Boeing Delivers First Full-Rate Production Super Hornet

The U.S. Navy Friday accepted its first full-rate production F/A-18E/F Super Hornet from The Boeing Company. The two-seat F model Super Hornet is bound for Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md.

"Delivery of this Super Hornet further demonstrates the dedication and commitment of the Hornet Industry Team," said Tony Parasida, Boeing F/A-18 vice president. "Our team is not satisfied with performing as expected. Our goal is to perform better than expected, and we've done that by delivering this first multiyear procurement Super Hornet ahead of schedule."

Delivery of this aircraft represents yet another milestone in the Super Hornet program - the delivery of the first Super Hornet equipped with the Joint Helmet-Mounted Cueing System, or JHMCS. JHMCS technology allows airplane crews to aim weapons and sensors by looking at targets. The system also enables users to track and attack targets more quickly, greatly increasing combat effectiveness.

To date 63 Super Hornets have been delivered to the U.S. Navy, including 34 to Training Squadron 122 (VFA-122) and 12 to Strike Fighter Squadron 115 (VFA-115), the first operational Super Hornet squadron.

Built by the industry team of Boeing, Northrop Grumman, GE Aircraft Engines, Raytheon and 2,000 other suppliers, the Super Hornet embodies the newest advances in multimission capability and offers decades of growth potential.

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