

Airbus A300

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TAA ordered four A300s in 1974 and the first one, VH-TAA was delivered in 1981. However, declining passenger demand soon after it arrived meant the airline had to lease some of its A300s to other airlines during the 1980s and VH-TAA was leased to other airlines before returning to TAA in 1989.

This model represents VH-TAA flying in Air Nyugini livery as P2-ANG between 1984 and 1989.

Data: Large capacity short/medium commercial transport. *Engine* two General Electric CF6-50C turbofan engines of 23 814kg thrust each. *Wing span* 44.84m. *Length* 53.62m. *Maximum take-off weight* 165,00kg. *Average cruising speed* 911km/h. *Range with maximum payload* 7,040km.

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