

Airliner

An **airliner** is a large [fixed-wing aircraft](#) (an aeroplane/airplane) initially designed for the transport of paying passengers, and usually operated by an [airline](#) company (which owns or [leases](#) the aircraft). There may be variants developed for freight or (luxury) [corporate use](#).



An [Airbus A340](#) airliner operated by [Air Jamaica](#).

The definition of an airliner can vary from country to country, but typically, 20 or more passenger seats or an empty weight above 50,000 lb (22,680 kg) qualifies an [aircraft](#) as an airliner. Passenger aircraft with fewer than 20 passenger seats are called [commuter aircraft](#) or [air taxis](#), depending on their size, engines and seating configurations (the [Beechcraft 1900](#), for example, has only 19 seats so that it will not qualify as an airliner and may be operated under less strict requirements in most countries). While [piston engines](#) were common on [propliners](#) like the [Douglas DC-3](#) until the beginning of the [jet age](#), nearly all modern airliners are powered by [turbine](#) engines, either [turbofans](#) or [turboprops](#), since they operate efficiently at much higher altitudes.

Historically, a few aircraft manufacturers have dominated the market for large airliners: [U.S.](#) companies [Boeing](#), [Douglas Aircraft Company](#) (now part of Boeing), and [Lockheed Corporation](#) (now part of [Lockheed-Martin](#), and no longer involved in [civil aviation](#)); Soviet (now Russian) manufacturer [Tupolev](#); and [European](#) multinational [Airbus Industrie](#). Other major manufacturers have included [EMBRAER](#), [De Havilland Canada](#) (now part of [Bombardier](#)), and [Fokker](#) (now defunct), all concentrating on smaller propeller airlines.



A [Boeing 747](#) of the [Australian](#) national airline [Qantas](#)

The airliner market is dominated by two main companies; Airbus (based in Western Europe) and Boeing (based in the United States). Since Airbus has emerged as a viable competitor to Boeing, both companies, backed by their respective governments (the [European Union](#) and European governments on one side, the US government on the other side), have been engaged in bitter

quarrels, each side accusing the other of being [subsidized](#) by their government. Airbus can borrow money from European governments at low rates and without the need to refund them should the product result in losses; Boeing gets research and development contracts from [NASA](#) and the [US Department of Defense](#), in addition to a large volume of military orders. Accusations that Boeing was allowed to sell or lease airplanes at inflated prices to the US military were substantiated by the 2004 sentencing of a former US military procurement official for corruption.

Well-known and memorable airliners history include the DC-3; the [Concorde](#) (operated 1976–2003, by two airlines only, [British Airways](#) and [Air France](#), and capable of flying at twice the speed of sound); the [Boeing 747](#) "jumbo jet" (from 1968 to 2005 the only airliner with two passenger decks); and the [Boeing 707](#). In 2006, the world's largest airliner to date, the [Airbus A380](#) "superjumbo", featuring full-length dual passenger decks, is expected to start service with [Singapore Airlines](#).



Front view of a landing [Turkmenistan Airlines Boeing 757](#) airliner

As airliners are highly expensive most are leased out for long periods of time (20-40 years, typically) and very few go back into service after a long lease is up (the latter due to the fact that the gradually evolving aerospace technology leaves older airliners unable to compete against new machines with respect to operating economy). Most end-of-service airliners end up in the [Mojave desert](#), at the [Mojave Spaceport](#) (aka "The Airplane Boneyard"). From this the term "Mojave" has come to refer to the temporary storage of aircraft, e.g. during recessions in airline industry activity and between short-term leases.

An airliner may have several classes of seats: [first class](#), [business class](#), and/or [economy class](#) (which may be referred to as coach class, and sometimes has a separate "premium" section with more legroom and amenities). It should be noted that passengers seated in an exit row enjoy substantially more legroom than those seated in the remainder of the cabin, while the seats directly in front of the exit row have considerable less legroom and ordinarily, the seats do not recline. Domestic flights generally have a two-class configuration, usually first or business class and coach class, although many airlines have switched to all-economy seating. International flights generally have either a two-class configuration or a three-class configuration, depending on the airline, route and aircraft type. Many airliners offer movies or audio/video on demand (standard on first and business class international flights, may be available on economy).

Airline call sign

Most [airlines](#) employ a distinctive and internationally recognised [call sign](#) that is normally spoken during airband radio transmissions as a prefix to the [flight number](#). The flight number is normally that published in their public timetable and appearing on the arrivals and departure screens in the airport terminals served by that particular flight. In cases of emergency, the airline name and flight number, rather than the individual aircraft's registration, are normally mentioned by the main news media.

Some call-signs are less obviously associated with a particular airline than others. This might be for historic reasons, or possibly to avoid confusion with a call sign used by an established airline.

Not all of these operators of [aircraft](#) are civilian and some only operate ad-hoc chartered flights rather than scheduled flights; some operate both types of flights. Some [cargo airlines](#) specialise in freight [transport](#), an emphasis that may be reflected in the company's name.

Here follows a list of airline call signs. Defunct carriers are listed in *italics*.

