

Hawker Siddeley HS-125-1B

The Hawker Siddeley 125 was one of the world's first business jets and one of its most successful. It remained in production from 1963 to 2013 and 1,720 were sold. The HS-125-1B was the first version to be produced.

The Hawker Siddeley 125 was designed by deHavilland as a jet powered replacement for its Dove light twin airliner. Design work began in 1961, the prototype made its first flight on 13 August 1962 and the first one was delivered in September 1964. It was very popular, particularly in the United States, and remained in production in several forms until 2013, by which time 1,720 had been built

The first version was the HS125-1A/B of which 75 were made. Three HS-125-1Bs were imported into Australia, two by Qantas for pilot training and one for the Department of Civil Aviation which used theirs for various purposes.

This model represents VH-CAO flying for the Department of Civil Aviation in 1966.

Data: business jet. *Engines* two Bristol Siddeley Viper 521 engines of 14kN thrust each. *Wing span* 14.33m. *Length* 13.41m. *Maximum take-off weight* 9,616kg. *Maximum cruising speed* 759km/h. *Range* 3,106miles. *Typical payload* 5 passengers. *Airfix* 1/72 kit with *VH-WAL* decals. Completed in September 2019.



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