

## EagleCals #133

## Ta 152 H

There are, so far, three Ta 152 H 1/32nd scale kits produced by Jerry Rutman, Pacific Coast Models and Zoukei-Mura. Although the Zoukei-Mura kit is specifically an H-1 which has the additional fuel tanks in the wings, by simply filling the upper wing fuel access panels, it would be converted to an H-0 as this is the only external difference between these two subtypes. According to some available drawings the underwing panel configuration was slightly different between the H-0 and the H-1; however, it cannot be verified if these proposed panel differences were actually implemented. Ta 152 H-0 "Green 4" is known to have a molded wooden tail. If the kit being built has the panel lines indicating a metal tail, these must be filled in to accurately replicate the one-piece molded tail fin of W. Nr. 150010. Unfortunately it is not known how many Ta 152s were also fitted with this wooden tail fin. Upper wing and horizontal tail camouflage vary slightly from aircraft to aircraft. Pattern supplied is a suggestion, modeler should refer to individual references.

National markings are all the same for each aircraft:

B4 800 mm Black outline fuselage crosses H3 500 mm Black outline Hakenkreuz

Wings: Upper B6 1000 mm White outline crosses

Lower B4 1000 mm Black outline crosses

Reference: Hitchcock, Thomas H. Ta 152, Hamilton, Montana: Eagle Editions Ltd. LLC, 2009

On 13 March 1945 all of the Ta 152s that had been assigned to the various units in JG 301 were brought together to form the Stabschwarm of JG 301 under the direct supervision of its Kommodore Oblst. Fritz Auffhammer. Green numbers were assigned, although it appears not all were changed to Green by war's end. Horizontal Green bars were applied over the JG 301 Red/Yellow fuselage bands.

Stab IG 301 W. Nr. 150004 Ta 152 H-0

Leck, Germany

"Green 6" Notable features: Pressurized canopy (Unconfirmed), Red and White striped FuG 16zy antenna. This aircraft was also listed as a factory test machine, several modifications were noted and the exact assignment unclear.

Colors: Undersurfaces RLM 76 Light Blue, rear half of underwing natural metal; ailerons, flaps RLM 76; Uppersurfaces RLM 82 Bright Green/83 Dark Green. Black exhaust panel. Propeller blades RLM 70 Black-Green, spinner Black with White spiral. Red/Yellow JG 301 fuselage bands, Green horizontal bar over fuselage bands, Green '6' outlined in Black. Upper wing camouflage wraps over leading edge of wing.

Stenciling: Factory standard; see insert for additional information

Reference: See above page 117

Alteno then Stendal Factory codes CW + CG "Yellow/White 7" Ta 152 H-0 W. Nr. 150007 This aircraft did not have a pressurized canopy, it simply had a single wall of Plexiglas and no pellets or pressure gauge on the outside of the canopy. In its original markings, this Ta 152 H-0 was "Yellow 7" photographed at Alteno, Germany as part of 11./JG 301 with Yellow tactical numbers and narrow Yellow horizontal bars over the Red/Yellow fuselage bands, February 1945. Equipped with windscreen heating elements which are provided in decal form, numbers 53, 54, 55, 56. Later it became "White 7". After the middle of March 1945, it was transferred to the Stabschwarm and a Green bar replaced the Yellow bar located over the Red Yellow bands. It was photographed at war's end in a hangar at Stendal Airbase, Germany.

Colors: Undersurfaces RLM 76 ght Blue; Uppersurfaces RLM 82 Bright Green/83 Dark Green. Black exhaust panel. Red and Yellow fuselage bar Upper wing camouflage wraps over leading edge of wing. Propeller blades RLM 70 Black- Green. "Yellow 7 Spinner RLM 70 black Green; "White 7"- Black with White spiral. Overpainted factory

codes, decals included. Note: cover depicts profile as "Yellow 7", inside profile depicts "White 7". Stenciling: Factory standard. Ferry Flight number White' 7' on both sides of rudder on both aircraft.

References: See above page 119, 186, 187

## February 1945 Alteno Airfield, Germany "Yellow 1" and "Yellow 2" Ta 152 H-0 11./JG 301

Pressurized canopy (Unconfirmed)

Colors: Undersurfaces RLM 76 Light Blue; Uppersurfaces RLM 82 Bright Green/83 Dark Green. Black exhaust panel. Red and Yellow fuselage bands. Spinner and Propeller blades RLM 70 Black-Green. Yellow horizontal bars over fuselage bands. Upper wing camouflage wraps over leading edge of wing.

