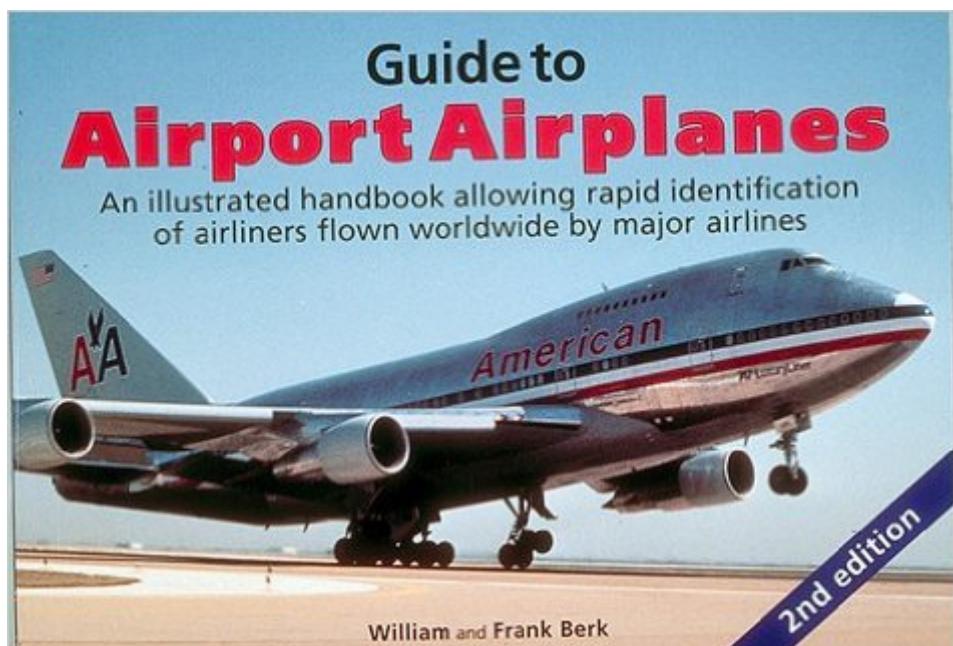


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# Guide To Airport Airplanes: An Illustrated Handbook Allowing Rapid Identification Of Airliners Flown Worldwide By Major Airlines



## **Synopsis**

From the British Aerospace Concorde to the Russian Ilyushin IL-62, through the Netherlands' Fokker F27/F50, this book covers virtually every plane flown by major airlines. Sure to be a hit with those who love to gaze into the "wild blue yonder," Guide to Airport Airplanes allows amateur observers to easily identify these aerodynamic wonders. 125 illustrations and photos. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This book is perfect for the frequent traveler with time on his or her hands at the airport! It is designed to make it relatively quick and painless to find the aircraft you're seeing BEFORE it rolls out of sight -- and I've found that this design works for me. What's more, the book is the perfect size to fit into the upper pocket on a Travelpro RollaboardÂ® suitcase -- so it's always easy for me to get to, when that unknown aircraft rolls into view. The book is very much like "A Field Guide to the Airplanes", in the Roger Tory Peterson tradition -- a way to quickly identify common (and sometimes obscure) aircraft quickly and accurately. If you're looking for detailed descriptions, or the real difference between a 737-300 and a 737-400, then you'll have to look elsewhere. But if you want to quickly know if that airplane out there is an Embraer 120 or a Fairchild Metro, this is the book for you. I can't wait for the third edition to appear (hint, hint)!

This book starts with a taxonomic chart (match what you see and go to that page) and branches off

until you find the right plane group/subgroup. After that you have to flip through the pictures/descriptions in the subgroups to find the right plane. If you're sitting at an airport and have a good view with plenty of time to watch individual planes, this book is tops. However, if you're working at a distance with field glasses it won't really help. I agree that the specs are limited if you're a hard-core spotter. I too am still looking for a book with proportional drawings. However, I think this is the best book I've seen so far. IMHO, when compared with Civil\_Airliner\_Recognition, this book has more practical comparison/distinguishing notes, better photos, and better views for distinguishing characteristic identification.

This amazing book does one thing better than any other like it: it allows observers to rapidly identify airliners. Using its unique system that divides airliners into categories based on number and type of engines and wing configurations, it rapidly guides observers to the identity of the airliner they're watching. Attractively designed, it includes full-color photos and 3-view silhouettes of each airliner, as well as essential information such as cruising speed, size, and range. I wouldn't leave home for the airport without it.

This is a very nice guide to help the novice spotter ID today's aircraft. Small in dimensions (just a little bigger than pocket-sized), but loaded with nice pictures and facts about every major airplane type. A good buy.

If you want to know the base model of an airplane you see at some airport, this book will do an excellent job. However, if you would like to know details in depth, keep searching. There is minimal data to distinguish the various models of the airplane, take-off weights, seating configurations, or many interesting details. A minor quibble: I'd like to see the drawings to scale, perhaps at the back of the book.

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