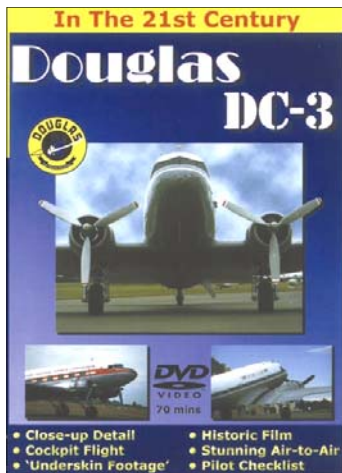
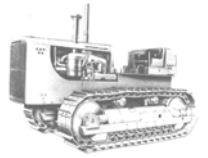


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# AVIATION WORLDWIDE

REVIEW - DC3 DVD



Hi Lindsay,

I am breathless !!! .....Hope you pass this mail onto all the folks at aviation worldwide and of course your customers. Coming into it's fifth year, I operate the largest DC-3 web site on the Net. I know you folks have visited my site, so I presume you also know that this video is being viewed by someone (me that is) who knows more than a lot about the DC-3. I have been studying this aircraft for over 30 years now. I do intend to present a full review in detail on my web site, but for now.. here are my quick views below.....

Just watched your Video..... EXCELLENT !! .....And with a free baggage tag from the era and wonderfully detail checklist from all aspects of flight on the DC-3, as well as the aircraft's specs provided etc..

I loved the video introduction, I do have that original video titled 'C-47' from which some of that intro was taken. Thankfully you kept in only the best bits, plus, .. additional footage from that era, not seen before. (I refer to the Bonanza DC-3 and Douglas plant at Santa Monica to name just a couple of things). That was wonderful! Wish I could own that DC-3 RV vehicle too. Nice picture of the DC-3 on floats & wonderful rare film of the C-47 towing gliders during WWII etc. A perfect way to introduce this magnificent aircraft.

Then to the 21st Century and the Pioneer DC-3 starting it's engines (from 3 camera angles), with a beautiful view in front of the airport tower/terminal. It was just like a scene from the 60's. There was no mistaking that Pratt & Whitney hum from the 1830 engines on take off. Even at this stage of the video which had barely started, you included some excellent cockpit footage. The camera angles were delightful. I especially enjoyed watching the Captain pulling the yoke toward him, wrapped around his arm just after making a delightful crab landing. Aircraft sounds have been captured to perfection in all stages of flight.

And now onto the DC-3 refurbishment/overhaul program. Never have I seen such detail here, .. from individual rivets being popped out and replaced, hydraulic cables being checked, cables throughout the DC-3 being looked over, cockpit instruments and even down to the fuel tanks and gauges being checked over. The close up of the engines and then onto the actual pistons and cylinders along with the crankshaft housing was.. MAGNIFICENT !! A smile beamed across my face watching men, younger than the aircraft itself completing the overhaul. It was at this stage that I realized, anyone watching this video would really appreciate the work it takes to keep any DC-3 in the air today. No other DC-3 video in the world provides such close up detail as outlined in this portion.

Onto the 'walk around' check (enjoyed that immensely, did the Captain check for birds nests in the engines? <grin>) and then into the cockpit where upon all instruments are explained. Interesting to see that the Pioneer DC-3 still has it's original Sperry auto-pilot installed a rarity these days. The next portion was superb to sit back and watch, the engine run up checks... Amazingly the video captures the spinning props without any problem to film quality, it was just as though you were watching with the human eye. You could literally see the speed of the props from the outside of the aircraft throughout the engine run-up, thereby having the ability to know when and how much power was being applied to the throttles.

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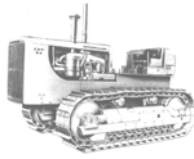
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