

VIGMA D-4



CASA-AIRBUS MILITARY



GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

**Aircraft:** CN-235 VIGMA-D4**Length:** 21,35 m**Wingspan:** 25,81 m**Height:** 8,17 m**Max take-off weight:** 16.500 kg**Speed :** 450 km/hr**Autonomy:** 9 hrs

OVERVIEW

In 1980, CASA and the Indonesian IPTN decided to join forces in order to improve the great results of the C-235. After the arrival of the C-295 to the Spanish Air Force, some of the CN-235 were reconverted into D4 VIGMA (MPA) for the Search and rescue squadrons, substituting the D3 (C-212) to perform also maritime patrol with lower costs than the P3 Orion.

They are framed into the 37th Wing at Villanubla AFB, though operated by the 801SQN (Mallorca), 802SQN (Madrid) and 803SQN (Gran Canaria).

Some of the missions that are entrusted to the Maritime Patrol aircraft are:

- control and monitoring of Spanish coasts and territorial waters;
- make photographic intelligence missions, identification of ships, anti-submarine and anti-surface (detection, localization, tracking and attack ships and submarines);
- the fisheries protection, drug war and illegal immigration;
- Search and Rescue activities.



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