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## The UH-60 Black Hawk

By Low Jeremy

The UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter's first flight was in Oct 17 1974. This was, 2 years after when the US Army commissioned the Sikorsky and Boeing-Vertol to produce and initially test 3 prototypes helicopters within the specifications of a UTTAS or the Utility Tactical Transport Aircraft System.

When Sikorsky won over Boeing-Vertol to become the produced of Black Hawk helicopters for the Army, the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter became their very first model to produce.

Here are the details about the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter:

### General characteristics

Crew: 3+11 Rotor diameter: 16.36 m (53 ft 8 in) Length: 19.76 m (64 ft 10 in) Height: 5.13 m (16 ft 10 in) Disc area: 210 m<sup>2</sup> (2,260 ft<sup>2</sup>) Maximum takeoff weight: 11,113 kg (24,500 lb) Weight (Empty): 4,819 kg (10,624 lb) Weight (Loaded): 7,375 kg (16,260 lb) Engine: 2× General Electric T700-700 free-turbine Turboshafts, 1,560 hp each

### Performance

Combat radius: 420 nm, 592 km (368 mi) Disc loading: 35.4 kg/m<sup>2</sup> (7.19 lb/ft<sup>2</sup>) Ferry range: 1,200 nm, 2,220 km (1,380 mi) Maximum speed: 193 knots, 357 km/h (222 mph) Power/mass: 158 W/kg (0.959 hp/lb) Rate of climb: 3.6 m/s (700 ft/min) Service ceiling: 5,790 m (19,000 ft)

Armament Guns: 2× 0.30 in (7.62 mm) M60 machine guns (M134 miniguns)

### Black Hawk Helicopter Significant dates:

1972: US Army UTTAS (Utility Tactical Transport Aircraft System) program begun.

Oct 17, 1974: the Sikorsky YUH-60made its first flight

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December 26, 1976: Sikorsky YUH-60 Black Hawk was declared the winner against Boeing-Vertol YUH-61. This was 7 months after the first competitive test began.

September 1977: The US Navy LAMPS III competition was won by the S-70B

October 1978: The first produced UH-60A made its first flight.

1979 The first produced UH-60A was delivered to the US Army.

December 12, 1979: The SH-60B made its first flight

September 1981: The electronic warfare variant, the YEH-60A EW Blackhawk made its maiden flight

February 4, 1984: The HH-60 Nighthawk made the first flight

September 1986: The HH-60J USCG Jayhawk also made the first flight

October 1989: The engine of the UH-60L was upgrade and became ESSS capable

May 5, 1994: The Hawk's 2000th member took off

The following are the names of other Black Hawk helicopters that made their flights throughout the history:

·YUH-60A ·UH-60A ·GUH-60A ·JUH-60A ·EH-60A ·YEH-60A ·HH-60A ·MH-60A ·VH-60A  
·UH-60B ·YEH-60B ·YSH-60B ·SH-60B ·EH-60C ·CH-60E ·HH-60D ·HH-60E ·HH-60G ·SH-60F  
·MH-60G ·HH-60H ·HH-60J ·UH-60J ·MH-60K ·UH-60L ·MH-60L ·VH-60N ·UH-60P ·UH-60Q  
·S-70A ·S-70B-6 ·S-70C ·S-70C(M)-1 ·WS-70

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### **The Hawk and the Mouse – Retirement Saving**

**By Kemberly Wardlaw**

There once was a hawk, ferocious and swift. He was young and agile with many years of life to hunt the open ranch lands. In a nearby field, a mouse scurried about the ground. The hawk saw the hurried motion and swept speedily toward the rodent.

Just as the hawk's shadow engulfed the smaller rodent, the mouse fell to its back and begged, "Please, Mr. Hawk, spare me my life!" This surprised the hunter and he landed beside the mouse.

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"Why should I spare your life? I am hungry today."

"It's always about today, isn't it?" answered the mouse. "Do you ever think about tomorrow?"

"Tomorrow? Well, that's just another day to flap my wings. I will eat then, too."

The mouse scratched his chin and replied, "But one day you will be old and gray. You will have chiseled claws. You should prepare for the future now or starve later."

"I do, I do. I am building a grand nest as we speak. You see, I fly low to the highway's hot pavement in search of lost dollar bills everyday. I find a dollar a day and add it to my nest. I am constantly constructing my nest egg."

The proud hawk looked toward the mouse for a reply. The mouse shook his head and stated, "I will make a deal with you, hawk. If after fifty years, you have saved more money than me, not only will I give myself up for your feast, I will lead every mouse in this field to your nest."

The hawk did not take long to consider the proposition. He knew he could cover more ground flying than the mouse could crawling. He would be able to locate twice as many lost dollar bills and thus build a much larger nest. The hunter concluded that in fifty years, he would have a great feast.

Years ticked by and every day the hawk collected two dollars. On each given day, the mouse found one dollar and invested it wisely. Fifty years later, the bird of prey lived in a large nest made of twigs, mud, and dollar bills. He was feeble and sickly. And although his nest equaled that of \$36,500.00(1) , along with a few very nice tree limbs, he knew the mouse would have less. He no longer invaded the far stretching fields, but took comfort in knowing he would soon have his great feast. As the hawk glared down from his perch, he saw the mouse. The mouse was alone.

"So, hawk, how much money do you have?"

"Just under \$37,000(1) . And you?"

"I have \$508,462(2), you fool. You see, I invested my \$365 wisely every year. I dollar cost averaged into the market and utilized well-diversified mutual funds over the course of all these years. I am the

victor and you have no feast."

The hawk collapsed into his nest and was never seen again. The mouse lived a happy life and provided handsomely for his family. He passed along a bit of advice to those who asked about saving: "The individual most accountable for your future financial welfare, is the one you see in the mirror today."

\*Hypothetical investment for illustration purposes only.

(1): Based on a savings of \$730 each year for fifty years with no interest.

(2): Based on a savings of \$365 each year for fifty years earning 10.5% annually.

With over twelve years of experience in the fields of investments and insurance, Wardlaw believes familiar life elements best illustrate practical investment strategies. Articles that avoid typical investment jargon help reinforce and confirm investment ideas.

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