

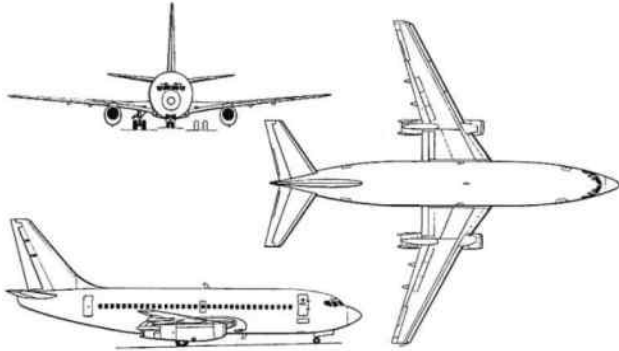
Boeing B737-200 Surinam Airways

Various scales possible for these decals (1/144 , 1/200 and even 1/72)

HISTORY

The Boeing 737 airliner is one of the most produced medium sized jet airliners. The first generation used Pratt & Whitney JT8D low-bypass turbofan engines and offered seating for 85 to 130 passengers. Launched in 1980 and introduced in 1984, the Second Generation 737 Classic -300/400/500 variants were upgraded with more fuel-efficient CFM56-3 high-bypass turbofans and offered 110 to 168 seats. Introduced in 1997, the Third Generation 737 Next Generation (NG) -600/700/800/900 variants have updated CFM56-7 high-bypass turbofans, a larger wing and other upgrades. Over 11,000 B737 were manufactured and thousands are still on order at Boeing.

The first generation B737-200 series entered airline service in 1969. Length 30,53 m and wing span 28,35 m. Usually 119 passenger layout. Range 4900 km and cruise speed 870 km/hr. Empty OEW 27650 kg and MTOW 52390 kg.

**Surinam Airways**

Surinam is on the east of Guyana and west of French Guyana on the northern shores of South America at the Atlantic Ocean. A former Dutch Colony, it became independent on November 25, 1975. The small population of about 575,000 lives in the coastal regions and huge tropical rain forests cover the country. Surinam is one of the least populated countries in the World per squared area.

Since 1962 the national airline is Surinam Airways. The home base is at Pangel Airport (former vliegveld Zanderij). The small fleet used various aircraft over the years. Routes are in the Caribbean, Miami USA and a single route to Amsterdam.

This included a B737-200 in the 2L9/ADV configuration with registration OY-APR. This aircraft with MSN 22407 was leased from Maersk Air and was active with Surinam Airways from May 1983 until April 1984.

MODEL KITS B737-200 (first generation)

In 1/144 scale an old Airfix kit and from Eastern Express

In 1/200 scale from Hasegawa.

In 1/100 Nitto (and Doyusha).

Even in 1/72 scale BPK kit #7204 #7206 for 737-200.

DECAL APPLICATION

The decal sheet has ONE continuous print film, so each decal needs to be cut out with fine scissors. No other prior decal preparation is needed.

Each cut out decal can be applied as usual after soaking it a short while in water. Decals are EXTREMELY THIN, so slide off from the wet backing sheet on a horizontally held GLOSSY model surface. Do not use tweezers! They will fold doubled!

Note that a decal that contains a white section is often split in two sections. To apply the full decal marking, first set the white decal section at correct position and on top of that the coloured section. On the decals sheet you will often see an "arrow" to indicate this way of application (on white surfaces, the white section is optional).

After all decals have been applied, finish the model with your preferred final gloss, matt or semi-matt varnish coats. This will also protect all the decals.

COLOUR SCHEME

The upper fuselage and vertical tail are yellow about Federal Standard FS13538. This needs to be painted/ airbrushed. The lower fuselage is what appears to be very light grey about FS17773 "Boeing gray".

The other surfaces such as wing and horizontal stabilizers are probably medium grey. The engine nacelles are natural metal as well as the leading edge of the vertical tail. The nose tip is black with a medium grey panel directly aft of the nose. Dull black anti-glare decal in front of cockpit or paint.

Colour scheme is symmetrical port and starboard but please note that windows and doors/ emergency exits are a bit different port and starboard. This is depicted in the decals.

NOTE: windows in a particular kit and the door engraving may vary. Many modellers prefer windows with their own coloured window row decals. That is why you have the choice of decals with windows or without windows in the cheatlines.

The cheatlines have a forward **A** and rear tail section **B**. Trim the decals, particularly at the cockpit windows. Then add circled logo behind cockpit, add white **E** and then flower **F**.

The emergency exits/doors are separate decals to enable correct positioning on the model. On the decals sheet below the port and starboard cheatline a ^ symbol marks the location of the mid overwing emergency exit **L**.

