

F-16 Fighting Falcon Fast Facts

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Proven Air Dominance: The F-16 Advantage

The F-16 delivers advanced air dominance capabilities to our customers, enabling peace through strength. With a proven track record, the F-16 fosters long-standing strategic relationships with America and its allies, bolstering deterrence and peacekeeping missions worldwide.



Program Status

 <p>~2,800 F-16s Operating in 29 Countries</p>	 <p>13 Million+ Sorties and Counting</p>	 <p>Flight Hours 19.5 Million+</p>
 <p>Structural Service Life 12,000 hour (Block 70/72)</p>	 <p>Block 70/72 Program 111 Backlog 37 Deliveries 6 Countries</p>	 <p>Suppliers Worldwide ~530</p>



A Bulgarian Air Force F-16 Block 70 climbs out after takeoff as the service resumes flight operations for 2026. (Photo: Bulgarian Ministry of Defense/Facebook)

Recent Milestones

- In December, the final F-16 Block 70 aircraft for Slovakia and Bulgaria's initial fleets arrived in-country, advancing airpower modernization and NATO interoperability.
- On Nov. 3, the governments of the Netherlands and Romania signed an agreement transferring ownership of 18 Dutch F-16s to Romanian authorities, underscoring Romania's growing leadership in allied training and cooperation through the European F-16 Training Center.
- On Oct. 20, Romania's 48th Fighter Squadron at the 71st "General Emanoil Ionescu" Air Base began NATO-led air policing, marking the certification of the country's second F-16 squadron and strengthening the Alliance's eastern flank and integrated air defense posture.
- On Oct. 17, a South Dakota Air National Guard F-16 passed 10,000 flight hours, a milestone that reflects the platform's enduring reliability and long service life across the global fleet.

Operators Past & Current

