## **B747**

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#### How many 747s are still in service?

**Is B747 discontinued?** It was the first plane referred to as a "jumbo jet," the first commercial airliner with two aisles, and the first double-deck jet airliner. Unfortunately, the 747 is no more, with Boeing discontinuing the aircraft back in 2023. The last plane went to New York-based Atlas Air.

**Is the Boeing 777 bigger than the 747?** According to Boeing's data, the 777-9 has a total length of 251 feet 9 inches (76.72 meters). The 747-8 is just a bit smaller at 250 feet 2 inches (76.3 meters). The 777-9 is the longest commercial aircraft ever built.

What is special about the Boeing 747? It is often called the Jumbo Jet or Queen of the Skies. The Boeing 747 is one of the easiest planes in the world to recognize. It was the first wide-body aircraft ever made. The first type of 747 was two and a half times the size of the Boeing 707.

#### Why did 747 stop?

Why don't they use 747s anymore? The Boeing 747 was discontinued as demand for the aircraft slowed as airlines favoured more efficient and slightly smaller aircraft such as the Airbus A350 and Boeing 777 aircraft.

Has a 747 ever crashed? On August 6, 1997, Korean Air Flight 801, a Boeing 747-300, crashed into a hillside while on approach to Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport on the island of Guam due to pilot error. Of the 254 people on board, 25 survived.

Why did 747 get retired? This iconic "Queen of the Skies," has been a symbol of air travel's golden age, but its departure signifies a move to modernity by airlines worldwide. As part of this industry-wide transformation, carriers are increasingly opting for newer, more fuel-efficient aircraft.

Who will replace 747? The heir apparent to the 747, the 777X will not be ready for delivery until 2025, but Boeing Chief Executive David Calhoun focused his goodbye on that future: "The 777, the next plane to dominate this space, displaced all its competition just like that - and we haven't even introduced the best version."

What is the oldest 747 still in service today? The oldest active 747 aircraft today The aircraft was built on 13th June 1973 and is 49.81 years old at the time of writing. The oldest passenger aircraft in commercial operation is a Boeing 747-400 EP-MEE (SN 24383) operated by Mahan Air, a privately owned Iranian airline.

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Are there any 747SP still flying? Current operators As of June 2024, there are just two Boeing 747SPs remaining in active service, both operating as testbed aircraft for engine manufacturer Pratt & Whitney Canada. Eighteen more aircraft are stored or otherwise preserved. The remaining aircraft were either scrapped, otherwise destroyed, or abandoned.

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