



EagleCals #62

Bf 109 K-4s

JG 27 and JG 52

The final version of the Messerschmitt 109 series, the Bf 109 K, has always sparked a lot of interest. Unfortunately good photo reference, especially of colorful machines is scarce. Much of the available documentation is from photos taken after the war of derelict aircraft many on scrap piles. As a result, much of what we try to identify is speculation. Many of the photos show aircraft that appear to be pieced together and are painted a variety of camouflage colors that are difficult to interpret. The additional wing mounted landing gear doors and tail wheel doors added to the K series are missing on many photos. More than ever, the modeler has to make the final decision. To upgrade your Hasegawa Bf 109 in 32nd or 48th scale, we recommend EagleParts #20 spinner, EP#21 Drop Tank and EP#25-32 supercharger intake. Each is available from your local hobby shop or Eagle Editions. A special thanks to Mark Proulx for his able assistance.

Reference: 1. Prien, Jochen; Rodeike, Peter; Messerschmitt Bf 109 im Einsatz bei der III. und IV/JG 27. Struve-Druck Germany

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- 3. Janda, Ales; Poruba, Tomas; Messerschmitt Bf 109K, JaPo Czech Republic
- 4. Bergström, Christer; Graf & Grislawski, A Pair of Aces, Eagle Editions Ltd. USA 2003
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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.

"Red 1" W. Nr. Unknown Pilot: Unknown 10./JG 27 May 1945

This machine has been previously identified as "Yellow 1". Antennas unknown

Colors: Undersurfaces: RLM 76 Light Blue Uppersurfaces: Messerschmitt RLM 81 Brown-Violet /RLM 83 Dark Green.

RLM 25 Green Reich Defense Band. Vertical III Gruppe bar and number "1" Red outlined in Black. Vertical fin and rudder appear to be typical RLM 81 with Dark Green spots. Wind screen and canopy framing RLM 66 Black-Gray.

Spinner: White with Black spiral Prop blades: RLM 70 Black-Green.
Wings are missing, therefore color and camouflage pattern speculative.

National Markings: Fuselage; 900 mm Black with White outline crosses, 300 mm Black Hakenbreuz, no White outline.

Wings: Upper-1000 mm White outline crosses, possibly Black or wing camouflage color with White outline. Lower- probably 900 mm Black with White outline

Stencilling: Unknown Reference: #1 page 309 and #2 page 6

"Blue 16" W. Nr. Unknown Pilot: Unknown 12./JG 27 May 1945 Berlin, Germany

Colors: Undersurfaces: RLM 76 Light Blue possibly Green-Blue. (Blue-Green). Uppersurfaces: RLM 75 Gray-Violet/RLM 83 Dark Green, RLM 25 Green Reich Defense Band. Vertical III Gruppe bar and number "16" Blue outlined in White. Overall paint heavily weathered and

stained. Windscreen and canopy framing RLM 66 Black-Gray. Wings & vertical tail missing therefore colors and camouflage pattern

speculative, Spinner: Black with White spiral Prop Blades: RLM 70 Black-Green Antennas unknown.

National Markings: Fuselage; 900 mm White outline crosses filled in w/ 83 Dark Green; 300 mm Black Hakenkreuz possible White outline

Wings: Upper - 1000 mm White outline crosses, possibly Black or wing camouflage color with White outline

Lower - probably 900 mm Black with White outline crosses.

Stencilling: Some stencilling visible. Port fuel octane triangle partially covered by the "Blue 16". Reference: #1 page 308

"Red 7" W. Nr. Unknown Pilot: Unknown 10./JG 27 May 1945 Prague, Czechoslovakia This well-known aircraft is now thought to be "Red 7" of 10/JG 27 by some sources. Originally shown as "Blue 7" of 12/JG 27.

Both choices are included.

Colors: Undersurfaces: RLM 76 Light Blue Uppersurfaces: Messerschmitt RLM 81 Brown-Violet /RLM 83 Dark Green. The entire aircraft is dirty and weathered. Spinner and prop blades: RLM 70 Black-Green.

National Markings: Fuselage; 900 mm White outline crosses filled in w/ 83 Dark Green; 300 mm Black Hakenkreuz with White outline.
Wings: Upper - 1000 mm crosses 83 Dark Green with White outline.

Lower - probably 900 mm Black with White outline crosses.

Stencilling: Unknown Reference: #3, page 54

"Green 4" W. Nr. 332529 Pilot: Hermann Graf Stab JG 52 May 1945 Deutsch Brod
This colorful Bf 109 K-4 with its Red scalloped nose is similar to the Bf 109 G-6 flown by Hermann Graf with JG 50. This suggests that this aircraft

was part of the Stab of JG 52 and possibly Hermann Graf's personal aircraft. All antennas intact.

Colors: Undersurfaces: RLM 76 Light Blue. Uppersurfaces: RLM 75 Gray-Violet/RLM 83 Dark Green. Rudder was partially missing when the

aircraft was photographed therefore, colors and camo pattern are speculative. Spinner: Red. Prop Blades: RLM 70 Black-Green. Note landing gear legs are very dark, possibly RLM 66.

National Markings: Fusclage: 900 mm White outline crosses filled in w/ RLM 83 Dark Green, 300 mm Black with White outline Hakenkreuz Wings: Upper - 1000 mm White outline crosses Lower- 900 mm Black cross, speculative.

Stencilling: Factory standard. White stripes on upper surfaces of horizontal tail. Reference: #3 page 59, #4 page 257, 258, 282
#5 page 76, 77