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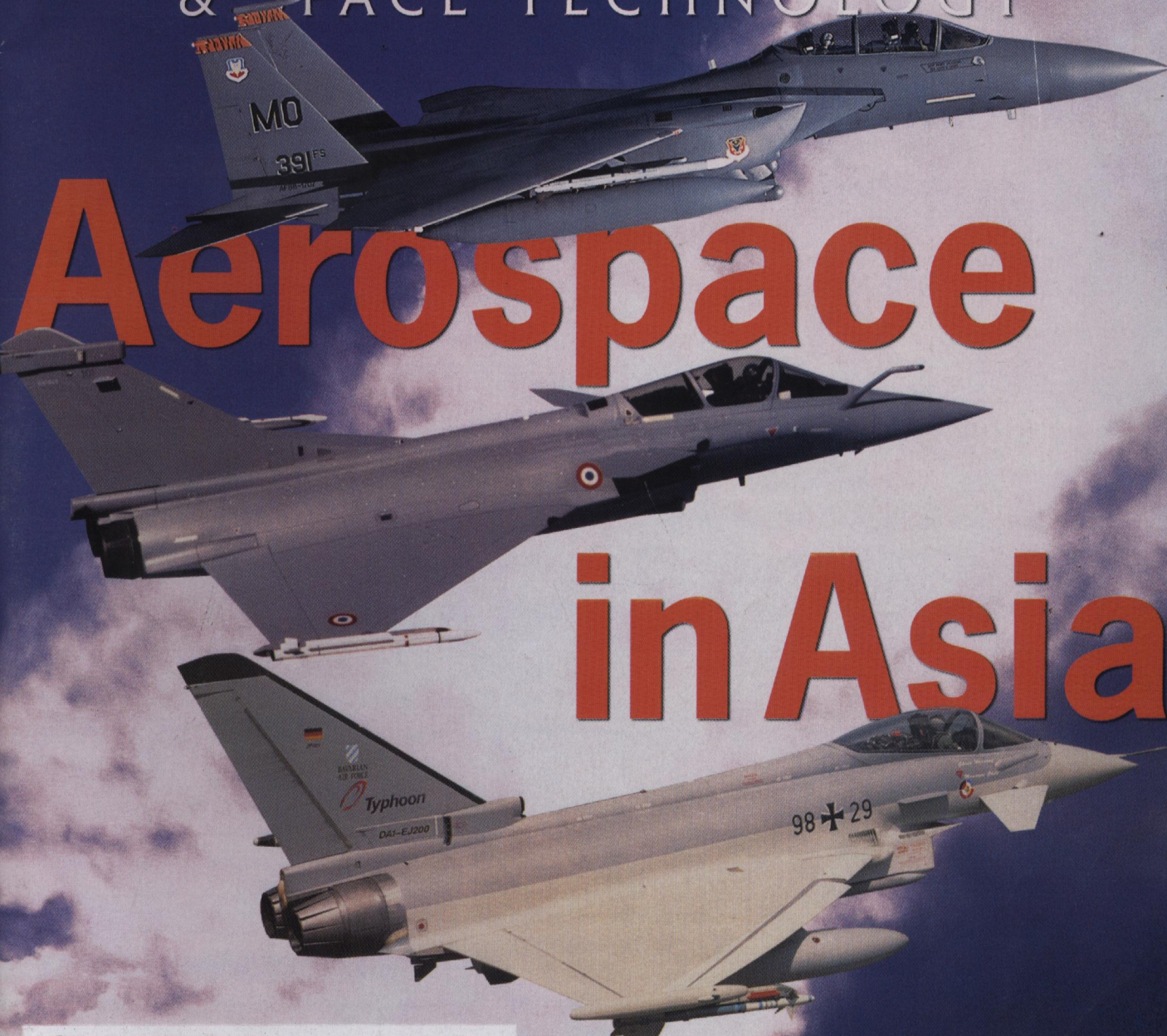
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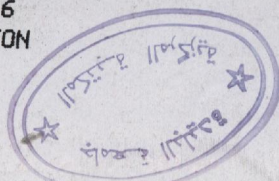


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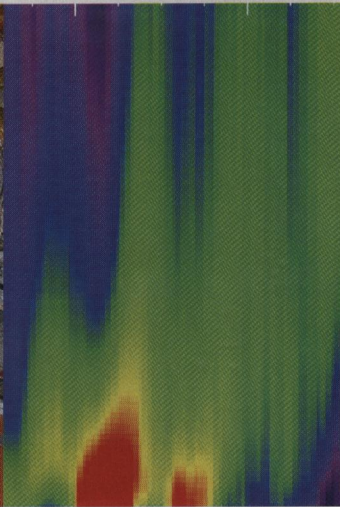
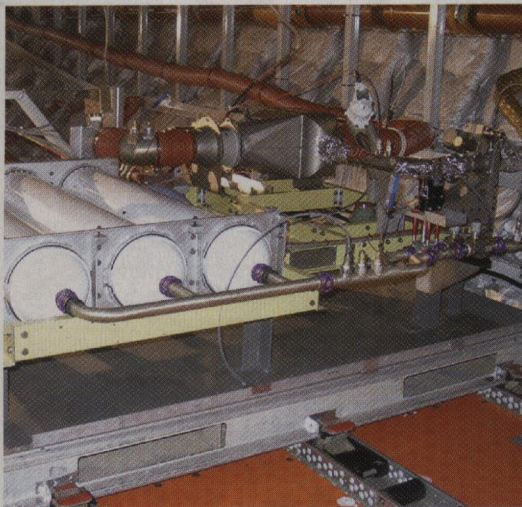
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ABOUT THE COVER

The Asian aerospace market is showing strong signs of recovery after having been beaten down by the regional economic crisis of the late 1990s, setbacks suffered after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in the U.S. and the SARS outbreak (see p. 54). The upturn is expected to be visible at the Asian Aerospace show in Singapore, which opens Feb. 24. By far the highest profile military program there will be the host nation's fighter competition among (from top down) the Boeing F-15T (derivative of the USAF F-15E), Dassault Rafale and Eurofighter Typhoon. Photos by Dash 2/Rick Llinares, Francois Robineau/Aviaplans and Geoff Lee, respectively.