

F-16 Fighting Falcon Fast Facts

- 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 remains the best value among 4th generation aircraft for its advanced capabilities and affordable lifecycle costs.



Program Stats



~3,000 F-16s Operating in 25 Countries



Flight Hours 19500000



Structural Service Life 12,000 hour (Block 70/72)









Belgium

Portugal

Singapore













Republic of Korea













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The first of 16 F-16 Block 70 Fighting Falcons built by Lockheed Martin in partnership with the Royal Bahraini Air Force and the United States of America arrives in Edwards Air Force Base, California after its ferry flight from Greenville, South Carolina. Rigorous flight tests will be conducted by the 412th Test Wing's 416th Flight Test Squadron before aircraft begin arriving to Bahrain in 2024. Photo courtesy of 412th Test Wing Public Affairs, US Air Force

Recent Milestones

- On March 28, the first Bahraini F-16 Block 70 arrives in Edwards Air Force Base, California for extensive flight testing by the 412th Test Wing's 416th Flight Test Squadron. (March 2023)
- On March 10, Bahraini, American and Lockheed Martin officials celebrated the first F-16 Block 70 for the Royal Bahraini Air Force at Lockheed Martin in Greenville, South Carolina. (March 2023)
- First F-16 Block 70, for Bahrain, was formally accepted by the Defense Contract Management Agency with the signing of Department of Defense Form 250 (DD-250) on Feb. 23. (February 2023)
- Launching a new era of F-16, the first F-16 Block 70, for Bahrain, completes its maiden flight in Greenville, South Carolina on Jan. 24 at 9:27 a.m. ET. (January 2023)