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Tuesday 27th February 2018

Leys Institute (upstairs)

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From the Editor

Hi all here is a big reminder that this month's meeting will be on the 4th Tuesday of the month being Tuesday 27th of February. For those that run on autopilot we are again back to 3rd Tuesday of the month as normal from next month.

This should be my last newsletter from the land down under as my current job switches back to being New Zealand based from next weekend. I am looking forward coming home and to catching up with people again at the March Meeting.

Kit news from ICM. (All in 1/32)

From Brett Peacock

2 new I-16s (Type 28 & 29) to go with the Type 24

2 New I-153 Chaikas (one on skis) AND a Bucker Bu131 "Jungmann"

And the icing on this cake is the sets of Figures for them – Luftwaffe Cadets & Luftwaffe Pilots, and VVS Pilots.



BULLETIN BOARD

NEW MEMBERS AND SUBS *** 2017/18 PAST DUE *******

Subs for 2017/18 now past DUE - see below for club account details or see the club secretary

at the next club meeting.

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EVENTS

CLUB NIGHT EVENTS

IPMS Auckland Meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every Month at the Leys Institute (upstairs), 20 Saint Marys Road, Ponsonby

- February** Basic and advanced Masking tutorial.
**NOTE. DUE TO BOOKING DIFFICULTIES THE FEBRUARY MEETING WILL BE ON THE 4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
27-Feb-2018**

MODELLING EVENTS

Scale Models Expo 2018

The Expo will be held over the weekend of 21-22 April 2018, in the Expressions Arts & Entertainment Centre at 836 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt, Wellington.



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Eduard 1/48 Hawker Typhoon Limited Edition Car-Door “Tiffy”

By Brett Peacock



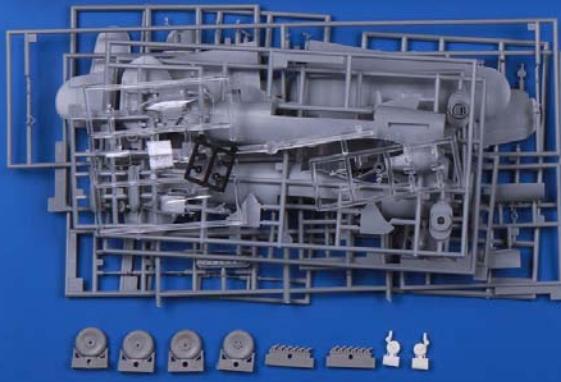
Eduard 1/48 Hawker Typhoon Limited Edition Car-Door “Tiffy”

Includes Eduard Color PE, standard PE Canopy and tire masks & Brassin Resin parts for the Tires, exhausts and some other details. Decals for 6 schemes are included.

All plastic parts are Hasegawa from their Cardoor Typhoon Kit, which currently retails at around \$65.00 ion NZ

Kit purchased from Trademe for \$90.00 + P&P in NZ.

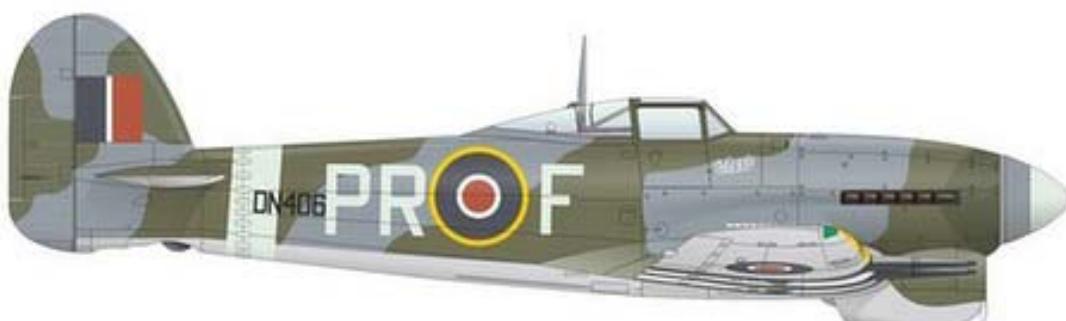
The Czech manufacturer Eduard has released their own boxings of Hasegawa kits in the past, to bring the kits chosen up to their own “profipack” releases’ standards. This has been done with 1/32 scale (P 47D Thunderbolt and P-40M/N) as wells as 1/48 scale (P-40, and including a recent Typhoon boxing labelled “Ranger”, which also included Resin, PE and Masks along with a set of marking options all related to the Ranger Missions and the Aircraft involved.) This boxing is primarily focused on the standard Car-Door Typhoons, as used between September 1941 and June 1944. Most of the options wear the standard extra recognition markings applied to Typhoons to aid identification of the plane in Air to Air and Ground to Air as it was “Similar” enough to a Focke Wulf Fw 190A to frequently come under friendly fire, despite being almost twice the size and lacking a Radial engine....



The thing that drew my eye to this boxing was that one of the marking options was for a 486 (NZ) Squadron machine, and it was one of the most striking options in the boxing as it was for a night intruder Typhoon, with a wholly Black underside with no under-wing roundels and roundel red ID Codes, similar to Hawker Hurricanes used for the exactly the same purpose, around the same time (September 1942.) It also lacks the rear fuselage reinforcements, which became mandatory from September of 1942. (It is one of 2 options that lack them, Eduard do advise their removal in the instructions for those options.)

