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At 222 feet across, almost 300 feet long, and 65 feet tall at its tail, Lockheed Martin's C-5 Galaxy is the largest transport aircraft in the US Air Force. With a cargo hull 121 feet long and 19 feet across, the C-5 is a flying warehouse that can carry a combat-ready military unit or deliver necessary supplies anywhere in the world.

The C-5 has a cargo capacity of 142 tons, the equivalent of carrying two M1A1 Abrams tanks, six greyhound buses, or [25,844,746 ping-pong balls](#). Below, see just how awesome the C-5's carrying capacity is.



People in line to enter the 445th Airlift Wing's first C-5A Galaxy in 2005.
US Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Charlie Miller

The C-5 Galaxy absolutely dwarfs humans - The engine alone is more than 7 feet across.



Staff Sgt. Randall Ard, 730th Air Mobility Squadron crew chief, clears the runway for a C-5 Galaxy at Yokota Air Base, Japan, August 31, 2015. [US Air Force](#)

Even large helicopters are tiny compared to the C-5.



US Marine Corps Bell AH-1 Sea Cobra helicopters and a Bell UH-1N Twin Huey helicopter are parked on the flight line as a US Air Force C-5A Galaxy aircraft stands by after unloading supplies during Operation Desert Shield on January 23, 1991. [US Army](#)

To ease loading and unloading, the C-5 opens from the nose and the tail end.



With four massive engines that each produce the force of 800 cars, the C-5 sounds amazing. (Sound starts about 0:30 mark.)

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Chinook helicopters fit with ease.



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Hauling an A-10 is no problem.



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Fighter jets fit too!



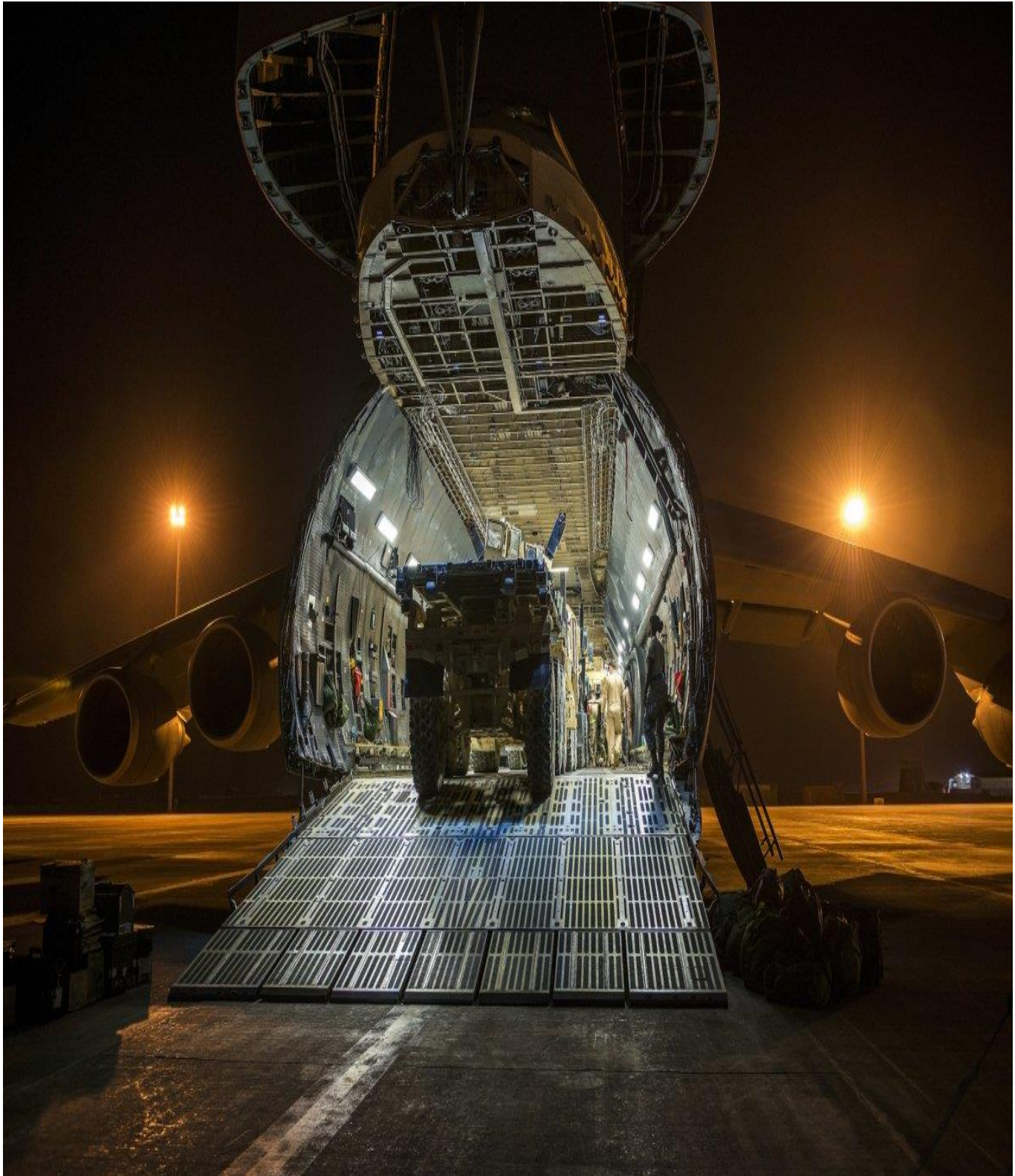
Members of the 451st Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron aerial port flight and 22nd Airlift Squadron prepare to load a US Navy F/A-18 Super Hornet fighter aircraft onto a US Air Force C-5 Galaxy cargo aircraft on Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, August 18, 2011. [US Air Force](#)

Here comes the M1 Abrams.



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Over 266,000 pounds of cargo and armored vehicles are loaded into a C-5 in Afghanistan.



Airmen from the 9th Airlift Squadron and 455th Expeditionary Aerial Port Squadron work with Marines from the Marine Expeditionary Brigade to load vehicles into a C-5 Super Galaxy October 6, 2014, at Camp Bastion, Afghanistan. [US Air Force](#)

A C-5 Galaxy offloads an 81-foot boat for the US Navy at Coronado Naval Base, California. [Credit: SSgt. Angel Gallardo](#)



The C-130 is a big plane in its own right, but its fuselage fits easily inside the Galaxy



A C-130 Hercules training fuselage is loaded into a C-5 Galaxy for transport to Stratton Air National Guard Base, New York. This was the first time a C-5 transported a C-130 fuselage. [US Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Ty Moore](#)

In times of trouble, when aid is needed on a huge scale, the C-5 is a welcome sight.



A C-5 Galaxy from the Air Force Reserve Command's 433rd Airlift Wing is ready to depart a deployed location on another mission supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. [US Air Force photo by Capt. Jeremy Angel](#)