

US PRESIDENTIAL AIRCRAFT

EARLY PRESIDENTIAL AIRCRAFT

C-87A	1	Based on the Consolidated B-24 Liberator, 1942-1945, VIP interior, fitted with a wheelchair ramp for F.D. Roosevelt who never flew in it. Eleanor Roosevelt travelled to South America in the C-87A once. Nicknamed: " <i>Guess Where 2</i> ", s/n: 41-24159. Scrapped in 1945.
B-314	1	Boeing Model 314 Clipper, used for Presidential transport in 1943 when F.D. Roosevelt travelled to Casablanca to meet Winston Churchill, impressed and operated by the US Navy. Named: " <i>Dixie Clipper</i> ", BuNo. 48226, c/n: 1992 (civil reg. NC18605).

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VC-54C

<i>Type:</i>	<i>First Presidential aircraft, piston engined.</i>
<i>Manufacturer:</i>	<i>The Douglas Aircraft Co. Inc., Santa Monica, California, USA</i>
<i>Model / Name:</i>	<i>DC-4 / Skymaster</i>
<i>Designation:</i>	<i>VC-54C-DO</i>
<i>Serial No.:</i>	<i>42-107451</i>
<i>Construction No.:</i>	<i>7470</i>
<i>Named:</i>	<i>"Sacred Cow"</i>
<i>First flight:</i>	<i>1944</i>
<i>Service period:</i>	<i>1944 – 1947</i>
<i>Served:</i>	<i>Franklin D. Roosevelt (04/03/1933 – 12/04/1945) Harry S. Truman (12/04/1945 – 20/01/1953)</i>
<i>Notes:</i>	<i>Fitted with an internal elevator for wheelchair access. 26/06/1947, Truman signed the National Securities Act creating the USAF as an independent service onboard "Sacred Cow". Currently preserved at the USAF Museum, Dayton, Ohio.</i>

VC-118

<i>Type:</i>	<i>Second Presidential aircraft, piston engined.</i>
<i>Manufacturer:</i>	<i>The Douglas Aircraft Co. Inc., Santa Monica, California, USA</i>
<i>Model / Name:</i>	<i>DC-6 / Liftmaster</i>
<i>Designation:</i>	<i>VC-118-DO</i>
<i>Serial No.:</i>	<i>46-505</i>
<i>Construction No.:</i>	<i>42881</i>
<i>Named:</i>	<i>"Independence"</i>
<i>First flight:</i>	<i>1947</i>
<i>Service periods:</i>	<i>1947 – 1953 as a Presidential aircraft. 1953 – 1965 as a VIP transport only.</i>
<i>Served:</i>	<i>Harry S. Truman (12/04/1945 – 21/01/1953)</i>
<i>Notes:</i>	<i>27/04/1961, flew once as "Air Force One" for J.F. Kennedy from Washington to New York. 1965, restored to Truman colours and décor and is currently preserved at the USAF Museum, Dayton, Ohio.</i>

VC-121E

<i>Type:</i>	<i>Third Presidential aircraft, piston engined.</i>
<i>Manufacturer:</i>	<i>The Lockheed Aircraft Corp., Burbank, California, USA</i>
<i>Model / Name:</i>	<i>Model 1049B-35-97 / Super Constellation.</i>
<i>Designation:</i>	<i>VC-121E-LO</i>
<i>Serial No.:</i>	<i>53-7885 (originally a US Navy R7V-1 BuNo. 131650).</i>
<i>Construction No.:</i>	<i>1049B-4151</i>
<i>Named:</i>	<i>"Columbine III"</i>
<i>First flight:</i>	<i>1954</i>

Service period: 1954 – 1961
Served: Dwight D. Eisenhower (20/01/1953 – 20/01/1961)
Notes: Currently preserved at the USAF Museum, Dayton, Ohio.

