



US CH-47 CHINOOK™



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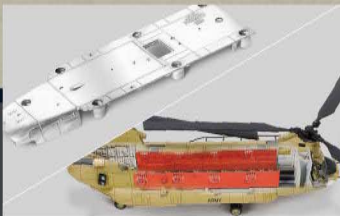
AUSTRALIAN ARMY CHINOOK CH-47F

5TH AVIATION REGIMENT, "C" SQUADRON

The Australian Defence Force has operated Boeing CH-47 Chinook helicopters almost continuously since 1974. Over the years, thirty of the type comprising twelve CH-47Cs, eight CH-47Ds and ten CH-47Fs have served first with the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) and later with the Australian Army when the latter took over the role.

Australia was the first export country to purchase the Chinook when an order was placed for 12 CH-47C Chinooks in 1970. The CH-47s entered service with the RAAF in December 1974. The eleven surviving Chinooks were retired in 1989 as a cost-saving measure, but it was found that the Australian Defence Force's other helicopters could not replace their capabilities. As a result, four of the CH-47Cs were upgraded to CH-47D standard, and returned to service in 1995 with the Australian Army. The Army acquired two more CH-47Ds in 2000 and another pair in 2012. The CH-47Ds were replaced with seven new CH-47F aircraft during 2015, and another three CH-47Fs were delivered in 2016.

The Chinooks have mainly been used to support the Australian Army, though they have performed a wide range of other tasks. Three Chinooks took part in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003, when they transported supplies and Australian Special Forces. A detachment of two Chinooks was also sent to Afghanistan during the northern spring and summer months for each year between 2006 and 2007 and 2008 to 2013, seeing extensive combat. Two of the CH-47s deployed to Afghanistan were lost as a result of crashes. The helicopters have also served domestically in Australia and in neighbouring countries, frequently used to assist in recovery efforts following natural disasters.



- Partial Diecast metal body structure and full interior details (Including the cockpit, pilot and cabin)



- Intricate surface details and FOV signature weathering effects



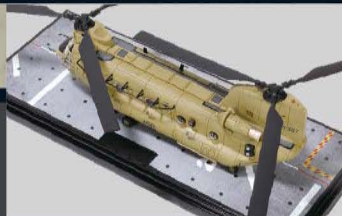
- Movable spinning blades and rear access ramp



- Research base on real helicopter



- Sturdy display stand



- Display base graphic base on real helipad tarmac



- Exquisite and standard size FOV helicopter series packaging



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AUSTRALIAN ARMY CHINOOK CH-47F

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The CH-47F has generally similar performance to the CH-47D, but was designed to be easier to maintain and deploy. Its fuselage comprises fewer machined components, rather than the many fabricated sections of sheet metal used in the D variant, which reduces vibration and susceptibility to structural cracking. The F variant also includes more advanced avionics as well as design features that enable the helicopters to be more quickly prepared for transport within a cargo aircraft such as the C-17 Globemaster III. The initial seven Australian CH-47Fs are fitted with rotor brakes and other equipment to better enable them to operate from the Royal Australian Navy's two Canberra Class Landing Helicopter Dock (LHD) ships, but are otherwise identical to those operated by the US Army.

Australia's first CH-47Fs were delivered in April 2015 and entered service with the 5th Aviation Regiment's newly formed C Squadron in May of that year. A further three CH-47Fs were ordered in December 2015 and all three helicopters were delivered by June 2016.

The 5th Aviation Regiment (5 Avn Regt) is an Australian Army Aviation unit. The Regiment was formed in 1987 after the Army took over responsibility for operating helicopters from the RAAF, and is based at Townsville in Queensland.

