

Douglas DC-5

The Douglas DC-5 was a short range airliner developed by Douglas in the late 1930s. Despite early promise the advent of World War II meant only a dozen were built before Douglas switched to military aeroplane construction.

The Douglas DC-5 was designed, following the highly successful DC-3 and larger DC-4, to offer airlines a shorter range airliner than earlier Douglas designs. The prototype made its first flight on 20 February 1939 and orders were placed for it with several airlines including KLM. Only 12 had been manufactured before World War II when some airlines cancelled their orders and Douglas needed its production facilities for military aeroplanes. Only four DC-5s entered civil service, flying for KNILM in the Dutch East Indies. Three of them came to Australia during the evacuation of early 1942, two of those were lost in accidents and the remaining one flew for ANA between 1943 and 1947, and ended its days in Israel.

This model represents VH-CXC flying for Australian National Airways in 1944.

Data: *Engine* two Wright GR-1820 radial piston engines of 670kW each. *Wing span* 24m. *Length* 18.95m. *Gross weight* 9,072kg. *Cruising speed* 314km/h. *Range* 2,600km. *Accommodation* 16-24 passengers. *Crew* 3.

F-Rsin 1/144 kit with home made decals. Completed in February 2017.



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