

Stormy weather for Joint Strike Fighter

Britain has set a deadline for the U.S. to agree to a technology-sharing deal to maintain and upgrade the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter. Dutch, Norwegian, Italian and Turkish governments are also threatening to withdraw from the \$276.5 billion programme over lack of shared work

Partners	Investment
United Kingdom	\$2bn
Italy	\$1bn
Netherlands	\$800m
Turkey	\$175m
Australia	\$150m
Canada	\$150m
Norway	\$125m
Denmark	\$125m
Poland*	\$75-100m
Israel*	\$50m
Singapore*	\$50m

F-35 Lightning II: Stealth fighter with advanced radar and mission systems

Length: **15.4m**

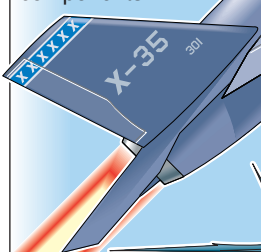
Wingspan: **10.7m**

Combat radius: **965km**



*AIM-120 air-to-air missiles,
two 2,000lb GBU-31 bombs,
27mm cannon*

Plane built in "stuffed" sections, complete with all wiring and components



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*Security Cooperative Participants

Front section: Built by Lockheed Martin

Lift fan: Rolls-Royce

Mid section: Northrop Grumman

Rear fuselage and tail: BAE Systems in Britain

