

Unmanned Systems

F100-PW-220U Powered X-47B

Proven Propulsion for Unmanned Combat Air Systems (UCAS)



Pratt & Whitney's F100-PW-220 turbofan, one of the world's most reliable fighter engines, has been modified to meet the needs of the U.S. Navy X-47B UCAS, the first autonomous, aircraft-carrier-capable, unmanned aircraft system, built by prime contractor Northrop Grumman.

The F100-PW-220U's high-pressure-ratio compression system provides the thrust required to conduct the demanding UCAS program. The engine is designed to satisfy the aggressive packaging and integration needs that a highly embedded propulsion system and survivable air vehicle require, delivering an exceptional balance of performance, safety and reliability.

The proven -220U components and processes are common to today's F100-PW-229 and F119/F135 family of engine technologies that allow low-risk spiral development for operational flexibility, increased fleet commonality, and reduced life-cycle costs.

- Dependable, proven single-engine safety
- Excellent reliability
- Worldwide basing supportability

The X-47B team achieved first flight in 2011 and the first-ever catapult launch and arrested landing of an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) on a carrier at sea in 2013. The UCAS program will be used to mature relevant carrier operation and integration technologies that will inform future Navy programs to develop carrier-based unmanned systems.

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Product Facts

Characteristics

Type	Twin-spool, nonaugmented (dry) turbofan
Thrust	16,000-lb. dry thrust
Compression	Twin spool, axial flow, moderate aspect ratio <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3-stage fan - 10-stage compressor
Combustor	Annular
Turbine	Axial flow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2-stage high-pressure turbine - 2-stage low-pressure turbine

Military Applications

U.S. Military: X-47B UCAS



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