# SIKORSKY H-3 SEA KING

### **SEA KING SERVICE**

Manufacturer: Sikorsky Aircraft Division, United Aircraft Corp., Bridgeport,

Connecticut, USA

(In 1975, became Sikorsky Aircraft Division,

United Technologies Corp., Stratford, Connecticut, USA)

Model: S-61

Designations: H-3 (CH-3, SH-3); HR3S, HSS, CH-124 (CAF)

Names: Sea King; Jolly Green Giant (HH-3E), Payloader (S-61A),

Pelican (HH-3F), Commando (Westland non-amphibious

version)

First official flight: YHSS-2 11 Mar 1959 Factory production period: 1958 – 1980

1967 – 1997 (Foreign built)

Primary service period: 1961 – 1995

Last official flight: SH-3H 27 Jan 2006 (US Navy)

VH-3D Still in service

#### **SEA KING VARIANTS**

1959	Model S-61B	XHSS-2 (SH-3A)	10	
1959	Model S-61B	` ,	245	
1962	Model S-61B	CHSS-2 (CH-124)	41	
1962	Model S-61B	HSS-2Z (VH-3A)	8	Total: 0304
1962	Model S-61A	CH-3B	3	Total: 0003
1966	Model S-61D	YSH-3D	1	
1966	Model S-61D	SH-3D	90	
1975	Model S-61D	VH-3D	11	Total: 0102
1963	Model S-61R	CH-3C	80	
1967	Model S-61R	CH-3E	45	
1967	Model S-61R	HH-3E	8	
1968	Model S-61R	HH-3F	40	Total: 0173
1962	Model S-61A/B/D/R	S-61 Series	73	Total: 0073
1960	Model S-61L	S-61L	13	
1962	Model S-61A	S-61A	1	
1962		S-61N	123	
1965		S-61V	1	Total: 0138

**Total: 0793** 

Foreign built – England: 1969 **Model WS-61** Sea King Series 245 Commando Series 1973 **Model WS-61** 83 Total: 0328 Foreign built – Italy: 1969 **Model AS-61** AS-61 Series 128 **Total: 0128** Foreign built - Japan: 1962 Model S-61 **Total: 0185** S-61 Series 185 **Total: 0641 Grand Total: 1434** SEA KING PRODUCTION **Military Helicopters** XHSS-2 Prototype twin-engined, 5-bladed rotor, ASW / SAR amphibious helicopter for US Navy. 2 (BuNo. 147141, 147145), later upgraded to HSS-2Z. Redesignated as YHSS-2 during tests. Redesignated as SH-3A in 1962. produced 1958 - 1959 Sikorsky Stratford, Connecticut (S) BuNo. 147137 / 147146 61-001 / 61-010 10 **Total: 0010** HSS-2 As YHSS-2, engine upgrade, various improvements for US Navy. 2 later upgraded to SH-3D. Redesignated as SH-3A in 1962. produced 1959 - 1966 Sikorsky Stratford, Connecticut (S) 61-011 / 61-030 BuNo. 148033 / 148052 BuNo. 148964 / 149012 mixed 61-036 to 61-087 BuNo. 149679 / 149738 mixed 61-088 to 61-162 BuNo. 149893 / 149934 mixed 61-158 to 61-211 BuNo. 150618 / 150620 61-212, 61-214, 61-215 BuNo. 151522 / 151557 mixed 61-217 to 61-293 BuNo. 152104 / 152138 mixed 61-294 to 61-339 245 **Total: 0245** 3 additional airframes cancelled. CHSS-2 As HSS-2, version for RCN. Redesignated as CH-124 in 1968 with new CAF s/n: 12401 / 12441. produced 1962 - 1967 Sikorsky Stratford, Connecticut (S) mixed 61-179 to 61-202 (RCN) 4001 / 4004 4 Foreign assembled - Canada: United Aircraft of Canada Ltd., Longueuil, Quebec, Canada (RCN) 4005 / 4041 37 Total: 0041 mixed 61-207 to 61-384

