



# F/A-18 HORNET



F/A-18 & EA-18G, PMA-265

CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF FLEET EXCELLENCE

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The F/A-18 A-D Hornet is a twin-engine, mid-wing, multi-mission tactical aircraft. Introduced in 1978, the Hornet replaced the F-4 Phantom and A-7 Corsair II. The single-seat F/A-18 was the nation's first strike fighter, capable of performing attack and fighter missions.

The Hornet uses external equipment to accomplish specific fighter or attack missions. This capability offers the operational commander more flexibility in employing the tactical aircraft in changing scenarios. The primary design missions are fighter escort and interdiction with fleet air defense and close air support as additional roles.

The first F/A-18A aircraft completed its first flight in 1978 and was approved for full rate production in 1983. Single and two-seat variants with night/austere, all-weather capability have been delivered to the fleet.

The F/A-18 Hornet is employed in Navy and Marine Corps strike fighter squadrons and in the air forces of seven countries outside of the United States, including Australia, Canada, Finland, Kuwait, Malaysia, Spain and Switzerland. A total of 1503 F/A-18A-D Hornets were produced for both domestic and international use.

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## F/A-18A/B



- Multi-mission strike fighter
- Glass displays
- AIM-7

## F/A-18C/D



- Increased lethality
- Avionics upgrade

## F/A-18C/D Night Strike



- Night/adverse weather capability
- Enhanced performance engines
- Increased survivability/lethality

## F/A-18E/F



- Longer range
- Increased survivability/lethality
- Improved carrier suitability
- Tanker
- Room for growth

## F/A-18E/F Block 2



- AESA
- Advanced Crew Station
- Network centric

## EA-18G



- Airborne Electronic Attack

## Future Capabilities



- Flight plan capabilities

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