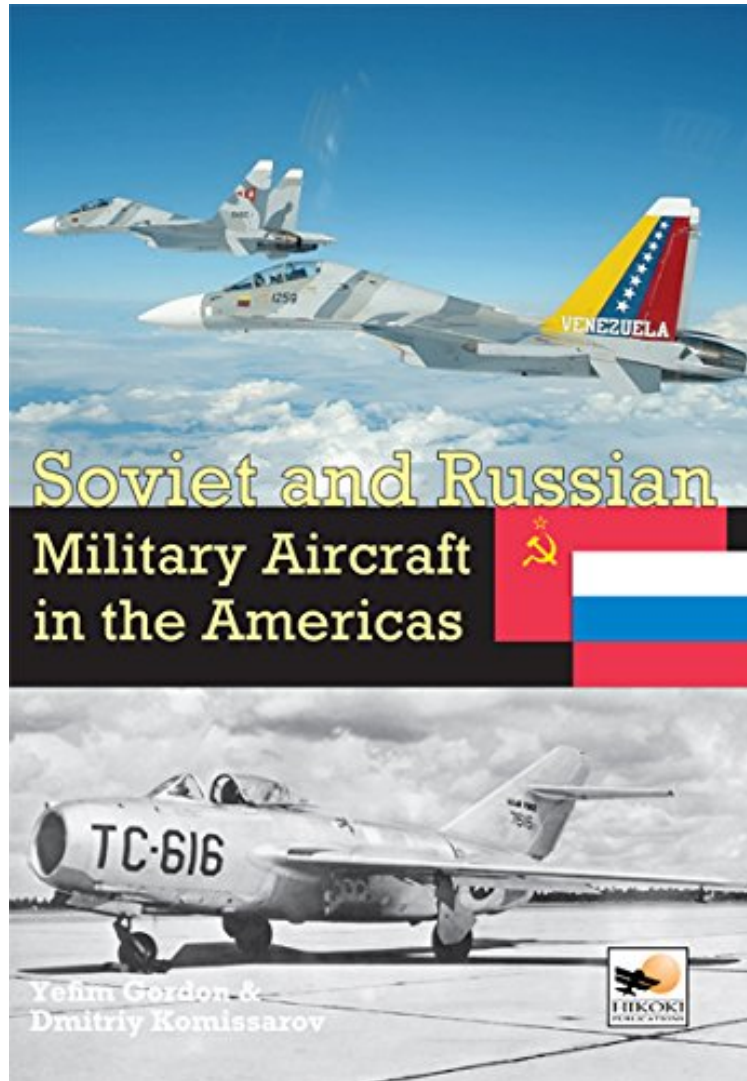


## Soviet and Russian Military Aircraft in the Americas

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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Superlative Buy! Another High Quality Work by Gordon and Komissarov By JCAL This is another spectacular volume by Gordon and Komissarov. The book has an abundance of anecdotes about combat usage of the aircraft along with some analysis of the outcome. (The border war between Ecuador and Peru is a great example.) The chapter on US evaluation of these aircraft was unexpectedly large and appears to be very well fleshed out. The discussion about the ATF and the imported MiGs during the 80's in the US

chapter is spot on. (The MiG-15 imported by the San Diego Air and Space Museum was rumored locally within the aviation community to have been fully armed when uncrated.) I had a few (very) minor quibbles that don't impact the overall excellent quality of this book in any major way (The FAA CJ registry shows almost 200 CJ-5/CJ-6 aircraft registered. The illustrations are sometimes a few pages away from the description of the aircraft in the text. A bibliography would have been nice.) As authors, Gordon and Komissarov consistently produce high quality work. The print of quality of the photographs within this book do them justice. Highly recommended for anyone interested in Soviet/Russian aircraft, aviation in South America, and anyone interested in the evaluation of those aircraft by DoD. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great addition to my Soviet aircraft library! By Allen Ditto Great book! Excellent photos reproduction and complete and thorough text. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The best book By David Foster It a great book. It's the final volume of the series. If you want to buy this book I suggest to buy the book from a European bookstore. That's were I bought it from.