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HSS-2Z
       As HSS-2, USMC / US Army VIP helicopters.
       2 SH-3A also upgraded to this standard.
       1 (BuNo. 150614), later upgraded to VH-3D
       standard. Redesignated as VH-3A in 1962.
       produced 1962
       Sikorsky Stratford, Connecticut (S)
       BuNo. 150610 / 150617
                                  mixed 61-086 to 61-123
                                                                      Total: 0008
                                                                 8
CH-3B
       As HSS-2, general purpose version
       for USAF, engine upgrade.
       produced 1962
       Sikorsky Stratford, Connecticut (SI)
       62-12574 / 62-12576
                                   61-145, 61-152, 61-161
                                                                 3
                                                                      Total: 0003
(Model S-61R) HR3S-1 – Proposed development for USMC, cancelled.
                          Design later led to the CH-3C.
YSH-3D
       As SH-3A, prototype with engine /
       avionics upgrade for US Navy.
       produced 1966
       Sikorsky Stratford, Connecticut (SI)
       BuNo. 152139
                                   61-309
                                                                      Total: 0001
SH-3D
       As YSH-3D, production version for US Navy.
       2 SH-3A also upgraded to this standard.
       produced 1966 - 1980
       Sikorsky Stratford, Connecticut (SI)
                                   mixed 61-341 to 61-379
       BuNo. 152690 / 152713
       BuNo. 153532 / 153537
                                   mixed 61-355 to 61-375
       - 6 to Spain as HS.9, HS.9-01,
        -03, -05, -06 and Z.9-2, -4.
       BuNo. 154100 / 154123
                                   mixed 61-386 to 61-423
       BuNo. 156483 / 156506
                                   61-429 / 61-452
       BuNo. 158724, 158725
                                   61-499, 61-701
       - 2 to Spain as HS.9, HS.9-07, -08.
       BuNo. 159053 / 159056
                                   61-707 / 61-710
       - 4 to Spain as HS.9, HS.9-09,
        -11, -12 and Z.9-10.
                                                                90
       BuNo. 161207 / 161212
                                   61-838 / 61-843
                                                                      Total: 0090
       - 6 to Spain as HS.9, HS.9-13 / -18.
       6 additional airframes cancelled.
VH-3D
       As SH-3D, USMC VIP helicopters.
       1 VH-3A also upgraded to this
       standard as NVH-3A.
       produced 1974 - 1975
       Sikorsky Stratford, Connecticut (SI)
                                   61-724 / 61-734
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       BuNo. 159350 / 159360
                                                                      Total: 0011
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CH-30	C						
	As SH-3A, long-range transpor	t,					
	redesigned non-amphibious fus	selage,					
	rear loading ramp for USAF. 17						
	upgraded to <b>CH-3E</b> and 14 to <b>HH-3E</b> .						
	produced 1963 – 1967						
	Sikorsky Stratford, Connecticut (SI)						
	62-12577 / 62-12582						
	63-9676 / 63-9691	61-508 / 61-523					
	64-14221 / 64-14237	61-524 / 61-540					
	65-5690 / 65-5700	61-541 / 61-551					
	65-12777 / 65-12800	61-552 / 61-575					
	66-13291 / 66-13293	61-590 / 61-592					
	66-13294 / 66-13296	61-594 / 61-596	80	Total: 0080			
CH-3I							
	As CH-3C, engine upgrade for	USAF.					
	34 later upgraded to <b>HH-3E</b> .						
	produced 1967 – 1970						
	Sikorsky Stratford, Conne	` ,					
	66-13285 / 66-13287	61-583 / 61-585					
	66-13288 / 66-13290	61-587 / 61-589					
	67-14702 / 67-14725	61-604 / 61-627					
	69-5798 / 69-5812	61-642 / 61-656	45	Total: 0045			
