



# F-35 Lightning II Program

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## EGLIN RECEIVES FIRST UNITED KINGDOM F-35 LIGHTNING II AIRCRAFT

The first British F-35B Lightning II arrives at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., from Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, Texas, on July 23. The jet is the first of eight international partner variants of the joint strike fighter to be based at the 33rd Fighter Wing's F-35 integrated training center. British maintainers and pilots will be imbedded in Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron 501 and the country's pilot training begins this fall. In the near future, they will be doing operation test preparation activity, leading the way for the U.K. to maintain the jets and becoming instructor pilots. The U.K. officially took ownership of the aircraft at a Lockheed Martin ceremony in Fort Worth, Texas, July 19. *(U.S. Air Force photo/Maj. Karen Roganov)*

