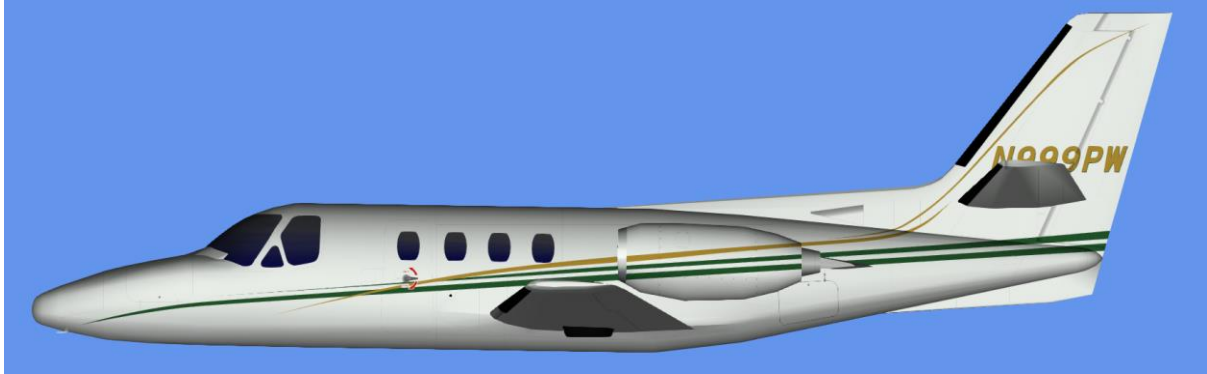# Alpha channels

The Cessna Citation I model uses alpha channels to display antennas and lights. These are hidden by default and the below screenshot is and example of what the aircraft would look like without the alpha channel enabled.
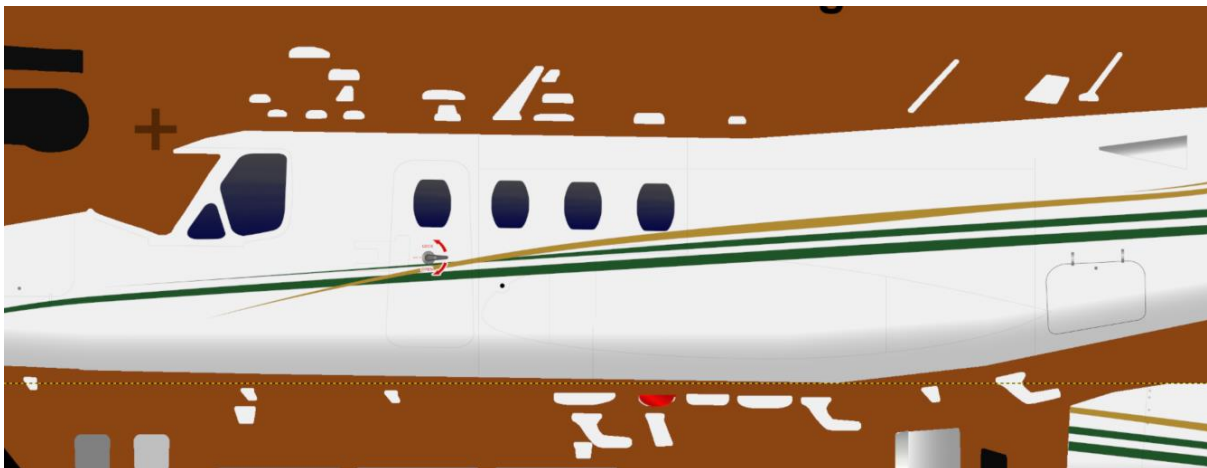

Alpha templates

The paint kit includes alpha template layers for the navigation and beacon lights. These are made to allow some transparency to the lights.

