

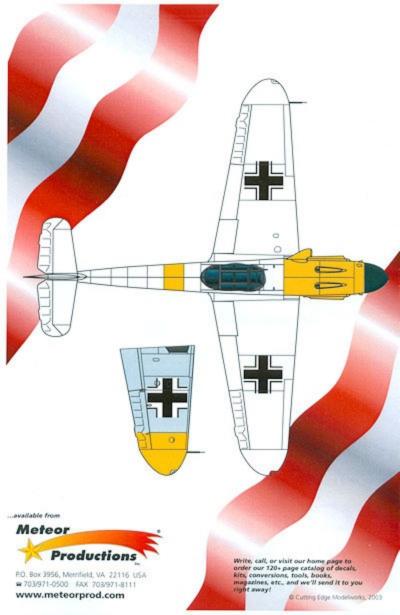


Bf 109 F-4

Oblt. Otto Kath StabUG 54 December, 1941

spinner colors bleeding through

White winter scheme over standard RLM 7475.



Operation Barbarossa



Red 5

- Spots on rudder appear to be hard edged (hand painted) patches.
- Note bomb rack on centerline.
- JG 77 preferred to repaint the Bf 109s in dark green camo, either being RLM 70, 71, or a combination of the two colors.
- The upper wings were overall green identical to the fuselage.

Black 12

- Original camouflage RLM 74/75/76. RLM 79 added to upper surfaces with dark green (80 or 70/71) mottles.
- Note red/white striped pitot tube.
- . The upper wings were not visible in our photo, but we suspect they were finished very similar to the fuselage.

Green Stab Line

- Original camouflage RLM 74/75/76. Uppersurfaces painted with white temporary finish except around canopy.
- · Note original spinner demarcations showing through,

Yellow 6

- Original camouflage RLM 74/75/76, Uppersurfaces painted with white temporary finish except around canopy.
- · Note main gear covers have been removed.
- Yellow cowling was at one time overpainted white and has since worn off for the most part giving it a slightly spotty look.
- Note oversize badge on cowl.

Applying the Decals

You probably already know all this stuff, so feel free to use your regular process; however, if you're new to aftermarket decals, here goes:

- Generally, use the Microscale Finishing System. We don't recommend extremely strong decal solvents such as Solvaset
- Your model must have a smooth, glossy surface, as decals won't adhere well to matte surfaces. Use gloss paints
 or your favorite clear gloss overspray over matte or semigloss paint.
- Cut each subject out without trimming off the slight excess film (this helps the decal film disappear when dry).
- Put the decal in warm water that has a drop or two of liquid dishwashing soap or photo-flo for 10 seconds.
- When the decal will slide off the backing paper without forcing it, apply it to the proper position on your model.
 Slide the backing paper out from underneath.
- Gently blot off excess water and smooth out bubbles under the decal surface. If you wish, carefully brush on a mild decal softener such as Micro-Sol.
- When all decals are completely dry, gently wash off all excess decal adhesive.
- Finally, overcoat your model with a good quality gloss coat, followed by your choice of matte or eggshell clear topcoat.