

Acquisition Update: Coast Guard Accepts Eighth Missionized HC-130J

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The Coast Guard accepted delivery of its eighth missionized HC-130J Super Hercules long range surveillance aircraft at Lockheed Martin's Greenville, South Carolina, plant Dec. 12.

Missionization is the process of installing Coast Guard-specific integrated radar, sensor and communications systems. The aircraft CGNR 2008 is missionized with the legacy system currently installed on six HC-130Js operating out of Air Station Elizabeth City, North Carolina. It is the last HC-130J to receive the legacy mission system before the Coast Guard upgrades the fleet with the Minotaur mission system processor.



The aircraft CGNR 2008 arrives at the L-3 Communications Integrated Systems Platform Integration Division in Waco, Texas, Dec. 13, 2016. The aircraft is the third HC-130J to enter the Minotaur mission system production program. U.S. Coast Guard photo by Chief Warrant Officer Ken Norris.

The aircraft is the third HC-130J to enter the Minotaur mission system production program. The Coast Guard began flight testing of the Minotaur prototype aircraft in June 2016. The Minotaur prototype aircraft operates out of Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland, and was also originally outfitted with the legacy system. Four additional aircraft are currently in production or under contract, with delivery of baseline configuration aircraft scheduled to begin later this month.