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Some notable modern digital age aircraft:

The Antonov AN-124 Ruslan a strategic airlift 4 engine aircraft is the heaviest gross weight operating cargo aircraft (after the AN-225 Mriya destroyed in the Ukraine/Russia war, and the Boeing 747-8).



The Lockheed U-2 'Spy Plane', nicknamed 'Dragon Lady', is a high altitude reconnaissance aircraft operated from the 1950's by the USA, heading for retirement by 2026. A U-2 was shot down in 1960 over the U.S.S.R.



The USA Northrop Grumman B-2 (Stealth Bomber) with stealth technology that can drop conventional as well as thermonuclear weapons.



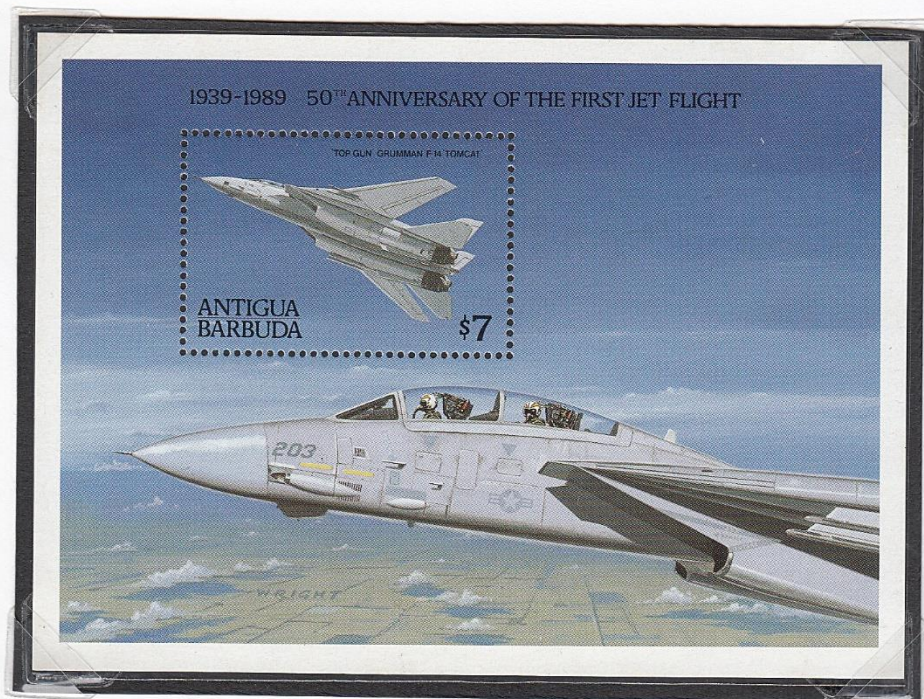
The Lockheed F-117A Nighthawk Stealth Fighter was once a well-kept secret in the USA military arsenal. Despite the type's official retirement in 2008 a portion of the fleet has been kept.



The Mirage III is a single/dual-seat, single-engine, fighter aircraft developed and manufactured by French aircraft company Dassault



The Grumman F-14 Tomcat was an American carrier-capable supersonic, twin-engine, two-seat, twin-tail, all-weather-capable fighter aircraft. Retired from service 2006.



The British Aerospace Harrier is a vertical/short take-off and landing (V/STOL) jet aircraft.



Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS)

The E-3 Sentry is a modified Boeing 707/320 commercial airframe with a rotating radar dome, providing an airborne warning and control system, (AWACS) with an integrated command and control battle management (C2BM) surveillance, target detection, and tracking platform.

