Focke Wulf FW 190A-5

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FW 190A-5 of an unidentified unit on the Eastern front. Finish is Grey-Green 74 and Grey-Violet 75 uppersurfaces with Light Blue 76 undersurfaces and sides. The fuselage sides have been heavily dappled with the darker grey Bottom of rudder, underside of the nose, tip of the spinner, fuselage band, and wingtips (approx. 1m) are yellow.

FW 190A-5 of Sch.G 1, Russia 1943. On this aircraft the uppersurface colours of Gray-Green 74 and Gray-Violet 75 are carried well down the fuselage sides, with the exception of the nose area. Undersurfaces are Light Blue 76. Fuselage band is yellow, as is the spinner nose.

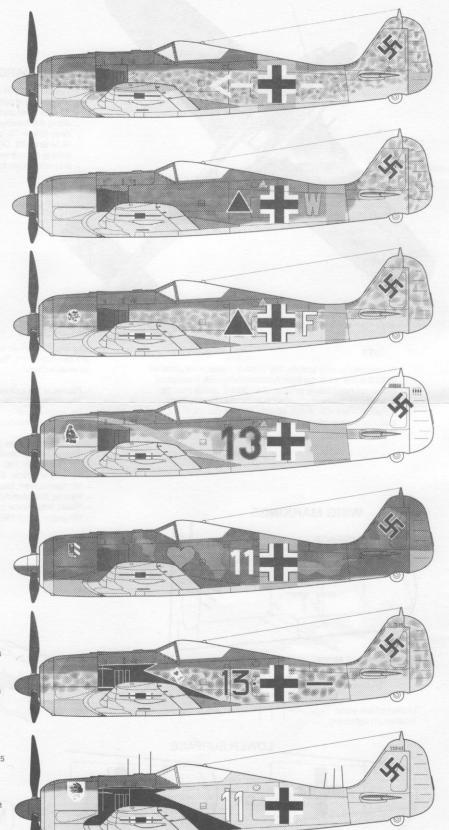
FW 190A-5 of I/Sch.G 1. Russia 1943. The aircraft uppersurfaces are camouflaged in Gray-Green 74 and Gray-Violet 75. Undersurfaces and sides are Light Blue 76, mottled with the darker grey. Fuselage band is yellow, as is the spinner nose, and armoured cowling ring.

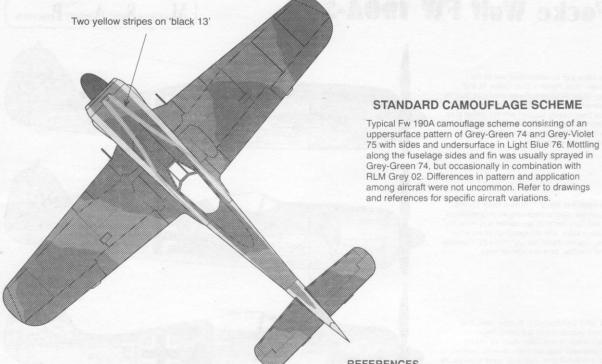
FW 190A-5/U-12, 410266, of Oblt. Erich Hondt, 2/JG 11, October 1943. Aircraft is finished in standard scheme of RLM 74 and 75 upper-surfaces with 76 sides and undersurfaces (including the u/c doors). The fuselage sides are lightly mottled with the darker grey. The aft fuselage and vertical tail is white, with the werk nummer on a patch of grey background. The fuselage band and stripes (constant width) atop the nose and down the sides are yellow as is the bottom of the cowling. Spinner is black-green 70. (Note: This aircraft has the small inboard undercarriage doors.)

FW 190A-5 of JG 54 in one of that unit's unusual camouflage schemes. The machine appears to have an uppersurface pattern of RLM 70, 71 and a lighter colour half way between 71 and 02, with light blue 76 undersurfaces. (Refer to colour photo in Luftwaffe Painting Guide, p. 48) The fuselage band, lower rudder and lower nose are yellow. The nose ring is white, and the spinner is RLM 70 with a quarter white segment.

FW 190A-5, W.Nr. 7298, of Obslt. Josef (Pips) Priller, JG 26, Belgium 1943. The aircraft uppersurfaces are camouflaged in Gray-Green 74 and Gray-Violet 75. Undersurfaces and sides are Light Blue 76, mottled with the darker grey. Spinner is RLM 70. Underside of cowling is yellow. Black exhaust area on fuselage sides with a thin white outline along the top and rear edge.

FW 190A-6/Neptun, W.Nr. 550143, of Oblt. Fritz Krause, NJG 10. The aircraft uppersurfaces are camouflaged in Gray-Green 74 and Gray-Violet 75 (on fuselage, only forward of the windscreen). Undersurfaces and sides are Light Blue 76. Spinner is RLM 70. Black exhaust area on fuselage sides, which extends onto wing roots. halfway through the inner gun covers. The aircraft has an exhaust glare shield (as in the Hasegawa 190A-8/R-11 kit), and no inner gear doors. Rod aerials mounted before windscreen, in front of fin, top of both wings, and below right wing.





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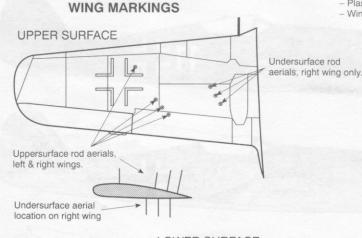
At present the only specific FW 190A-5 injection moulded kit in 1/72 is the example from Academy/Minicraft. Hasegawa has announced future release of a 190A-5, which may be available by the time you read this. Cooper Details offers a conversion set with doors, wheels, etc. for the 190A-5. Cooper also has a resin interior detail set for FW 190A-8, A-5, F-8, D-9, A-6, etc.

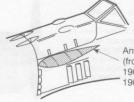
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Like aircraft such as the Me 109, references for the Fw 190A are fairly common. Some of the more readily available sources include:

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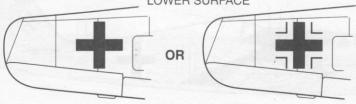
- Plastic Kits Revue (Czechoslovakia) #6 1992
- Wingspan, April 1985 (good Neptun details)





Anti-glare exhaust shield (from Hasegawa 190A-8/R-11 kit) on 190A-6/Neptun





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