

JGSDF CHINOOK CH-47JA

1st Helicopter Group, 103rd Squadron, #JG-2981

Following the tradition of naming Army helicopters after American Indian tributes, this tandem rotor cargo helicopter was no exception, its name, Chinook, is from the Native American Chinook people of modern-day Washington state. The Chinook was originally designed by Vetrol and its original designation of the Vetrol prototype model was V-107. The V-107 after improvement was eventually assigned with military designation CH-46, known as the Sea Knight.

The relationship between Boeing and Japan aerospace industries had began as early as 1956 when Mitsubishi Heavy Industries began to license built the F-86 Sabre Jet Fighter. In 1959, Vetrol and Kawasaki Heavy Industries, known as KHI signed the agreement allowing KHI to license built the V-107, which had became one of the most influential helicopter models that served in both self defence air and ground forces. About half year after the license agreement between Vetrol and KHI, Boeing acquired Vetrol and formed the Boeing Vetrol division. It was until 1984 KHI began to license production of the legendary Chinook helicopter, the airframes were manufactured by KHI in Gifu, Japan, instead of following the conventional U.S. military designation using a letter D behind the model name, the KHI version Chinook was named with a letter J, later known as the CH-47J.



 Partial Diecast metal body structure and full interior details (Including the cockpit, pilot and cabin)



Intricate surface details and FOV signature weathering effects



 Movable spinning blades and rear access ramp



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Research base on real helicopter



Sturdy display stand



 Display base graphic base on real helipad tarmac



 Exquisite and standard size FOV helicopter series packaging



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Over the course from 1986 to 2012, Kawasaki Industries had delivered atotal of 69 units of both CH-47J and the upgraded version with larger fuel tank and more advance radar system, known as the CH-47JA. Besides supplying the ground force division, a total of 31 units had been supplied to the Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF). CH-47J and CH-47JA plays an important role in the forces because the helicopter offer a large ram door to facilitate cargo loading, and capable of carrying a maximum of 55 persons capacity, it still performs high manoeuvrability in various circumstances including casual mission like personnel transport or heavy duty mission like disaster relief.

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