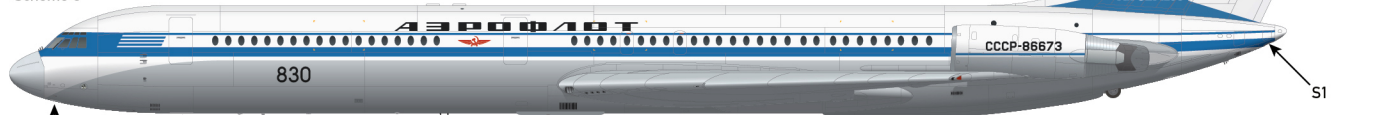




One converted NK-8 powered prototype (CCCP-86673) and five as-built Il-62Ms wore this attractive scheme prior to the introduction of Aeroflot's standardized 1973 color scheme. There were four different variations of the stripes around the cockpit, so be sure to use the correct version for the aircraft you are modeling. The last known appearance of an Il-62M in this scheme was in 1977.

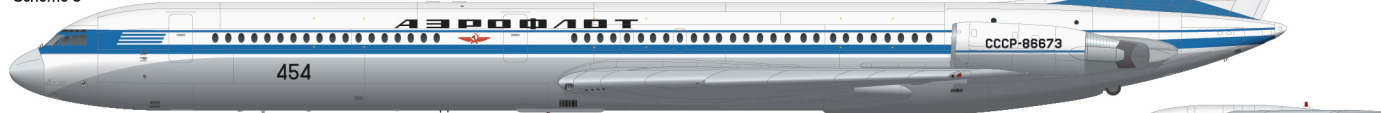
1971
Scheme C



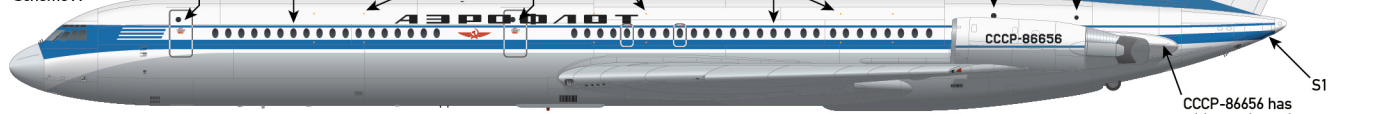
White dielectric panels provided as decals. Second round panel located under tail.

Il-62M CCCP-86673 (c/n 70303) was built as an NK-8 powered Il-62 'sans suffixe' and delivered in May 1968. She was converted to the Il-62M prototype with D-30 engines in 1970, and appeared with the display number "830" at the 1971 and "454" at the 1973 Paris Air Show. Note that the stripes terminate at the tail cone joint line, the engine pylon is light grey, and the radome is a very light grey (lighter than the belly and wings). No door safety outlines or port holes. Her engine pylons were light grey above and white below (unique to this aircraft).

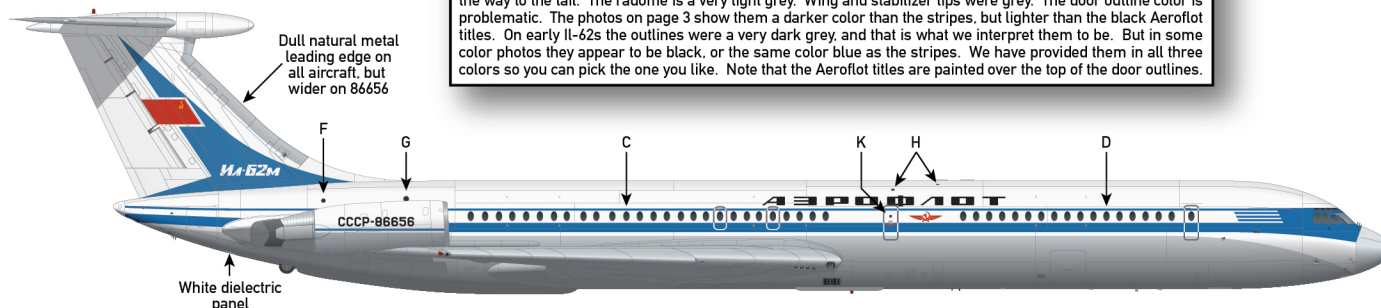
1973
Scheme C



1972
Scheme A



Il-62M CCCP-86656 (c/n 00901) was the first true Il-62M. She first flew in April 1972, and as far as can be determined, remained a test ship for her entire life, never entering line service. Note that the stripes continue all the way to the tail. The radome is a very light grey. Wing and stabilizer tips were grey. The door outline color is problematic. The photos on page 3 show them a darker color than the stripes, but lighter than the black Aeroflot titles. On early Il-62s the outlines were a very dark grey, and that is what we interpret them to be. But in some color photos they appear to be black, or the same color blue as the stripes. We have provided them in all three colors so you can pick the one you like. Note that the Aeroflot titles are painted over the top of the door outlines.



