



# LOCK RING WHEELS AND CARBON BRAKES FOR F-15C/D/E

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# USAF WBSI OBJECTIVES

## NEW F-15 Wheels and Brakes meet USAF REQUIREMENTS

### RELIABILITY

Extend useful life of wheels and brakes

### SAFETY

Reduce brake fire and locked wheel potential

### LIFE CYCLE COST

Decrease life cycle cost over life of aircraft

### PERFORMANCE

Improve energy capacity



# COLLINS AWARDED F-15 WBSI

**MEETS OR EXCEEDS USAF SAFETY &  
LIFE CYCLE COST REQUIREMENTS**

Completed **USAF fleet retrofit**

Received Boeing **installation approval**

Selected to provide **F-15E wheels and  
brake for F-15EX production**

Collins F-15C/D and F-15E wheels and  
brakes **ready for international retrofit**



# KEY FEATURES AND BENEFITS - WHEEL

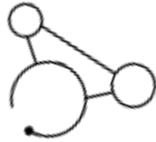
## New F-15 Lock-ring wheel



**>80%**

### REDUCED TIRE CHANGE TIME

52 vs. 255 min. for  
current wheel decreasing  
maintenance time.



**84%**

### PART COMMONALITY

between the F-15E  
and F-15C/D wheel reducing  
part count



**16 X**

### LONGER FATIGUE LIFE

(25,000 vs. 1,500-mile life  
for current wheel) Fewer  
wheel replacements and  
increased operational usage.



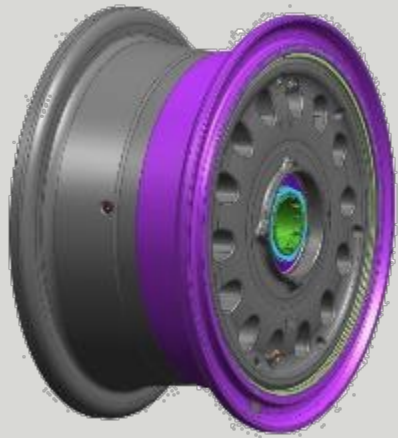
**NEW**

### LOCK RING DESIGN

eliminates tie bolts, nuts,  
washers and non-destructive  
inspection of fasteners.

