

# Boeing 737-100

**The Boeing 737 is the most ordered and most produced jet airliner in history with over 6,000 manufactured and a further 2,000 on order in May 2009. On average there are 1,250 737s in the air at any given time.**

Development of the Boeing 737 commenced in 1964 and the prototype made its maiden flight on 9 April 1967. The first production 737-100 flew on 13 March and they began entering service with Lufthansa in December 1967. Only thirty 737-100s were manufactured and Lufthansa was the only significant operator, although they were later passed on to other airlines. Ansett New Zealand, a wholly owned subsidiary of Ansett Australia, began operations with four 737-100s in 1987 but they were old and noisy by then and withdrawn from service in 1989.

This model represents ZK-NEA, flown by Ansett New Zealand, c.1988.

**Data:** Short to medium range airliner. *Engines* two Pratt & Whitney JT8D-7 turbojets of 62.3kN thrust each. *Wing span* 28.35m. *Length* 28.67m. *Maximum take-off weight* 49,940kg. *Maximum cruising speed* 852km/h. *Maximum range* 2855km. Typical single class seating for 104 passengers.

*Airfix and Revell 1/144 kits with Hawkeye decals.* Completed in November 2009.



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