



F-35 Lightning II Program

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FIRST PRODUCTION MODEL F-35B MAKES FIRST FLIGHT

FORT WORTH, Texas, Oct. 27, 2011 – BF-6, the first F-35B short takeoff/vertical landing (STOVL) production jet for the U.S. Marine Corps, made its inaugural flight on Oct. 25, marking yet another significant milestone in the F-35 program. Lockheed Martin test pilot Bill “Gigs” Gigliotti, led the aircraft through a series of functional checks for the sortie that lasted almost one hour. BF-6 is slated to join the growing fleet of F-35 Lightning II training jets stationed at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. later this year.



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