Defence and Military Testing

At Millbrook, we are proud to support the World’s finest Armed Forces with our independent and impartial test services.

We are the home of the UK’s Battlefield Mission and we test front line vehicles against their System Requirements.

We provide the Armed Forces, vehicle manufacturers and system suppliers with engineering, trialling, safety, legislative requirements and performance support. Our services cover vehicle development, decision making and in-service operation. We plan and implement test and evaluation programmes and provide impartial test results.

We have 70 km of outdoor tracks and specialist laboratories to cover all of the tests required in the development and assessment of vehicles. We are the first choice for defence and military testing in the UK.

We are backed by a major UK-based engineering group, which gives us stability and allows us to invest for the long-term.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of service.

Connor McCormack
President
# UK MoD Testing at Millbrook

Millbrook Group Overview  

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MoD Testing at Millbrook

Chosen by the MoD as their independent vehicle trials and engineering specialist in the Land Environment.

The UK MoD has entered a long-term formal agreement with Millbrook to provide through-life, cross functional support and engineering advice for its equipment programmes.

This arrangement provides a rapid response to customer needs. Subject matter experts provide test and engineering support, including assessment and advice on performance, to projects across the entire procurement cycle.

This includes:
• Analysis and formulation of requirements
• Planning and execution of integrated test and evaluation programmes
• Advice on safety and legislation requirements
• Mobility testing
• Reliability testing
• Environmental testing
• Human factors testing
• Electromagnetic compatibility testing
• Advice to optimise vehicle performance, availability and cost of ownership
Millbrook Group Overview

Millbrook is part of Spectris plc

Spectris is a leading supplier of productivity-enhancing instrumentation and controls.

Millbrook is best known for its test tracks where it performs repeatable tests in a safe and secure environment. Millbrook also has a range of test facilities for full vehicles, tyres and components, including engine dynamometers, e-motor and e-axle test cells, structural test laboratories, crash laboratories, interior systems laboratories, advanced emissions chassis dynamometers, battery test facilities and innovative indoor winter test tracks.

Millbrook supports its customers with the supply and service of dynamometer based test systems, specialist vehicle conversions, workshops in its Technology Park and vehicle-related events.
Services

Millbrook has the knowledge, experience and facilities to support customers’ trialling needs throughout the equipment procurement life-cycle.
Millbrook can measure almost any parameter required for vehicle development, capability definition, benchmarking and homologation, and provide in-service support for any defence vehicle to optimise performance, availability and cost.

- Mobility
- Reliability and Maintainability
- Counter Surveillance
- Signatures
- Environmental
- Safety
- Legislative Tests

Millbrook has the latest measurement and data acquisition systems for drive-by noise, vibration, braking, steering effort, internal noise, heating and cooling systems, refinement or the performance of any other vehicle subsystem or vehicle mounted system. Millbrook’s unique combination of on and off-road tracks, features and venues provides an unrivalled location for benchmarking, demonstration and the rigorous measurement of vehicle mobility.

Millbrook provides systems engineering expertise including but not limited to:

- Translation of User Requirements Documents (URDs) and System Requirement Documents (SRDs) (in relation to the concepts of use, employment and operation documentation) for new and current in-service platforms and equipment;
- Integrated Test, Evaluation and Acceptance Planning (ITEAP);
- Generic Vehicle Architecture (GVA) expertise;
- Subject matter expertise in pan-Defence Lines of Development (DLOD) platform, systems and integration; and
- Land Open Systems Architecture (LOSA) subject matter expertise;
- Maintainability advice and assessment encompassing technical publications and maintenance verification against the UK MoD Land Standard.
Millbrook has the ability to test to all aspects of DEF STAN 00-35 or MIL STD 810, including:

- Hot
- Cold
- Solar
- Humidity
- Salt Mist
- Fungus and Mould
- Sand and Dust

Millbrook has a range of test chambers to meet customers’ needs, including DEF STAN, MIL STD or unique System Requirement.

Millbrook performs vibration testing, ranging from one off tests to full block mileage accumulation programs.

