

Junkers Ju 87B STUKA Reve

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DEADLY – WHEN UNOPPOSED

One of the most frightening weapons used by the Germans in World War II was the *Junkers JU-87 Stuka* dive bomber. It was effective and deadly from the moment it first appeared, unopposed, on the war scene.

The *Stukas* were ugly, and carried sirens that screamed an unmistakable warning of doom as the planes plunged toward their targets, demoralizing the intended victims. Much of this terror was also due to the German propaganda machine that constantly hailed the *Stuka* as the supreme weapon.

DIVE BOMBING DEVELOPED

The *Stuka* first went into action during the Spanish Civil War in 1937. Here, with no air opposition, the techniques of dive bombing were developed. When the Germans invaded Poland, the *Stuka* proved effective in destroying tanks and communications, and in demoralizing troops. In fact, the *Stuka* played a greater role in this campaign than any other weapon. Again, during the Battle of France, the *Stuka* roamed the skies, its evil task unhindered by opposing aircraft.

OVERCONFIDENCE!

But these remarkable successes of the *Stuka* early in the war misled the Germans into believing it was their ultimate weapon — and invincible. Encouraged by the past performances of these dive bombers, the Luftwaffe sent swarms of *Stukas* over England as the Battle of Britain began. Now, when pitted against effective fighter opposition, the slow, underarmed, and unwieldly bomber itself became the victim. Suddenly the *Stuka* was a colossal failure, unable to strike its targets or even defend itself. So many *Stukas* were lost in the first six days of this Battle that the remainders of the shattered

squadrons were withdrawn. The *Stuka* was at last seen in its true light... a weapon only effective against a defenseless target! When air supremacy was denied the Luftwaffe, their "ultimate weapon" was useless.

WIDELY USED

On the Russian front, however, where the Germans had control of the air, the *Stukas* again cast their ugly shadows. Here they were used effectively against shipping and armored targets.

Germany provided *Stukas* for the Italians and they were operated throughout Italy. Other countries using the JU-87 were Rumania, Hungary, and Bulgaria. At one time, even the Japanese considered the plane as a possible weapon. Total number of JU-87's built was 4,881.

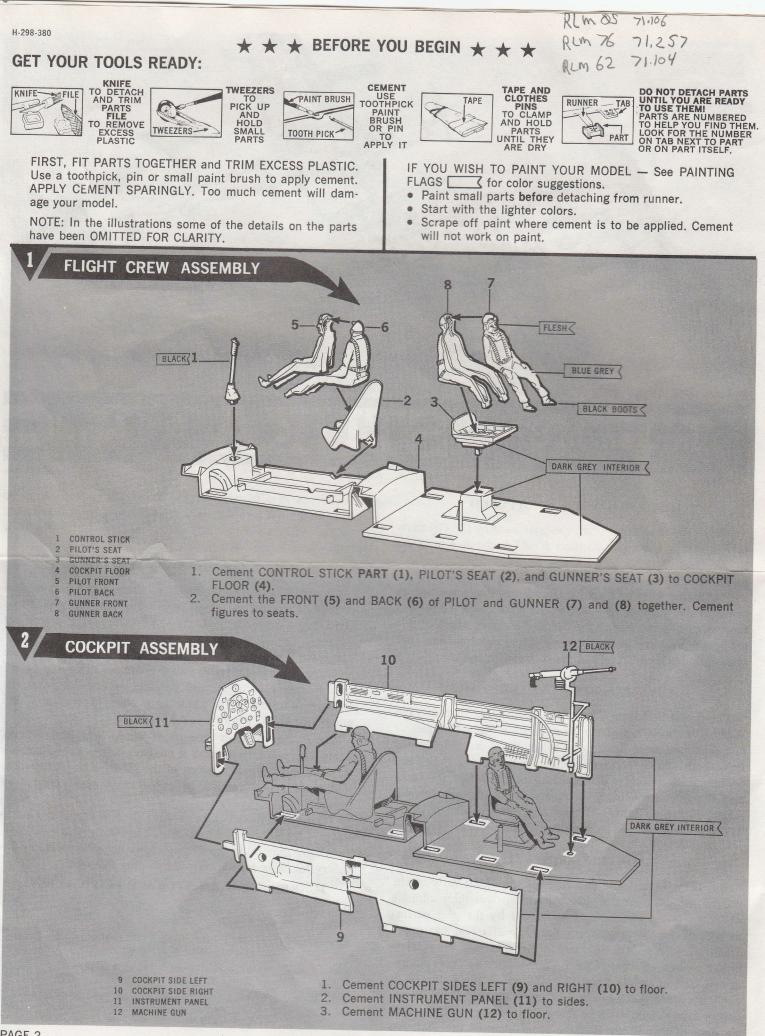
The *Stuka* was used throughout World War II, but never again with the effectiveness it enjoyed before its weaknesses were unveiled. Final versions of the JU-87 were designed as tank-busters and carried two 37-mm cannons instead of bombs.

