

Boeing Vertol CH-46D

The Boeing Vertol CH-46D was initially designed as a commercial transport helicopter. However it was adapted as a military transport and has flown for several countries including the US, Japan, Sweden and Canada

Development of the CH-46 began as a commercial transport in March 1956 but the greatest interest in it was shown by the US Marine Corps as a military cargo and utility helicopter. It won a design competition in February 1961 and the first CH-46 flew on 16 October 1962. They began entering service with the Marine Corps in early 1965 and they remain in service. The Canadian Armed Forces and Sweden adopted it as a search and rescue aircraft in the 1960s. Boeing Vertol sold worldwide rights in the aircraft to Kawasaki in 1965 and a number of versions were then produced in Japan.

This model represents a United States Navy CH-46D flying with HC-3.

Data: *Engines.* two General Electric T58-GE-10 turboshaft engines of 1044kW (1400 shp). *Rotor diameter* 15.24m (50ft). *Length including rotors* 25.40m (83ft 8½in). *Maximum speed* 254km/h (158 mph). *Maximum take-off weight* 9707kg (21,400lb). *Range* 197km (682 miles). *Crew* 5.

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