

Denmark Orders Lockheed Martin C-130J Hercules For New Airlift Fleet

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In a signing ceremony today at Air Material Command Headquarters, Vaerlose Air Base, the Royal Danish Air Force ordered three Lockheed Martin C-130J-30 Hercules tactical transport aircraft. The order also includes an option for a fourth. The aircraft will be 'stretched' configuration C-130J-30s, equipped with an enhanced cargo handling system and a comprehensive integrated electronic warfare system. The aircraft are scheduled for delivery in the fourth quarter of 2003. In addition, the order contains options for an accompanying logistics goods and services package.

The new C-130J-30s will greatly increase Denmark's airlift capability, as the new Hercules is capable of greater range and payload. "This order brings to 99 the number of C-130Js selected by air forces around the world," said Dain M. Hancock, president of Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company. "The C-130J is becoming the new generation airlifter of choice for tactical missions and, with the stretched J-30 variant, even strategic operations. The C-130J's amazing performance and ease of operation make it a true force multiplier for any operator."

The Danish Air Force currently operates three C-130H Hercules, which it acquired in 1975. The C-130Js will be operated by the 721 Transport Squadron at Vaerlose Air Base and will not only support national interests of Denmark, but continue to provide air mobility in support of worldwide humanitarian and relief missions.

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