

Boeing 747-300

The Boeing 747 'Jumbo Jet' revolutionised air travel. Its huge size and efficiency reduced the cost of flying and made international travel commonplace. By December 2013 a total of 1,482 747s had been manufactured.

The first Boeing 747 made its maiden flight on 9 February 1969 and they began entering service in January 1970. The major external difference between the 747-300 and earlier versions was the extended upper deck that allowed the airliner to carry more passengers. The first 747-300 made its maiden flight on 5 October 1982 and the first one for airliner service was delivered in 1993. A total of only 81 of this version were manufactured before the 747-400 entered service. The final 747-300 flight was made by Qantas in December 2008.

This model represents VH-INJ, which flew for Ansett International between August 1994 and August 1999.

Data: Long range widebody airliner. *Engines* four Pratt & Whitney JT9D-7R4G2 turbofan engines of 244kN thrust each. *Wing span* 59.6m. *Length* 70.7m. *Maximum take-off weight* 377,810kg. *Cruising speed* 907km/h. *Maximum range* 11,720km. Typical three class seating for 400 passengers. *Crew* 3.

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