

Lockheed L-100-30

The Lockheed L-100 is a civil version of the famous C-130 Hercules. They were introduced to service in 1965 and many remain in service today with civilian and military operators.

In the early 1960s Lockheed decided to produce a commercial variant of its C-130 based on a demilitarised C-130E. The prototype first flew on 20 April 1964 and the first one entered service in September 1965. Due to slow sales two new, longer versions were created - the L-100-20 stretched by 2.52 metres and the L-100-30 stretched by an additional 2.03 metres. They were larger and more economical than the first version. Deliveries totalled 114 aircraft with production ending in 1992. By 2009 36 L-100s remained in civil operation and 35 in military service.

Saturn Airways was a charter airline that started service in 1949 and was absorbed by Trans International Airlines in 1976.

This model represents a L-100-30 flown by Saturn Airways in the early 1970s.

Data: *Engines* four Allison 501-D22A turboprops of 3360kW each. *Wing span* 40.40m. *Length* 34.35m. *Maximum take-off weight* 155,000kg. *Maximum speed* 570km/h. *Range* 2470km. *Maximum payload* 23,150kg. *Crew* 3-4.

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