

Short Skyvan SC.7 Guyana Defence Force

For 1/72 scale but others scales like 1/144 possible

HISTORY

The Short SC.7 Skyvan is a British 19-seat twin-turboprop aircraft first flown in 1963. It was manufactured by Short Brothers in Belfast, Northern Ireland. It had a box like fuselage with rear ramp to load cargo. It has a basic rugged design and STOL capabilities. The Skyvan was used by small local airlines, and also by many smaller air forces across the Globe. Some 149 Skyvans were manufactured. The 3M is a military version with higher take-off weights.

Antenna configurations may vary and some have an extended bubbled nose with weather radar. Some Skyvans had a rear passenger door and extra cabin windows retaining the same basic fuselage.

MODEL KITS

In 1/72 scale Airfix released a Skyvan 3M injection moulded kit in 1974 as kit 04018 and until 2002 with a few re-releases.

In 1/144 scale Eastern Express has a few kits as well as Welsh.

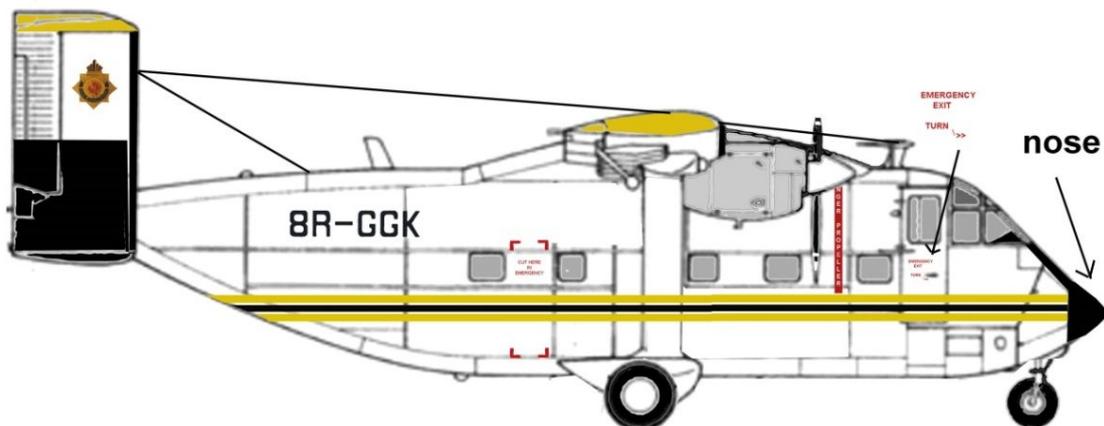
DECAL APPLICATION

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.

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 a horizontally held GLOSSY model surface. Do not use tweezers! They will fold doubled!

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.



Skyvan SC7-3-100 of the Guyana Defence Force in South America. Registration 8R-GGK with serial SH1980. The aircraft was operating well into 2008 from the capital Georgetown airfield.

Small black radar nose and black anti-glare panel. Leading edges of wing, tails and stabilizer are black. The scheme is symmetrical. Overall gloss white with cheat lines and yellow trim.

Metal front engine nacelles. The lower areas of the vertical tails are gloss black outside and inside with yellow tops. The wing tips are also yellow (about 5 millimetres wide).

1/72 Airfix kit has appropriate window layout and doors. But it needs a scratch made radar nose; make from card and putty.

Trim the yellow-black-yellow cheat lines to fit.

Guyana badge only on outsides' of vertical tails.

Add red propeller stripes and the red emergency (pilot) exit markings on both sides. Red outlined rear emergency markings on both sides.

It is unclear if registration codes are situated on upper starboard wing tip and lower port wing tip (but decals are provided). Layout of the walkways on the cabin roof is unclear but probably are black panels (decals are provided).

A single long antenna wire runs from starboard tail leading edge to mast above cockpit and a single wire to the top rear fuselage.