

Avro 618 'Ten'

The Avro 618 was called the Avro Ten because it carried ten people, two crew and eight passengers. It was a British version of the famous Fokker F.VII airliner and was particularly popular in Australia.

Development of the Fokker F.VII began in 1924 as a single engine airliner but became successful with two more engines installed under the wings. It rapidly became popular across Europe and North America and was licence built by seven separate companies. Avro began manufacture of the F.VII as the Avro Ten in 1928 and 14 were constructed, equipped with British engines. Seven were sold to Australia, five to ANA, and the last airworthy one ended its life evacuating people from New Guinea in 1941.

Australian National Airways (ANA) began flying on 1 January 1930 but abandoned services in mid 1931. It had five Avro Tens, the *Southern Cloud*, *Star*, *Sky*, *Moon* and *Sun*.

This model represents VH-UNA, *Southern Sun*, belonging to ANA in late 1931.

Data: *Engine* three Armstrong Siddeley Lunx IVB engines of 180kW each. *Wing span* 21.72m. *Length* 14.48m. *Maximum take-off weight* 4808 kg. *Cruising speed* 160km/h. *Range* 640km. *Accommodation* 8 passengers. *Crew* 2.

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