Aircraft Operator	Call Sign	Country	3 Letter Identifier
ABX Air (see also Airborne Express)	Abex	USA	ABX
ACES - <i>Aerolineas Centrales de Colombia</i>	Aces	Colombia	AES
ACM Air Charter	Bavarian	Germany	BVR
Action Airlines	Action Air	USA	AXQ
Adria Airways	Adria	Slovenia	ADR
Aer Lingus	Shamrock	Ireland	EIN
Aeris	France Charter	France	AIS
Aero Aviation Centre	Sunrise	Canada	AAD
Aero Services Executive	Bird Express	France	BES

Aeroflot	Aeroflot	Russia	AFL
Aerolíneas Argentinas	Argentina	Argentina	ARG
Aerolitoral	Costera	Mexico	SLI
Aeromar Airlines	Trans-Aeromar	Mexico	TAO
Aeroméxico	Aeromexico	Mexico	AMX
Aeropostal	Aeropostal	Venezuela	LAV
Aeropostale	Aeroposte	France	ARP
Aerosvit Airlines	Aerosvit	Ukraine	AEW
African International Airways	Flycargo	Swaziland	AIN
African Safari Airways	Zebra	Kenya	QSC
Air & Training Center-West	Birdie	Denmark	BDI
Air Algerie	Air Algerie	Algeria	DAH
Air ALM	Antillean	Netherlands Antilles	ALM
Air Alsie	Mermaid	Denmark	MMD
Air Baltic	Airbaltic	Latvia	BTI
Air Berlin	Air Berlin	Germany	BER

<u>Air Caledonie</u>	Aircal	New Caledonia	TPC
<u>Air Canada</u>	Air Canada	Canada	ACA
<u>Air Canada Jazz</u>	Jazz	Canada	JZA
<u>Air Care</u>	Drake	UK	WCI
<u>Air Cargo America</u>	Pegasus	USA	MVM
<u>Air Cargo Carriers</u>	Night Cargo	USA	SNC
<u>Air Chaparral</u>	Maverick	USA	MAV
<u>Air Charter Services</u>	Zaire Charter	Democratic Republic Of Congo	CHR
<u>Air China</u>	Air China	China	CCA
<u>Air Continental</u>	Night Air	USA	NAR
<u>Air Deccan</u>	Deccan	India	DKN
<u>Air Europa Express</u>	Air Regional	Spain	PMI
<u>Air Exel Netherlands</u>	Exel Commuter	Netherlands	AXL
<u>Air Finland</u>	Air Finland	Finland	FIF
<u>Air Florida</u> / <u>Midway Express</u>	Palm	USA	FLA

<u>Air Foyle</u>	Foyle	UK	UPA
<u>Air Foyle Airways</u>	Cutlass	UK	UPC
<u>Air Foyle Charter Airways</u>	Broadsword	UK	UPD
<u>Air Foyle Charters</u>	Kris	UK	UPB
<u>Air Foyle (Executive)</u>	Skyman	UK	AFY
<u>Air France</u>	Airfrans	France	AFR
<u>Air Great Wall</u>	Changcheng	China	CGW
<u>Air Greenland</u>	Greenland	Greenland	GRL
<u>Air Holland</u>	Orange	Netherlands	HLN
<u>Air India</u>	Air India	India	AIC
<u>Air India Express</u>	Express India	India	AXB
<u>Air Jamaica</u>	Jamaica	Jamaica	AJM
<u>Air Japan</u>	Air Japan	Japan	AJX
<u>Air Liberia</u>	November Lima	Liberia	ALI
<u>Air Lithuania</u>	Kaunas	Lithuania	KLA
<u>Air Madagascar</u>	Air Madagascar	Madagascar	MDG

<u>Air Malawi</u>	Malawi	Malawi	AML
<u>Air Malta</u>	Air Malta	Malta	AMC
<u>Air Mauritanie</u>	Mike Romeo	Mauritania	MRT
<u>Air Mauritius</u>	Mauritius	Mauritius	MAU
<u>Air Medical</u>	Air Med	UK	MCD
<u>Air Midwest</u>	Air Midwest	USA	AMW
<u>Air Namibia</u>	Namibia	Namibia	NMB
<u>Air Nelson</u>	Link	New Zealand	RLK
<u>Air New Zealand</u>	New Zealand	New Zealand	ANZ
<u>Air Newark</u>	Newair	USA	NER
<u>Air Niagara Express</u>	Air Niagara	Canada	DBD
<u>Air Niagara Limited</u>	Databird	Canada	DBD
<u>Air Nippon</u>	Ank Air	Japan	ANK
<u>Air Niugini</u>	Niugini	Papua New Guinea	ANG
<u>Air Pacific</u>	Pacific	Fiji	FJI
<u>Air Panama International</u>	Arpa	Panama	API

Air Sahara	Air Sahara	India	SHD
Air Schefferville	Scheff	Canada	ASF
Air Senegal	Sonatra Air Senegal	Senegal	DSB
Air Seychelles	Seychelles	Seychelles	SEY
Air South (dba Shawnee Airlines)	Shawnee	USA	SHW
Air Tahiti Nui	Tahiti Airlines	French Polynesia	THT
Air Tahoma	Tahoma	USA	HMA
Air Tanzania	Tanzania	Tanzania	ATC
Air Tchad	Hotel Tango	Chad	HTT
Air Traffic Gmbh	Snoopy	Germany	ATJ
Air Transat	Transat	Canada	TSC
Air Vanuatu	Air Van	Vanuatu	AVN
Air Via Bulgarian Airways	Via Airways	Bulgaria	VIM
Air Wales	Red Dragon	UK	AWW
Air Wisconsin	Wisconsin	USA	AWI

