F-35 Flight Test Update

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This fourteenth installment in a continuing series of F-35 flight test reviews in Code One presents a variety of additional milestones for the F-35 test fleet in 2014. From a monthly flight record for the F-35 CATBird, through an airborne link with British Typhoon fighters, to the completion of the initial carrier trials for the F-35C, this review details what happened at Edwards AFB and at NAS Patuxent River, Maryland, last year.

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The initial sea trials of the F-35C wrapped up on 14 November 2014. The trials ended with pilots in F-35C test aircraft CF-3 and CF-5 performing 124 arrested landings; 222 touch-and-goes; two bolters, both intentional for test purposes; and 124 catapult launches on thirty-two flights covering 38.6 flight hours. The [F-35C photo gallery](#) contains more than 100 images from the first F-35 operations aboard an aircraft carrier.

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