# F-15 LOCK RING WHEEL

## Three key components



Wheel Base



Lock Ring

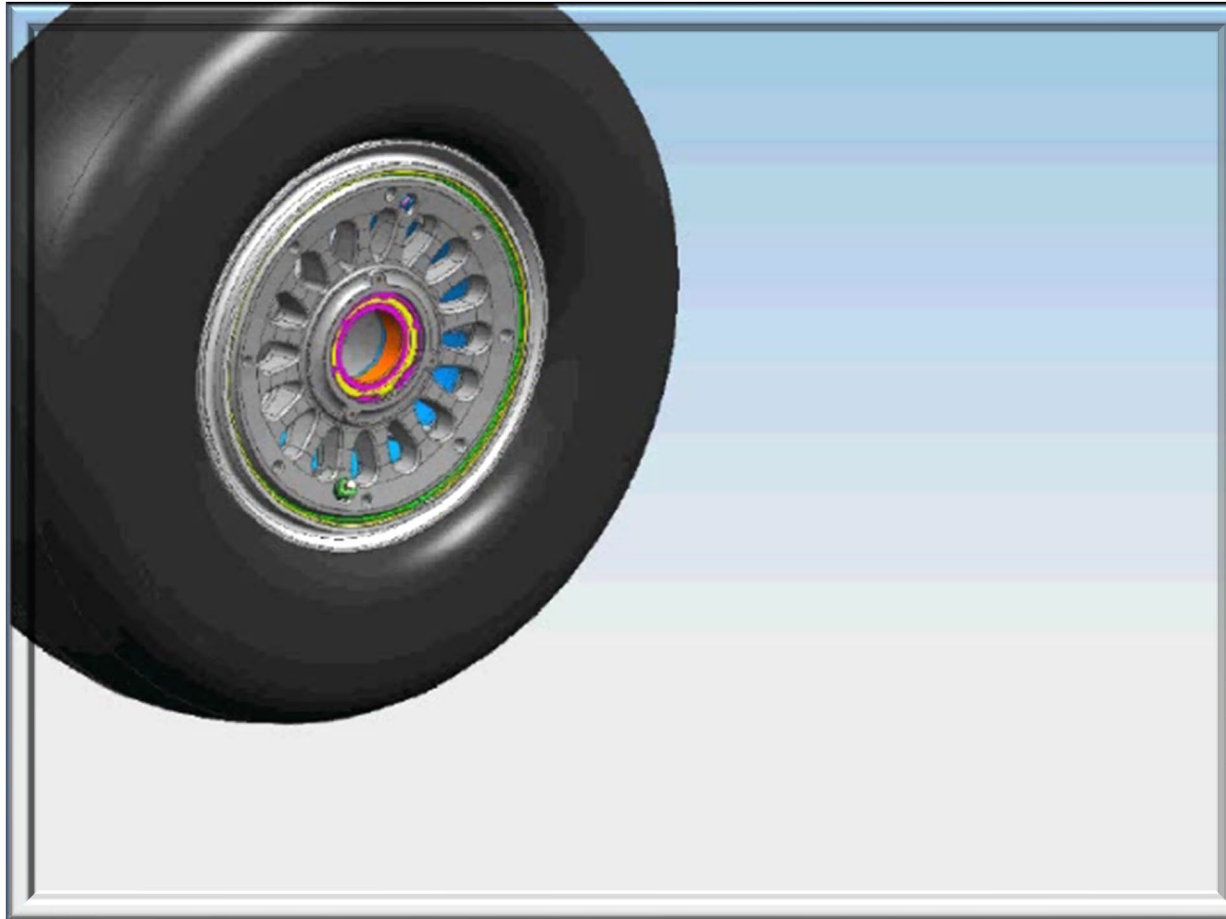


Side Rim

# NEW F-15 LOCK RING WHEEL

## FEATURES & BENEFITS

### Lock Ring Wheel Tire Change Demonstration



# F-15 WHEEL AND TIRE MOUNTING

WHEEL FEATURE	LEGACY WHEEL	COLLINS WHEEL	COLLINS ADVANTAGE
Overinflation Plug	No	Yes	Safety improvement
Fuse Plugs	Small, frequent release	Larger, service-proven	Proven USAF reliability advantage
Scheduled NDI	5 years	10 years	Life cycle cost savings
Retaining Ring Lockwire	Yes	Not Needed	Maintenance time-savings
Hubcap O-ring	No	Yes	Improved wheel speed sensor protection
F-15C/D Wheel Bolts	Yes (16)	No	Maintenance and life cycle cost savings

## On-site Observations – Wheel observations/feedback during tire mount and aircraft installation

The Collins wheel “felt lighter”, despite same weight requirement

The Collins wheel was easy to assemble, with little support from Collins

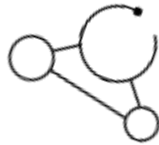
All support equipment, wheel jack and bearing can fixture worked with Collins wheel

# KEY FEATURES AND BENEFITS - BRAKE



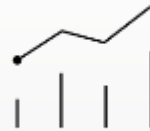
## DURACARB® CARBON DISKS

Improve life & performance with service-proven oxidation protection.



## 90% PART COMMONALITY

between the F-15E and F-15C/D Brake



## 4 X LONGER LIFE

More landings per overhaul with 1,400 vs. 342 LPO current. Fewer brake replacements. Increased operational usage.



## OPTIMIZED ROTOR DESIGN

Lightweight, optimized for stopping performance and anti-skid compatibility.

