

Airbus A.320

The Airbus A.320 is the major version of the A.320 series of narrow body airliners. It has proved very popular and almost 10,000 have been manufactured in factories in France, Germany, China and the United States.

Initial planning for the A.320 began in 1977 with the support of the French, British and West German governments to develop an airliner in competition with American manufacturers, Boeing and Douglas. It was launched in March 1984 and the first A.320 made its first flight on 22 February 1987. They began entering service in 1988 and 9,027 of all versions had been manufactured by September 2019. It is offered in two engine types which offer similar performances.

Freedom Air was a subsidiary of Air New Zealand created to compete with Kiwi International.

This model represents ZK-OJK flying with Freedom Air in 2005.

Data: narrow-body medium range airliner. *Engines* two IAE V2500 turbofan engines of 98kN thrust each. *Wing span* 35.8m. *Length* 37.57m. *Maximum take-off weight* 78,000kg. *Cruising speed* 829km/h. *Range* 6,112km. *Typical payload* 195 passengers in typical single class layout. *Flight crew* 2.

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