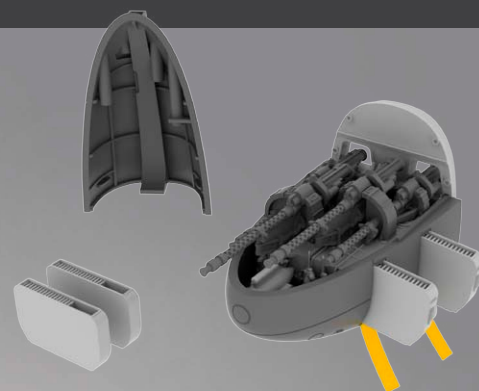


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EDITORIAL



The July kit offerings have, in my opinion, some the nicest boxart we have ever produced. The Bf 110E carries the last and without a doubt, most effective, work by Petr Stepanek. Unfortunately, he was unable to commit to the art for the Lightning kit, and the responsibility fell on Martin Lebl. Some will notice the difference, and some won't, but one fact of life remains, that when two do the same thing, it isn't always the 'same thing', even if the end result may achieve a similar standard, as in this case. Even if one person does the same thing twice, it may not amount to being the 'same thing'. This is especially noticeable if the two things have a time span of five years separating them. This is what was running through my head, when

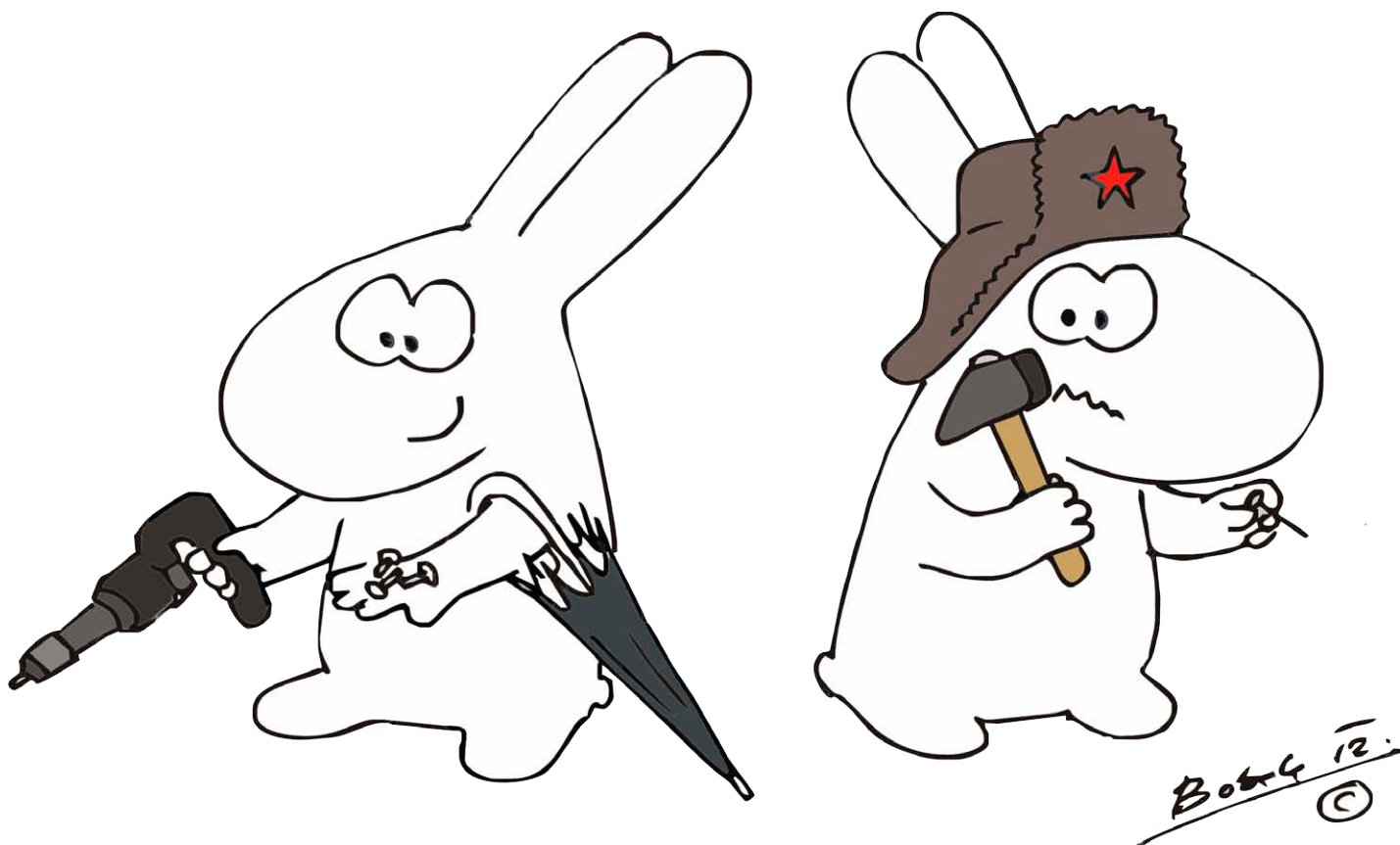
I was gluing together the still-warm Bf 110E test shots, and was immensely enjoying the ease of assembly, where all fell together as it should, and looked as it should, and felt as it should. In comparison with the older 1/48th scale kit, which is not a fair fight, this smaller version could be considered as retribution. But, please, that doesn't mean we will be shipping free kits!

Although it will not be at first evident, the smaller version really does come out of the older 48th scale kit. Design data was naturally taken advantage of to the max. Of course, our approach was different, and the concept is diametrically opposed. First and foremost, we surrendered the notion of replicating every detail, and notably those that are not visible in the assembled model. The end result is a kit that is fundamentally less complicated, but still pays due attention to visible detail. This will be noticeable in the interior, extending even to the wheel wells, and to the opposite end of the spectrum in the nose, that in 1/72nd scale provides only the gun barrels. Most modelers are unlikely to miss the full compartment, and the barrels that are there are very well done, and their protrusion from their respective openings are very elegant. Those that insist on the nose weapon compartment to be represented will find a set for that in the Brassin range, which will eventually include a whole range of details for this kit. The aforementioned nose gun bay is being introduced in July along with the kit release, along with another Brassin set containing wheels. I must add that, ladies and gentlemen, the nose gun bay set is an absolute gem! If the kit itself is to be considered top rate, then this set will elevate it even further. If you doubt it,

I urge you to get to your local hobby shop, or the internet, and take a look for yourself. Look at the kit as well as the resin detail sets. I'd also like to point out that we were also able to print an additional decal sheet for the subject, also being released this month.

What will rightfully become a point of discussion, and likely criticism, is riveting. Compared to the recent 48th scale kits, notably the Bf 109E, we didn't do much riveting this time. Truth be told, almost no riveting. During the course of planning the design of this kit, when attention turned to surface treatment, the usefulness of rivets in this scale came into question, and the voice of the people tended to be in opposition for the most part. We took this into serious account. Now, it appears that times have again changed, and the tendency seems to be leaning back towards the representation of rivets, as we have done on the Bf 109E. Those that wanted the rivets to be there....sorry! Hope you are not among those that griped about the rivets on the MiG-21! And don't be mistaken the front page 110 model is riveted. It is simply because the autor of the model, David Bilek, loves riveting, and he must add rivet lines to all his jobs.

But, you know, the debate surrounding riveting is a pretty interesting one, at the very least, don't you think? Historically speaking, different nations had different approaches to the real thing. Take for example, during wartime - the English seemed to follow the wisdom that rivets were a form of insurance, and rivets represented longevity and ultimate victory. They put around one-and-a-half times the amount of rivets into the Spitfire as the Germans did into the



-109, and we've been trying to get our heads around this issue and what it means in scale. The Soviets, on the other hand, riveted almost zero by comparison. They compensated for the rivet shortfall by nailing together plywood, where rivets are not used, only to be topped by the Americans who pragmatically and neatly, at least to some extent, came along with the puttied over Mustang.

We are not limited to just the -110 in this atypically eventful July, thanks in part to another Limited Edition kit, dubbed 'P-38J Over Europe'. Those that know, might turn their nose up at the plastic moldings from Academy, but only for a moment. On further inspection, you will also find our photoetched and Brassin additions, that, together with the decal sheet, elevate this kit to a very decent standard. The resin wheels, cockpit and superchargers offer a much higher quality of components compared to the original plastic, to say nothing of the etched brass parts. The decals are once again printed by Carograf as per our design. One of the offered schemes in this kit comes out of an amazing process of research of a specific aircraft known from but a few photographs that we discovered, and is described in detail by Martin Ferkl. The story is all the more interesting, at least to me, considering that the focus on the story is the research process and what it turned up, and not any significant number of kills involved with the machine.

There has been some negative publicity recently levied against the Brassin line. Once again, this has to do with the raster grid. We can only blame ourselves for this problem, since

we rather naively published photographs of a poorly made component, and magnified to boot. It's not entirely clear as to how we managed to get these shots into a magazine, but it's safe to say that the results have been catastrophic. As a result, there is a search on to find the raster pattern on all of our poured parts, even when as a matter of process, there is none. In short, we have shot ourselves in the foot, and are in the process of dressing the wound. As it appears, this is something we are fated to having to deal with; our clients see the pattern in some of our resin, and that's that. Most people have some understanding of physical process of making resin masters, and how 3D modeling is transferred into a physical end product with 3D tooling, of which a raster pattern is an implicit component thanks to the grid lines involved. I can assure everyone that we are not cutting any corners with the process, nor are we trying to be, or intending to be, stingy with it, either. On the contrary, as if everything else we have done, our investment will continue to be used to our advantage in achieving the highest possible standard of the machining process.

From August, we will discontinue plating our photoetched parts. There are almost as many cons expressed against the plating as there are against the raster issue. After an extended period of discussion with groups against plating the etched brass, we have decided to drop the process. As of August, we will only continue to plate parts that benefit from it, as with the subsequent color printing process. So, tell me people...what has brought you the most pleasure? Spain's victory at Euro 2012, the drop in the price of oil, or our minor technological hurdle?

August's collection of new PE sets will then be in an actual brass color. This will include a collection of four sets for the 1/32nd scale B-25 Mitchell, and for two sets covering Tamiya's Il-2. I hope that all will have a better experience in adhesion with the non-plated sets. Any further problems with adhesion will need to be sought closer to home!

Keep on Modelin'!!
Vladimir Sulc



Bf 110E ProfiPACK Cat.No. 7083



1/72

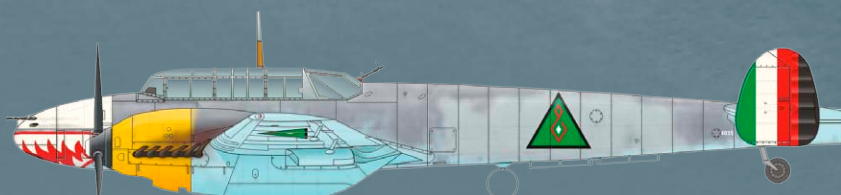
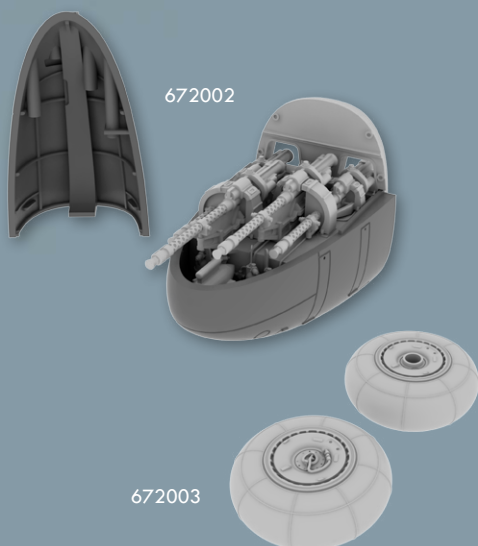
The Bf 110E in 1/72 by Eduard is a brand new and awaited kit. The type series is opened by the E version which is covered in the box by five attractive decals. Kit consists from 8 plastic frames, which components will satisfy by fine details and perfect fitting of every plastic parts. The ProfiPACK edition also means that the painting mask and photo-etched accessories are included.



