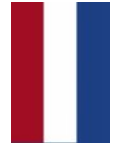


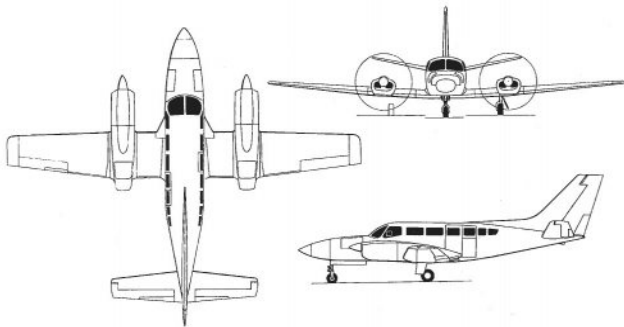
Cessna 404 Titan

Royal Hong Kong Auxiliary Air Force



INTRODUCTION

The American Cessna Aircraft company is famous for its smaller civilian and private aircraft. One of their larger types was the Cessna 404 Titan. This was a development of the Type 402 with larger wing and other changes and it could carry 2 crew and 10 passengers. First flight was in February 1975. Some 392 aircraft were manufactured until 1982.



MODEL KIT

In 1/72 scale there is a **Gremlin resin kit**.

Constanza / Aircast have announced 2026 a 1/72 resin kit.

The aircraft has a long antenna wire with a small mast on the cockpit fuselage section.

DECAL SYSTEM and APPLICATION

The decal sheet has ONE continuous print film, so EACH decal needs to be cut out with fine scissors. No other prior laser printed 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 the model surface. Do not use tweezers! They will fold double!

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.

See for other RHKAAF decals the website

www.aircraftinplastic.com

PAINTING AND DETAILS

The paint scheme is basically gloss white overall. Scheme on starboard and port is mirrored (except for the doors).

There are various red areas such as on the nose, rudder, elevators. On the fuselage is a wide band with green and blue stripes.

Apply first an overall gloss white paint. The red areas is about RLM23 and need masking before painting. The fuselage red band has green and blue stripes with a white demarcation; the green and blue stripes are decals and these need trimming wrapping these around the fuselage.

The propeller spinners are white. Propeller blades are at the frontal areas have wide black-white stripes with probably also white tips. Propeller blades are black at their aft surfaces.

No RAF roundels were seen on the aircraft, only the tail flag/ flash. On the top of the rudder is white code HKG-4 and a small 4 number on the nose gear doors.

No registration was seen on the upper wing. There may have been a registration on the lower port wing but no usable photos were found. A black HKG-4 decal is provided just in case.

RHKAFF

The Royal Hong Kong Auxiliary Air Force (RHKAFF) was a Hong Kong Government department based in Hong Kong. It was formed as an air force in 1949 as part of the Hong Kong Defence Force. It was disbanded in 31 March 1993.

The RHKAFF flew quite some smaller aircraft and helicopters over the years. This included after the Second World War Austers, Harvards, Widgeon and Alouette helicopters, Bulldogs and Beech King Air. Their main base was at Kai Tak Airport in Hong Kong.

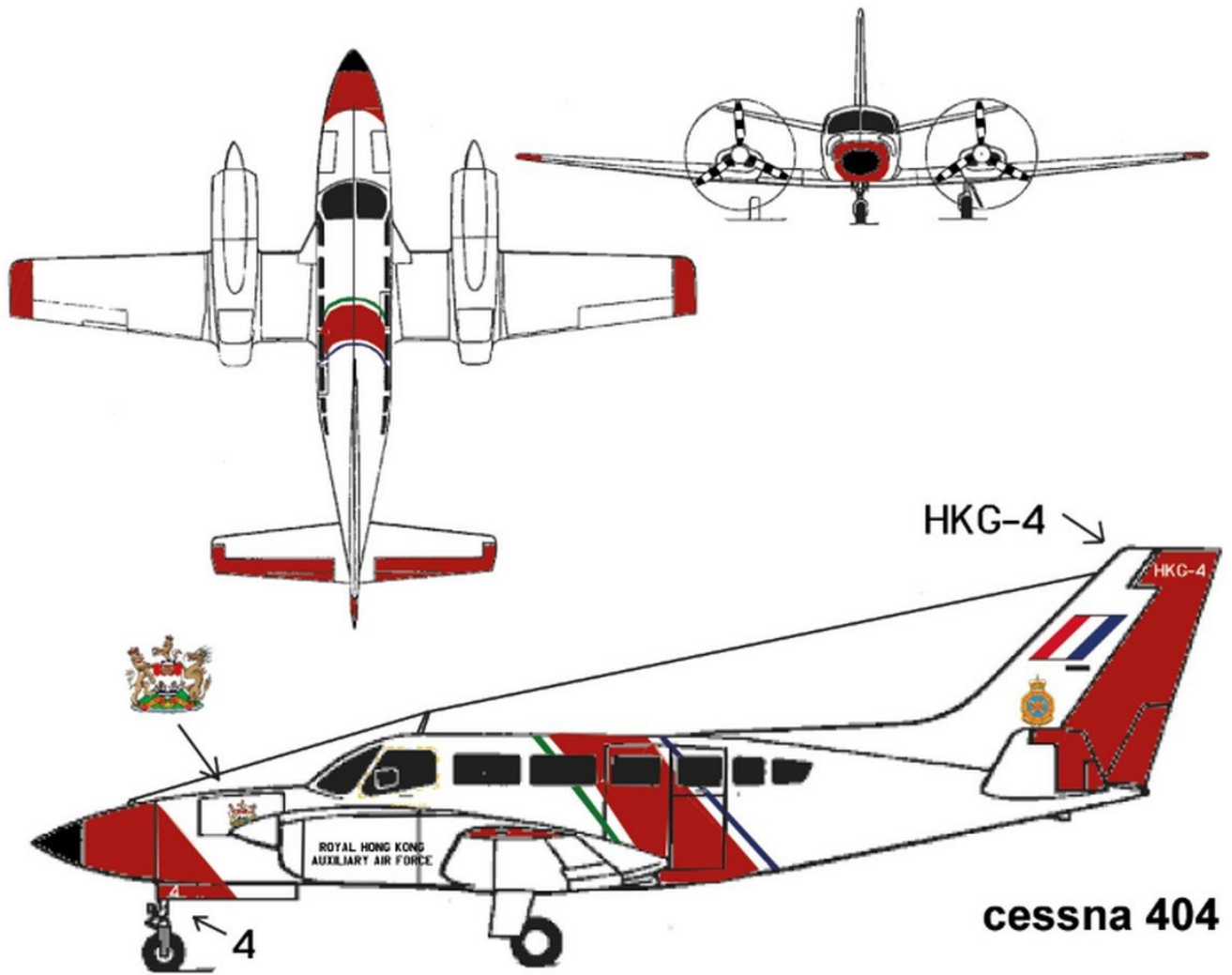
A single Cessna 404 Titan was put into service. It had two 375hp Continental engines. Its main tasks were surveillance and Search and Rescue for which a camera was installed and SAR equipment inside. The aircraft with registration HKG-4 flew from October 1979 to November 1987. Replaced in Hong Kong by Beech King Air 200C.

TIP: on internet it is easy to find photos of this aircraft, search the "code / registration" HKG-4.

Recommended websites

<https://rhkaaf.hk/raf/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Royal_Hong_Kong_Auxiliary_Air_Force



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