

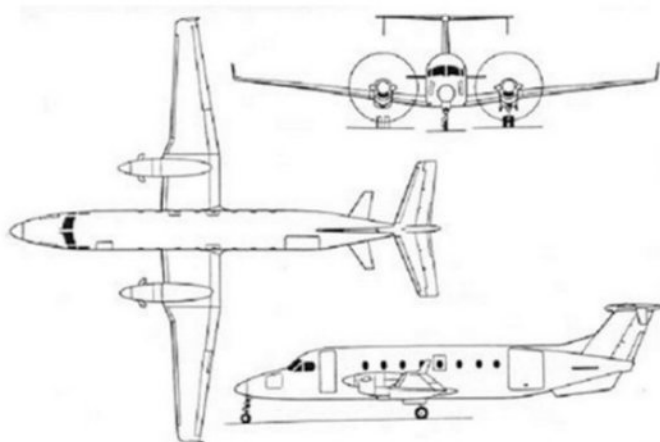
Beechcraft 1900D commuter **EZ AIR** (Dutch Antilles)

The Beechcraft 1900 commuter / airliner was developed as a "very much larger" Beech Super King Air with a cabin for 19 passengers. First flight was in 1982. Some 700 have been manufactured. The 1900D got a higher raised cabin so you can walk up in the cabin. It also got more powerful PT6A-27D engines with 1279 shp, larger tail and winglets.

External Dimensions: Length 17.62 m and wing span 17,64 m

EZ AIR is a regional airline in the Dutch Antilles in the Caribbean that flies mainly between the islands of Aruba, Bonaire and Curaçao. The fleet includes Beechcraft 1900D with registration PJ-EZA and PJ-EZY.

(note: EZ Air was renamed Z Air in 2024).



Beech 1900D profile with higher cabin

KITS

In 1/72 scale there are short-run injection moulded kits from Amodel (#72311 / #72317) and sister brand SOVA-M (#72004 / # 72041).

These can be made as per kit.

Check out my modelling report on this webpage:

<https://aircraftinplastic.com/models/beech-1900/beech-1.html>

PAINT SCHEME

Paint the overall model of the EZ AIR Beech 1900D livery in very light gloss blue-light grey Federal Standard FS35622. (paints *approx.* Gunze Sangyo acrylic H314 / enamel Xtracolor 149 / enamel Humbrol 122)

NOTE: it is thus not white nor gull grey.

The engine nacelles, nacelle gear doors and horizontal stabilizer are gloss black. The exhausts are burned metal, a mix of brown and silver paint will do nicely.

Leading edges of wing, stabilizer, vertical tail and the small rear fuselage stabilizers are mat black de-icing. The winglets are gloss red.

The propeller spinners are bright chrome. The propeller blades are black with white-red-white tips.

NOTE that the various smaller decals are numbered and shown in the sketches. Some spare decals are also on the sheet.

DECALS SYSTEM

The laser printed 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.

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).

