

Airbus A.330-200

The Airbus A.330 is the medium range version of the Airbus family of jet airliners. A longer range version, the A.330-200, began entering service in the late 1990s and was popular with airlines around the world.

The A.330-200 is one of a family of airliners that uses common wings and fuselages but with different engines to economise on production and operation. The first A.330 flew in 1992 but the -200 version did not fly until 1997 and entered service a year later. It was about five meters shorter than the A.330-300. It competed with Boeing 767 airliners. It proved very competitive and popular on domestic and international routes and over 660 had been delivered by 2020.

This model represents VH-XFA in service with Virgin Australia in June 2012,

Data: long range high capacity airliner. *Engines* two Pratt & Whitney PW4168, two Rolls-Royce Trent 700 or two CFM International CFM6-80 turbofan engines of 600.6kN thrust each. *Wing span* 59.06m. *Length* 59.06m. *Maximum take-off weight* 229,970kg. *Cruising speed* 850km/h. *Range* 11,850km. *Maximum payload* 46,715kg or between 253 and 380 passengers depending on seating layout. *Flight crew* 2.

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