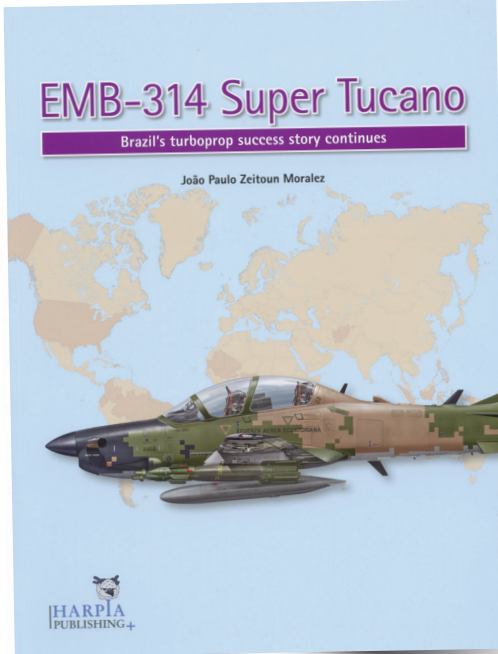


EMB-314 Super Tucano

Brazil's turboprop success story continues



A companion volume to Harpia's earlier release (see *EMB-312 Tucano: Brazil's turboprop success story*, October 2018), this smaller title continues the

story, looking at the development of the subsequent EMB-314 Super Tucano.

It begins with a brief overview of why Embraer developed the Tucano into a far more capable aircraft intended to undertake roles over and above advanced trainer. The author provides a very detailed description of the technical and avionics upgrades introduced to the new airframe, including a new-generation head-up display,

plus weapons hardpoints.

What emerged was one of the most capable light-attack platforms to date, and the Super Tucano has proved to be an

outstanding export success.

Chapter three provides a complete list of nations operating the aircraft, many of whom have taken it into combat.

Operational histories are explained in depth and supported by colour profiles. The artwork is stunning – Harpia certainly has the best profile artists in the business working on its publications. Perhaps the most interesting chapter covers testing of the Super Tucano as a possible replacement for the A-10 in the US, where debate continues to rage over the future of light attack. The detailed text is illustrated throughout by pin-sharp air-to-air images, most of which have not been previously published.

A brilliant book on a highly capable turboprop. **Glenn Sands**

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The Royal Navy Wasp

An Operational & Retirement History

The diminutive Westland Wasp was one of the unsung workhorses of the Fleet Air Arm's (FAA's) Cold War. It was designed as a 'weapons carrier' to launch torpedoes and depth charges on submarine contacts outside the range of the parent ship's onboard weapons.

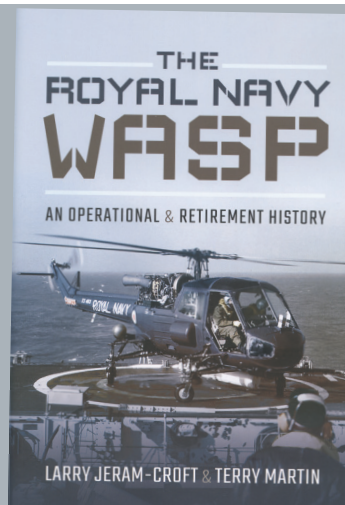
The helicopter quickly took on a secondary role of air-to-surface attack, using wire-guided missiles. Such an operational profile inevitably led to crews finding themselves in some dramatic situations, including in combat during the Falklands War. At last, these aircrew accounts have been compiled in a single volume and they make for a remarkable and surprising read.

Wasp crews found themselves in other tense situations, such as the so-called 'Cod Wars' which began in the 1970s and

which gradually escalated as Iceland and the UK fought over fishing rights. Pilot Tony Hogg's account of flying the Wasp during these confrontations show how events escalated to a point where ships from both countries were ramming each other.

However, the standout chapter deals with Wasp operations during the Falklands conflict of 1982. The accounts of flying Special Boat Service personnel at night at low level over the islands demonstrate how the skills of the FAA Wasp pilots had developed over the years.

The navies of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Netherlands, New Zealand and South Africa also flew the Wasp. Where possible, aircrew accounts from these operators are provided, alongside lists of airframes and serials.



A good book on the Wasp has been a long time coming, but this is worth the wait. **Glenn Sands**

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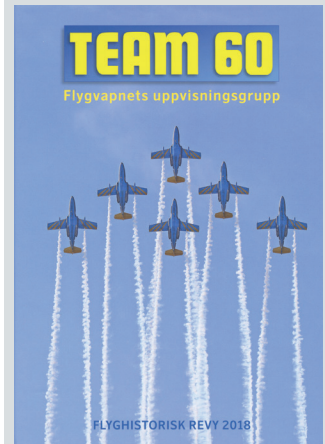
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Team 60 – Flygvapnets uppvisningsgrupp

Flyghistorisk Revy 2018



Books on the Swedish Air Force are few and far between, so this hardback title on Team 60 – the country's display team – is a welcome release. The bulk of the main text is in Swedish, but there's an extensive English summary providing a detailed overview of each chapter.

A mass of colour and black and white images support the words, many sourced from the private collections of former team members. The result is far more interesting than the all-too-familiar air force publicity images.

It's clear that Team 60 enjoys a huge following among Sweden's aviation enthusiasts. This is reflected in the fan mail they have been sent over the years, some of which is included here.

The aircrew accounts are supported by illustrations of the flying routine and reprints from the Saab 105 manual – the basic jet trainer they operate. A two-hour CD accompanies the book and includes interviews and footage of Team 60's displays. One former team member provides a walkaround tour of a 105, pointing out specifics of the airframe and engine area. There's some great footage here and it's only a shame the CD lacks an English translation. Perhaps for the next edition? **Glenn Sands**

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