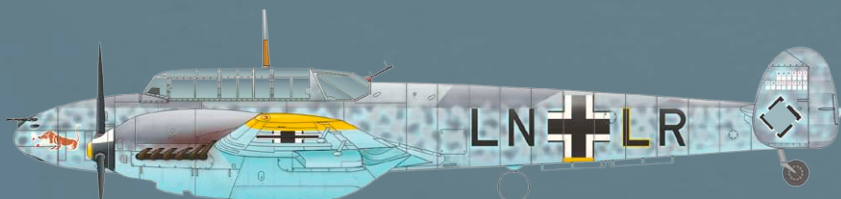
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AFTERMARKET for Bf 110E:

Brassin: Bf 110E nose guns (672002)
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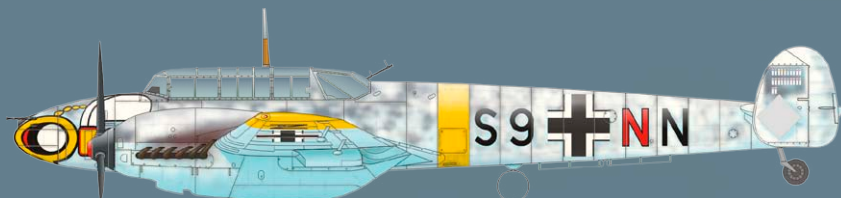
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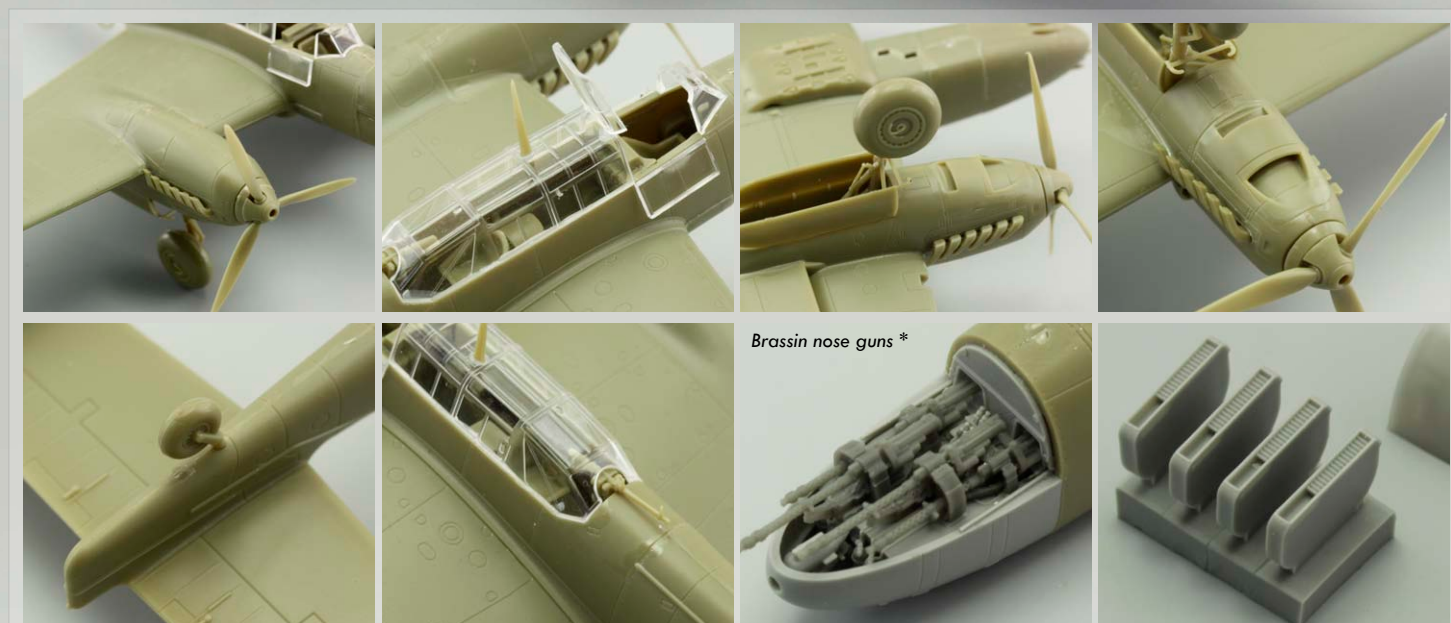
C LN+LR, 1.(Z)/JG 77, Lt. Felix-Maria Brandis, Malmi, Finland, 1942



G9+JM, 4./NJG 1, St. Trond, France, February 1942



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Brassin nose guns *

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LIMITED EDITION

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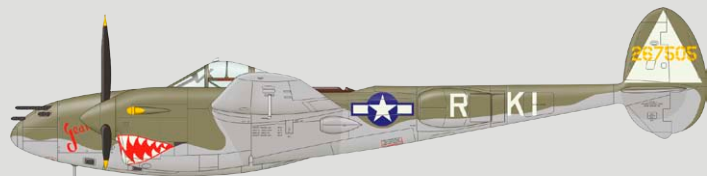
Limited edition of the P-38J Lightning in the 1/48 scale is based on Academy plastic parts. The increasing value of that kit is made by the Eduard additional detailing sets (exclusively included in this kit only). The Eduard Brassin accessories covers the cockpit (pilot's compartment bay, pilot's seat, armor plate behind the seat, center wing section, radio equipment), the superchargers (the entire supercharger, plus the supercharger intakes located on the engine sides) and landing gear wheels (including the front wheel, with superb details on their discs, also as the fine tire pattern). The photoetched accessories (colored) contains the instrument panel and seatbelts, air intake strainers and structure of the coolers intakes, landing gear interior and various exterior details. The decal sheet, designed by Eduard and printed by Cartograf features six colorful and attractive markings for Lightnings serving with various USAAF units in the ETO. Only 1 500 boxes available.

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P-38J-10-LO, s/n 42-67940, flown by Lt. Jack M. Jarell, 485th FS, 370th FG



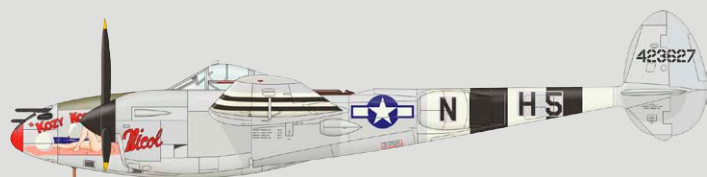
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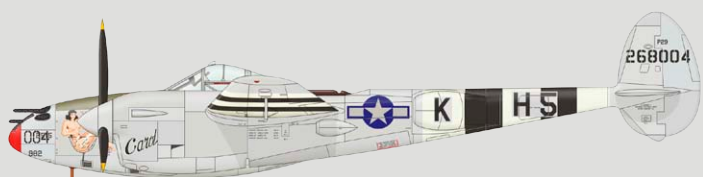
P-38J-10-LO, s/n 42-67505, flown by Capt. Roy Scruthfield, 55th FS, 20th FG, King's Cliffe AB, England, 1943-44



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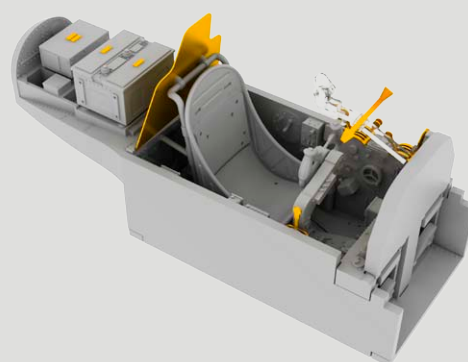
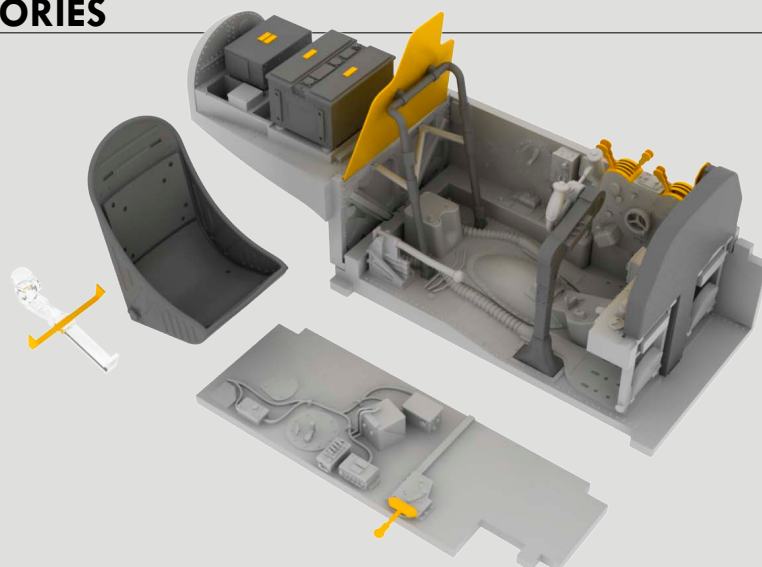
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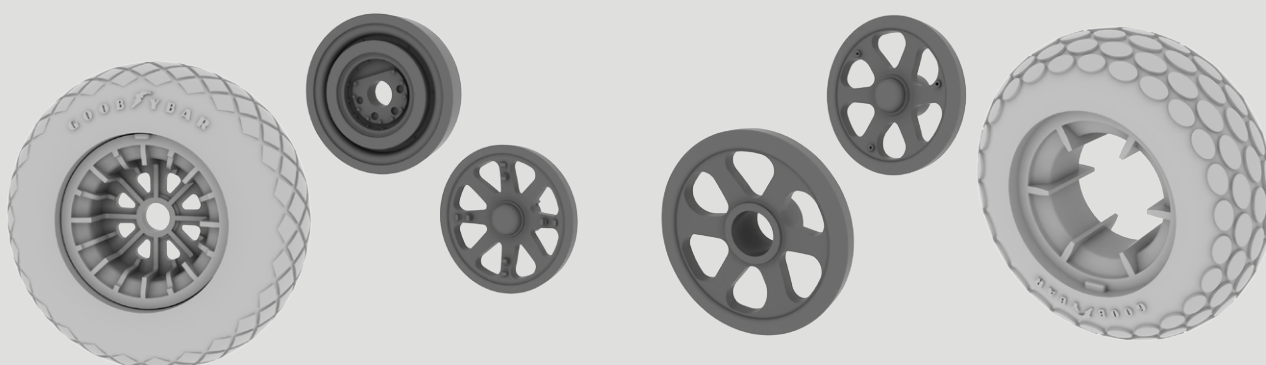
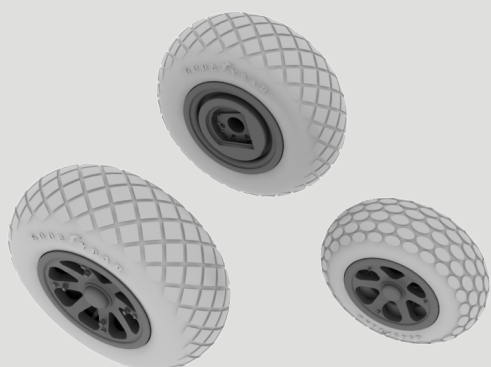
P-38J-15-LO, s/n 42-68004, flown by 1stLt. Clark R. Livingston, 392nd FS, 367th FG, Juvincourt AB, France, December, 1944

