

Boeing 737-200

The Boeing 737 is the most ordered and most produced jet airliner in history with over 6,000 manufactured and a further 2,000 on order in May 2009. On average there are 1,250 737s in the air at any given time.

The Boeing 737 was originally conceived as a short range, small capacity airliner that first appeared in the 737-100 version which made its first flight on 8 August 1967. The 737-200 was stretched and given other improvements including more powerful engines and increased fuel capacity and the first one made its first flight on 8 August 1967. They began entering service that year and production continued until 1988 by which time 1,114 had been manufactured. Many remain in service with second-tier airlines of developing nations but were phased out of main line service because of noise and poor fuel efficiency.

This model represents F-GGVP flying for the French L' Aeropostale in 1994.

Data: Medium range airliner. *Engines* two Pratt & Whitney JT8D-9A turbojets of 64.5 kN thrust each. *Wing span* 28.35m. *Length* 30.53m. *Maximum take-off weight* 58,100kg. *Maximum cruising speed* 876km/h. *Maximum range* 4,800km. *Payload*, up to 136 passengers. *Crew* 2 flight crew

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