The 6 Options are:

A: DN406 PR-F of 609 Sqdn, Manston, May 1943



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B: R8893 XM-M of 182 Sqdn, Martlesham Heath, November 1942



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C: JP504, OV-Z of 197 Sqdn, Tangmere, 1943



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D: R8697, SA-Z of 486 (NZ) Sqdn, Wittering, August 1942.



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E: JP496, HH-W Sqd Ldr T.P. Davidson, 175 Sqdn, Lydd, July 1943



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F: JP496, R-D Wing Cdr T.P. Davidson, 121 Wing, Lydd, December 1943



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Yes, Options E & F are the same machine a few weeks apart – TP Davidson elected to paint his initials on his plane after his promotion to Wing Commander and taking over as C.O. of 121 Wing

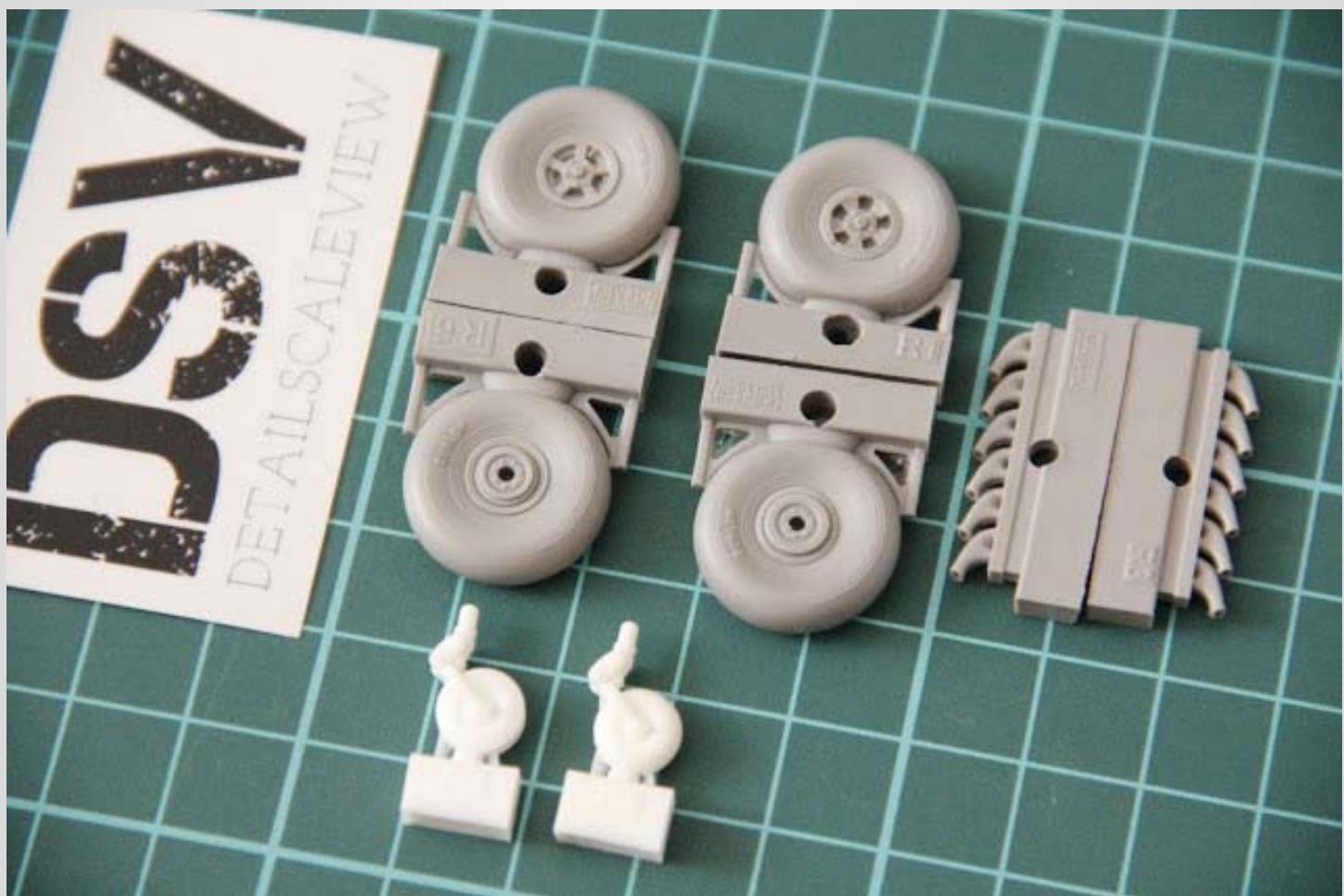


All are in standard RAF Dayfighter 1941 camouflage, Dark Green and Ocean Grey over Medium Sea grey, except D which is Black underneath. All except B & D carry the Black and white ID stripes under the wings, B carries only the black stripes, and D is all-over black underneath. C has black inners to the undercarriage doors with yellow flashing.

The Typhoon did not have extensive stencilling applied but the decals include as much as needed.