P-38J over Europe BRASSIN ACCESSORIES

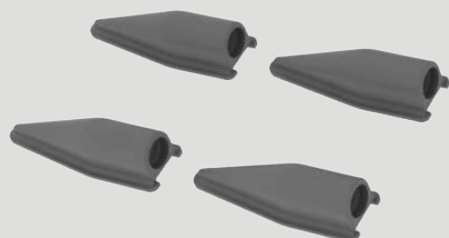
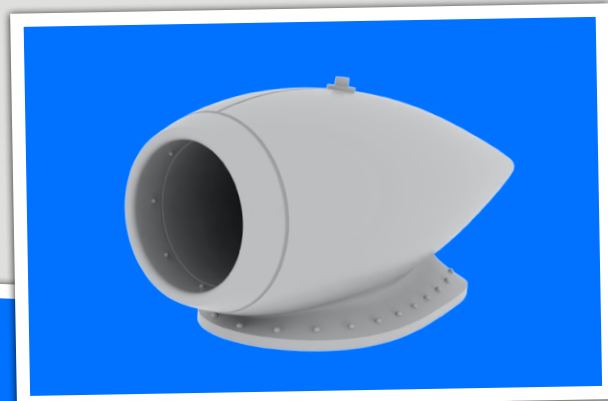
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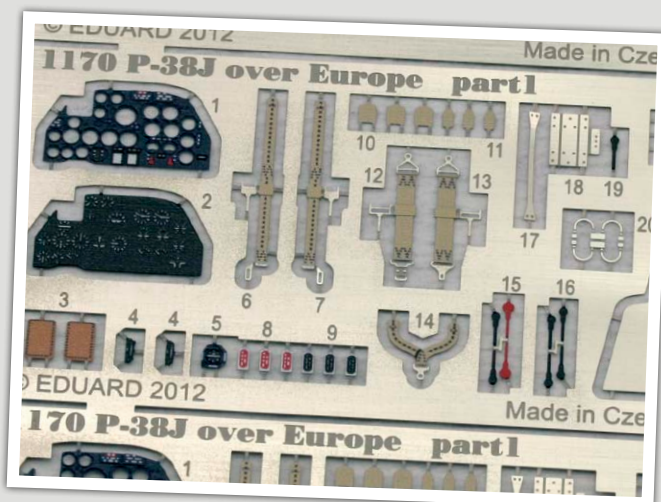
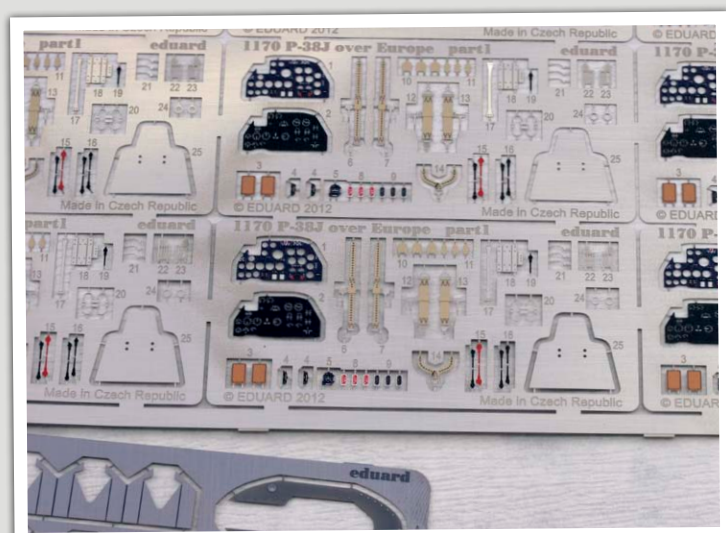
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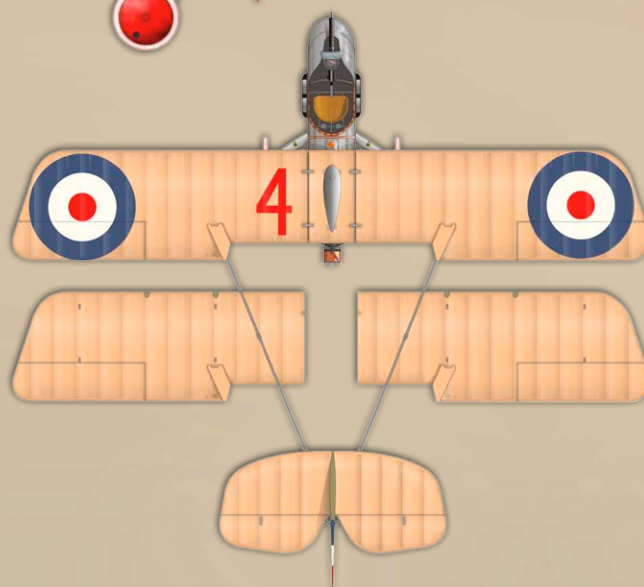
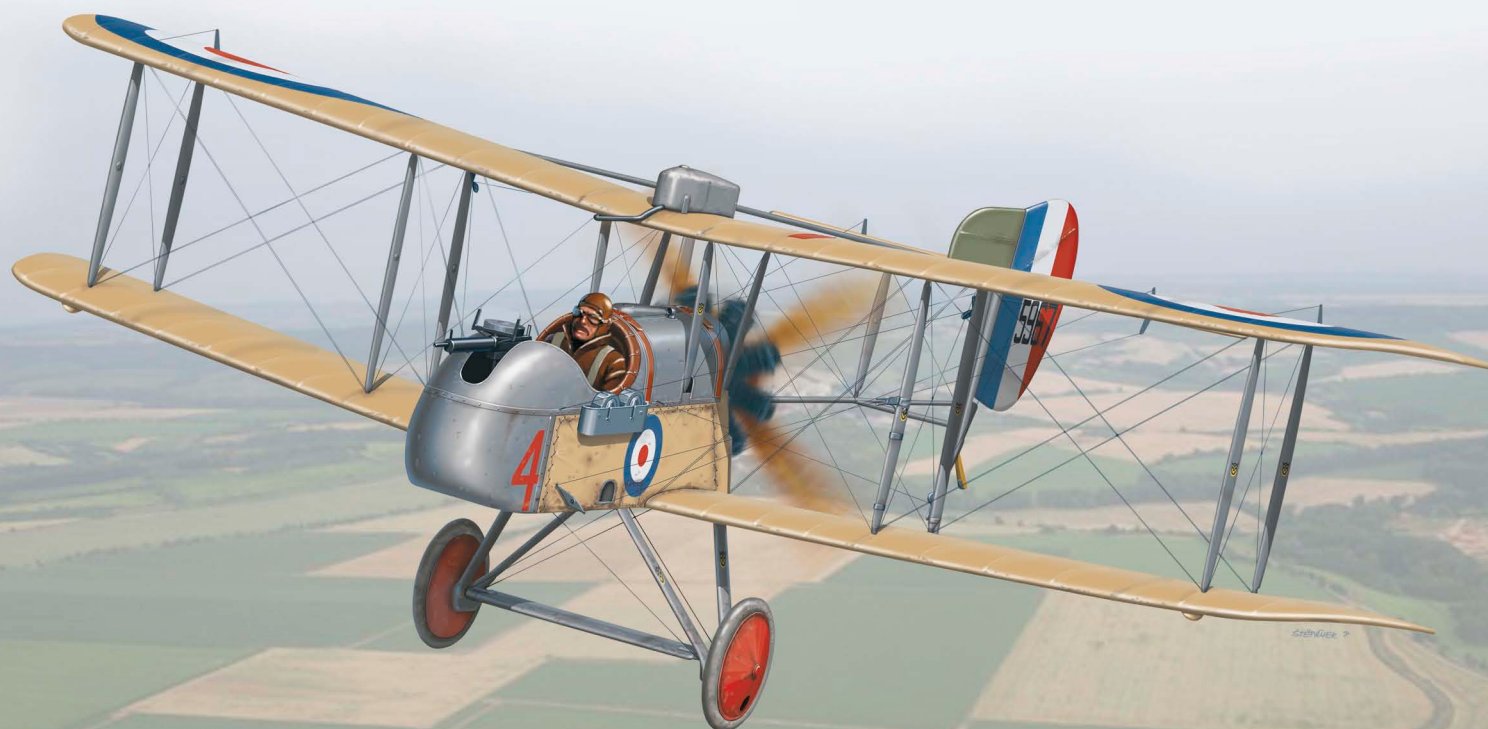


P-38J over Europe COLOR PHOTO-ETCHED SET



Airco DH-2 Weekend

1/48 Cat.No. 8443

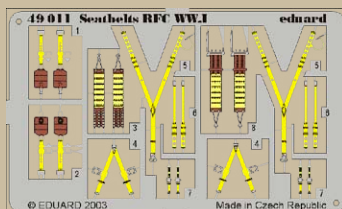


The Weekend edition brings you the cheap variant of Eduard kit Airco DH-2 in 1/48 scale.

User friendly decals in high quality are designed and printed by Eduard.

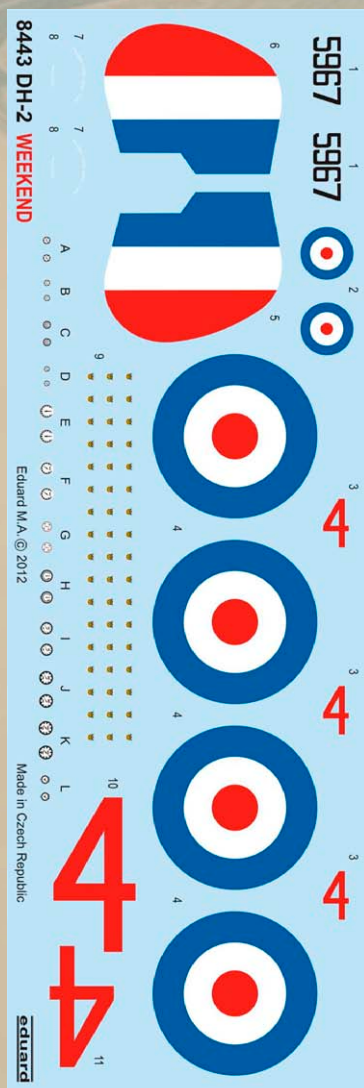
This kit, in very fair price, contains neither photo-etch, or the painting mask.

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Seatbelts RFC WWI 1/48
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DH-2 ProfiPACK 1/48
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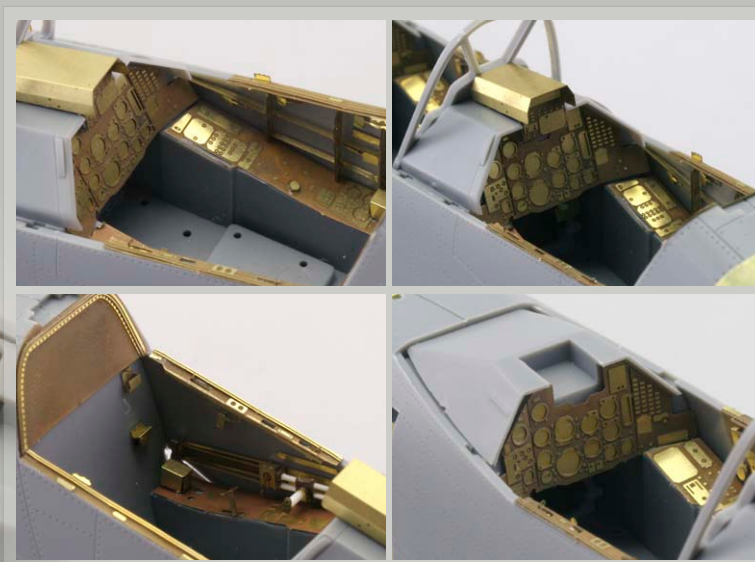
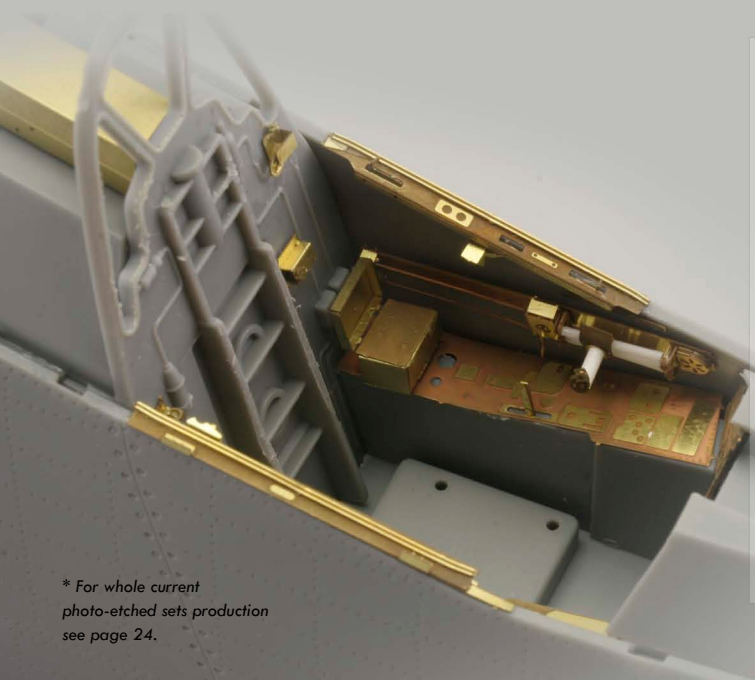


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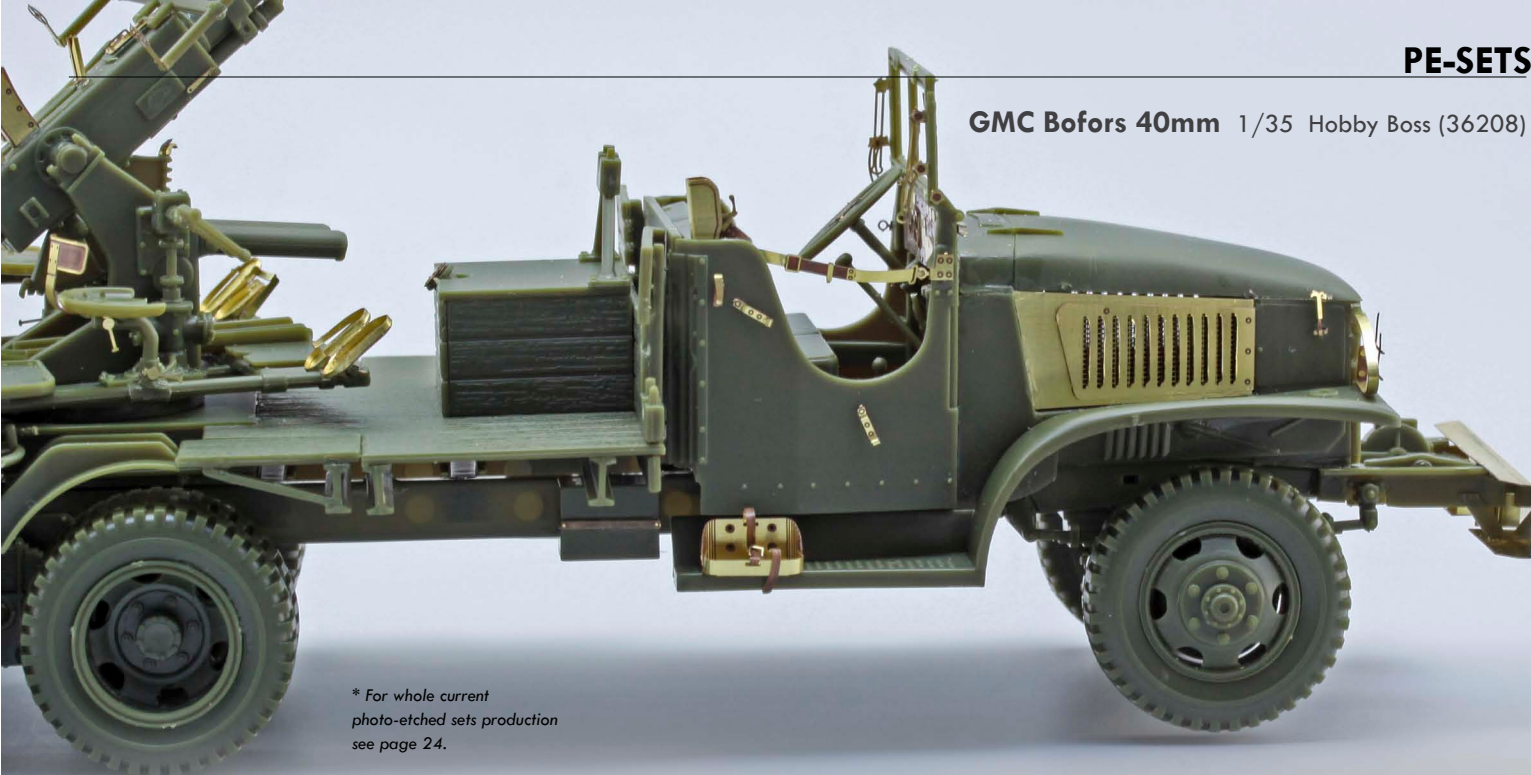