Dull natural metal leading edge on all aircraft, but wider on 86656

White dielectric panel

Detail Note

The doors and hatches on the Zvezda kit are incorrect in size and shape. Ours are measured from an actual Il-62 and hundreds of photos.

1974
Scheme B



Il-62M CCCP-86692 (c/n 11102) was apparently the first regular line aircraft in the Il-62M series. Her cockpit mask had a subtle downward curve and did not cover the eyebrow windows as on the earlier aircraft. The radome remained very light grey. Other details were similar to CCCP-86656 above.

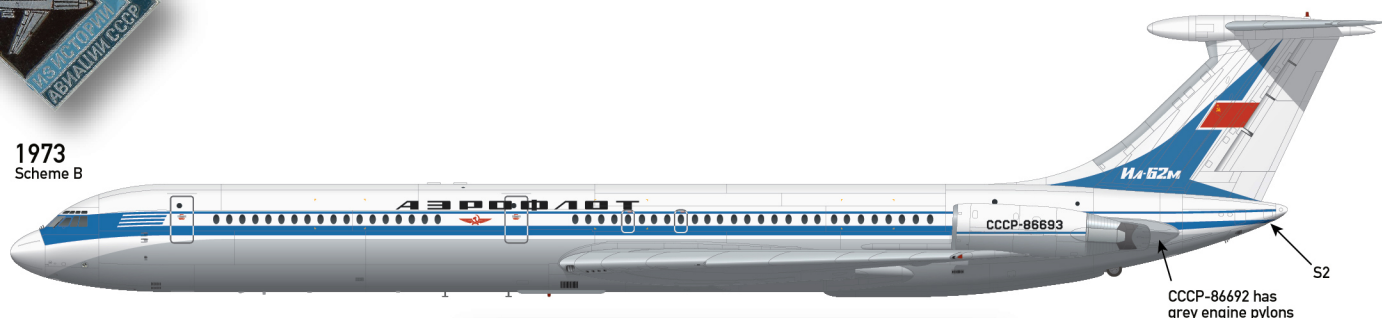
CCCP-86692 has grey engine pylons

* We have seen many color callouts for the exact shade of grey used on Il-62s, 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.



