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HELICOPASSION VISUAL COLLECTION

Mil Mi-26 Halo

The world's largest helicopter

The Mil Mi-26 Halo is the world's largest helicopter, with an eight-bladed main rotor measuring 32 metres in diameter and a lifting capacity of up to 20 tonnes.

Developed in the Soviet Union, this extraordinary heavy-lift helicopter has served military and civilian operators around the world. From transporting industrial equipment to fighting forest fires and carrying out exceptional rescue operations, the Mi-26 has demonstrated capabilities unmatched by conventional helicopters.

This Helicopassion Visual Collection explores the Mi-26 through original photographic series, comparative profiles, historical reconstructions and artistic illustrations.





Mi-26 photographic series: Venezuela & UTair

























Mi-26 comparative profiles: military operators

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Mi-26 comparative profiles: civilian operators

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Mi-26 historical reconstruction: Jarkov mammoth, Siberia, 1999



Mi-26 historical reconstruction: Alinghi 5 crossing the Alps, 2009



Mi-26 historical reconstruction: Chernobyl, Ukraine, 1986





Mi-26 artistic illustrations from MAKS 2013 & Var 2003 photo reports

HELICOPASSION VISUAL COLLECTIONS

A visual journey through the world of helicopters

Helicopassion Visual Collection bring together original aviation photography, detailed helicopter profiles, historical reconstructions and artistic illustrations.

Each collection offers a visual introduction to a helicopter, its operators and some of the remarkable missions that have shaped its history.

Photography & source credits

Original photography and photographic references by André Bour, Ivan Pena Nesbit, Jeffrey Wilson and Christian Vigne.

Profiles & illustrations

Helicopter profiles are created by Helicopassion with AI assistance, using photographic references and documentary research.

Historical reconstructions are based on documentary research, photographic references and historical sources.

Artistic illustrations reinterpret existing photographs, giving them a new visual dimension, with the original photographers credited alongside the images.

Explore the complete Mi-26 dossier

Technical information, military and civilian operators, historical missions and photographic reports.

Explore the Mi-26 dossier on Helicopassion (in French)

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