

F/A-18 Super Hornet Aircraft Specifications:

The F/A-18E/F Super Hornet

The Super Hornet entered service with the U.S. Navy in 1999. Larger than the Legacy Hornet, the F/A-18/F represents the 21st Century's first truly multi-role fighter. Using the lessons learned from the original Hornet, the "Rhino" brings advances in avionics, weapons capabilities, radar and sensors, and stealth technology. The Rhino not only carries combat ordnance but can provide valuable reconnaissance and air-to-air refueling support to the air wing. After entering service with the Fleet, the Rhino quickly found itself in combat over Afghanistan and Iraq. Its increased fuel and ordnance loads make it an asset to American combat operations around the world. With the capability for future growth in weapons and onboard systems, the Rhino will remain a credible strike fighter for years to come.

Specifications:

- Crew: 2 (pilot and weapons systems officer)
- Height: 16.0 ft (4.8 m)
- Length: 60.3 ft (18.5 m)
- Wingspan: 44.9 ft (13.7 m)
- Powerplant: 2 x F414-GE-400 engines with 20,700 lbs thrust each
- Top Speed: Mach 1.8
- Armament:
 - 1 x M61A1 20 mm cannon
 - 11 weapons stations for combinations of:
 - AIM-9 Sidewinder, AIM-7 Sparrow, AIM-120 AMRAAM air-to-air missiles
 - LASER and GPS-guided bombs
 - AGM-65 Maverick, AGM-88 HARM, AGM-84K SLAM-ER, AGM-154 JSOW weapons
 - Unguided bombs
 - ANQ-228 ATFLIR targeting pod