As mentioned the plastic parts included are from the Hasegawa 1/48 Car-door Typhoon which has been around since the 1990s, and is easily the best (with caveat about the upper fuselage insert to allow both the car-Door and Bubbletop types to come from the same set of molds. The fit is, at best indifferent and will need some fettling and more filling) Weaponry included has 500 lb bombs to hang under the wings, with racks, and three variants of the 4x 20mm Hispano cannon, Faired, Unfaired with forward-placed recoil springs, and unfaired with rearwards-placed recoil springs. That is to say, Late, Early and Mid-production cannons, respectively. The options are clearly identified in Eduards' instructions.

The resin parts are simpler, consisting of 4 Brassin 5 spoke main wheels (Smooth and circumferential tread) & 2 tailwheels (With and without torque link (in PE) and anti-shimmy tyre) and some very nice hollowed resin exhaust stacks. The PE sheets cover the cockpit instrument panel and seatbelts (Fully pre-painted) and other details plus seat and fittings (Plain brass). The mask set covers the Canopy, Landing lights and Wheels.





All in all, this set enables the modeller to produce a very nice and reasonably accurate Hawker Typhoon 1b of the period between September 1941 (Entry into service) and early 1944 when it was largely superceded by the Bubbletop variant (or converted to it at a Depot!) or, as in the case of 486 Squadron, replaced by the brand new Hawker Tempest Mk V.



This review has been shorter than most as the base kit is well known, and I have no doubts that many readers have either built one already, or it lurks in their stash, awaiting its' turn.

Highly recommended, if you can obtain it.

Tamiya 1/48 Messerschmitt Bf 109G-6.

By Brett Peacock

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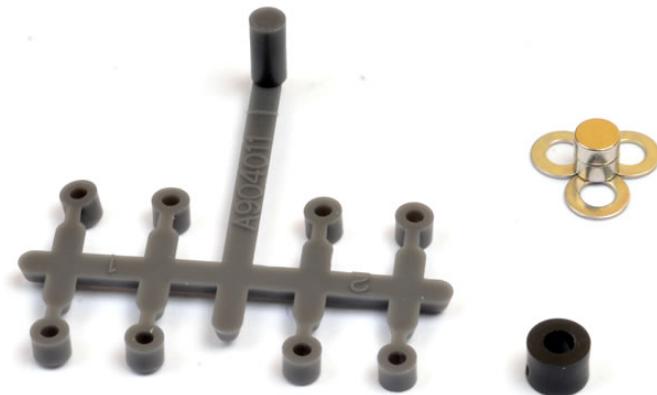
Yet another Messerschmitt Bf109G-6 review. But this time it's TAMIYA!

Tamiya 1/48 Messerschmitt Bf 109G-6. Price: (Modelair) \$NZ 69.00

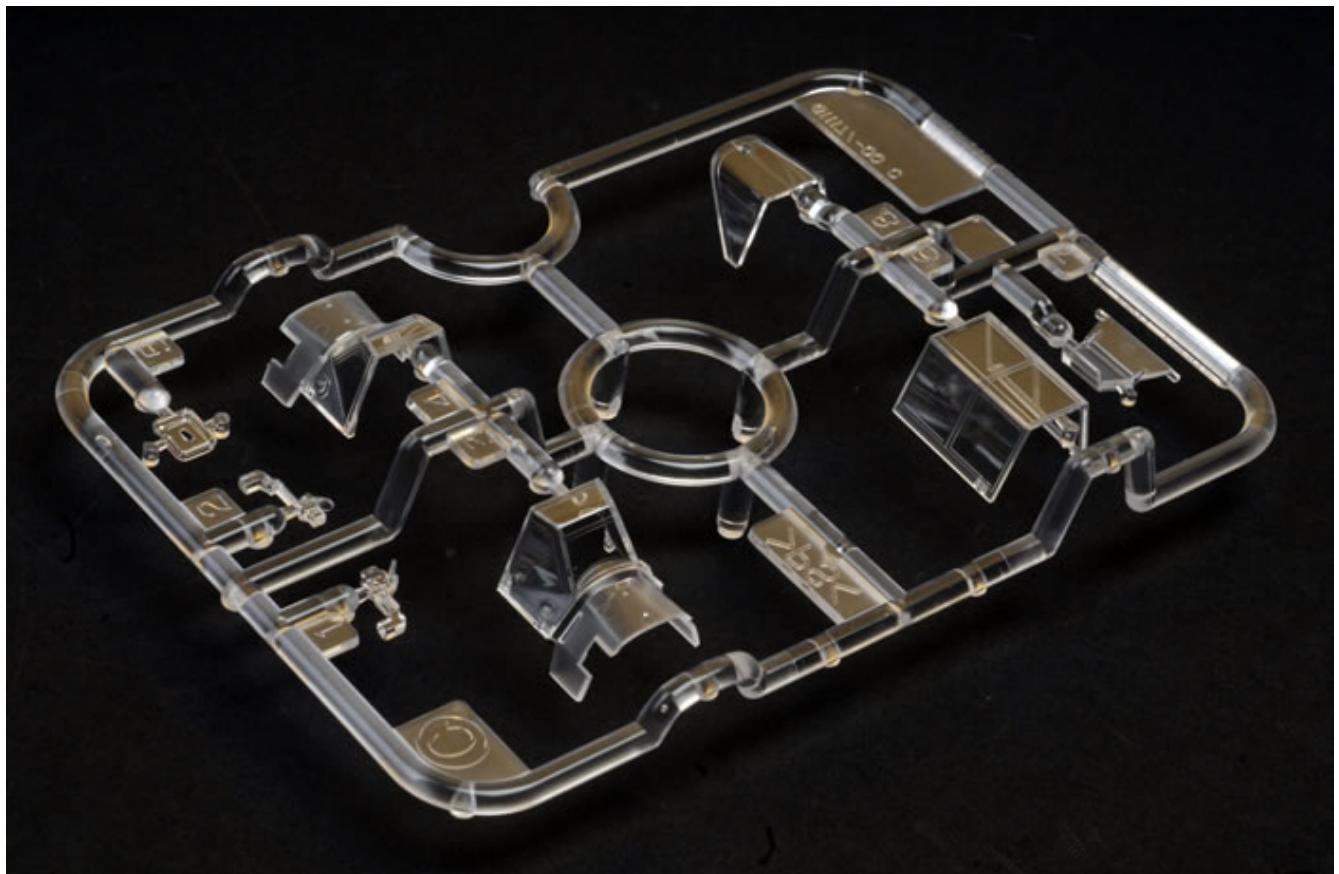
187 Grey pieces, 8 clear, 2 decal sheets, 1 masking sheet (not precut)