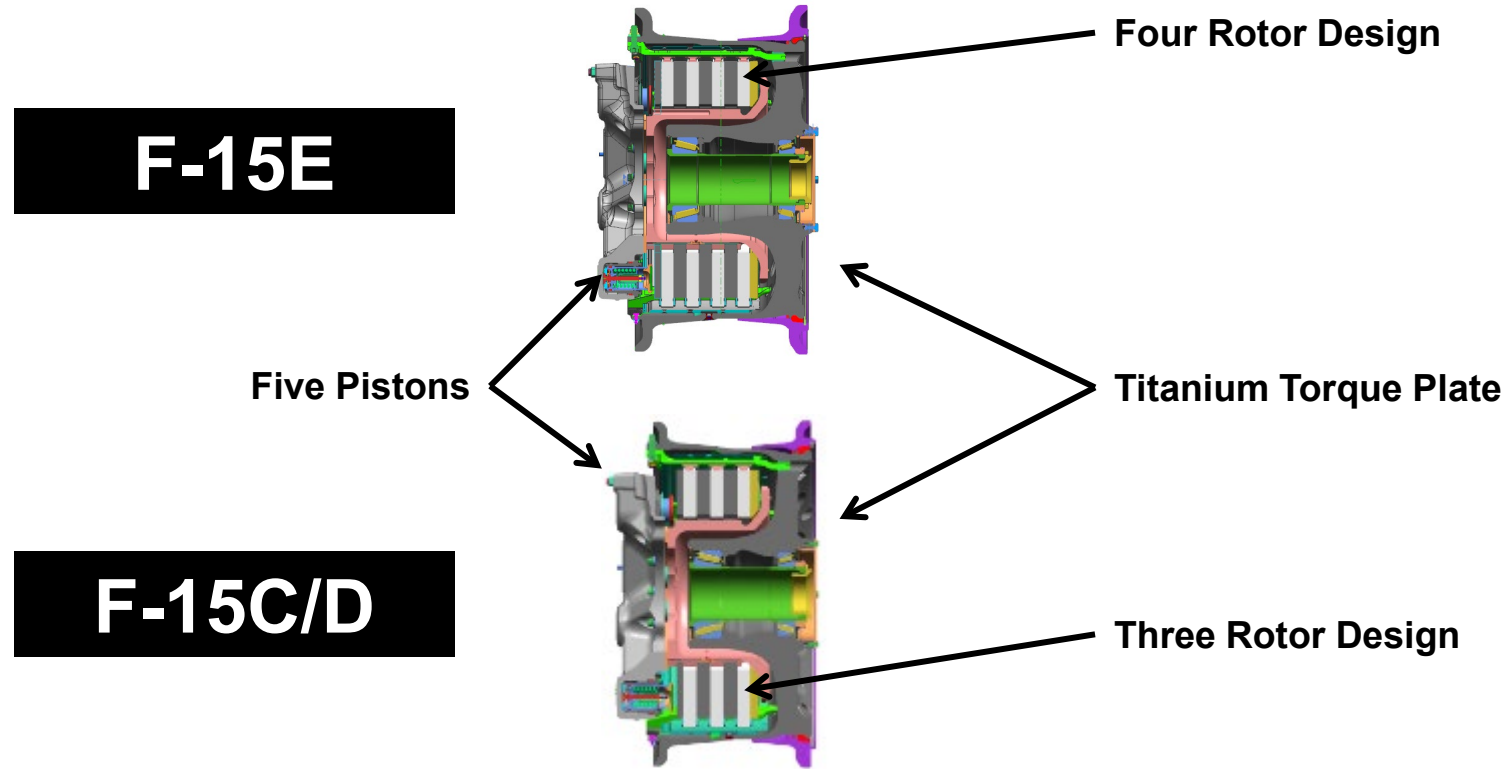


## TITANIUM TORQUE PLATE

Enhanced thermal properties, corrosion resistance, low maintenance.



