

Airbus A.330-300

The Airbus A.330-300 is the medium range version of the Airbus family of twin-aisle jet airliners. They began flying in 1992 and have become popular with airlines around the world for their comfort and operational profitability.

The A.330-300 is one of a family of airliners that uses common wings and fuselages but with different engines to economise on production and operation. It was a development of Airbus's first airliner, the A.300, with the same width fuselage. It shares the same fuselage and wing with the Airbus A.340. The first A.330 flew on 2 November 1992 and they began entering airline service a year later. Production began in 1992 and they remain in production today. They have proved very competitive with competing Boeing airliners in the same class.

This model represents VH-QPA flying for Qantas in 2010.

Data: large capacity medium to long range airliner. *Engines* two CFM International CFM6-80 turbofan engines of 287kN thrust each. *Wing span* 60.30m. *Length* 63.65m. *Maximum take-off weight* 242,000kg. *Maximum cruising speed* 871km/h. *Range* 11,750km. *Maximum payload* 45,600kg, 300 passengers. *Flight crew* 2.

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