

Beechcraft King Air 260 Model Guide

The Beechcraft King Air 260 is a twin-turboprop in production since 2020, with two 850 shp Pratt & Whitney Canada PT6A-52 engines. Manufacturer figures list up to 9 occupants, 310 ktas max cruise, 1,720 nm ferry range and a 35,000 ft max operating altitude. Standard ThrustSense autothrottle, digital pressurization and Collins Pro Line Fusion avionics reduce pilot workload.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Manufacturer figures: 310 ktas max cruise, 1,720 nm ferry range, 2,111 ft takeoff distance at max takeoff weight.
- Max takeoff weight is 12,500 lb with 3,760 lb useful load; an enhanced payload option raises takeoff weight to 13,420 lb.
- Standard: ThrustSense autothrottle, digital pressurization, three 14-inch touchscreens, synthetic vision and a MultiScan weather radar.
- Used examples listed (2022 and 2023) show 138 to 257 hours; check engine program, warranty and inspection status.

CABIN AND PAYLOAD

The cabin is 57 in high, 54 in wide and 16 ft 8 in long. The baggage area holds 550 lb and is heated, pressurized and reachable in flight. Max occupants are 9. Listed examples show 7 passengers plus 2 pilots, or an eight-passenger layout with a belted lavatory seat, a refreshment center and fold-out tables.

WHAT TO CHECK ON A USED EXAMPLE

Two listings show what to verify. One is a 2023 aircraft with 257 hours and 250 landings, engines on JSSI, Pro Parts/ProTech and active warranties. The other is a 2022 aircraft with 138 hours and 88 landings, engines on ESP and a 12-month inspection completed 12/2023. Confirm logbooks, program transfer and the next inspections due.

PERFORMANCE UPGRADES

Raisbeck's EPIC Platinum package for the 260/250 lists takeoff distance over 50 ft at 2,210 ft against 3,270 ft factory, and landing distance of 1,810 ft against 2,590 ft. It also lists VREF of 90 kts against 99 kts. Swept 96-inch propellers carry a 6 years/4,000 hours TBO. Check whether an example has these modifications and the matching flight manual supplements.

SPECIFICATIONS

Max Takeoff Weight Lbs	12500
Basic Operating Weight Lbs	8830
Useful Load Lbs	3760
Max Zero Fuel Weight Lbs	11000
Max Ramp Weight Lbs	12590
Baggage Capacity Lbs	550
Cabin Height In	57
Cabin Width In	54

PERFORMANCE

Max Range Nm	1720
Max Cruise Speed Kt	310
Takeoff Distance Ft	2111
Max Operating Altitude Ft	35000

WEIGHT & BALANCE

Max Takeoff Weight Lbs	12500
Max Landing Weight Lbs	12500
Max Zero Fuel Weight Lbs	11000
Max Ramp Weight Lbs	12590
Max Usable Fuel Lbs	3645
Enhanced Payload Max Takeoff Weight Lbs	13420

SAFETY NOTES

- Brochures disagree on collision avoidance: one lists TCAS I, others TCAS II. Verify the installed system on the specific aircraft.
- Brochure performance is manufacturer data; the range figure is a ferry mission with NBAA IFR reserves. Expect less on typical loaded trips.
- Listings are subject to verification upon inspection. Brokers advise an independent pre-purchase inspection.