

Douglas DC-3 Dakota Airlines "1974 movie" "PH-MAG"

INTRODUCTION

The Dutch DC-3 registered PH-MAG was used in the Dutch movie "Dakota Airlines" released in 1974 directed by Wim Verstappen with Pim de la Parra as producer. An aviator, played the Dutch actor Kees Brusse, runs a one-man business "Dakota Airlines" on Curaçao island in The Netherlands Antilles. A single old DC-3 is his great passion. To keep it flying, he is not too choosy about the cargo he accepts. When a contraband flight in the Caribbean goes wrong, he has to flee and flies 33 hours non-stop to the Netherlands, a feat of strength visualised in a twenty-minute scene, without dialogue. While making the movie, there were personal troubles between director, actors and filmer and cost overruns. Nevertheless, it is a nice movie that shows the tropical atmosphere in the Caribbean in the seventies. The DC-3 42-92648 c/n 12472 PH-MAG was bought from Moormanair and owned May 1973 - March 1974 by Scorpio Films and flown some 160 hours for the movie. It was then sold to Nigeria.

MODEL KITS

In 1/72 scale several C-47 / DC-3 plastic model kits have appeared over the years. Many of these have some inaccurate shapes. The latest Airfix 1/72 kits C-47A kit #A08014 or Dakota #A08015 are very nice. Note that the PH-MAG flew without the roof astrodome; close the gap, putty and sand in a smooth finish. Add a few antennas on the upper fuselage and a long wire antenna.

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 laserprinted 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 doubled!

DC-3 "PH-MAG" PAINTING AND DECALS

The DC-3 scheme has light yellow cheatlines and these need to be masked and painted/ airbrushed. Yellow curved patterns are also seen on engine cowlings at both inboard and outboard cowling areas. The upper and lower surfaces of the long ailerons are also yellow.

The patterns left and right are symmetrical.

The yellow colour is about RAL 1005 gelb/yellow.

Cockpit interior is light grey. In the forward cabin area usually 5 rows with blue upholstered passenger seats were fitted but for cargo flights removed.

The upper fuselage top and vertical tail are gloss white. Paint remainder light dull (mat) aluminium: lower fuselage areas below the cheatlines, complete wing, cowlings and stabilizers. Note also black anti-icing leading edges at outboard starboard and port wing, vertical tail and stabilizers. There is a small anti-glare panel at front cockpit windows. (no black walkway lines on wing roots but red fuel filler caps).

The propellers are natural metal with black edges and yellow tips.

At the lower port/ left wing is a large black registration. Note that it had a Dutch PH-MAG registration (not PJ-). Note small AG letters above cockpit windows.

The DAKOTA AIRLINES badge is next to port/left front door and also same position at right/starboard.

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.

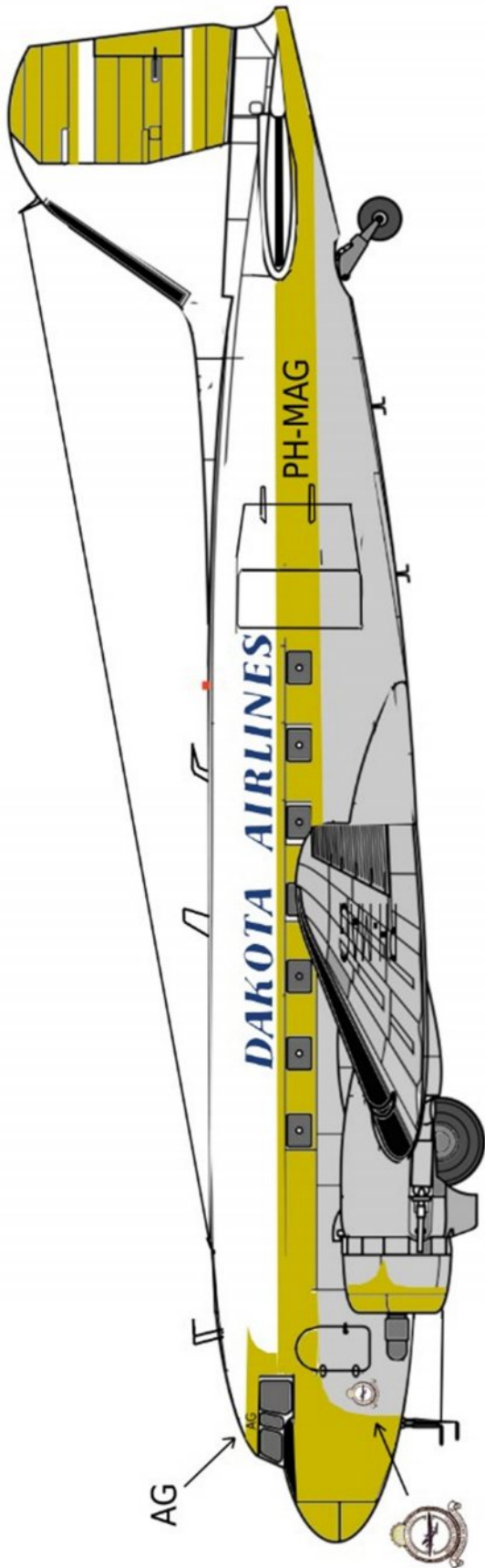
REFERENCES

On internet it is easy to find photos of the DC-3 PH-MAG as it appeared in the 1974 DAKOTA AIRLINES movie.

And very nice, the Youtube movie link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u1yhhyR4_0






RAL 1005
Honey Yellow



The scheme / patterns left and right are symmetrical. Ailerons are also yellow.

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