SECTION 3 - BRITISH AIRWAYS FLEET

AIRCRAFT FLEET

Number in service with Group companies at December 31, 2006

	On Balance Sheet Fixed Assets	Off Balance Sheet Operating Leases	Total Dec 2006	Changes Since Sep 2006	Future deliveries (Note 4)	Options (Note5)
AIRLINE OPERATIONS					(Note 4)	(Notes)
Boeing 747-400	57		57			
Boeing 777	40	3	43			
Boeing 767-300	21		21			
Boeing 757-200	13		13			
Airbus A319 (Note1)	21	12	33			28
Airbus A320	8	18	26	(1)	10	
Airbus A321	7		7		4	
Boeing 737-300		5	5			
Boeing 737-400	19		19			
Boeing 737-500		9	9			
Avro RJ100 (Note2)		10	10			
CONTINUING TOTAL (Note3)	186	57	243	(1)	14	28
Turboprops		7	7			
Embraer RJ145	16	12	28			
British Aerospace 146	4		4			
DISCONTINUED TOTAL	20	19	39			
GROUP TOTAL	206	76	282	(1)	14	28

Notes

- Certain furture deliveries and options include reserved delivery positions, and may be taken as any A320 family aircraft.
- 2. Excludes 6 Avro RJ100 sub-leased to Swiss.
- 3. Includes those operated by British Airways Plc and BA Cityflyer.
- 4. Future year deliveries have increased by 4 to 14 to replace 4 A320 aircraft due to leave the fleet from 2008
- 5. Excludes 10 secured delivery positions for Boeing 777 aircraft.

AIRCRAFT DELIVERY SCHEDULE - Mainline (firm orders)

As at December 31st 2006

	2007/08	2008/09	TOTAL
Airbus A320	4	6	10
Airbus A321	4		4
TOTAL	8	6	14

MAINLINE FLEET PROFILES

The fleet profiles on the following pages give positions for mainline jet aircraft as at December 31, 2006. Utilisation and age figures are averages for the last year. All details are given for a typical aircraft configuration, operating a typical flight. Range is given with maximum passenger load.

BOEING 747-400



British Airways operates one version of the Boeing 747: the Series 400.

Total in service: 57

Capacity: Up to 351 passengers and 41,700 lbs (18.9 tonnes) of cargo

Seating: First Class - 14 Private cabins.

Club World - 38 x 2:4:2, @ 73 ins (185 cm) pitch (Hi - 70 x 2:4:2 @ 73 ins (185 cm) pitch)

World Traveller Plus - 36 x 2:4:2, @ 38 ins (97cm) pitch

(Hi - 30 x 2:4:2 @ 38 ins (97cm) pitch)

World Traveller - 263 x 3:4:3, @ 31 ins (79cm) pitch

(Hi - 177 x 3:4:3 @ 31 ins (79cm) pitch)

Range: 7,710 miles (12,410 kms)

(Hi 8,060 miles (12,970 kms)

Engines: Four Rolls-Royce RB211-524Gs, each producing 58,000 lbs (25.8 KN) thrust

Take-off speed: 207 mph (334 kph)

Cruising speed and height: 575 mph (927 kph/Mach 0.85), at 35,000 ft (10,668 m)

Landing speed: 183 mph (295 kph)

Autoland capability: Category 3B (DH, 0 ft; landing RVR, 100 m; take-off RVR, 100 m)

 Length:
 231 ft 11 ins (70.7 m)

 Wingspan:
 213 ft (64.9 m)

 Height:
 63 ft 4 ins (19.3 m)

 Fuselage width:
 20 ft 11 ins (6.4 m)

Fuel capacity: 47,718 Imperial gallons (216,902 litres/173,520 kgs)
Fuel consumption: 2,813 Imperial gallons (12,788 litres/10,230 kgs) per hour

Maximum take-off weight: 870,000 lbs (394.6 tonnes)

Landing gear: 16 main wheels (tyres 205 lbs sq in), two nose wheels (tyres 180 lbs sq in)

Flight crew: Two pilots (On long sectors, one-two relief pilots are also carried)

Cabin crew: Up to 16 depending on sector length Utilisation: 13.3 hours/day average an aircraft

Introduced: 1989 Average age: 12.4 years

Routes: Longhaul, mainly to North and South America, South Africa, the Far East and

Australasia



The first British Airways Boeing 777 entered service in October 1995, making it the first airline to take delivery of the GE90 powered version of this wide-bodied, twin-engined jet.

