Building on our strong foundation, the Skunk Works will continue delivering leading-edge aircraft to meet our customers’ most pressing needs.

The Polecat UAV was designed and built by the Skunk Works in 18 months using 98 percent advanced composite materials and demonstrates how rapid prototyping and advanced manufacturing reduce overall system cost.

The Skunk Works designed, developed, built and flight tested the world’s first supersonic fighter capable of Short Take-Off/Vertical Landing (STOVL), the X-35. The F-35’s STOVL capability was made possible by innovation of the Skunk Works.

The SR-71 is the fastest manned aircraft in the world and was the very first Mach 3 operational reconnaissance aircraft ever flown.

The YF-22, the prototype of the world’s first 5th Generation fighter, was developed by the Skunk Works, bringing a broad spectrum of air combat and technology disciplines together in one airframe for the first time.

The F-117 is the world’s first operational stealth fighter/bomber. In typical Skunk Works fashion, it was developed rapidly, taking to the sky 32 days following the full-scale development decision.

JASSM, a 2,000-pound long-range precision standoff missile, was developed at Skunk Works in 24 months and is integrated on multiple aircraft including the B-1, B-2 and B-52.

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