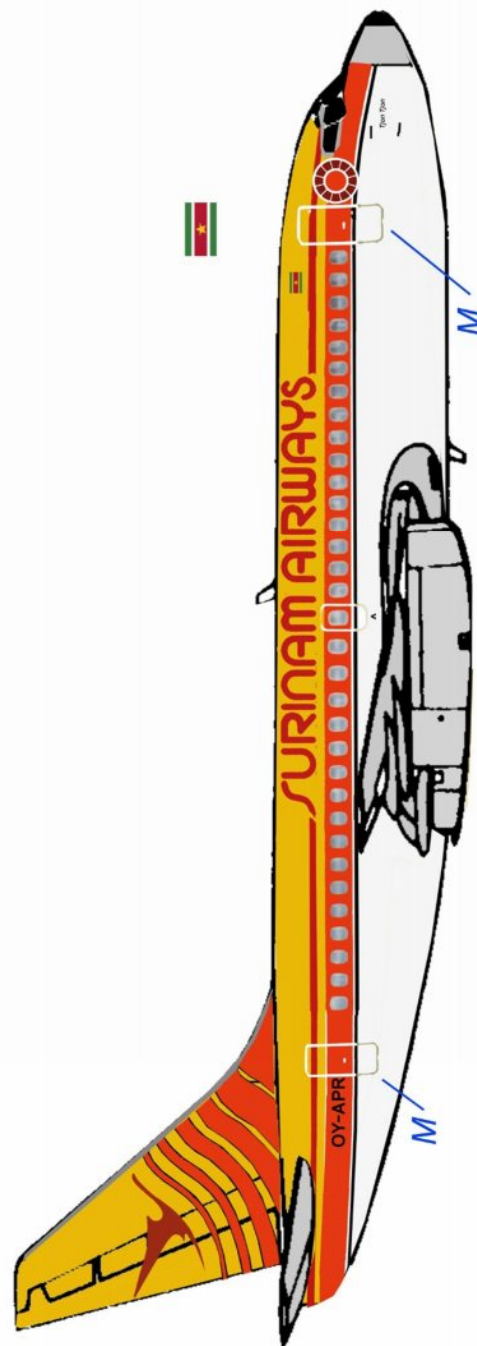
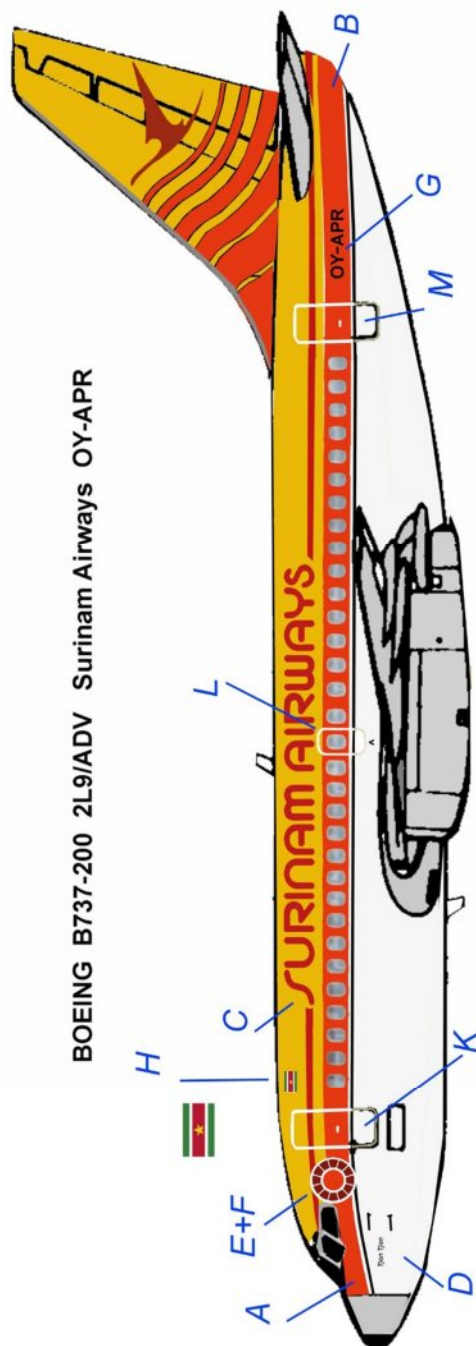
Aircraft bird name "Tjon Tjon" **D** below cockpit windows on both sides.

It is unclear if the wing has large registrations. Probably not but two decals are provided nevertheless.

REFERENCES:

On internet it is very easy to find photos by searching...

B737 + registration OY-APR + Surinam Airways



See NOTES on how to apply the separate decals in correct order.

Add smaller stencils and wing panels from kit decals.

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