

Saft signs a major contract with Naval Group to power next-generation submarines with advanced Li-ion battery technology

- A major innovation breakthrough for conventional submarines
- A powerful illustration of European industrial sovereignty through the partnership between Saft and Naval Group

Paris, July 20, 2026 – Saft, a subsidiary of TotalEnergies and a global specialist in advanced battery technology, has been awarded a major contract by Naval Group to supply next-generation lithium-ion (Li-ion) battery systems for the Barracuda and Scorpene submarine families.

This award represents a strategic milestone for Saft, strengthening its position in European defense programs and confirming the growing demand for its advanced Li-ion battery technology, thanks to high-performance and reliability in top-end naval applications.

A breakthrough in submarine energy systems

Saft's Li-ion batteries, based on proprietary cells developed and manufactured in-house, deliver a step change compared to lead-acid technologies:

- Higher energy density, enabling longer underwater endurance
- Enhanced operational performance and mission flexibility
- Total operational safety, meeting the most stringent defense requirements

This achievement is the result of several years of close collaboration between Saft and Naval Group.

This strategic partnership highlights the strength of European industry, bringing together two leading players to develop and deliver critical, high-performance technologies within Europe.

It supports the growing need for sovereign defense capabilities while opening the way for future international programs.

"This contract confirms that advanced battery technology is now a defining factor in submarine performance. Our Li-ion systems set a new standard in energy density, safety and reliability, positioning Saft at the heart of next-generation naval defense programs. This is also a clear step forward for European technological sovereignty," said **Cedric Duclos, Chief Executive Officer of Saft**.

"Integrating Saft's Li-ion technology onboard the Barracuda and Scorpene submarine families is of great value, allowing us to enhance performance at sea," said **Pierre Éric Pommellet, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Naval Group**.

Saft's expertise at the core of the project

A key differentiator behind this contract is Saft's ability to master the entire battery value chain, starting from the core of the technology: electrochemistry. For more than 100 years, the company has delivered highly reliable solutions for critical applications where safety and performance are essential.

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About Saft

Saft is a global leader in advanced battery technology, designing and manufacturing high-performance solutions for critical industrial applications. For over 100 years, Saft has delivered reliable, long-lasting energy systems used in safety, back-up power, and mobility across land, sea, air, and space. Saft is wholly owned by TotalEnergies, a multi-energy company that produces and sells energy in all its forms throughout the world, including oil and biofuels, natural gas and green gas, renewable energies and electricity.

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