

Air-India Lockheed L-1049G Super Constellation

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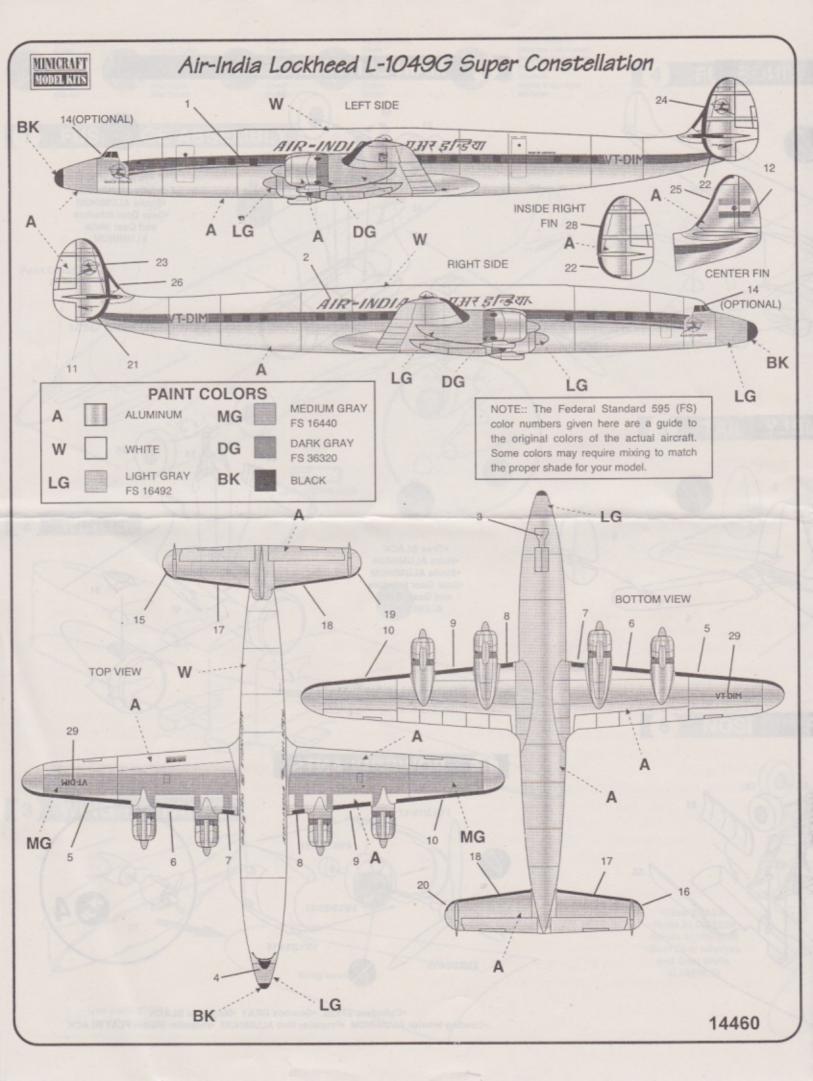
Formed in 1932, as Tata & Sons, this India based line was primarily concerned with delivering air mail until 1938. Renamed Tata Airlines, it began carrying passengers as well. When World War Two broke out, the line was restricted to carrying government and military loads. During this time, the airline had the opportunity to fly large aircraft, such as the DC-4/C-54. The experience gained in these operations placed the company in a good position to enlarge at the the end of the war.

In 1948, the company changed its name to Air-India International, with the Indian Government owning nearly half of the airline. The first international operations began with a flight from Bombay to London, and by 1950 Air-India routes were extended to Nairobi. Three years later, all Indian airlines were nationalized and combined into two separate groups, Indian National Airlines for domestic service and Air India International, the global flag bearer.

In 1954, the airline introduced the Lockheed Super Constellation with service to Europe. Each of the five Super Constellations was named after a Hindu rajah's wife. By 1956, the airline became simply Air India, and the airline adopted the name "Magic Carpet Route" for their overnight Constellation service between Bombay and Tokyo.

The Lockheed L-1049G Super Constellation was powered by four Wright R-3350 turbo-compound engines which used exhaust gas to drive three power recovery turbines which increased the power by 20%. The maximum speed of the Super Connie was 366 mph, faster than most World War II fighters! Normal range was 4,815 miles. With optional wing-tip tanks, the range could be extended to 5,800 miles.

Each of the Air India Super Constellations could carry sixty-three passengers, some with "Slumberette" reclining seats for the nearly 24 hour journey.







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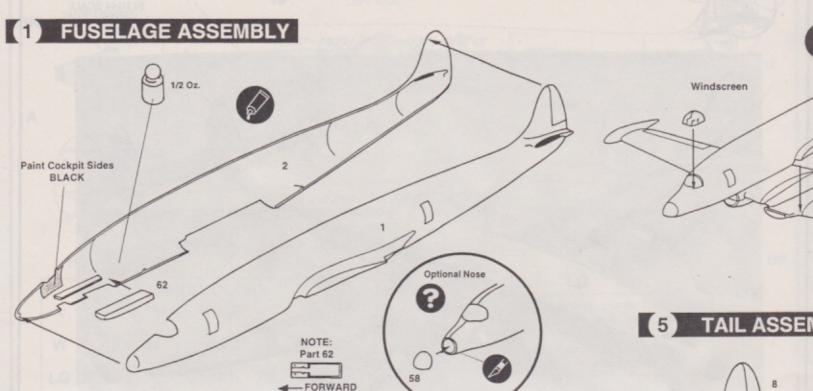


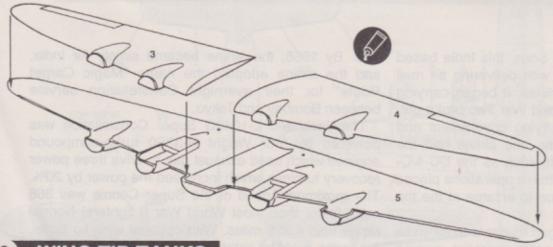
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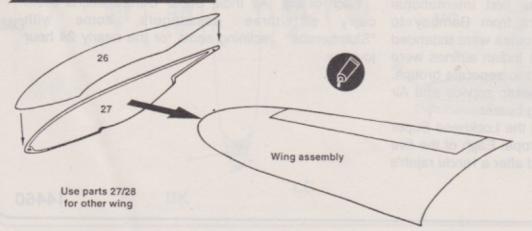
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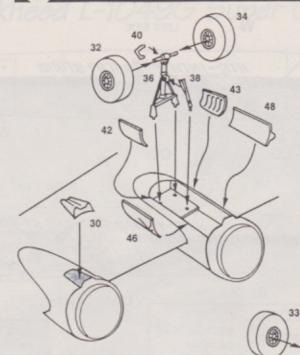
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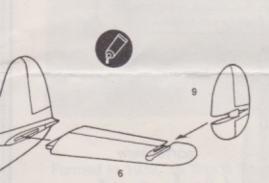
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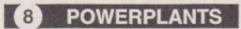
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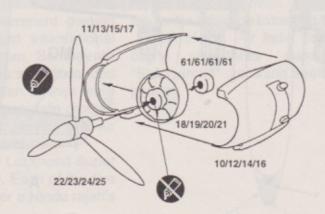


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Starboard (Right) Main Gear







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