C-130J Super Hercules Program Status and Fast Facts

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Program Status

Aircraft Delivered 540+

Flight Hours 2,500,000+ ...and counting

C-130Js In Action

Countries 22 Operators 26

Mission Variants 18

Super Hercules Advantages

The C-130J Super Hercules provides significant performance improvements and added operational capabilities that translate directly into increased effectiveness on the ground and in the air. Some of these attributes include the ability to:

• Operate out of 2,000 ft. long dirt strips in high mountain ranges.
• Carry tons of supplies more than 3,000 miles and deliver “the last mile” to remote operating bases, keeping supply trucks off dangerous highways.
• Perform in-flight refueling, ground fueling, weather reconnaissance, airborne information operations, medical evacuation, search and rescue, paradrop, maritime, Special Operations and many other missions.
• Generate much greater operational efficiencies, with the C-130J outperforming legacy C-130s in combat operations by at least a 2:1 margin.
• Operate with only two pilots and one loadmaster for most missions, exposing fewer flight crew members to combat threats.
• Demonstrate reliability that far exceeds most other military aircraft with average mission capable rates routinely in the 80-to-90% range.

One Aircraft, Many Capabilities

Air Drop
Intelligence, Surveillance & Reconnaissance
Humanitarian
Combat Delivery
Aeromedical Airlift
21st Century Security
Aerial Refueling
Search & Rescue
Commercial Freighter

Aerial Firefighting
Personnel Recovery
Weather Reconnaissance
Gunship
Maritime Surveillance
Special Passenger Accommodations
Special Operations
Personnel Transport
Ground Refueling

Super Hercules Operators

Australia
Royal Australian Air Force C-130J
Bahrain
Royal Bahraini Air Force C-130J
Bangladesh
Bangladesh Air Force C-130J
Canada
Royal Canadian Air Force C-130J
Denmark
Royal Danish Air Force C-130J
France
Armée de l’Air C-130J-30/KC-130J
Germany
Luftwaffe C-130J-30/KC-130J*
India
Indian Air Force C-130J-30
New Zealand
Royal New Zealand Air Force C-130J-30

Indonesia
Indonesian Air Force C-130J-30
Iraq
Iraqi Air Force C-130J
Israel
Israel Air Force C-130J
Italy
Aeronautica Militare C-130J-30/KC-130J
South Korea
Republic of Korea Air Force C-130J-30
Kuwait
Kuwait Air Force KC-130J

Norway
Royal Norwegian Air Force C-130J-30
Oman
Royal Flight of Oman C-130J-30
Philippines
Philippine Air Force C-130J-30
Qatar
Qatari Air Force C-130J-30
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Royal Saudi Air Force KC-130J
Tunisia
Tunisian Air Force C-130J-30

United States
Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard 8 Variants*

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*Aircraft yet to deliver
### C-130J Production Variants

This tactical transport aircraft has already proven itself in many kinds of missions, and in the harshest operating conditions possible, thanks to its uniquely adaptable platform available in the following configurations:

**Current Production Variants**
- C-130J and the longer fuselage C-130J-30 for combat delivery
- KC-130J for aerial and ground refueling
- LM-100J civil-certified multi-purpose air freighter
- MC-130J for Special Operations; aerial and ground refueling (U.S. Air Force variant)
- HC-130J for search and rescue support missions; aerial and ground refueling (U.S. Air Force variant)
- HC-130J for search and rescue/maritime support missions (U.S. Coast Guard variant)

**Previously Delivered Variants**
- WC-130J for weather reconnaissance
- EC-130J for airborne information operations (Both are U.S. Air Force–only variants)

**Modification**
- AC-130J for air support, air interdiction and armed reconnaissance (U.S. Air Force-only variant)

### C-130J Specifications

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<tr>
<td><strong>Length</strong></td>
<td>112 ft 9 in/34.37 m</td>
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<td><strong>Height</strong></td>
<td>38 ft 10 in/11.84 m</td>
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<td><strong>Wingspan</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Powerplant</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Maximum take-off weight</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Maximum payload</strong></td>
<td>46,700 lb/21,183 kg</td>
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<td><strong>Operating weight empty</strong></td>
<td>88,252 lb/40,030 kg</td>
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<td><strong>Zero fuel weight</strong></td>
<td>129,000 lb/58,513 kg</td>
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<td><strong>Landing Distance (135,000 lb)</strong></td>
<td>3,000 ft/914 m</td>
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<td>2,830 ft/863 m</td>
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<td><strong>Range (40,000 lb payload)</strong></td>
<td>2,160 nm/4,000 km</td>
<td>1,980 nm/3,667 km</td>
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<td><strong>Maximum Cruise Speed</strong></td>
<td>365 KTAS/675 km/hr</td>
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* Assumes wing relieving fuel
** Higher zero fuel weight allowable with wing relieving fuel

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