F-35A Lightning II Fast Facts
September-October 2023

AUSTRALIAN F-35A PROJECT — AIR6000 PHASE 2A/B

63 Aircraft Accepted
31,200+ Flight Hours
18,490+ Australian F-35A fleet sorties

At a Glance
Phase 2A/B approved scope: 72 F-35A aircraft and associated weapons, spares, support equipment and infrastructure.

Project Cost
Budget: AU$16.424 billion, including A$2.8 billion in contingency.

Australian Project Milestones
2018: Integrated Training Centre opens at RAAF Base Williamtown; first aircraft arrive at Williamtown for permanent basing.
2020: Initial Operating Capability declared in December; Australia, Canada and UK Reprogramming Laboratory opens at Eglin Air Force Base.
2021: First Australian F-35A aircraft inducted for maintenance at the BAE Systems Australia Air Vehicle Maintenance, Repair, Overhaul and Upgrade facility at Williamtown. The F-35A capability at RAAF Base Tindal was established on schedule on December 1.
2023: Enterprise Asia Pacific Regional Warehouse reached Initial Operational Capability.

Current Aircraft Fleet
63 aircraft accepted
59 in Australia; 4 in the US

Aircraft Contract Schedule

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GLOBAL F-35 PROGRAM
975+ Aircraft Delivered
749,000+ Flight Hours
447,000+ Sorties

Foreign Military Sales
Israel, Japan, Republic of Korea, Belgium, Poland, Singapore, Finland, Switzerland, Germany.

Initial Operational Capability
USMC: July 2015; USAF: August 2016
Israel: December 2017
Italy: December 2018
UK: January 2019
USN: February 2019
Japan: March 2019
Norway: November 2019
Republic of Korea: December 2019
Australia: December 2020
Netherlands: December 2021

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Australian Industry Participation

- The US Department of Defense contracts with industry for the F-35 capability on Australia’s behalf.
- More than 70 Australian companies have directly shared in contracts, with many more indirectly benefitting through supply chain work.
- Defence launched the Joint Strike Fighter — Industry Support Program in 2020 to maximise opportunities for Australian businesses in the sustainment phase of the global F-35 Program. In 2021, funding for the support program was increased from AU$4 million to AU$64 million.
- Australia is becoming a regional support hub, through maintenance assignments for airframe, engine and components, as well as warehousing.

Sustainment

- Sustainment will be provided by the Global Support Solution (GSS) and supported by direct Australian arrangements. The GSS provides access to the global spares pool, supply chain, global repair network, information systems, training, common engineering and fleet management services.
- The Autonomic Logistics Information System supports mission planning, maintenance, logistics and training. In 2019, Defence and Lockheed Martin Australia signed a five-year support contract.
- In 2020, a sovereign F-35 Training Support Services contract valued at over AU$70 million was awarded to Lockheed Martin Australia and Milskil.
- In 2021, an AU$80 million five-year contract was awarded to BAE Systems Australia to establish sovereign maintenance and supply-chain support.