# F-16 Block 70/72

The World's Most Advanced 4<sup>th</sup> Generation Fighter





## Meet the F-16 Block 70/72 — the World's Newest and Most Advanced Production F-16.

#### ADVANCED, INTEGRATED CAPABILITIES

The Block 70/72 features advanced avionics, a proven Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) radar, a modernized cockpit with new safety features, advanced weapons, conformal fuel tanks, an improved performance engine, and an industryleading extended structural service life of 12,000 hours.

Operational capabilities are enhanced through an advanced datalink, targeting pod and weapons, Infrared Search and Track (IRST); precision GPS navigation and advanced Common Digital Flight Control Computer with an enhanced Autopilot/ Auto Throttle with life-saving Automatic Ground Collision Avoidance System (Auto GCAS).

#### ADVANCED AESA RADAR AND ELECTRONIC WARFARE SUITE

A new advanced APG-83 AESA radar delivers greater situational awareness, flexibility and quicker all-weather targeting. The APG-83 provides F-16s with 5<sup>th</sup> Generation fighter radar capabilities by leveraging hardware and software commonality with F-22 and F-35 AESA radars. The AESA is being integrated with a new active and passive internal electronic warfare system (Viper Shield), which incorporate a new fully Digital Radar Warning Receiver (DRWR) designed to interface with the APG-83 radar.



1. Left Photo: JHMCS II; by Katsuhiko Tokunaga 2. Center Photo: New Advanced Block 70/72 Cockpit

 Right Photo: APG-83 AESA Fire Control Radar; Photo courtesy of the U.S. Air Force. Photographer — Bobbi Zapka. Use does not imply or constitute Department of Defense endorsement of this organization, its products or services.

#### ENHANCED BATTLESPACE AWARENESS

The Block 70/72 features a new Center Pedestal Display (CPD), which provides critical tactical imagery to pilots on a high-resolution 6"x 8" screen. The high-resolution display allows pilots to take full advantage of AESA and targeting pod data. The new CPD enables color moving maps, larger and easier to manage air-to-air Situation Displays, zoom functionality with the ability to switch information among displays, and a digital display of Flight Instrument Data.

New production aircraft; structural, and capability upgrades ensure the international F-16 fleet can operate to 2060 and beyond.

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### Block 70/72 Fast Facts

- Advanced APG-83 AESA radar
- Radar Mode improvements
- Upgraded Modular Mission Computer and avionics architecture
- Infrared Search and Track (IRST)
- Advanced datalink, targeting pod and weapons
- New cockpit displays and safety improvements
- New Digital Flight Control Computer with enhanced Autopilot/Auto Throttle
- Automatic Ground Collision Avoidance System (Auto GCAS)
- Digital Intercommunications System with 3-D Audio
- Precision GPS navigation



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Length	
Height	16.7 ft/5.090 m
Speed	1,500 mph (Mach 2+)
Wingspan	
Empty Weight	
Engine Thrust Class	
Maximum TOGW	
Design Load Factor	9 g
Service Life	12,000 hr