FOCKE WULF Fw 190D-9



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After the British Royal Air Force had successfully defended England during the historic "Battle of Britain," the German Luftwaffe was faced with the fact that their notorious Messerschmitt Bf 109's were outclassed by the new British Spitfires. However, within a year of that fateful "Battle," the Luftwaffe had once again tipped the scales in its favor with the introduction of the Focke Wulf Fw 190 – a plane that was to be noted for its speed and manoeuverability.

The Fw 190 is considered by many to be the most attractive and successful aircraft developed during World War II. In the first few months of its operational career, it gained a ratio of two Spitfires downed for the loss of only one Fw 190. By the end of 1942 the Fw 190, nicknamed "Würger" or Butcher Bird, was in full-scale production. Newer, more powerful versions of the plane took to the skies in a variety of roles. Bomber versions could carry 1,650 pounds of bombs under the wings and fuselage.

As the Fw 190 rolled up its score of victories, the Allies were greatly concerned about this grave threat. On the evening of June 23, 1942, the occupants of the Royal Air Force base at Pembrey, England, were startled as they watched a lone Fw 190A race low across the field, pull up into a series of victory rolls, and land on the runway. Much to their delight they discovered that a young German officer had become lost and mistook the RAF airbase for his own base in France.

At last the secrets of the Würger were revealed. The result of the tests made by the British with the captured plane led to a major revision in fighter design and combat tactics. The Fw 190 was well built, highly manoeuverable, and much faster than current British fighters. The pilot

of the Fw 190 could dictate the terms of combat and break-off at will,

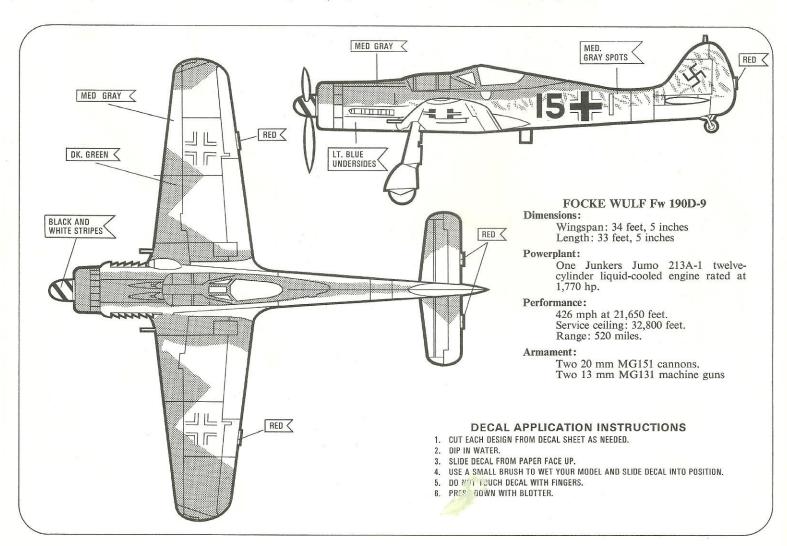
During the summer of 1943 a greatly refined model of the Fw 190 began operations. The radial engine which powered the previous models was replaced by a more powerful inline type. The blunt nose housed a cooling radiator and the fuselage was extended to contain the longer engine. Designated Fw 190D, the new fighter had far superior performance to the earlier versions of the Fw 190 series. The Fw 190D, "Dora" or "Long-nose" as it was nicknamed, was at least equal to the finest Allied fighters opposing it.

The Third Reich was on the decline when the Fw 190D went into service; therefore, this superb fighter was restricted to purely defensive roles. One of its most important operations in this respect was the protection of the new German jet fighters. Although the jets were outstanding in combat, they were at the mercy of the Allies when taking-off or landing. The Focke Wulfs would form a protective umbrella during these critical moments.

One of the squadrons assigned this task was 9./JG 54 (Grunherz) or Green Hearts squadron. Revell's model of the Focke Wulf Fw 190D-9 bears the markings of Feldwebel Gerhard Kroll who flew with this squadron.

The Fw 190D was, without doubt, the finest fighter developed by the Germans in the Second World War. Like its brothers in arms, the Messerschmitt Bf 109, the Fw 190 was a great advancement in aeronatutical design and has earned its place in the pages of aircraft history.

We are grateful to the Air Force Museum and to Jerry Crandall for their assistance in developing this model.



GET YOUR TOOLS READY:



KNIFE
TO DETACH
AND TRIM
PARTS
FILE
TO REMOVE



TWEEZERS TO PICK UP AND HOLD SMALL PARTS



CEMENT USE TOOTHPICK PAINT BRUSH OR PIN TO APPLY IT

★ ★ ★ BEFORE YOU BEGIN ★ ★



TAPE AND
CLOTHES
PINS
TO CLAMP
AND HOLD
PARTS
UNTIL THEY
ARE DRY



DO NOT DETACH PARTS UNTIL YOU ARE READY TO USE THEM! PARTS ARE NUMBERED TO HELP YOU FIND THEM. LOOK FOR THE NUMBER ON TAB NEXT TO PART OR ON PART ITSELF.

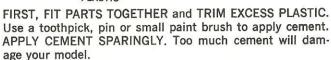
IF YOU WISH TO PAINT YOUR MODEL - See PAINTING FLAGS for color suggestions.

Use paints made for plastics only.

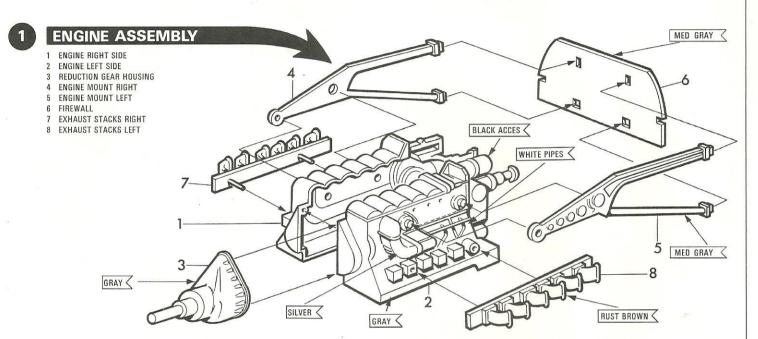
Paint small parts before detaching from runner.

Start with the lighter colors.

Scrape off paint where cement is to be applied. Cement will not work on paint.



NOTE: In the illustrations some of the details on the parts have been OMITTED FOR CLARITY.



Cement ENGINE HALVES RIGHT (1) and LEFT (2) together, then cement GEAR HOUSING (3) to front of ENGINE. 1

