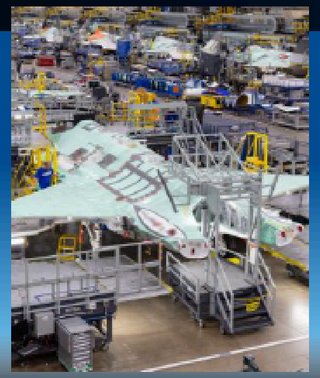
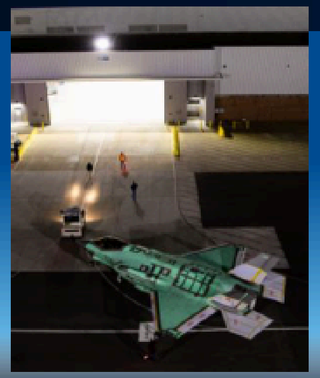
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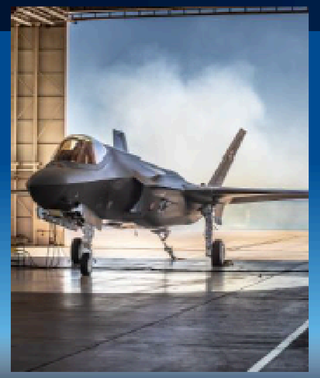
F-35s are produced at **three Final Assembly and Check-out (FACO) facilities**:

- Fort Worth, Texas
- Cameri, Italy
- Nagoya, Japan



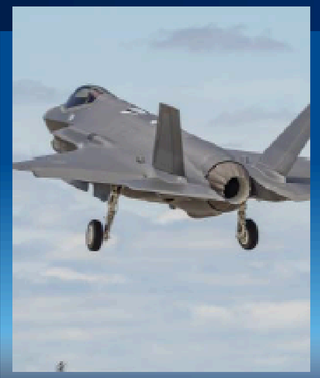
FACTORY ROLLOUT

The aircraft is transported from the production line to a Final Finishes facility, then tested at a fuel facility.



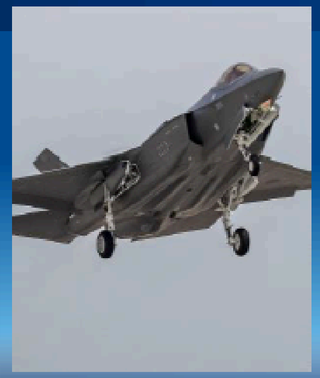
FLIGHTLINE OPERATIONS

The fueled aircraft is transported to the flightline for engine runs and pre-flight inspections.



LOCKHEED MARTIN ACCEPTANCE FLIGHTS

Lockheed Martin pilots fly the initial flights to verify airworthiness and confirm the aircraft is ready for operational service.



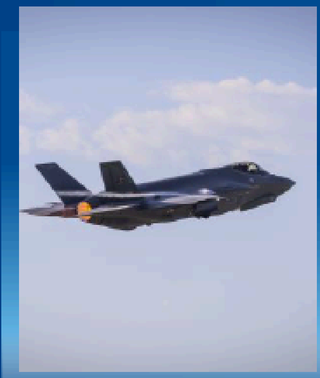
GOVERNMENT ACCEPTANCE FLIGHTS

U.S. government pilots complete acceptance flights and sign off on the aircraft.



DD250 COMPLETE

The DD250 process is completed to transfer the ownership of the aircraft to the U.S government and then to the customer.



FERRY FLIGHT

The U.S. government pilot or customer pilot flies the F-35 to its final delivery location.

DD Form 250 (DD250) is the U.S. government's process for accepting new weapon systems, including F-35s.

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