

There is also one addition to the M series – M100.

The other area of concentration is to continue to form close working relationships with the industry leaders in payloads and flight and ground control systems. With the combination of our aircraft and their technical innovation we can widen the number of solutions available to the customer.

UV: Anything else?

JW: In a word, recycling. As a result of our work with the M2600 programme we

have been able to apply the technologies to retrofit several piston helicopters into remote or autonomous platforms. We are in negotiation with several groups to retrofit a substantial number of rotary aircraft into UAVs.

UV: What does the future hold for UAV development?

JW: The possibilities feel almost limitless at this point. Both the military and civilian markets have seemingly insatiable appetites for further development and the resulting



▲ The TAG-M80 improvements include integrating all mechanics and electronics into the interior of the fuselage and tail boom.

applications. The forward thinkers have realised that UAVs are a viable and economical solution to greatly multiplying current capabilities in military prowess as well as the most important task of removing human risk from the battlefield. Civil and business leaders recognise a myriad of solutions for humanitarian and commercial applications – many of which were simply never feasible by any other means until now.

The future of the UAV is indeed ready to take off in a very big way!

Mr Wheeler, thank you very much.



SPECIFICATION TAG-M65

Power plant:	65 cc single
Max payload:	15 kg
Cruise:	100 km/h
Max range:	500 km (310 miles)
Endurance:	5 hours
Service ceiling (ASL):	4,000 m (13,000 ft)

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