



F-35 Lightning II Program

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First refueling of USMC F-35B by Air Force KC-10 tanker

PATUXENT RIVER, Md., June 19, 2013 - An F-35B Lightning II performs aerial refueling operations over the eastern seaboard with an Air Force KC-10 tanker. Marine Corps test pilot, Lt. Col. Matt Kelly flew BF-2 as part of strategic tanker testing being conducted by the F-35 Integrated Test Force at Naval Air Station Patuxent River. The test flight marked the first time an F-35B tanked from a KC-10.

The F-35B is the U.S. Marine Corps, variant of the Joint Strike Fighter. It is capable of short take-offs and vertical landings for use on amphibious ships or expeditionary airfields to provide air power to the Marine Air-Ground Task Force. (Photo by Michael Jackson - F-35 Integrated Test Force)



