

# Franco-Russian warship deal sparks concern

Moscow's first major military purchase from a NATO country is alarming ex-Soviet states such as Georgia and the Baltic states. In a deal worth up to \$750m, France will sell Russia one Mistral-class warship and is considering a request for three more vessels to be built under license in Russian shipyards

## MISTRAL AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT SHIP

Length	199 metres
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Beam	32 metres
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Displacement	21,500 tonnes
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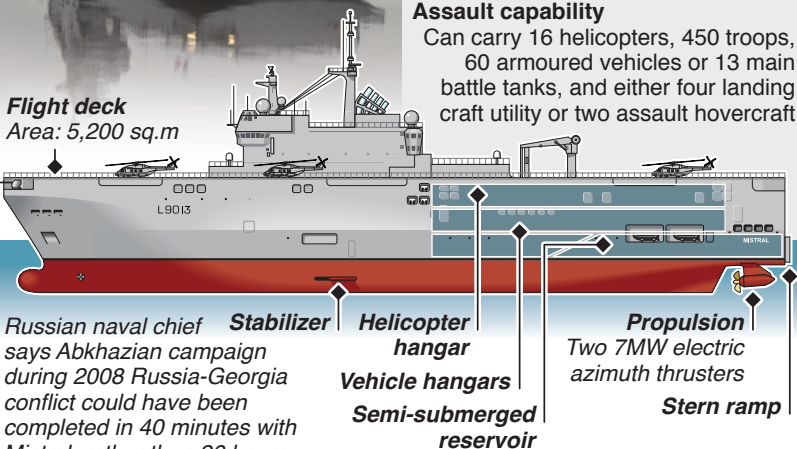
Range	11,000 Nautical miles
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Crew	160
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### Assault capability

Can carry 16 helicopters, 450 troops, 60 armoured vehicles or 13 main battle tanks, and either four landing craft utility or two assault hovercraft

**Flight deck**  
Area: 5,200 sq.m



*Russian naval chief says Abkhazian campaign during 2008 Russia-Georgia conflict could have been completed in 40 minutes with Mistral, rather than 26 hours*

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