



UPS Airlines

United Parcel Service is the world's largest package delivery company. In 1980 UPS created its own airline with a hub at Louisville, Kentucky and a fleet of Boeing 727, 747, and Douglas DC-8-71 aircraft. Boeing 757's were soon acquired as well as widebody Boeing 747-400's, Boeing 767-300's, Airbus A300's, and McDonnell Douglas MD-11's while the original aircraft have since been retired. New smaller hubs have been created at Columbia, SC, Dallas/Fort Worth, TX, Miami, FL, Ontario, CA, Philadelphia, PA, and Rockford, IL as well as several international hub locations. UPS began serving ABQ in 1984 using the Douglas DC-8-71 and from 1984 through 1997, UPS also contracted with Merlin Express to operate feeder flights utilizing Swearingen SA-227AT Expeditor aircraft, one of which was based in Albuquerque. The company officially shortened its name from United Parcel Service to "UPS" in 2003 at which time its aircraft received a new paint scheme.

UPS normally serves Albuquerque with four to six flights each week day using Boeing 757-200, 767-300 and Airbus A300 aircraft. Normally up to three flights will operate in the early morning and three in the late evening. UPS also contracts with South Aero to provide feeder service to Albuquerque from many smaller cities throughout New Mexico using Cessna 208B Grand Caravan and Cessna 404 Titan aircraft. During the Christmas holiday rush, UPS will add many extra flights and contract with other carriers adding supplemental lift as well. For more information on South Aero, see the South Aero link also located in the Air cargo carrier's section.



UPS Boeing 727-31C freighter.



UPS Douglas DC-8-73 freighter.



UPS Swearingen Expediter operated by Merlin Express.



UPS Boeing 757 at Albuquerque wearing a new livery and logo adopted in 2003.



UPS Boeing 767-300 on a takeoff roll at Albuquerque.



UPS Airbus A300-600 taxiing to the freight ramp at Albuquerque.