

## 中國聯航

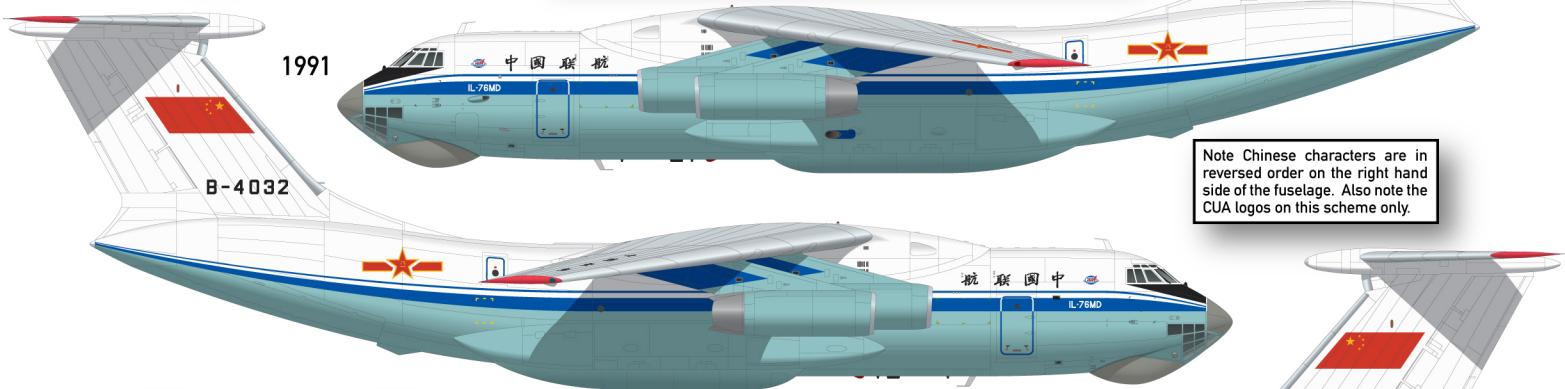


In 1990 the Chinese government ordered a batch of Il-76 strategic airlifters from the Soviet Union. The aircraft were Il-76MD "falsies" (military Il-76MDs without the tail gun turret). Originally assigned to China United Airlines (the enterprise wholly owned by the PLAAF), they were re-marked with PLAAF markings after the demise of CUA in 2002. They are still in service today with the PLAAF, and have recently begun sporting a unique grey-blue/light grey camouflage scheme.

1991

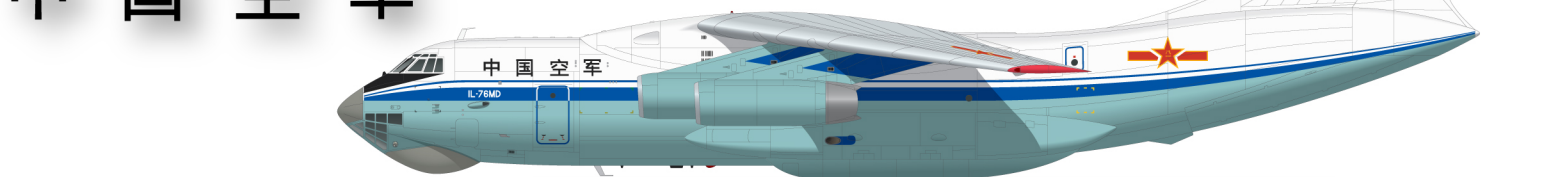
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Note Chinese characters are in reversed order on the right hand side of the fuselage. Also note the CUA logos on this scheme only.



