

## **Review of EMB-312 Tucano at the closed Facebook group Aviation Enthusiast Book Club, posted by Alistair Dickson on 16 May 2018**

So, Heinz Berger challenged me to write a book review, something I have never thus far attempted.

EMB-312 Tucano, Brazil's Turboprop Success Story is written by Joao Paulo Zeitoun Moralez and runs to 253 pages. From the moment I opened the book and started reading it felt like the authoritative history of the type.

The topic fits my interests perfectly, military aviation especially smaller air forces and/or unusual and interesting types. Published by Harpia Publishing in soft book, the publication has a quality feel to it and runs to 253 pages.

Chapters cover a brief history of Embraer, a bit of a bonus and then cover the development and use of the Tucano in Brazilian Air Force service. The early part detailing Embraer designers working against the clock was fascinating and made me feel almost like I was watching over the designers, especially reading the contemporary quotes from those involved. The book then covers the development of the Tucano for the RAF and highlights the strategic importance placed by Embraer on winning this contract.

Chapter 5 describes the development and use of the Tucano by no less than 16 air arms and the final part of the book is a highlight for aviation numerologists such as I and includes technical descriptions, colour plates showing many of the colour schemes worn by the myriad Tucano's produced and tables detailing individual aircraft used with construction numbers and fate where known.

This is a lovely book and I cannot wait to get my hands on a copy of the follow up covering the EMB314 Super Tucano.

One final note, I learned that at least one pilot has taken a dump in a Tucano while airborne!