

F-16 Fighting Falcon Fast Facts



F-16: Proven & Powerful

- The F-16 provides advanced interoperable capabilities that enhance and strengthen partnerships with allies.
- For decades, the Fighting Falcon has proved resilient and effective, and today, it remains the best value among 4th generation aircraft for its advanced 21st Century capabilities and affordable lifecycle costs.



Program Status



~3,100
F-16s Operating in
25 Countries



13 Million+
Sorties and Counting



Flight Hours
19.5 Million+



Structural Service Life
12,000 hour
(Block 70/72)

New Block 70/72 orders:
131 Jet Backlog **6** Countries



Suppliers World Wide
~470



The 416th Flight Test Squadron rigorously evaluates the F-16 Block 70 jets to ensure high performance and safety standards. This is crucial for maintaining operational excellence in Bahrain's air defense forces. Photo by Richard Gonzales, courtesy of 416th FLTS, Airpower Foundations Combined Test Force at Edwards.

Recent Milestones

- The Royal Netherlands Air Force delivered three F-16s to the European F-16 Training Center, increasing the total number of Dutch fighter aircraft stationed to 11 as Romanian pilot training continues.
- The third F-16 Block 70, for Slovakia, was accepted by the Defense Contract Management Agency with the signing of Department of Defense Form 250 (DD-250) on March 22.
- The first ferry cell of three F-16 Block 70s left Greenville on March 6, arriving two days later at Isa Air Base of the Bahrain Defense Force's Royal Bahraini Air Force.
- A new era in European air defense kicked off on Feb. 29 with the delivery of Slovakia's first F-16 Block 70s. The aircraft were presented to Slovakia's deputy prime minister and minister of defense, Robert Kaliňák.

Operators Past & Current