For off-track testing, environments can be simulated through VSAC or chassis dynometer tests. Millbrook offers extensive hydraulic and electro-magnetic vibration testing capabilities.
Millbrooks Large Climatic Chamber is used for conducting environmental tests to customer specifications and military and industry standards.

Chamber specifications:

• Internal dimensions:
  14m × 6m × 6m
• Main vehicle door opening:
  h 5.1m × w 5.0m
• Maximum temperature:
  +85°C ± 2°C
• Minimum temperature:
  -60°C ± 2°C
• Ramp rate:
  0.5°C/min (average)
• Humidity:
  3% RH to 98% RH
• Solar array compatibility
Millbrook measures the capability and performance of any defence vehicle, including:

- Mobility
- Handling
- Counter-Surveillance Signatures
- Human Factors
- Load Capacity
- Range
- Advice on Requirement Setting

Assessing the capability and performance limitations of vehicle platforms, as laid out in DEF STANs 23-6, 23-9, 00-3, 00-6, 08-6, 00-25 and 00-250 is fundamental to development and sign-off.

Millbrook has a wide variety of on and off-road tracks and repeatable capability obstacles for the rigorous measurement of vehicle mobility, benchmarking and demonstration.

Millbrook has the experienced staff required to prepare test vehicles, collect data and assist with analysing results. They can assess performance, collect and read load data during a specific event or record real world driving to develop correlations for future laboratory or track-based testing.
Millbrook assesses the reliability of military vehicles to the procedures laid out in DEF STAN 00-42.

A Battlefield Mission is a driven trial over hundreds of kilometres of appropriate repeatable terrain to evaluate the reliability and durability of a full vehicle or a system. All testing and reporting is undertaken independently and impartially.

Missions are split into Road, Track and Cross Country surfaces. These are repeatable, measured and consistent. The percentage, by distance driven on each surface, is determined by the role of the vehicle.

Millbrook monitors vehicles on trial and carries out detailed inspections at the end of each mission or after a failure. It provides full, immediate feedback to stakeholders.

Millbrook's technicians perform routine maintenance in line with vehicle manuals and manufacturers' specifications.

If required, Millbrook can also host Incident Sentencing Committees (ISCs), whereby a group of stakeholders discuss and categorise each mechanical or electrical failure by severity, as detailed in documentation created after each regular inspection.
Millbrook offers 800m² of structural test laboratories, supported with electro-hydraulic ring mains. A reinforced concrete strong floor grid and a dynamic modular beam system.

The laboratories can accommodate test samples from component level right up to full HGV vehicle bodies and bigger.

**Durability, Strength and Fatigue**
- Whole vehicle general quality, corrosion and structural durability
- Specialist durability schedule correlation team
- Proving Ground with high speed circuit, hill route including gradients up to 26%, specialist durability surfaces and features
- Corrosion chambers up to 12m x 7m x 3.5m, 50°C and 20% to 100% RH
- Climatic chambers up to 13.7m x 5.7m x 6m, -60°C to +150°C and up to 98% RH
- Ride simulator for wheelbase up to 15m, up to 3 axle, axle loads of up to 12 tonnes and gross vehicle weight up to 36 tonnes
- Hydraulic actuators up to 500kN
- Single and multi axis
- Road Load Simulation
- 600°C diesel burners
- Exhaust durability
- Stress and strain analysis

Working with Millbrook provides access to one of the most comprehensive arrays of commercially available test facilities and expertise anywhere in the world.

Millbrook can modify many of the test features to suit individual customer requirements. Please contact Millbrook to discuss particular requirements.
Vehicle Testing: Safety

- ServoSled
- Airbag Deployment
- Rollover
- Full Scale Crash
- Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC)
- Blast and Ballistic Protection Evaluation
Performing high complexity tests to meet a wide range of global legislative and development test scenarios.

Millbrook’s full-scale crash, ServoSled and safety systems laboratories have been at the forefront of vehicle, system and occupant protection testing for over 40 years and provide high complexity tests that meet a wide range of global legislative and development test scenarios. With the availability of ultra-compact data acquisition and digital camera systems, Millbrook can meet all the defence industry needs.

