



# Boeing Business Jet (BBJ)

The Boeing Business Jets (BBJs) are variants of Boeing jet airliners for the corporate jet market, offering customers a wide range of Boeing products that can be uniquely customised for the private, business or governmental sectors.

The BBJs began production in 1998 and continue to be manufactured up to the present day. A total of 237 aircraft have been built.

The jets, which are based upon the 737 series airliners, usually seat between 25-50 passengers. The aircraft's first flight was on 4 September 1998, with it introduced into service in 1999.

The Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) has two Boeing 737 BBJs, which were introduced in 2002. The aircraft are part of the Special Purpose Aircraft fleet, operated by the VIP transport unit, No. 34 Squadron, from Defence Establishment Fairbairn in Canberra.

The squadron was formed in February 1942 for standard transport duties during World War II, initially flying De Havilland DH.84 Dragons in Northern Australia.

The RAAF's BBJs provide an agile transport capability that can carry Government staff within Australia and overseas, ensuring Australia maintains its place on the world stage during crucial events, meetings and conferences.

The range and 30-passenger capacity of the BBJs allow the Government to traverse vast distances. The jets' range of 11,390km can see them fly directly from Canberra to Hong Kong or Tokyo.

## TECHNICAL DATA: Boeing Business Jet

Power	Two CFM International CFM56-7 turbofans (27,300 lbs each)
Span	35.8m (117 feet 5 inches)
Length	33.6m (110 feet 2.4 inches)
Height	12.5m (41 feet)
Empty weight	41,887kg (92,345 pounds)
Loaded weight	77,565kg (171,000 pounds)
Maximum speed	850kph (528 mph)
Range	11,390km (7,077 miles)
Service ceiling	12,497m (41,000 feet)
Armament	NIL