Total in service: 3

Capacity: 219 passengers and 44,300 lbs (20.1 tonnes) of cargo

Seating: First Class - 17 Private cabins.

Club World - 48 x 2:4:2, @ 73 ins (185 cm) pitch World Traveller Plus - 24 x 2:4:2, @ 38 ins (97cm) pitch World Traveller - 125 x 3:3:3, @ 31 ins (79cm) pitch

Range: 5,440 miles (8,750 kms)

Engines: Two General Electric GE90-76B each producing 76,400 lbs thrust

Take-off speed: 184 mph (296 kph)

Cruising speed and height: 554 mph (891 kph/Mach 0.83), at 35,000 ft (10,668 m)

Landing speed: 161 mph (259 kph)

Autoland capability: Category 3B (DH, 0 ft; landing RVR, 75 m; take-off RVR, 75 m)

 Length:
 209 ft 1 ins (63.7 m)

 Wingspan:
 199 ft 2 ins (60.9 m)

 Height:
 60 ft 1 ins (18.4 m)

 Fuselage width:
 20 ft 4 ins (6.1 m)

Fuel capacity: 25,515 Imperial gallons (115,991 litres)

Fuel consumption: 1,672 Imperial gallons (7,600 litres/6,080 kgs) per hour Maximum take-off weight: 535,000 lbs (243 tonnes)

Landing gear: 12 main wheels, two nose wheels Flight crew: Two

Cabin crew: 13

Utilisation: 12.65 hours/day average an aircraft

Introduced: 1995 Average Age: 10.5 years

Routes: Longhaul routes, Middle East and Gulf destinations

BOEING 777-200IGW



Total in service: 24

Capacity: Up to 282 passengers and 44,500 lbs (20.2 tonnes) of cargo

Seating: First Class – 14 or 0 Private cabins.

Club World – 48 or 40 x 2:4:2, @ 73 ins (185 cm) pitch World Traveller Plus – 40 or 24 x 2:4:2, @ 38 ins (97cm) pitch World Traveller – 123 or 218 x 3:3:3, @ 31 ins (79cm) pitch

Range: 6,790 miles (10,930 kms)

Engines: Two General Electric GE90-85B each producing 84,700 lbs thrust

Take-off speed: 184 mph (296 kph)

Cruising speed and height: 554 mph (891 kph/Mach 0.83), at 35,000 ft (10,668 m)

Landing speed: 161 mph (259 kph)

Autoland capability: Category 3B (DH, 0 ft; landing RVR, 75 m; take-off RVR, 75 m)

 Length:
 209 ft 1 ins (63.7 m)

 Wingspan:
 199 ft 11 ins (60.9 m)

 Height:
 60 ft 6 ins (18.4 m)

 Fuselage width:
 20 ft 4 ins (6.1m)

Fuel capacity: 37,229 Imperial gallons (168,090 litres)

Fuel consumption: 1,823 Imperial gallons (8,290 litres/6,630 kgs) per hour Maximum take-off weight: 590,000 lbs (267.6 tonnes) or 606,272 lbs (275.0 tonnes)

Landing gear: 12 main wheels, two nose wheels

Flight crew: Two Cabin crew: 13

Utilisation: 12.6 hours/day average an aircraft

Introduced: 1995 Average Age: 8.6 years

Routes: Longhaul routes, principally North America, Caribbean and Gulf destinations



The first British Airways Boeing 777-200ER entered service in 1999, making it the first Rolls Royce powered version of this wide-bodied, twin-engine jet.

Total in service: 16

Capacity: Up to 274 passengers and 44,300 lbs (20.1 tonnes) of cargo

Seating First Class – 13 or 0 Private cabins.