Testing to DEF STANS 59-411 and 61-5, Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC), is a rigorous and vital part of bringing a vehicle into service and ensuring it is safe and provides a suitably quiet EM environment for C4ISTAR mission systems. Millbrook has access to one of the UK’s largest EMC chambers. This is equipped with a rolling road providing load and drive to wheeled vehicles to ensure all modes of operation are covered during EMC testing.
Vehicle Testing: Legislative Compliance

Millbrook provides briefings on and trialling against prevailing legislation and requirements, tailored to the customer's needs.

- Hill Hold
- Drive-by Noise
- Speedometer Accuracy
- Exterior Projections
- WBV/HAV
- Internal Noise

Millbrook's engineers are experts in UK/EC/ECE automotive legislation and with a VCA team based on-site (together with the experience of working with many other certification agencies), they efficiently manage homologation testing programmes.

Millbrook is able to provide advice against individual legislative regulations, make recommendations and offer pragmatic solutions where legislation may not be appropriate in a military environment.
Case Studies
Mastiff 2 Baseline Assessments for Mastiff 1.95

Vehicle: Mastiff 2

Contract Description
The MoD intends to upgrade all Mastiff 1 variants to the new Mastiff 1.95, using as many common components as possible with the Mastiff 2. The aim being that the user will not be able to tell a Mastiff 1.95 from a Mastiff 2 due to the similarity of the user experience. Therefore, the MoD contracted Millbrook to baseline the capabilities of a Mastiff 2 and in turn, set the user requirements for the Mastiff 1.95. To do this, Millbrook carried out a number of user experience-focussed tests in the forms of ITEAPs, including:

1. Tilt
2. Visibility
3. Wash-Wipe
4. J Turn
5. Double Lane Change
6. Brake-in-Turn
7. Steady State Turn
8. Steering Effort
9. Wire Cutter Capability
10. Hand Brake Hold
11. Secondary Braking
12. Isolation
13. 12V and 24V Sockets
14. EMC
15. Fuel Gauge Accuracy
16. Speedometer Accuracy
17. Drive-by Noise
18. Thermal Signature
19. Acoustic Signature
20. Fuel Tank Safety
21. Acceleration
22. Net Power at Wheels
23. Calibration and Gearbox Susceptibility
24. Towing
25. Engine Exhaust Brake
26. Braking and Fade
27. Transmission Locking
28. Articulation
29. Gradeability
30. Ground Pressure
31. Clearance Angles
32. Wading
33. Dynamic Tilt
34. Step Climb
35. Turning Circle
36. Dimensions
37. Masses
38. Whole Body and Hand Arm Vibration
39. Ingress and Egress
40. Ergonomics
41. Fuel Range
42. Cold Start
43. Cold Cycle
44. Hot Cycle
45. Rain
46. Defrost/Demist
47. Sand and Dust

Test Facilities Used
All on highway and off high way mobility facilities, environmental chambers, EMC chamber, workshop

Test Methodology/Standards
• Def Stan 23-6
• Def Stan 00-6
• Def Stan 00-35
• Def Stan 00-250
Contract Description

Millbrook is carrying out testing for the UK MoD to ensure compliance to legislation relating to noise and vibration and to protect the health and safety of the users of the PMVP fleet of vehicles. This legislation is the Control of Noise at Work Regulations 2005 and the Control of Vibration at Work Regulations 2005. This contract covers twelve PM priority vehicle platforms selected by the Authority, including:

1. Mastiff 3 TCV
2. Jackal 2a MWMIK
3. Husky TSV(M) UV
4. Ridgback TCV RWS
5. RWMIK+
Each vehicle is undergoing two weeks of trialling across 23 disparate surface types, in two load states. This will also assess each vehicle’s ability to negate the effects of vibration imparted to the vehicle and any effect this may have on the occupants or munitions in the vehicle. In total, 128 channels of noise and vibration data will be acquired on each vehicle. All aspects of this test programme, including all the tri-axial accelerometer and microphone instrumentation is compliant to the stringent requirements of ISO 17025 accreditation.

Working with the Authority, this project has also included a number of innovations, including:

1. Implementing attenuation curves to the noise data in order to account for the noise cancelling effects of operators’ headphones. Measurements are taken with and without these attenuation curves in place.