The first recipient of Soviet military hardware in the Americas was Cuba in 1959. Since then the Cuban Air Force has operated the MiG-15 to the MiG-29, An-26 and Il-76MD transports and more. Cuban combat aircraft have seen action against the ships and aircraft used by the CIA in its subversive activities against Cuba. Other Latin American nations have also ordered Russian military aircraft - based on common sense and economic expediency rather than political affiliations. These include Mexico; Brazil; neighboring Colombia; the Argentina Air Force and Bolivia which is among the latest customers for the Mi-17, with plans to use for drug-busting operations. Another major customer for Soviet aircraft was Peru, which ordered An-26 and An-32 transports, MiG-29 fighters, Su-20/Su-22 fighter-bombers and Su-25 attack aircraft. Peruvian Su-22s have been involved in the border conflict with neighboring Ecuador and Soviet aircraft (notably Mi-17 and Mi-24 helicopters) have been actively used by the Sandinista regime in Nicaragua against the US-backed Contras insurgents during the civil war. More recently, Venezuela, another country noted for its anti-US stance, purchased a large batch of Su-30MKV multi-role fighters, as well as Mi-17 and Mi-26 helicopters. Written by the acknowledged experts in the field and illustrated throughout with photographs and color artwork, this is the definitive record of Soviet and Russian military aircraft and their combat operations in this region.

"...a tremendous amount of data with a compelling and readable storyline." (Frank Landrus IPMS/USA 2017-02-23) "It's hard to imagine a better source for this subject. In addition to numerous photos and scores of color profiles of Soviet and Russian aircraft in North, Central, and South America--there's a section for each nation--there is a list of individual aircraft in military, government, and civilian service in those places. There's more than 100 pages on the United States! If you enjoy building MiGs, Sukhois, Antonovs, Ilyushins, Kamovs, Mils, and Yaks, and want to dress them in exotic uniforms this book is for you." (FineScale Modeler 2017-03-22) From the Back Cover The Soviet Union was always willing to supply arms and military equipment to 'friendly' nations around the world in support of political influence. In the Americas and the Caribbean, possibly the best known Soviet client and recipient of Soviet aircraft was Cuba, where a Communist government led by Fidel Castro came to power in 1959 and proved to be a political thorn in the side of the United States thereafter. The Cuban Air Force has operated Mikoyan fighters from the MiG-15 to the MiG-29 plus a wide range of transports and helicopters and although not involved in any major wars, Cuban combat aircraft saw action against the ships and aircraft used by the CIA in its subversive activities. Other major users of Soviet military aircraft in the Americas include Peru, whose aircraft have seen combat in the border conflicts with Ecuador and Venezuela. Even so, the extent of Soviet and Russian arms supply to the region has been more extensive than might be imagined, including some unexpected operators such as the United States itself, who acquired a significant number of Soviet types over many years, for evaluation in secrecy at the Groom Lake facility. In all Soviet and Russian Military Aircraft in the Americas covers no less than 14 countries and each is reviewed individually, with an overview of the types used, their service and combat record and extensive tables of individual aircraft with serials, construction numbers, versions and notes. The wide range of unusual colors and markings, an impressive swathe of extensively researched information, supported by over 500 photographs (many previously unpublished), around 180 color profiles and numerous insignia, make this an invaluable companion to the modelers, historians and enthusiasts with any interest in post-war military aircraft, the Cold War and the modern history of the continent. About the Author Yefim Gordon is one of Russia's leading aviation writers and publishers. He is the author of many books on Soviet aviation and currently lives in Moscow. Dmitriy Komissarov is a respected authority on Russian and Soviet aviation. He works in the publishing industry and lives in Moscow.