Airbus MRH90 Taipan FACT SHEET



What

The MRH90 Taipan is the Australian Army's medium-lift tactical troop transport, special operations, combat service support and aeromedical evacuation helicopter. It forms an important part of Joint, Land and Special Forces combat operations.

Why

The MRH90's primary role is the conduct of air assault operations. The use of rotary wing aircraft to rapidly project a ground force element across the battlespace reduces the time taken to reach an objective, subsequently reducing the exposure of forces to enemy fire.

The MRH90 Taipan is also operated as a Casualty Evacuation (CASEVAC) or Aerial Medical Evacuation (AME) platform. In this role, the MRH90 drastically reduces the time taken to deliver wounded soldiers to the required level of medical support.

In the special operations role, the MRH90 can insert, provide fire support, and then extract Special Operations Forces during counter-terrorism or other special operations missions.

The MRH90 entered service in 2007, replacing the S-70A-9 Black Hawk.

Where

The MRH90 Taipans are operated by the 5th Aviation Regiment, based in Townsville, and 6th Aviation Regiment, based in Sydney.

Further information

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