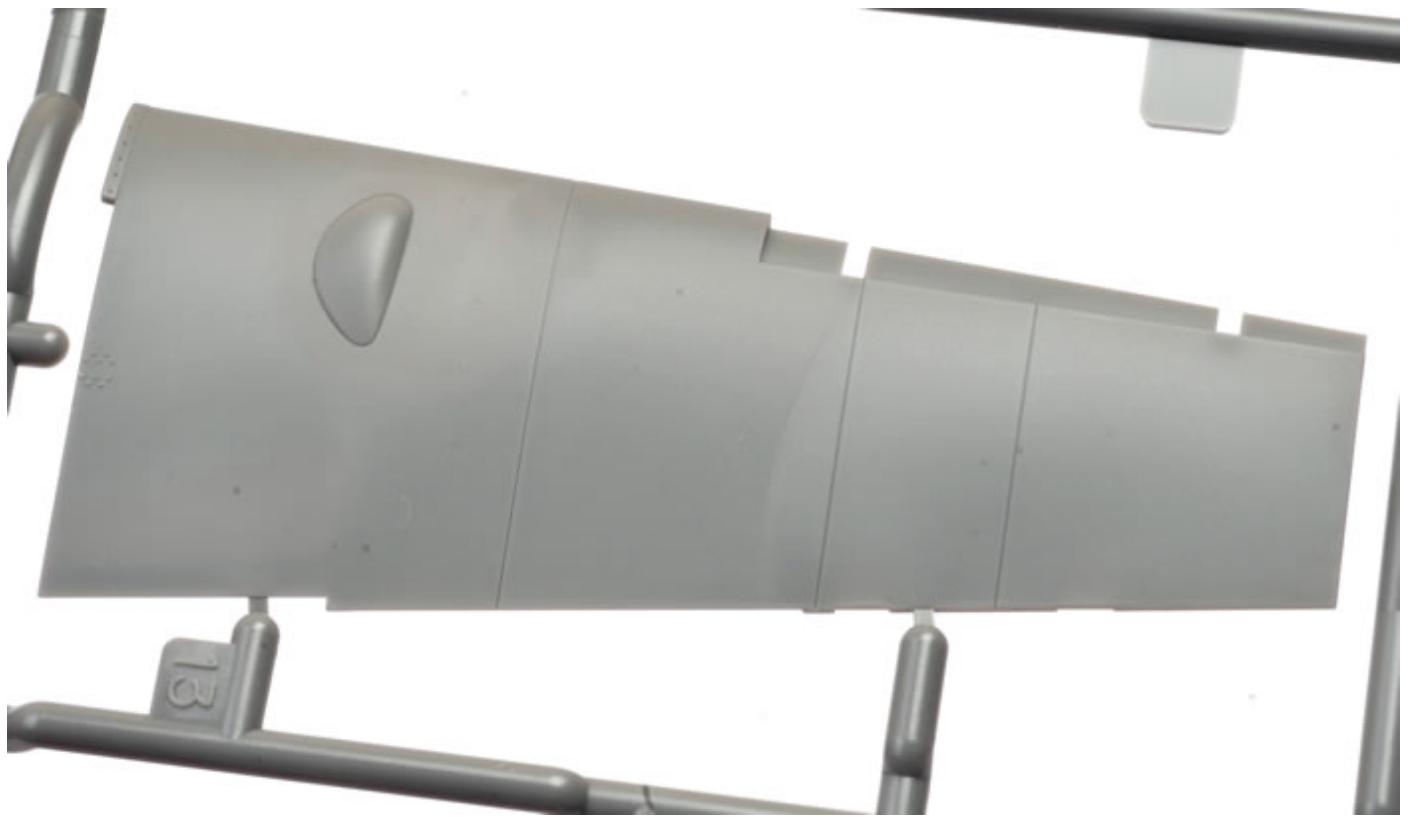
Let's get this out of the way, right now. It's Tamiya. It's state of the art. It's not cheap and it definitely points to more variants in the pipe.... BUT... only if Tamiya wants to make them, and that will depend on sales. (but what do they really have to worry about? It's Tamiya, it WILL sell.)

