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In The Pilot Seat



Well the Covid 19 Pandemic has quickly put a damper on normal life style living, but hasn't been able to ruin our hobby building. For we retired persons, it's just an increased indoor activity. For those who are not working and forced to stay home, welcome to the taste of retirement! As long as you have a stash of kits and materials to build with, it shouldn't be a problem sitting out the 'sheltering in' advice. I have not built this quickly and as many since I built models for Fairchild Republic when I worked for them in the early 80's. I finished a kit in progress, built 3 1/48 scale aircraft kits, and in the middle of a 1/32 scale aircraft kit. Yes I am deciding on another to start. Last week I picked up a backup Nitrogen tank I use for airbrushing, not knowing if the distributor was going to stay open. It was a wise choice but the distributor expects to stay open for the few restaurants that are open need their service.

I have looked into the current show cancellations and postponements. They are listed in the show calendar in this newsletter. Three shows have postponed dates into the Fall and that would have been a problem for us to find any open weekend date with a successful attendance. These three shows are squeezing in between regularly scheduled show dates and holiday dates on speculation that this virus will be cleared up by then. I changed my room reservations for two of the postponed shows, but still skeptical they will go on. Time will tell.

As long as the Levittown Library is closed we will not be meeting but always refer to our website for any current info. I am updating it weekly if changes occur. I added question marks after our normal May and June meeting dates. I do not expect any answer back from the library about a larger room until things are back to normal.

Speaking of libraries, I was scheduled to do an afternoon presentation at my Sachem Library on May 15th on "Building Models for History & Imagination". It has been rescheduled until Monday January 18th at 2pm. Not what I wanted to do in the middle of winter chancing mother nature weather but it is three months prior to our show next March. The presentation is free to attend, but attendees must sign up in advance. I also arranged for us to place club built models on display for one month, February 1st thru the 28th. It is a tall upright glass cabinet with five adjustable shelves in a well lit area visible to all events the library offers. Both methods of reaching out to the public are what we need to do to attract future members.

Short and sweet is what this intro is, and so am I. LOL! I have not heard from any of our members who are affected by this virus and I hope you and family are all well. Stay indoors away from others and stay safe if you venture out to a store.

Keep our hobby alive and well,

Bob



Airfix 1:48 Scale Bristol Blenheim Mk.If



It's been awhile since I last wrote a kit review for the club's newsletter. Hopefully, I will be able to continue this more into the future. I have built a bunch of models I can use as a source of information.

This review, as the title clearly states, is on the newer release of Airfix's excellent Bristol Blenheim Mk.IF. The 'F' was the designation for a fighter, and

Blenheims served in a variety of roles; fighter, night-fighter, light bomber, squadron hack and transport among others. At the start of hostilities, in September of 1939, many of the aircraft's shortcomings would be revealed when pitted against the German Luftwaffe.

The instruction sheet is a ten page booklet consisting of One Hundred Sixteen steps. Now, don't get scared by the step count, as many are simply mini-steps, you will find within the major assembly steps. All images are very well drawn and clearly lay out what needs to be done as the build progresses. One thing I found helpful, is that the pieces completed in one step, are highlighted in the following step. You'll appreciate this, as it makes it easier to see where you are, and what you've done already. One issue I found was that there is no proper painting guide. Paint callouts are listed in the steps, but there is no chart telling you what color goes to which callout. I did some research to find out which was which, and jotted down the colors on the steps themselves.

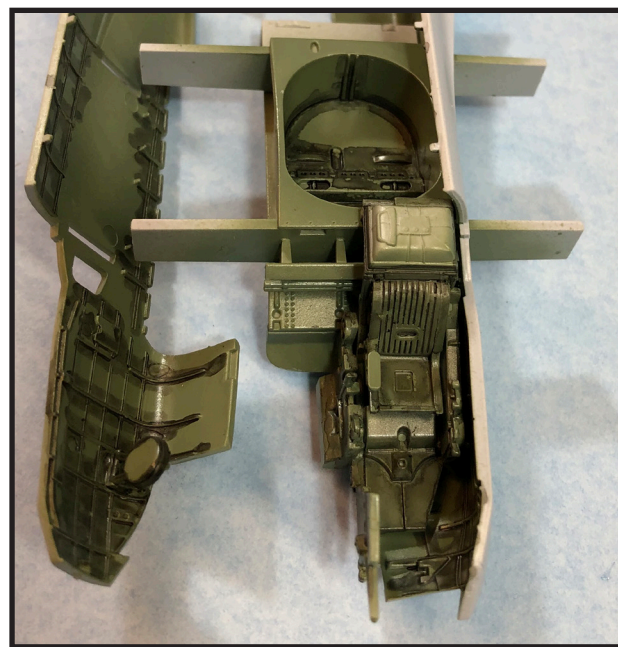
The overall build of the kit is really a terrific experience. The kit is very