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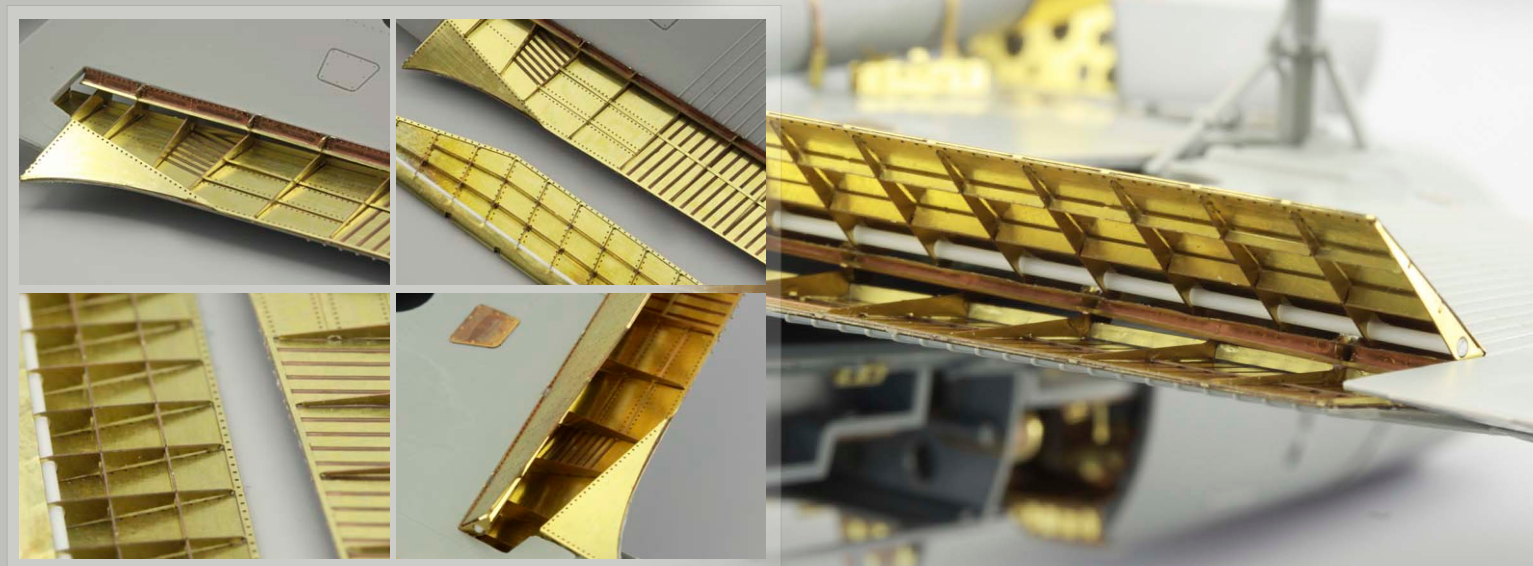
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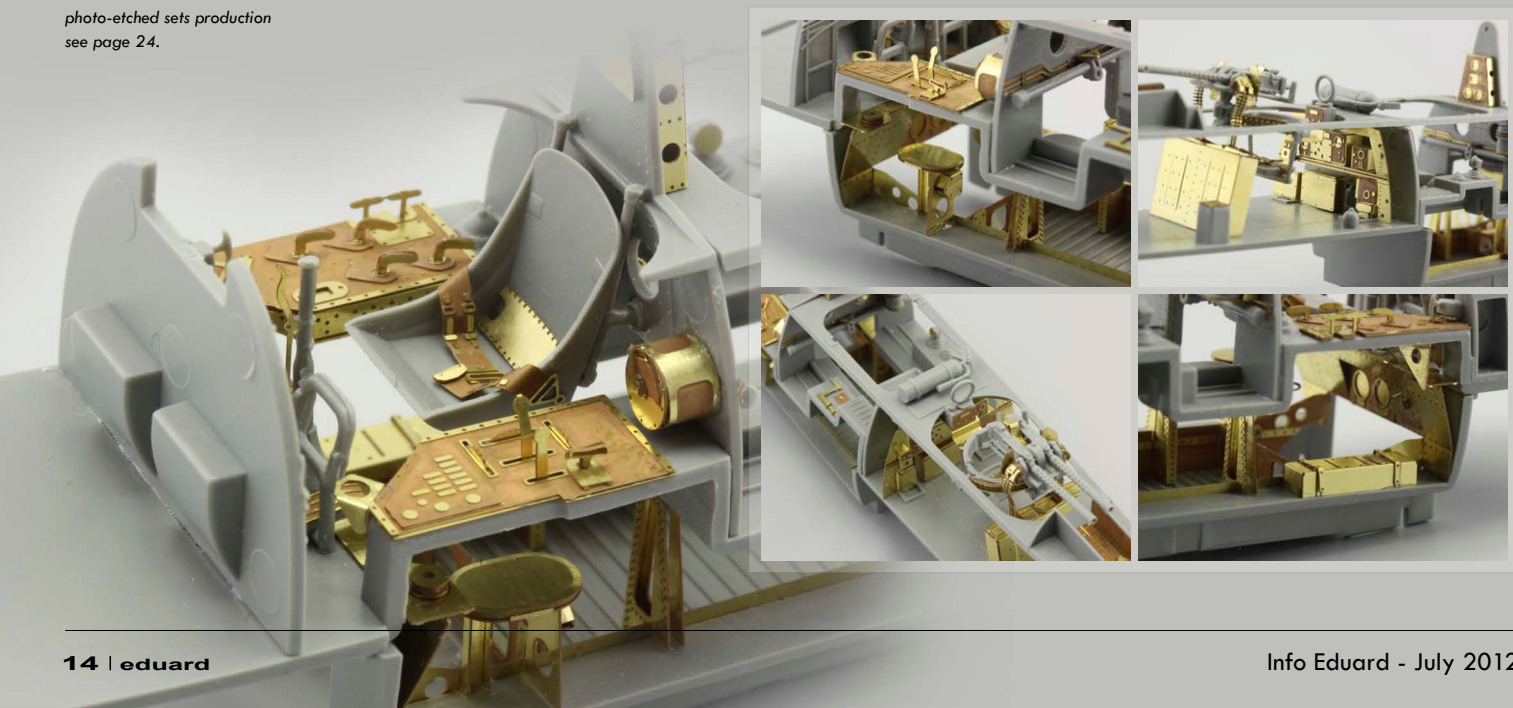


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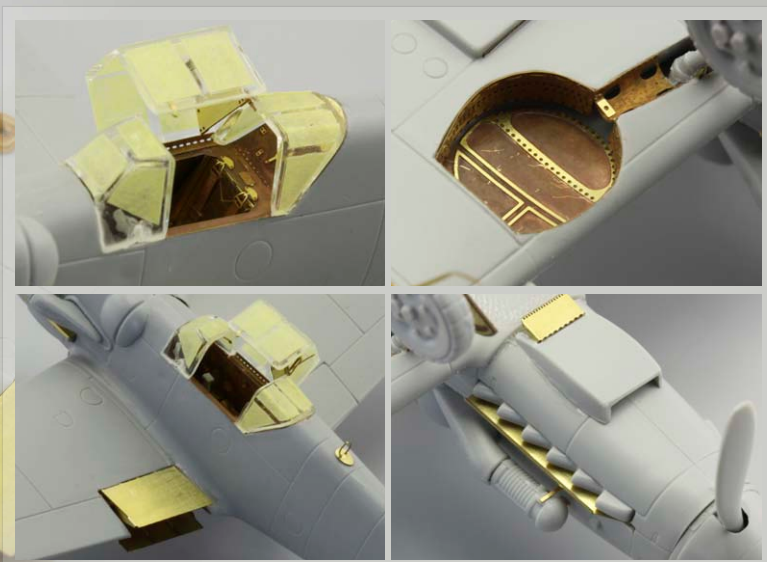
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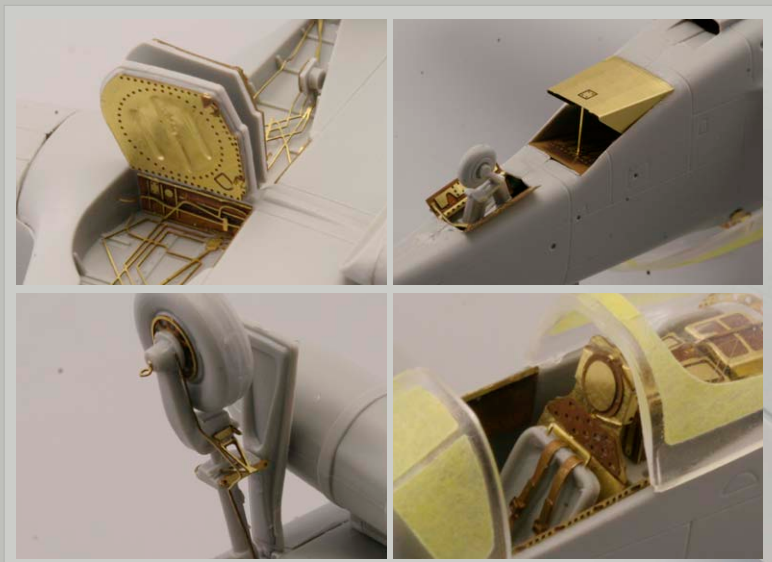
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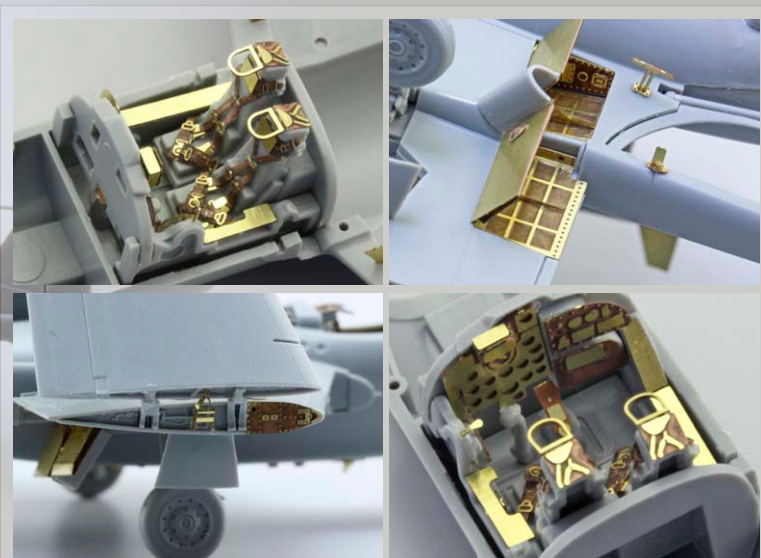
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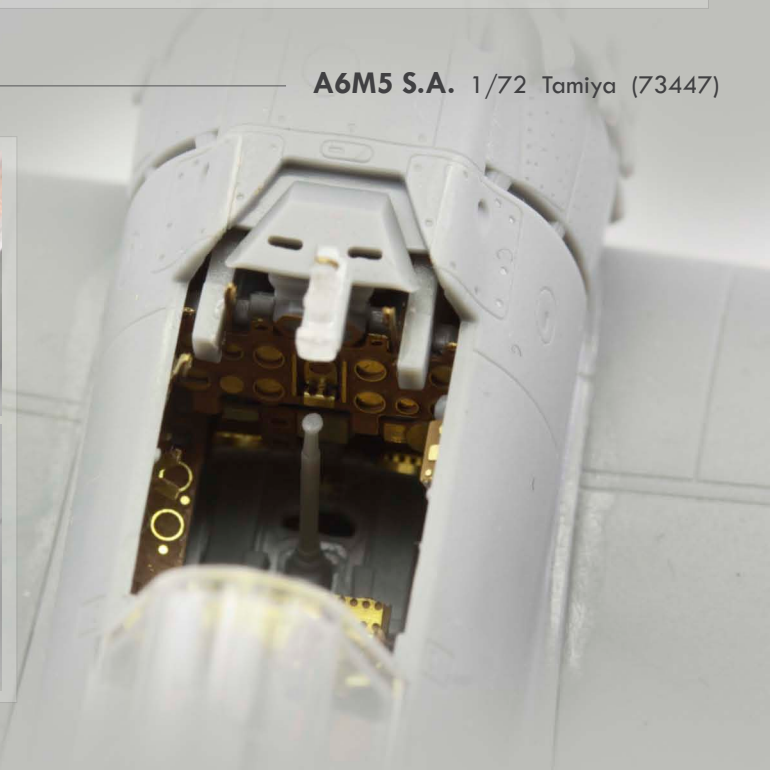
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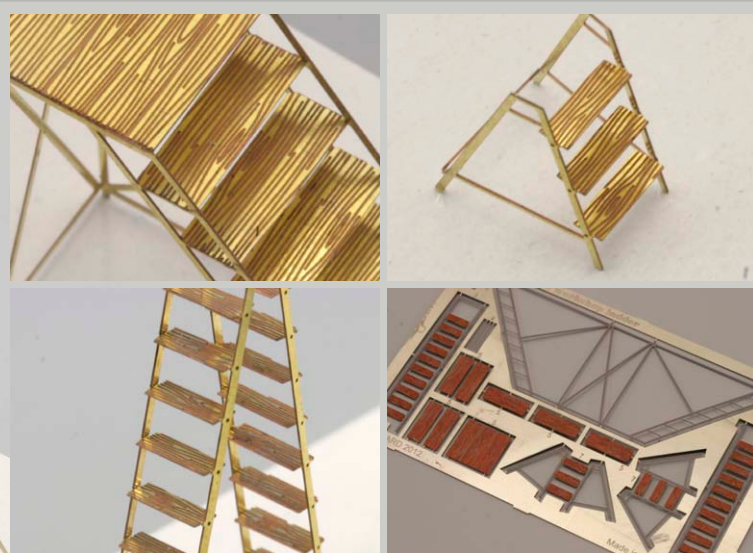
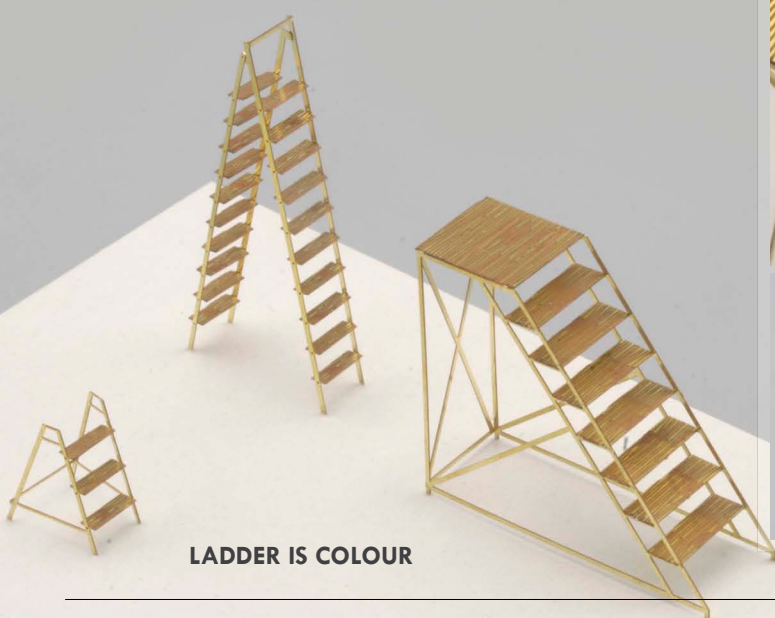
Sea Venom FAW.21 S.A. 1/72 Cyber Hobby (73445)



A6M5 S.A. 1/72 Tamiya (73447)



Bf 110 workshop ladder 1/72 (73454)





Ivy-berry 1/72



Further color photo-etched sets from Eduard yard. For this month we're releasing color Ivy-berry and Palm leaves in 1/72. Another set used in the picture is Sunflowers in 1/72.

