



F-35 Lightning II Program

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F-35A COMPLETES FIRST NIGHT REFUELING MISSION

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif., March 26, 2012 – The first night refueling in the history of the F-35 program was completed Thursday at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. Piloted by U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Peter Vitt, AF-4, an F-35A conventional takeoff and landing variant, rendezvoused with an Air Force KC-135 tanker and successfully received fuel through the F-35's boom receptacle. Vitt's sortie lasted more than three hours. In addition to qualifying with the KC-135, the F-35 Integrated Test Force at Edwards AFB will also conduct night refueling tests with the KC-10.



(Lockheed Martin photo by Matthew Short)