

F-16 was selected in Jan. 1975 as a newly-typed air combat fighter seat in order to protect pilot against G (Gravity) and "Fly By Wire (ACF) of U.S. air force. In 1971 Light Weight Fighter Development Control System" was applied in the flying method rather than that of the programme (LWF) was announced by the U.S. Air Force and in Jan. of the next year from among the proposals suggested by the U.S. aircraft manufactures in accordance with the design proposal request, designs presented by General Dynamics Co. and North Rop Co. were selected by the U.S. Air Force. Those two companies, commenced their test production and named 'General Dynamics' as YF-16. North Rop's Y-17 respectively. YF-16 and YF-17 made their maiden flights on 2nd Feb. and on 9th June 1974 respectiverly.

By the December of the same year capacity of the two Aircraft was examined and evaluated. Originally it was scheduled to just study and research light combat fighter for developing strong plane in combatting by making plane light in weight without any promise of mass production. But the capacity of the two planes was excellent compared with the that of the plane currently in use, thus changed its plan with the promise of production to inexpensively produce small and light plane which is fleet and strong in combatting, based on LWF.

It was changed into improved ACF development programme. During the course of evaluation U.S. Air Force selected YF-16 as excellent in terms of capacity. YF-16, which is, as a brave plane though small and light, equipped with F100 pan engine having into maximum output of 8,260 Kg by PRATT&WHITNEY Co., succeeded in obtaining highest fleetness.

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past control lever system, thus making controls light in weight. At the same time the capacity of the body volume widened by putting main wings and body in smooth formation through the application of Blended Wing & Body and it was also designed not to increase resistance of air at a speed of sound and to carry a HUGE amount of fuel and 1 M-G1, 20 mm Vulcangun in the much voluminous body.

By 1975 U.S. Air Force determined to select F-15 Eagle as a successor To the F-4 phantom but it was impossible to purchase sufficient number of F-15 for Air Force because of its expensive prices. As a means of meeting deficiency in number of F-15 Air Force, aimed at its higher capacity, determined to use 650 YF-16s after evaluating the results of ACF, 4 NATO nations 348 and Spanish Air Force 72, respectively. Therefore F-16 as a new combatting fighter of 1980s was being paid great attention and expectation by the World Air Forces and also the Korean Air Force will hold newly-produced F-16

(Major information on F-16)

Total Width: 9.15 m, Total length: 14.4 m Height: 5.0 m Engine: PSWF-100-PS-100 Maximum output: 8,620 Kg x 1

Weight: 6,971 Kg Maximum Speed; M20

With the introduction of new design concept socalled "C.C.V. Armaments: 1M-61 20 mm gun, Side Wider: Air to air missile × 6





