

Aerospatiale/BAC Concorde

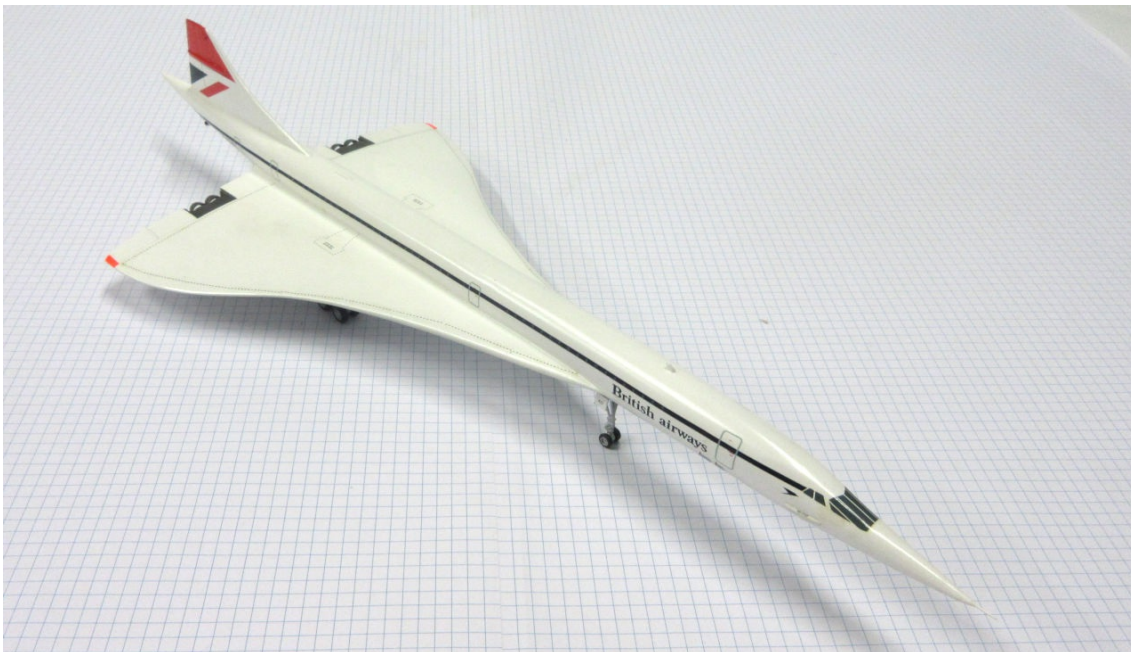
The Concorde is one of the icons of aviation. One of only two supersonic air transports made, it was by far the most successful. However, economic and environmental considerations limited its potential and only 20 were ever flown.

Development of the Concorde began in the 1950s as the next logical step in airliner evolution. The first prototype flew on 2 March 1969 but, despite initial interest and orders for over 70, the 1973 oil crisis and environmental concerns killed interest. The only two airlines to operate it were Air France and British Airways and mainly on the trans-Atlantic routes. In 1979 and 1980 British Airways and Singapore International Airways code shared on a service to Singapore which was uneconomical. Concorde's only crash, on 25 July 2000 and the aftermath of 9/11 led to their grounding in late 2003. Eighteen are now on public display.

This model represents G-BOAD painted in BA and SIA livery in 1979.

Data: supersonic air transport. *Engines* four Rolls-Royce/SNECMA Olympus 591 Mk601 afterburning turbojet engines of 169.3kN thrust each with afterburner. *Wing span* 25.6m. *Length* 61.66m. *Maximum take-off weight* 185,070kg. *Cruising speed* 2158km/h. *Maximum range* 7,222km. *Typical payload* 100 passengers. *Crew* 3.

Airfix 1/144 kit completed by Leigh Edmonds in April 2010.



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