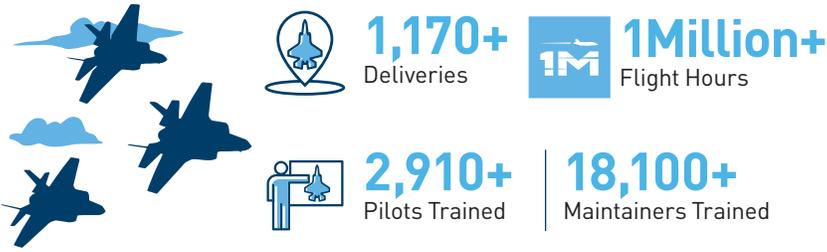


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F-35 Lightning II Fast Facts

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Program Status



Recent Milestones

- Italian F-35s help secure the airspace during Pope Francis' funeral. [April 26](#)
- Japan deploys F-35As to bolster defenses along the Sea of Japan. [April 26](#)
- British F-35s, HMS Prince of Wales set sail on a major global deployment. [April 22](#)
- Dutch F-35s demonstrate breakthrough F-35 interoperability during exercise Ramstein Flag. [April 14](#)
- Norway becomes the first F-35 partner nation to receive all aircraft in its program of record. [April 1](#)

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:

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| Operation Highmast | Ramstein Flag |
| Cope North | Red Flag |
| Spartan Lightning | Steadfast Noon |

F-35 In Action



F-35 Program Participants: 20



F-35 Engineering for Sustainment