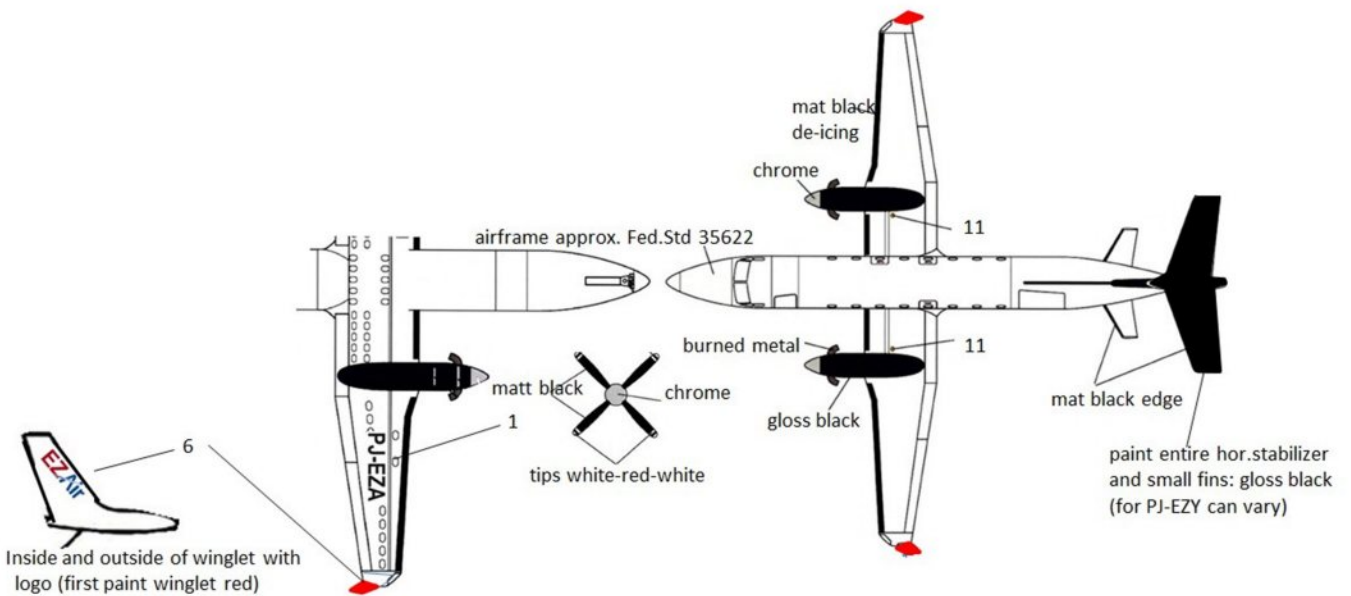
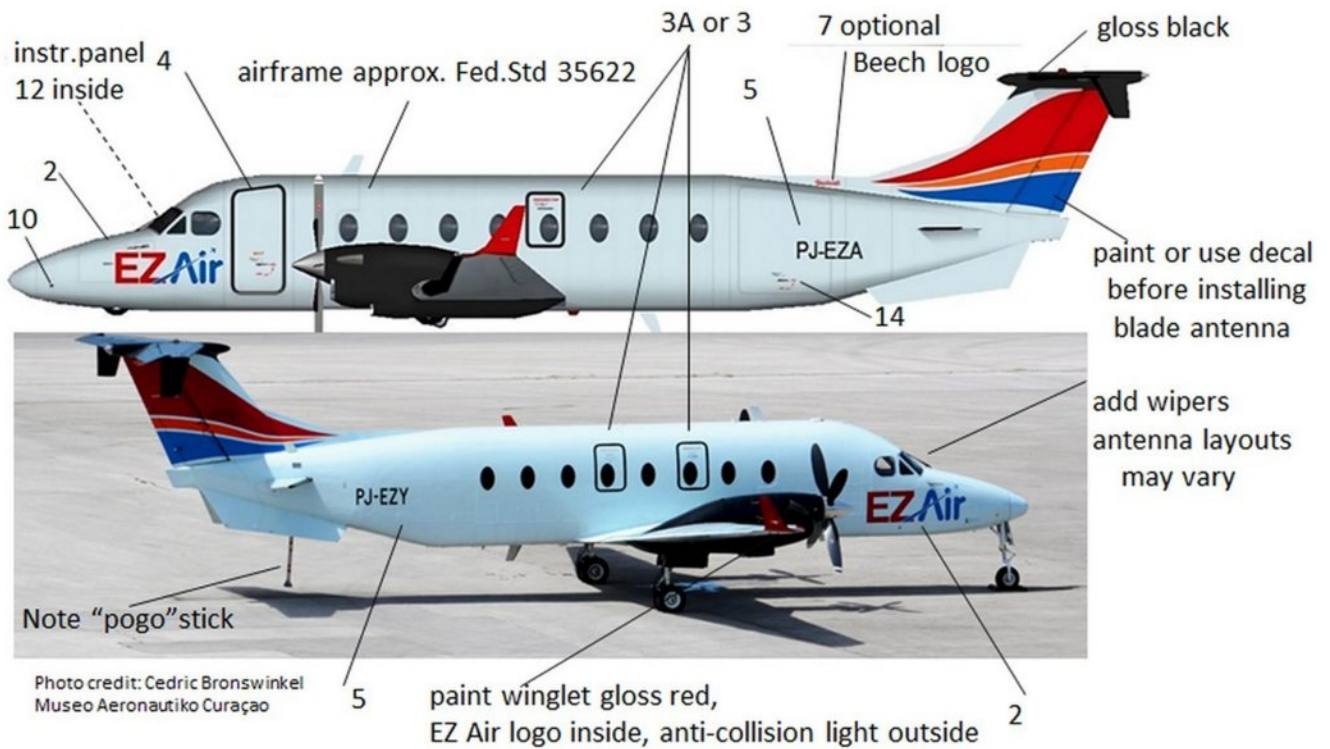
Each cut out decal can be applied as usual after soaking it a short while in water. Decals are EXTREMELY THIN, so slide off from the wet backing sheet on the model surface. Do not use tweezers! They will fold doubled!

Some tiny white borders may appear at a particular decal. Cut these off with fine scissors or over paint.

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

REFERENCES:

Through an internet search with the registration PJ-EZA and PJ-EZY codes ... dozens of photos.



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