

## Short Skyvan SC.7 Panama

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.

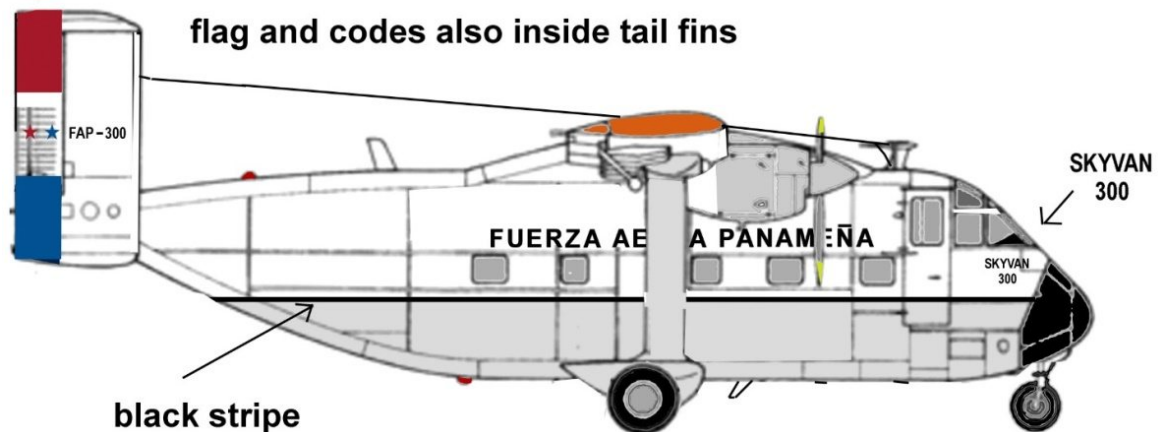
### DECAL APPLICATION

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 SC7-3M-400 c/n SH1959 with code FAP-300 was the only Skyvan used by the Panama Air Force "Fuerza aerea Panamena" and probably delivered in the 1970s. This small Fuerza Aerea was formed with American assistance in 1969 because of the huge importance of the Panama Canal. This air force has mostly patrol and transport roles operating a few small fixed wing aircraft and helicopters.

The paint scheme is symmetrical.

Upper surfaces and wing are white with black nose of the fuselage. The lower cabin and struts are light grey. A thin black cheatline stripe runs between the upper white and lower grey areas.

The wing tips are international orange (approx. FS12197). Panamese flags and FAP-300 codes both insides and outsides of rudders. Metal front engine nacelles. Propeller spinner metal and propeller blades probably light grey with yellow tips.

Probably large registration code on upper starboard wing tip and lower port wing tip with Panamese national markings on lower starboard and upper port wing. 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 a mast above cockpit.