

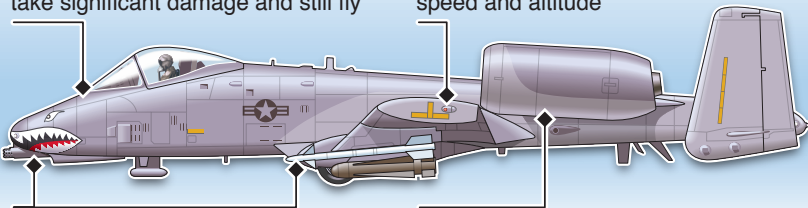
Cold War tankbuster still bringing the pain

Originally developed in the 1970s to counter Soviet tanks and ground troops, the A-10 Thunderbolt II – better known as the “Warthog” – is among the oldest aircraft in service with the U.S. Air Force

FAIRCHILD REPUBLIC A-10 THUNDERBOLT II (Warthog)

Durability: Titanium armour protects pilot and key systems – plane can take significant damage and still fly

Wings: Wide, low-set configuration for superior manoeuvrability at low speed and altitude



Armament: 30mm cannon with up to 1,350 rounds. Variety of other weapons carried on 11 hardpoints

Engines: Located behind wings to give partial shielding from ground fire. Aircraft can fly on one engine

SPECIFICATIONS

Type: Single-seat ground-attack aircraft

Cost
per plane
\$18.8m

Wingspan
17.42m

Length
16.16m

Payload
7,257kg

Height
4.42m

Performance

Maximum speed	833km/h
Stall speed	220km/h
Maximum combat range	1,287km
Ferry range	4,150km
Service ceiling	13,636m



Firepower: A-10's seven-barrel 30mm **GAU-8 Avenger** rotary cannon can fire up to 70 rounds per second and disable enemy tanks at range of over 6,500m