

# Douglas DC-9-30

The Douglas DC-9 was a successful short-haul jet airliner that began entering service in the mid 1960s. It was later developed into the MD-80 and MD-90 series of airliners and the Boeing 717, staying in production for over 40 years

The Douglas DC-9 was designed in the early 1960s as a short haul jet airliner to fill a niche in the market below the Boeing 727. The prototype made its first flight on 25 February 1965 and they began entering service from 8 December 1965. The DC-9 was designed in several forms with fuselages ranging from 31 to 40 metres in length, the most popular was the DC-9-30, making up 662 of the 976 DC-9s constructed.

A total of 26 DC-9-30s were imported to Australia, most to fly for Ansett and TAA from the early 1970s.

This model represents VH-TJP of Trans Australia Airways in the early 1980s.

**Data:** narrow-body short to medium range airliner. *Engines* two Pratt & Whitney JT8D engines of 64.5kN thrust each. *Wing span* 28.47m. *Length* 36.37m. *Maximum take-off weight* 49,090kg. *Maximum cruise speed* 907km/h. *Range* 3,095km. *Typical payload* 115 passengers in a single class layout. *Flight deck crew* 2.

*Airfix* 1/144 kit with *Hawkeye* Decals completed by Leigh Edmonds in September 2012.



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