

## EagleCals #164

## Do 335 Pfeil

A number of kits are available in all three popular scales. Look to HK Models, Tamiya and Dragon as possible choices. As with most late war German colors, controversy still remains and the Do 335 is no exception. Modelers should note that color call outs are based on the official standard and there were variations as indicated by the subject schemes within. It would be prudent to check additional references as specified below for further study.

Do 335 A-02 VG+PH W.Nr. 240102 December 1945

This aircraft remains fully restored today at the NASM in the U.S. as the sole remaining example of this type.

Colors: Uppersurfaces: RLM 81/82 with possible RLM 02 trailing edge of upper vertical surface.

Undersurfaces: RLM 65. Spinners: RLM 70.

National Markings; U.S. over semi-transparent black or insignia blue obliterated German national insignias.

Stenciling: Factory Standard.

References: Dornier Do 335: The Luftwaffe's Fastest Piston-Engine Fighter. Ian Allan Publishing.

Dornier 335 Arrow. Monogram Aviation Publication. Wings of the Black Cross Number Nine. Eagle Editions,

Note: to model this aircraft in its earlier stages, do not apply U.S insignias and leave German markings intact with dramatically reduced weathering.

Do 335 A-0 W.Nr. 240105 München-Riem, Germany April 1945

Colors: Uppersurfaces: RLM 81/82. Undersurfaces: RLM 65. Spinners: RLM 70.

National Markings: Fuselage and upper wings: White outline crosses. Lower wings: Black and White crosses.

Hakenkreuz: White outline.

Stenciling: Factory Standard. References: Dornier Do 335: The Luftwaffe's Fastest Piston-Engine Fighter. Ian Allan Publishing.

Wings of the Black Cross Number Seven. Eagle Editions.

Do 335 A-0 VG+PN (PO?) W.Nr. 240108 December 1944

This is the only known Do 335 ever engaged in combat. On Christmas eve 24 December 1944, 24 year old Fw. Alfred Wollank of Erprobungskommando 335 took off from Oberpfaffenhofen, Germany, on a flight to Rechlin to rectify engine problems. For some reason he headed northwest instead of northeast, the direction of Rechlin. There is some belief that he reported compass problems but Wollank was a very experienced pilot. Near Rengsdorf he encountered American fighters, was shot down and killed. The crash site was found 25 years ago by a Luftwaffe researcher, after interviewing local residents that witnessed the air battle. Parts of the Do 335 were recovered bearing RLM colors of 82 Bright Green and a very dark Green, not Brown. Evidence of American .50 cal. rounds were found along with cartridge cases from the Do 335. The color profile here was matched to the pieces of this Do 335 which are in the collection of Eagle Editions.

Colors: Uppersurfaces: RLM 82/Dark Green (83?) based on surviving aircraft fragments.

Undersurfaces: Likely RLM 76 but RLM 65 possible. Spinners: RLM 70. National Markings: Fuselage and upper wings: White outline crosses.

Lower wings: Black and White crosses. Hakenkreuz: White outline.

Stenciling: Factory Standard.

References: Provisional scheme, Jerry Crandall

Note: There is plenty of conflicting data as to the true identity of this aircraft and therefore, the Stammkennzeichen applied to it, if at all. Alternative coding VG+PO is another possibility and markings provided.

W.Nr. 240162 Oberpfaffenhofen, Germany April 1945

Colors: Uppersurfaces: RLM 81/82 with natural metal fuel tank access panel. Undersurfaces: Natural metal Spinners: RLM 70.

National Markings: Fuselage and upper wings: White outline crosses. Lower wings: Black and White crosses. Hakenkreuz: White outline.

Stenciling: Factory Standard.

References: Dornier Do 335: The Luftwaffe's Fastest Piston-Engine Fighter. Ian Allan Publishing.