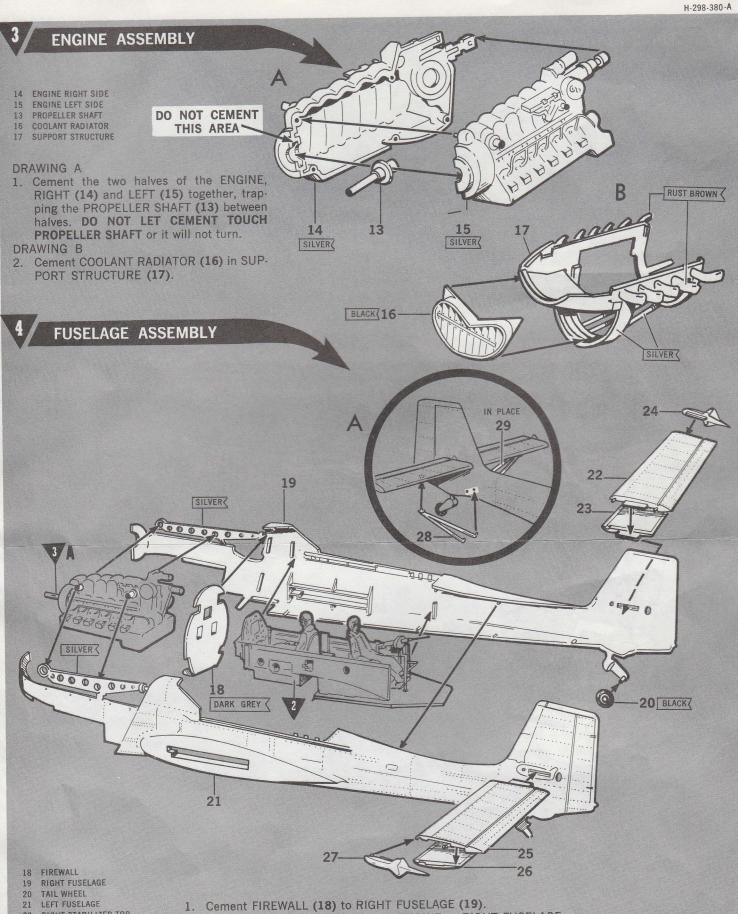
Your Revell model of the Junkers JU-87B carries the marking of a Stuka operated by II/St.G2 in North Africa in 1941.

We are grateful to the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry for their assistance in developing this model.

JUNKERS JU-87B-2 STUKA SPECIFICATIONS

Dimensions:	Wingspan – 45 ft. 3¼ in. Length – 36 ft. 1 in.
Powerplant:	One Junkers Jumo 211D twelve cylinder liquid cooled engine of 1,100 hp
Performance:	Maximum speed – 232 mph at 13,000 ft. Range 370 miles
Armament:	Two fixed 7.9 mm machine guns in the wings. One 7.9 mm machine gun in rear cockpit. One 1,100 lb. bomb and four 110 lb. bombs.





- RIGHT STABILIZER TOP RIGHT STABILIZER BOTTOM
 - Cement COCKPIT ASSEMBLY and ENGINE to RIGHT FUSELAGE. 2.
 - PLACE, DO NOT CEMENT TAIL WHEEL (20) on pin, and cement LEFT FUSELAGE (21) to right 3. side.
 - Cement the RIGHT STABILIZERS, SECTIONS (22), (23) and (24) together. Cement LEFT 4 STABILIZER SECTIONS (25), (26) and (27) together. Cement both STABILIZERS to FUSELAGE.
 - Cement STABILIZER STRUTS RIGHT (28) and LEFT (29) in position as shown in DETAIL A. 5.

