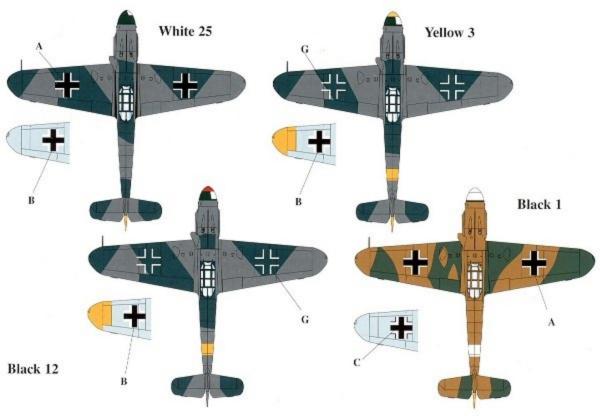


Bf 109 G-4 Trop
Oblt, Franz Schiess 8,/JG 53



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Messerschmitt Bf 109 G-4s JG 27, JG 52 and JG 53 From the modeler's perspective, the G-4 version of the Bf 109 series is a kind of transition aircraft between the G-2 and the G-6 types.

The first G-4s were delivered to fighter units in late 1942. Like other variants, there was some cross over into the new types earlier manufactured aircraft. Here are the G-4 characteristics:

Antenna lead-in wire moved to rear fuselage.

* 660mm X 160mm size tires mounted on the spiked main wheel requiring the tear drop shape bumps on the upper wing to accommodate the larger wheels. Some early G-4s still had the small 650 mm X 150 mm main wheels.

* 350 mm X 135 mm tail wheels same as G-6s.

* The axle of the main wheel was changed so the wheel would now be at a more vertical angle. For accurate color reference we recommend the Luftwaffe Color Chart published by Eagle Editions Ltd. featuring paint chips

prepared by Warnecke and Böhm available from your local hobby shop or Eagle Editions Ltd. Resin EagleParts for the Bf 109:

EP#20-32 Corrected spinner for the Hasegawa "G" series EP#22-32 Battery Box for G-6 and G-14

EP#21-32 Corrected drop tank for the Hasegawa "G" series EP#23-32 Corrected ETC rack for drop tanks

"White 25" Bf 109 G-4 1/JG 27 Early 1944 Fels, Northern Austria Features include: tall antenna mast, early style headrest and overhead armor. FuG 25 a antenna, 20 mm underwing cannons, small bulges on top of wings for tires. G-6 size and style of tail wheel with fuselage cut out. No DF loop or base.

Colors: Undersurfaces, 76 Light Blue; Uppersurfaces 75 Gray-Violet/74 Gray-Green. 04 Yellow undercowling and rudder.

Black wing root area. White 25 with thin Black outline. Spinner: 2/3 RLM 70 with 1/3 White front portion.

National Markings: 900 mm Black/White fuselage crosses. Black/White Hakenkreuz

Wings: Upper - 1000 mm Black with White outline crosses
Lower - 900 mm Black/White crosses provisional

Stencilling: Factory standard. I. Gruppe emblem on both sides of cowl.

Reference: Prien, Jochen; Rodeike, Peter: Messerschmitt Bf 109 F,G,K.

"Yellow 3" Bf 109 G-4 Fw. Hans Waldmann

6./JG 52 June 1943

July 1943

Russia

Features include tall antenna mast, no FuG 25 a antenna or DF loop and bar. Early style headrest and over head armor. "F" style spoke wheels with G-6 size tires 660 X 160. G-6 size tail wheel with fuselage cut out. Small wing bulges for tires. Colors: Undersurfaces, 76 Light Blue; Uppersurfaces 75 Gray-Violet/74 Gray-Green. Yellow fusclage band and undercowl, small Yellow

3 over patches of Dark Green. Short Yellow II. Gruppe bar behind band.

Spinner; back plate RLM 70, mid section 2/3 White 1/3 RLM 02 Yellow. Yellow underwing tips on the aileron.

National Markings; 900 mm Dark Gray fuselage crosses, note slightly over panel line. Black/White Hakenkreuz

Wings: Upper - 1000 mm White outline crosses Lower - 900 mm Black/White crosses

Stencilling: Factory standard, Wiener dog emblem under cockpit, port side only. Brown with White outline, Black nose, Reference: Luftwaffe Aces in WWII, Green Arrow, Japan and unpublished photos in private collection.

"Black 12" Bf 109 G-4 Uffz. Peter Düttmann 5./JG 52

Features include Tall antenna mast, early style headrest and overhead armor. No DF loop or base, no FuG 25 a antenna. "F" style wheels with G-6 size tires 660 X 160. Small bulges on upper wing, G-6 tail wheel with fuselage cut out. Colors: Undersurfaces, 76 Light Blue; Uppersurfaces 75 Gray-Violet/74 Gray-Green. Yellow fuselage band and under cowl. Yellow

under wing tips, not on aileron. Spinner: 2/3 RLM 70, 1/3 White, soft edges. Forward tip of spinner on panel line, Red. Small Black 12 with White outline and Black II. Gruppe bar with White outline being Yellow band, see photo.

National Markings: Fuselage; RLM 74 crosses . 300 mm Black/White Hakenkreuz

Stencilling: Factory standard, note wavy camouflage line on leading edge of wing.

Reference: Luftwaffe Aces in WWII, Green Arrow, Japan and unpublished photos in private collection.

"Black 1" Bf 109 G-6 Trop Oblt. Franz Schiess 8./JG 53 February 1943 San Pietro, Sicily Features: Trop filter, umbrella holders in place, tall antenna mast, no DF loop or base, no FuG 25 a antenna. Panzer glass headrest, underwing 20 mm cannons, ETC rack with drop tank and G-6 wheel with fuselage cut out, "F" style wheels with G-6 size tires 660 X 160. Small bumps on upper wing. Black vertical III. Gruppe bar behind fuselage band. Heavy exhaust stains on side of fuselage, White fuselage band.

Colors: Undersurfaces, 76 Light Blue, possibly RLM 78 Light Blue; Uppersurfaces 79 II. Sand Yellow with Dark Green possibly RLM 80 segments on upper wing. Yellow under cowl, Yellow rudder, bottom portion angled Light Blue.

Spinner: White, 2/3 backing plate RLM 70, 1/3 White. Area behind Black 1, old number painted out with over-spray. National Markings: Black/White fuselage crosses slightly behind panel line. Black/White Hakenkreuz

Wings: Upper -Black crosses with White outline Lower - 900 mm Black/White with Black outline crosses.

Stencilling: Factory standard, JG 53 badge on both sides of cowling, 37 Black victory bars with appropriate markings above each bar. Reference: Photo printed on instruction sheets.