

Alenia C-27J Spartan

The Alenia C-27J is a medium capacity transport aircraft designed and manufactured as a joint venture between Italy and the United States. It is operated by a number of air forces including the Royal Australian Air Force.

The Alenia C-27J Spartan is a development of the earlier Aeritalia G.222 light transport aircraft. It was developed for the United States Army and Air Force to replace earlier aircraft including the military version of the G.222 which was given the military designation C-27A.

The C-27J first flew on 24 September 1999 and first entered service with the Italian Air Force in 2007, and the United States in 2008. Australia ordered ten C-27Js to replace its retired DHC-4 Caribou fleet. They were delivered between 2014 and 2018.

This model represents A34-003 serving with 35 Squadron, RAAF, based at Amberley in 2020.

Data: medium capacity air transport. *Engines* two Rolls Royce AE2100-D2A turboprop engines of 3,458kW each. *Wing span* 28.7m. *Length* 22.7m. *Maximum take-off weight* 32,500kg. *Maximum speed* 602km/h. *Range* 1,759km. *Maximum payload* 11,300kg. *Crew*: 2 plus loadmaster when required.

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