HH-3I	E Jolly Green Giant						
	As CH-3E, armed SAR version						
	armour, refuelling probe for US						
	CH-3C and 34 CH-3E also upg to this standard.	iraded					
	produced 1967, 1968						
	Sikorsky Stratford, Conne	cticut (SI)					
	66-13278 / 66-13284	61-576 / 61-582					
	68-8282	61-628	8	Total: 0008			
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пп-эі							
	As HH-3E, USCG version with amphibious waterproof fuselage,						
	nose radome.	-,					
	produced 1968 – 1973						
	Sikorsky Stratford, Conne	cticut (SI)					
	(USCG) 1430, 1431	61-586, 61-593					
	(USCG) 1432 / 1438	61-597 / 61-603					
	(USCG) 1467 / 1479	61-629 / 61-641					
	(USCG) 1480 / 1497	61-657 / 61-674	40	Total: 0040			
S-61	,						
	Military export version.						
	produced 1962 – 1978						
	Sikorsky Stratford, Conne	cticut					
	S-61A-1						
	1964, export version for Denma	ark.					
	(Denmark)						
	Ù-240	61-240					
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	S-61A-4 Nuri 1967, export version for Malaysia. Named "Nuri", the Malay word for "Parrot". Survivors reserialled in 1982 as M23-01 / M23-38. (Malaysia)					
	FM1140 / FM1155	mixed 61-408 to 61-494				
	FM1716	61-723				
	FM1717 / FM1742	61-780 / 61-805	43			
	S-61A-5					
	1970, export version for Denma	ark.				
	(Denmark) U-481	61-481	1			
	S-61B-2					
	1962, kitsets for Mitsubishi prod		0			
	N/A	61-194, 61-204, 61-209	3			
	S-61D-1	vo.4				
	1967, export version for UK. Find as <b>S-61L</b> , last 3 as <b>HAS.Mk. 1</b> British engines / avionics.					
	(RN) XV370 / XV373	61-393 / 61-396	4			
	S-61D-2					
	1968, export version for Agusta	production.				
	Assigned Agusta c/n: 6000.	C4 205	4			
	(Italy) MM5003N	61-385	1			
	S-61D-3 1970, export version for Brazil.					
	(Brazil) N-3007 / N-3012	mixed 61-477 to 61-706	6			
	S-61D-4	1111XCU 01-477 10 01-700	O			
	1972, export version for Argent	ina.				
	(Argentina) 0675 / 0678					
	(Argentina) 0696	61-779	5			
	S-61R-10					
	1963, demonstrators with rear	cargo door,				
	developed as USAF C / HH-3.					
	Argentina AF in 1975 as an SA					
		61-501	0	T-4-1-0070		
	(Argentina) BSH-72	61-763	2	Total: 0073		
<u>Civil H</u>	<u>elicopters</u>					
S-61L	_					
	As SH-3A, non-amphibious civi Designated <b>Mk. II</b> with engine u					
	produced 1959 – 1972					
	Sikorsky Stratford, Conne	cticut				
	civil reg.	mixed 61-031 to 61-454	13	Total: 0013		
S-61 <i>A</i>	A Payloader  Civil cargo transport demonstra  produced 1962	ntor.				
	Sikorsky Stratford, Conne	cticut				
	N318Y	61-094	1	Total: 0001		
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#### S-61N As S-61L, amphibious civil version. Designated Mk. II with engine upgrade. 2 assembled in Japan as JA9506 (c/n: M61-001) and JA9507 (c/n: M61-003). produced 1962 - 1980 Sikorsky Stratford, Connecticut 123 **Total: 0123** civil reg. mixed 61-143 to 61-827 S-61V-1 Civil demonstrator. produced 1965 Sikorsky Stratford, Connecticut N10047 61-271 1 Total: 0001 **Total: 0793** Foreign built – England: Sea King / Commando Series License built military version of the SH-3D, British engines / avionics. Sea King is the amphibious version. Commando is the non-amphibious version with fixed undercarriage. produced 1968 - 1997 Westland Helicopters Ltd., Yeovil, Somerset, England Sea King HAS.Mk. 1 1969, Royal Navy ASW version. WA630 / WA665 (RN) XV642 / XV677 (RN) XV695 / XV714 WA666 / WA685 56 Sea King HAS.Mk. 2 1976, RN ASW version, engine upgrade. (RN) XZ570 / XZ582 WA838 / WA850 (RN) XZ915 / XZ922 WA875 / WA882 21 Sea King HAR.Mk. 3 1977, RAF SAR version. WA851 / WA865 (RAF) XZ585 / XZ599 (RAF) ZA105 **WA886** WA947 / WA949 (RAF) ZE368 / ZE370 19 Sea King HAR.Mk. 3A 1995, RAF SAR version, avionics upgrade. (RAF) ZH540 / ZH545 WA1006 / WA1011 6 Commando HC.Mk. 4 1979, Royal Marines transport. Also known as the Sea King HC.Mk. 4. (RM) ZA290 / ZA299 WA904 / WA913

