

Tupolev Tu-114

The Tupolev Tu-114 was a large and fast turboprop airliner built in the Soviet Union. It was flown by Aeroflot between 1961 and 1977 on Russia's longrange international air routes before being replaced by pure jet airliners.

The Tupolev Tu-114 was designed and built in the Soviet Union in response to a requirement for a fast long range airliner issued in 1955, It was based on the Tu-95 strategic bomber and used its wings with a new large pressurised fuselage. The prototype first flew in November 1957 and they began entering service in 1961. Only 32 were made and used exclusively by the Russian airline Aeroflot.

They were first used on Aeroflot's international routes until replaced by the Ilyushin Il-62, but continued on domestic services until 1977. A few were subsequently flown by the Russian Air Force until 1991.

This model represents Tu-114 CCCP-76464 which was on display at Moscow's Domodedovo Airport until 2005.

Data: long range airliner *Engines* four Kuznetsov NK-12MV turboprop engines of 11,022kW each. *Wing span* 51.1m. *Length* 54.1m. *Maximum takeoff weight* 171,000kg. *Cruising speed* 770km/h. *Range* 8.950km. *Payload* up to 220 passengers. *Crew* 5 or 6.

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