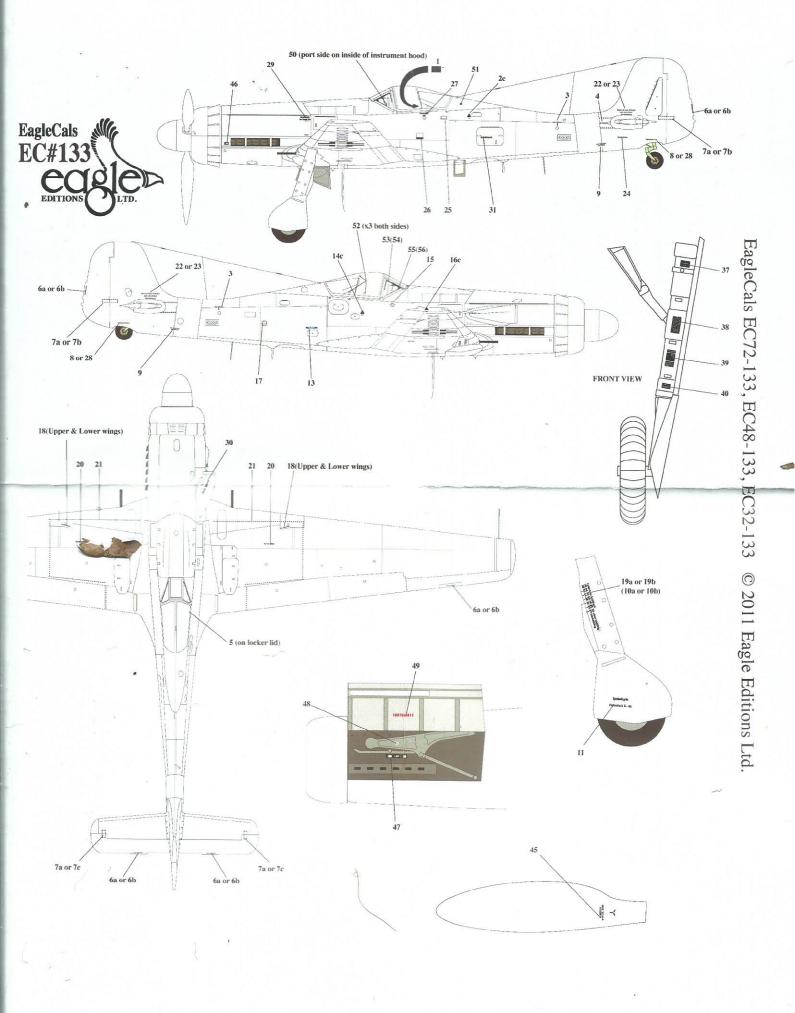
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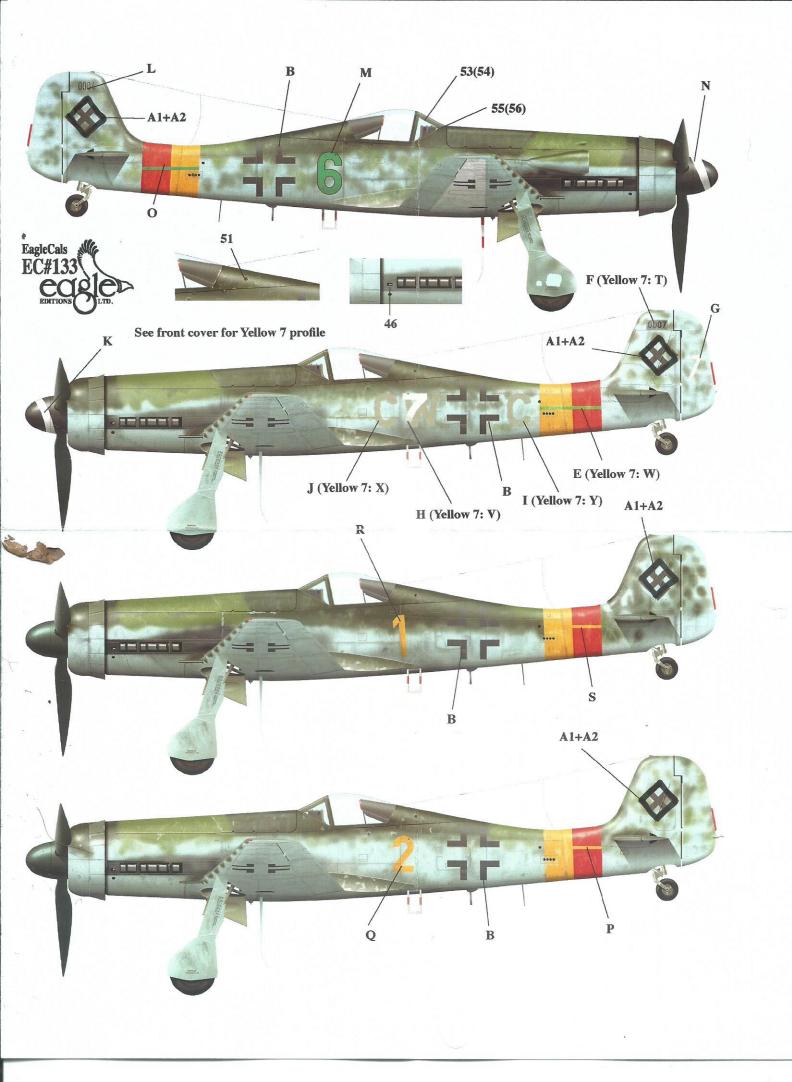
Reference: See above page 119, 122, 123

