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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: 133 Jet Backlog to 6 Countries
- Suppliers World Wide ~470

Recent Milestones

- In partnership with the U.S. government, Lockheed Martin successfully completed the Taiwan F-16 Viper Upgrade program, with the final jet delivered in December. A total of 141 jets were delivered over the course of this program, including 139 on-island deliveries and two CONUS flight test aircraft.

- On Jan. 30, South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster read a formal proclamation from the state’s House of Representatives and Senate declaring Jan. 30 to be F-16 Fighting Falcon Day.

- Officials from the F-16 production facility in Greenville, South Carolina, welcomed Bulgarian Minister of Defence Todor Tagarev, Ambassador Georgi Panayotov, and Defence Chief Adm. Emil Eftimov on Jan. 16. The delegation was there to view progress in the manufacturing of Bulgaria’s F-16 Block 70 fleet.

- On Jan. 15, a Romanian pilot who was trained at the European F-16 Training Center achieved a successful flight using an F-16 provided by the Royal Netherlands Air Force. The pilot was accompanied by an (EFTC) instructor pilot in the aft crew station.

The upgraded fleet of F-16 Vipers can operate for decades to come and support Taiwan’s national defense, regional security, and interoperability with the U.S.

Operators Past & Current

USA  Belgium  Denmark  Netherlands  Norway  Israel  Republic of Korea  Portugal  Egypt  Pakistan  Singapore  Greece  Thailand  Indonesia  Bahrain  Venezuela  Taiwan  Jordan  UAE  Turkey  Italy  Chile  Morocco  Oman  Poland  Iraq  Romania  Slovakia  Bulgaria

All information current as of February 2024. For additional questions and the latest data, please contact Liz Lutz.