

R44 Cadet Estimated Operating Costs

Price of R44 Cadet with optional Garmin GTN 625 GPS \$ 362,000

FIXED ANNUAL COSTS

Depreciation (Negligible, freshly overhauled R44s typically sell for more than original costs) \$ N/A

Insurance based on a pilot with 200 hours logged helicopter time, including 40 PIC hours in an R44, with a good safety record and RHC Safety Course Certificate

Liability Insurance 2,160

Hull Insurance 7,628

FIXED COST PER YEAR \$ 9,788

RESERVE FOR OVERHAUL

2400 Hour Engine Overhaul (\$41,000 RHC exchange) \$ 17.08

2400 Hour Aircraft Overhaul Parts Kit (\$137,000) 57.08

(Includes new bearings, seals, belts, etc., and life-limited components with less than 2400 hours remaining.)

Labor (240 Manhours @ \$105 per hour) 10.50

RESERVE PER HOUR \$ 84.66

DIRECT OPERATING COST

Fuel @ \$5.89 per gallon and 14.0 gph for average use \$ 82.46

Oil 1.14

Periodic Inspections, Labor @ \$105 per hour 18.90

Unscheduled Maintenance, Parts and Labor @ \$105 per hour 10.78

DIRECT OPERATING COST PER HOUR \$ 113.28

TOTAL OPERATING COST

Fixed Cost per Flight Hour Based on 500 Hours per Year \$ 19.58

Overhaul Reserve Per Hour 84.66

Direct Cost per Flight Hour 113.28

TOTAL OPERATING COST PER HOUR \$ 217.52

OPERATING COST-PER-ROAD MILE

Assume one air mile (straight line path) equals 1.5 road miles, and assume an average cruise speed of 130 miles per hour with a cruise fuel consumption of 16 gph.

$$\$229.30 \div 130 \div 1.5 = \$1.18 \text{ per Road Mile}$$

This total operating cost-per-mile compares favorably with some expensive automobiles, and will usually be lower when the value of time saved is considered.

Note: The above estimates are approximate and will vary with type of use, maintenance, local conditions and prices. This information is for comparison only and not a guarantee of actual costs. Referenced prices are subject to change without notice. Transportation costs and local taxes are not included.