well engineered and has a lot of detail throughout. The cockpit was one of my favorite parts and is a very detailed affair. All of it will be visible under the huge greenhouse, but fit of the parts is spot on. Parts line up, and even though they may look off, they somehow come together. There are parts for a bomb bay, and one CAN build the kit as the bomber version.

Wheel bays and engines also have the same level of detail found in the 'Office' or cockpit. The landing gear can be assembled either retracted or extended. One of the things I did NOT like, was that in order to build the gear as extended, they must be added when the instruction sheet says so, and cannot be added later after painting. This makes for some cre-

ative masking, which wasn't fun. The Engines are very well done, providing a lot, including the inside of the exhaust collecting ring as well as the outside.

Exterior detail is also well done. Panel lines seem a little deep, but once you throw paint at the kit, that will not be as noticeable as you may have thought. Flaps can be deployed or closed; control surfaces can be posed in



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the locked or unlocked position. Turret is a mini kit all in itself, which really could use a better detailer weapon. The turret can be installed after the model is painted.

The Greenhouse...probably a place a lot of us will look at like, "That's never going to line up...". Well, they do, and very well too. One must be VERY careful with the use of glue so that you don't fog the canopy halves. White glue is not strong enough, in my opinion to adequately hold these in place. There is a form of CCA glue that does NOT attack clear parts, and I feel that is the way to go.

I painted the model using Tamiya Acrylics, exclusively. I custom mixed

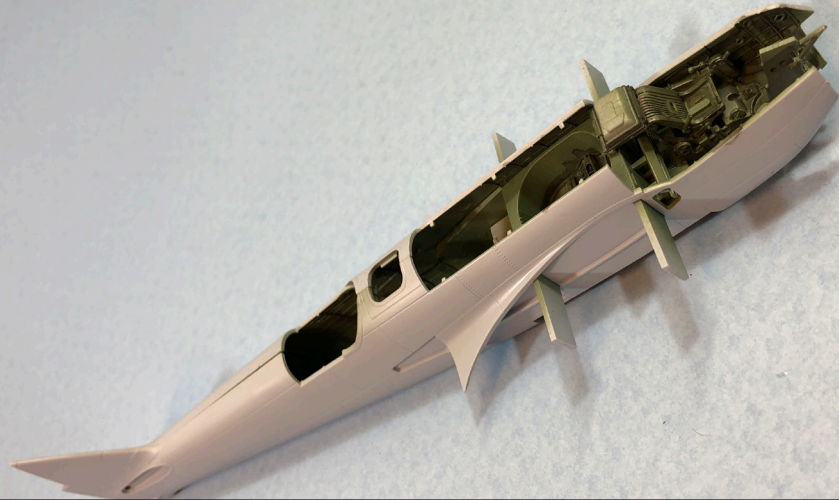
my own colors of the early RAF scheme of Dark Green over Dark Earth, over Sky. I got the recipe for the two topside colors from a website dedicated to using Tamiya Acrylics. Markings are by Xtracal, which I used, not because the kits decals are bad, but because I liked the choices given.

That is my review of a great model kit, of a rarely seen subject by a mainstream kit producer, which seems to have found its way back. While the newer Airfix kits are not like Tamiya, they certainly do step up and offer some very nice kits at a decent price. I highly recommend any of them to anyone.



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Tamiya 1/35 Sherman M4A3E8
Mission Paint Faded OD #3, Flory Model Wash Dark Grime, Flory dark earth pigment.



