

Boeing 737-700

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.

The Boeing 737-600 to 737-900 were the Next Generation 737s, developed from 1993 to compete with the Airbus A.320 series. Improvements included, improved engines, a glass cockpit, intercontinental range and passenger cabin upgrades.

The 737-700 began entering service in 1998. It replaced the 737-300 and competed directly with the Airbus A.319.

Virgin Blue was launched in August 2000 as a budget airline competing with Australia's major domestic airlines. After the collapse of Ansett it became Australia's second major domestic airline

This model represents VH-VBM in service with Virgin Blue, c.2007.

Data: Short to medium range airliner. *Engines* two CFM International 56-7B26 engines of 117kN max thrust. *Wing span* 35.7m. *Length* 33.6m. *Maximum take-off weight* 70,080kg. *Maximum cruising speed* 828km/h. *Maximum range* 6232km. Typical single class seating for 140 passengers. *Crew* 2.

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