<u>Air World</u>	Envoy	UK	AWD
<u>Airborne Express</u> (dba <u>ABX Air</u>)	Abex	USA	ABX
<u>Airborne of Sweden</u>	Midwing	Sweden	MIW
<u>Aircalin</u>	Aircalin	New Caledonia	ACI
<u>AirTran Airways</u>	Citrus	USA	TRS
<u>Airways International</u>	Airnat	USA	AWB
<u>AJ Services</u>	Ayjay Services	UK	AJA
<u>AJT Air International</u>	Turjet	Russia	TRJ
<u>Alaska Airlines</u>	Alaska	USA	ASA
<u>Alitalia</u>	Alitalia	Italy	AZA
<u>All Nippon Airways</u>	All Nippon	Japan	ANA
<u>Allegiant Air</u>	Allegiant	USA	AAY
<u>Alliance Air</u>	Allied	India	LLR
<u>Allied Air</u>	Bambi	Nigeria	AJK
<u>Aloha Airlines</u>	Aloha	USA	AAH
<u>America West Airlines</u>	Cactus	USA	AWE

American Airlines (AMR)	American	USA	AAL
American Eagle (AMR regional)	Eagle Flight	USA	EGF
Ameriflight	Amflight	USA	AMF
Ansett	Ansett	Australia	AAA
AOM French Airlines	French Lines	France	AOM
Ariana Afghan Airlines	Ariana	Afghanistan	AFG
ARPA - Aerolineas Paraguayas	ARPA	Paraguay	PAY
Arrow Air	Big A	USA	APW
Asiana Airlines	Asiana	South Korea	AAR
Astar Air Cargo (DHL's USA Contractor)	Dahl	USA	DHL
Astraeus	Flystar	UK	AEU
ATA Airlines	AmTran	USA	AMT
Atlantic Airways	Faroeline	Faroe Islands	FLI
Atlantic Coast Airlines	Blue Ridge	USA	BLR
Atlantic Island Air	Triangle	Iceland	TRG
Atlantic Southeast Airlines	Candler	USA	CAA

Atlas Air	Giant	USA	GTI
Aurigny Air Services	Ayline	UK	AUR
Australian Airlines	Australian	Australia	AUZ
Austrian Airlines	Austrian	Austria	AUA
Aviaexpress	Avex	Hungary	AEH
Aviair Aviation	Cariboo	Canada	AVF
Avial	Rushair	Russia	RLC
Avianca	Avianca	Colombia	AVA
BAC Express Airlines	Rapex	UK	RPX
Bahamasair	Bahamas	Bahamas	BHS
Bali International Air Service	Biar	Indonesia	BLN
Baron Aviation Services	Show-me	USA	BVN
Benair Norway	Scoop	Norway	HAX
Big Sky Airlines	Big Sky	USA	BSY
Biman Bangladesh Airlines	Bangladesh	Bangladesh	BBC
BMED - British Mediterranean Airways	Bee Med	UK	LAJ

BMI Baby	Baby	UK	BMI
BMI British Midland	Midland	UK	BMA
Bo-S-Aire Airlines	Bowman Air	USA	BAA
Bombardier Business Jet Solutions	Flex Jet	USA	LXJ
Bond Air Services	Ugabond	UK	BOD
Boscombe Down	Gauntlet	UK	BDN
Boston-Maine Airways (dba Pan Am Clipper Connection)	Clipper Express	USA	CXS
Braathens	Braathens	Norway	BRA
Braniff International Airways	Braniff	USA	BNF
Brendan Airways (dba USA 3000 Airlines)	Getaway	USA	GWY
Bristol BAe	Sapphire	UK	GEM
Britannia	Windsor	Germany	DBY
Britannia Airways	Bluescan	Sweden	BLX
British Airways	Speedbird	UK	BAW
British Airways Shuttle Flights	Shuttle	UK	SHT

British Airways CitiExpress	British	UK	BRT
British Caledonian	Caledonian	UK	BCA
British International Helicopters	Lion	UK	BIH
British Midland Airways (see also BML)	Midland	UK	BMA
Britt Airways (dba Continental Express)	Jet Link	USA	BTA
Buffalo Airways	Buffalo Air	USA	BVA
Bulgaria Air	Flying Bulgaria	Bulgaria	LZB
Business Air	Granite	UK	GNT
Base Regional Airlines	Coastrider	Netherlands	BRO
Business Express	Bizex	USA	GAA
Busy Bee of Norway	Busybee	Norway	BEE
BWIA International Airways	West Indian	Trinidad and Tobago	BWA
Cameroon Airlines	Cam-Air	Cameroon	UYC
Canadian Airlines International	Canadian	Canada	CDN
Canadian Armed Forces	Canforce	Canada	CFC
Canadian North	Empress	Canada	MPE

<u>Canadian Pacific Airlines</u>	Empress	Canada	CPC
<u>Cape Air</u>	Cair	USA	KAP
<u>Capital Air Service</u>	Capair	USA	CPX
<u>Capital Trading Aviation</u>	Prestige	UK	EGL
<u>Capital Cargo International Airlines</u>	Cappy	USA	CCI
<u>Cargolux Airlines International</u>	Cargolux	Luxembourg	CLX
<u>Caribbean Airways</u>	Caribjet	Barbados	IQQ
<u>Cascade Airways</u>	Cascade	USA	CCD
<u>CAT Aviation</u>	Eurocat	Switzerland	CAZ
<u>Cathay Pacific Airways</u>	Cathay	Hong Kong	CPA
<u>Cayman Airways</u>	Cayman	Cayman Islands	CAY
<u>Centennial Airlines</u>	Wyo Air	USA	CNL
<u>Centre Airlines</u>	Dutch Valley	USA	DTV
<u>Centreline Air</u>	Clifton	UK	CLF
<u>Champion Air</u>	Champion Air	USA	CCP
<u>Channel Express</u> (dba <u>Jet2.com</u>)	Channex	UK	EXS