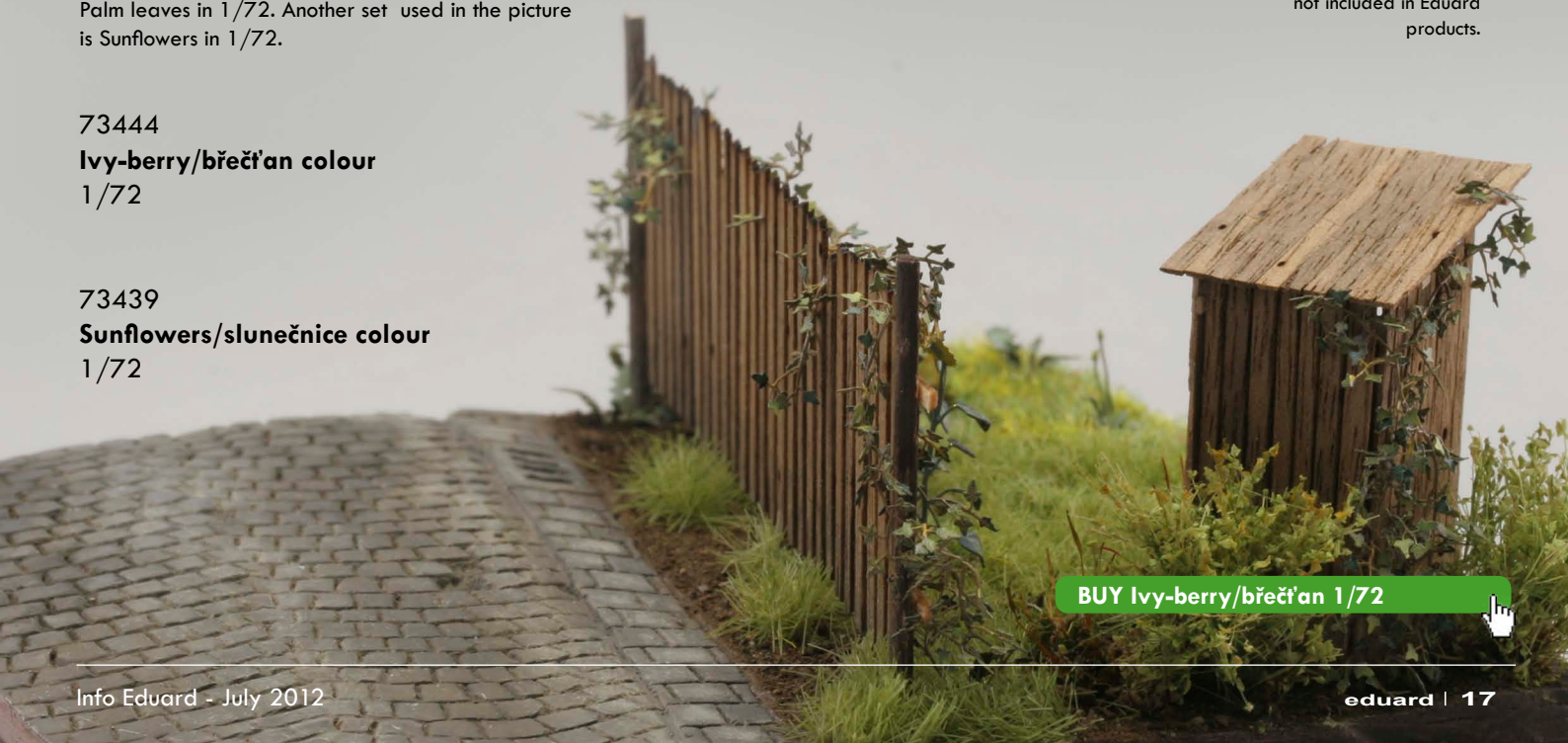
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Ivy-berry/břečťan colour
1/72

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Sunflowers/slunečnice colour
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BUY Ivy-berry/břečťan 1/72

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Leaves Palm Cocos

Nucifera colour

1/72

BUY Leaves Palm Cocos Nucifera



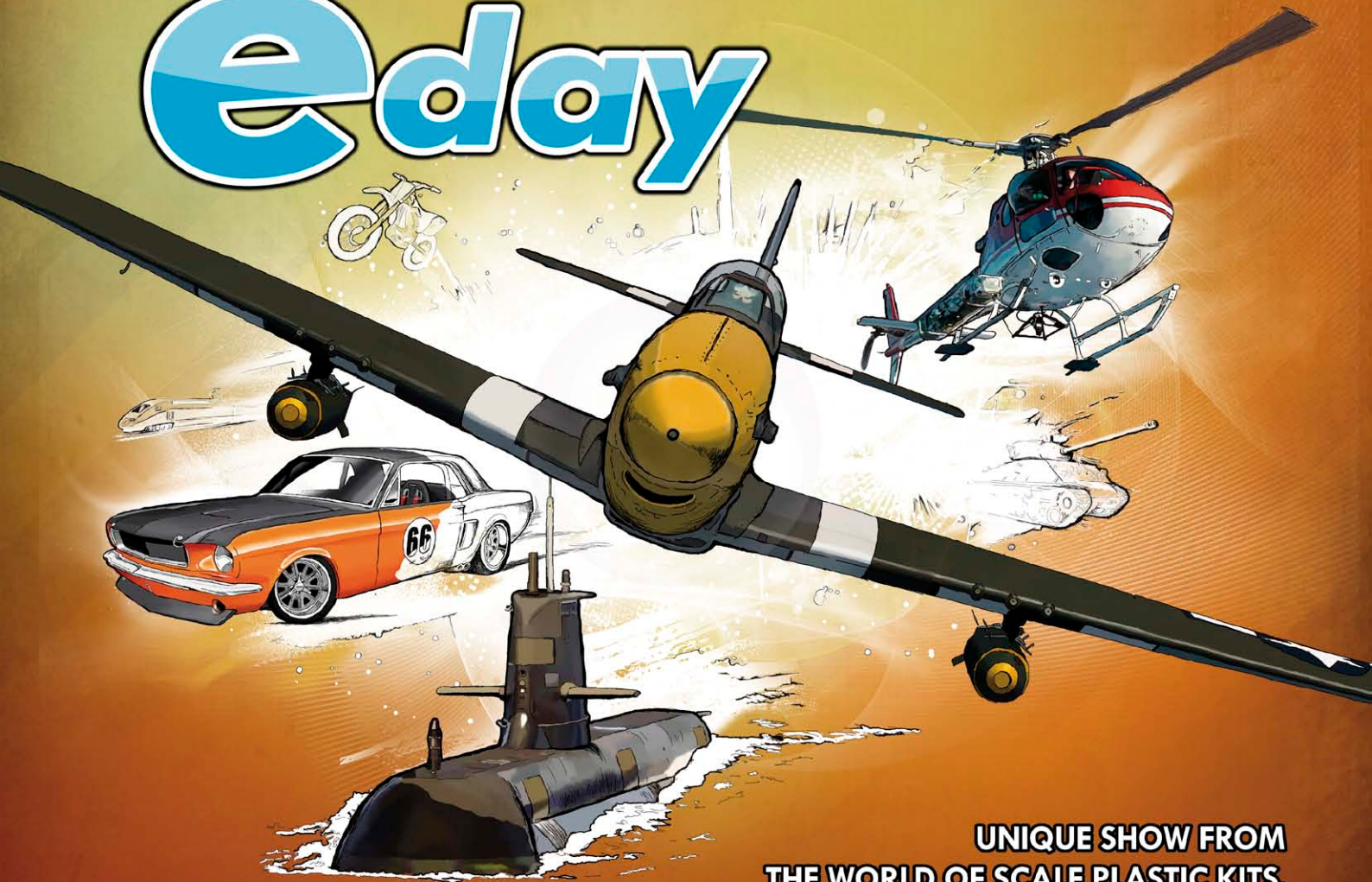
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36180 152mm ShkH vz.77 DANA exterior (BIG3574)



36187 152mm ShkH vz.77 DANA tool boxes (BIG3574)



32313 J2M3 Raiden exterior (BIG3316)



32292 Spitfire Mk.XVIe landing flaps (BIG3315)

All sets included in this BIG ED are available separately, but with every BIG ED set you save up to 30%.

BIG3574 152mm ShkH vz.77 DANA 1/35 Hobby Boss

36179 152mm ShkH vz.77 DANA interior



36187 152mm ShkH vz.77 DANA tool boxes



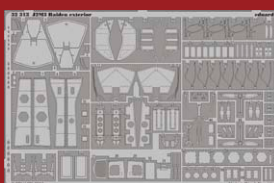
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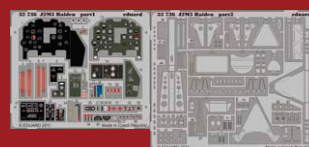
BIG ED collection for the Hobby Boss 1/35 self-propelled auto-loading gun 152mm ShkH vz.77 DANA . PE sets covers exterior and interior of the vehicle and also the tool boxes.

BIG3316 J2M3 RAIDEN 1/32 Hasegawa

32313 J2M3 Raiden exterior



32736 J2M3 Raiden interior S.A.



JX137 J2M3 Raiden 1/32



BIG ED collection for the Hasegawa 1/32 J2M3 RAIDEN contains PE sets covering all the important model details for exterior and interior and a painting mask.

BIG4970 F-14A 1/48 Hobby Boss

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49575 F-14A seatbelts



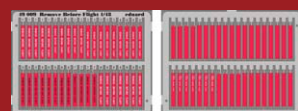
EX333 F-14A 1/48



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BIG ED collection for the Hobby Boss 1/48 F-14A Tomcat contains five sets covering exterior, interior, seatbelts, Remove before flight tags and a painting mask.

