

Airbus A.380

The Airbus A.380 is among the largest aeroplanes ever to fly and is the largest airliner in regular airline service. It can carry more than 500 passengers over a distance of 15,400 kilometers at about 900 kilometers an hour..

The A.380 is designed and constructed by a consortium of European aviation companies. Planning began in the 1990s and the decision was made to proceed with production in 2000. Parts of the aeroplane are made in various locations in Europe and final construction took place at the Airbus headquarters at Toulouse in France. The first prototype made its maiden flight on 27 April 2005 and the A.380 began scheduled services with Singapore Airlines in October 2007. Due to the popularity of the new generation of twin jet airliners production ended in 2021 when only 251 had been produced.

This model represents VH-OQA, Qantas's first A.380, which entered service in September 2008.

Data: large wide-body airliner. *Engines* four Rolls Royce Trent 9000 engines of 348kN thrust each. *Wing span* 79.75m. *Length* 72.72m. *Maximum take-off weight* 575,000kg. *Crusing speed* 903km/h. *Range* 14,800km. *Typical payload* 525 passengers in three class layout. *Flight crew* 2.

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