Antennas

There are many antenna options available in the AI model, which are hidden as standard. These can all be shown by adding black areas to the alpha channel. The position of the antennas in the paint kit reflect their actual position.
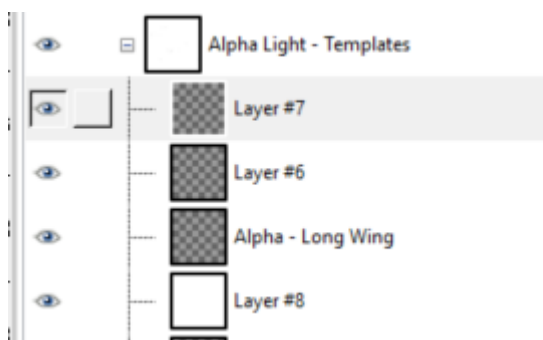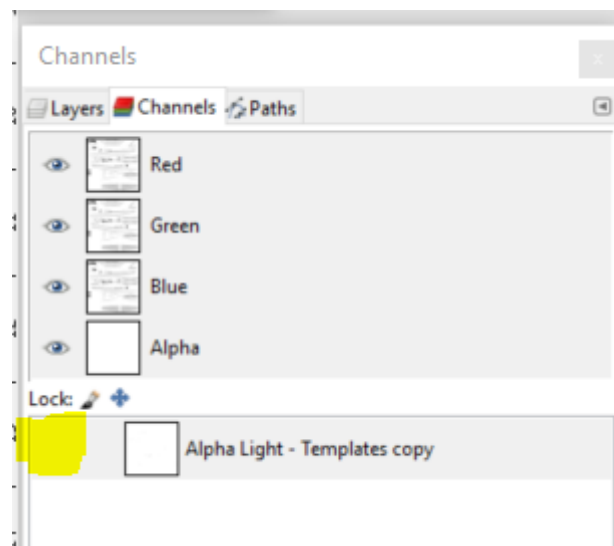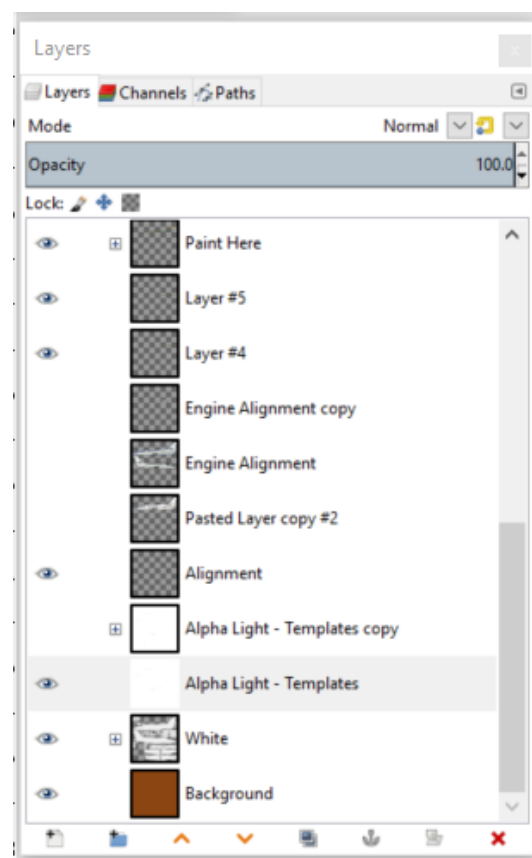
Adding Alpha

Add black to the antennas you want to show.

Create a completely white layer below the alpha layers.

A good way to keep them grouped is by adding them to the Alpha Light – Templates group as shown below.
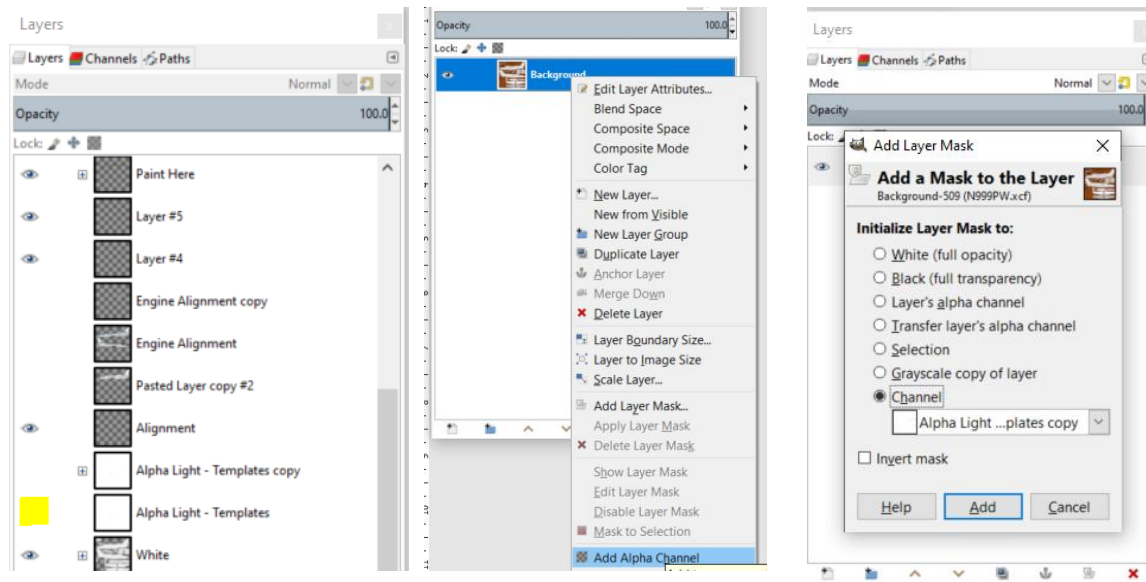

Merge the layer group (see screenshot on the right) and move it to the Channels tab. Ensure the channel is hidden as in the screenshot below.

Go back to the Layers tab and hide the Alpha Light layer.

Flatten the image and add alpha channel to the layer (the layer name will be in bold letters if alpha channel has not been added to the layer).

Add a layer mask and use the channel you created earlier.

Antennas and lights should now be showing correctly.