

# Short Sunderland Mk.V

**The Short Sunderland served during World War II flying long range patrols protecting convoys and seeking out enemy submarines. After the war it served with several air forces before being phase out in the 1960s.**

The Sunderland was ordered in 1933, flew for the first time in October 1937 and entered service in December 1938. They flew long range maritime sorties with the RAF for the entire war in several versions, the final one being the Mark.V that entered service in March 1944. They also flew with Australian, New Zealand and South African air forces and with the French Aeronavale from 1945 to 1960.

This model represents a Sunderland of Escadrille de Servitude 50 S at Ban Lanvedoc-Poulmic, 1960

**Data** maritime reconnaissance/bomber flying-boat. *Engines* four Pratt & Whitney R-1830-90B Twin Wasp radial piston engines of 895kW (1,200 hp). *Wing span* 34.38m (112ft 9½in). *Length* 26.00m (85ft 3½in). *Gross weight* 26,308kg (65,000lbs). *Maximum speed* 340km/h (213mph). *Range* 2860km (2690miles). *Armament* up to 16 7.7mm (.303in) machine guns and 2250kg (4960 lb) of bombs, depth charges or mines.

*Airfix 1/72 kit Carpena* decals completed by Leigh Edmonds in February 2004.



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