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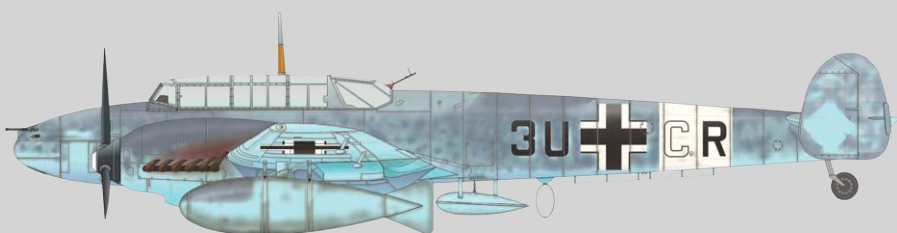
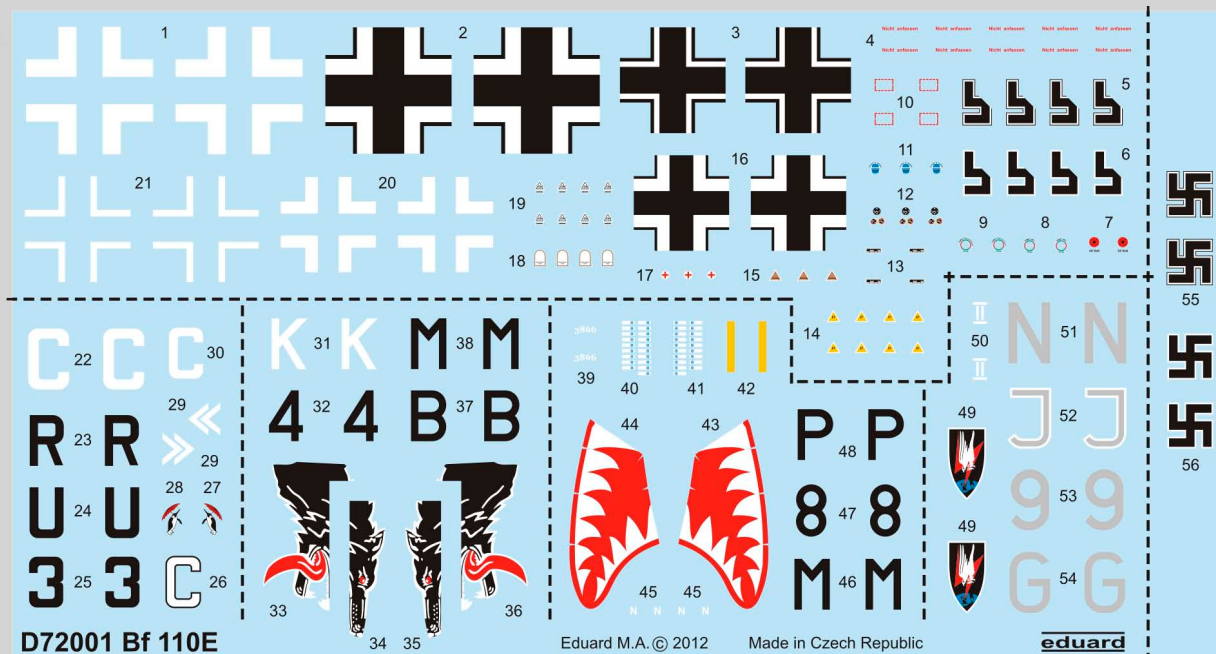
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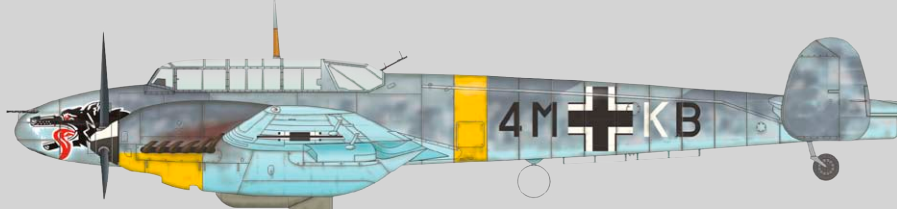
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D72001 Bf 110E 1/72



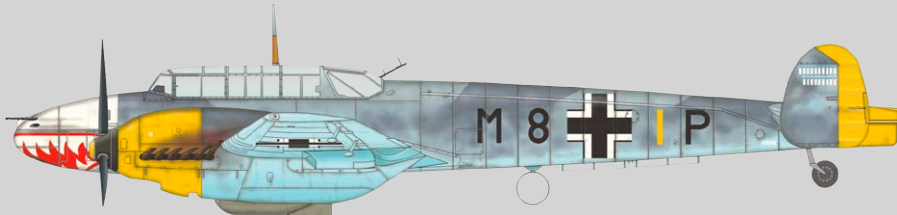
Bf 110 E 7./ZG26, Mediterranean, 1941/42



Bf 110 E, 1./Erg. Zerst. Gr. Deblin-Irena, Poland, December, 1942



Bf 110 E, 'Dackelbauch', 5./NJG1, Deelen, Holland, Spring, 1941



Bf 110 E, W.Nr. 3866, Hans-Joachim Jabs, Staffelkapitän 6./ZG 76, Argos, 1941

Decal set for Eduard's brand new 1/72 Bf 110E contains four attractive markings from Battle of Britain and early stage of WW2.

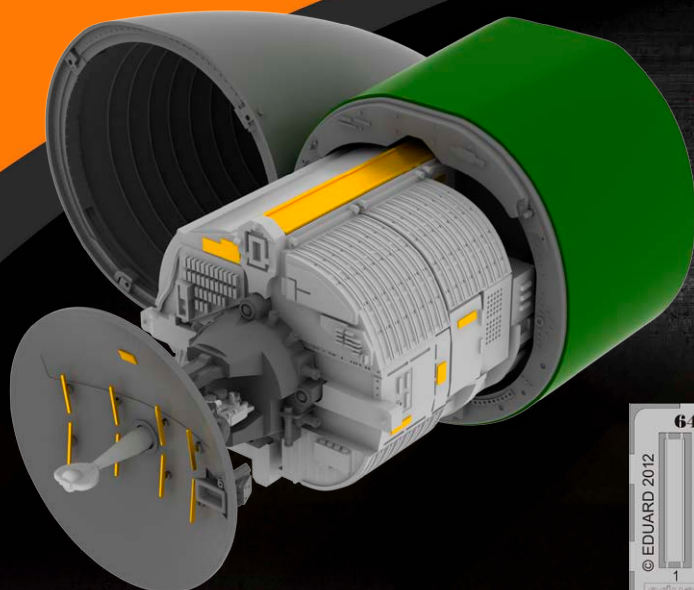
BUY Bf 110E 1/72

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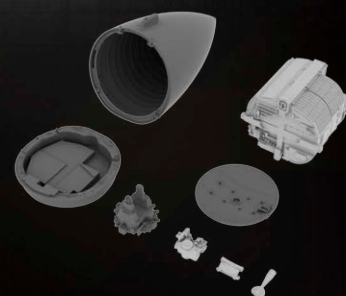
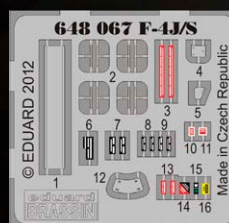
F-4 radar

1/48 Hasegawa



Set focused to F-4 Phantom by Hasegawa in 1/48 scale consists from radar parabola, kinematic joint assembly, radar control unit, fuselage bulkhead and a new radome. Resin parts are supplied by photoetched details.

BUY F-4 radar



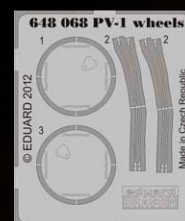
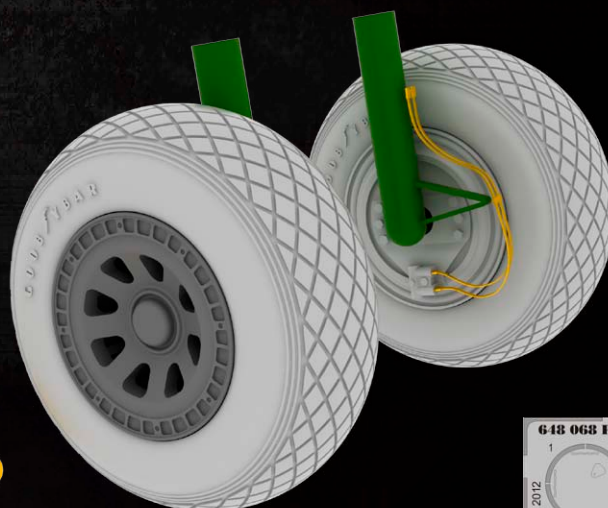
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PV-1 Ventura wheels

1/48 Revell

This set contains fine detailed main landing gear wheels for PV-1 Ventura kit in 1/48 scale by Revell. Each wheel consists from the tire, wheel disc with brake and external disc cover.

BUY PV-1 Ventura wheels



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AIM-7M Sparrow

1/48

4 pieces of the rocket body with separate tail winglets. Photo-etched accessories solves various fine external details. Various Sparrow rocket variants (air-air) were used by USAF, US Navy and NATO planes during 50's to late 90's.

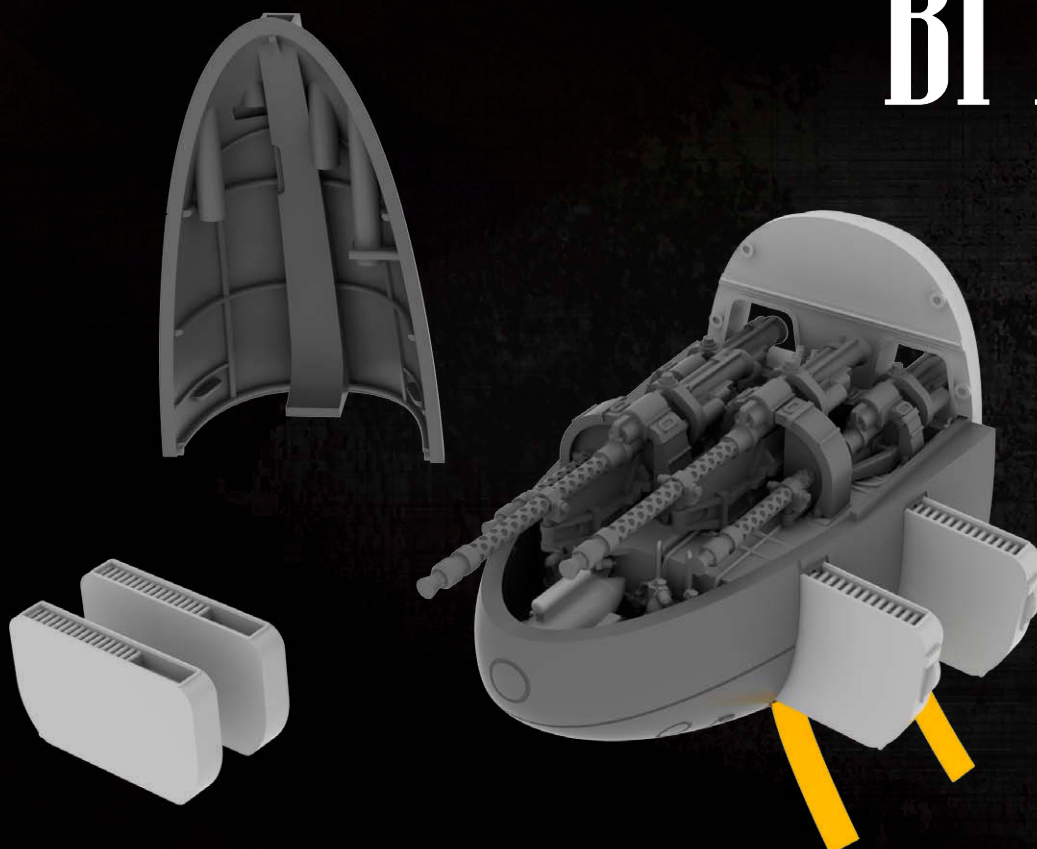
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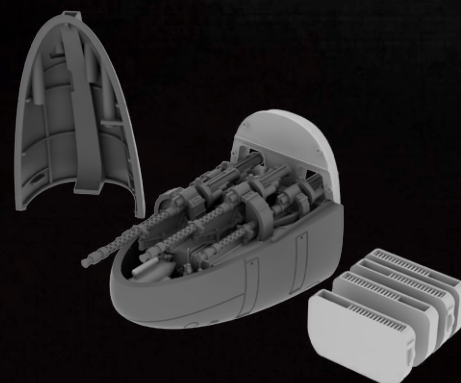
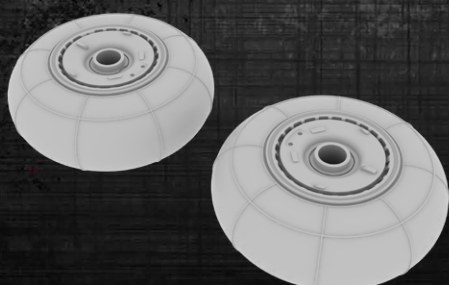
Bf 110E 1/72

672002
Bf 110E nose guns
1/72 Eduard

This set is focused on Bf 110Es by Eduard in 1/72 scale. The MG 17 machine guns were used in early versions of the Bf 110s as a fuselage weapon. Set consists from four machine guns, their supports and all accessories including ammo boxes. Separate gun-mount housing is made extremely thin. A new bottom nose section is included.

BUY Bf 110E nose guns

672003
Bf 110E wheels
1/72 Eduard

Set containing fine detailed main landing gear wheels (2pcs) is designed for Eduard's brand new Bf 110 in 1/72 scale (C, D and E versions).

BUY Bf 110E wheels


eduard

KITS

7083 Bf 110E
1170 P-38J over Europe
8443 Airco DH-2

1/72 ProfiPACK
1/48 Limited Edition
1/48 Weekend

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24014 Sparco blue 1999-2002 1/24
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32727 Su-25UB Frogfoot B interior S.A.
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36214 M 1070 HET interior
36215 Boxer MRV
36217 M1070HET Armored Cab - CPK
48733 A-6E TRAM exterior
48735 TBD-1 exterior
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49597 A-6E TRAM interior S.A.
49600 TBD-1 interior S.A.
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73432 Swordfish S.A.
73434 Bf 109G-6 S.A.
73435 P-51D S.A.
73441 Leaves Palm Cocos Nucifera colour
73444 Ivy-berry / břečťan colour
73445 Sea Venom FAW.21 S.A.
73447 A6M5 S.A.
73454 Bf 110 workshop ladder

1/700 Trumpeter
1/24
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1/32 Trumpeter
1/32 Trumpeter
1/35 Hobby Boss
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1/48 Great Wall Hobby
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33099 Su-25UB Frogfoot B interior S.A. 1/32
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FE600 TBD-1 interior S.A.
SS432 Swordfish S.A.
SS434 Bf 109G-6 S.A.
SS435 P-51D S.A.
SS445 Sea Venom FAW.21 S.A.
SS447 A6M5 interior S.A.