# F-15 CARBON BRAKE

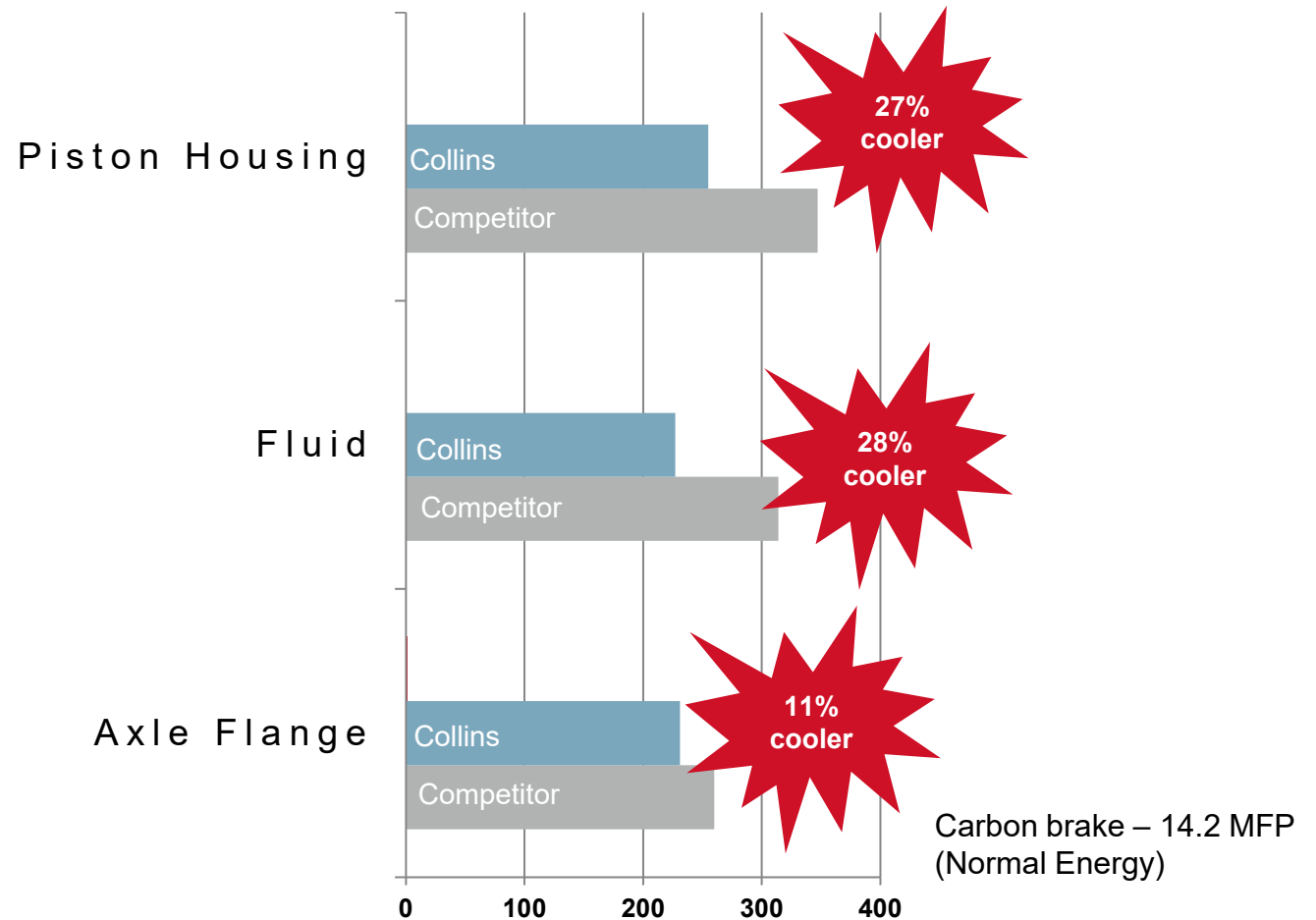


# COLLINS VS COMPETITOR

## OPERATING TEMPERATURE COMPARISON

Meets all requirements

Improved thermal management, increases product safety margin.



