

R22 Estimated Operating Cost – July 2025

Price of R22 with Standard Equipment		\$375,000	
FIXED ANNUAL COSTS			
Depreciation (Negligible, freshly overhauled R22s are expected to sell for original costs)		\$	N/A
Insurance based on a pilot with 200 hours logged helicopter time, including 40 PIC hours in an R22, with a good safety record and RHC Safety Course Certificate			
Liability Insurance			1,920
Hull Insurance			7,496
	FIXED COST PER YEAR	\$	9,416
RESERVE FOR OVERHAUL			
2200 Hour Engine Overhaul (\$53,400 RHC exchange)		\$	24.27
2200 Hour Aircraft Overhaul Parts Kit (\$111,400)			50.63
(Includes new bearings, seals, belts, etc., and life limited components with less than 2200 hours remaining.)			
Labor (225 Manhours at \$125 per hour)			12.78
	RESERVE PER HOUR		87.68
DIRECT OPERATING COST			
Fuel @ \$6.05 per gallon and 8.0 gph for average use		\$	48.40
Oil			1.80
Periodic Inspections, Labor @ \$125 per hour			38.35
Unscheduled Maintenance, Parts and Labor @ \$125 per hour			9.53
	DIRECT OPERATION COST PER HOUR	\$	98.08
TOTAL OPERATING COST			
Fixed Cost per Flight Hour Based on 500 Hours per Yea	r	\$	18.83
Overhaul Reserve per Hour			87.68
Direct Cost per Flight Hour			98.08
	TOTAL OPERATING COST PER HOUR	\$	204.59

OPERATING COST-PER-ROAD MILE

Assume one air mile (straight line path) equals 1.5 miles and assume an average cruise speed of 110 miles per hour with cruise fuel consumption of 8.0 gph.

\$204.59 ÷ 110 ÷ 1.5 = \$1.24 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 is not a guarantee of actual costs. Referenced prices are subject to change without notice. Transportation costs and local taxes are not included.

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