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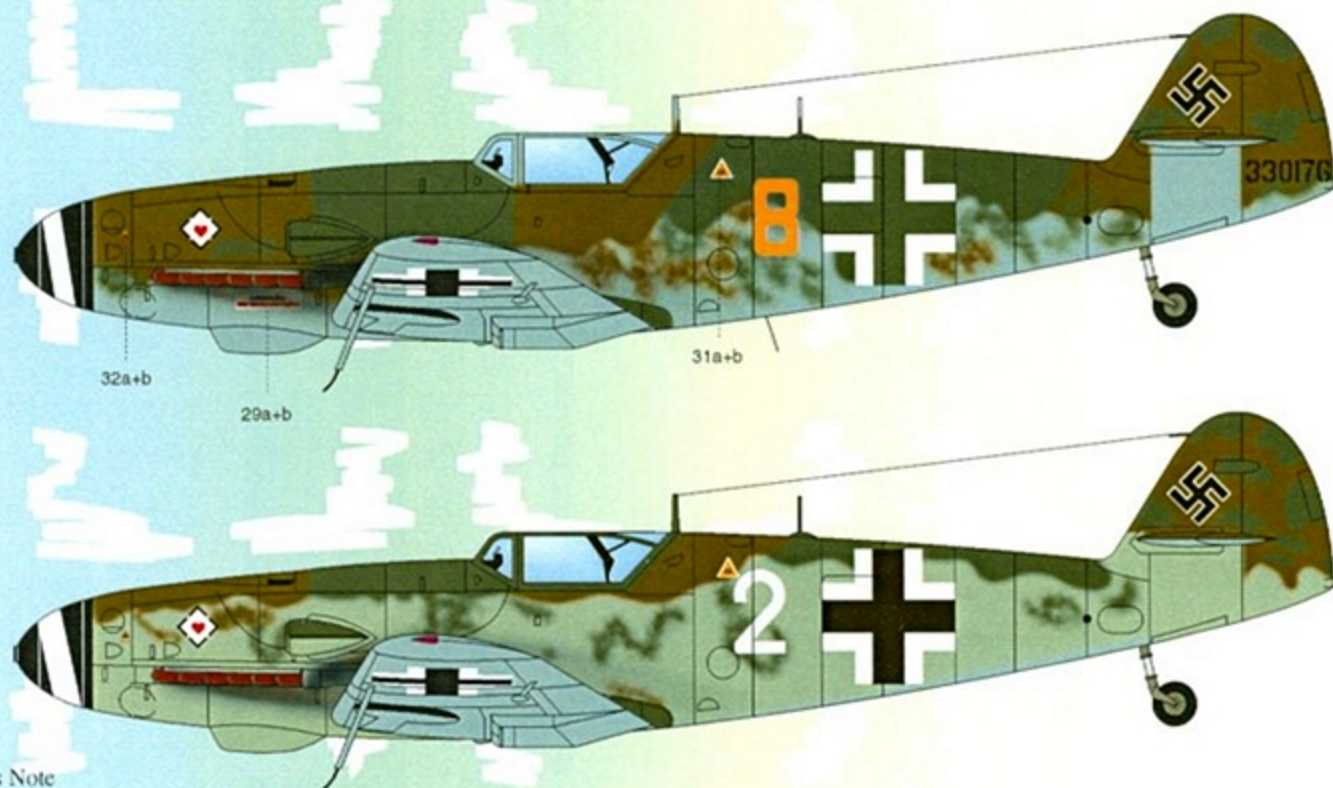
# AeroMaster™



Suggested Kit: Hasegawa, Monogram, and Hobbycraft Bf-109K



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### Modellers Note

An intriguing A/C, the K4 seems to have been mostly photographed in scrap yards or as cannibalized A/C in occupied and captured airfields. One of the best books on the A/C is our number one reference, Messerschmitt Bf109K by Japo. Highly recommended. Since a definite color order has not been accepted for the Luftwaffe in WWII, and to avoid further confusion, we have used the order followed by our paint line, where RLM 81 is Braunviolett, RLM 82 is Dark Green, and RLM 83 is Medium Green. Right or wrong, this is how we designate these colors. There was never a RLM 84 issued by the Air Ministry, but we have used this number to designate the mysterious Gray Green found on the later fighter A/C of the Luftwaffe. Some of these K4 A/C had the "saw tooth" wing leading edge pattern, for which a master has been provided. Carefully transfer it to tape, trim and use as a masking template. We are only suggesting a known K-4 upper surfaces pattern, however, we know that many others existed, but are not aware of specifics. According to our reference #1, tail wheels seem to have been fixed on these 4 airplanes.

A/C#1 • Bf109K-4 Wr.Nr. 330176 of II/JG 77, Nov. 1944. Camouflaged in 81/82/76 with Black spinner and wide White spiral. A/C was lost in collision with another 109K-4 (Wr.Nr. 330221) on Nov. 27, 1944.

A/C#4 • Bf109K-4 Wr.Nr. 33020, Malpensa, Italy, Feb. 1945. Original factory camouflage of 81/82/76. 209 are the last three digits of Wr.Nr. This A/C became 3-17 of the Italian AF, serving with 1<sup>o</sup>Gr.C. Italian flags, replaced fuselage insignia and swastikas. Wing crosses may have remained while in Italian service.

A/C#2 • Bf 109K-4 of 9/JG 77, Neuruppin, November 1944. A/C believed to have participated in Operation Bodenplatte, Jan. 1st, 1945. Colors are believed to be RLM 81/82/84 (Graublau) fuselage and RLM 76 lower wing and tail planes. Black Spinner with White spiral.

A/C#3 • Bf109K-4 of an unknown unit/locale. A/C shows extensive field color touch ups, especially around the fuselage I.D. band. Colors are believed to be RLM 75/82/84 (Graublau) fuselage and RLM 76 lower wings and tail planes. Black spinner with White spiral. Plain Black underwing crosses. A Black letter, number or tactical sign seems to be showing behind # 13, but we can not determine what it is. Modeller must paint prior to decalling. (See photo on page 29, reference 1)