# F-15 BRAKE

BRAKE FEATURE	LEGACY BRAKE	COLLINS BRAKE	COLLINS ADVANTAGE
Number of rotors and stators	5	4	Parts reduction
Piston Pucks	Thin steel	Carbon puck with double insulator and heat shield	Improved thermal management
Rotor Clips	Thin with oxidation shields	Robust, service proven	No oxidation shields needed
Torque Plate Backleg	Individual, steel	Solid, titanium	Rigid modern design

*No hydraulic shop visit was needed. The brake was taken directly to the aircraft.*

## On-site Observations – Brake observations/feedback during aircraft installation

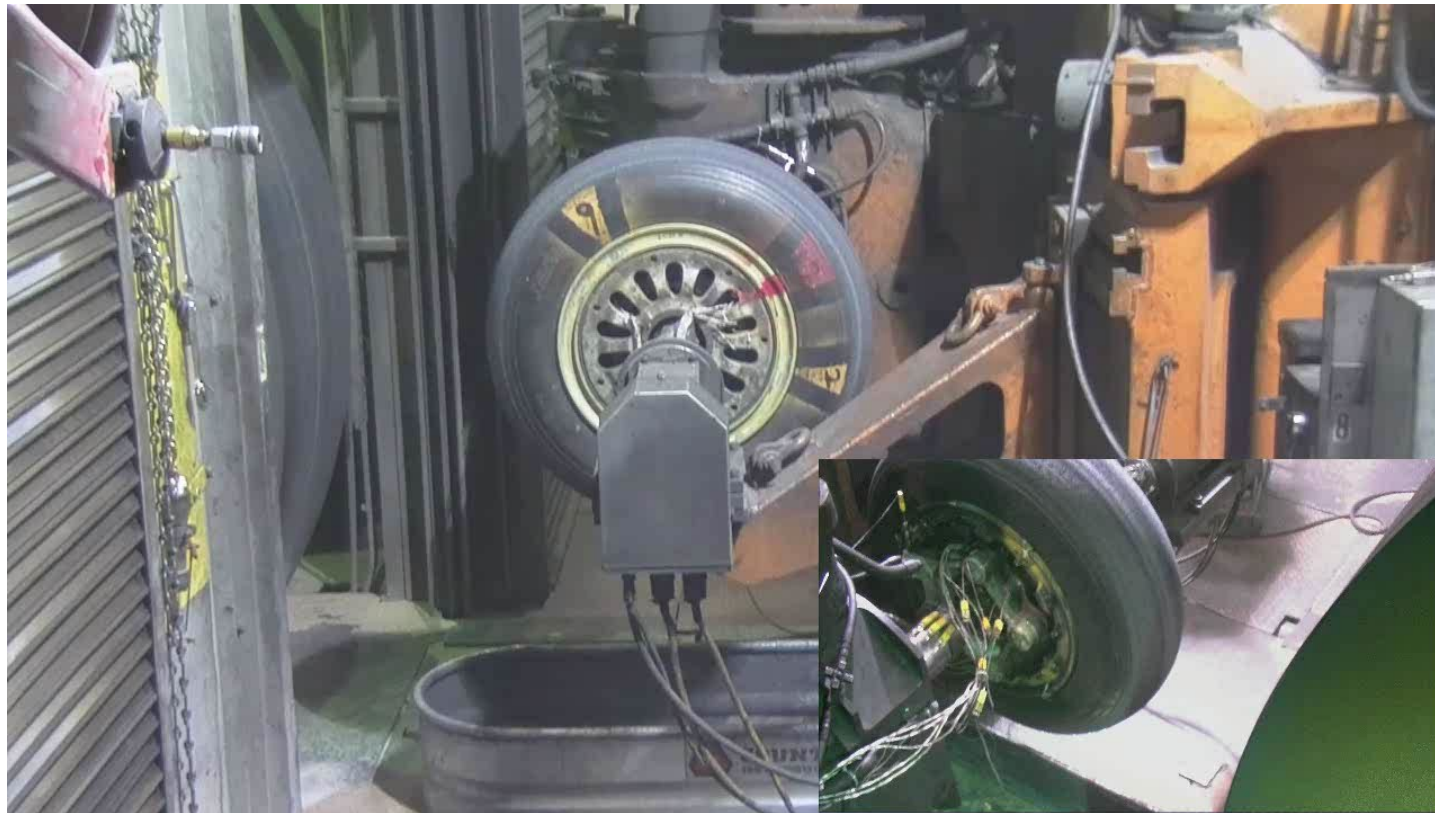
The Collins brake “felt lighter”, despite same weight requirement