WA914 / WA918

WA931 / WA935

WA936 / WA938 WA952 / WA955

mixed WA960 to WA974

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WA1001 / WA1003

(RM) ZA310 / ZA314

(RM) ZD476 / ZD480

(RM) ZD625 / ZD627

(RM) ZE425 / ZE428 (RM) ZF115 / ZF124

(RM) ZG820 / ZG822

Commando Mk. 4X					
1982, R&D test helicopters, dorsal radome.					
ZB506, ZB507	WA927, WA928	_			
ZG829	WA996	3			
Sea King HAS.Mk. 5	and an all wards was				
1980, Royal Navy ASW version					
· /	WA887 / WA898				
(RN) ZA166 / ZA170	WA899 / WA903				
(RN) ZD630 / ZD637	WA939 / WA946	0.0			
(RN) ZE418 / ZE422	mixed WA956 to WA961	30			
Sea King HAS.Mk. 6					
1989, Royal Navy ASW version 69 also upgraded from previous					
(RN) ZG816 / ZG819					
(RN) ZG875	WA1004	5			
Sea King Mk. 41	VA1004	3			
1973, HAS.Mk. 1 SAR version	for West Germany				
89+50, 89+51	WA744, WA745				
89+52 / 89+71	WA756 / WA775				
89+61	WA830	23			
- Replacement aircraft, first cra		20			
Sea King Mk. 42	oned pre delivery.				
1970, HAS.Mk. 1 version for Inc	dia.				
(India) IN501 / IN506					
` ,	WA776 / WA781	12			
Sea King Mk. 42A					
1980, Mk. 42 version for India,	engine upgrade.				
	WA883, WA885				
(India) IN553	WA884 <sup>°</sup>	3			
Sea King Mk. 42B					
1985, Mk. 42A version for India	, hot-climate mods.				
ZF526, ZF527	WA950, WA951				
- ZF527 (IN514) crashed before	e delivery.				
ZG601 / ZG618	mixed WA972 to WA994				
- ZG602 replacement for IN514					
ZG980	WA995	21			
20 delivered as:	00				
(India) IN513 / IN531, IN53	33				
Sea King Mk. 42C	er Francisco de				
1986, Mk. 42B transport version		G			
/ /	mixed WA965 to WA977	6			
Sea King Mk. 43	2014014				
1972, HAS.Mk. 1 version for No (Norway) 060, 062	WA746, WA747				
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(Norway) 066, 068	WA748, WA749	10			
(Norway) 069 / 074	WA750 / WA755	10			
Sea King Mk. 43A	vy ongino ungrado				
1978, Mk. 43 version for Norway, engine upgrade. (Norway) 189 WA874 1					
(Norway) 189 WA874 1 <b>Sea King Mk. 43B</b>					
1995, Mk. 43 version for Norwa	NV				
ZH566	WA1005				
(Norway) 322	**/**				
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ZJ162, ZJ163	WA1012, WA1013	3	
(Norway) 329, 330			
Sea King Mk. 45			
1974, HAS.Mk. 1 version for Pa			
later delivered as Mk. 45A, 451	· ·	0	
(Pakistan) 4510 / 4515	WA797 / WA802	6	
Sea King Mk. 47			
1975, Mk. 42 version for Egypt.		0	
(Egypt) 771 / 776	mixed WA822 to WA827	6	
Sea King Mk. 48			
1975, Mk. 41 version for Belgiu		_	
(Belgium) RS01 / RS05	WA631/WA635	5	
Sea King Mk. 50	dia		
1974, Mk. 47 version for Austra mixed N16-098 to N16-125		10	
	WATOT / WAT90	10	
Sea King Mk. 50A	dia minarimpravamenta		
1983, Mk. 50 version for Austra N16-238, N16-239	WA929, WA930	2	
Commando Mk. 1	VVA929, VVA930	2	
	sion for Equat		
1973, HAS. Mk. 1 transport ver (Egypt) 261	WA786		
(Egypt) 261 / 265	WA782 / WA785	5	
Commando Mk. 2	VVA762 / VVA763	5	
1974, Mk. 1 larger transport ve	rsion for Egypt		
(Egypt) 721 / 724			
		17	
(Egypt) 727 / 739	WA809 / WA821	17	
Commando Mk. 2A 1975, Mk. 2 transport version fo	or Oatar		
(Qatar) QA-20, QA-21 (Qatar) QA-22	WA836	3	
,	WAOSO	3	
Commando Mk. 2B 1975, Mk. 2 VIP version for Egy	int		
(Egypt) 725, 726	WA805, WA807	2	
- 725 was RAF s/n: XZ741.	VVA003, VVA007		
Commando Mk. 2C			
1975, Mk. 2 VIP version for Qa	tar.		
(Qatar) QA-23	WA829	1	
Commando Mk. 2E		•	
1978, Mk. 2 ECM version for E	avpt.		
(Egypt) 740 / 742	WA869, WA867, WA868	4	
(Egypt) 744	WA866	-	
Commando Mk. 3			
1982, Mk. 42B armed, multi-rol	e version for Qatar.		
(Qatar) QA-30 / QA-37		8	Total: 0328
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# Foreign built – Italy:

