

Bombardier Learjet 55

The Bombardier Learjet 55 was a business jet manufactured in the United States between 1981 and 1987. It was part of a range of Learjets that were manufactured between 1962 and 2022.

The name Learjet is associated with the first generations of jet powered business aircraft which began flying in the early 1960s. The company became a subsidiary of Bombardier Aerospace in 1990.

The Learjet 55 is an enlarged version of earlier Learjets. Construction began in April 1978 after extensive testing and designing of the wing and the Learjet 55 first flew on 19 April 1979. Production started in March 1981 and 147 of this model Learjet were delivered between then and 1987. Production of all Learjets concluded in 2022 after 60 years in production with more than 3,000 delivered.

This model represents the Learjet 55, D-CONU, flying for the United Nations in May 2013.

Data: business jet. *Engines* two Garrett TFE31-3A turbojet engines of 16kN thrust each. *Wing span* 13.35m. *Length* 16.80m. *Maximum take-off weight* 9,752kg. *Maximum cruising speed* 744km/h. *Range* 4010km. *Typical payload* up to 10 passengers. *Crew* 2 completed by Leigh Edmonds in March 2024.

A model 1/72 kit.



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