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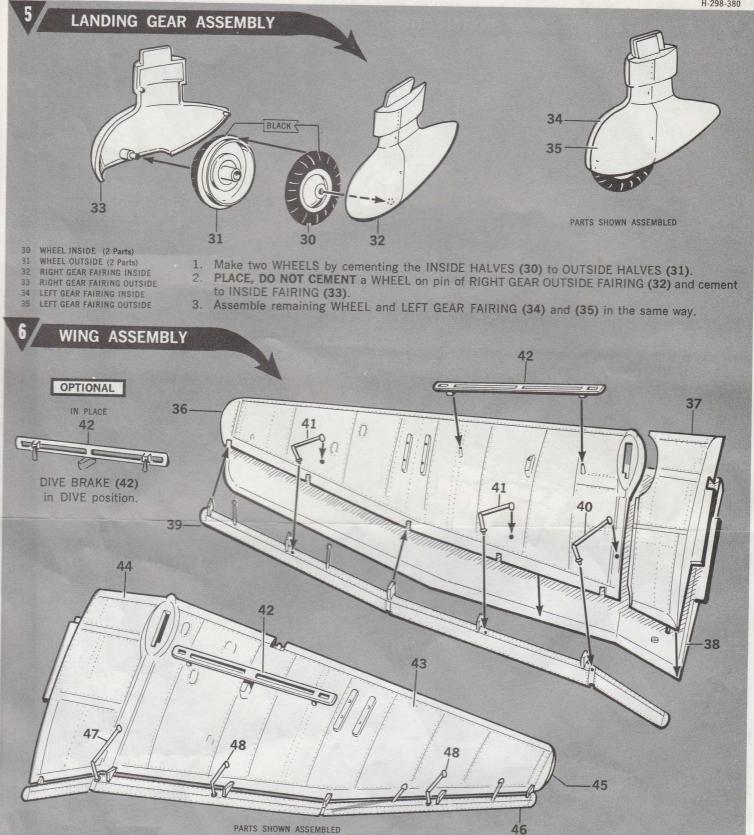
RIGHT STABILIZER TIP LEFT STABILIZER TOP

LEFT STABILIZER TIP

LEFT STABILIZER BOTTOM

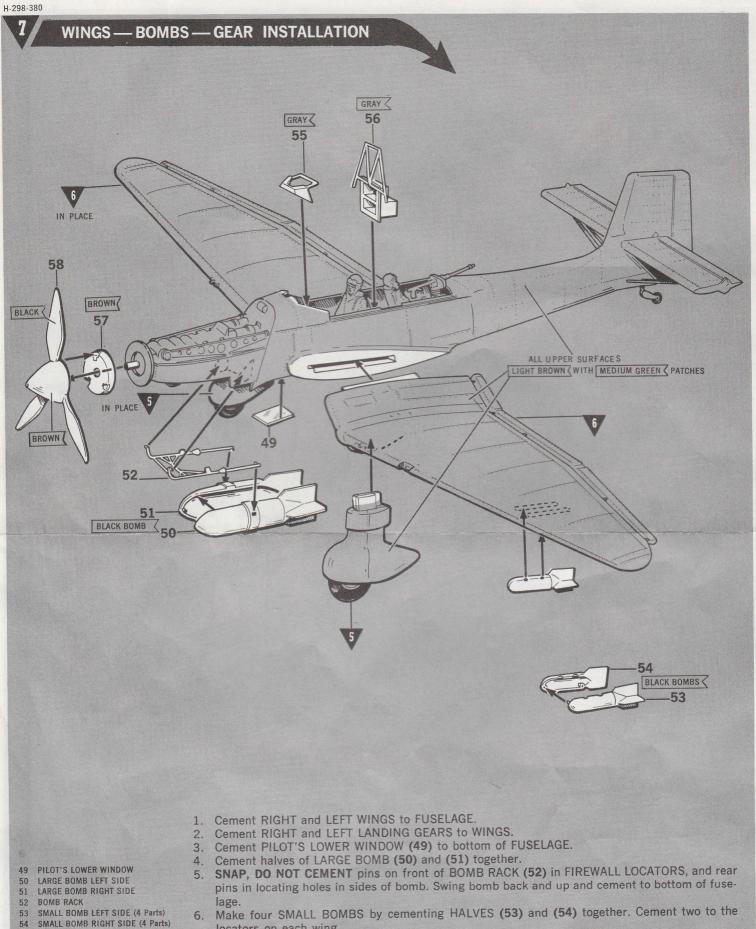
RIGHT STABILIZER STRUT

LEFT STABILIZER STRUT



- **36 RIGHT WING LOWER OUTBOARD**
- 37 RIGHT WING LOWER INBOARD 38 **RIGHT WING TOP**
- 39 **RIGHT WING FLAP**
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- RIGHT WING FLAP INBOARD LINKAGE 41 **RIGHT WING FLAP OUTBOARD LINKS (2 Parts)**
- 42 DIVE BRAKE (2 Parts)
- 43 LEFT WING LOWER OUTBOARD
- 44 LEFT WING LOWER INBOARD 45 LEFT WING TOP
- 46 LEFT WING FLAP
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- LEFT WING FLAP INBOARD LINKAGE
- 48 LEFT WING FLAP OUTBOARD LINKAGE (2 Parts)

- 1. Cement RIGHT LOWER WING SECTIONS OUTBOARD (36) and INBOARD (37) to TOP WING (38) 2.
 - Cement RIGHT WING FLAP (39) to WING.
- Cement WING FLAP activating LINKAGE INBOARD (40) and two OUTBOARD (41) to 3. bottom of WING. 4.
- Cement one DIVE BRAKE (42) to pins on WING.
- 5. Assemble LEFT WING in the same way using LOWER WING SECTIONS (43) and (44), UPPER WING (45) and FLAP (46). Then add LINKAGES INBOARD (47) and OUT BOARD (48) and DIVE BRAKE (42).



