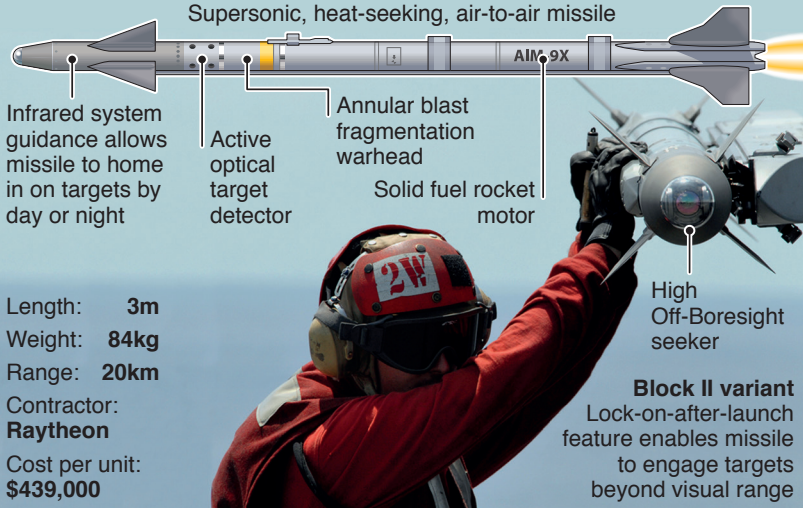


# UFOs shot down by Sidewinder missiles

The U.S. military used AIM-9X Sidewinder short-range missiles to bring down four airborne objects overflying the U.S. and Canada

## AIM-9X SIDEWINDER

Supersonic, heat-seeking, air-to-air missile



Length: 3m

Weight: 84kg

Range: 20km

Contractor:

**Raytheon**

Cost per unit:

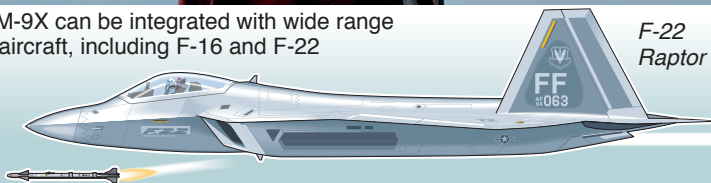
**\$439,000**

High  
Off-Boresight  
seeker

### Block II variant

Lock-on-after-launch  
feature enables missile  
to engage targets  
beyond visual range

AIM-9X can be integrated with wide range  
of aircraft, including F-16 and F-22



*F-22  
Raptor*

**Feb 4 downing of China's  
alleged spy balloon marks  
first F-22 air-to-air kill  
since plane's combat debut  
in Syria and Iraq in 2015**

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