

JH-XX modern-day Regional Bomber

The recently unveiled JH-XX reminds us of the mid 2000s US Air Force interim Regional Bomber concept, an aircraft with an estimated payload of 30,000 lb and a range of 1,800 nm. Lockheed Martin and Northrop Grumman proposed derivatives of their F-22 and YF-23 fighters, the FB-22 and the FB-23, enlarged and redesigned for the mission. We compare the three aircraft and the Sukhoi Su-34, a fielded 4th Gen fighter-bomber.

The depicted notional NGAD aircraft is based on the Lockheed Martin 6th Gen fighter artist impressions with a length similar to an F-111; the JH-XX is based on an top down extrapolation compared to the J-20 from the images available online; FB-22 and FB-23 are based on announced dimensions from the OEMs.

