

AIM-260 Joint Advanced Tactical Missile

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Australia is poised to become the first international buyer of the AIM-260 Joint Advanced Tactical Missile (JATM), one of the US Air Force's (USAF) best-kept secrets and unarguably its longest-range air-to-air missile.

About AIM-260 Joint Advanced Tactical Missile

- It is a **next-generation beyond-visual-range air-to-air missile (BVRAAM)**.
- It is being developed by **U.S. defence company Lockheed Martin**.
- It was developed as a top-secret Special Access Program, and therefore no definite details about its characteristics have been made public.
- The missile is optimized for **long-range interception**, particularly **against high-value airborne assets and advanced fighters**.

AIM-260 Joint Advanced Tactical Missile Features

- The missile is estimated to be about 4 m long.

- JATM is likely to utilize **dual-pulse or advanced solid rocket propulsion**.
- It is expected to have **inertial mid-course guidance**, a two-way datalink, a **dual-mode terminal seeker** and an effective **range** of at least **200 km** (125 miles).
- It is expected to achieve high **supersonic speeds**, likely above Mach 4, enabling rapid engagement of distant and maneuvering targets.

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