Club World – 48 or 36 x 2:4:2, @ 73 ins (185 cm) pitch World Traveller Plus – 32 or 24 x 2:4:2, @ 38 ins (97cm) pitch World Traveller – 124 or 214 x 3:3:3, @ 31 ins (79cm) pitch

Range: 8,780 miles (14,130 kms)

Engines: Two Rolls-Royce Trent 895 each producing 95,000 lbs thrust

Take-off speed: 184 mph (296 kph)

Cruising speed and height: 554 mph (891 kph/Mach 0.83), at 35,000 ft (10,668 m)

Landing speed: 161 mph (259 kph)

Autoland capability: Category 3B (DH, 0 ft; landing RVR, 75 m; take-off RVR, 75 m)

 Length:
 209 ft 1 ins (63.7 m)

 Wingspan:
 199 ft 11 ins (60.9 m)

 Height:
 60 ft 6 ins (18.4 m)

 Fuselage width:
 20 ft 4 ins (6.1m)

Fuel capacity: 37,229 Imperial gallons (168,090 litres)

Fuel consumption: 1,823 Imperial gallons (8,290 litres/6,630 kgs) per hour

Maximum take-off weight: 656,000 lbs (297.6 tonnes)
Landing gear: 12 main wheels, two nose wheels

Flight crew: Two pilots (On long sectors, one or two relief pilots are also carried)

Cabin crew: Up to 14 depending on sector length Utilisation: 13.45 hours/day average an aircraft

Introduced: 2000 Average Age: 6.1 years

Routes: Longhaul routes, principally North America and Asia

BOEING 767-300



The Boeing 767-300s are operated in two configurations by the British Airways Group - depending on whether they are flown on mainline European, on intercontinental routes.

Total in service: 21

Capacity: Shorthaul - up to 252 passengers; 16,800 lbs (7.6 tonnes) of cargo

Longhaul - up to 189 passengers, and 19,600 lbs (8.9 tonnes) of cargo

Seating: Shorthaul: Club Europe - 132 max (0 min) x 2:2:2, @ 34 ins (86 cm) pitch

Euro Traveller - 95 min (247 max) x 2:3:2, @ 32 ins (81 cm) pitch Longhaul: Club World - 24 x 2:4:2, @ 73 ins (185 cm) pitch World Traveller Plus - 24 x 2:4:2, @ 38 ins (97cm) pitch World Traveller - 141 x 3:4:3, @ 31 ins (79cm) pitch

Range: Shorthaul – 3,450 miles (5,550 km); Longhaul- 5,640 miles (9,080 km)

Engines: Two Rolls-Royce RB211-524Hs, each producing 60,600 lbs (270 KN) thrust

Take-off speed: 192 mph (310 kph)

Cruising speed and height: 542 mph (873 kph/Mach 0.8), at 35,000 ft (10,668 m)

Landing speed: 178 mph (287 kph)

Autoland capability: Category 3B (DH 0 ft; landing RVR, 75 m; take-off RVR, 75 m)

 Length:
 180 ft 3 ins (54.9 m)

 Wingspan:
 156 ft 1 ins (47.6 m)

 Height:
 52 ft (15.9 m)

 Fuselage width:
 16 ft 6 ins (5 m)

Fuel capacity: 20,112 Imperial gallons (91,380 litres/73,078 kgs)

Fuel consumption: Shorthaul – 1,199 Imperial gallons (5,451 litres/4,360 kgs) per hour

Longhaul/Regional - 1,279 Imperial gallons (5,813 litres/4,650 kgs) per hour

Maximum take-off weight: Shorthaul - 348,330 lbs (158 tonnes)

Longhaul/Regional - up to 400,000 lbs (up to 181.4 tonnes)

Landing gear: Eight main wheels (tyres 175 lbs sq in), two nose wheels (tyres 150 lbs sq in)

Flight crew: Two pilots

Cabin crew: Seven to nine, depending on route and service type

Utilisation:Longhaul 10.8 hours/day average an aircraftShorthaul 8 hours/day average an aircraft

Introduced: 1990 Average age: 13.7 years

Routes: High density shorthaul services, such as Heathrow-Moscow, and lower density

longhaul routes, such as the East Coast United States, Sub-Sahara Africa.



British Airways introduced Boeing 757 in 1983. The current type derivative entered service in 1990.

