

# Short Sandringham

**The Short Sandringham was a demilitarised version of the Short Sunderland flying boat. They began entering service in 1943 and were finally retired in 1974 (the last one flying with Ansett Flying Boat Services).**

Development of the Sandringham began in 1942 when BOAC began using unarmed Sunderlands on a route to Africa. From 1943 fully converted Sandringhams began service; they were made in seven versions depending on the mark of Sunderland they were converted from and a total of 28 were made. Originally they served on long range overseas routes and when they were replaced by more modern airliners they served on local and specialized routes.

Norwegian Air Lines (DNL) ordered three Sandringham 6s in 1948 for its coastal services, but all had crashed within four years.

This model represents a Sandringham flying with Norwegian Air Lines in the late 1940s.

**Data:** flying boat airliner. *Engines* four Pratt & Whitney Twin Wasp R-1830-92D radial engines of 890kW each. *Wing span* 34.36m. *Length* 26.30m. *Gross weight* 27,230kg. *Maximum speed* 332km/h. *Range* 3,930km. *Payload* 22 day passengers or 16 sleeper passengers. *Crew* 5.

*F-Rsin* 1/144 kit. Completed in March 2012.



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