Model AS-61 Series

Italian license built military version.

produced 1968 - 1992

(Agusta-Sikorsky)

Costruzioni Aeronautiche Giovanni Agusta SpA,

Gallarate, Italy

Model AS-61D-3 / -4 (ASH-3D) 1969, licence built VIP version of SH-3L (Italy) MM5004N / MM5026N	D. 6001 / 6023	23	
(Peru) HA-430 / HA-433	6036 / 6039	_0	
(Peru) HA-490, HA-491	-	6	
(Argentina) 0794, 0795	6051, 6052	2	
(Brazil) N-3013 / N-3016	6053 / 6056	4	
(Iran) 8-2301 / 8-2320	-	20	
Model AS-61D (SH-3H)			
Licence built version of the SH-3H.			
(Italy) MM81183 / MM81187	6040 / 6044		
(Italy) MM81111 / MM81116	6045 / 6050		
(Italy) MM81200	6068	12	
(Argentina) 0796, 0797	6061, 6062	2	
4 to Peru	-	4	
Model AS-61A-4			
1975, transport version for Venezuela.	0057 / 0000	4	
(Venezuela) 8437 / 8440	6057 / 6060	4	
Model AS-61D (ASH-3D/TS) SH-3D VIP version.			
(Italy) MM80972, MM80973	6101, 6102	2	
(Iraq) YI-001 / YI-006	-	6	
(Iran) 6-9294, 6-9295	_		
(Saudi Arabia) 121 / 123	_	2 3	
1 to Libya	_	1	
Model AS-61R (HH-3F)		•	
1977, HH-3F SAR version.			
(Italy) MM80974 / MM80993	6201 / 6220		
(Italy) MM81337 / MM81351	6221 / 6235	35	
Model AS-61N-1 Silver			
1992, military export version for			
Malaysia, also designated AS-61NS.			
(Malaysia)	0404 0400	_	<b>T</b> (   6466
M39-01, M39-02	6401, 6402	2	Total: 0128

## Foreign built - Japan:

#### Model S-61 Series

Japanese license built military version for the JMSDF. Japanese engines and avionics.

produced 1962 - 1990

Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd.,

Nagoya, Japan

### **HSS-2 (SH-3A)**

1962, SH-3A version for ASW duties.

(JMSDF) 8001 M61-002

(JMSDF) 8002 / 8055 mixed M61-004 to M61-059 55

Model S-61A

1962, SAR version.

(JMSDF) 8181, 8182 M61-008, M61-010

(JMSDF) 8183 M61-071 3

1968, SH-3D version for ASW duties.

(JMSDF) 8056 / 8083 mixed M61-060 to M61-092 28

Model S-61AH

1968, long range SAR helo.

(JMSDF) 8941 / 8953 mixed M61-072 to M61-151 13

Model S-61A-1

1968, version on icebreakers.