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2005

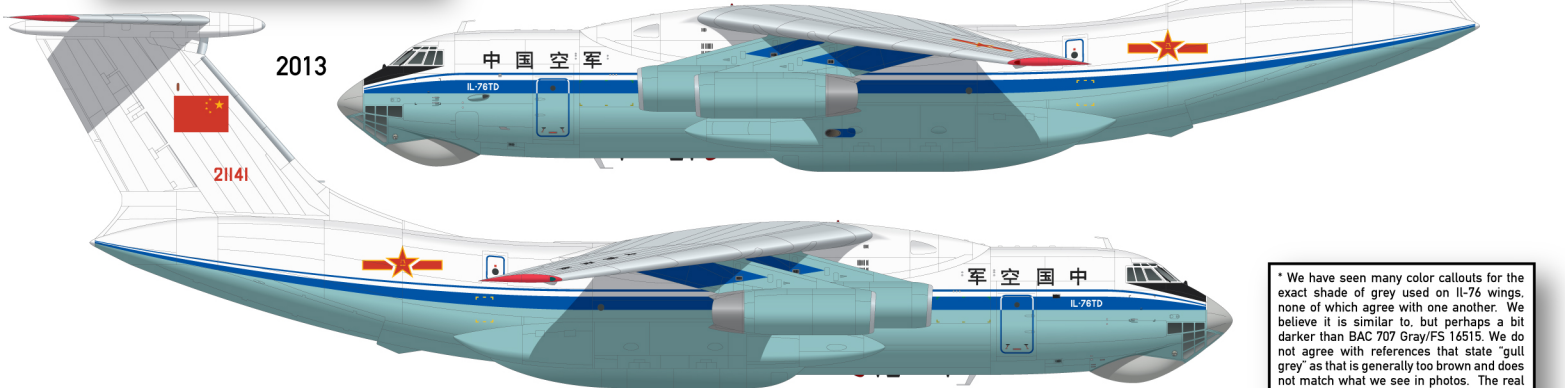
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Shown here are three variations on the rather garish delivery color scheme for the Chinese Il-76s. Wings and horizontal stabilizers (top and bottom) were gloss light grey, typical of other Il-76s. The upper fuselage and vertical fin are white, while the lower fuselage, engine nacelles, and pylons were an intense slightly greenish blue. This color appears different in different lighting conditions, but our best guess for painting your model would be to start with WWII German RLM 65 Hellblau and mix and match from there. The chevrons on the engine pylons, as well as the area of the lower wing below the outboard engines were the same bright blue as the cheat lines. Leading edges of the wings, horizontal stabilizers, vertical fin, and the tip of the fairing at the top of the fin were dull natural metal. Radomes were a dark, slightly greenish grey. Tips of wings and horizontal stabilizers are day-glow red-orange. The blue and white cheatline decals are intentionally longer than necessary to allow for positioning. Cut out overlapping portion as needed. Note that the intake for the inert gas generator in the leading edge of the right hand landing gear fairing is plugged on these aircraft.

Note that 21141 is labeled as an Il-76TD (vs. an MD). This aircraft is believed to be a second hand example purchased from Russia. Its radomes are a slightly lighter shade than the other aircraft.

2013

21141

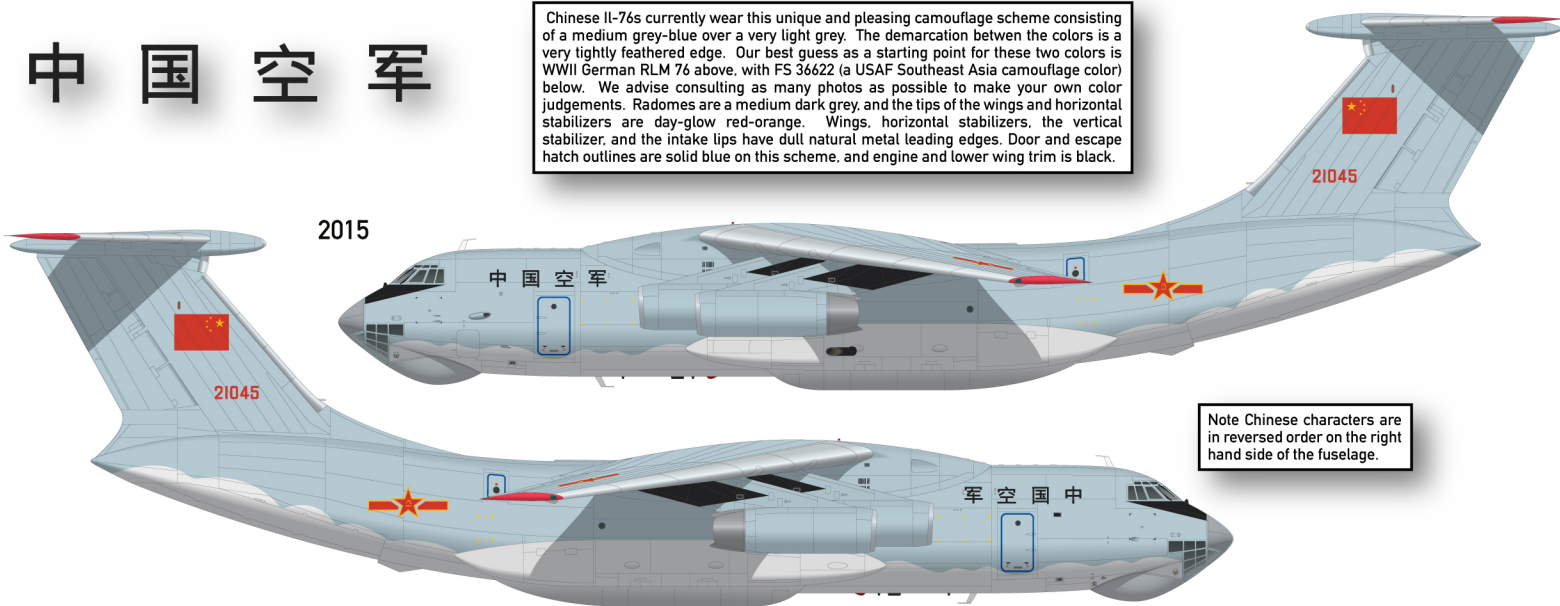


\* We have seen many color callouts for the exact shade of grey used on Il-76 wings, none of which agree with one another. We believe it is similar to, but perhaps a bit darker than BAC 707 Gray/FS 16515. We do not agree with references that state "gull grey" as that is generally too brown and does not match what we see in photos. The real color appears different in different lighting conditions, so the choice is up to you.

