

HISTORY

In 1943, Holston Ordnance Works (HOW) began explosives production. The U.S. government contracted Tennessee Eastman Corporation to research a way to make large quantities of the explosives needed to combat German U-boats in the North Atlantic. The facility was originally designed to produce the most powerful explosives available, prior to the development of the atomic bomb. By January 1944, HOW produced and shipped 1.1 million pounds of explosives per day.

HOW was decommissioned at the end of World War II, but reactivated for the Korean War. The plant was renamed Holston Army Ammunition Plant and has been in continuous operation since 1950. The U.S. military has used HSAAP explosives in every conflict since World War II.



MISSION

The mission of Holston Army Ammunition Plant (HSAAP) is to provide high-quality explosives to meet the current and future requirements of the U.S. Department of Defense, allied partners and commercial customers in a modern, safe, secure, economical and environmentally compliant manner.



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CAPABILITIES

- Production and development of insensitive munitions explosives (IMX)
- Synthesis and manufacture of high explosives (from grams to millions of pounds)
- Melt-cast, cast-cured, pressed, and extruded explosives formulation
- Explosives performance testing
- Custom and fine chemical manufacture
- Recrystallization and purification from organic solvents
- Large-volume acid recycling
- Anhydride production
- Reconfigurable chemistry capability



DELIVERING LETHALITY

The Holston Army Ammunition Plant (HSAAP) represents the cutting edge of American ingenuity and industrial strength, ensuring the U.S. military, allied partners, and commercial customers are equipped with high-quality explosives to meet both today's demands and the challenges of tomorrow. At HSAAP, this mission goes far beyond production, it's a commitment to safety, security, and excellence at every step. From state-of-the-art facilities to modern manufacturing processes, the work at Holston sets the standard for delivering powerful and reliable capabilities in a way that upholds the highest environmental and economic principles.



**HSAAP MANUFACTURES
APPROXIMATELY
80 DISTINCT
EXPLOSIVE PRODUCTS.**



**EXPERTS WITHIN HOLSTON'S
R & D PROGRAM SYNTHESIZE,
FORMULATE, AND ANALYZE NEW
EXPLOSIVES AND RELATED
MATERIALS TO ADVANCE NEXT-GEN
ENERGETICS FOR MISSION DOMINANCE.**

FACILITIES

- 5,980 acres of land
- 202,900-square-foot explosives storage capacity
- 495 buildings
- 129 earth-covered magazines
- Full-spectrum explosives research and development laboratory

