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issuing instructions to stay above the rim of the canyon. [275][276][277] On June 3 2022 U.S. Navy F/A-18E from VFA-113 crashed near NWS China Lake. [278] On 22 December 2024, a U.S. Navy F/A-18F took off from the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman operating in the Red Sea and was hit by friendly SM-2 surface-to-air-missile fired from USS Gettysburg operating in the same area. The two pilots onboard ejected with minor injuries and were rescued. [279][280] On 28 April 2025, a F/A 18E Super Hornet fell off an elevator of the USS Harry Truman after the carrier turned sharply to evade Houthi fire. The driver of the tractor and the pilot both escaped without major injuries. The carrier was operating in the Red Sea during the incident. [281][282][283] On 6 May 2025, a U.S. Navy F/A-18 fell overboard on the USS Harry Truman after a failure with the carrier's arresting gear. The pilot and weapons systems officer ejected safely and were recovered. [284] Three view projection of the Super Hornet F/A-18F at landing on USS John C. Stennis AN F/A-18F parked on the flight deck of aircraft carrier Dwight D. Eisenhower, as the ship operates in the Arabian Sea, December 2006 Data from U.S. Navy fact file, [3] F/A-18E/F NATOPS [285][286][287] F/A-18E Standard Aircraft Characteristics (SAC), [288] FY 2012 Selected Acquisition Report [289] General characteristics Crew: F/A-18E: 1 (pilot), F/A-18F: 2 (pilot and weapon systems officer) Length: 60 ft 1.25 in (18.31 m) Wingspan: 44 ft 8.5 in (13.62 m) Height: 16 ft 0 in (4.88 m) Wing area: 300 sq ft (46.5 m²) Empty weight: 32,081 lb (14,552 kg) Gross weight: 47,000 lb (21,320 kg) (equipped for fighter escort) Max takeoff weight: 66,000 lb (29,937 kg) Internal fuel capacity: F/A-18E: 14,700 lb (6,668 kg), F/A-18F: 13,760 lb (6,241 kg) External fuel capacity: Up to 4 × 480 US gal (1,817 L) tanks, totaling 13,040 lb (5,915 kg), wing for 2 × 515 US gal (1,949 L) conformal fuel tanks totaling an additional 7,000 lb (3,175 kg) on Block III[290] Powerplant: 2 × General Electric F414-GE-400 turbofans, 13,000 lbf

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