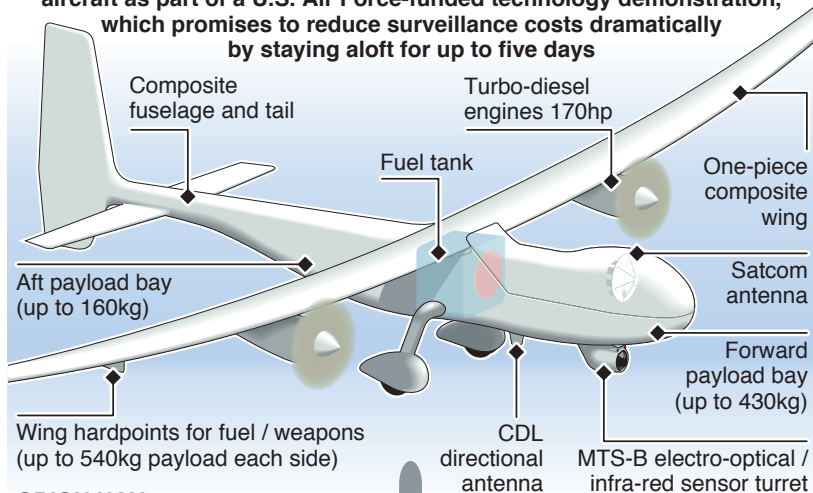


Extreme persistence drone unveiled

Aurora Flight Sciences is planning to test fly its Orion unmanned aircraft as part of a U.S. Air Force-funded technology demonstration, which promises to reduce surveillance costs dramatically by staying aloft for up to five days



ORION UAV SPECIFICATIONS

Wingspan: **40.2m**

Length: **15.2m**

Speed	165km/h
Range	17,500km
Endurance	Five days
Altitude	20,000m
First flight	Mid-2011

