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The first four Boeing-built 767 Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) aircraft have entered operational service for the Japan Air Self Defense Force (JASDF). The aircraft were delivered by Boeing between 1998 and 1999.

In meeting JASDF requirements, the aircraft underwent rigorous testing of their navigation, communication and radar systems. Operational tests with Japan's fighter jet fleet also were conducted. During this two-year period, about a dozen Boeing employees provided engineering and maintenance support.

Ross Dessert, Boeing U.S. AWACS/Japan 767 AWACS program manager, said, "The JASDF is well positioned to operate its AWACS aircraft. The 767AWACS performed flawlessly in its operational evaluation. The JASDF has skilled and well trained crews, along with the resources to support and maintain this outstanding airborne early warning and control system." Dessert added Boeing is ready to support the JASDF's requirements for engineering services and future enhancements.

The aircraft are based in Hamamatsu, Japan.

AWACS, the world's standard for airborne early warning & control systems, fills the need for both airborne surveillance and command and control functions for tactical and air defense forces.

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