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EX356 Seafire F Mk.15 1/48
JX142 F-84G 1/32
XT180 Sd.Kfz.8 DB10 Gepanzerte 12t 1/35

1/72 Hobby Boss
1/72 Sword
1/48 Roden
1/48 Special Hobby
1/32 Hobby Boss
1/35 Trumpeter

BIG ED

BIG3574 152mm ShkH vz.77 DANA 1/35
BIG3316 J2M3 RAIDEN 1/32
BIG4970 F-14A 1/48

1/35 Hobby Boss
1/32 Hasegawa
1/48 Hobby Boss

BRASSIN

648067 F-4 radar
672002 Bf 110E nose guns
672003 Bf 110E wheels
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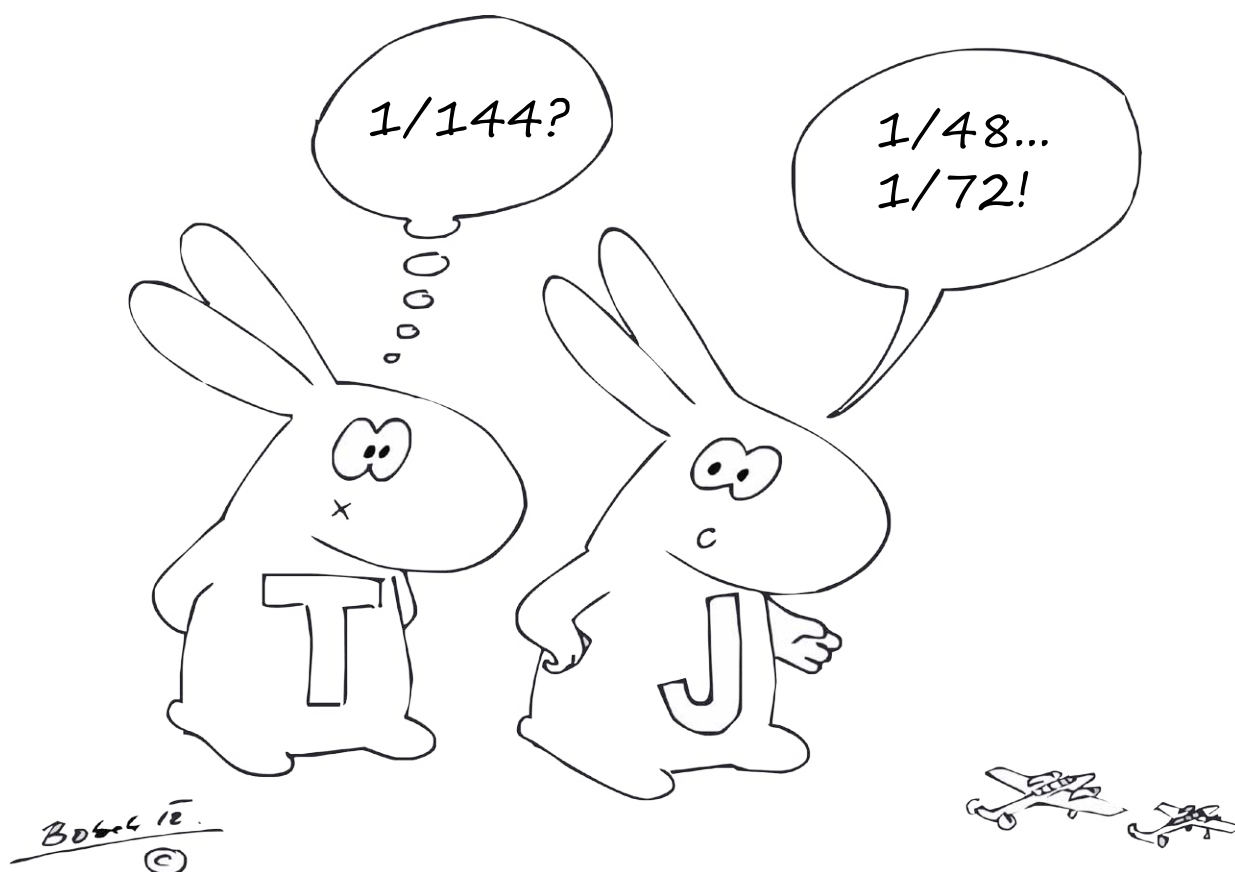
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Comments and input from J&T





Martin Ferkl

AND ON THE ORIGINS OF THE NAME

When we were in the process of preparing the 'P-38J Over Europe' kit, Catalog Number 1170, a significant amount of effort was expended on the selection of marking options. We wanted to offer what we thought would be an assortment of the most sought after nose art selection that would enhance any model collection. The assortment selection process was hopefully successful with the likes of 'Cock-Tail', but much of our attention was garnered on another aircraft. Scantily clad beauties adorning American aircraft were relatively common, but the inscription 'Kozy Koza', unique in the English language, carries its own linguistic meaning for Czech (and Slovak) modelers, especially when combined with suggestive artwork.

We had, at our disposal, only one color period photograph, that, aside from the front of the aircraft, did not reveal much. The photograph was accompanied by the information that the aircraft was flown by 1st Lt. Sam Plotecia, of the 392nd FS, 367th FG. In other words, not much from the

point of view of trying to piece together the likeness of the aircraft. In any case, 'Kozy Koza' was intriguing to us enough to include it in the kit, lack of information notwithstanding. Compared to the 8th AF, the 9th AF, to which the 367th FG was assigned, is somewhat overlooked in world aviation literature. Despite that, we decided to set out to find what we could find. First, we came across the fact that Sam Plotecia is buried in a military cemetery and we were able to trace his place of residence at the time of his death. The house was sold a while back, through a realtor who's server gave us the name of his widow. Anastasia Plotecia moved to an unknown location, but she did register with an American site that serves for contact information to searching family members and friends. Here, we came across the name of a relative, possibly a son. We found the name on Facebook, and decided to contact the person, who replied 'Thank you for your interest in my father, Sam Plotecia and his P-38J „Kozy Koza“ ,Bullseye!!!!'

Thanks to the son of Sam Plotecia, Ray, we were able to systematically uncover the story that has been hiding behind the beautiful noseart. The noseart was based on a photograph that Sam Plotecia's sweetheart sent to him in war torn Europe. She had herself photographed on a beach, and the photograph no doubt made Sam very happy. The noseart depicts the young lady on a sandy beach, with a beach ball, and with a boat in the water with smoke emanating from its smokestack....

At around the same time, we came across a local newspaper story in The Westfield Leader, which was publishing since 1890 in Westfield, a section of New Jersey. About ten years ago, the paper

*Photo above:
Sam Plotecia and the Crew Chief F. P. Pecora in front of their Lightning s/n 44-23627 at the snow-covered airfield. Sam's girlfriend wears the with underwear made of pure cotton. It's a CrewChief's joke, not a permanent part of this nice artwork.*



The wartime color photo depicts not the artwork only, but more details as well. Note the color of the undercarriage leg, different colors of the spinners and propeller blades with no logo.

printed an obituary of a Joseph Koza. Among the descendants listed was a sister, Nadie Plotecia. That could not have been an coincidence....and it wasn't! Ray Plotecia confirmed that his mother's maiden name was Anastasia Koza, also called Nadie....

Nadie Plotecia, who's beach photograph became P-38 noseart, today lives in Townson, Maryland. We wish her all the best of luck, happiness and health in the coming years!

In the meantime, we put out the call for assistance to our friends and outside sources in identifying the aircraft further. We struck gold with another photograph from which it was possible to read the production block and serial number: P-38J-25-LO, s/n 44-23627.

What still remains in question is the individual aircraft code and the appearance of the artwork on the port engine nacelle. The choice of the individual aircraft letter has to be left up to the modeler. As far as the artwork on the port nacelle, we have ascertained the first two letters, 'Ni...' In all likelihood, it is a name. We are going with Nicol, and would be something the crewchief or one of the other mechanics would have had painted on the surface.

Knowing the aircraft serial number opened the door to other pieces of information. The MACR (Missing Air Crew Report) is tied specifically to the aircraft, and adds interest to the overall picture. An MACR was issued when the aircraft and crew failed to return from enemy territory. On November 21st, 1944, Plotecia's P-38 was flown by a colleague from the 392nd FS, 1st Lt. Harry Pape. He took part in a raid on Leipzig, and en route to the target, the aircraft suffered mechanical failure. So, he disengaged from the formation, and booted back to base. His squadron mates last saw him at 1048h, two miles northeast of the German town of Heinsberg. Pape was headed west, until he was reasonably certain that he was over friendly territory. He had no map (generally reserved for squadron leaders), and his radio was out. He searched out an airfield to put down, which turned out to be the French Tours. Here, his aircraft was repaired to the point where he could fly it back to his home base once weather permitted it. His orientation was aided with a regular French road map.

Pape's unit had by this time returned from their raid. They had assumed that he had been downed by anti-aircraft batteries, and the bureaucrats promptly issues the MACR, numbered 10567. There was a breakdown in communication. There was the problem with Pape's radio, and the failure of the Tours personnel to notify his home base of his situation, despite his requests.

And one more note directed more at our Czech and Slovak readers. The name Koza points to the possibility that the family of the Lightning girl emigrated to the United States from the former Czechoslovakia, but this is not the case. The family actually hails from Galicia, the original name was Kozak. In the course of the act of emigrating, Anastasia's parents changed it to Koza.

Classification: ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ 10567

to: ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ WAR DEPARTMENT
by: V. A. BRADDOCK, Sr. Col., HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON
Date: JAN 13 1945

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 36 hours of the time an airplane is officially reported missing.

Site A-68, Juvinocourt, T-205995 Command of Air Force Ninth Air Force

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Group 367th Wtr Gr Squadron 392nd Wtr Sq Detachment None
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Location par 1 Course 50 Degrees
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: if on flight at 26000 feet, visibility fair.
4. GIVE: (a) Date of Nov 21 Time 1048 and Location 2 miles Northeast of last known whereabouts of missing airplane: of Heinsberg, Germany (b) Specify whether () Last sighted; (X) Last contacted by Radio; () Forced down; () Seen to crash; or () Information not available.
5. AIRPLANE WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS RESULTS OF: (Check only one) () Enemy Aircraft; (X) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other circumstances as follows: Unknown
6. AIRPLANE: Type, Model and Series P-38J-25 A.A.F. Serial No. 44-23627
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series V-1710-39/91 A.A.F. Serial No. (a) A-51625 (b) A-51625 (c) (d)
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial No)
Intn Harvester 37mm 123070 (b) (c) (d)
Gen Motors Cal 50 1542596 (f) 210391 (g) 210236 (h) 210134
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty MIA or (b) Non Battle Casualty
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRPLANE: Crew 1 Passengers 0 Total 1
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10 persons were aboard airplane, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot		Pape, Harry E.	1st Lt	0-75675
2.	None			
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I would like to extend my gratitude to the following people for their invaluable assistance in piecing together the story of Kozy Koza: Ray Plotecia, Pavel Türk, Miroslav Stepan, Tomas Dvorak, and developers at the firm Google.



P-38 Lightning
over Europe

(NARA)

BUY P-38J 1/48



P-38J 42-68004
„Moonlight Cock-Tail!“
(NARA)

below: P-38J 44-23677
„Little Buckaroo“
(NARA)



P-38J-25-LO, s/n 44-23677, flown by Maj. Robert C. Rogers, 492nd FS, 367th FG, Peray, France, August, 1944

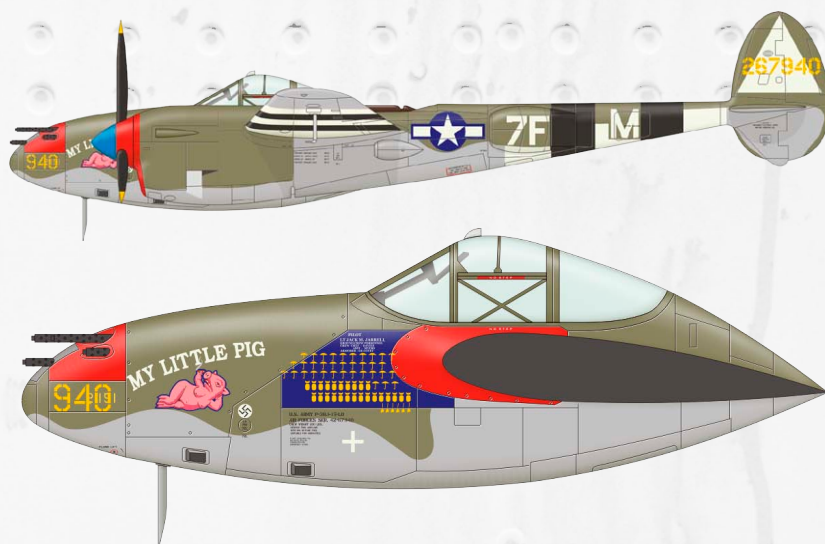
This Lightning was flown by Maj. R. C. Rogers, CO of 392nd Fighter Squadron. Five swastikas beneath the cockpit symbolize five Junkers Ju 52s destroyed on the ground during attack on French airfields on August 25, 1944. Rogers served with USAF though many years after the war, he became the air attache in US embassy in Brazil also. He passed away on March 2, 2010.



P-38J-10-LO, s/n 42-67940, flown by Lt. Jack M. Jarell, 485th FS, 370th FG,

Lt. Jack M. Jarell died on December 14, 1944 being shot down during the aerial clash near Wiesbaden. He managed to bail out from his airplane but his fate remains a mystery and has been noted as missing in action. He fell victim to Oblt. Lothar Wolff (min. 6 kills) from 14./JG 4 who flew Bf 109 fighter.

The black&white D-day stripes were removed from the upper surfaces of his personal P-38 but the remains are still visible. The individual letter „M“ was painted on the inner side of both tails.



P-38J-10-LO. s/n 42-67505, flown by Capt. Roy Scruthfield, 55th FS, 20th FG, King's Cliffe AB, England, 1943-44

The shark mouths are to be seen on the single-engined fighters more frequently than on two-engined Lightnings, especially in ETO. This kind of artwork was perfectly visible on the Olive Drab / Neutral Gray camouflage on Capt. Scruthfield's personal aircraft. The white triangles identified 55th FS within 20th FG. You can see temporary Scruthfield's score on the nose – a dozen of bomber escort missions (tophats), two top cover missions (umbrellas) and three sweeps (broomsticks).



