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LETHAL, SURVIVABLE, CONNECTED
The 5th Generation F-35 delivers Very Low Observable stealth, advanced sensors, information fusion and network connectivity – all packaged within a supersonic, long range, highly maneuverable fighter. It is the most lethal, survivable and connected fighter aircraft in the world, giving pilots an advantage against any adversary and enabling them to execute their mission and come home safe.

As new threats emerge, it is more important than ever for U.S. and allied fighter fleets to fly the F-35 stealth fighter, the world’s only 5th generation international aircraft. While each aircraft is uniquely designed to operate from different environments, all three variants set new standards in network-enabled mission systems, sensor fusion and supportability. The F-35 redefines the multirole fighter.

THE WORLD’S ONLY SUPERSONIC STOVL STEALTH AIRCRAFT
For the first time in aviation history, supersonic, radar-evading stealth comes with short takeoff/vertical landing (STOVL) capability. The F-35B has unequaled basing flexibility and advanced network-enabled mission systems that provide unprecedented multimission capability across the spectrum of operations and is an essential enabler for other forces in the battlespace.

GROUND, AIR OR SEA – THE F-35B DELIVERS
Increasingly, modern security challenges require wider distribution of forces and capabilities across a range of scenarios. STOVL capability gives the F-35B the unique capability to operate from a variety of ships, roads and austere bases near frontline combat zones, greatly enhancing sortie generation rates. The unmatched basing of the F-35B – ashore and afloat – provides more employment flexibility in any scenario.

SHAFT-DRIVEN LIFTFAN®
STOVL operation is made possible through the patented shaft-driven LiftFan® propulsion system. This propulsion approach overcomes many of the temperature, velocity and power challenges of direct-lift systems.

F-35 ENTERPRISE SUSTAINMENT
Lockheed Martin and key suppliers strive to provide affordable, world-class F-35 sustainment. It is flexible, tailored and compatible to meet the needs of all current and former customers. The key sustainment tenets encompass and align the entire F-35 air system, including:

- Pilot and maintainer training
- Base and flight line operations
- Regional warehouses
- Repair and upgrade facilities
- 24/7 sustainment services
- Supply chain management
- Test and support equipment
- Autonomic Logistics Information System (ALIS)

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