

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Bell Huey II



Bell UH-1H helicopters are short-range, turbinepowered helicopters which fly with a crew of two (pilot and copilot). The medium-lift capability of the UH-1H supports agents in high-altitude and hot environments, such as the desert in the Southwest Region, where pilots encounter extreme temperatures that may disrupt safe aircraft operation.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Air and Marine Operations (AMO) is upgrading UH-1H utility helicopters to a Huey II configuration. The UH-1H is used by AMO to perform tactical and utility missions along the border such as aerial patrol and enforcement relocation. The helicopter's secondary mission is to provide external lift capability, to include sling load, fast rope and rappel operations.

The Huey II upgrade dramatically increases mission capability, including increases in hover performance, gross weight, payload and speed. The conversion also enables AMO to manage its component supply system more efficiently.

Performance and Weights:

- Maximum Speed
 130 knots (149 mph)
- Service Ceiling 16,100 feet
- Range 315 nautical miles (362 miles)
- Endurance 3 hours
- Maximum Gross Weight 10,500 pounds

Features:

Night vision goggle-compatible