

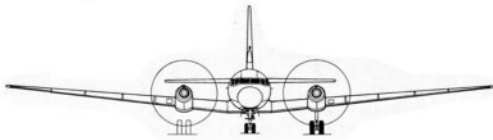
**NAMC YS-11 WINAIR St.Maarten Dutch Antilles**

Various scales possible for these decals

**HISTORY**

After the Second World War the Ministry of Trade and Industry in Japan wanted to restart the aviation industry with a civil airliner. A special corporation NAMC was set up to develop a pretty large propliner for 64 passengers. This resulted in the YS-11 that first flew August 1962. It was fitted with 2 Roll Royce Dart engines. The type was mostly sold in Japan but also operated by quite a few foreign airlines. YS-11 were also purchased for the Japan military and some used in special roles. Eventually some 182 YS-11 were manufactured.

Length 26,3 m and wingspan 32,0 m. Empty weight about 15,400 kg and MTOW 24,500 kg. Cruise speed 469 km/hr and range about 1000 km with max load.



NAMC YS-11

**WINAIR St.Maarten**

The Dutch Antillean regional airline WINAIR based at St.Maarten used an YS-11 with registration PJ-WIK around the year 1995. The airline needed extra capacity. (YS-11 registered N107MP was probably the same aircraft).

TIP: various decals for other Winair/ Windward Island Airways aircraft like Twin Otter and BN Islander are also available: look at <https://aircraftinplastic.com/>

**MODEL KITS**

In 1/72 scale IMAI from Japan released in 1968 an YS-11 kit. The mould was improved by BANDAI with quite some kit releases #4601, #8508 and others.

In 1/144 scale Doyusha from Japan and Hasegawa released kits. Otaki had a 1/150 kit.

In 1/200 scale Platz released a few kits.

**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!

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.

**COLOUR SCHEME WINAIR St.Maarten**

The upper fuselage and vertical tail are gloss white. The other surfaces such as the lower fuselage, wing, nacelles, gear doors and horizontal stabilizers are natural metal.

Scheme is symmetrical port and starboard.

The rudder and rear tail area are red. Match the red colour with the red cheatline stripe. The red-white-blue cheatlines run on the fuselage which are decals. Note that the white stripes are to be achieved through white base colour painting and the stripe is a bit wider than the red and blue stripes. When masking the white areas ensure there is a tiny about 1 millimeter white edge below the lower blue stripe.

Leading edges of outboard wing sections, horizontal tailplanes and vertical tail are mat black. Radar nose is also black. A silver frame around some cockpit windows.

Propeller spinners, propeller blades are dull aluminium with red tips. Black de-icing edges on propeller blades.

NOTE: the kit may have clear windows. But on the decals sheet are also cabin window decals. The forward fuselage has a first row with 4 windows on both port and starboard. Add the separate single window row decals. The long window row decals can then be set. (Some spare window decals are also on the sheet).

Large registration for PJ-WIK is situated on lower port wing.

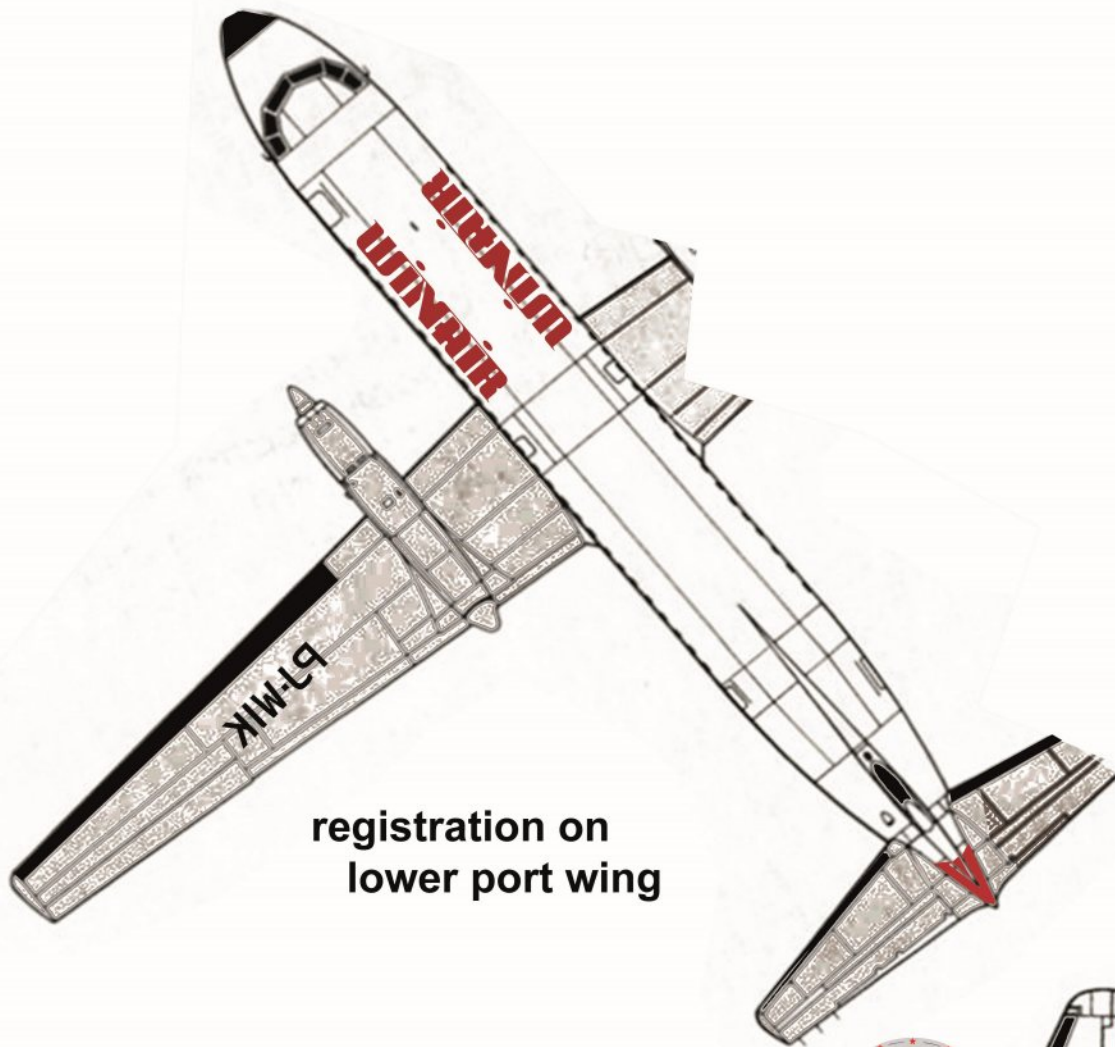
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registration on  
lower port wing



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