Takom 1/35 M3 Lee Early
Tamiya Khaki Drab paint, Flory Model Wash Dark Grime, Mig Europe Dust pigment, Tamiya Panel Line accent dark brown, Ammo Streaking Grime for DAK

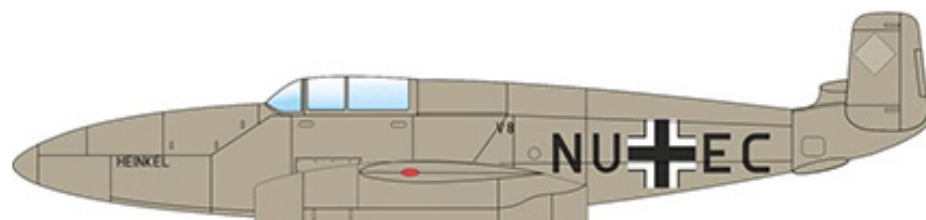
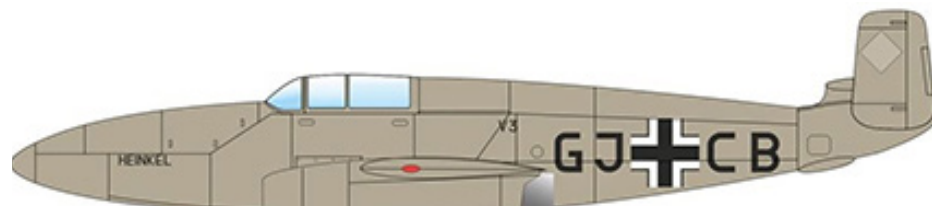
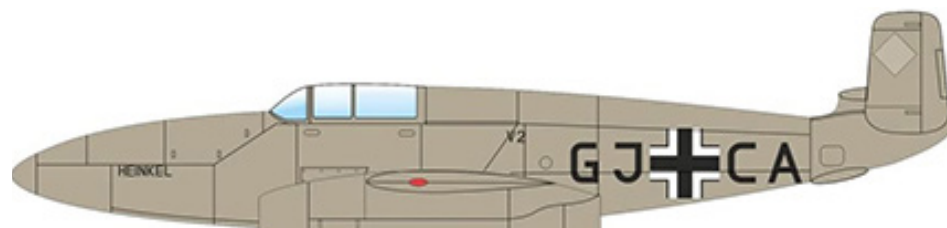
Eduard's He-280 Profipac

Kit #8068



This kit is a 1/48 scale representation of Henkel's prototype in contention with Messerschmitt for the future design of a twin engine jet fighter contract. I don't usually build pro-

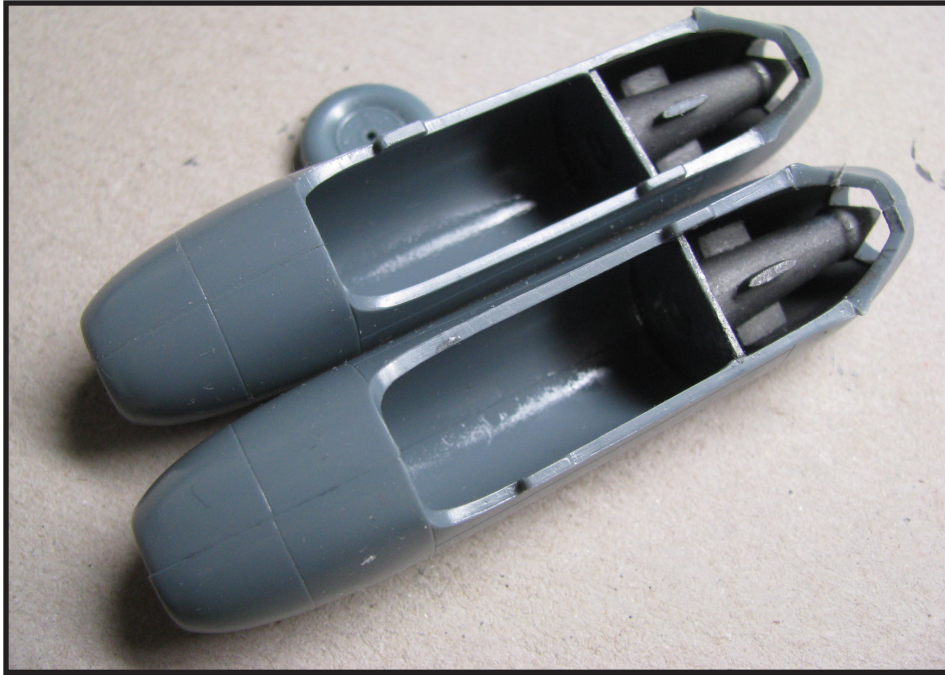
totype replicas of any sort but I made an exception because I was always fascinated with the design and characteristics of the Me-262. I had this kit sitting in a stash of unbuilt kits for quite some time and thought it could be a quick build and time reduction from the larger builds. There were nine prototypes built by Henkel designated V1 through V9, but only three would have jet engines attached for testing. On March 30, 1941 the first twin engine jet made its first flight with HeS 8a engines. Later the V1 was fitted with Argus As 014 engines. With the fuselage, tail, and wings being equal in all eight prototypes, this profipack kit offers you extra parts for the different engines, nacelles, and decals used for the different prototypes built. My built version is of the V8 prototype with Jumbo 004 engines that flew on July 19, 1943, not knowing at the flight time the research contract had been given to Messerschmitt. Eduard makes a "Weekend Version" kit but I do not know if it only offers you one version of parts and decals.