Total in service: 13

Capacity: Shorthaul - up to 180 passengers; 8,200lbs (3.7 tonnes) of cargo Seating: Shorthaul: Club Europe - 105 max (0 min) x 2:3, @ 34 ins (86 cm) pitch

Euro Traveller - 54 min (180 max) x 3:3, @ 32 ins (81 cm) pitch;

Range: 2,300 miles (3,700 km)

Engines: Two Rolls-Royce RB211-535E4s, each providing 40,100 lbs (178 KN) thrust

Take-off speed: 177 mph (285 kph)

Cruising speed and height: 561 mph (903 kph/Mach 0.8), at 37,000 ft (11,278 m)

Landing speed: 157 mph (252 kph)

Autoland capability: Category 3B (DH 0 ft; landing RVR, 75 m; take-off RVR 125 m)

 Length:
 155 ft 3 ins (47.3 m)

 Wingspan:
 124 ft 10 ins (37.9 m)

 Height:
 45 ft 6 ins (13.6 m)

 Fuselage width:
 12 ft 4 ins (3.8 m)

Fuel capacity: 9,390 Imperial gallons (42,686 litres/34,136 kgs) **Fuel consumption:** 923 Imperial gallons (4,194 litres/3,355 kgs) per hour

Maximum take-off weight: 220,000 lbs (99.7 tonnes)

Landing gear: Eight main wheels, two nose wheels (tyres 175 lbs sq in on main wheels and 150

lbs sq in on nose wheels

Flight crew: Two

Cabin crew: Five to seven, depending on route and service type

Utilisation: 7.05 hours/day average an aircraft

Introduced:1990Average age:12.1 years

Routes: European and domestic medium density shorthaul scheduled services

AIRBUS A321



British Airways introduced the Airbus A321 into the fleet in October 2004.

Total in service: 7

Capacity: Up to 194 passengers; 4,400lbs (2.0 tonnes) of cargo Seating: Club Europe - 49 max x 2:3 @ 34 ins (86 cm) pitch

Euro Traveller - 135 min (194 max) x 3:3 @ 30 ins (76.2 cm) pitch

Range: 2,470 miles (3,980 kms)

Engines: Two International Aero Engines IAE V2533-A5, each producing 33,000 lbs (144.7

KN) thrust

Take-off speed: 185 mph (296 kph)

Cruising speed and height: 530 mph (853 kph/Mach 0.78) at 35,000 ft (10,668 m)

Landing speed: 173 mph (278 kph)

Autoland capability: Category 3B (DH, 0 ft; landing RVR, 125 m; take-off RVR, 125 m)

 Length:
 146 ft (44.5 m)

 Wingspan:
 111 ft 10 ins (34.1 m)

 Height:
 38 ft 7 ins (11.8 m)

 Fuselage width:
 13ft (3.96 m)

Fuel capacity: 5,213 Imperial gallons (23,700 litres/18,960 kgs)
Fuel consumption: 590 Imperial gallons (2,684 litres/2,147 kgs) per hour

Maximum take-off weight: 196,211 lbs (89 tonnes)

Landing gear: Four main wheels (tyres 220 lbs sq in), two nose wheels (tyres 175 lbs sq in)

Flight crew: Two

Cabin crew: Five or six depending on the route and type of service

Utilisation: 8.35 hours/day average an aircraft

Introduced:2004Average age:2 yearsRoutes:European



There are three versions of the Airbus A320 in the British Airways fleet - the Series 100 (4 aircraft), 200 (5 aircraft) and 232 (17 aircraft)

Total in service: 26

Capacity: Series 100 - up to 149 passengers 220 lbs (0.1 tonnes) of cargo

Series 200 - up to 149 passengers; 900 lbs (0.4 tonnes) of cargo Series 232 - up to 150 passengers; 900 lbs (0.4 tonnes) of cargo

Seating: Club Europe – 110/95 max (0 min) x 2:3, @ 34 ins (86 cm) pitch

Euro Traveller – 16/35 min (149/150 max) x 3:3, @ 32 ins (81 cm) pitch;

Range: Series 100 - 1,010 miles (1,630 km); Series 200 - 1,920 miles (3,090 km)

Engines: Two General Electric/SNECMA CFM56-5A1s, each producing 25,000 lbs (111KN)

thrust or two International Aero Engines IAE V2527-A5, each producing 26,500lbs

(118KN) thrust

Take-off speed: 160 mph (258 kph)

Cruising speed and height: 530 mph (853kph/Mach 0.78), at 35,000 ft (10,668 m)

Landing speed: 160 mph (258 kph)

Autoland capability: Category 3B (DH, 0 ft; landing RVR, 75 m; take-off RVR, 75 m)

 Length:
 123 ft 3 ins (37.6 m)

 Wingspan:
 111 ft 10 ins (33.9 m)

