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## Plastic model

scale:1/72

The Ilyushin Il-18 (NATO code Coot) is a large turboprop airliner that became one of the best known Soviet aircraft of its era as well as one of the most popular and durable, having first flown in 1957 and still being in civilian use 55 years later. The Il-18 was one of the world's principal airliners for several decades and was widely exported. The first Il-18, equipped with NK-4 turboprop engines, flew on 4 July 1957. On 17 September 1958 the aircraft first flew with the new lychenko Al-20 engines. Vladimir Kokkinaki was the test pilot. Between 1958 and 1960 twenty-five world records were set by this aircraft In 1958 the aircraft was awarded the Brussels World Fair Grand Prix. In April 1979. Seventeen foreign air carriers acquired 125 aircraft, seating 100-120 passengers. Some are still in service in Siberia and the Middle East. Several examples manufactured in the mid 1960s were still in civilian use in Africa as at 2012







