

Boeing 727-100

The Boeing 727 is one of the most important airliners in aviation history. Over 1800 were manufactured, 582 of them the early 727-100 version. Two of them flew for the Royal New Zealand Air Force between 1981 and 2003.

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 727-100 was the first version of the 727 to be produced and 582 were made. Eventually twelve 727-100s flew for Australia two major airlines and several were converted to freighters or imported to fill that role in Australia and on services to nearby countries.

This model represents NZ72701 of the Royal New Zealand Air Force in 1990.

Data: Short to medium range airliner. *Engines* three Pratt & Whitney JT8D-7 turbojets of 62.3kN thrust each. *Wing span* 32.92m. *Length* 40.59m. *Maximum take-off weight* 72,570kg. *Maximum cruising speed* 964km/h. *Range with maximum payload* 5000km. *Maximum freight payload* 21,213kg.

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