Gloss White
  Gloss Light Grey\*
  Gloss Blue-Green
  Fluorescent Red-Orange

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Chinese Il-76s currently wear this unique and pleasing camouflage scheme consisting of a medium grey-blue over a very light grey. The demarcation between the colors is a very tightly feathered edge. Our best guess as a starting point for these two colors is WWII German RLM 76 above, with FS 36622 (a USAF Southeast Asia camouflage color) below. We advise consulting as many photos as possible to make your own color judgements. Radomes are a medium dark grey, and the tips of the wings and horizontal stabilizers are day-glow red-orange. Wings, horizontal stabilizers, the vertical stabilizer, and the intake tips have dull natural metal leading edges. Door and escape hatch outlines are solid blue on this scheme, and engine and lower wing trim is black.

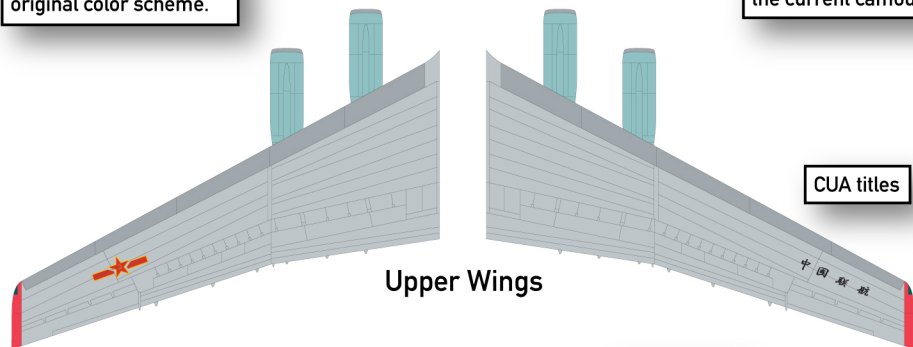


2015

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China United and PLAAF upper wing markings in original color scheme.

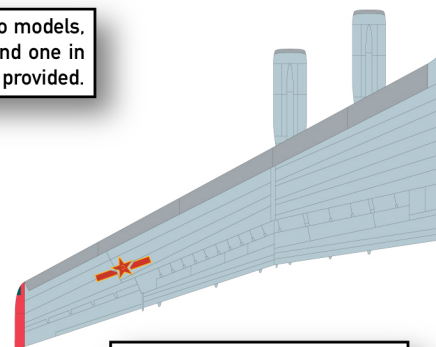
Decals sufficient to build two models, one in the delivery colors and one in the current camouflage, are provided.



Upper Wings

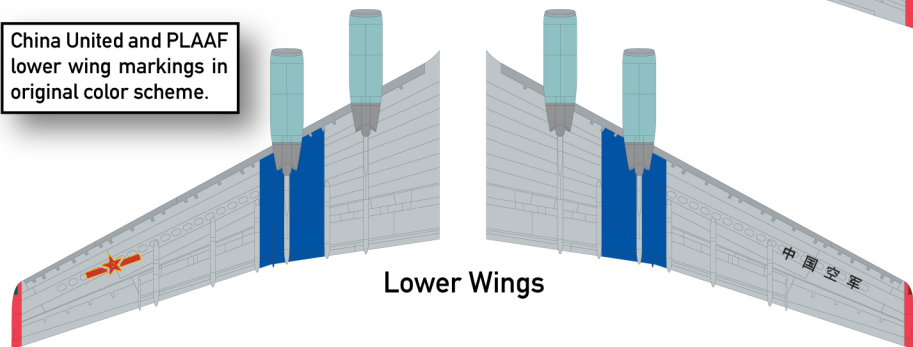
CUA titles

PLAAF titles



PLAAF upper wing markings in grey-blue camouflage scheme. Chinese insignias on both upper and both lower wings. No titles. Horizontal stabilizers finished in camouflage colors.

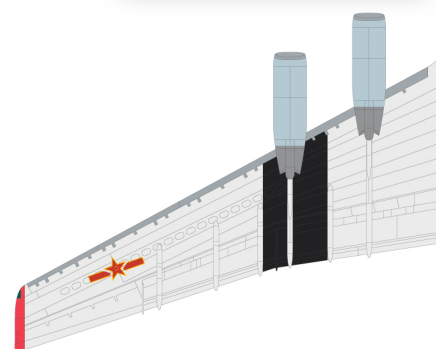
China United and PLAAF lower wing markings in original color scheme.



Lower Wings

CUA titles

PLAAF titles



Gloss White

Gloss Light Grey\*

Semi-Gloss Grey-Blue

Gloss Blue-Green

Fluorescent Red-Orange

Semi-Gloss Light Grey

Horizontal stabilizer showing day-glow red-orange tip. Upper and lower surface colors as above.