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BiblioGov. Paperback. Book Condition: New. This item is printed on demand. Paperback. 28 pages. Dimensions: 9.7in. x 7.4in. x 0.1in. Pursuant to a congressional request, GAO reviewed the Army's Comanche Helicopter Program, focusing on: (1) the risks in the Army's restructured plans for developing and testing the Comanche; (2) the changes in the Comanche's performance capabilities and requirements; (3) cost estimates for development; and (4) the Comanche's impact on the Army's overall aviation modernization efforts. GAO noted that: (1) the Comanche's restructured program contains significant risks of cost overruns, schedule delays, and degraded performance because it would: (a) begin the engineering and manufacturing development phase before some key mission equipment technologies have matured and have been integrated into the flight-test aircraft; (b) compress the flight-test schedule, increasing the amount of concurrent developmental and operational testing; and (c) begin production before initial operational testing starts, resulting in concurrency between development testing and initial production; (2) the program is proceeding to the next development phase with high levels of uncertainty; (3) successful commercial firms generally do not proceed into product development and production with such high levels of uncertainty; (4) the Army is proposing changes to the aircraft that would adversely impact some...



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