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New Armored Recovery Vehicle at  
Harbin, China (S)

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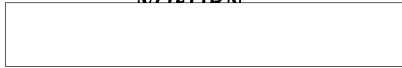
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## **PROBABLE SERIES PRODUCTION OF NEW ARMORED RECOVERY VEHICLE AT HARBIN, CHINA (S)**

1. A new armored recovery vehicle (ARV) is probably in series production at Harbin Tank Production and Rebuild Plant 674 [redacted] China. Two externally complete models of the new ARV were seen for the first time on imagery of [redacted] (Figure 1). The new ARV probably consists of a Type 59 tank chassis with a large boom crane mounted on the right front of the vehicle. The only other distinguishing feature is a cupola mounted on top. (S/WN)

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2. Development of the new ARV has been underway at the plant since at least [redacted] when 20 unidentified chassis were observed. On imagery of [redacted] 26 chassis were confirmed as Type 59. (S/WN)

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### **Imagery Analyst's Comments**

3. The new ARV will be a much-needed addition to the Chinese armored support capability. In conjunction with the older Type 59 ARV, which serves as a workshop vehicle, the new ARV will enable repair teams to carry out heavy maintenance under battlefield conditions. (S/WN)

### **IMAGERY**

All applicable satellite imagery acquired from [redacted] was used in the preparation of this report. (S/WN)

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