

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: "Guess Where 2", 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: "Dixie Clipper", BuNo. 48226, c/n: 1992 (civil reg: NC18605).

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VC-54C

Type: *First Presidential aircraft, piston engined.*
Manufacturer: *The Douglas Aircraft Co. Inc., Santa Monica, California, USA*
Model / Name: *DC-4 / Skymaster*
Designation: *VC-54C-DO*
Serial No.: *42-107451*
Construction No.: *7470*
Named: *"Sacred Cow"*
First flight: *1944*
Service period: *1944 – 1947*
Served: *Franklin D. Roosevelt (04/03/1933 – 12/04/1945)*
Harry S. Truman (12/04/1945 – 20/01/1953)
Notes: *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.

VC-118

Type: *Second Presidential aircraft, piston engined.*
Manufacturer: *The Douglas Aircraft Co. Inc., Santa Monica, California, USA*
Model / Name: *DC-6 / Liftmaster*
Designation: *VC-118-DO*
Serial No.: *46-505*
Construction No.: *42881*
Named: *"Independence"*
First flight: *1947*
Service periods: *1947 – 1953 as a Presidential aircraft.*
1953 – 1965 as a VIP transport only.
Served: *Harry S. Truman (12/04/1945 – 21/01/1953)*
Notes: *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.

VC-121E

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

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 – 20/01/2021)
Joe R. Biden Jr. (20/01/2021 – 20/01/2025)
Donald J. Trump (20/01/2025 – 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.

VC-121A	1	Currently preserved at the Pima Air & Space Museum in Tucson, AZ. 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> " callsign.
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.