

Technology Tuesday

Description

Before we go to unmanned combat aircraft, the F-35 is coming online. I'd speculate it may well be the last manned fighter we put into service. But, that's not the point. It brings some incredible technology to the table, and will serve the USAF, USMC and Navy in three different modifications.

Specifically, the really interesting technology that "caught my eye" was [this](#):

F-35 JSF Pilot's Helmet

Designed for a "HUD-less" cockpit, the heads up display travels with the pilot's head, yielding pictures like this to the occupant:

F-35 Pilot's view through the HUD-less helmet

Heck, not only will you be able to see vital info, regardless of where you position your head...[you'll be able to "talk" to the plane](#)....Next: The development of the "sensitivity module" to detect when you are verbally abusing your ride....and [the CDR thought alcohol abuse was a too intrusive issue](#)...Moving pictures, that talk to you, about the F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter:

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