

# DeHavilland Australia DHA-3 Drover

The Dehavilland Australia Drover was designed in Australia to create a small airliner suitable for Australian conditions. Despite early design problems a small number of Drovers gave good service for many years.

The deHavilland Drover was designed in Australia in the late 1940s as a replacement for the deHavilland DH-84 biplanes that had become almost ubiquitous in Australia in the years before the war. It had similarities to the deHavilland Dove but was simpler in design to suit outback conditions. However, the Drover experienced some serious design problems and there were several crashes as a result, and only twenty were built.

Despite its problems the Drover served with several airlines in remote areas and with the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Examples also flew in the Pacific Islands and they served for many years once their problems were resolved.

This model represents VH-EBR flying for Qantas in New Guinea in 1952.

**Data:** *Engine* three deHavilland Gipsy Major 10 Mk 2 inline four cylinder piston engines of 108kW each. *Wing span* 17.3m. *Length* 11.2m. *Maximum take-off weight* 2950kg. *Cruising speed* 200km/h. *Range* 800km. *Payload* up to 6 passengers. *Crew* 1

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