

South Korea's multi-billion warplane deal

Seoul is preparing to sign a \$7.2 billion contract for 60 next generation fighter jets. Contenders include Lockheed Martin's F-35, EAD's Eurofighter Typhoon, and Boeing's F-15 SE Silent Eagle concept

F-35A Lightning II: Single-seat, single-engine, multi-role fighter with stealth capability

Max speed: **Mach 1.6**

Max payload: **8,163kg**

Combat radius: **1,092km**

Ceiling: **Withheld**

Flying aircraft: **36**
(testing, training)

South Korea tender is first competition F-35 is facing in international market

Cost per aircraft: **\$150 million**

Eurofighter Typhoon:

Twin-engine, canard-delta wing, multi-role fighter.

Entered service: **2003**

Flying aircraft: **340**

Cost: **\$100m**

Max speed: **Mach 2.0**, payload: **6,500kg**, combat radius: **1,389km**, ceiling: **16,765m**

Boeing F-15SE Silent Eagle: Proposed upgrade of F-15E using stealth features, internal weapons bays and reduced radar cross-section

Flying aircraft: **1**
Cost: **\$100m**

Max speed: **Mach 2.5**, payload: **11,748kg**, combat radius: **1,650km**, ceiling: **18,290m**