



# F-35 Lightning II Program

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## **F-35 LIGHTNING II PROGRAM MEETS 2015 AIRCRAFT DELIVERY GOAL**

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The Department of Defense accepted its 45th F-35 Lightning II aircraft delivery for 2015 meeting the program production goal for the year. With this delivery, Lockheed Martin has delivered 154 operational aircraft to the DOD and partner nations since program inception.

“Meeting aircraft production goals is a critical stepping stone in demonstrating the program is ready for the expected significant production ramp up,” said Lt. Gen. Chris Bogdan, F-35 Program Executive Officer. “It took thousands of people around the world to achieve this milestone and they should all be proud of what they accomplished.”

The 45 F-35 deliveries include:

- 26 F-35A - U.S. Air Force
- 2 F-35A - Royal Norwegian Air Force (first two)
- 1 F-35A - Aeronautica Militare (first Italian Air Force)
- 8 F-35B - U.S. Marine Corps
- 8 F-35C - U.S. Navy / U.S. Marine Corps

The 45 F-35 Lightning II aircraft are assigned to the following installations:

- 17 - Luke Air Force Base, Glendale, AZ – including all international jets
- 8 - Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort, SC
- 8 - Eglin Air Force Base, Valparaiso, FL
- 5 - Hill Air Force Base, Ogden, UT
- 7 - Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, NV

“Delivering the most F-35s in program history is a clear demonstration of our growing maturity and stability,” said Lorraine Martin, Lockheed Martin F-35 Program General Manager. “Congratulations to the entire government and industry team for their work to deliver 45 aircraft.”

The F-35 Lightning II, a next-generation fighter, combines advanced low observable stealth technology with fighter speed and agility, fully fused sensor information, and advanced sustainment. Three distinct variants of the F-35 will replace the F-16 Fighting Falcon and A/OA-10 Thunderbolt II for the U.S. Air Force, the F/A-18 Hornet for the U.S. Navy, the F/A-18 and AV-8B Harrier for the U.S. Marine Corps, and a variety of fighters for at least 10 other countries. Following the U.S. Marine Corps’ July combat-ready Initial Operational Capability (IOC) declaration, the U.S. Air Force and Navy intend to attain service IOC in 2016 and 2018, respectively. More than 150 production F-35s have been delivered and the fleet has more than 45,000 flight hours.