

Germany is considering the purchase of U.S. F-35 stealth jets to replace its 85-strong fleet of ageing Tornado strike aircraft



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■ Tornado is only German jet able to carry U.S. nuclear bombs, stored in Germany, in case of conflict

A 3x15 grid of airplane icons. Each icon is a small silhouette of a commercial airplane, facing right. The grid is organized into three rows and fifteen columns, representing a flight schedule where each column corresponds to a specific time slot and each row to a different flight or route.

ECR (electronic combat/
reconnaissance): **20**

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trainer: **15**

AIRCRAFT COMPARISON



The image displays two fighter jets side-by-side. On the left is a Eurofighter Typhoon, a multi-role fighter developed by a consortium of the United Kingdom, Germany, and Italy. It features a delta-wing configuration with canards and is shown in a light grey paint scheme. Above the aircraft are the national flags of the UK, Germany, and Italy. On the right is an F-35 Lightning II, a single-seat, single-engine stealth fighter developed by the United States. It has a conventional layout with a canard and two main wings, shown in a dark grey stealth paint. Above it is the flag of the United States.

Lockheed Martin F-35 Lightning II

Length	15.7m
Wingspan	10.7m
Max. takeoff weight	31.8 tonnes
Powerplant	1 x Pratt & Whitney F135-PW-100 turbofan
Max. thrust	191kN
Speed	Up to Mach 1.6
Armament	25mm cannon, 8,160kg payload