

# China's aircraft carrier fleet

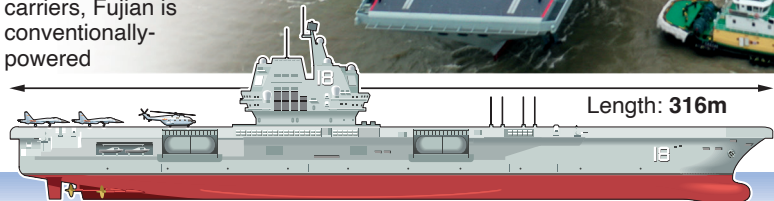
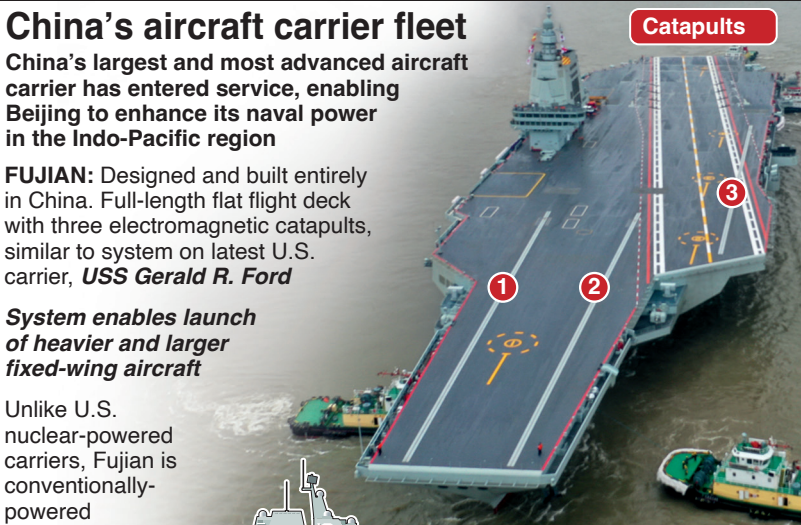
Catapults

China's largest and most advanced aircraft carrier has entered service, enabling Beijing to enhance its naval power in the Indo-Pacific region

**FUJIAN:** Designed and built entirely in China. Full-length flat flight deck with three electromagnetic catapults, similar to system on latest U.S. carrier, *USS Gerald R. Ford*

**System enables launch of heavier and larger fixed-wing aircraft**

Unlike U.S. nuclear-powered carriers, Fujian is conventionally-powered



**Displacement:** 80,000 tonnes **Speed:** 31 knots (57km/h) **Crew:** 2,000 (est)

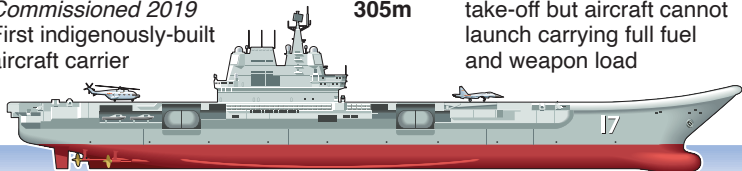
## SHANDONG

*Commissioned 2019*

First indigenously-built aircraft carrier

**Length:**  
305m

**Ski-jump:** Ramp assists take-off but aircraft cannot launch carrying full fuel and weapon load



**Displacement:** 66,000 tonnes **Speed:** 31 knots (57km/h) **Crew:** 2,000 (est)

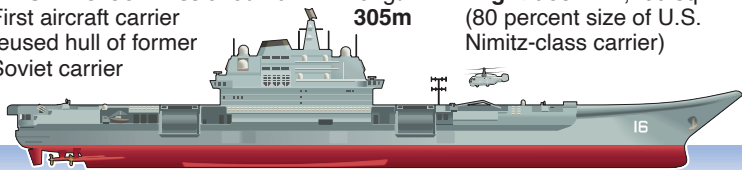
## LIAONING

*Commissioned 2012*

First aircraft carrier reused hull of former Soviet carrier

**Length:**  
305m

**Flight deck:** 14,700 sq m (80 percent size of U.S. Nimitz-class carrier)



**Displacement:** 60,000 tonnes **Speed:** 29 knots (53km/h) **Crew:** 1,960