

## AMBER AIR (AMBER AIR CHARTER PTY LTD TRADING AS) (AIRLINE CODE UNKNOWN)

This Adelaide based operator was founded in 1972 with the aim of operating a regular passenger service between Adelaide and Kalgoorlie in Western Australia via Eucla and optional points. The principal of the airline was Mr Gedininas Paputis who was the owner of the Eucla Amber Motel situated just inside the Western Australia border. He had purchased a Beech 36 in 1970 and that was used on charter flights out of Adelaide to Eucla. Mr Paputis's main aim was to bring tourists to this community which was situated at the head of the Great Australian Bight

As the airline was based in WA it needed that state's department to provide a licence as well as the Commonwealth Department of Transport "Reg 203". Both were forthcoming and on 20 November 1972 Adelaide to Eucla and Kalgoorlie (Mon/Wed – re Tue/Fri) regional airline services commenced. The Beech D55 VH-TYM operated these flights later being replaced by the Aero Commander 680FL VH-EXX. The Commander only had a short time in the fleet and was replaced by a leased PA31 VH-BEB

The timetable changed on 12 May 1973: Adelaide to Ceduna, Penong, Coorabie, Nullabor and Eucla. Then on 30 August 1974 it became: Adelaide to Ceduna, Koonibba, Penong, Coorabie, Nullabor, Yangoonbie to Eucla.

The last Amber Air flight occurred on 28 February 1975 then Williams Airlines operated on their behalf until 5 May 1975 when they took over in their own right.

### Fleet:

REG	TYPE	C/N	REGD	SOLD	MISC.
VH-EUC	BEECH 36	E184	090270	1973	
VH-TYM	BCH D55	TE502	120772	120674	
VH-EXX	A/C 680FL	1295-6	310574	050575	

### Passenger Statistics:

1972	50	1973	618	1974	771
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*VH-EXX AC 680 Ess 20-1-68 TF Ellis via NK Daw*



*VH-TYM BCH55 ADL 26-12-73 NK Daw*