

# Air show stars – buyers wanted

With the exception of Sweden's multi-role combat aircraft – the Saab Gripen – the Russians seem set to steal the limelight at this year's Farnborough Air Show. Hungry for foreign currency, they have over twenty aircraft on show and they are all for sale

**Saab JAS-39 Gripen**  
Single-seat fighter, attack and reconnaissance aircraft marketed as an alternative to the European Fighter Aircraft

Computer operated fly-by-wire flight control system with conventional back-up system

Mausers 27mm gun under belly

Canard foreplanes increase agility

Carbon-fibre composite wing developed with British Aerospace

Short take off and landing (STOL) capability – designed to use ordinary roads as runways

General Electric/Volvo Flygmotor afterburning turbofan engine, strengthened against bird strike. Maximum speed: Mach 2

Estimated 14,000lb weapons load

**MiG-31 'Foxhound'**

Twin tail fins

Dorsal spine

Saddle tanks hold 5,384 gallons of fuel

Weapons officer

Pilot

'Flash Dance' radar, 185 mile range. Can track ten targets and attack four targets simultaneously

Soloviev afterburning turbofan engines  
Maximum speed: Mach 2.8+

Single barrel 23mm cannon

Four AA-9 Amos missiles semi-recessed under fuselage, two AA-6 Acrid missiles carried under wings

**Tupolev Tu-204**  
200 seat medium-to-long haul rival to the Boeing 757. Marketed by Bravia – the newly formed British Russian Aviation Corporation

Powered by Rolls Royce RB 211-5354E turbofan engines

