



The Belgian air force suffered one of 1996's worst military aircraft accidents when a Lockheed Martin C-130 Hercules crashed on landing at Eindhoven, Netherlands, killing 34 people on board

# 1996 World military aircraft incidents

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## SOURCES

The information comes from a combination of *Flight International's* own sources and the database of Brassey's Global Military Aircraft Census (GLOBEMAC), which covers the strengths, organisation, disposition and past and future procurement planning of some 150 air forces and paramilitary air arms.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

**AAC** Army Air Corps; **AAR** Air-to-air refuelling; **AB** Airbase; **AF** Air force; **AFB** Air force base; **AGL** Above ground level; **ANG** Air National Guard; **AP** Airport; **BAe** British Aerospace; **CFIT** Controlled flight into terrain; **CNK** Cause not known; **FOD** Foreign-object damage; **IAI** Israel Aircraft Industries; **JASDF** Japanese Air Self-Defence Force; **JMSDF** Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force; **MDC** McDonnell Douglas **MPA** Maritime-patrol aircraft; **NAS** Naval air station; **NG** National Guard; **PLA** People's Liberation Army; **PMTF** Post-maintenance test-flight; **RAF** Royal Air Force; **RAAF** Royal Australian Air Force; **SAM** surface-to-air missile; **USAF** US Air Force; **USANG** US Air National Guard; **USMC** US Marine Corps; **USN** US Navy; **USS** US Ship.