





With the introduction of the Douglas DC-3 into airline service in 1936, air transportation took a giant leap forward. The DC-3 was built in greater numbers than any other airliner, reaching 1,000 units by the time it was replaced by more modern machines after World War II.

However, the DC-3 continued in commercial service, and in many cases, was still the preferred type for short to medium range air routes. The DC-3 became an anomaly, a relatively small, 20 passenger airliner serving short routes alongside more modern types developed during the war. What was needed was modern twin-engined all-purpose airliner with the economy, durability and versatility of the legendary capabilities of the old "Gooney Bird".

Many new types were built, including piston, turboprop and all-jet powered planes which became operational, but none ever achieved the popularity or reached the 1,000 unit record set by the DC-3. Then, in the mid '60s, Douglas introduced the DC-9.

The DC-9 was truly intended to be a replacement for not only the DC-3, but for many of the post-war twin-engined piston and turboprop airliners. The

placement of the engines was chosen because it left the wings clear, reduced cabin noise and had favorable engine-out characteristics. It also lent itself to later expansions to carry more passengers and fuel.

So many stretches and modifications had been made to the DC-9 by 1977, that it became clear a whole new generation of the plane had been developed, so the company decided to label it DC-9-80. The first flight of this model took place on October 19, 1979, with the first commercial flight occurring in October, 1980. In 1982, the series was officially identified as MD-80.

American Airlines received their first MD-80 type in July of 1985. Eventually, American Airlines received 260 MD-82's, one of them being the 2,000th example of the versatile DC-9 type airliner. The total production of the MD-80 version came 1,160 units.

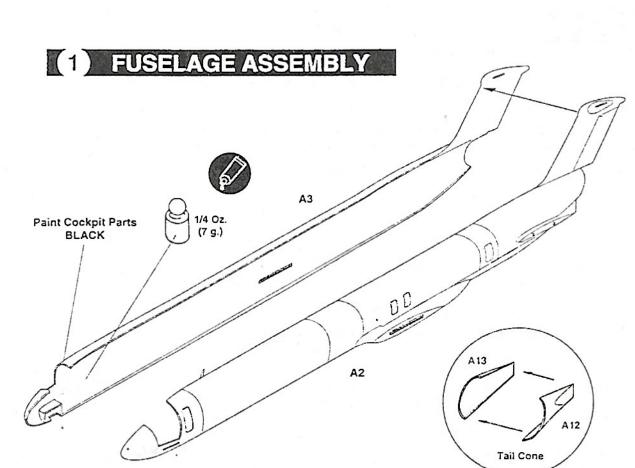
The MD-82 can carry up to 156 passengers at a speed of 577 mph.



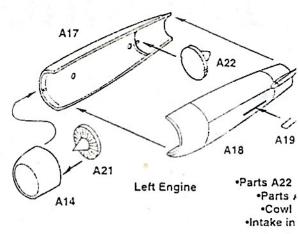




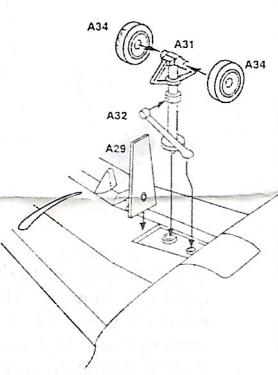




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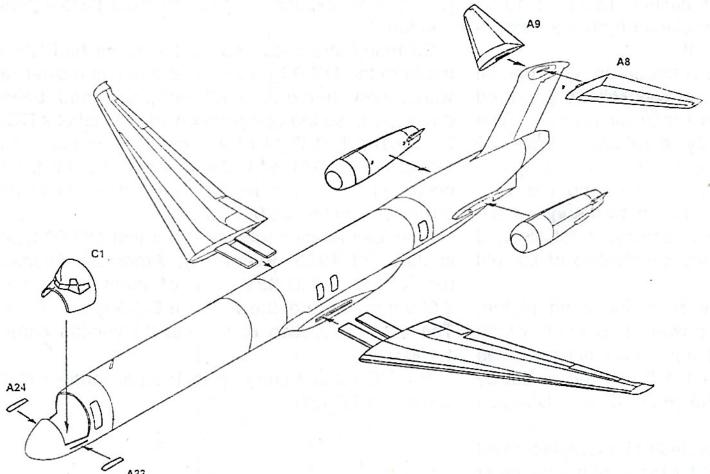


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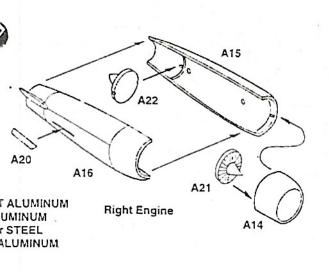


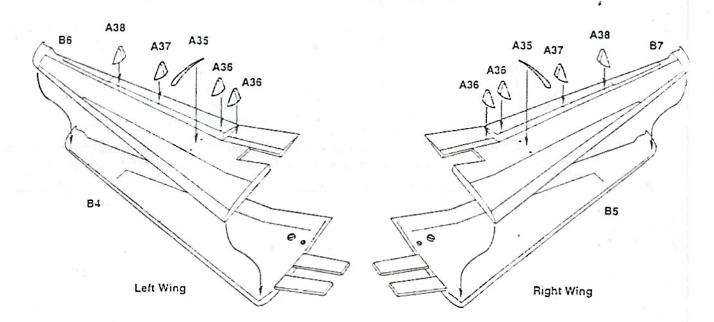
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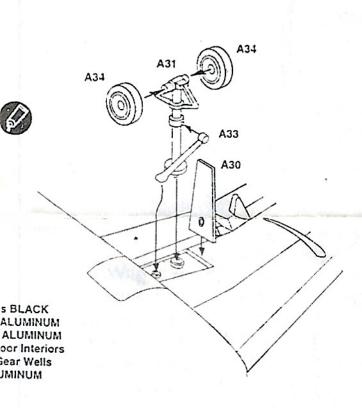


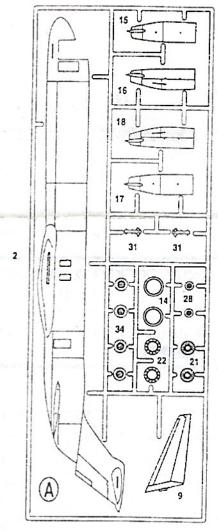
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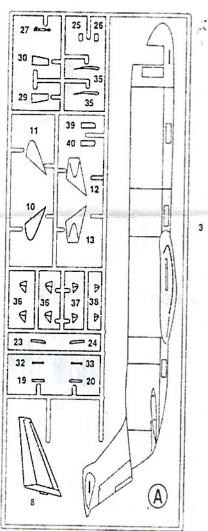




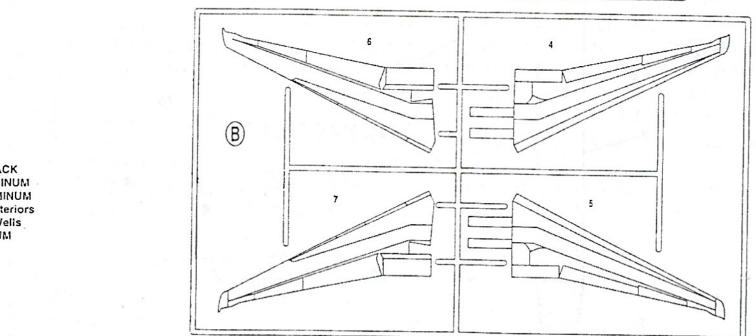
#### PARTS LAYOUT DIAGRAM







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#### NG GEAR

