlike other systems. ScanEagle paired with FLARES VTOL brings the smallest possible operational footprint while preserving maximum endurance and best-in-class, modular, payload capability.

FLARES (Flying Launch And REcovery System) is developed and produced by Hood Tech Corporation.

KEY FEATURES & BENEFITS

Same capability, smaller footprint

FLARES is a battery-powered vertical launch and recovery system for fixed-wing ScanEagle.

- No aircraft modifications required
- No stationary launch and recovery equipment required

VTOL without the sacrifice

Retains 18 hours of endurance carrying 17 lb of Insitu best-in-class, modular payloads.

Increased portability & self-sufficiency

Small packout and footprint enable rapid repositioning and operation in tight spaces on land or ship.

- Unpack and launch with three operators in as little as 30 minutes

Optimized for maritime

Operates in challenging conditions like heavy seas and gusty winds, where tail-sitter aircraft cannot.

- Launches/recovers from small vessel helicopter decks
- Small stowage footprint
- Leverages lower center of gravity and wide base to handle high pitch and roll
- FLARES reliably completes mission—even with a rotor out

Common Ground Control Station

Small, modular, and expandable to minimize your footprint for expeditionary missions

- Multiple configurations for ultimate flexibility
- Available with auto-launch feature



30 YEARS
OPERATIONAL
EXPERIENCE

1.5 MILLION
FLIGHT HOURS

GLOBAL
OPERATIONS

SYSTEM
MODULARITY

SERVICES,
ACQUISITION
AND FMS

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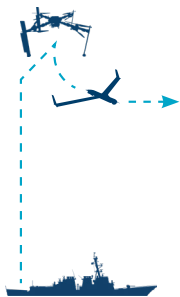
Mobile operations—with ScanEagle payload & endurance preserved



LAUNCH

FLARES mated with ScanEagle, climbs vertically to altitude (500 ft AGL), dashes into wind and releases ScanEagle into fixed-wing flight (<5 minutes).

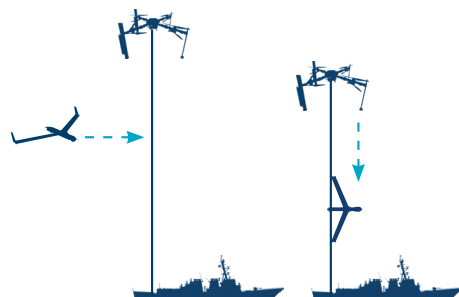
- FLARES autonomously returns to launch point.
- In case of aborted launch, FLARES returns and lands vertically with ScanEagle still attached.



RECOVERY

FLARES takes off vertically tethered, hoisting capture rope into the air (~300 ft). ScanEagle catches on vertical line via wing hook (<5 minutes).

- FLARES descends as capture rope is spooled onto winch on MARS (Mast Augmented Recovery System) and ScanEagle settles onto top of mast.
- Unloaded FLARES lands on deck.



SCANEAGLE SPECIFICATIONS

SIZE AND WEIGHT

- Max takeoff weight: 62 lb / 28 kg*
- Max payload weight: 17 lb / 7.7 kg
- Length: 5.6 ft / 1.71 m*
- Wingspan: 10.2 ft / 3.1 m

PERFORMANCE

- Endurance: 18+ hours*
- Ceiling: 19,500 ft / 5,950 m
- Max horizontal speed: 80 knots / 41.2 m/s
- Cruise speed: 50-60 knots / 25-30 m/s
- Engine: Heavy fuel (JP-5 or JP-8) or C-10 gasoline engine*
- On-board power: Up to 150 W for payload

SENSOR AND PAYLOAD OPTIONS

- EO telescope (high-zoom, day FMV)
- MWIR/EO dual sensor (day & night FMV)
- Wide-area maritime search (AI-assisted)
- AIS: Maritime vessel identification
- Laser designator, pointer, rangefinder options
- SIGINT, EW, comms relay

FLARES SPECIFICATIONS

WEIGHT

- Max ScanEagle weight up to 62 lbs (28 kg)

TEMPERATURE RANGE

- -20 to +45 C

WIND RANGE

- 0-30 knots
- 10 knot gusts

PACKOUT FOR FULL MISSION SET

- Fits within 463L pallet: 108 x 88 x 62 inches (2.74 x 2.24 x 1.57 m)

**Available in multiple block variants and configurations*