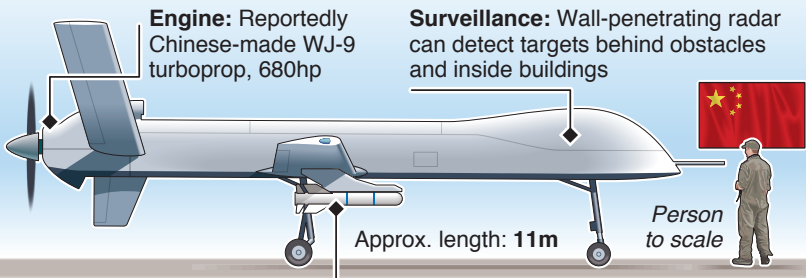


China testing heavyweight attack drone

China has conducted the first test flight of its largest unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) to date, named as CH-5 or "Rainbow 5", which bears more than a passing resemblance to the U.S. Reaper drone

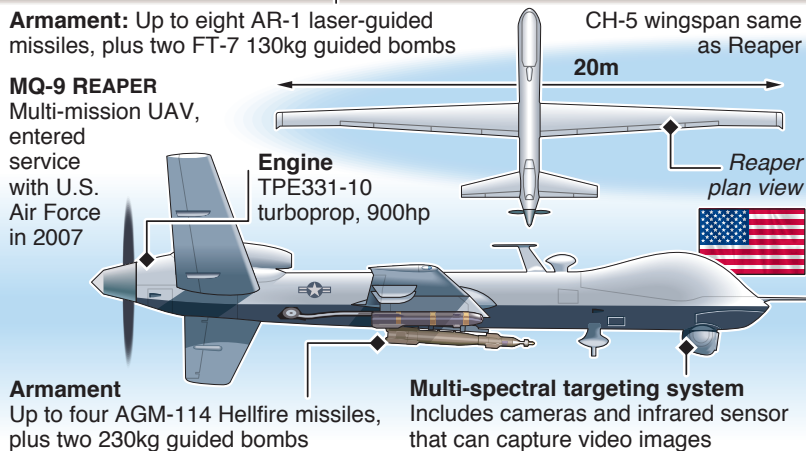
CAIHONG CH-5: Attack and reconnaissance drone, first flown in August 2015



Armament: Up to eight AR-1 laser-guided missiles, plus two FT-7 130kg guided bombs

MQ-9 REAPER

Multi-mission UAV, entered service with U.S. Air Force in 2007



PERFORMANCE COMPARISON

*Caihong CH-5**

MQ-9 Reaper

	<i>Caihong CH-5*</i>	<i>MQ-9 Reaper</i>
Maximum takeoff weight	3,000kg	4,760kg
Payload	900kg	1,700kg
Maximum speed	300km/h	480km/h
Range	2,000km	1,850km
Endurance	More than 30 hours	18-27 hours