

# **DOUGLAS C-9 NIGHTINGALE**

## **C-9 SERVICE**

**Manufacturer:** *The Douglas Aircraft Co. Inc., Santa Monica, California, USA  
(In 1967, became McDonnell Douglas Corp., Douglas Aircraft  
Co. Division, Long Beach, California, USA)*

**Model:** *DC-9-32CF*

**Designation:** *C-9*

**Names:** *Nightingale (C-9A), Skytrain II (C-9B)*

**First official flight:** *C-9A 08 Aug 1968*

**Factory production period:** *1968 – 1982*

**Primary service period:** *1968 – 2003*

**Last official flight:** *C-9A Sep 2005*

*C-9B Apr 2017*

## **C-9 VARIANTS & PRODUCTION**

*Based on the Model DC-9 civil airliner, 976 built from 1964 – 1982.*

*931 built as DC-9 civil versions from 1964 – 1982, ff: 25 Feb 1965.*

*45 built as the C-9 / military version from 1967 – 1982.*

### **C-9A Nightingale**

*1968, USAF aeromedical evacuation transport,  
built-in stretcher ramp, medical equipment.*

*produced 1968 – 1972*

*Douglas Long Beach, California (DL)*

*67-22583 / 67-22586 mixed 47241 to 47296*

*68-8932 / 68-8935 47297 / 47300*

*68-10958 / 68-10961 mixed 47366 to 47449*

*71-0874 / 71-0882 mixed 47467 to 47541*

**21 Total: 21**

### **C-9B Skytrain II**

*1973, US Navy transport.*

*produced 1973 – 1982*

*Douglas Long Beach, California (DL)*

*BuNo. 159113 / 159120 mixed 47577 to 47587*

*BuNo. 160046 / 160051 mixed 47684 to 47700*

*BuNo. 161266 48137*

*BuNo. 161529, 161530 48165, 48166*

**17 Total: 17**

*6 additional airframe cancelled.*

### **VC-9C**

*1975, USAF VIP transports.*

*Redesignated as C-9C in 1977.*

*produced 1974 – 1975*

*Douglas Long Beach, California (DL)*

*73-1681, 73-1682 47668, 47670*

*73-1683 47671*

**3 Total: 03**

*1 additional airframe cancelled.*

**C-9K**

1976, as C-9B, "K" for Kuwaiti AF.

produced 1976

Douglas Long Beach, California (DL)

BuNo. 160749, 160750 47691, 47690

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**Total: 02**

Delivered as:

(KAF) 320, 321

**Model DC-9-32**

1974, transports for Aeronautica Militare

Italiana (AMI) of Italy.

produced 1973 – 1974

Douglas Long Beach, California (DL)

(AMI) SM012, SM013 47595, 47600

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**Total: 02**

**Total: 45**

**C-9 CONVERSIONS & TRANSFERS****US Navy****C-9B**

**16**

Civil DC-9 variants, ex-airliner transfers for the US Navy.

Assigned BuNo. 162390 / 162393, 162753, 162754, 163036,

163037, 163208, 163511 / 163513, 164605 / 164608.

**NC-9D**

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Civil DC-9-31 (c/n: 47547), 1998, US Navy test-bed for flight testing various sensors by private companies. Assigned BuNo. 168277.