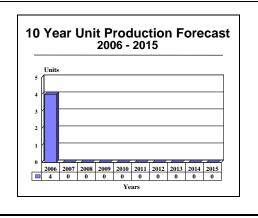
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# Boeing 717-200 - Archived 5/2007

## **Outlook**

- At press time, the final 717 had entered the production line
- None sold in 2004
- Stretched/longer range -300 variant never built



## **Orientation**

**Description.** Twin-engine, short/medium-range, single- aisle, narrowbody transport.

**Sponsor.** Privately funded by Boeing Co and risk-sharing partners.

**Status.** Production ended in 2006.

**Total Produced.** Boeing delivered 152 717s through 2005.

**Application.** Short- to-medium-range, 95- to 129-passenger regional transport.

**Price Range.** Estimated at \$36.5 million in 2006 dollars.



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## **Boeing 717-200**

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## **Technical Data**

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**Design Features.** In essence a shortened, updated derivative of the MD-87 incorporating unspecified design features and systems of the MD-90. The design

features an airfoil similar to that of the DC-9-34 variant and the flight deck of an MD-88. Single-aisle cabin in five-abreast seating configuration.

		<u>Metric</u>	<u>U.S.</u>
Dimensions		<del></del>	<del></del>
Fuselage length		34.34 m	112.75 ft
Height		8.86 m	29.1 ft
Wingspan		28.47 m	93.4 ft
Weight			
Operating empty weig	ht	30,970 kg	68,278 lb
Max takeoff weight		51,710 kg	114,000 lb
Performance			
Cruise speed		Mach 0.76	Mach 0.76
Max range		3,150 km	1,700 nm
Propulsion			
717-200	(2)	BMW Rolls-Royce BR71	5 turbofans rated at 82 kN (18,500 lbst) each.

## Variants/Upgrades

<u>717-200</u>. Baseline version described above. Seats 95 to 106 in two-class layout, 129 in single-class. First deliveries in September 1999.

<u>717-100</u>. Proposed shortened version seating 80 with a target unit cost of \$16 million. Shelved in mid-2003.

<u>717-300X</u>. Proposed unlaunched stretch seating up to 128 with design range of approximately 1,700 nautical miles. Not launched.

## **Program Review**

**Background.** The 717-200, originally the MD-95, is an updated, shortened derivative of the MD-87 first announced in 1991. Due to a worldwide recession, the program remained in limbo until mid-1994, when McDonnell Douglas announced plans to formally launch the program by the end of that year.

The 717's design was later simplified. Existing MD-80/90 components and systems were mated with new BR715 engines to reduce development and acquisition costs.

<u>Search for Partners.</u> McDonnell Douglas had planned for the MD-95 to be built by Shanghai Aviation Industrial Corp (SAIC) in China, but in 1993 the U.S. manufacturer said this would not be the case as the Chinese-built aircraft would not become available within the required timeframe.

#### Program Launched

In October 1995, start-up airline ValuJet launched the MD-95 with orders and options for 100 in a deal worth more than \$1 billion. ValuJet has since been renamed AirTran.

#### Boeing/McDD Merger

In 1997 Boeing acquired McDonnell Douglas. In the subsequent product line rationalization, Boeing phased out the MD-80/90 programs and kept the MD-95, renamed the 717-200.

#### Stretched Model Sought

During 2002-03, Boeing came under pressure from both existing 717 customers and new sales prospects to develop a stretched/longer-range variant. The manufacturer sought to head off such interest by promoting the smaller variants of its 737 family. Boeing subsequently proposed the 128-seat 717-300X and promoted it aggressively to the Star Alliance airlines group and other sales prospects, but no orders materialized.

#### Shutdown Decision

In January 2005, Boeing announced it would shut down the 717 line in the spring of 2006 due to very soft demand and stiff competition from the larger regional jet types.

## **Funding**

717-200 funding, estimated at less than \$500 million, was provided by Boeing and risk-sharing partners.

## **Timetable**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Year</u>	Major Development
	1991	MD-95 first announced
Mid	1994	McDD announces plans to launch by end-1994
Oct	1995	Program launched
	1997	Boeing acquires McDonnell Douglas
Sep	1998	Prototype first flight
Sep	1999	Certification, initial deliveries
May	2006	Final delivery planned, line to close

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### **Boeing 717-200**

## **Forecast Rationale**

Although Boeing issued a warning of a possible line closing as early as March of 2004, the fate of the 717 was sealed when the Pembroke Group canceled its order for 14 aircraft in early 2005.

In February 2006, the final 717 entered production and is expected to be delivered to AirTran Airways in May,

signifying the end of the 717 line. Boeing does not appear to be under any pressure from customers to restart the line, and, given the firm's occupation with other projects, no future production is anticipated at any point.

## **Ten-Year Outlook**

#### **ESTIMATED CALENDAR YEAR PRODUCTION** High Confidence **Good Confidence** Speculative Level Total 06-15 thru 05 07 11 12 14 Aircraft (Engine) 80 09 10 717-200 Total Production BR715 152 152