The kit comes in the standard Tamiya single engine 1/48 plane kit sized box, although it is a little deeper than others. Their recent Kawasaki Ki 61-1d Hien kit box is the same width and length, but this box is a good centimetre deeper. The Hien had 2 clear (1 a spare fuselage half) and 2 grey sprues. This box holds 4 grey and 1 clear sprues, plus a baggie with poly caps of 2 sizes, magnets and metal washers, so the parts count is significantly higher than the Hien.

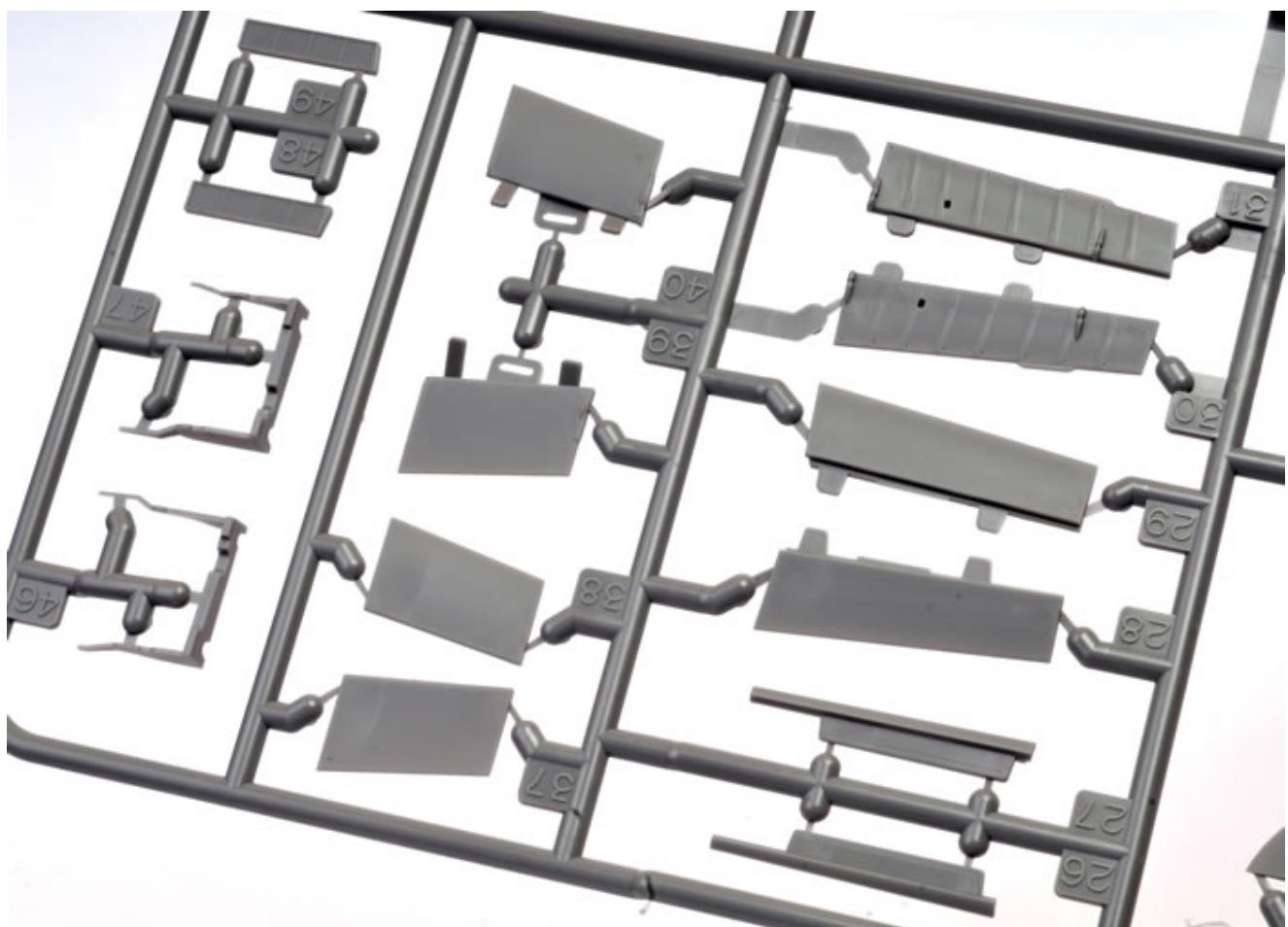


The engineering and design decisions Tamiya have put into this 1/48 kit reflect a level of care and attention that, to me, perhaps a 1/32 Bf 109 cannot be very far away. The engine has little in common with the similar engine in the Hien. Even the sprue layout, and parts distribution hint that other variants such as the G-10, K and even the earlier G and the F models may also be in the pipeline in 1/48th. For example parts specific to the G-6 are all on one sprue tree, General parts for late model 109G's are all on another. Engine and cockpit details are on yet another and the canopy sprue divides between the Windscreens and the hood & rear fairing. A pilot figure with a separate head with oxygen mask is also included.





