How to... Perform a Search in Jane’s online

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1 Performing a Search

There are a number of ways to carry out a search, and it is important to remember that searches are contextual once you enter a product.

1.1 Auto-Fill

The search facility is a keyword operator which will auto-fill to match common searched terms and subject areas.

We have used the keyword ‘Challenger’ to demonstrate the capabilities of this simple search function.

1.2 Keyword Search Syntax

The keyword search box uses the AND search operator by default, with all individual keywords or quoted phrases entered in the box being considered a search constraint.

1.3 Multiple Words

Adding multiple keywords in the box will search for documents containing those keywords anywhere in the text. e.g. tank munitions will search for documents containing tank AND munitions.

1.4 Phrases

Phrases can be included in your search by delimiting the keywords you enter with double quotation marks (“ “). e.g. “tank munitions” will search only for instances of the keywords tank and munitions appearing adjacent to each other and in that sequence as a single phrase.

1.5 Boolean Operators

Keywords and phrases can be combined into search statements using Boolean operators.

• search text <AND> search text, where search text can be a keyword or “phrase” - when searching for documents containing both keywords / phrases

• search text <OR> search text, where search text can be a keyword or “phrase” - when searching for document containing either keyword / phrase

1.6 Excluding Words and Phrases

Keywords and phrases can be excluded from the search results by prefixing them with a not operator (<not>). e.g. <not> tank will search for documents that do not include the keyword tank, and <not> “tank munitions” will search for documents that do not include that phrase.
1.7 Parentheses (Operator Precedence)
By default the order of precedence is <NOT>, <AND>, <OR>, <NEAR>, this order should be change through the use of parenthesis.

• e.g. (SHORAD <OR> "short range air defence") <AND> "United States"

Without the parentheses "short range air defence" will be joined using AND logic to "United States"

1.8 Proximity
Keywords or phrases in close proximity to other keywords or phrases can be searched for by using the format – term <NEAR> term.

• e.g. apache<NEAR> longbow

This option can be configured to operate within a range, by defining how close you want the terms to be “apache <NEAR /5> longbow” when searching for those keywords. If a range is not entered, a range of 4 is applied as a default.

1.9 Wildcards
Wildcards may be used to define search strings with variables in order to locate related keyword matches in documents. A wild card string may contain the following special characters –

• Asterisk (*) will expand the scope of your search by representing 0 or more alphanumeric characters at the beginning, middle, or end of the word, eg. Defen*e = Defense, Defence, Defensive, Defendable.

• Question Mark (?) will limit the scope of your search by representing a single alphanumeric character, eg. Defen?e = Defence, Defense. More than one (?) can be used to indicate multiple characters.

1.10 Starting a search from the homepage
When starting a search from the homepage it will clear any previous search criteria you have entered. Homepage searches will also search across your subscription excluding results from Jane’s Markets Forecast, Jane’s Defence Procurement and Jane’s Terrorism & Insurgency Centre.

Start a search by entering a search term in the search box. By default this will search your entire subscription but you can limit your search to certain subject areas using the drop down to the left of the search box.
1.11 Starting a search from Advanced Search

To start an Advanced Search navigate to “Search Tools” in the top navigation and select “Advanced Search” from the menu items. Advanced search will allow you to easily build a complex search.

You can start by adding key words or phrases to the search box, you can then select from the drop down on the right whether to confine your search to the title only or full text. Click “+” to add an additional row and you can select “And”, “Or” or “Not” from the drop down to the left of the search box. This will determine the logic of your search.

You can also add additional filtering options from the list on the left hand side of the screen to further narrow your search results.

1.12 Contextual Searches

IHS Jane’s search is contextual once you enter a product area; this means that once you begin a search within a product that you will only be searching that product rather than your entire subscription.

2 Search Results

2.1 Search Results Grid

Once a search has been executed you will be taken to the search results grid. By default results are displayed by the most relevant result. If you enter a blank search, all documents in your subscription will be returned, with the most recent first.
Refining search results

The IHS Jane’s knowledge base is extremely large, with a full subscriber having access to more than 750,000 documents via main search. Whilst the best efforts are made to display the most relevant content at the top of the results list it may often be necessary to make further refinements to your search results.

A quick and easy way to refine results is to use the tabs above the search results grid. You can choose to see all results or just news, country profiles, equipment profiles and so on. Profiles will act as a point in time reference document providing in depth coverage of a piece of equipment, a country or a company. For the most up to date, breaking information you may need to refer to news and insight. For structured information, i.e. inventories information it is advisable to use the Data & Analytics tab which will mostly consist of spreadsheets.

For more advanced refining options use the filters on the left of the screen. These filters can be expanded multiple levels

- Subjects: i.e. Armed Forces, External Affairs, Security etc.
- Equipment: i.e. C4ISR Systems, Land Vehicles etc.
- Region/Country: i.e. Middle East or France etc.
- Date Posted: date posted on the site.
- Document Type: i.e. Analysis, News, Reference etc.
- Document Format: i.e. spreadsheet, intelligence briefing
- Document Status: Active or archived
- Publication/Section: i.e. All the Worlds Aircraft, Jane’s Defence Weekly etc.
- NSAG Actors: Non State Armed Groups
- Organisation: i.e. Finmeccanica, Thales, Saab, etc.
Once you have selected your filters press enter or click “refine results”

Expand and collapse the filters by clicking here

You can search within the taxonomy, e.g. instead of expanding Americas and then North America and then selecting United States, just start to type United States in this search box

Click the box to add a filter, then press enter or click “refine results”

Click on the “+” icon to expand the taxonomy filters
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