Less lockwire required. The Collins brake does not require lockwire on shuttle valve bolts, and requires less lockwire on bleed ports

# NEW F-15 CARBON BRAKE

MEETS ALL PERFORMANCE & THERMAL REQUIREMENTS

F-15E Dynamometer Test - 100% Worn, Maximum Energy RTO



# F-15 WHEELS & BRAKE

MEETS ALL REQUIREMENTS - SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF FLIGHT TEST

F-15D Flight Test – Worn Brake RTO



# USAF RETROFIT PROGRAM COMPLETE

## USAF F-15 OPERATION – MEETS ALL REQUIREMENTS

Collins F-15 wheels and brakes **installed on over 450 USAF aircraft for more than 7 years**

Collins F-15 wheels and brakes **meeting or exceeding requirement for 1,400 landings per overhaul**

Collins **meeting or exceeding USAF life cycle cost savings objective**



**The USAF has been operating Collins wheels and brakes since 2017**

# BOEING INSTALLATION APPROVAL

## COLLABORATION BETWEEN BOEING AND COLLINS – MEETS ALL REQUIREMENTS

Qualification requirements reviews

Specification gap testing

Gap testing report reviews

OEM procurement drawing updates

**OEM installation approval for F-15C/D and F-15E**



**Boeing approved F-15 aircraft installation of Collins wheels & brakes**



# INTERNATIONAL OPERATOR STATUS

## INTERNATIONAL RETROFITS

**South Korea (ROKAF):**  
F-15K Retrofit (Boeing PBL)

## ACTIVE HARDWARE TRIALS

**Japan (JASDF):**  
F-15J/DJ Trial

**Israel (IAF):**  
F-15C/D and F-15I Trial

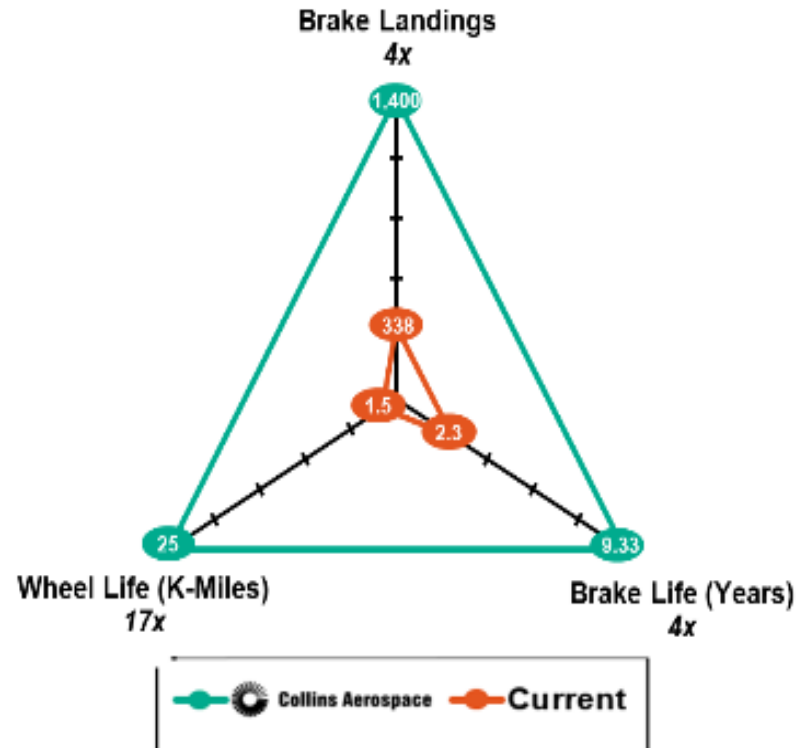


**Collins F-15C/D and F-15E wheels and brakes ready for international retrofit**



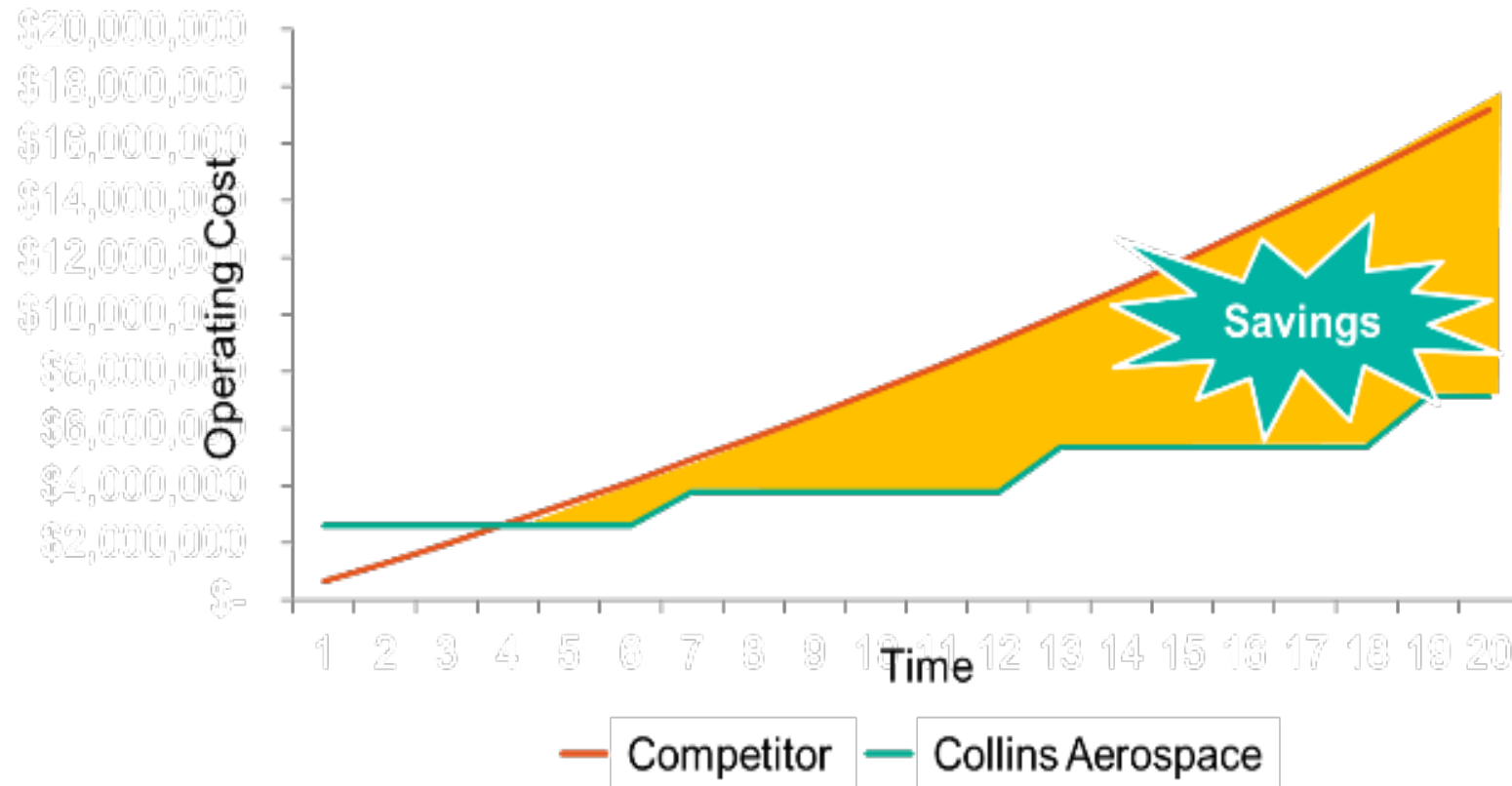
# NEW F-15 WHEELS & BRAKES

## Summary of features - life



Collins wheels and brakes stay on-wing longer and provide more up-time

# LIFE CYCLE COST COMPARISON



The life cycle cost analysis yields a significant return on investment for the operator

# THANK YOU