2. Use of ATD dummies to accurately represent the mass and seat pressure of real world occupants, especially in gunner positions.

Test Facilities Used
Off-Highway Track Facilities

Test Methodology/Standards
• ISO 5349-1
• ISO 2631-1
• Directive 2002/44/EC
• Directive 2003/10/EC
• Control of Noise at Work Regulations 2005
• Control of Vibration at Work Regulations 2005
• Def Stan 23-6
• Def Stan 00-35 Part 3 Issue 4
Further Information
Millbrook has a number of event venues around its proving grounds in the UK and in Finland, each with its own atmosphere.

Millbrook’s events team give customers complete flexibility for event design, with each venue being available on an exclusive basis. They are located in a secure environment, allowing for total confidentiality.

Millbrook offers customers the opportunity to combine top-grade hospitality and catering with access to private test tracks. This makes the facilities ideally suited to product launches or dealer training, with classroom sessions followed by driving experiences.

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Concept 1
A flexible space that can be configured for 50 to 500 people, overlooking the steering pad.

Concept 2
1,250m² of open space for large events for up to 1,000 people.

Pod
A discreet, medium-sized venue close to the tracks with parking for vehicles.

Cubo
An intimate venue for up to 30 guests in the heart of the proving ground.
Millbrook Proving Ground in the UK contains an unrivalled combination of tracks suitable for virtually every vehicle test.

Millbrook Proving Ground was purpose-built as a test facility for passenger cars and heavy duty vehicles. The on-road tracks include the famous Millbrook Hill Route, which simulates challenging European roads, the high speed circuit and numerous special surfaces.

The off-road tracks contain a large number of obstacles that test the capabilities of the finest civilian and defence vehicles.

- **On-Road Tracks and Features**
  1. Hill Route
  2. Hill Route Loop 1
  3. Hill Route Loop 2
  4. Hill Route Loop 3
  5. High/Constant Speed Circuit
  6. City/Handling Circuit
  7. Outer Handling Circuit
  8. Steering Pad
  9. Steering Pad
  10. Mile Straight/Mile Straight Apron
  11. Driveway Ramps
  12. Truck Slopes
  13. Sine Waves
  14. Random Waves
  15. Noise Generating
  16. Belgian Pavé
  17. ABS and Traction Control
  18. Drive-by External Noise
  19. Twist Humps
  20. Troughs
  21. Rough Tracks, Kerbs and Features

- **Off-Road Tracks**
  22. Off-Road and Severe Off-Road

- **Off-Road Technical Features**
  23. Wading Pond
  24. Semi Axle Bumps
  25. Axle Bumps
  26. Severe Vehicle Twist
  27. Rock Run
  28. Wading Trough
  29. Concrete Ditches
  30. Concrete Kerbs
  31. Ditch Run
  32. Mortar Holes
  33. Log Roll
  34. Log Run
  35. Steps
  36. One in One
  37. 25° Traverse
  38. Gravel Hills
  39. 35% Gravel Hill and 155° Breakover
  40. Snake Climb
Workshops available to rent

41. Sand Hills
42. Deep Ditches
43. Twist Climb
44. Offset Sinusoidals
45. Structural Test Features
46. Berm Road
47. Gravel Road
48. 60% Hill Slope
49. Severe Articulation/Hummer Hollows
50. Recovery Vehicle Winch
    Anchor Points
51. Gravel Pits
Track Testing – Finland

The Mellatracks and Airport Proving Grounds are home to superb winter test tracks and innovative Indoor facilities.

Test World prepares the snow and ice tracks to give consistent, repeatable test results that are highly valued by tyre and passenger car test teams.

The proving grounds are laid out to provide each visiting test team with its own garage and set of handling tracks, so maximising test efficiency and confidentiality.

