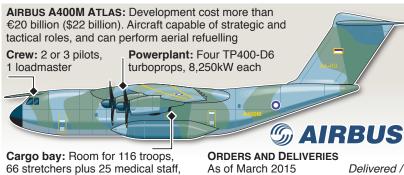
A400M fleet grounded after accident

The Airbus A400M military transport plane, Europe's largest defence project, has been largely grounded by current operators after one of the aircraft crashed during a test flight in Spain, killing four people



66 stretchers plus 25 medical	staff,
or various vehicles and helico	pters
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A400M Atlas C-130 Hercules Len

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Length	45.1m	29.3m
Max. speed	780km/h	670km/h

Range 3,300km 3,147km Max. payload 37.000ka 21,770kg Hold volume 340m3 170.5m3

Unit cost \$190m \$70m for most urgent operations Sources: Airbus, Jane's Information Group, wire agencies

Ordered Operator in service* Germany 53 France 50 Spain 27 UK 2 22 2 Turkey 10 0 Belgium 7 Malavsia 4 Luxembourg 1 0 **Total** 174 12 *A400M flights suspended pending investigations into crash. France authorising use of aircraft only