

# Fokker F-27 Friendship

**The Fokker Friendship is one of the most important and popular airliners ever made. This first generation turboprop airliners introduced a new level of service to regional air transport around the world.**

Development of the Friendship began in the late 1940s and the basic design was established by 1952. The prototype Friendship flew on 24 November 1955 and the first production version in March 1958. Production continued into the 1980s when the Friendship was replaced by a developed version called the Fokker 50. A total of 786 were produced in that time and quite a few came to Australia from the late 1950s. They flew with the two major domestic airlines on regional routes and the major regional airlines. They became very popular because of their speed and comfort on long country flights.

This model represents a Fokker Friendship flying with East West Airlines in the 1970s.

**Data:** *Engine* two Rolls Royce Dart Mk 536-7 turboprop engines of 1678kW (2,320eshp). *Wing span* 29m (95ft 1¾in). *Length* 23.06m (77ft 3½in). *Maximum take-off weight* 19,773kg (44,996lbs). *Normal cruising speed* 480km/h (298mph). *Range* 2000km (1197miles). *Payload* 48-56 passengers. *Crew* 2 or 3.

*Esci 1/72 kit with Hawkeye decals completed by Leigh Edmonds in April 2005.*



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