



## EagleCals # 74

## Bf 109 K-4s JG 3, JG 27 & NJG 11?

The final version of the Messerschmitt 109 series, the Bf 109 K, has always sparked a lot of interest. Unfortunately good photo references, especially of colorful machines, are 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 1/32nd or 1/48th scale try EagleParts #20 Spinner, EP#21 Drop tank, EP#25-32 Supercharger Intake. Each is available from your local hobby shop or Eagle Editions. Note: see stencil page for new data plate placement in cockpit. This warning plate is present in Bf 109 G-10s and Bf 109 K Cockpits. Instructional text written by Mark Proulx.

Reference: 1. Poruba, Tomas; Janda, Ales Messerschmitt Bf 109K JaPo Czech Republic

2. Poruba, Tomas; Mol, Kees Messerschmitt Bf 109K Camouflage & Marking JaPo Czech Republic For accurate color references 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.

"Yellow 1" W. Nr.334176 Pilot: Uffz. Martin Deskau III./JG 3 April 1945

Antennas: Intact. Outer gear doors: Intact provisional.

Colors: Lowersurfaces: RLM 76 Light Blue. Uppersurfaces: RLM 75 Gray-Violet/RLM 83 Dark Green. Spinner: Black with White spiral. Prop blades: RLM 70 Black-Green.

National Markings: Fuselage: 900mm White outline crosses filled with RLM 83 Dark Green.

Hakenkreuz: 300mm Black with White outline. Left side partially worn off. Right side standard.

Wings: Upper- 1000mm White outline crosses filled with RLM 83 Dark Green or White outline crosses. Lower- 900mm Black with White outline crosses.

Stenciling: Factory standard.

Reference: #1 profile page 71

Germany

"White 5" W. Nr. Unknown Pilot: Unknown NJG 11? Date: Unknown Germany
Antennas: Intact. Outer gear doors: Removed provisional. Large exhaust shield fitted indicative of the aircraft's role as a night
fighter.

Colors: Overall: RLM 76 Light Blue with irregular mottling of RLM 83 on fuselage and upper surfaces. Some RLM 66 mottling applied to engine cowl. Canopy frame: RLM 66. Spinner: Black with White spiral. Prop blades: RLM 70 Black-Green heavily weathered on rear surfaces.

National Markings: Fuselage: 900mm White outline crosses filled with RLM 83 Dark Green.

Hakenkreuz: 300mm Black with no white outline.

Wings: Upper- 1000mm White outline crosses filled with RLM 83 Dark Green or White outline crosses.

Lower- 900mm Black cross.

Stenciling: None.

Reference: #2 page 58, #2 profile on rear cover.

"Yellow 8" W. Nr. Unknown Pilot: Unknown 11./ JG 3 March, 1945 Pasewalk, Germany Antennas: Intact. Outer gear doors: Removed.

Colors: Lowersurfaces: RLM 76 Light Blue. Uppersurfaces: RLM 75 Gray-Violet/RLM 83 Dark Green. Dark color applied to fuselage underneath the individual aircraft number. Spinner: Black with White spiral. Prop blades: RLM 70 Black-Green.

National Markings: Fuselage: 900mm White outline crosses filled with RLM 83 Dark Green.

Hakenkreuz: 300mm Black with White outline.

Wings: Upper-1000mm White outline crosses filled with RLM 83 Dark Green or White outline crosses.

Lower-900mm Black with White outline crosses provisional.

Stenciling: Factory Standard Reference: #1 page 56, 57, #1 profile page 71.

"Green 9" W. Nr. Unknown Pilot: Unknown JG 27 Date: Unknown Germany

Antennas: Intact. Outer gear doors: Unknown.

Colors: Lowersurfaces: RLM 76 Light Blue. Uppersurfaces: RLM 75 Gray-Violet/RLM 83. Rudder: RLM 75/83.
Spinner: Black with White spiral. Prop blades: RLM 70 Black-Green. Home Defense Band: Green.

National Markings: Fuselage: 900mm White outline crosses filled with RLM 83 Dark Green.

Hakenkreuz: 300mm Black with White outline.

Wings: Upper- 1000mm White outline crosses filled with RLM 83 Dark Green.

Lower- 900mm Black with White outline crosses provisional.

Stenciling: Factory standard. Reference: Photos in private collection