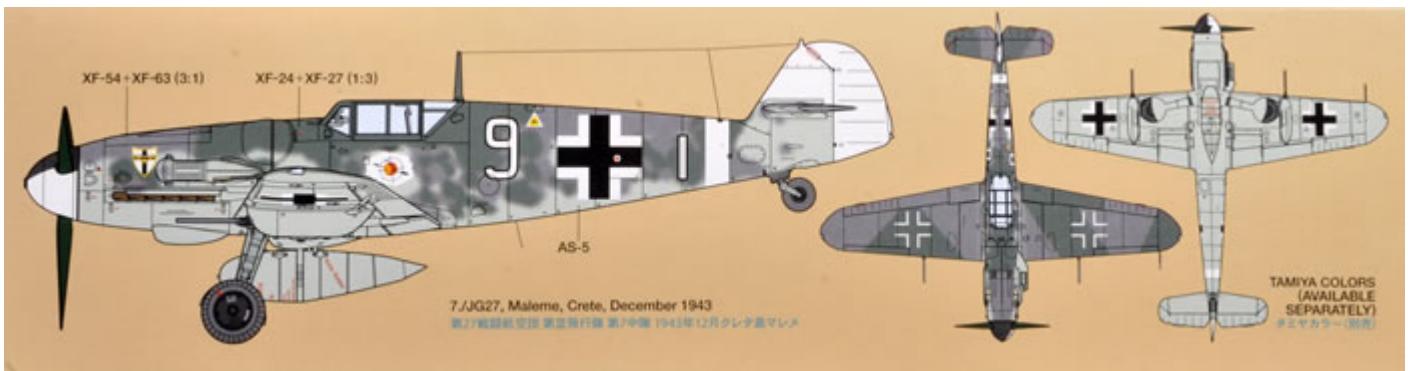
In addition to all that, Tamiya manage to include options, such as swappable engine covers, enabling the modeller to display the engine accurately opened for maintenance, or have it fully buttoned up, ready for flight. The canopy can also be displayed open or closed, and the flaps and slats are all poseable. (Sadly, all the tail control surfaces appear to be fixed - Which is about the only negative point I have found thus far.) Other options include MG 151/20 Cannon Gondolas under the wings and a drop tank and associated rack. However there is no Bomb or bomb rack, where Zvezda provided 3 options for bombs.



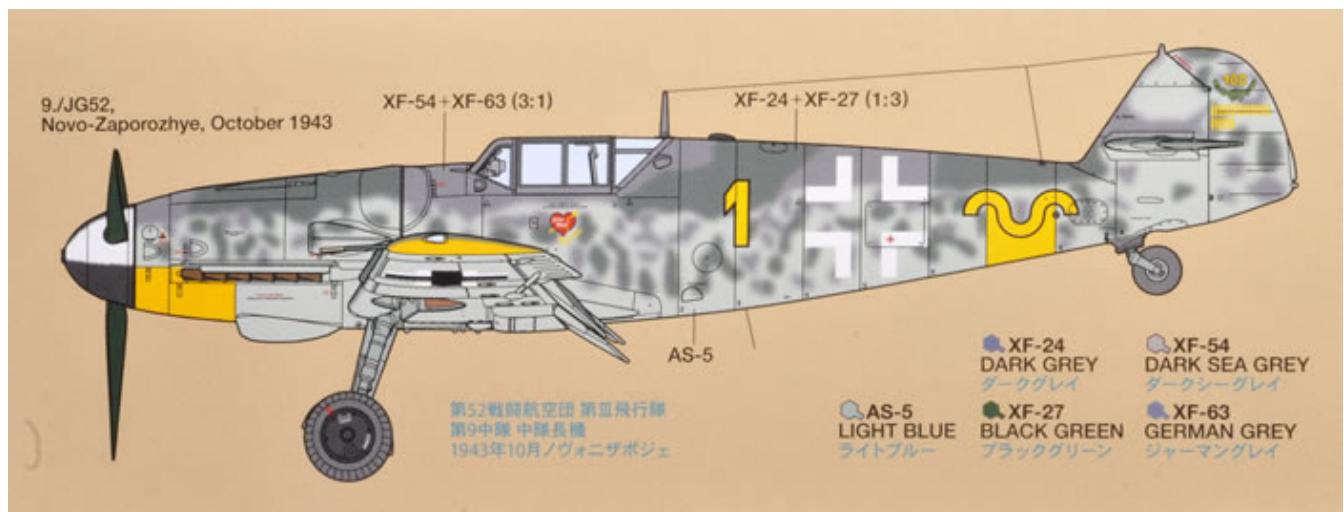
There are three marking options in the kit: A Defense of the Reich machine, Yellow 1 from 9/JG54 in February, 1944 (the Box cover version),



