

Boeing 727-200F

The Boeing 727 is one of the most important airliners in aviation history. Over 1,800 were manufactured between 1963 and 1984. It was a mainstay on Australian airways between 1964 and the mid 1990s

Development of the Boeing 727 began in the late 1950s and detailed design began in June 1959. It was given three jet engines at the rear of the fuselage to give the airliner additional power and a clean wing for aerodynamic efficiency. The prototype made its initial flight on 9 February 1963 and they commenced service in February 1964.

The Boeing 727-200 was the second version of the 727 to be produced. It had a stretched fuselage which allowed it to carry an additional 50 passengers or additional three tonnes of freight over the earlier 727-100.

This model represents VH-DHE of DHL International in 2002.

Data: Short to medium range airliner. *Engines* three Pratt & Whitney JT8D-9 turbojets of 64kN thrust each. *Wing span* 32.92m. *Length* 46.69m. *Maximum take-off weight* 83,800kg. *Maximum cruising speed* 964km/h. *Range with maximum payload* 3,100km. *Maximum freight payload* 24,042 kg. *Crew* 3.

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