 Height:
 38 ft 7 ins (11.8 m)

 Fuselage width:
 13 ft (3.96 m)

Fuel capacity: Series 100 - 5,302 Imperial gallons (24,103 litres/19,275 kgs)

Series 200 - 5,252 Imperial gallons (23,876 litres, 19,100 kgs)

Fuel consumption: Series 100 - 657 Imperial gallons (2,988 litres/2,390 kgs) per hour

Series 200 - 665 Imperial gallons (3,025 litres/2,420 kgs) per hour

Maximum take-off weight: Series 100 - 149,919 lbs (68 tonnes); Series 200 - 162,040 lbs (73.5 tonnes)

Landing gear: Four main wheels (tyres 205 lbs sq in), two nose wheels (tyres 165 lbs sq in) (NB:

Tyre pressures are 210 lbs sq in on main wheels and 180 lbs sq in on nose wheels for

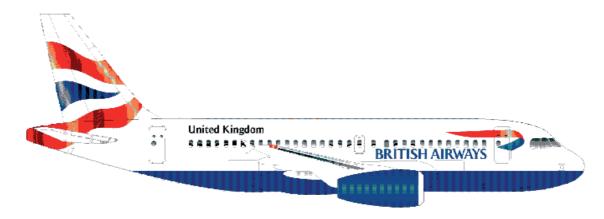
Series 200) Two

Flight crew:

Cabin crew: Four or five depending on the route and type of service

Utilisation: 8.24 hours/day average an aircraft

Introduced: 1988
Average age: 8.8 years



British Airways introduced the Airbus A319 into the fleet in 1999.

Total in service: 33

Capacity: up to 132 passengers; 2,600lbs (1.2 tonnes) of cargo Seating: Club Europe – 45 max x 2:3 @ 34 ins (86 cm) pitch

Euro Traveller -77 min (132 max) x 3:3 @ 30 ins (76 cm) pitch

Range: 1,150 miles (1,850 kms)

Engines: Two International Aero Engines IAE V2522-A5, each producing 22,000 lbs (96.5

KN) thrust

Take-off speed: 158 mph (254 kph)

Cruising speed and height: 530 mph (853 kph/Mach 0.78) at 35,000 ft (10,668 m)

Landing speed: 153 mph (246 kph)

Autoland capability: Category 3B (DH, 0 ft; landing RVR, 125 m; take-off RVR, 125 m)

 Length:
 111 ft (33.8 m)

 Wingspan:
 111 ft 10 ins (34.1 m)

 Height:
 38 ft 7 ins (11.8 m)

 Fuselage width:
 13 ft (3.96 m)

Fuel capacity: 5,247 Imperial gallons (23,850 litres/19,078 kgs) **Fuel consumption:** 590 Imperial gallons (2,684 litres/2,147 kgs) per hour

Maximum take-off weight: 141,095 lbs (64 tonnes)

Landing gear: Four main wheels (tyres 180 lbs sq in), two nose wheels (tyres 175 lbs sq in)

Flight crew: Two

Cabin crew: Four or five depending on the route and type of service

Utilisation: 8.9 hours/day average an aircraft

Introduced: 1999 Average age: 6.1 years



British Airways has four versions of the Boeing 737 in its fleet (Series 300, 400 and 500). Statistics below relate to the Series 500 type. Statistics relating to Series 300 and 400 variants are on other pages.

Total in service:

Capacity: Up to 110 passengers, and 4,650 lbs (2.2 tonnes) of cargo Seating: Club Europe - 55 max (0 min x 3:2, @ 34 ins (86 cm) pitch Euro Traveller - 41 min (147 max) x 3:3, @ 32 ins (81 cm) pitch

Range: 1,310 miles (2,110 kms)

Engines: Two General Electric CFM56-3C1 each producing 18,500 lbs thrust

Take-off speed: 168 mph (270 kph)

Cruising speed and height: 506 mph (814 kph/Mach 0.74 at 33,000 ft (10,058 m)

Landing speed: 150 mph (241 kph)

Autoland capability: Category 3A (DH, 0 ft; landing RVR 200m; take-off RVR, 150m)

 Length:
 101 ft 8 ins (31.0 m)

 Wingspan:
 94 ft 10 ins (28.9 m)

 Height:
 36 ft 5 ins (11.1m)