Chautauqua Airlines	Chautauqua	USA	CHQ
Chicago Express	Windycity	USA	CGO
China Airlines	Dynasty	Taiwan	CAL
China Eastern Airlines	China Eastern	China	CES
China Southern Airlines	China Southern	China	CSN
China United Airlines	Lianhang	China	CUA
City Air (Chester)	Air Chester	UK	CAQ
Cityjet	City-Ireland	Ireland	BCY
Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) Flying Unit	Minair	UK	CFU
Colgan Air	Colgan	USA	CJC
Cologne Commercial Flight (CCF) Manager Airline	Tomcat	Germany	CCF
Comair	Comair	USA	COM
CommutAir	Commutair	USA	UCA
Continental Air Lines	Continental	USA	COA
Continental Express (see also Britt Airways)	Jet Link	USA	BTA

Continental Micronesia	Air Mike	Guam	CMI
Cooper Aerial Surveys	Surveyor	UK	SVY
COPA Airlines	Copa	Panama	CMP
Corporate Air	Air Spur	USA	CPT
Corse Mediterreanee	Corsemedi	France	CCM
Coval Air	Coval	Canada	CVL
Croatia Airlines	Croatia	Croatia	CTN
Czech Airlines	CSA Lines	Czech Republic	CSA
Cubana de Aviación	Cubana	Cuba	CUB
Cyprus Airways	Cyprus	Cyprus	CYP
Dairo Air Services	Dairair	Uganda	DSR
Danish Air Transport	Danish	Denmark	DTR
Dba - Deutsche BA	Speedway	Germany	BAG
Delta Air Lines	Delta	USA	DAL
Denim Air	Denim	Netherlands	DNM
Dragonair	Dragon	Hong Kong	HDA

<u>Dravidian Air Services</u>	Firestone	UK	DRA
<u>Druk Air Corporation</u>	Royal Bhutan	Bhutan	DRK
<u>Duo Airways</u>	Fly Duo	UK	DUO
<u>DutchBird</u>	Dutchbird	Netherlands	DBR
<u>Dynamic Air</u>	Dynamite	Netherlands	DYE
<u>Eagle Air</u>	Swiss Eagle	Switzerland	EAB
<u>Eagle Aviation</u>	Gypsy	UK	GYP
<u>East African Safari Air</u>	Duma	Kenya	HSA
<u>East West European</u>	Silver Wing	Bulgaria	EWE
<u>Eastern Air Executive</u>	Eastex	UK	EAX
<u>Eastern Airlines</u>	Eastern	USA	EAL
<u>Eastern Airways</u>	Eastflight	UK	EZE
<u>Eastern Flying Service</u>	Speedair	Canada	SPR
<u>Easyjet Airline Company</u>	Easy	UK	EZY
<u>Easyjet Switzerland</u>	Topswiss	Switzerland	EZS
<u>Edinburgh Air Charter</u>	Saltire	UK	EDC

EFS Flugservice Gmbh	Flugservice	Germany	FSD
EgyptAir	Egyptair	Egypt	MSR
El Al - Israel Airlines	Elal	Israel	ELY
Emirates	Emirates	United Arab Emirates	UAE
Empire Airways	Empire Air	USA	CFS
Estonian Air	Estonian	Estonia	ELL
Etihad Airways	Etihad	United Arab Emirates	ETD
Eurojet Aviation	Gojet	UK	GOJ
European Executive Express	Echo Express	Sweden	EXC
Euroair Transport	Euroair	UK	URO
EuroBelgian Airlines	Belstar	Belgium	EBA
European Air Express	Starwing	Germany	EAE
European Air Taxi	Neat	UK	ETX
European Air Transport	Eurotrans	Belgium	BCS
European Aviation Air Charter	Eurocharter	UK	EAF
Euroscot Express (dba Happyjet)	Scotair	UK	EUJ

EVA Airways	Eva	Taiwan	EVA
Executive Aviation Services Ltd	Jester	UK	JTR
Express One International	Longhorn	USA	LHN
Farnair Hungary	Blue Strip	Hungary	FAH
Fast Air	Faster	Chile	FST
Faucett	Charlie Foxtrot	Peru	CFP
Federal Express Corporation (dba FedEx)	Fedex	USA	FDX
Finnair	Finnair	Finland	FIN
Finnaviation	Bluebird	Finland	FAV
Finnish Air Force	Finnforce	Finland	FNF
First Choice Airways	Jetset	UK	FCA
Flight Options	Options	USA	OPT
Flugdienst Fehlhaber	Witchcraft	Germany	FFG
Flugfelag Austurlands	Austurflug	Iceland	EST
Flugfelag Nordurlands	Norland	Iceland	FNA
Flybe (see also Jersey European Airways)	Jersey	UK	JEA

<u>Fleet Requirements Air Direction Unit</u>	Broadway	UK	BRY
<u>FR Aviation</u>	Rushton	UK	FRA
<u>Freedom Airlines</u>	Freedom Air	USA	FRL
<u>French Air Force</u> - Force Aerienne Francaise	France Air Force	France	FAF
<u>French Air Force</u> - Commandement du Transport Aerien Militaire	Cotam	France	CTM
<u>Frontier Airlines</u>	Frontier Flight	USA	FFT
<u>Garuda Indonesia</u>	Indonesia	Indonesia	GIA
<u>GB Airways</u>	GeeBee Airways	UK	GBL
<u>German Air Rescue</u>	Air Ambulance	Germany	AMB
<u>Germania Fluggesellschaft</u>	Germania	Germany	GMI
<u>Germanwings</u>	German Wings	Germany	GWI
<u>GP Express Airlines</u>	Regional Express	USA	GPE
<u>Great Lakes Airlines</u>	Lakes Air	USA	GLA
<u>Greenlandair</u>	Greenlandair	Greenland	GRL
<u>GT Aviation</u>	GeeTee Avia	UK	GTA