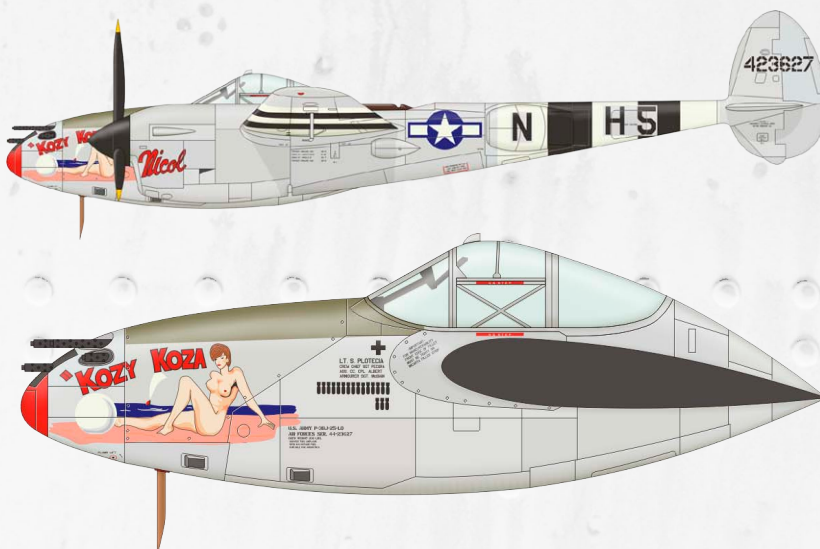
P-38J-25-LO, s/n 44-23627, flown by 1stLt. Sam Plotecia, 392nd FS, 367th FG, Juvincourt AB, France, 1944

There is a very interesting story behind this nose art. The artwork was based on the picture taken on the beach. The artist didn't forget to depict the ball and the steam boat floating in the background. After the war Sam Plotecia married the girl from the picture and they lived together till his death in 2004. Nowadays Anastassia Plotecia (her maiden name was Koza) lives in Maryland.

Despite of the help coming from the pilot's family side we didn't managed to fully restore the appearance of the aircraft – the individual code letter is chosen Radomily. Only first two letters – Ni...- from the female name on the left engine are known. Nicol has been chosen.

Sam Plotecia was one of the participants in the aerial battle over Clastres airfield on August 25, 1944. He is credited with one Focke-Wulf damaged. The 367th FG was awarded with Presidential Unit Citation for this battle, the highest award for the combat unit.

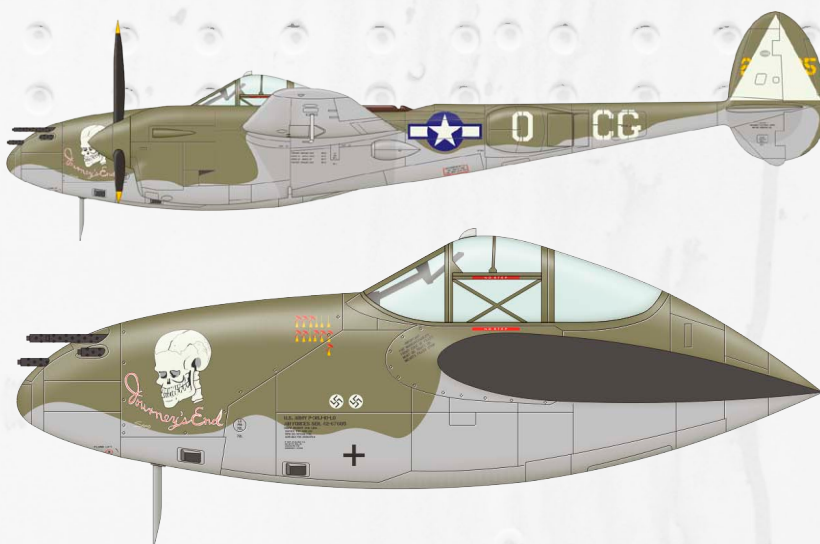
The full story of our research focused on this aircraft is available in Info No. 7 Vol. 12 on www.eduard.cz.



P-38J-10-LO, s/n 42-67685, flown by Maj. Joseph Myers, 38th FS, 55th FG, Nuthampstead AB, England, November, 1943

Joe Myers was awarded with three confirmed and two probable kills during WW2. He downed three Bf 109s and damaged one Fw 190 and one Ju 88. The aircraft depicted was flown by this pilot by January 4, 1944. Myers crashed this Lightning during the take off that days. Besides the aircraft he destroyed 2000 lt fuel tank also.

Myers's P-38 wore camouflage scheme of Olive Drab / Neutral Gray. The white triangle identified the 38th FS within the 55th FG. The nose-art is in the interesting contrast with pin-up girls. Note the author's, Mr. Sand's sign. The individual code letter „O” was present on the both inner sides of the tail. The serial number on the tail is not photographically documented. Mission symbols in the form of broomsticks, sometimes with red umbrella are visible on the nose.



P-38J-15-LO, s/n 42-68004, flown by 1stLt. Clark R. Livingston, 392nd FS, 367th FG, Juvincourt AB, France, December, 1944

Livingston's Lightning wore D-day stripes on upper surfaces formerly. The photos show that the stripes were applied by hand and the lines between black & white are not straight. The black and white paints were not applied directly on the natural metal surface but on the Olive Drab paint to improve the adhesion of the b&w paint. The D-day stripes were removed from the upper surfaces later on. Note the unpainted area surrounding the individual code letters.

Livingston also took part in the aerial battle with Focke-Wulfs from II. Gruppe of JG 6 over Clastres on August 25, 1944. He was awarded with one confirmed kill and one probable kill. US forces lost 17 Lightnings from 367th FG, Luftwaffe had to write off 17 destroyed and 2 damaged Fw 190s.





Bf 110E

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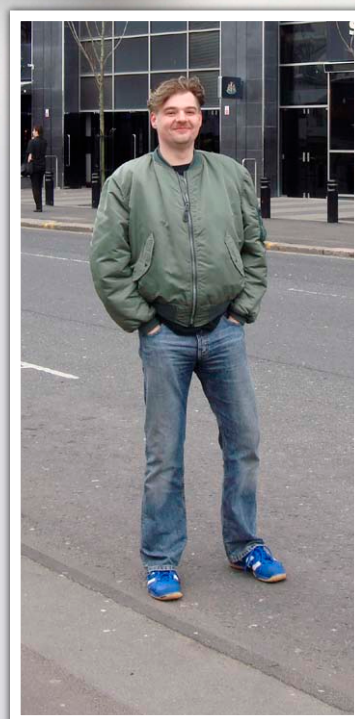
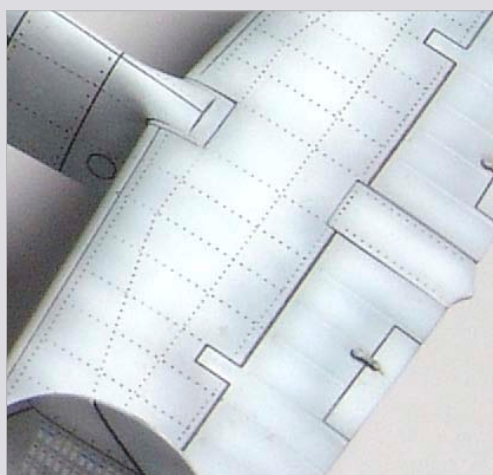
Built by David Bílek

Camouflage:
S9+NN, 5./ZG "Wespen",
Lt. Herbert Kutscha, Russia, 1942



BUY Bf 110E 1/72





David Bílek

„Bf 110E by Eduard is a perfect-fit and easy-to-build scale kit, accompanied by color photo-etched set and masking sheet, which will make the building process even easier, while adding additional details to the kit. The kit is build without almost any additional treatment. I only added some rivets and replaced machine-gun barrels. I used Gunze GSI Mr. Color colors. Definitely recommended!“



Bf 109E-4 1/48

Bf 109E-4 built by Martin Nademlejnský
Diorama built by Katerina Borecka

Used accessories:

kit Bf 109E Royal Class edition 1/48 (R0007)

Colour PE-sets leaves fern 1/72 (73438)

Photo-etched tools 1/48 (48555)

Luftwaffe crew 1/48 (8512)

Camouflage:

Bf 109 E-4/B, W.Nr. 3605, flown by Ofw. Reinhold Schmetzer, 8. /JG 77, Soviet Union, July 20, 1941

On July 20, 1942 Ofw. Reinhold Schmetzer was forced to carry out a belly landing due to engine damage after a clash with a MiG-3 fighter. The Soviet fighter became Schmetzer's twentieth victory. The badge on the cowl is that of III./JG 77. The rudder sports nineteen Abschussbalken – the kill marks that symbolize Schmetzer's wartime successes. The camouflage scheme was adjusted to the local conditions on the Eastern front. A rather light scheme of RLM 71/02 was overpainted with dark green RLM 70 or 71 color on the upper and side surfaces. The fuselage gun cowl is likely a spare part and wears its original camouflage colours. The 250kg bomb is attached to the fuselage rack.





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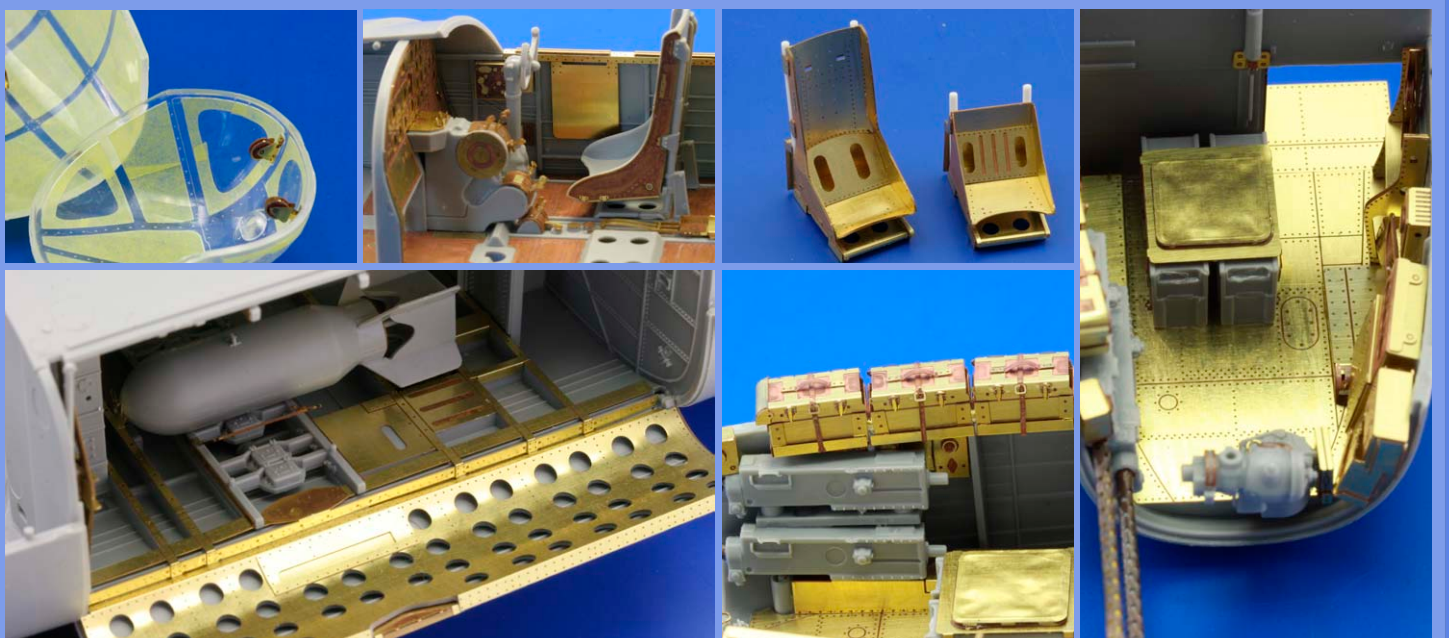
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32748	B-25J bomber cockpit interior S.A.	1/32 HK Models
36213	M-ATV MRAP interior	1/35 Kinetic
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48719	F8F exterior	1/48 Hobby Boss
48738	MiG-21 BIS accessories	1/48 Eduard
48739	Il-2m3 landing flaps	1/48 Tamiya
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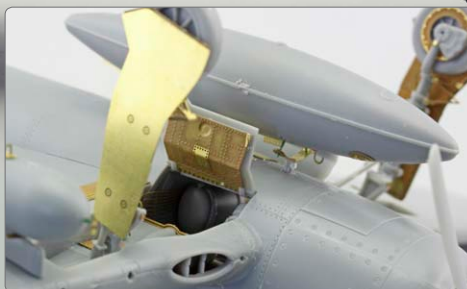
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SS428	Valiant BK.MK.I interior S.A.	1/72 Airfix
SS431	Spitfire Mk.IX	1/72 Italeri
SS433	F-51D S.A.	1/72 Italeri
SS446	Sea Vixen FAW.1 interior S.A.	1/72 Cyber Hobby

M-ATV MRAP 1/35
Kinetic



36218 Leaves Oak autumn/dub podzim
1/35



48719 F8F exterior
1/48 Hobby Boss



53065 German Z-43 (1944)
1/350 Trumpeter



73426 A6M2 Zero S.A.
1/72 Airfix



73437 Cactus colour
1/72



48737 TBD-1 landing flaps
1/48 Great Wall Hobby

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Il-2m3

1/48 Tamiya

Il-2m3 landing flaps (48379)

Il-2m3 S.A. (49600)

Il-2m3 (mask EX360)

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