

# Fokker 50

**The Fokker 50 was a regional airliner produced in the late 1980s and 1990s. It was a development of the earlier Fokker F-27 airliner and looks very much like it, apart from the new and much for fuel efficient engines.**

The Fokker 50 was developed in the early 1980s a refinement of the popular Fokker F-27. Sales of that airliner had been declining because of competition from several new and more modern regional airliners so Fokker redesigned the F-27 with many improvements including more efficient Pratt & Whitney engines which reduced fuel consumption by 30 per cent over the F-27.

The first Fokker 50 made its first flight on 28 December 1985 and they began entering revenue service in 1987. Production ended in 1997 when Fokker was wound up as a result of financial problems. A total of 213 Fokker 50s were manufactured

This model represents VH-FNA flying for Virgin Australia in May 2013.

**Data:** *Engine* two Pratt & Whitney Canada PW125B turboprop engines of 1,864kW each. *Wing span* 29m. *Length* 25.25m. *Maximum take-off weight* 20,820kg. *Normal cruising speed* 500km/h. *Range* 1,700km. *Payload* up to 56 passengers. *Flight crew* 2.

*Eastern Express* 1/144 kit. Completed in April 2019.



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