MESSERSCHIATT Bf 109 G-6

The Messerschmitt Bf 109 single seat fighter, was the most famous of the designs of Professor Willi Messerschmitt and gained the distinction of being produced in larger numbers than any aircraft in the Second World War.

Conceived to a 1934 specification, the prototype Bf 109 first flew in September 1935. Full scale production began in 1937 and in July of the same year the Bf 109 B went into action with the Condor When the Second World War broke out Bf 109 development had reached the E; this became the standard Luftwaffe fighter, replacing all previous models. The heavy losses sustained by the Bf 109's in the Battle of Britain, together with the availability of more powerful engines, led to the much improved Bf 109 F, which entered service in 1941.

In 1942 the Bf 109 F was replaced by the Bf 109 G; this version, which was to be built in larger numbers than all the others combined, was in many ways inferior to the earlier aircraft. Better armed and having a slightly more powerful engine, the Bf 109 G "Gustav" was heavier and even more difficult to fly than its predecessors.

The G-6, which was the major production version, appeared in both standard and tropical versions, and underwing armament could consist of either 20 mm. cannon in gondolas or 21 cm. rocket missiles; provision was also made

for carrying a single bomb.

The Bf 109 G was still in production when the war ended and several hundred had been exported; after the war production continued in Czechoslovakia and Spain. The Bf 109 G-6 was powered by 1,475 h.p. Daimler-Benz engine giving a top speed of 390 m.p.h. and normal range of 450 miles. Armament consisted of one engine mounted 20 mm. cannon, two 13 mm. machine guns and either two 20 mm, cannon or two 21 cm. rocket missiles.

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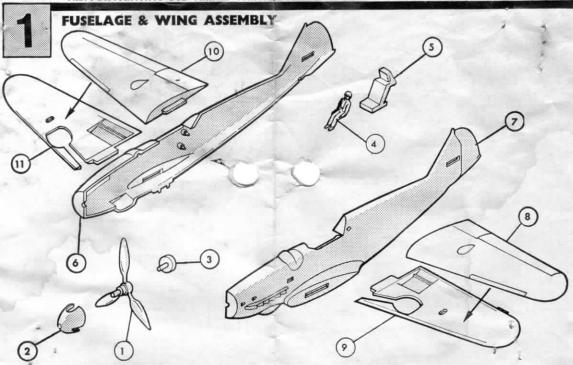
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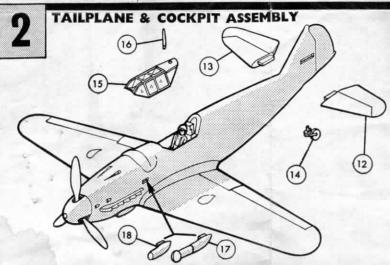
PAINT ALL DETAILS AND LET DRY BEFORE ASSEMBLING (SEE SECTION 4). N.B. FOR PAINTING USE "AIRFIX" PAINTS. FOR FIXING USE "AIRFIX" POLYSTYRENE CEMENT



It is recommended that the instructions and exploded view are studied and the assembly practised before cementing together. If it is wished to paint internal details such as pilot and cockpit interior, this is best done before assembly. NOTE two versions TROPICAL AND HOME DEFENCE are described in this leaflet.

- 1. Locate and cement pin on front of propeller (1) into locating hole inside rear of spinner (2).
- 2. Cement propeller shaft (3) into rear of propeller, allow to dry.
- 3. Cement pilot (4) to seat (5).

- 4. Cement seat onto locations in starboard (6) fuselage
- 5. Place propeller shaft in cut out in port fuselage half (7) then locate and cement port and starboard fuselage halves together. ENSURE NO CEMENT CONTACTS SHAFT AND THAT PROPELLER IS FREE TO TURN.
- 6. Locate and cement together upper and lower port wing halves (8, 9).
- 7. Repeat procedure for starboard wing (10, 11).
- 8. When wings are firmly set, cement tabs on wings into slots in wing roots on fuselage sides.



9. Locate and cement tailplanes (12, 13) into port and starboard sides of fin.

Locate and cement tailwheel (14) into locating hole beneath rear

of fuselage.

