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RAF Voyager and the MRTT set the benchmark in strategic multi-role tanker technology, supporting the RAF and UK Armed Forces through global leading technology in air-to-air refuelling, air transport and aeromedical evacuation.

RAF Voyager – a step change in operational capability

The largest aircraft in the RAF's fleet, Voyager is a derivative of the proven Airbus A330-200 passenger aircraft.

This established in-production civilian model is converted by Airbus Military into its military Multi Role Tanker Transport (MRTT) aircraft configuration, to a specification set by the RAF and the Ministry of Defence.

The only aircraft currently certified to simultaneously perform three different types of missions: air-to-air refuelling (tanker role), passenger and/or freight transport, and/or medical evacuation (MEDEVAC), the MRTT as Voyager, delivers new strategic capability to the RAF.



Transport without compromise



RAF Voyager is able to carry 111 tonnes of fuel without the requirement for additional fuel tanks which leave its' cargo hold and passenger capacity un-checked. In its configuration for the RAF this means that it can carry 291 passengers in a single class, with a roomy 34inch pitch. Voyager's cargo hold can accommodate eight NATO pallets or a payload of 43 tonnes.

The aircraft can also be set up to provide a 40 stretcher medical evacuation capability, including the provision of critical care.

A versatile fleet

The 'core' RAF Voyager fleet is made up of nine aircraft. Of these, at any one time, eight fly on the Military Aircraft Register (MAR) and one is tasked, minus military equipment, to fly on the Civilian Aircraft Register (CAR). The RAF has optional surge capability rights on a further five aircraft.

This civilian aircraft is operated on a 'charter' basis to the MOD by AirTanker under its own Air Operators' Certificate but with the advantages that come with exclusive usage. The aircraft can also be pulled-in by the RAF if required to support air transport movements and if needed, moved to the MAR to support additional air-to-air refuelling capability.





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