A Crete-based "Kanone Schiff" White 9, from 7/Jg27 in 1943

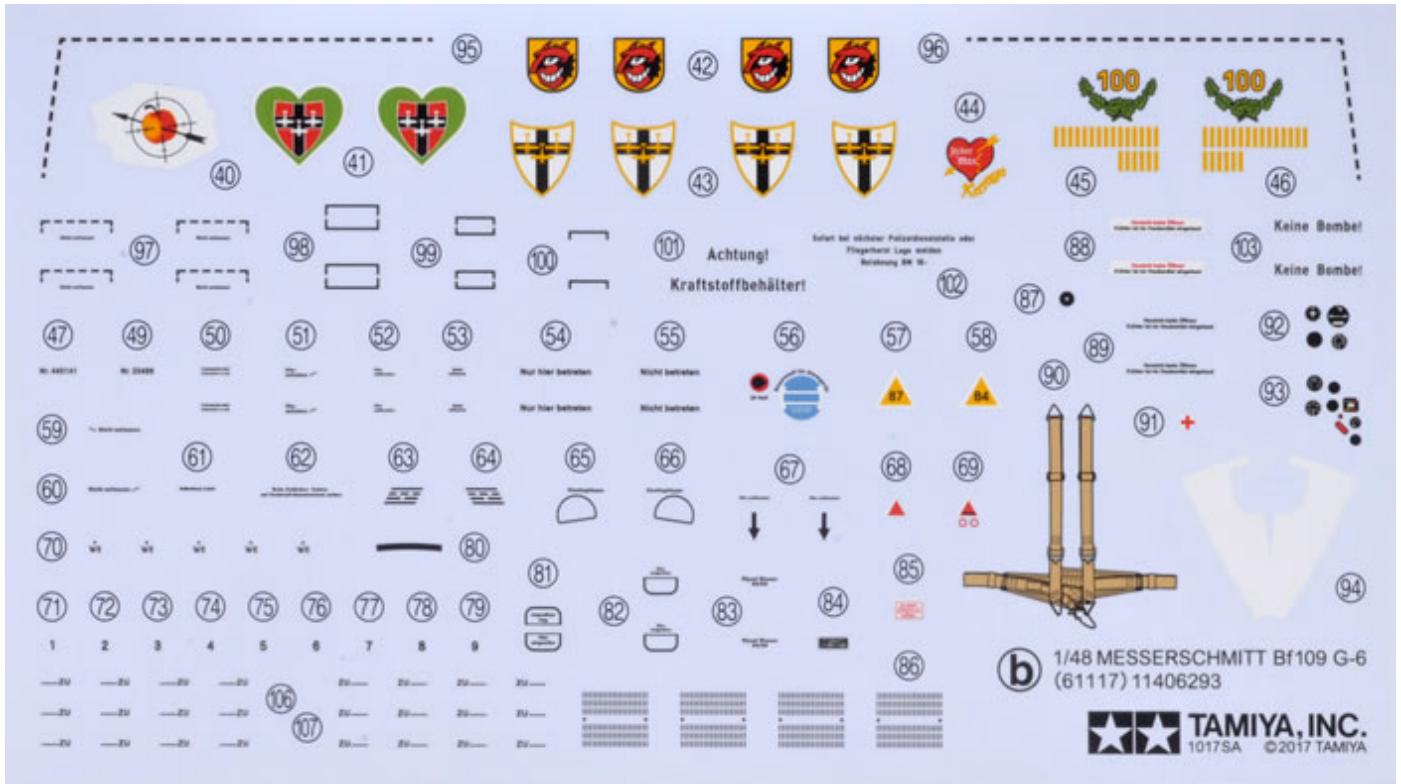


and, lastly, Yellow 1 (#2) an Ostfront fighter from 9/JG52 in October 1943. This last machine is one of Erich Hartmann's mounts when he was the Staffelkapitan of 9./JG52. - Incidentally, this is also one option in the Zvezda 1/48 Bf 109G-6 kit AND the Eduard Early G-6 Boxing of their re-

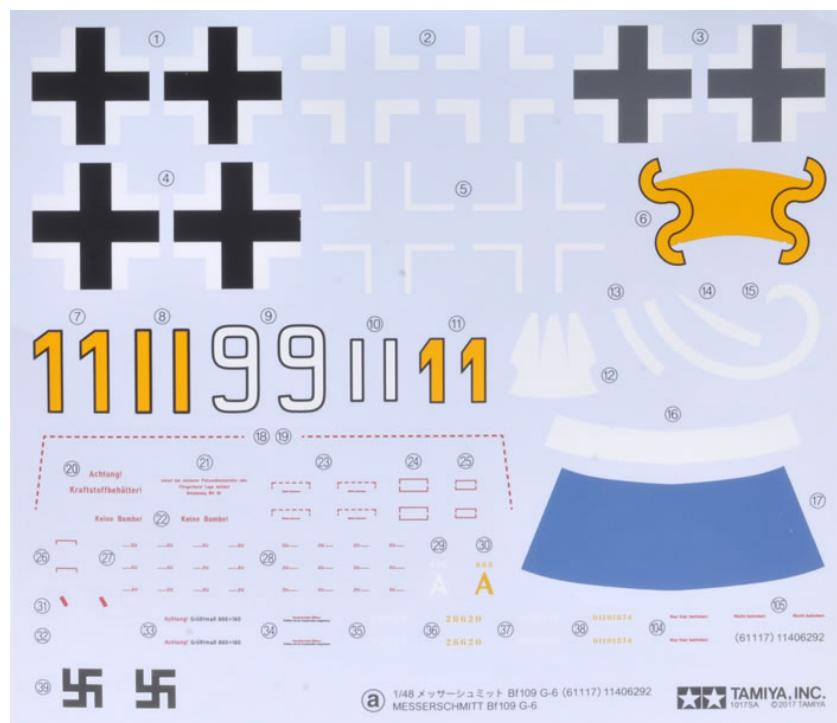


All are in the standard Luftwaffe “Mid-War Greys” of RLM 74 & 75 over 76 with mottling, but all differ in detail and Theatre ID markings. I like the choice of markings to represent one from each of the 3 major campaigns the Luftwaffe was involved in, although perhaps an Ostfront winter scheme may have provided a little more colour choice!