Gulf Air Company	Gulf Air	Bahrain	GFA
Gulfstream International Airlines	Gulf Flight	USA	GFT
Hapag Lloyd Express (dba HLX.com)	Excellence	Germany	HLX
Harmony Airways	Harmony	Canada	HMY
Hawaiian Airlines	Hawaiian	USA	HAL
Heli Air Services	Heli Bulgaria	Bulgaria	HLR
Helikopter Service	Helibus	Norway	HKS
Helikopterservice Euro Air	Swedcopter	Sweden	SCO
Hokkaido International Airlines	Air Do	Japan	ADO
Horizon Air Lines	Horizon Air	USA	QXE
Horizon Air-Taxi	Horizon	Switzerland	HOR
Hughes Airwest	Airwest	USA	
Hummingbird Island Airways	Hum	Maldives	HUM
Iberia Airlines	Iberia	Spain	IBE
Icelandair	Iceair	Iceland	ICE
IMP Aviation Service	Bluenose	Canada	BLU

Independence Air	Independence	USA	IDE
Indian Airlines Corporation	Indair	India	IAC
Indonesia Air Transport	Intra	Indonesia	IDA
Industrie Air Charter	Induschart	France	IAZ
Inter-Island Air	Ugly Van	USA	UGL
Interflug	Interflug	East Germany	IFL
Iran Air	Iranair	Iran	IRA
Irish Air Transport	Irish Trans	Ireland	RDK
Island Air	Moku	USA	MKU
Island Helicopters	Metrocopter	USA	MTP
Isles of Scilly Skybus	Scillonia	UK	IOS
JAL Express	Janex	Japan	JEX
JALways	J-Ways	Japan	JAZ
Japan Air Commuter	Commuter	Japan	JAC
Japan Airlines	Japanair	Japan	JAL
Japan Asia Airways	Asia	Japan	JAA

Japan Transocean Air	Jai Ocean	Japan	JTA
Jat Airways	Jat (pronounced Yot)	Serbia and Montenegro	JAT
Jersey European Airways (dba Flybe)	Jersey	UK	JEA
Jet Airways	Jet Airways	India	JAI
Jet2.com (see also Channel Express)	Channex	UK	EXS
Jetair APS	Speedfox	Denmark	FOX
JetBlue Airways	Jetblue	USA	JBU
JetsGo Corporation	Jetsgo	Canada	JGO
Jetstar Airways	Jetstar	Australia	JST
Kalitta Air	Connie	USA	CKS
Kalitta Flying Service	Kalitta	USA	KFS
KD Air Corporation	Kay Dee	Canada	KDC
Kenya Airways	Kenya	Kenya	KQA
Kitty Hawk Aircargo	Air Kittyhawk	USA	KHA
KLM Royal Dutch Airlines	KLM	Netherlands	KLM

KLM Cityhopper	City	Netherlands	KLC
Knightair	Knightway	UK	KNT
Korean Air Lines	Koreanair	South Korea	KAL
Kuwait Airways	Kuwaiti	Kuwait	KAC
Labrador Airways	Lab Air	Canada	LAL
LACSA - Lineas Aereas Costarricenses	Lacsa	Costa Rica	LRC
LAN - Linea Aerea Nacional de Chile	Lan	Chile	LAN
LAN Peru	Lan Peru	Peru	LPE
Langtry Flying Group	Proflight	UK	PAP
LANSA - Lineas Aereas Nacionales	Lansa	Ecuador	LNE
LAPA - Lineas Aereas Privadas Argentinas	Lapa	Argentina	LPR
Leeds Central Helicopters	Pathfinder	UK	LEH
Legend Airlines	Legendary	USA	LGD
Liberian World Airlines	Hotel Yankee	Liberia	LWA
Libyan Arab Company for Air Cargo	Libac	Libya	LCR
Libyan Arab Airlines	Libair	Libya	LAA

<u>Lineas Aereas Canarias</u>	LCN	Spain	LCN
<u>Lineas Aereas Suramericanas</u>	Suramericano	Colombia	LAU
<u>Linjeflyg</u>	Swedline	Sweden	LIN
<u>Lionair</u>	Lair	Luxembourg	LIR
<u>Lithuanian Airlines</u>	Lithuania Air	Lithuania	LIL
<u>London Air Ambulance</u> (aka HEMS)	Helimed	UK	HLE
<u>London Executive Aviation</u>	Lonex	UK	LNx
<u>LOT Polish Airlines</u>	Pollot	Poland	LOT
<u>LTE International Airways</u>	Fun Jet	Spain	LTE
<u>LTU - Lufttransportunternehmen</u>	LTU	Germany	LTU
<u>Lufthansa</u>	Lufthansa	Germany	DLH
<u>Luxair</u>	Luxair	Luxembourg	LGL
<u>Luxaviation</u>	Red Lion	Luxembourg	LXA
Macedonian Airlines	Macair	Greece	MCS
<u>Maersk Air</u>	Maerskair	Denmark	DAN
<u>Maersk Air UK</u>	Bluestar	UK	MSK

Magadan Airlines	Mavial	Russia	MVL
Majestic Airlines	Magic Air	USA	MAJ
Malaysian Airlines System	Malaysian	Malaysia	MAS
Malév Hungarian Airlines	Malev	Hungary	MAH
Manx Airlines	Manx	UK	MNX
Markair	Markair	USA	MRK
Martinair Holland	Martinair	Netherlands	MPH
Martinaire	Martex	USA	MRA
MAT Macedonian Airlines	Makavio	Macedonia	MAK
May Air Xpress	Beechnut	USA	MXP
Maya Island Air	Myland	Belize	MYD
McAlpine Helicopters	Macline	UK	MCH
Meridiana	Merair	Italy	ISS
Mesa Aviation Services	Air Shuttle	USA	ASH
Mesaba Aviation	Mesaba	USA	MES
Mexicana de Aviación	Mexicana	Mexico	MXA

