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USAF RELEASE: F-22 crashed near Edwards AFB

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EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. -- An Air Force F-22A fighter crashed about 10 a.m. today approximately 35 miles northeast of Edwards AFB, CA.

The aircraft is from Edwards Air Force Base. At the time of the accident, it was on a test mission.

One pilot was on board. Their condition is unknown at this time.

A board of officers will investigate the accident.

This is the second time an F-22 has crashed. The first one was during the aircraft's test and evaluation period in December 2004 also at Edwards, during which the pilot ejected safely.

The F-22 Raptor is the Air Force's newest fighter aircraft. Its combination of stealth, supercruise, maneuverability, and integrated avionics, coupled with improved supportability represents an exceptional leap in warfighting capabilities. The Raptor performs both air-to-air and air-to-ground missions allowing full realization of operational concepts vital to the 21st century Air Force.

The Air Force currently has 134 F-22s in its inventory.