C-130J Super Hercules
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DESA is currently marketing a number of C-130J aircraft that are coming out of service between 2023 and 2025. They are available for sale from the UK MOD, who are working with their principal retail partner Marshall Aerospace, who will provide necessary entry into service, sustainment and capability enhancements.
Introducing the C-130J

The C-130J is the RAF’s primary tactical transport aircraft, capable of airdropping a variety of stores and paratroopers into areas that would otherwise be unsafe for all on board, should they be required to land there.

An updated version of the C-130 Hercules, the C-130J can operate at night as well as remain in formation during poor weather. Being able to refuel in the air mid-flight enhances the aircraft’s capacity to travel incredibly long distances without needing to land.

There is also the option to store Air Survival Rescue Apparatus in the cabin ahead of search and rescue missions, which enables the aircraft to deploy life rafts and emergency supplies to those who need it.

“The aircraft that goes where others can’t, won’t or don’t!”
The technical characteristics

A look under the C-130J’s “bonnet”

The four Allison AE turboprop engines with Dowty Aerospace six-bladed composite propellers, combined with the new Full Authority Digital Engine-Control (FADEC) system, allows the C-130J to take off with increased thrust and ensures better fuel efficiency.

Fully night vision compatible – all thanks to night vision goggles (NVGs) – the C-130J uses station keeping equipment (SKE) in order to fly safely through the poorest weather conditions. The revised flight deck now features a modern, glass cockpit and head-up displays (HUDs), making it perfect for a two-pilot flight deck operation.

It’s imperative, to be a part of the Hercules crew, that all crew members are highly skilled in low-level flying.
C-130J Statistics

- Wing Area: 162.12m²
- Empty Weight: 34,274kg
- Max Take-Off Weight: 70,305kg
- Max Range: 3,334km
- Max Level Speed: 645km/h
- Max Altitude: 8,535m

- Length: 34.34m
- Width / Wingspan: 40m
- Height: 11.70m
The history of the C-130J

Back in 1951, the United States Air Force (USAF) wanted an aircraft that could replace their large fleets of Curtiss C-46, Fairchild C-82 and C-119 piston-engine transports. Later that year, the USAF chose Lockheed’s L-206 design, which is the Hercules style aircraft that subsequent variants and subvariants – including the C-130J – have been based on ever since.

Since its first flight in the 1990s, the C-130J has played a crucial role during Military Operations across the globe, alongside the legacy Hercules fleet. It’s the airlifter of choice for more than 20 nations and over 25 operators around the world, clocking up more than two million flight hours during its existence. It has continually supported tactical airlifts, special operations, search and rescue, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR), refuelling, and commercial missions.
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