

# Douglas DC-3

**The Douglas DC-3 (also known by many other names including C-47) is one of the world's most famous aeroplanes. It was the most popular airliner of the pre-war era and four were flying in Australia before the beginning of WWII.**

The Douglas DC-3 was an enlarged version of the Douglas DC-2, originally ordered as a 14 bunk sleeper for transcontinental US air services. The first one flew 17 December 1935 and by the beginning of World War II they had become the world's most popular airliner.

During the war around 10,000 were manufactured (most designated as C-47s) and served in a wide variety of roles for many allied nations. After the war many of these surplus aeroplanes reverted to civil use and some remain flying today.

This model represents VH-UZJ, named 'Kyilla', the first DC-3 to be imported into Australia, flying with Airlines of Australia in November 1937.

**Data:** *Engine* two Wright R-1820 radial piston engines of 820kW each. *Wing span* 29.11m. *Length* 19.43m. *Maximum take-off weight* 11,793 kg. *Cruising speed* 257km/h. *Range* 6,115km. *Accommodation* 21 passengers.

*Esci* 1/72 kit with *Red Roo* replacement engines and home made decals completed by Leigh Edmonds in January 2017.



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