

F-35 Lightning II Program

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VMX-1 Aircraft with AIM-120 Missile

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, FL. -- An F-35B Lightning II with Marine Operational Test & Evaluation Squadron 1 (VMX-1) on the flight line with an AIM-120 Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missile prepares for a round of Operational Test missile shots. The three F-35B aircraft and 75 U.S. Marines along with 21 test personnel from the JSF Operational Test Team at Edwards that deployed to Eglin AFB, FL., from August 9 to September 1, 2016 completed multiple engineering runs in preparation for the expenditure of five AIM-120 missiles and one Guided Bomb Unit-12 (GBU-12) LASER guided bomb. (U.S. Air Force Photos by Staff Sgt. Brandi Hansen)



F-35B with VMX-1 on the flight line with AIM-