



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Pilatus PC-12

FACT SHEET



The PC-12 is a single-engine, turbo-prop, fixed-wing aircraft which combines slow-speed and high-speed capability, with a large payload capacity. These characteristics enable this aircraft to deploy rapidly and operate safely in remote areas.

This medium-range aircraft has enhanced the effectiveness and efficiency of Air and Marine Operations by providing increased mission versatility, including aerial surveillance and logistical support, removable sensor consoles, and state-of-the-art electro-optical/infrared sensors and reduced operating costs.

Keys to the success of the PC-12s, which fly with a crew of two (pilot and sensor operator), are their endurance, and small deployment footprint. The aircraft's short-field capabilities include mission take-off in 2,300 feet and a landing distance of 1,800 feet. Video recorders document suspect activities for evidentiary use.

PC-12s are capable of high-altitude detection and surveillance, rapid relocation of enforcement personnel, and provide surveillance support to the Department of Homeland Security and other government, state, local and tribal agencies.

Performance and Weights:

- **Maximum Speed**
236 knots (271 mph)
- **Service Ceiling Altitude**
30,000 feet
- **Range**
1,040 nautical miles (1,196 miles)
- **Endurance**
4 hours
- **Maximum Gross Weight**
9,921 pounds

Features:

- Electro-optical/infrared sensor with laser designator, which allow pilots to maintain awareness of targets in all environments.

For more information, visit the CBP.gov website or contact the Office of Public Affairs at (202) 344-1780.