VC-137C

Type: 2 airframes form the fourth Presidential aircraft, jet powered.
Manufacturer: The Boeing Airplane Co., Seattle, Washington, USA
Model: Model 707-300C
Designation: VC-137C-BN
Serial No.'s: 62-6000, 72-7000
Construction No.'s: 18461 / 303, 20630 / 862
Named: "Air Force One" (actually a callsign, but has stuck as a name).
First flight: 1962
Service periods: 62-6000: 1962 – 1972 as a Presidential aircraft.
1972 – 1998 as a VIP transport only.
72-7000: 1972 – 1989 as a Presidential aircraft.
1989 – 2001 as a VIP transport only.
Served: John F. Kennedy (20/01/1961 – 22/11/1963)
Lyndon B. Johnson (22/11/1963 – 20/01/1969)
Richard M. Nixon (20/01/1969 – 09/08/1974)
Gerald R. Ford (09/08/1974 – 20/01/1977)
Jimmy E. Carter (20/01/1977 – 20/01/1981)
Ronald W. Reagan (20/01/1981 – 20/01/1989)
George H.W. Bush (20/01/1989 – 20/01/1993)
Notes: 62-6000 transported JFK's body from Dallas on 22/11/1963,
with L.B. Johnson being sworn to office onboard.
62-6000 carried Nixon to China in 1972.
62-6000 was retired in 1998 and is currently preserved at the
USAF Museum, Dayton, Ohio.
72-7000 was named "Spirit of '76".
72-7000 was retired in 2001 and is currently preserved at the
Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in San Bernardino, California.

VC-25A

Type: 2 airframes form the fifth Presidential aircraft, jet powered.
Manufacturer: The Boeing Co., Seattle, Washington, USA
Model: Model 747-2G4B
Designation: VC-25A
Serial No.'s: 86-8800, (special order change to: 82-8000)
86-8900, (special order change to: 92-9000)
Construction No.'s: 23824 / 679, 23825 / 685
Named: "Air Force One" (actually a callsign, but has stuck as a name).
First flight: 1987
Service period: 1990 – present
Served: George H.W. Bush (20/01/1989 – 20/01/1993)
Bill J. Clinton (20/01/1993 – 20/01/2001)
George W. Bush (20/01/2001 – 20/01/2009)
Barack H. Obama II (20/01/2009 – 20/01/2017)
Donald J. Trump (20/01/2017 – present)
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PRESIDENTIAL SUPPORT AIRCRAFT

Fixed Wing

VC-118A 1 C-118A, 1961, s/n: 53-3240, used by JFK as a secondary aircraft and is known for being the last piston engined Presidential aircraft. About 25 C-118A's were converted to VC-118A's. Currently preserved at the Pima Air & Space Museum in Tucson, AZ.

