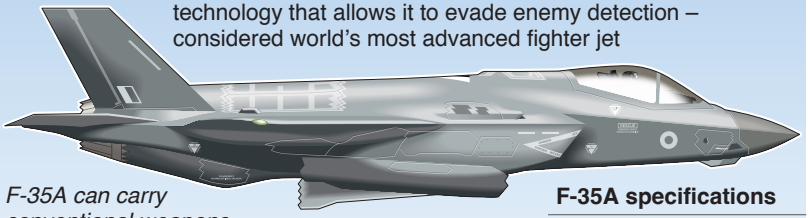
Lockheed agrees $78bn F-35 deal

Lockheed Martin outlines a 10-year framework with the United States covering at least 850 F-35 fighters, potentially worth more than $78 billion, alongside self-funded initiatives to support the programme

LOCKHEED MARTIN F-35A LIGHTNING II
Conventional take-off / landing version. Built with stealth technology that allows it to evade enemy detection – considered world's most advanced fighter jet



F-35A can carry conventional weapons or nuclear bombs

Cost: **$92m**

F-35A specifications	
Length	**15.7m**
Speed	**Mach 1.6**
Range	**2,200km**
Payload	**8,160kg**

F-35B variant – fan propulsion system allows for short take-off and vertical landing ***(STOVL)***

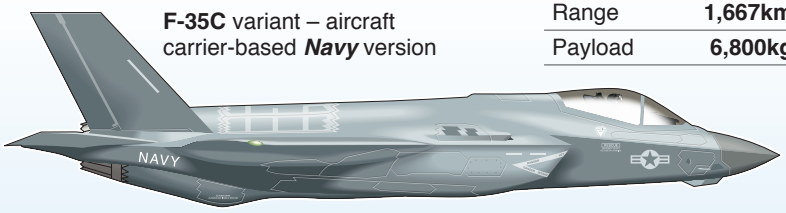


Aircraft not able to carry nuclear bombs

$121m

F-35B specifications	
Length	**15.6m**
Speed	**Mach 1.6**
Range	**1,667km**
Payload	**6,800kg**

F-35C variant – aircraft carrier-based ***Navy*** version



GLOBAL PRODUCTION:
156 F-35s a year. *Target annual production for U.S. and international customers. Lockheed to self-fund at least* ***$7 billion*** *to support production and repair capacity*

$110m

F-35C specifications
Same as variant A, but with larger ***13.1m*** *wingspan, compared with 10.7m*

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