



Lockheed Martin Introduces FireHerc at Farnborough Airshow 2018

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The LM-100J "FireHerc," was introduced by Lockheed Martin at the Farnborough International Airshow (FIAS) 2018. The FireHerc is a civil-certified firefighting air tanker variant of the proven C-130J Super Hercules which the airlifter of choice for 18 nations around the world.

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The LM-100J FireHerc not only enhances the proven experience but also offers advanced capabilities to support aerial firefighting requirements for decades to come. C-130s – legacy Hercules, Super Hercules and L-100s – have flown millions of hours in support of missions for military and civilian operators around the world for 60+ years, which includes supporting firefighting missions for more than 40 years

"With the presence of wildfires increasing on a global scale, there is a real-time need to provide more advanced assets to protect our people, communities and environment," said Vice President and General Manager, Air Mobility & Maritime Missions at Lockheed Martin, George Shultz. He added "As a variant of the C-130J Super Hercules, the FireHerc delivers a powerful combination of established, performance advantages and innovative technology that will truly change the way we fight and defeat wildfires."

This aircraft plays a crucial role in firefighting since it disperses fire retardants to contain and control fires in a plethora of complex locations and terrains. Its turboprop power plant along with its straight-wing design allows it to excel in supporting this challenging low-level, low-speed firefighting mission profile like no other large air tanker in operation.