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ANNEX 3-60 TARGETING

DYNAMIC TARGETING LIMITATIONS

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Dynamic targeting has two significant limitations compared with deliberate targeting: the lack of detailed capability analysis and increased threat exposure. Commanders and the COD should consider these limitations when deciding whether to prosecute a target using dynamic targeting methods.

- ✦ **Capability Analysis.** Due to the reduced planning time available, targets prosecuted using dynamic targeting may be engaged with less consideration given to key employment issues such as fuse settings or axes of attack. In some cases, assets may be diverted to prosecute these targets with munitions that are not optimum for the given task. Since these considerations may carry increased risk of mission failure, collateral damage, or even harm to friendly troops, commanders should weigh the potential benefits gained by prosecuting the target quickly. COD personnel should work with their targeteers to ensure that proposed capability analysis solutions are sufficient for the given task.
 - ✦ **Increased Threat.** Denied environment targets are normally attacked by packages with dedicated support, such as [electronic jamming](#) and [suppression of enemy air defense capabilities](#). The shortened dynamic targeting planning window may not allow for the same level of support, thereby exposing aircrews to greater risk. Time for target area threat analysis is also reduced, further increasing risk to aircrews and weapon survivability.
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