

## Peru Aermacchi MB-339 AP

### Escuadrilla Acrobatica "Los Diablos Rojos"

For 1/72 scale: Italeri #1354 or old Supermodel kit

For 1/48 scale: Frems #0198 kit (very rare)

#### HISTORY

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.

#### DECALS SYSTEM

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

Note that a decal that contains a white section is often split in two parts. To get the full decal marking, apply both. On the decals sheet you will often see an "arrow" to indicate this way of application (on white surfaces, the white section is optional).

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.

#### MODEL

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.

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

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).

Decals are for ship # "5" or "8" as flown in 1984. By cutting and combining "3", "6", "9" may also be possible.

NO Peru roundels were seen on the team jets with only a team badge at the rear fuselage on both port- and starboard. But some extra spare decals including roundels are on the sheet.

For modelling the 1/72 scale kit, please visit my website page:

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



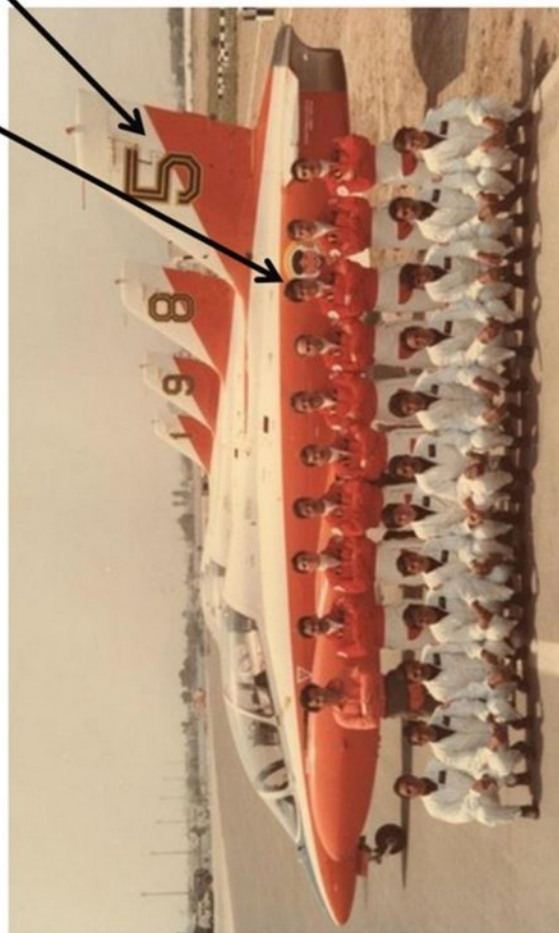
# MB-339 PA, Fuerza Aerea del Peru (FAP), Escuadrilla Acrobatica Los Diablos Rojos (Red Devils Aerobatic Team) ca. 1984

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



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tank inside  
(not black)



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