



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Pilatus PC-12

FACT SHEET



The Pilatus PC-12 is a single-engine, turbo-prop, fixed-wing aircraft used by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Air and Marine Operations (AMO) that combines the slow-speed capability of a Cessna 210 with the payload and high-speed of a B-200 King Air.

PC-12 aircraft crews conduct overland aerial patrol and surveillance. This aircraft is also used for enforcement relocation of personnel and equipment.

AMO PC-12 aircrews consist of a minimum crew of two (pilot and sensor operator) and are equipped with state-of-the-art sensor equipment for detection, tracking, and surveillance operations that require standoff capability to avoid counter detection.

Video recorders document suspect activities for evidentiary use.

Performance and Weights:

- **Maximum Speed**
236 knots (271 mph)
- **Service Ceiling Altitude**
30,000 feet
- **Range**
1,040 nautical miles (1,196 miles)
- **Endurance**
4 hours
- **Maximum Gross Weight**
9,921 pounds

Features:

- Electro-optical/infrared sensor with laser designator, which allow pilots to maintain awareness of targets in all environments.