

# Antonov An-22

The Antonov An-22 is a large cargo aircraft designed and built in Ukraine in the Soviet Union in the 1960s and 1970s. It is the largest aircraft of its type with turboprop engines and has seen extensive military and civil service.

The Antonov An-22 was designed to give the Soviet Union a heavy lift freighter aircraft. Design began in the late 1950s and the prototype first flew on 27 February 1965. They began entering military service in 1969 and were primarily used by Soviet air forces and Aeroflot, the Soviet Union's civil air service. Between 1966 and 1976 seventy-five were manufactured and it remains the largest turboprop engined aircraft ever manufactured.

Their large carrying capacity saw them used extensively in military service and for humanitarian flights around the world including to South America and Africa. Only a handful remain flying today.

This model represents an Antonov An-22 at the Farnborough Air Show in September 1988.

Data: heavy transport aircraft. Engine four Kuznetsov turboprop engines of 11,000kW each. Wing span 64.4m. Length 57.92m. Maximum take-off weight 250,000kg. Maximum speed 740km/h. Range 10,950km. Maximum payload 80,000kg. Crew 5-6.

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