



## U.S. Customs and Border Protection

## *Sikorsky UH-60 (A, L or M Models) Black Hawk*



# FACT SHEET

UH-60 Black Hawk variant helicopters are medium lift tactical helicopters used by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Air and Marine Operations (AMO) to protect the American public from terrorism and drug smuggling, and to enforce airspace security over critical venues.

A minimum crew consisting of a Pilot and Co-Pilot, operate the aircraft. However, a third crew-member often provides support for operational missions.

UH-60 variant helicopters are powerful enough to carry necessary personnel and equipment without sacrificing speed and range to perform missions such as: maritime, aviation, and land interdiction; insertion of agents in remote areas; and joint operations during contingency operations and national taskings.

UH-60 variants are used to conduct search and rescue operations over land because of its hoist and spacious interior, which allows aircrew to recover, assess and stabilize injured persons. These helicopters are also used for external load and fast rope operations to move equipment and personnel to remote locations.

### Performance and Weights:

- **Maximum Cruise Speed**  
150 knots (172 mph)
- **Service Ceiling Altitude**  
20,000 feet
- **Range**  
600 nautical miles (690 miles)
- **Endurance**  
4.0 hours
- **Maximum Gross Weight**  
22,000 pounds

### Features:

- Internal auxiliary fuel tanks
- Electro-optical/infrared sensor (EO/IR)
- Night sun spotlight
- Night Vision Goggle (NVG) compatible