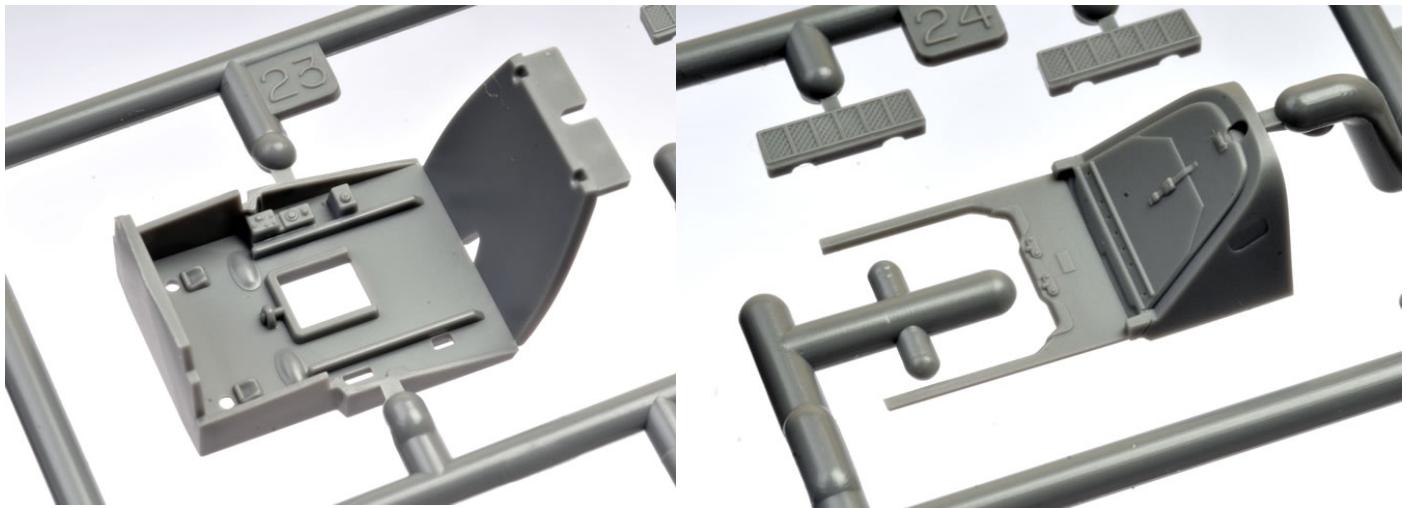
Which brings us to the 2 decal sheets. (And, Yes, they do provide enough decals to adorn both the closed cowlings and the opened.) First the Stencils and badges, including instruments and Belts.



And the rest of the stencils, the markings and Numbers....



They appear to be thinner than the usual from Tamiya, but I'll reserve judgement until I have tried them. Certainly they are in perfect register, include a comprehensive stencil set and appear to have good colour density. By the way, the two odd white shapes (1 on each sheet) appear to be the 1/3 and 1/4 spinner white areas. Thanks, Tamiya, but I will mask and paint that.



Parts for the cockpit and canopy fairing: The joint at the rear and behind the canopy rail coincide with actual panelines, so should be invisible when finished, as on their Shturmovik kit wing joint of a few years ago.

One page at the end of the assembly instructions is devoted to a clear Stencilling diagram so application of those stencils is catered for very well. Also included is a folded Colour chart with all 3 options in full colour, 4 view. A separate Sheet gives a historical background in Japanese, English, German and French.

The assembly instructions themselves are in the typical 1/48 Tamiya fold-out sheet, and are clear and beautifully drawn, but **I strongly recommend actually Reading them**, as it would be all too easy to miss a tiny detail and end up unable to implement an option later in the assembly. The drawings are clear and easy to follow but some details are picked out in enlargements to draw your attention to them, and clarify the task required. Maybe it's time for me to get new glasses but some of that fine print is really *very fine print!*

I know there was a collective "So What?" in the modelling fraternity when this kit was announced, coming as it did after not one but two other companies (Eduard & Zvezda) had released their own very creditable versions of this aircraft, with Eduard's in particular garnering praise for correcting most of the flaws in its first incarnation. Not that the Zvezda kit, - reviewed here previously - was any slouch either. But the sheer quality and rather brilliant engineering of this kit have, in my opinion placed it at least equal to Eduard (with perhaps a nose to the fore) and definitely ahead of the Zvezda kit, to make this the best Bf109G-6 kit available, despite the lack of equipment options (no Late tall-tail or Erla Hood, no bomb or bomb-rack or Mortar tubes.) I'm reasonably sure that this will not be the only release of this kit, and other marks are sure to follow on from it at some point.

The acid test: "Would I buy another one?" Even at this price the answer has to be... "Of Course I will."

GALLERY

CLUB NIGHT MODELS

Check out our Website gallery for photos taken of models at our monthly meetings

<http://ipmsauckland.hobbyvista.com>



And as usual - check out the IPMS Auckland website as we're trying to keep the content a bit more dynamic. We won't be regurgitating content found on other websites but will provide links to sites we think are of interest to members.

