

Spy row hits U.S. chances of Brazil jet deal

Brazil may cancel a planned \$4 billion purchase of U.S. fighter jets amid revelations that America's National Security Agency monitored Brazilian government internet and phone communications

BOEING F/A-18 SUPER HORNET



Carrier-based fighter, larger and more advanced version of *F/A-18 Hornet*. Favourite to win Brazil contract until details of U.S. spying emerged

Cost
per plane
\$68 million
(2012)

Powerplant
Twin 98kN
GE F414-GE-400
turbofans

Entered service: 1999

Maximum speed
Mach 1.8 (1,915km/h)

Combat radius: 1,300km (with external fuel)

Armament: 20mm cannon, 8-tonne payload

Length: 18.3m

Wingspan
13.6m

OTHER CONTENDERS FOR BRAZIL JET PURCHASE

DASSAULT RAFALE M

Carrier-capable
variant of French
multirole fighter



Length: 15.3m

**Wing-
span**
10.9m

Powerplant Twin 75kN Snecma M88-2 turbofans

Entered service 2001

Maximum speed Mach 1.8 (1,915km/h)

Combat radius 1,050km (internal fuel)

Armament 30mm cannon, 9.5-tonne payload

Cost
\$100m

SAAB GRIPEN NG

Next generation
model of Swedish
fighter jet



Length: 14.9m

**Wing-
span**
8.6m

Powerplant One 98kN GE F414G turbofan

To enter service 2017-18

Maximum speed Mach 2.0 (2,205km/h)

Combat radius 1,300km (with external fuel)

Armament 27mm cannon, 7.2-tonne payload

Cost
\$80m