 Fuselage width:
 12 ft 4 ins (3.8 m)

Fuel capacity: 4422 Imperial gallons (20,102 litres/ 16,082 kg)
Fuel consumption: 596 Imperial gallons (2,168 kg/ 2,710 litres) per hour

Maximum take-off weight: 118,819 lbs (53,886 kg)

Landing gear: Two nose wheels (tyres 185 lbs sq in), four main wheels (tyres 210 lbs sq in)

Flight crew: Two

Cabin crew: Three to four depending on route and type of service

Utilisation: 8.5 hours/day average an aircraft

Introduced: April 2000 Average age: 14.1 years



British Airways has three versions of the Boeing 737 in its fleet (Series 300, 400 and 500). Statistics below relate to the Series 400 type. Statistics relating to Series 300 and 500 variants are on other pages.

Total in service: 19

Capacity: Up to 147 passengers, and 540 lbs (0.3 tonnes) of cargo Seating: Club Europe - 63 max (0 min x 3:2, @ 34 ins (86 cm) pitch

Euro Traveller - 17 min (147 max) x 3:3, @ 32 ins (81 cm) pitch

Range: 1,730 miles (2,780 km)

Engines: Two General Electric/SNECMA CFM56-3C1s, each producing 23,500 lbs

(105 KN) thrust

Take-off speed: 180 mph (291 kph)

Cruising speed and height: 507 mph (815 kph/Mach 0.74), at 33,000 ft (10,058 m)

Landing speed: 174 mph (280 kph)

Autoland capability: Category 3A (DH, 50 ft; landing RVR, 200 m; take-off RVR, 125 m)

 Length:
 120 ft 0 ins (36.6m)

 Wingspan:
 94 ft 10 ins (28.9 m)

 Height:
 36 ft 5 ins (11.1 m)

 Fuselage width:
 12 ft 4 ins (3.8 m)

Fuel capacity: 4,422 Imperial gallons (20,102 litres/16,600 kgs) **Fuel consumption:** 671 Imperial gallons (3,050 litres/2,440 kgs) per hour

Maximum take-off weight: 138,500 lbs (62.8 tonnes)

Landing gear: Four main wheels (tyres 210 lbs sq in), two nose wheels (tyres 185 lbs sq in)

Flight crew: Two

Cabin crew: Three to four depending on route and type of service

Utilisation: 8.9 hours/day average an aircraft

Introduced: October 1991 Average age: 13.1 years



British Airways has three versions of the Boeing 737 in its fleet (Series 300, 400 and 500). Statistics below relate to the Series 300 type. Statistics relating to Series 400 and 500 variants are given on other pages.

Total in service: 5

Capacity: Up to 126 passengers, and 2,260 lbs (1.2 tonnes) of cargo Seating: Club Europe -40 max (0 min x 3:2, @ 34 ins (86 cm) pitch

Euro Traveller - 77 min (147 max) x 3:3, @ 32 ins (81 cm) pitch

Range: 1,520 miles (2,450 km)

Engines: Two General Electric/SNECMA CFM56-3C1s, each producing 22,000 lbs thrust

Take-off speed: 180 mph (291 kph)

Cruising speed and height: 507 mph (815 kph/Mach 0.74), at 33,000 ft (10,058 m)

Landing speed: 174 mph (280 kph)

Autoland capability: Category 3A (DH, 50 ft; landing RVR, 200 m; take-off RVR, 125 m)

 Length:
 105 ft 7 ins (32.18m)

 Wingspan:
 94 ft 10 ins (28.9 m)

 Height:
 36 ft 5 ins (11.1 m)

 Fuselage width:
 12 ft 4 ins (3.8 m)

Fuel capacity: 4,580 Imperial gallons (20,800 litres/16,680 kgs) **Fuel consumption:** 671 Imperial gallons (3,050 litres/2,440 kgs) per hour

Maximum take-off weight: 130,071 lbs (59.0 tonnes)

Landing gear: Four main wheels (tyres 210 lbs sq in), two nose wheels (tyres 185 lbs sq in)

