

ATR 42-300

The ATR 42 is one of the world's most popular regional airliners. It is built jointly by French and Italian aeroplane manufacturing companies and assembled in France. They are now used by over 80 airlines.

In 1981 Aerospatiale of France and Aeritalia of Italy announced they would collaborate on a new regional airliner to be called the ATR (Avions de Transport Régional/Aerie da Transporta Regionale). The first version was the ATR 42, capable of carrying 42 passengers that first flew in August 1964, followed by the ATR 72 (with capacity for 72 passengers) which first flew in 1988.

The first production version was the -300 and, although later versions contain many improvements, the only external difference is the six bladed propellers. By the end of 2013, 628 ATR 42s had been built and flown by over eighty airlines around the world.

This model represents F-GHPK in service with Brit Air in August 2000.

Data: *Engine* Two Pratt & Whitney Canada PW120 turboprop engines of 1,500kW (2169shp) each. *Wing span* 24.57m. *Length* 22.67m. *Maximum take-off weight* 19,900kg. *Cruising speed* 494km/h. *Range* 885km. *Accommodation* 42-52 passengers.

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