

Sikorsky HH-3E

The Sikorsky HH-3E was a search and rescue helicopter introduced into service by the United States Air Force in the 1960s. They found and saved many downed aircrew lost over enemy territory during the Vietnam War..

The Sikorsky HH-3E (nicknamed the Jolly Green Giant) is one of many variants of the very successful Sikorsky H-3 helicopter. They included the Sea King anti-submarine aircraft and the CH-3E heavy cargo helicopter. The HH-3E was a conversion of the CH-3E developed specifically as a search and rescue helicopter for service during the Vietnam War. Fifty CH-3Es were converted to HH-3E standard with armour plating, door mounted machine guns, additional fuel tanks and an extendible refuelling probe that allowed the helicopter to be refuelled in the air. They entered service in Vietnam in 1967.

This model represents a HH-3E flying with the United States Air Force in about 1970.

Data: long range search and rescue helicopter. *Engines* two General Electric T58-GE-10 turboshaft engines of 1,000kW each. *Rotor diameter* 19m. *Length* 22m. *Maximum take-off weight* 10,002kg. *Maximum speed* 265km/h. *Range* 1,443km. *Armament* door mounted machine guns. *Crew* 3.

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