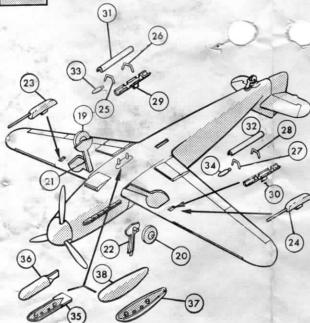
 Carefully cement canopy (15) to fuselage, applying cement to edges of canopy only.

12. Cement antennae (16) into locating hole in top of canopy.

Select air intake for version being constructed, long (TROPICAL) (17), short for (HOME DEFENCE) (18) and cement lug on intake into slot on port side of fuselage, above nose and to rear of exhaust.

 The required undercarriage position must now be selected.

UNDERCARRIAGE ASSEMBLY



15. For a model with undercarriage down cement main wheels (19, 20) onto port and starboard undercarriage legs (21, 22).

Cement pin on top of undercarriage legs into wing bushes. NOTE wheels are to outside and legs

angled forward and outwards.

For a retracted undercarriage remove the locating pins from the top of undercarriage legs and cement wheels to legs and then cement assemblies flat into wing recesses, wheel covers to top.

18. Select armament; wing cannons for either TROPICAL or HOME DEFENCE, rockets for

HOME DEFENCE only.

19. If wing cannons (23, 24) have been selected locate and cement tabs on cannons into locating slots

beneath port and starboard wings.

20. If rockets are selected, locate and cement rocket carriers (25-28) into cut outs in upper half of rocket tubes (29, 30).

21. Cement lower halves of rocket tubes to upper

halves (31, 32).

22. Locate and cement rocket heads (33, 34) into front of rocket tubes, when dry cement locating tab on assemblies into locating slots beneath port and starboard wings.

23. Locate and cement upper and lower halves of

bomb (35, 36) together.

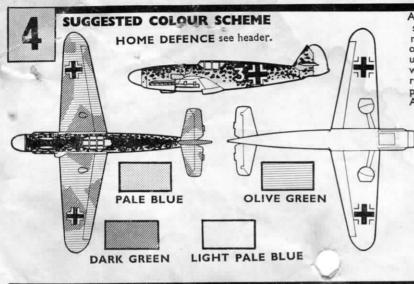
24. Locate and cement upper and lower halves of drop

tank (37, 38).

25. Whichever required press DO NOT CEMENT either drop tank or bomb onto protruding pins below fuselage.

26. Cement together both parts of stand.

27. Cement arm of stand into slot provided in fuselage.



TROPICAL

Apply transfers, first cut sheet into 11 separate subjects, dip each in warm water for a few minutes, slide off backing into position as shown on illustrations. Black and White crosses to upper wing surfaces. Black and White crosses with black outline to underwing surfaces, then refer to colour schemes for position of appropriate Home Defence or Tropical versions. Aircraft name is applied to transparent base.

DARK GREY Blotches, becoming progressively heavier towards top of fuselage.

OVER
LIGHT BLUE GREY fuselage sides.
PALE BLUE
All undersurfaces
rocket tubes; drop
tank, gun gondolas.

OVER plane surfaces.

OLIVE GREEN to give splinter camouflage effect.

YELLOW Spinner and rudder. MATT BLACK Wheel tyres, propeller blades, gun barrels, exhaust, bomb.

PALE BLUE

Drop tank, gun, gondolas, All undersurfaces, and lower fuselage sides.

MERGING INTO LIGHT STONE

WHITE

Upper fuselage sides, wing and tail plane

surfaces.

DARK GREEN blotches over fuselage

sides and upper surfaces becoming progressively heavier towards top

of fuselage. Spinner and rear

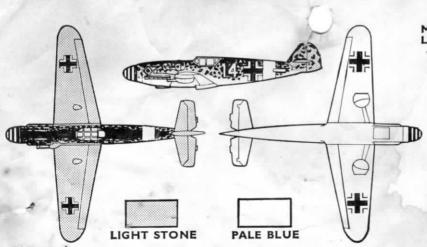
fuselage band.

BLACK Converging circles

on spinner over

MATT BLACK Wheel tyres, propeller blades, gun bar rels, exhausts, bomb.

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