

Peru Aermacchi MB-339 AP

Escuadrilla Acrobatica "Los Diablos Rojos"

For 1/72 scale Italeri #1354 / Supermodel kit

In the mid 1980's the Peru Air Force "Fuerza Aerea del Peru" obtained Aermacchi MB-339AP jets which are MB-339A with the (P)eru designation. General Commander Praeli established probably in 1984 the Escuadrilla Acrobatica Los Diablos Rojos (Red Devils Aerobatic Team) for flying demonstrations. There were some displays but after a midair collision in February 1985 the team was dissolved in 1986 and jets put in storage. Many years later the aircraft were reactivated.

DECAL APPLICATION

The decal sheet has one continuous print film, so each decal needs to be cut out with fine scissors or use a sharp knife and steel ruler cutting on a glass plate.

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 VERY THIN, so slide off from the wet backing sheet on a horizontally held GLOSSY model surface.

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.

In 1/72 scale Supermodel released a 1/72 kit of the MB-339 that was also released by Italeri kit #1354. The team jet colours were red-orange and white.

NO Peru roundels were seen on the team jets with only a team badge at the rear fuselage on both port- and starboard. It was difficult to find the badge, the print quality is thus not optimal. The wing colour pattern looks similar at upper and lower wing areas. The insides of the wing tip fuel tanks appear to be medium blue as is the anti-glare panel in front of the wind screen (thus NOT black).

Colour suggestions: Gunze Sangyo Mr Hobby acrylic red-orange H23, medium blue H15. Use masking tape for the pattern.

Decals are for ship # "5" or "8" as flown in 1984. By cutting and combining "3", "6", "9" may also be possible. Some extra spare decals are on the sheet as are roundels.



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<https://aircraftinplastic.com/models/mb-339/mb339-1.htm>

Equipo acrobático peruano - DIABLOS ROJOS



MB-339 PA, Fuerza Aerea del Peru (FAP), Escuadrilla Acrobatica Los Diablos Rojos (Red Devils Aerobatic Team) ca. 1984

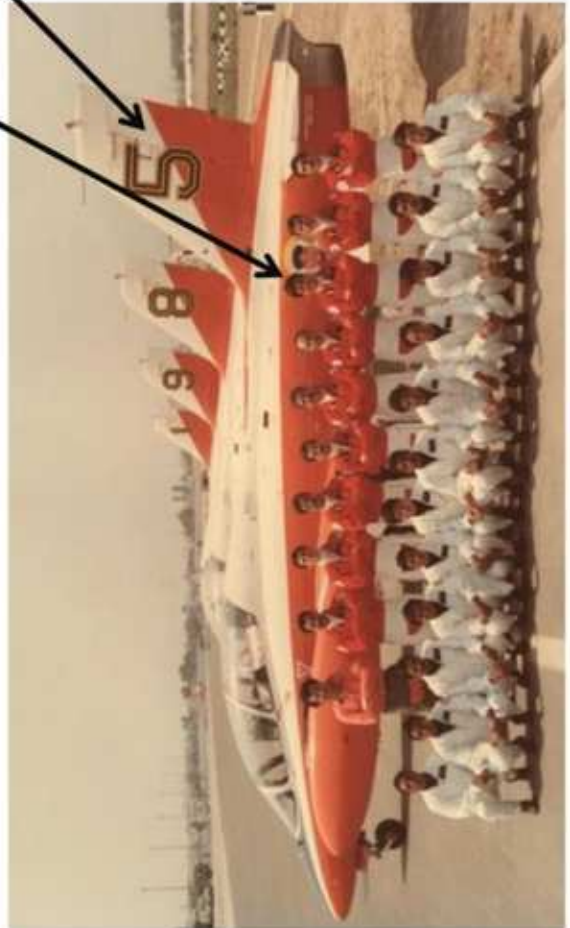
Note: Los Diablos Rojos jets:

- probably NO roundels on wing and fuselage
- demo team badge on rear fuselage side
- medium blue anti glare insides on wing tanks
- medium blue anti glare cockpit
- white tail fins
- tail number 5 or 8
- red-orange pattern same on lower and upper surfaces like wing and tailplane

colours: red-orange and white



Some extra decals like roundels, tail flash and numbers provided to make standard Peru MB-339 PA



demo jet
probably
no roundels

medium blue
tank inside
(not black)



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