

C-130J Super Hercules Program Status and Fast Facts

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Program Status







Countries



Operators

Super Hercules Advantages



- The C-130J is the only tactical-by-design medium-sized airlifter that meets all the complex and challenging requirements of the tactical airlift mission.
- With 28 operators in 23 nations, C-130J operators are part of a network of partners and allies that facilitates true force amplification and interoperability.
- The C-130J-30 offers the best short-field takeoff and landing performance, lower fuel consumption, reduced carbon footprint, increased range, the most pallet and passenger capacity, and superior survivability.
- A stabilized production line, worldwide support system, global supply chain, established Joint Users Group and commonality between previous-generation equals low-risk to service and established value for operators.
- The C-130J is ready for what's next, always evolving, always innovating as exemplified by its unsurpassed multi-mission versatility, modifications and continued platform evolution.
- The global fleet of 555+ C-130Js has surpassed 3 million flight hours, providing real and established insights gained from missions flown in every environment, in every scenario.

One Aircraft, Many Capabilities Air Drop Intelligence, Surveillance & Humanitarian Combat Aerial 21st Century Aerial Search Aeromedical Commercial Firefighting Delivery Security Refueling & Rescue Airlift Freighter Reconnaissance Personnel Weather Gunship Maritime Special Special Personnel Ground Arctic/Antarctic Aerial Recoverv Reconnaissance Surveillance Passenger Operations Transport Refueling Re-Supply Sprav Accommodations Super Hercules Operators Australia Bahrain Bangladesh Canada Denmark Egypt France Germany Royal Australian Air Force Royal Bahraini Air Force Bangladesh Air Force Canadian Air Force Royal Danish Air Force Egyptian Air Force Armée de l'Air Luftwaffe Royal C-130J-30 C-130J C-130J C-130J-30 C-130J-30 C-130J-30* C-130J-30/KC-130J C-130J-30/KC-130J ₹ * * 众 India Indonesia Israel South Korea Kuwait New Zealand Irag Italy Aeronautica Militare Indonesian Air Force Iraqi Air Force Israeli Air Force Republic of Korea Air Force Kuwait Air Force Royal New Zealand Air Force Indian Air Force C-130J-30 C-130J-30 C-130J-30 C-130J-30 C-130J-30/KC-130J C-130J-30 KC-130J C-130J-30 C PALLAS Tunisia **United States** Oman Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Pallas Aviation Norway Philippines Oatar

Royal Norwegian Air Force C-130J-30

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Roval Saudi Air Force KC-130J

Qatari Air Force

C-130J-30

Tunisian Air Force C-130J-30



NOAA 8 Variants LM-100J

*Aircraft yet to deliver



Integrated Support Solutions



- 24/7 dedicated support through the Lockheed Martin Customer Support Center
- Integrated in-person support provided by field service representatives and logistics supply representatives, as well as deployable contract maintenance teams
- Virtual, real-time support capabilities to provide immediate insights
- Access to 17 Lockheed Martin-certified Hercules Service and Heavy Maintenance Centers around the world that provide scheduled maintenance, aircraft depot level maintenance modification and overhaul support
- Pilot and loadmaster training available through the Hercules Training Center, which is based at the Lockheed Martin Aeronautics facility in Marietta, Georgia
- Robust data analytics resources to determine right mix of spares inventory
- Hypersage™, a suite of digital flight line tools accelerating the delivery of advanced 21st Century Security capabilities and integration of digital technologies directly to the flightline through real-time access to data and expertise
- Annual industry Hercules Orion Conference provides industry and operator collaboration

C-130J Production Variants

This tactical transport aircraft has already proven itself in many kinds of missions, and in the harshest operating conditions possible, thanks to its uniquely adaptable platform available in the following configurations:

Available Production Variants

- C-130J and the longer fuselage C-130J-30 for combat delivery
- KC-130J for aerial and ground refueling
- MC-130J for Special Operations; aerial and ground refueling (U.S. Air Force-only variant)
- HC-130J for search and rescue support missions; aerial and ground refueling
- (U.S. Air Force-only variant)
- HC-130J for search and rescue/maritime support missions (U.S. Coast Guard-only variant)
- LM-100J civil-certified multi-purpose air freighter

Previously Delivered Variants

WC-130J for weather reconnaissance

Modification

 AC-130J for air support, air interdiction and armed reconnaissance (U.S. Air Force-only variant) (U.S. Air Force-only variant)

C-130J Specifications

	C-130J-30	KC/HC/ MC-130J
Length	112 ft 9 in/34.37 m	97 ft 9 in/29.79 m
Height	38 ft 10 in/11.84 m	38 ft 10 in/11.84 m
Wingspan	132 ft 7 in/40.41 m	132 ft 7in/40.41 m
Powerplant	Four Rolls-Royce AE 2100D3 engines; GE-Dowty Aerospace R391 6-blade propellers, all composite	Four Rolls-Royce AE 2100D3 engines; GE-Dowty Aerospace R391 6-blade propellers, all composite
Maximum take-off weight	164,000 lb/74,389 kg	164,000 lb/74,389 kg
Maximum payload*	46,700 lb/21,183 kg	47,000 lb/21,319 kg
Operating weight empty	88,252 lb/40,030 kg	87,961 lb/39,898 kg
Zero fuel weight**	129,000 lb/58,513 kg	128,500 lb/58,287 kg
Landing Distance (135,000 lb)	3,000 ft/914 m	3,200 ft/975 m
Range (40,000 lb payload)	2,160 nm/4,000 km	1,980 nm/3,667 km
Maximum Cruise Speed	365 KTAS/675 km/hr	365 KTAS/675 km/hr

* Assumes wing relieving fuel

** Higher zero fuel weight allowable with wing relieving fuel