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Marine Corps F-35B in Arizona Damaged by Round Discharged from Jet Cannon



An F-35B Lightning II with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 121, based out of Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., performs a vertical landing as part of required flying field carrier landing practices (FCLP) at the station's auxiliary landing field, Monday, April 27, 2015. (Travis Gershaneck/U.S. Marine Corps)

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Ammunition round that exploded following its discharge from a Marine Corps F-35B [Joint](#)
[Fighter](#) at [Marine Corps Air Station Yuma](#), Arizona, earlier this month caused damage to



The F-35B, capable of short takeoff and vertical landings, was conducting a nighttime close air support mission on March 12 on the Yuma Range Complex when a PGU-32/U Semi-Armor Piercing High Explosive Incendiary-Tracer (SAPHEI-T) 25mm round exploded after leaving the fighter's cannon, Marine Corps spokesman Capt. Andrew Wood confirmed to Military.com on Tuesday.

The jet was attached to VMX-1, the Marines' Yuma-based test and evaluation squadron, Wood said.

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