VC-121A	1	C-121A, 1952-1954, s/n: 48-610, " <i>Columbine II</i> " was D. Eisenhower's election campaign aircraft and served briefly as the main Presidential aircraft pending the arrival of VC-121E in 1954. Was the first aircraft to use the " <i>Air Force One</i> " call sign.
VC-121C	4	C-121C, VIP transports, one was the backup for VC-121E " <i>Columbine III</i> ". s/n: 54-167, 54-168, 54-181, 54-182.
L-26C	2	Aero L-3805 Aero Commander, 1955, private aircraft for D. Eisenhower to travel to his farm. Redesignated as U-4B in 1962. s/n: 55-4647, 55-4648. Currently preserved at the USAF Museum, Dayton, Ohio.
VC-137A	3	Model 707-153, 1959-1998, VIP aircraft designated for Presidential use. s/n: 58-6970 / 58-6972. 58-6970 was used by both D. Eisenhower and J.F. Kennedy pending delivery of the VC-137C in 1962. All later had an engine upgrade in 1963 to become VC-137B, then C-137B when downgraded to cargo only duties.
C-137C	2	Model 707-320B/C, 1985-1998, cargo only conversions. s/n: 85-6973, 85-6974.
VC-140B	6	Lockheed L-1329 Jetstar, 1961-1983, VIP interiors for short distance Presidential travel, s/n: 61-2488 / 61-2493, later designated as C-140B. 61-2492 currently preserved at the USAF Museum, Dayton, Ohio.
VC-6A	1	Beechcraft King Air 90, 1966-1985, aircraft for L.B. Johnson to travel to his ranch, nicknamed: " <i>Lady Bird Special</i> ", s/n: 66-7943. Currently preserved at the USAF Museum, Dayton, Ohio.
VC-9C	3	Model DC-9-30CF, 1975, VIP interiors for USAF use, s/n: 73-1681 / 73-1683. Redesignated as C-9C in 1977.
VC-20	13	Gulfstream III, 1983-present, VIP interiors for short distance travel. VC-20A, s/n: 83-0500 / 83-0502, later updated to VC-20B. VC-20B, s/n: 86-0200 / 86-0206. VC-20C, s/n: 85-0049, 85-0050, 86-0403 – war readiness capable.
C-32A	4	Model 757-200, 1998-present, VIP transports to replace the VC-137B/C's, known as " <i>Air Force 2</i> ", s/n: 98-0001, 98-0002, 99-0003, 99-0004.
VC-37A	11	Gulfstream V, 1998-present, VIP interiors for short distance travel. s/n: 97-0049, 97-0400, 97-0401, 99-0402, 99-0404, 99-0405, 01-0028 / 01-0030, 01-0065, 01-0076.
S-3B	1	Lockheed S-3 Viking, BuNo. 159387 " <i>Navy One</i> ", one-off flight that landed President Bush onboard the USS <i>Abraham Lincoln</i> off the San Diego coast on 01/05/2003. The first carrier landing for a President. Aircraft SOC: 25/09/2003, to the National Museum of Naval Aviation, Pensacola, FL.

Rotary Wing

H-13J	2	Bell 47J-1 Ranger, 1957-1967, transport for D. Eisenhower. Redesignated as UH-13J in 1962. S/n: 57-2728, 57-2729. 57-2728 preserved at the USAF Museum, Dayton, Ohio. 57-2729 preserved at The Smithsonian Institute, Washington DC.
VH-34A	4	Sikorsky S-58A Choctaw, 1958, Washington based VIP transport. Later upgraded with new avionics as VH-34C.
HSS-1Z	?	Sikorsky S-58A Seabat, US Navy VIP support helicopters. Redesignated as VH-34G in 1962.
HUS-1Z	7	Sikorsky S-58A Seahorse, 1960, USMC foreign travel VIP helicopters. Redesignated as VH-34D in 1962. BuNo. 147161, 147179, 147191, 147201, 148803, 148804, 148805.
HSS-2Z	10	Sikorsky S-61B Sea King, 1961-1975, " <i>Marine One</i> " USMC VIP helicopters. BuNo. 150610 / 150617, redesignated as VH-3A in 1962. 2 SH-3A also converted, BuNo. 147141, 147145.
VH-53D	2	Sikorsky S-65 Sea Stallion, USMC VIP staff helicopters. BuNo. 157754, 157755.

VH-1N	6	Bell 212 Iroquois, 1974-1988, USMC Presidential support helicopters. BuNo. 158551 / 158554, 158556, 158557.
VH-3D	12	2 UH-1N (BuNo. 158277, 158278), temporarily to VH-1N standard. Sikorsky S-61D Sea King, 1975-present, " <i>Marine One</i> " USMC Presidential helicopters. BuNo. 159350 / 159360, 1 VH-3A also converted, BuNo. 150614.
VH-60A	9	Sikorsky S-70B Black Hawk, 1988-present, USMC VIP helicopters. BuNo. 163259 / 163267, redesignated as VH-60N White Hawk in 1989.
VH-71A	-	NHIndustries NH90, 2008, proposed VH-3D replacements, cancelled.