



## U.S. Customs and Border Protection

### *Sikorsky S-76*

# FACT SHEET



S-76 helicopters are a medium-range, tactical apprehension aircraft used by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Air and Marine Operations (AMO) to protect the American public from threats of terrorism and drug smuggling, and to enforce airspace security over critical venues.

A 2-person crew consisting of a pilot and co-pilot operate the S-76. They are medium-lift utility helicopters which can carry multiple personnel and equipment for various law enforcement operations without sacrificing range or speed.

Additionally, these aircraft are well suited for day or night operations, and can be flown in varying weather conditions.

#### **Performance and Weights:**

- **Maximum Speed**  
155 knots (178 mph)
- **Service Ceiling Altitude**  
15,000 feet
- **Range**  
439 nautical miles (505 miles)
- **Endurance**  
2.5 hours
- **Maximum Gross Weight**  
11,700 pounds

#### **Features:**

- Night vision goggle-compatible
- Satellite communications
- Seats 8 passengers