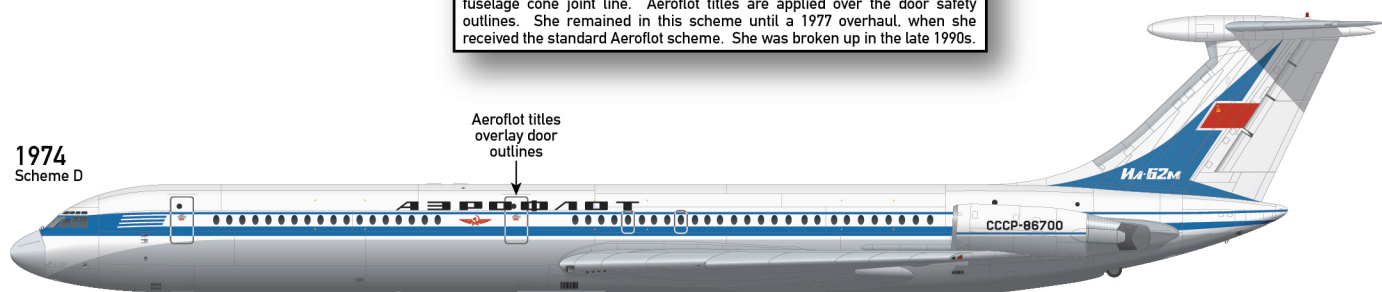


1973
Scheme B



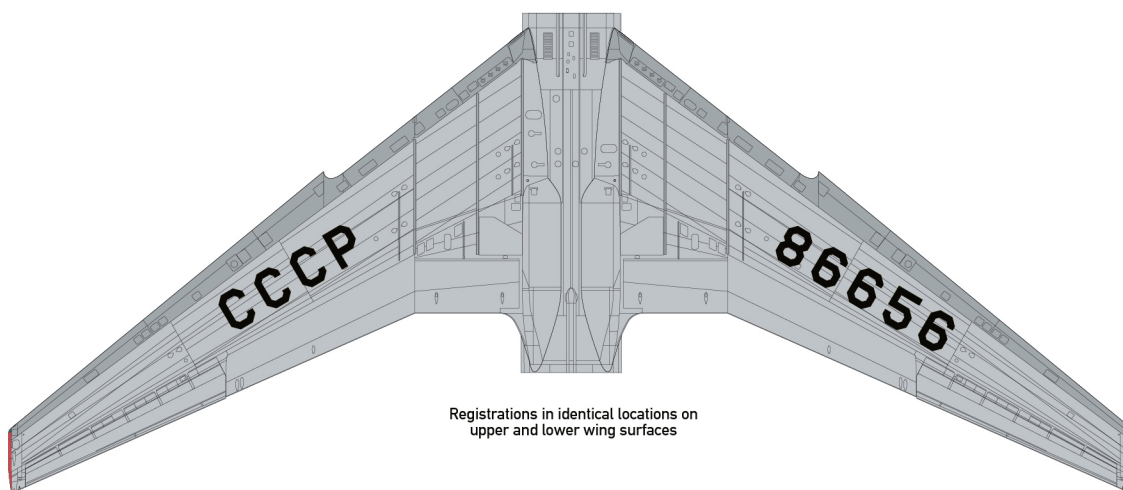
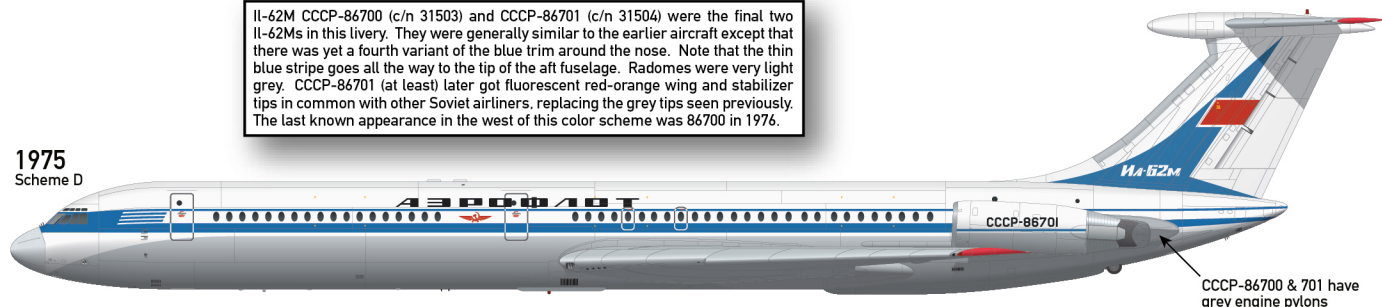
IL-62M СССР-86693 (c/n 11103) was the second IL-62M line aircraft. The radome was originally white, but later was the same very light grey seen on other aircraft in this scheme. Note that the stripes terminate at the aft fuselage cone joint line. Aeroflot titles are applied over the door safety outlines. She remained in this scheme until a 1977 overhaul, when she received the standard Aeroflot scheme. She was broken up in the late 1990s.

1974
Scheme D



IL-62M СССР-86700 (c/n 31503) and СССР-86701 (c/n 31504) were the final two IL-62Ms in this livery. They were generally similar to the earlier aircraft except that there was yet a fourth variant of the blue trim around the nose. Note that the thin blue stripe goes all the way to the tip of the aft fuselage. Radomes were very light grey. СССР-86701 (at least) later got fluorescent red-orange wing and stabilizer tips in common with other Soviet airliners, replacing the grey tips seen previously. The last known appearance in the west of this color scheme was 86700 in 1976.

1975
Scheme D





Not yet a week old when these photos were taken, a gleaming CCCP-86656 shows her stuff at the Hannover, Germany air show in April of 1972. If you look carefully, you will note that the door safety outlines are a slightly different color than the stripes, leading us to believe they were dark grey.

Photos: DoD

