



Canadian SAR Helicopter

Keeping You Mission Ready

As the prime contractor for In Service Support (ISS) to Canada's fleet of CH-149 Cormorant Search and Rescue (SAR) helicopters, IMP Aerospace & Defence provides all aspects of support to this critical fleet on behalf of the Department of National Defence.

Operating across Canada at three Main Operating Bases (MOBs) and headquartered in the Cormorant Support Centre in Halifax, NS, the program provides a comprehensive, turnkey ISS to Canada's Rotary Wing Search and Rescue (RWSAR) fleet of CH-149 Cormorant helicopters. This unique program provides the RCAF with a full suite of support services for this critical 24/7/365 mission.

Skilled and experienced technicians, along with robust engineering support, ensure the SAR aircraft meet airworthiness regulations while supporting this demanding and dynamic operation ensuring that they are available to fulfill Canada's SAR commitments both internally and internationally. IMP personnel regularly deploy with the aircraft to provide onsite support for RCAF SAR Deployed Operations.

A comprehensive materiel support system distributes parts on a routine basis to meet urgent operational requirements anywhere in the country including remote forward operating locations in Canada's northern regions.

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CMLU and Beyond

Announced in December 2022, IMP Aerospace & Defence is now the principle Canadian subcontractor for Leonardo's CH-149 Cormorant SAR helicopter Mid-Life Upgrade (CMLU) project.

This project will update the SAR helicopters to the newest standard, including digitally-controlled engines with more power, new glass cockpits, wireless in-cabin communications, and the latest technology available for SAR sensors. These upgrades will quicken SAR missions, resulting in a more-efficient rescue process.

The work for this project will primarily be done at IMP facilities in Halifax, NS.

Canada achieves a higher flying rate and carries out longer duration SAR missions to more remote locations than any other EH/AW101 operator.

IMP has proven to be a reliable and cost effective partner to the RCAF for this critical 'No Fail' fleet of life saving aircraft for over twenty years, and will work with Leonardo to extend the CH-149 fleet until 2040 and beyond.