

# 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. In Australian skies, for example. VH-EBX, flew first for Tasman Empire Airways Limited, then Qantas and finally in Australia by Ansett Flying Boat Services.

This model represents VH-EBX flying for Qantas Empire Airways in 1951.

**Data:** flying boat airliner. *Engines* four Pratt & Whitney Twin Wasp R-1830-92D radial engines of 895kW each. *Wing span* 34.39m. *Length* 26.30m. *Loaded weight* 27,273kg. *Maximum speed* 332km/h. *Range* 3,928km. *Payload* 22 day passengers or 16 sleeper passengers. *Crew* 5.

*F-Rsin* 1/144 kit completed by Leigh Edmonds in May 2022.



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