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## BRITISH PILOTS, MAINTAINERS PRAISE F-35B PERFORMANCE ONBOARD THE USS WASP

FORT WORTH, Texas, September 12, 2013 – The United Kingdom’s future fighter aircraft, the Lockheed Martin [LMT] F-35B, earned strong praise for its performance from British pilots and maintainers during recent developmental testing held onboard the USS Wasp.

“Just flying F-35 is the highlight of my career, so being able to come to the USS Wasp and fly F-35 from an LHD class Marine ship is staggering,” said Royal Air Force Sqdn. Ldr. Jim

Schofield. “I’m very excited about what [the F-35] is going to bring the U.K. and all the partner nations in terms of capability.”

Royal Navy maintainer LtCdr Robin Trewinnard-Boyle added, “For the U.K., this is the future of our aviation... The aircraft is performing fantastically out at sea. What we’re seeing is the aircraft is much easier to fly but as far as I’m concerned much easier to maintain as well. This aircraft has very much been designed with the maintainer in mind. All the components we need to change, the work we have to do is considerably easier and quicker.”

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