<u>Miami Air International</u>	Biscayne	USA	BSK
<u>Middle East Airlines</u>	Cedar Jet	Lebanon	MEA
<u>Midway Airlines</u>	Midway	USA	MDW
<u>Midwest Airlines</u>	Midex	USA	MEP
<u>Million Air</u>	Mill Air	USA	OXO
<u>MNG Cargo Airlines</u>	Black Sea	Turkey	MNB
<u>Monarch Airlines</u>	Monarch	UK	MON
<u>Mongolian Airlines</u>	Mongol Air	Mongolia	MGL
<u>Morris Air Service</u>	Wasatch	USA	MSS
<u>MSR Flug Charter</u>	Skyrunner	Germany	EBF
<u>MTM Aviation</u>	Avitrans	Germany	MTM
<u>MyTravel Airways</u>	Kestrel	UK	MYT
<u>MyTravel Lite</u>	Mylite	UK	LIZ
<u>Myanma Airways</u>	Unionair	Myanmar	UBA
<u>Nantucket Airlines</u>	Ack Air	USA	ACK
<u>National Airways Corp</u>	Natchair	South Africa	NTN

<u>National Airlines</u>	National	USA	NAL
<u>National Airlines</u>	Red Rock	USA	ROK
Netjets	Fraction	Portugal	NJE
<u>NetJets Aviation</u>	Execjet	USA	EJA
<u>New England Airlines</u>	New England	USA	NEA
<u>New York Air</u>	Apple	USA	
<u>Newair</u>	Newdan	Denmark	NAW
<u>Newfoundland Labrador Air Transport</u>	Nalair	Canada	NLT
<u>Niki Luftfahrt</u>	Flyniki	Austria	NLY
<u>Norskair</u>	Norseman	Norway	NIR
<u>North American Airlines</u>	North American	USA	NAO
<u>North British Airlines</u>	Teessair	UK	NBN
<u>North Coast Aviation</u>	Air Ohio	USA	AOH
<u>Northamptonshire School Of Flying</u>	Norton	UK	NSF
<u>Northern Air Cargo</u>	Yukon	USA	NAC
<u>Northern Executive Aviation</u>	Neatax	UK	NEX

<u>Northern Jet Management</u>	Nortax	USA	NTX
<u>Northwest Airlines</u>	Northwest	USA	NWA
<u>Norwegian Air Shuttle</u>	Nor Shuttle	Norway	NAX
<u>Nova Airlines</u>	Navigator	Sweden	NVR
<u>Nuernberger Fluggdienst Luftverkehrs</u>	Flamingo	Germany	NFD
<u>NWT Air</u>	Territorial	Canada	NWT
<u>Olympic Airlines</u>	Olympic	Greece	OAL
<u>Oman Air</u>	Oman Air	Oman	OMA
<u>Ostfriesische Lufttransport</u>	Oltra	Germany	OLT
<u>Ozark Airlines</u>	Ozark	USA	OZA
<u>Pacific Air Express</u>	Pacific Express	USA	PCF
<u>Pacific Airlines</u>	Pacific Airlines	Vietnam	PIC
<u>Pacific Blue International</u>	Bluebird	New Zealand	PBI
<u>Pacific Southwest Airlines</u>	Smiley	USA	PSX
<u>Pacific Wings</u>	Tsunami	USA	NMI
<u>Pakistan International Airlines</u>	Pakistan	Pakistan	PIA

Palau Micronesia Air	Palau Mike	Palau	PMN
Pan Am Clipper Connection (see also Boston-Maine Airways)	Clipper Express	USA	CXS
Pan American World Airways	Clipper	USA	PAA
Panorama Air Tours	Lani	USA	PAH
Patriot Aviation	Byte	UK	BYT
Pegasus Airlines	Sunturk	Turkey	PGT
People Express Airlines	People Express	USA	PEX
Philippine Airlines	Philippine	Philippines	PAL
Piedmont Airlines	Piedmont	USA	PAI
Piedmont Airlines (dba USAir Express)	Piedmont	USA	PDT
Pilatus Britten-Norman	Vectis	UK	PBN
Pinnacle Airlines (dba Northwest Airlink)	Flagship	USA	FLG
Platinum Air Charter Executive	Cobham	UK	COB
PLM Dollar Group	Osprey	UK	PDG
PLUNA - Primeras Lineas Uruguayas de Navegacion Aérea	Pluna	Uruguay	PUA

Polar Air Cargo	Polar	USA	PAC
Polo Aviation	Chukka	UK	CUK
Polynesian Airlines	Polynesian	Samoa	PAO
Polynesian Air-ways	Polyair	USA	PLA
Primaris Airlines	Whitecap	USA	WCP
Prince Edward Air	Comet	Canada	CME
Pro Air	Prohawk	USA	PRH
Propheter Aviation	Air Prop	USA	PPA
PSA Airlines (formerly Jetstream International Airlines)	Blue Streak	USA	JIA
Quantas Airways	Qantas	Australia	QFA
Qatar Airways	Qatari	Qatar	QTR
Quick Air	Dagobert	Germany	QAJ
Ravenair	Raven	UK	RVR
Raytheon Corporate Jets	Manta	UK	RCJ
Reno Air	Reno Air	USA	ROA

