



MEXICO EXPANDS C-130J SUPER HERCULES FLEET WITH SECOND AIRCRAFT

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The Fuerza Aérea Mexicana has announced the acquisition of a second Lockheed Martin C-130J-30 Super Hercules tactical airlifter, further strengthening Mexico's position as a regional leader in air mobility. This latest procurement follows the country's first Super Hercules acquisition, announced in January 2026, which marked Mexico as the first nation in Latin America to join the global C-130J Super Hercules operator community.

As a long-standing Hercules operator, the Fuerza Aérea Mexicana is modernizing its tactical airlift fleet with the C-130J-30 Super Hercules, the stretched variant of the proven platform that offers an additional 15 feet of cargo space. The aircraft delivers enhanced power, range, fuel efficiency and payload capacity, enabling the FAM to meet a broad spectrum of airlift missions while capitalizing on decades of experience operating, maintaining and supporting Hercules aircraft.

The Super Hercules provides capabilities unmatched in the tactical airlift segment, combining certified multi-mission flexibility, proven operational performance, global interoperability and industry-leading reliability. These advantages are reinforced by a comprehensive worldwide support network designed to ensure high availability and mission readiness for decades.

The fleet expansion comes at a pivotal time. Following the devastating earthquakes in Venezuela, Mexico's first C-130J-30 was rapidly deployed to transport emergency supplies, medical assistance and response personnel to affected communities. The addition of a second aircraft will

significantly enhance that capacity, strengthening Mexico's ability to deliver humanitarian relief across Latin America while further reinforcing its strategic air mobility role in support of regional stability and security.

Trish Pagan, vice president of Lockheed Martin's Air Mobility & Maritime Missions commented: "The C-130J is the backbone of global airlift, and Mexico's continued investment underscores confidence in a platform that delivers decades of operational readiness, unmatched versatility and seamless interoperability with U.S. and allied forces. We are proud to support Mexico as it sets a new benchmark for tactical airlift in Latin America."

For more than five decades the C-130 Hercules has been a cornerstone of Mexico's response to natural disasters, military operations and other critical missions. The aircraft remains a powerful symbol of Mexico's commitment to regional security and cooperation, and the expanded fleet highlights the long-standing partnership between Lockheed Martin and the FAM.

Mexico's expansion of the C-130J fleet demonstrates a clear momentum for modern air mobility in Latin America. By investing in the most advanced Hercules ever built, the country not only enhances its own operational reach but also creates a platform for greater cooperation with U.S. and allied forces, ensuring a coordinated response to security and humanitarian challenges for years to come.

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