- Make four SMALL BOMBS by cementing HALVES (53) and (54) together. Cement two to the 6. locators on each wing.
- Cement CRASH BAR (55) to FUSELAGE and RADIO-OVERTURN STRUCTURE (56) in place be-7. hind pilot's seat.
- PRESS, DO NOT CEMENT PROPELLER BACK PLATE (57) to PROPELLER SHAFT. Then cement 8. PROPELLER (58) to BACK PLATE.

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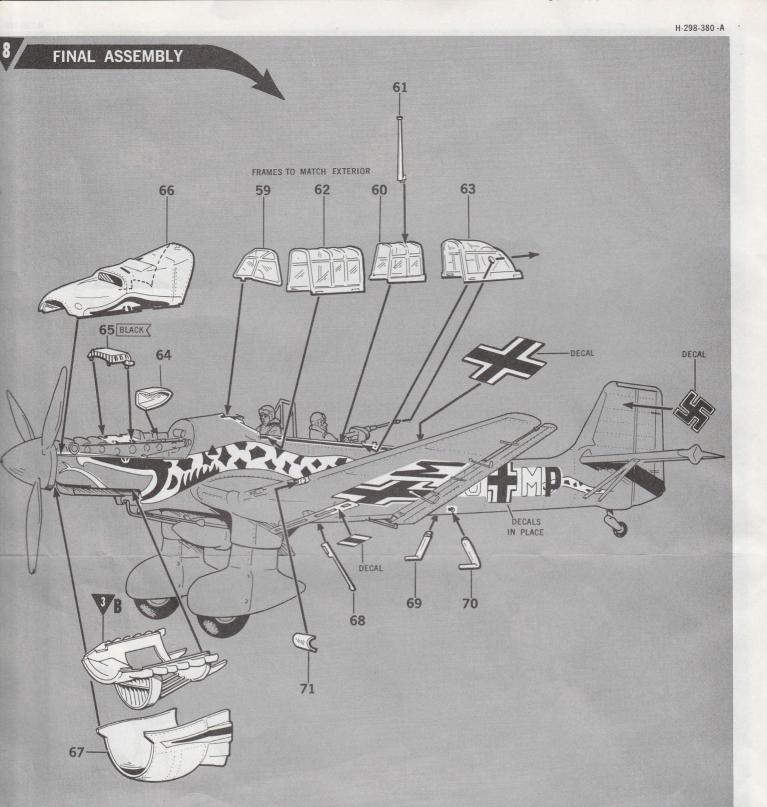
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CRASH BAR

PROPELLER

RADIO AND OVERTURN STRUCTURE

PROPELLER BACK PLATE



- 1. Cement PILOT'S WINDSHIELD (59) and FIXED CANOPY (60) to FUSELAGE, then cement AN-TENNA MAST (61) to top of CANOPY.
- 2. Snap PILOT'S CANOPY (62) and GUNNER'S CANOPY (63) in slots in FUSELAGE sides.
- 3. Cement AIR SCOOP (64) to right side of FUSELAGE.
- 4. Cement OIL RADIATOR (65) to ENGINE.
- 5. Upper ENGINE COWLING (66) presses in place and may be removed to display engine detail.
- Cement COOLANT RADIATOR and SUPPORT STRUCTURE from STEP 3B to FUSELAGE under ENGINE, when cement has set press RADIATOR COWLING (67) in position. It may be removed to display lower engine detail.
 - 7. Assemble ENGINE COWLINGS (66) and (67) to FUSELAGE and carefully apply DECALS to FUSELAGE as shown in Box Art. When DECALS have dried thoroughly, use a sharp knife or razor blade to separate COWLING SECTIONS so they will be removable.
 - 8. Cement TRAILING ANTENNA MAST (68), and RIGHT (69) and LEFT (70) STEPS to bottom of FUSELAGE.
 - 9. Cement LANDING LIGHT COVER (71) to LEFT WING.

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PILOT'S WINDSHIELD

FIXED CANOPY

ANTENNA MAST

PILOT'S CANOPY

AIR SCOOP

STEP LEFT

STEP RIGHT

OIL RADIATOR

GUNNER'S CANOPY

UPPER ENGINE COWLING

TRAILING ANTENNA MAST

LANDING LIGHT COVER

RADIATOR COWLING