<u>Republic Airlines</u>	Republic	USA	REP
<u>Republic Airlines</u>	Brickyard	USA	RPA
<u>Rex Aviation</u>	Tranzair	New Zealand	TNZ
<u>Romavia</u>	Aeromavia	Romania	RMV
<u>Ross Aviation</u>	Energy	USA	NRG
<u>Royal Air Force</u>	Rafair	UK	RFR
<u>RAF Support Helicopter Force</u>	Vortex	UK	SHF
<u>RAF HQSTC Air Transport</u>	Ascot	UK	RRR
<u>Royal Air Maroc</u>	Royalair Maroc	Morocco	RAM
<u>Royal Australian Air Force</u>	Aussie	Australia	ASY
<u>Royal Aviation Express</u>	Roy Express	Canada	ROY
<u>Royal Jordanian</u>	Jordanian	Jordan	RJA
<u>Royal Navy</u>	Navy	UK	NVY
<u>Royal New Zealand Air Force</u>	Kiwi	New Zealand	KIW
<u>Ryan International Airlines</u>	Ryan	USA	RYN
<u>Ryanair</u>	Ryanair	Ireland	RYR

<u>Sabena</u>	Sabena	Belgium	SAB
<u>Saber Aviation</u>	Freighter	USA	SBR
<u>Safair</u>	Cargo	South Africa	SFR
<u>SAS - Scandinavian Airlines System</u>	Scandinavian	Sweden	SAS
<u>SAS Braathens</u>	Scanor	Norway	BRA
<u>SATA International</u>	Air Azores	Portugal	RZO
<u>Saudi Arabian Airlines</u>	Saudia	Saudi Arabia	SVA
<u>ScotAirways</u>	Suckling	UK	SAY
<u>Servair</u>	Swissbird	Switzerland	SWZ
<u>Shawnee Airlines</u> (see also <u>Air South</u>)	Shawnee	USA	SHW
<u>Shuttle America</u>	Shuttlecraft	USA	TCF
<u>Sichuan Airlines</u>	Chuanhang	China	CSC
<u>Sierra National Airlines</u>	Selair	Sierra Leone	SLA
<u>Singapore Airlines</u>	Singapore	Singapore	SIA
<u>SkyEurope Airlines</u>	Relax	Slovakia	ESK
<u>SkyEurope Airlines Hungary</u>	Matra	Hungary	HSK

<u>Skyfreighters</u>	Skybus	USA	SKB
<u>Skymark Airlines</u>	Skymark	Japan	SKY
<u>Skyservice</u>	Skytour	Canada	SSV
<u>Skyway Airlines</u> (dba <u>Midwest Connect</u>)	Skyway-Ex	USA	SYX
<u>SkyWest Aviation</u>	Skywest	USA	SKW
<u>Skywork</u>	Skyfox	Switzerland	SRK
<u>SMAC - Sabang Merauke Air Charter</u>	Samer	Indonesia	SMC
<u>Sedalia, Marshall, Booneville Stage Line</u>	Stage	USA	STG
<u>SN Brussels Airlines</u>	Estail	Belgium	SAB
<u>Solomon Airlines</u>	Solomon	Solomon Islands	SOL
<u>South African Airways</u>	Springbok	South Africa	SAA
<u>South West Air</u>	Saint Clair	Canada	SWC
<u>Southwest Air Lines</u>	Nansei	Japan	SWL
<u>Southwest Airlines</u>	Southwest	USA	SWA
<u>Spanair</u>	Spanair	Spain	JKK
<u>Spanish Air Force</u>	Air Mil	Spain	AME

<u>Spicejet</u> (formerly <u>Modiluft</u>)	Spicejet	India	MOD
<u>Spirit Airlines</u>	Spirit Wings	USA	NKS
<u>Sports Air Travel</u>	West Coast	USA	WCC
<u>Springdale Air Service</u>	Spring Air	USA	SPG
<u>SriLankan Airlines</u>	SriLankan	Sri Lanka	ALK
<u>Star Air</u>	Whitestar	Denmark	SRR
<u>Star Europe Airlines</u>	Starway	France	SEU
<u>Sterling European Airlines</u>	Sterling	Denmark	SNB
<u>Stratford Airways</u>	Festival City	Canada	FCA
<u>Suburban Air Freight</u>	Sub Air	USA	SUB
<u>Sun Country Airlines</u>	Sun Country	USA	SCX
<u>Sun-Air</u>	Sunscan	Denmark	SUS
<u>Sunaire</u>	Sunbird	USA	SUA
<u>Sundt Air</u>	Midnight	Norway	MDT
<u>Sunways Intersun Havacilik</u>	Intersun	Turkey	SWW
<u>Sunwest Airlines</u>	Sunflight	Canada	SST

<u>Superior Aviation</u>	Spend Air	USA	HKA
<u>Surrey & Kent Flying Club</u>	Surrey	UK	SUR
<u>Swedish Airlines</u>	Swedish	Sweden	CFL
<u>Swedish Armed Forces</u>	Swedeforce	Sweden	SVF
<u>Swedline Express</u>	Starline	Sweden	SRL
<u>Swiftair</u>	Swift	Spain	SWT
<u>Swiss Air Ambulance</u>	Swiss Ambulance	Switzerland	SAZ
<u>Swiss International Air Lines</u>	Swiss	Switzerland	SWR
<u>Swiss Air Transport Company</u>	Swissair	Switzerland	SWR
<u>Syrian Arab Airlines</u>	Syrianair	Syria	SYR
<u>TAAG - Air Angola</u>	DTA	Angola	DTA
<u>TACA International Airlines</u>	Taca	El Salvador	TAI
<u>TACA Peru</u>	Trans Peru	Peru	TPU
<u>TACV</u> - Transportes Aereos de Cabo Verde	Caboverde	Cape Verde	TCV
<u>TAP Portugal</u>	Air Portugal	Portugal	TAP