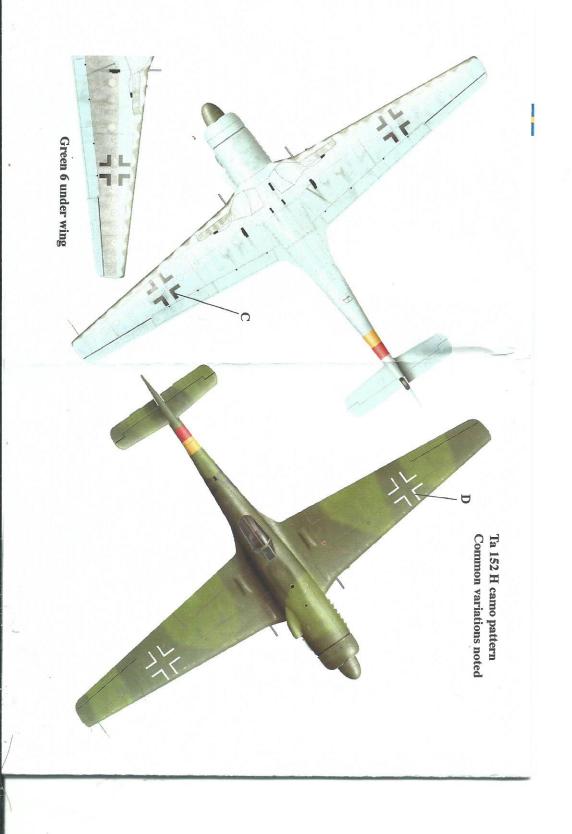
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## Wheel well stencil placement



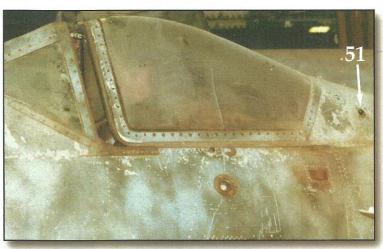
Decal #58 (port)

Decal #57 is for the starboard, #58 for port side. Port side shown. Wheel well is unpainted, natural metal with Red Focke-Wulf factory aluminum alloy code stenciling "3126.9".

The Ta 152 H was originally designed as a high-altitude fighter with a pressurized double walled canopy with three desicant tablets on each side of the canopy as an anti-fogging device. Pressurized canopies are also identifiable by an external round pressure gauge, decal number 51, on the port side of the rear metal portion of the canopy. It should be noted that some reference photos indicate not all Ta 152s had the pressuried system operational. For example "Yellow/White7" did not have the pressurized canopy system.



The double-walled Plexiglas pressurized canopy of Ta 152 H-0 W. Nr. 150010, pictured on the right. The locking hooks and studs can be seen on the bottom edge and the small dark circle on the right of the photo, on the rear portion of the canopy is the external pressure gauge, decal #51. Close up view of this gauge above.



Unique to the Ta 152 H are additional data plates not found on earlier Fw 190 aircraft. Prominent is the engine cowling data plate located on the port side panel just in front of the first exhaust stack, decal number 46. Another data plate is mounted next to the large *Achtung* stenciling on the pilot's armored head rest, decal number 1. Another obscure data plate is included that is positioned under the instrument hood cover, decal number 50. Since the ZM kit includes the engine, three decals are included with EagleCals: decal number 47 are the three engine date plate decals, number 48 is the stenciling number on the engine bearer support and decal number 49 is a stencil series of numbers on the inside of the engine cowling itself. (Note; The number provided is the exact number for "Green 4", but the modeler can rearrange the digit sequence for other aircraft.)



Port side of engine cowling showing correct positioning of data plate, decal #46.

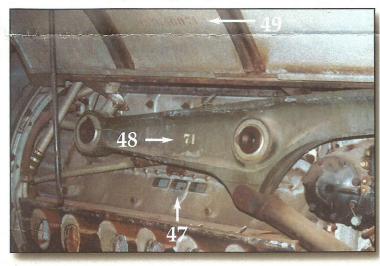


Photo of open engine cowling, stencil "White 71" on engine bearer, decal #48. Stencil numbers on inside of engine cowling decal #49 and engine data plate decal #47.



Data plate on armored head rest, decal #46. A portion of one of the six desicant tablets in the canopy can be seen just to the right of the armor plate. 'Achtung' decal #1.

Pictured on the right is the interior of the port side instrument hood cover with data plate decal #50.

