

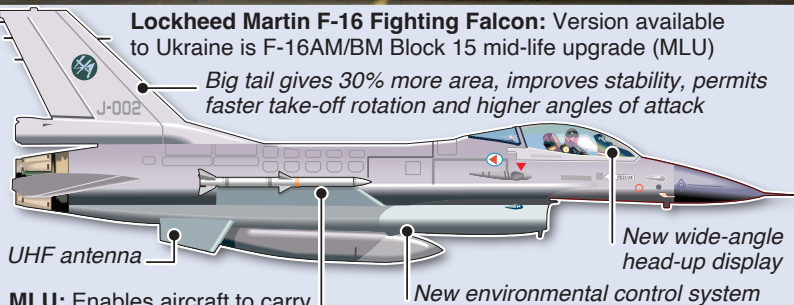
# F-16 challenge for Ukraine

Europe could supply U.S.-made F-16 combat aircraft to Ukraine and provide training for pilots and support crew. Denmark, the Netherlands, and Norway could supply up to 73 F-16 fighters

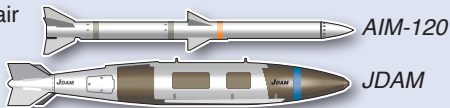


**Lockheed Martin F-16 Fighting Falcon:** Version available to Ukraine is F-16AM/BM Block 15 mid-life upgrade (MLU)

*Big tail gives 30% more area, improves stability, permits faster take-off rotation and higher angles of attack*



**MLU:** Enables aircraft to carry latest **AIM-9** and **AIM-120** air-to-air missiles, as well as **Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM)** and **Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile (JASSM)**



**Pledges of F-16s**

**Netherlands**  
Up to 42

**Denmark**  
19

**Norway**  
12 73



■ **Pilots:** Shortage of English-speaking pilots. Only eight Ukrainian pilots have started F-16 training in Denmark. 21 pilots have started English-language instruction in Britain

■ **Ground crew:** It takes 8-14 support personnel to maintain, fuel and support each F-16

**Training of pilots and support crews for F-16s takes four months**