<u>Tarom</u>	Tarom	Romania	ROT
<u>Teddy Air</u>	Teddys	Norway	TED
<u>Texas International Airways</u>	Texas	USA	
<u>Thai Airways International</u>	Thai	Thailand	THA
<u>Thomas Cook Airlines</u>	Top Jet	UK	TCX
<u>Titan Airways</u>	Zap	UK	AWC
<u>TNT Airways</u>	Quality	Belgium	TAY
<u>TNT International Aviation</u>	Nitro	UK	NTR
<u>Tower Air</u>	Tee Air	USA	TOW
<u>Tradewinds Airlines</u>	Tradewinds Express	USA	TDX
<u>Trans Air Link</u>	Sky Truck	USA	GJB
<u>Trans Continental Airlines</u>	Transcon	USA	TCN
<u>Trans European Airlines</u>	Eurolines	Greece	TEG
<u>Trans Mediterranean Airways</u>	Tango Lima	Lebanon	TMA
<u>Trans States Airlines</u>	Waterski	USA	LOF

<u>Trans World Airlines</u>	TWA	USA	TWA
<u>Trans World Express</u>	Red Bird	USA	RBD
<u>Transaero Airlines</u>	Transoviet	Russia	TSO
<u>Transavia</u>	Transavia	Netherlands	TRA
<u>Transmeridian Airlines</u>	Trans-Meridian	USA	TRZ
<u>Transportes Aereos Neuquen</u>	Taneu	Argentina	NQN
<u>Tropic Air</u>	Tropiser	Belize	TOS
<u>TTA - Transporte E Trabalho Aero</u>	Kanimanbo	Mozambique	TTA
<u>Tulip Air Charter</u>	Farnair Europe	Netherlands	FRN
<u>Tunisair</u>	Tunair	Tunisia	TAR
<u>Turkish Airlines</u>	Turkair	Turkey	THY
<u>UK Home Office</u>	Police	UK	UKP
<u>UK Royal / Positioning Flights</u>	Kitty	UK	RRF
<u>UK Royal / VIP Flights</u>	Kittyhawk	UK	KRF
<u>UK Royal / VIP Flights</u> (chartered civil aircraft)	Sparrowhawk	UK	KRH

UK Royal / VIP Helicopter Flights	Rainbow	UK	TQF
Ukraine International Airlines	Ukraine International	Ukraine	AUI
United Air Charters	Unitair	Zimbabwe	UAC
United Airlines	United	USA	UAL
United Parcel Service	UPS	USA	UPS
Universal Airlines	Airgo	USA	WEC
Universal Airlines	Guyana Jet	Guyana	UVG
US Airways	US Air	USA	USA
US Check Airlines	Star Check	USA	USC
USA 3000 Airlines (see also Brendan Airways)	Getaway	USA	GWY
USA Jet Airlines	Jet USA	USA	JUS
USAir Express (see also Piedmont Airlines)	Piedmont	USA	PDT
Uzbekistan Airways	Uzbek	Uzbekistan	UZB
V Bird Airlines	VeeBee	Netherlands	VBA
ValuJet Airlines	Critter	USA	VJA

<u>Vanguard Airlines</u>	Vanguard Air	USA	VGD
<u>Varig</u>	Varig	Brazil	VRG
<u>Vietnam Airlines</u>	Vietnam Airlines	Vietnam	HVN
<u>Viking Airlines</u>	Swedjet	Sweden	VIK
<u>Viking Express</u>	Titan Air	USA	WCY
<u>Virgin Atlantic Airways</u>	Virgin	UK	VIR
<u>Virgin Blue</u>	Virgin	Australia	VOZ
<u>Virgin Express</u>	Virgin Express	Belgium	VEX
<u>Virgin Express France</u>	Ladybird	France	VEF
<u>Virgin Islands Seaplane Shuttle</u>	Waterbird	USA	VSS
<u>VLM Airlines</u>	Rubens	Belgium	VLM
<u>Volga-Dnepr</u>	Volga-Dnepr	Russia	VDA
<u>Waglisla Air</u>	Sea Hawk	Canada	SEH
<u>Warbelows Air Ventures</u>	Ventaire	USA	VNA
<u>Wardair</u>	Wardair	Canada	WDA
<u>Warton BAe</u>	Tarnish	UK	WTN

<u>Warwickshire Aerocentre</u>	Airtax	UK	ATX
<u>West Air Sweden</u>	Air Sweden	Sweden	SWN
<u>Westair Industries</u>	Pac Valley	USA	PCM
<u>Western Airlines</u>	Western	USA	WAL
<u>Western Pacific Airlines</u>	Komstar	USA	KMR
<u>Western Pacific Airservice</u>	Westpac	Solomon Islands	WPA
<u>WestJet</u>	Westjet	Canada	WJA
<u>Widerøe</u>	Wideroe	Norway	WIF
<u>Williams Grand Prix Racing</u>	Grandprix	UK	WGP
<u>Woodbury Park Flight Operations</u>	Flight Red	UK	RDE
<u>Woodgate Air Services</u>	Woodair	UK	WOD
<u>World Airways</u>	World	USA	WOA
<u>Worldways Canada</u>	Worldways Canada	Canada	WWC
<u>Yemenia-Yemen Airways</u>	Yemeni	Yemen	IYE
<u>Young Flying Service</u>	Young Air	USA	YFS

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