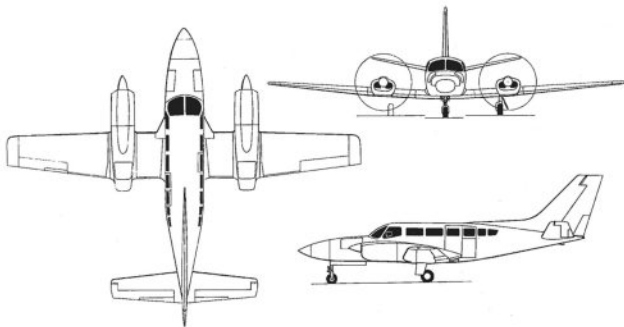


Cessna 404 Titan "Kustwacht" / Dutch Coast Guard



INTRODUCTION

A Cessna 404 Titan was put into service in 1982 on behalf of the Dutch Government for "Maritime Pollution Control". The aircraft with registration PH-MPC flew from 1982 to 1993 and was owned by Martinair (in the seventies a Cessna 402 was previously leased). The pilots were from Martinair with police men as observers and photographer. The aircraft was equipped with a SLAR boom under the left/port fuselage nose. The aircraft flew mostly from Rotterdam Zestienhoven for North Sea patrols and above rivers and lakes.



MODEL KIT

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

The long SLAR boom has a dark yellow colour and can be easily made from a bit of sprue. It is set on short stubs.

The aircraft has long antenna wires and few smaller sprite antennas on the fuselage spine.

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 doubled!

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.

PAINTING AND DETAILS

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

Though colourful bands are supplied, it may be better to airbrush the red fuselage areas. Use then the decals as pattern for masking. The blue band section of the decals can be used instead of painting.

No registration was seen on the upper wing, but it is probable that a registration is on the lower port wing. A decal is provided.

Leading edges of wing outboard of the nacelles, tail and horizontal tail plane: flat black.

The propeller spinners are white. Propeller blades are at the frontal areas medium grey with light grey tips and black at the rear.

[1] First scheme "Maritime Patrol" (about 1980-1985) has long blue cheatlines. These are also situated on the entire nacelle, probably only on the outsides. The tail had Dutch flag colours and Royal badge. "Hawk" name on both nose sides.

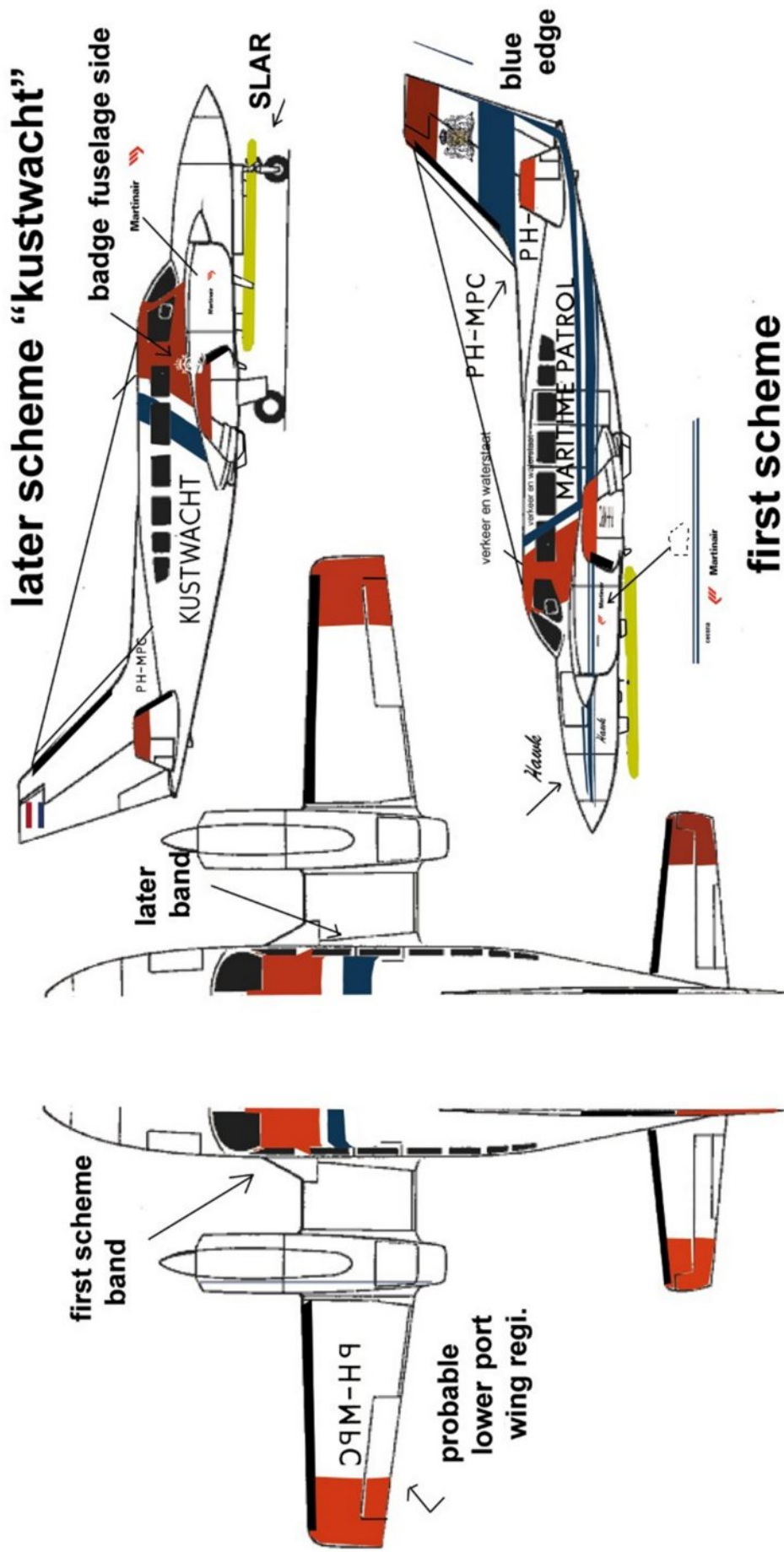
The approximate colours are red-orange Revell Aqua 30 and the blue Gunze Sangyo Mr.Hobby H15.

[2] Later scheme "Kustwacht"

The same aircraft was repainted and given the title "KUSTWACHT". It seems that the red is a bit darker now. The blue fuselage band is also wider. The cheatlines were no longer applied.

Dutch Coast Guard *badges* are situated on the red fuselage area below the cabin window. The separate decals have a white colour with tiny black lower title.

TIP: on internet it is easy to find photos of this aircraft, search the "code / registration" PH-MPC. Also visit modelling website www.ipms.nl



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