## Boeing 727 technical systems guide

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**How does a Boeing 727 work?** The only trijet aircraft to be produced by Boeing, the 727 is powered by Pratt & Whitney JT8D low-bypass turbofans below a T-tail, one on each side of the rear fuselage and a center one fed through an S-duct.

Can a 727 fly with 1 engine? Yes...and a single engine ILS is practiced in every check ride in the airline industry. An interesting statistic is that during the operational history if the 727, up to about 1995, there had been only 6 operational operations of the airplane on a single engine.

Why did Boeing stop making the 727? The reasons Boeing stopped building the Boeing 727 were: Noise: They were extremely noisy and needed dampeners fitted to comply with airport noise regulations. Cost: They were more expensive to operate than newer aircraft because they required a flight engineer.

Why are 727 so loud? Noise. The 727 is one of the noisiest airliners. The 727's JT8D engines are low-bypass. This makes them much noisier than high-bypass engines.

Why did the 727 have three engines? A 727-200 in American Airlines markings is shown in figure 13.12, and the characteristics of this version of the aircraft are given in table VII. The choice of three engines for the 727 was dictated by a compromise between cost and airport performance.

What kind of engine is in the 727? The choice of engines for the 727 came down to two options, the Rolls Royce RB-163 Spey and the Pratt and Whitney JT8D. Whilst the Rolls Royce option was more attractive with 1,000 pounds less weight and further along in development than the Pratt and Whitney offer.

**How many gears does a 727 have?** Nomenclature for the 727 changed late in its life (along with other Mopar autos) to 36RH (3 speeds, 6 torque rating, Rear drive, Hydraulically controlled) and 37RH.

**Is the 727 underpowered?** The 727 would be considered underpowered today, with it's 3 relatively low thrust JT8D engines and a thrust to weight of more than 4 pounds per pound of thrust.

**How much thrust does a 727 have?** Powerplant Explained. The Boeing 727 is powered by three aft mounted Pratt and Whitney JT8D series dual compressor turbofan engines. Each engine produces Between 14,000 and 16,900 pounds of thrust at sea level depending on model installed (new fan mod excluded).

Why did the 727 crash so much? The investigation concluded that the aircraft itself was safe, and all four accidents were due to pilot error. As we mentioned earlier, pilots were not familiar with the 727s flaps and were making unstabilized, high-descent rate approaches.

What plane replaced the 727? In the end, the Boeing 757 twin-jet was announced as the replacement for the 727, and remained in production until 2005.

**Did the 727 have autopilot?** The Boeing 727's autopilot could be engaged in either pitch or roll mode, or both.

What is special about the Boeing 727? The 727 is instantly recognizable by its tail-mounted, tri-jet configuration. The key to its short runway performance was its innovative high-lift system of triple-slotted trailing edge flaps, outboard leading edge slats, and inboard leading-edge Krueger flaps.

## What is the top speed of a 727?

How many 727s are still flying? According to ch-aviation, a total of 40 Boeing 727s are currently active, flying with 27 operators globally. ATDB.aero database has 48 active aircraft, but also flying with 27 different companies and air forces. Overall, this is just a tiny fraction of the almost 2,000 ever built, and the number keeps winding down.

Why no boeing 717? Unfortunately, the 9/11 terrorist attacks had a significant impact on the aviation industry. In light of competition in the 100-seat market segment, Boeing reassessed its aircraft portfolio. As a result, the Boeing 717 program was canceled in January 2005.

What 727 went missing? Case in point - the mysterious case of the missing Angola Boeing 727 that disappeared in 2003. What sets this case apart is the fact that the aircraft was stolen from the airport. And it has still yet to be found twenty years on.

What is the nickname of the Boeing 727? The Boeing 727 "Whisper Jet" became a workhorse in the passenger industry after it entered service for Eastern in 1964. Its nickname came from its three quiet engines, which offered high-powered performance.

**Did the 727 have an APU?** The presence of an APU in the 727 allowed airlines to avoid reliance on ground power at smaller airports. The turbine came to be included in all subsequent Boeing aircraft, including the Boeing 737 and Boeing 747 families.

**How much runway does a 727 need?** As shown, the cargo aircraft will require a runway length ranging from 8,000 feet for the B-757-200 and 13,900 feet for the B-727-200 aircraft.

Can a 727 dump fuel? Aircraft such as the Boeing 707 and 727 and the Douglas DC-8 had fuel dump systems. Any of those aircraft needing to return to a takeoff airport above the maximum landing weight would jettison an amount of fuel sufficient to reduce the aircraft's weight below that maximum landing weight limit, and then land.

**Does anyone still use the Boeing 727?** In the United States, six companies still operate the 727. These firms are Malibu Consulting, Kalitta Charters II, RTX Corporation, Towards Air, Vallejo Company, and Everts Air Alaska.

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How did a Boeing 727 go missing in 2003? The aircraft began taxiing without communicating with the control tower. It maneuvered erratically and entered a

runway without clearance. Air traffic controllers tried to make contact, but there was no response. With no lights, the aircraft took off, heading southwest over the Atlantic Ocean before disappearing.

**How do spy planes work?** The aircraft's antennas, tuned to a wide range of radio frequencies used in military communications, can overhear conversations between major command posts 200 miles away and thus plot troop movements and combat readiness. Analysis of EC-121 data can reveal how much traffic is moving in and out of a military airfield.

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