



F-35 Lightning II Program

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“WEIGHT ON WHEELS” FOR NORWEGIAN ARMED FORCES’ FIRST F-35A

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Norway’s first F-35A, known as AM-1, was lifted by an overhead crane on April 9 from an electronic mate and alignment station where its forward and rear fuselage sections were joined to the wing-center fuselage assembly. The aircraft will now travel to final assembly, where its control surfaces will be added, along with final systems and engine installation.

AM-1 is due to roll out of the Lockheed Martin factory later this year, alongside sister ship AM-2, and both aircraft will initially be based at Luke AFB, Arizona as part of the U.S. Air Force’s F-35 training system currently being established. A third F-35 aircraft for Norway is also in its early stages of production and will roll out of the factory next year.



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