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MODEL KIT REPORT



Atlantis' Boeing SST Supersonic Transport features all-new box art.

The Plane That Never Was: Atlantis Boeing 2707



Atlantis' Boeing SST is resplendent in bonus Pan Am markings included with the kit.

Since acquiring hundreds of vintage molds in 2018, Atlantis Models has been re-releasing classic kits that have been out of circulation for decades.

One of the latest kits to resurface is the Boeing SST Supersonic Transport. This was previously a Monogram Models kit, last released in 1973. When the model debuted in 1968, it was supposed to represent the in-development Boeing 2707 civilian airliner, intended to be America's answer to the Anglo/French Concorde.

The 2707 would have been much larger and faster than the Concorde. If built, it would have been enormous, over 300 feet (nearly 100 meters) in length. For this reason, Monogram chose 1/400 scale to produce a simple desktop model easily afforded and built by the average 1960s modeler. Atlantis brings the kit back with brand-new box art that will stand out on the retail shelf and then fly away with the impulse shopper at supersonic speed, thanks to a very low MSRP.



Construction is easy. We recommend using rubber bands after gluing parts together to achieve a strong bond.

The model has a swoopy kit-specific stand that evokes an aerospace manufacturer's promo model. The parts count is low, and assembly is simple. It's a great kit for new modelers or an easygoing weekend project for the advanced modeler who needs a break from

contest-building. Collectors and historians will also be interested since this is a historic kit representing a future that once was. The wings have engraved lines for flap and brake details, and if carefully glued, they'll swing back and forth to represent high-speed flight or approach and landing.

Atlantis Models doesn't simply duplicate a previous release of a kit. In this case, they added all-new decals — two schemes to choose from! Boeing's famous 1960s yellow prototype décor is included (we actually provided input regarding historically accurate possibilities, and this was the one that appealed to Atlantis). The "surprise" scheme is legendary Pan American Airlines, which would

likely have been the first commercial airline to take delivery of the 2707 had it been built. Licensing problems prevent Atlantis from proclaiming this on the outside of the box, but we couldn't resist finishing the model in this classic livery. Atlantis decals are top-quality with crisp printing, and they are always easy to apply.

Long before there was a 1/400 scale that eventually became popular for collectible diecast airliners, Monogram chose this scale to depict the massive plane. Collectors of today's 1/400 prebuilt airliner models will appreciate being able to add this iconic plane-that-never-was to their collection thanks to the Atlantis kit. If Pam Am or the Boeing house schemes aren't thrilling enough, Drawdecal.com produces reasonably priced aftermarket decal sheets to duplicate the original Monogram release with United Airlines markings. Classic hypothetical liveries such as Northwest Airlines and TWA are just a couple of the others available as well.

Thanks to the low price, your customers will be motivated to buy multiple kits to build these fantastic flight-of-fancy schemes. Products of this quality and price rarely linger on store shelves. Atlantis Models are made in the USA, and the company has avoided many supply chain issues that have plagued other kit manufacturers in recent years. Order with confidence! **HM**

[Editor's Note: Please welcome Bill Engar to our stable of contributing writers. Bill is always on the lookout for new kits, paints and accessories to highlight in Model Kit Report.]

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