

Japan's First E-2D Aircraft Delivered by Northrop Grumman



In December 2018, the Japan Air Self Defense Force performed training flights on the E-2D Advanced Hawkeye. The first E-2D was delivered to JASDF in March. Northrop Grumman Corp.

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Northrop Grumman Corp. completed its first delivery of an E-2D Advanced Hawkeye to the Japanese Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF) on March 29, the company said in a release.

In November

2014, the Japan Ministry of Defense competitively selected the Northrop Grumman E-2D to fulfill an emerging next-generation airborne early warning requirement.

“Northrop

Grumman's longstanding partnership with Japan is beginning a new chapter with the delivery of the first Japan E-2D,” said Jane Bishop, vice president and integrated product team leader, manned airborne surveillance programs at Northrop Grumman. “This aircraft provides a significant increase in early warning and surveillance capability to outpace Japan's evolving security needs.”

Japan has

operated the Northrop Grumman E-2C Hawkeye since 1983 and is the largest E-2 operator outside the U.S. The E-2D delivers a two-generation

leap in radar technology, allowing the aircraft to track threats at extended range.

The aircraft can also be used in a humanitarian assistance and disaster relief capacity for civilian emergency coordination. The E-2D offers interoperability with next-generation aircraft systems and U.S. Navy allies to support regional security cooperation.

To ensure long-term success of the Japan E-2D fleet, Northrop Grumman is providing continued support to JASDF in the areas of sustainment and maintenance, in coordination with several Japanese firms.