

Transall C.160G

The Transall C.160 was a joint venture German and French short take off and landing freighter designed for military use. The C.160G is a specially converted Electronic Intelligence gathering version used by the French Air Force.

In 1959 German and French aircraft manufacturing companies formed the Transporter Alliance to design and build a short take off and landing cargo aeroplane for their military services. The first C.160 flew in 1963 and 160 were manufactured, the last in 1972. In 1977 the French Air Force ordered another 50 C.160NGs with some enhancements including aerial refuelling. Some of these were converted to special purposes including two fitted to gather electronic intelligence with a large number of external antennas. They served in the Gulf War.

This model represents a C.160G of the 54th Escadre Electronique Tactique (EE) Armee de l'Air, at Metz in 1993

Data: multi-role transport. *Engines* two Rolls Royce Tay Rty.20 Mk 22 turboprop engines of 4549 ekW (6100 esph). *Wing span* 40m (131ft 2¾in). *Length* 32.40m (106ft 3½in). *Maximum take-off weight* 5100kg (112 436lb). *Maximum speed* 513km/h (319mph). *Range* 1853km (1150miles). *Crew* 3.

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