

New Russian Su-57 Stealth Fighter Crashes During Tests

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A Russian fifth-generation stealth fighter jet has crashed during tests in the country's Far East, news agencies reported Tuesday.

The incident occurred days before Russia's Aerospace Forces were due to [receive](#) their first serial-produced Sukhoi Su-57 fighter jet. Its developer Sukhoi plans to [deliver](#) a total of 67 fifth-generation Su-57s to the Russian Aerospace Forces by 2028.

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“The Su-57 crashed during a test flight 111 kilometers from its home airfield,” Russia’s state-controlled United Aircraft Corporation (UAC) said as [quoted](#) by the state-run RIA Novosti news agency.

Its civilian pilot catapulted and survived the crash in the Khabarovsk region, Interfax [cited](#) an

unnamed source as saying.

The Su-57 — also called the T-50 and PAK FA during development — has been billed as Russia's answer to the U.S. F-22 Raptor stealth fighter.

Russia has [combat-tested](#) the Sukhoi Su-57 in Syria and [showcased](#) it at military parades. The aircraft had been tested at least twice in Syria, Gen. Valery Gerasimov, the Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces, [said](#) last week.

An unnamed Russian military official told RIA Novosti that pilot error or a technical malfunction are believed to have caused the Su-57 crash.

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