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A successful “hit to kill” intercept test of the THAAD (Terminal High Altitude Area Defence) missile system was carried out on 25 June 2008 at the Pacific Missile Range Facility off the island of Kauai in Hawaii. This test involved the intercept of a separating target (mock warhead separated from the booster rockets) in the mid-end atmosphere region.

This was the 35th successful hit-to-kill intercept of 43 attempts in the atmosphere and in space since 2001, the 29th of 30 successful tests conducted since September 2005, and the fifth successful intercept for the current THAAD program in five attempts.

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