

South Korean F-35 A Performs Belly Landing Due To ‘Avionic System Issues’



File picture of the very first ROKAF's F-35 A throughout its very first flight in 2018 (Image credit: Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Photo by Angel DelCueto)

It's the very first recognized gear-up landing of an F-35

An F-35 A of the ROKAF (Republic Of Korea Air Force) performed an emergency situation landing at 12.51 PM on Jan. 4, 2022, South Korea's *Yonhap* news firm reported.

According to the report, the 5th generation airplane was associated with a training objective when an avionic system problems required the pilot to perform a get ready landing at Seosan airbase, 151 kilometers southwest of Seoul. The emergency situation obviously marked the type's very first tummy landing.

” Before the landing, the Air Force activated a fire truck to use unique foam on the runway, which avoided the jet’s fuselage from sustaining any severe damage,” *Yonhap* reported. While the genuine degree of the damage to the airplane has actually not been exposed, the incident left the pilot unhurt.

A joint examination with Lockheed Martin will identify the source of the event; on the other hand, ROKAF will suspend all of its F-35 A fighters pending the probe.

The Republic of Korea chose the F-35 at the end of its F-X III fighter acquisition program with the finalizing of a Letter of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) in between the U.S. and Korean federal governments on Sept. 30,2014. Far, ROKAF has actually gotten more than 30 airplane out of 40 purchased F-35 A Conventional Take Off and Landing (CTOL) alternative jets. In December 2017, South Korea’s Defence Acquisition Program Administration developed a procedure for obtaining the 20 extra airplane, the Joongang Ilbo paper reported, pointing out several federal government sources.

The very first F-35 A for the ROKAF, called airplane AW-1, flew in Fort Worth, Texas, in March2018. In the exact same year, the very first F-35 A was provided to Luke AFB, Arizona, for pilot training while in 2019, the very first F-35 As were provided to their irreversible base in South Korea.

The ROKAF’s 17 th Fighter Wing and its 2 kid systems, the 151 Fighter Squadron and 152 Fighter Squadron, run the F-35 out of Cheongju Air Base, southeast of Seoul.



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