

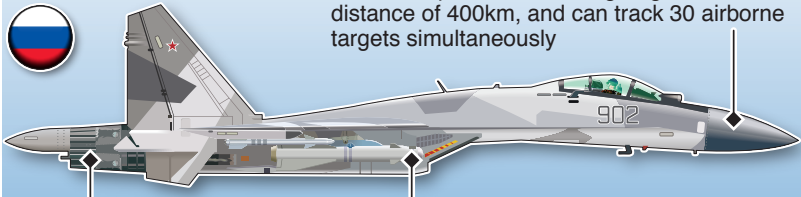
Russian Su-35s on standby in Syria

Russia has sent its most potent warplane – the Su-35 “Flanker-E” – to support airstrikes in Syria. The multirole fighter jet is considered to be more than a match for most current generation Western aircraft

SUKHOI SU-35 “FLANKER-E”



Radar: Capable of detecting targets at distance of 400km, and can track 30 airborne targets simultaneously



Powerplant: Two Saturn 117S turbofans, with 3D thrust vectoring for extreme manoeuvrability

Armament: 1 x 30mm cannon, 12 hardpoints for up to 8,000kg of external weapons and stores

Speed **Mach 2.25** (2,390km/h)

Climb rate **280m/sec**

Combat radius **1,650km**

Thrust-to-weight ratio **1.30**

F-16 Fighting Falcon

Most numerous Western fighter



F-22 Raptor



Steath characteristics arguably give F-22 slight edge over Su-35

Speed **Mach 2.0** (2,120km/h)

Speed **Mach 2.25** (2,410km/h)

Combat radius **550km**

Combat radius **760km**

Climb rate **254m/sec**

Climb rate **350m/sec**

Thrust-to-weight ratio **1.06**

Thrust-to-weight ratio **1.18**

Armament **1 x 20mm cannon, 7,700kg payload**

Armament **1 x 20mm cannon, 8,620kg payload (external)**