

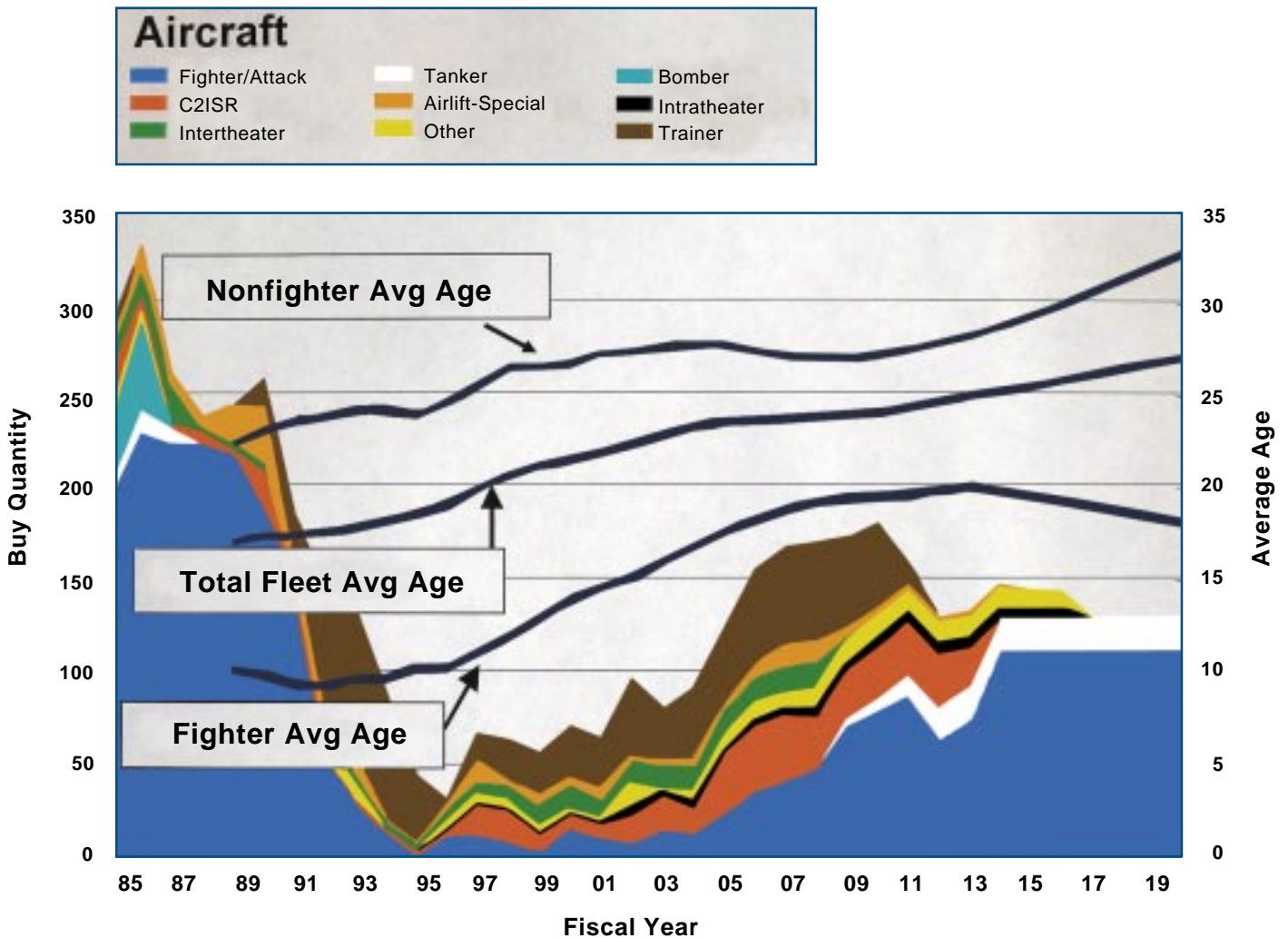
# The Chart Page

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## The Graybeard Fleet

*The average age of all aircraft in the Air Force fleet will exceed 25 years by 2013. The service's tankers—average age of 40 years—and fighters—average age of 20 years by 2013 or earlier—are key factors in the problem. Over the years, new aircraft purchases have not been*

*sufficient to keep fleet age at a steady state. Planned acquisition of new 767 tankers (see "Tanker Twilight Zone," p. 46) and new fighters—F/A-22 Raptors and F-35 Joint Strike Fighters—won't be enough to bring down total fleet age, according to USAF projections.*



Source: US Air Force