

## Dornier Do-228-201 **RAF Falcons** parachute display team

designed for 1/72 scale: Revell kit #04600 / 4287

### HISTORY

The German company Dornier designed a series of light transport and utility propeller aircraft after the Second World War with STOL capabilities like the Do-27, Do-28, Do-28 Skyservant and the longer Dornier Do-228. The Do-228 is twin turboprop utility aircraft that first flew in 1981. There are a few versions with different fuselage lengths with the Do-228-200 series being the longest. It is used in variety of roles and sold to over 50 operators and countries. It was also license manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics (HAL) in India. The latest version flown in 2010 is the Do-228NG with improved systems, TPE331-10 engines with five bladed propeller and glass cockpit.

### COLOUR SCHEME **RAF FALCONS**

The Royal Air Force Falcons parachute display team was started in 1961 as the "the Big 6". Later the name changed to RAF Falcons.

Currently the team uses a Do-228-201 to drop the parachutists. The aircraft is a Do-228-201 with c/n 8071 with registration C-FPSH provided by Canadian operator Summit Air under contract to the UK MOD. Home base is at RAF Brize Norton, Oxfordshire.

The overall base colour is gloss white.

The scheme is quite symmetrical port and starboard.

Leading edges of wing, inboard wing sections, horizontal tailplanes and vertical tail is mat black.

Propeller spinners are chrome shiny metal. Propeller blades are black/ dark grey with white-black-white tips. Black decal edges on propeller blades.

Falcon outlines on the tail. On the lower wing large FALCON and name titles are situated. On the upper wing no registration was seen. On the nacelles Summit Air titles on both sides.



### 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 parts. 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.

### MODEL KITS

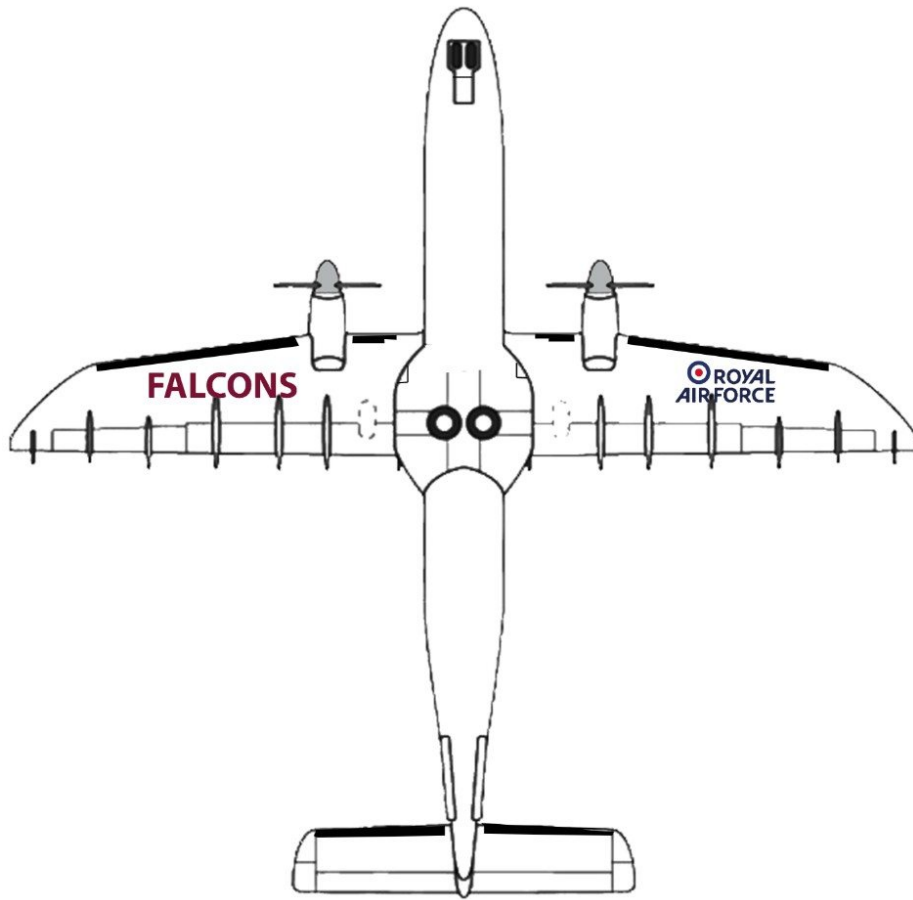
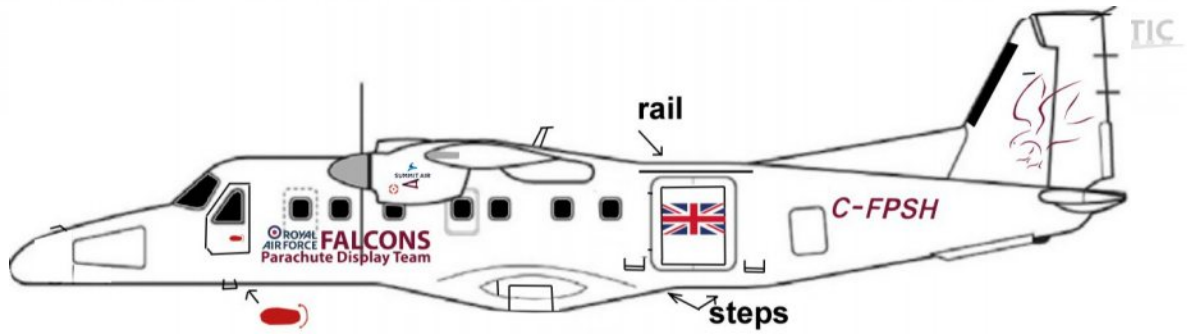
In 1/72 scale Revell Germany released 2 Dornier Do-228 kits.

This decals sheet has markings for the **longer Do-228-200** series with Revell kits #04600/ 4287. (Note that the short fuselage Do-228-100 series was also released by Revell a year earlier in 1987 as kit #4239).

The large door at port is different than standard and has no windows. On each side a few "steps" are located and above the door a long hand rail. These can be easily made from scrap.

My website [AircraftinPlastic.com](http://AircraftinPlastic.com) can help building your model.





Lower view shown smaller

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