The location 300km North of the Arctic Circle provides an exceptionally long winter test season, with outdoor tracks often open from October to April and indoor tracks open year round.
Mellatracks Proving Ground

Handling Tracks
4. Ice Handling 1000 × 6m
5. Ice Handling 700 × 6m
9. Snow Handling 1200 × 6m
21. Snow Handling 1200 × 6m
22. Snow Handling 800 × 6m
27. Snow Handling 1200 × 6m
31. Snow Uphill 900 × 6m
32. Snow Uphill 950 × 6m
43. Snow Handling 1300 × 6m
44. Snow Handling 1300 × 6m
45. Snow Handling 1400 × 6m

Flat Tracks
1A. Snow Flat 500 × 50m
1B. Snow Flat 500 × 50m
1C. Ice Flat 500 × 35m
2A. Snow Flat 500 × 50m
2B. Snow Flat 500 × 50m
23. Snow Flat 400 × 40m
24. Ice Flat 420 × 20m
41. Ice Flat 420 × 20m
42. Snow Flat 350 × 40m
55. Snow Flat 500 × 40m
64. Snow Flat 600 × 50m

Customer Specific Areas
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Other Tracks
3. Ice and Snow Circle Ø 50–200m
6. Hill Climb 10°
7. Snowhill 25°
25. Snow Storage 900 x 35m
61. High Speed Snow Circuit 3120 × 12m
62. Snow Vehicle Dynamics Area 380 × 380m
63. Snow Vehicle Handling Track 1830 × 10m

Other Facilities
G1. Garage 1 240m²
G2. Garage 2 110m²
G3. Garage 3 63m²
G4. Garage 4A 215m²
G4. Garage 4B 38m²
G4. Garage 4C 95m²
GI1. Garage Indoor 1 83m²
GI2. Garage Indoor 2 106m²
I1. Indoor 1 3000m²
I2. Indoor 2 5000m²
OI1. Office Indoor 1 44m²
OI2. Office Indoor 2 80m²
O1. Office 1 30m²
O2. Office 2 35m²
O3. Office 3 48m²
R. Mellakka Restaurant 50pax
S3. Storage, Cold Chamber 30m²
F. Fuel
TWG. Test World Garage
M. Maintenance
Laboratory Testing

At the Leyland and Bedford test facilities, Millbrook has a wide range of laboratories suitable for testing anything from a seatbelt to a 44 ton military vehicle.

Millbrook’s laboratories have been providing vehicle testing and validation for nearly 50 years and remain at the forefront of technology.

The facilities offer exceptional in-house calibration capabilities and the flexibility to design and build rigs and tests to suit customers’ individual needs. They accommodate the testing of whole vehicles, systems and components, including high performance car engines and batteries.

Leyland Site Map

- **Powertrain Testing**
  1. Engine Testing
  2. Driveline Testing
  3. Electric Machine Testing

- **Vehicle Testing**
  4. Semi Anechoic Chamber
  5. Structural Testing

- **Interior Systems Testing**
  6. Vehicle Interior Environment Quality

- **Other**
  7. Environmental Chambers
  8. Seat Testing
  9. Materials Testing
  10. Offices
  11. Stores
  12. Fuel Stores
  13. Vibration Testing
  14. Instrumentation and Calibration
Bedford Site Map

- Offices and Customer Workshops
  1. Main Reception Building
  2. Workshops
  3. Workshops
  4. Innovation Centre
  5. Commercial Vehicle Workshops

- Powertrain Testing
  6. Dynamometer, PEMS and Engine Testing

- Safety Testing
  7. ServoSled
  8. Full-scale Crash and Safety Systems Testing

- Vehicle and Interior Systems Testing
  7. Main Workshop Building and Instrumentation
  9. Environmental Chambers and Component Testing
**History**

- 1970: General Motors opens Millbrook Proving Ground
- 1980: Leyland Technical Centre opens
- 1988: Millbrook starts to serve third party customers
- 1991: Test World founded
- 1999: Engine test centre opens
- 2001: Interior systems testing starts
- 2001: First comprehensive electric motor testing established in Leyland
- 2011: World’s first indoor winter test facility opens
- 2012: Test World
- 2013: Rutland Partners acquires Millbrook
- 2015: Millbrook acquires Test World
- 2016: Millbrook joins Spectris plc
- 2017: Millbrook acquires test facility in Leyland
Locations

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