

Ukraine renews request for fighter jets

Ukraine has renewed its calls for Western allies to help bolster its air defences by supplying fighter jets such as the U.S. F-16

GENERAL DYNAMICS F-16 FIGHTING FALCON: Multirole fighter jet

Maximum speed: 2400km/h

Range: 3220km (ferry range)

Ceiling: Above 15,200m

Armament

Various air-to-air missiles, air-to-ground munitions and electronic countermeasures mounted on up to 11 hardpoints

Powerplant

One Pratt and Whitney F100 or General Electric F110 afterburning turbofan

One M-61A1 20mm multibarrel cannon with 500 rounds

Crew: One or two. Ukraine says pilots would need six months for F-16 training

FIGHTER JET COMPARISON



F-16 (U.S.)



Su-35 (Russia)

Engine thrust	29,000lb (129kN)	2 x 31,900lb (142kN)
Wingspan	9.8m	15.3m
Length	14.8m	21.9m
Empty weight	9207kg	18,400kg
Maximum take-off weight	16,875kg	34,500kg
Weapons payload	7700kg	8000kg
Speed	2400km/h	2390km/h
Ferry range	3220km	4200km