

Airbus Helicopters' EcoStar EC130B4 compared with other rotorcraft

Model	First year produced	Variable cost/hour	Seats exec/max	Range (nm)	Normal cruise (kt)	Max takeoff weight (lb)
EC130B4	2002	\$647	5/9	299	135	5,351
Bell 407	1996	\$632	5/7	264	124	5,250
Leonardo AW119	1999	\$849	6/12	275	140	5,997

Assumptions: Aircraft are 2008 models. Jet fuel \$4.30/gal; variable cost: fuel plus maintenance reserves; four passengers; VFR reserves, maximum cabin altitude 8,000 ft.; passenger weight, 200 lb includes baggage; two pilots

Sources: Conklin & de Decker Life Cycle Cost, Conklin & de Decker Aircraft Performance Comparator