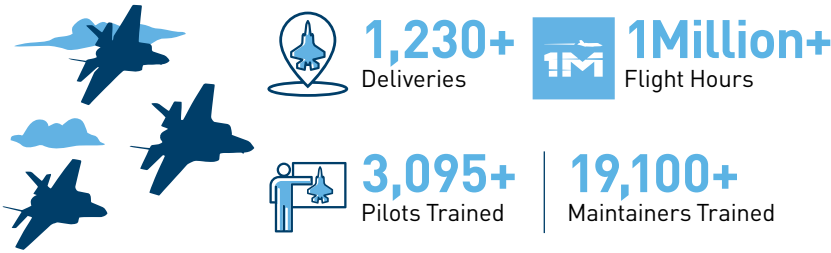


F-35 Lightning II Fast Facts

September 2, 2025

Program Status



Recent Milestones

- The U.S. Air Force welcomes its 500th F-35. [August 21](#)
- American F-35s escort Russian President Vladimir Putin's aircraft on its return flight to Russia. [August 17](#)
- Italian F-35s intercept Russian fighter jets around NATO's Baltic region. [August 13](#)
- Norwegian F-35s train with American B-1B bombers and other allies in Germany. [August 12](#)
- British F-35s operate on a Japanese ship for the first time. [August 8](#)

F-35: Ensuring Air Dominance

The F-35 serves as the quarterback of the fighting force, ensuring operators dominate the skies of today and tomorrow. It has proven its capabilities in recent global exercises such as:

[Bamboo Eagle](#) [Cope Thunder](#) [Ramstein Flag](#)
[Combined Strike](#) [Red Flag](#) [Sentry North](#)
[REFORPAC](#) [Operation Highmast](#)
[Talisman Sabre](#) [Cope North](#)

F-35 In Action

Activations Current / Future
Through 2030*

Bases

38/58

Ships

12/24

Total Current
Activations:

50

*Projections vary at customer discretion

Services
Flying

16

Nations
Operating on
Home Soil

10

Detachments &
Deployments Completed

700+

Sorties

669,640+

Services
Declared IOC

14

Service
Declared FOC

1

F-35 Program Participants: 20



USAF 1,763 F-35As
USMC 280 F-35Bs /
140 F-35Cs
USN 273 F-35Cs



RAF/RN
138 F-35Bs



75 F-35As/
40 F-35Bs



57 F-35As



88 F-35As



100 F-35As



27 F-35As



52 F-35As

Foreign Military Sales



75 F-35As



105 F-35As/
42 F-35Bs



60 F-35As



34 F-35As



32 F-35As



8 F-35As/
12 F-35Bs



64 F-35As



36 F-35As



35 F-35As



24 F-35As



20 F-35As

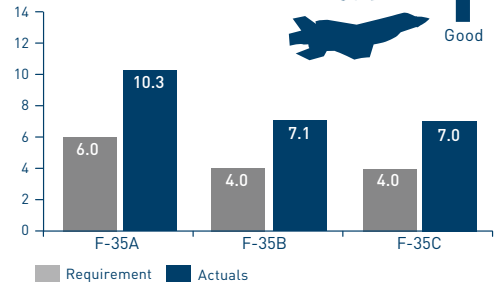


32 F-35As

F-35 Engineering for Sustainment

Reliability: Mean Flight Hour
Between Failure

Flight Hours



Maintainability: Maintenance
Man Hour Per Flight Hour

Maintenance Hours

