

LEONARDO M-346 LIVES UP TO EVERY EXPECTATION WITH ISRAELI AIR FORCE

Twin Honeywell F124 engines provide vital redundancy for trainee fighter pilots



⁶⁶ It's very easy to make the transition from the M-346 to a real jet fighter because it's very similar to the fighters. You learn how to fight and then do the transition to the real fighter. You don't need to learn how to fight again with the real fighter, so you save a lot of hours. ⁹⁹

Brig. Gen. (Res) Avi Maor, Israeli Air Force

Overview

With the imminent delivery of F-35 fighter aircraft, the Israeli Air Force wanted to ensure that its pilots gained flight instruction using the most efficient and advanced jet trainer.

The air force carefully reviewed all options before finding the Leonardo M-346, powered by twin Honeywell F124 engines, to be the ideal solution. Thirty aircraft were delivered to schedule and budget and, having been in service with the Israeli Air Force for four years, the M-346 is living up to all expectations.

Quick Facts

Customer

- Name: Israeli Air Force
- Location: Israel
- Industry: Defense
- Website: www.iaf.org.il

Why the Leonardo M-346

- Need for an advanced jet trainer to prepare pilots for the F-35 fighter
- Came top when 150 different criteria considered
- Twin Honeywell F124 engines provide important redundancy

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Customer results

- Provides easy transition to advanced fighter aircraft
- Aircraft has met all expectations
- Project stayed on time and budget
- No engine failures in four years of service