Flight crew: Two

Cabin crew: Three to four depending on route and type of service

Utilisation: 9.3 hours/day average an aircraft

Introduced: 1998 Average age: 17.4 years

REGIONAL AIRCRAFT

AVRO RJ100

Total in service: 10

Capacity: Up to 110 passengers

Seating: *Club Europe* - 60 max (0 min x 3:2, @ 34 ins (86 cm) pitch

Euro Traveller - 37 min (110 max) x 3:3, @ 32 ins (81 cm) pitch

Range: 1,002 miles (1603 km)

Engines: Four Honeywell Allied-Signal LF-507-1Fs, each producing 7,000 lbs (31.3 KN) thrust

Take-off speed: 159mph (257kph)

Cruising speed and height: 483mph (777kph/Mach 0.7), at 31,000ft

Landing speed: 148mph (238kph)

Autoland capability: Category 3B (DH, 50ft; landing RVR, 150m; take-off RVR, 125m)

 Length:
 102ft (31m)

 Wingspan:
 86ft (26m)

 Height:
 28ft (6m)

 Fuselage width:
 12ft (2.8m)

Fuel capacity: 2,580 Imperial gallons (11,728 litres/9,362 kgs)
Fuel consumption: 714 Imperial gallons (3,245 litres/2.590 kgs) per hour

Maximum take-off weight: 98,998lbs (45tonnes)

Landing gear: Four main wheels (tyres 165 lbs sq in), two nose wheels (tyres 125 lbs sq in)

Flight crew: Two
Cabin crew: Up to three

Utilisation: 6.2 hours/day average an aircraft

Introduced: 1997 Average age: 8.0

FLEET MAINTENANCE

British Airways places paramount importance on safety. Being "Safe and Secure" is the company's number one value. The following is a brief summary of the maintenance cycle for a typical longhaul aircraft in the fleet, e.g.: Boeing 747-400.

Transit check

When and who:

Before each flight: two engineers.

What:

Exterior check of aircraft and engines for damage and leakage, including specific checks on

items such as brake and tyre wear

Daily check

When and who:

Daily: four engineers

What:

Transit check, plus checks on engine oil levels, tyre pressures, aircraft external lighting and cabin emergency equipment, engine health monitoring system and assessment of technical

log entries.

Weekly check

When and who:

Every seven days: four engineers

What:

Transit and Daily check, plus checks on auxiliary power unit and component oil levels,

engine component oil levels, cabin interior condition and windows

Monthly check

When and who:

Every 400 flying hours/once per calendar month: four engineers

What.

Transit, Daily and Weekly check, plus operational checks in the cockpit. Sterilisation of the

toilet system and lubrication of the undercarriage.

A check When and who:

Every 600 flying hours: six engineers

What:

Transit, Daily, Weekly and Monthly check, plus internal and external operational checks. Lubrication of the undercarriage and Flaps. Auxiliary Power unit oil system maintenance.

2A check

When and who:

What:

Every 99 days, carried out at Heathrow: 30 engineers per shift.

All the above plus partial strip down of structure and engines for detailed inspections, replacement of worn components and soiled and damaged cabin equipment and furnishings. Servicing of undercarriage struts. Aircraft batteries changed. Cabin conditions assessed and

repaired in depth. This takes around three shifts to complete.

4A check

When and who:

Every 190 days: 30 engineers per shift.

What.

All the above plus detailed inspections of specific areas of structure over and above those mentioned, external wash of aircraft, system clarification function checks and intense cleaning of cabin water and waste systems. This takes around four shifts to complete. Detailed inspections of flying controls, structure and engines. Fluid levels drained and refilled in major mechanical components. Avionic systems integrated checks. Cabin conditions assessed and

repaired in depth.

C check

When and who:

Every 18 months: Carried out at Heavy Maintenance Facility in Wales

What:

Detailed inspection and repair of aircraft structure, engines, components, systems and cabin, including operating mechanisms, flight controls and structural tolerances. Takes between six

and seven days.

C2 check

When and who:

Every 3 years: Carried out at Heavy Maintenance Facility in Wales

What:

All the above, plus additional system function checks. Takes between ten to twelve days.

D check

When and who:

Eight years to the first D check, thereafter every 6 years: Carried out at Heavy Maintenance

Facility in Wales

What:

Most intensive inspection, taking around 25 days. Involves major structural inspections including attention to corrosion. Aircraft is virtually dismantled, repaired and rebuilt as required, with systems and parts tested and repaired or replaced as necessary. Opportunity taken to carry out major modifications as required Corrosion prevention and control tasks

carried out.