(JMSDF) 8184, 8185 M61-075, M61-187

(JMSDF) 8186, 8187 M61-175, M61-178 4

- Converted from HSS-2B

s/n: 8156, 8159. HSS-2B (SH-3H)

1974, SH-3H version for ASW duties.

(JMSDF) 8084 / 8155 mixed M61-093 to M61-174

(JMSDF) 8157, 8158 M61-176, M61-177

(JMSDF) 8160 / 8167 M61-179 / M61-186 82 **Total: 0185** 

**Total: 0641** 

## **SEA KING CONVERSIONS & TRANSFERS**

US Navy			
YSH-3A	1	XHSS-2 (BuNo. 148038), retained for development tests.	
HH-3A	12	SH-3A, armed, Vietnam SAR conversions, engine upgrade.	
RH-3A	9	SH-3A, 1965, Vietnam mine counter-measures (MCM) conversions.	
UH-3A	2	SH-3A, utility conversions.	
NVH-3D	1	VH-3D, permanent conversion for tests.	
SH-3G	105	SH-3A / SH-3D, 1970, utility conversions, extra fuel, no ASW equipment.	
SH-3H	163	SH-3A / SH-3D / SH-3G, 1971-2006, major ASW avionics upgrade.	
(USH-3H)	38	29 SH-3A / 9 SH-3D, 1992, utility conversions to SH-3H standard.	
(YSH-3J)	2	SH-3H, prototypes with ASW equipment for the SH-60B.	
(Model S-61F) NH-3A			

**1** SH-3A (BuNo. 148033), 1965, prototype with modified fuselage, twin jet-pak, stub wings and 6-bladed rotor. Tested by US Navy and US Army.

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GCH-3C 1 CH-3C, ground instructional conversion.

JCH-3C 1 CH-3C, temporary conversion for tests for the CH-3E.

HH-3C 12 CH-3C, rescue / recovery conversions.

JCH-3E 10 CH-3C, temporary conversions for tests with the US Army.

LCH-3E 2 CH-3C, conversions for cold weather duties.

QCH-3E - CH-3E, 1991, proposed drone conversions, cancelled.

GHH-3E 5 CH-3E, ground instructional conversions.

JHH-3E 9 4 CH-3C / 5 CH-3E, temporary conversions for tests with the US Army.

MH-3E 1+ CH-3E, Special Forces multi-mission conversions.

VH-3E 1+ CH-3E, VIP conversions.

#### (Model S-61A) CH-3A

3 SH-3A, 1962, re-supply helicopters to remote radar outposts. Assigned s/n: 62-12571 / 62-12573. Later redesignated as CH-3B.

#### **Foreign Conversions**

**CH-124A** 41 CH-124, avionics / search radar upgrade for CAF.

(CH-124B) 6 CH-124A, avionics upgrade.

(CH-124B-2) 6 CH-124B, avionics upgrade.

(CH-124C) 1 CH-124B-2, test conversion, also designated as CH-124(OT&E).

#### Sea King HAS.Mk. 2(AEW)

8 HAS.Mk. 2, 1982, radar upgrade for Royal Navy. 8 later upgraded to **HAS.Mk. 5** standard.

## Sea King AEW.Mk. 2A

HAS.Mk. 2, major electronic equipment upgrade for Royal Navy.10 later upgraded to HAS.Mk. 5 standard.

#### Sea King HAS.Mk. 2A

**48** HAS.Mk. 1, upgrades to HAS.Mk. 2 standard for Royal Navy. 35 later upgraded to **HAS.Mk. 5** standard.

## Sea King AEW.Mk. 5

3 HAS.Mk. 5, major electronic equipment upgrade for Royal Navy.

#### Sea King HAR.Mk. 5

4 HAS.Mk. 5, 1987, Royal Navy transfers to the RAF for SAR duties.

#### Sea King ASaC.Mk. 7

**13** HAS.Mk. 5 / 6, 2002-present, AEW avionics upgrades.

#### FOREIGN MILITARY / CIVILIAN SERVICE

- H-3 Sea King in military service with Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Egypt, England, India, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Libya, Malaysia, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Tunisia, Venezuela and West Germany.
- Many surplus military Sea Kings sold on the civil market as police, cargo and passenger helicopters.