Trump builds new White House helipad

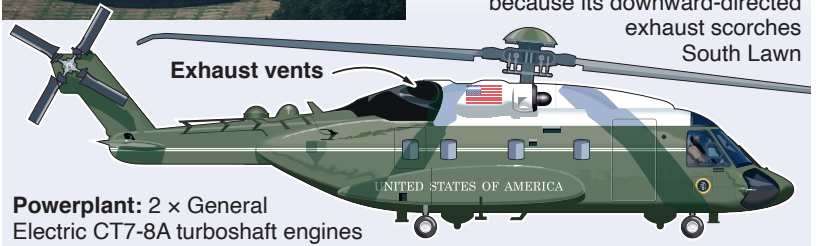
A new helipad is being built on the White House South Lawn to accommodate the VH-92A Patriot helicopter, which will serve as the next Marine One



Helipad under construction: New $5-6 million granite landing pad funded by ***Sikorsky***, Lockheed Martin subsidiary that manufactures Marine One helicopters, according to President ***Donald Trump***

NEW MARINE ONE

VH-92A Patriot first flew as Marine One in 2024, carrying President ***Biden***, but has seen limited use because its downward-directed exhaust scorches South Lawn

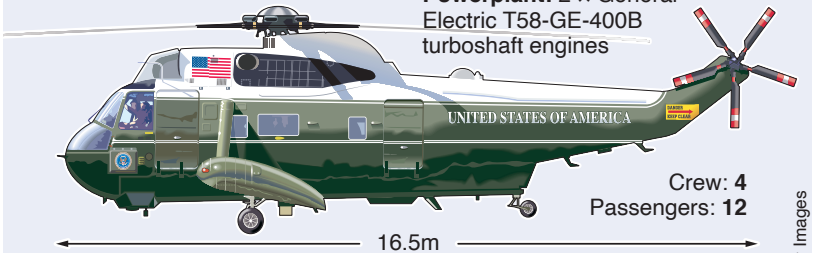


Powerplant: 2 × General Electric CT7-8A turboshaft engines

17.1m

Crew:	**4**
Passengers:	**14**
Max takeoff weight:	**12,565kg**
Cruise speed:	**280km/h**
Operating range:	**998km**
Max altitude:	**4,300m**

Powerplant: 2 × General Electric T58-GE-400B turboshaft engines



Crew: **4**
Passengers: **12**

16.5m

CURRENT MARINE ONE

VH-3D Sea King is longest serving helicopter to transport president, first entered service in 1978

Max takeoff weight:	**9,752kg**
Cruise speed:	**219km/h**
Operating range:	**1,005km**
Max altitude:	**4,480m**

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Sources: White House, U.S. Navy, National Naval Aviation Museum

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