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No engine detail or doors to leave open. These nacelles are hollow and represent the Jumbo 004 engines.



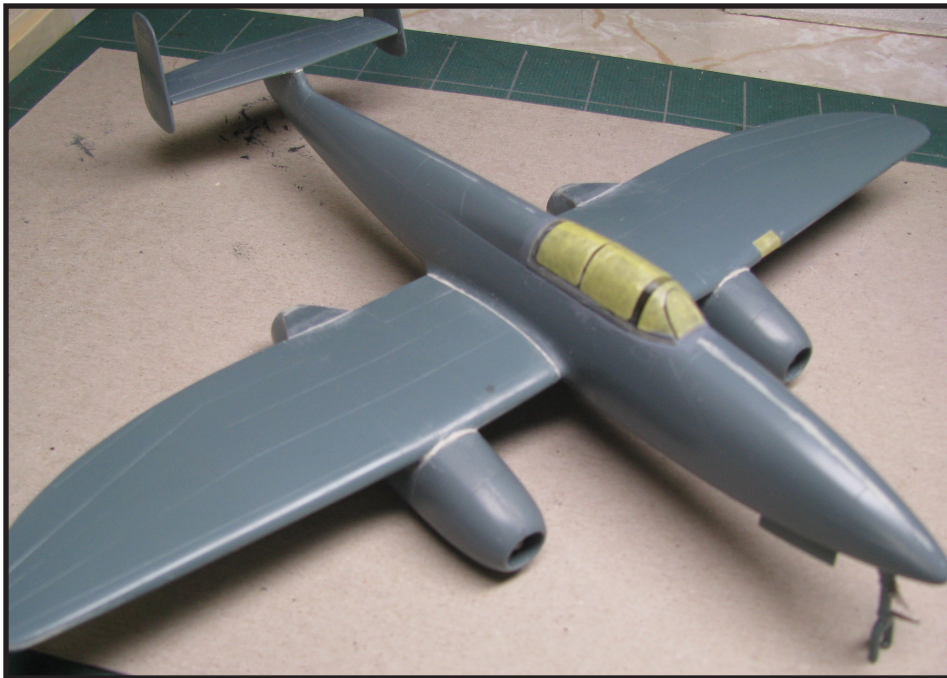
After painting the instrument panel and consoles flat black, decals are applied for the dials that lined up great. Having a little color on them adds a nice touch.

I forgot to take a picture of the fuselage nose after adding fishing weights in it to make sure the model sits up on the nose gear. The instruction manual reminds you but the weight is not included in the kit.

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In The Box Kit Review *by Steve Muth*

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Assembled and ready to paint. Eduard supplied the canopy and wing camera mask. I wish all kits came with the masks. I find them really nice to use versus making my own which you will see in a future review kit I am working on. The seams needed some work as the edge molds were slightly concaved put together.

This Eduard kit is a nice easy build that makes a nice addition and conversation next to my Me-262 versions in my display cabinets. I totally recommend it.

I am currently constructing another prototype kit of an Me-262 A-1a mounting a 50mm cannon in its nose. The German wartime machines from 1936 through 1945 technology was a fascinating era in such a short period of time.



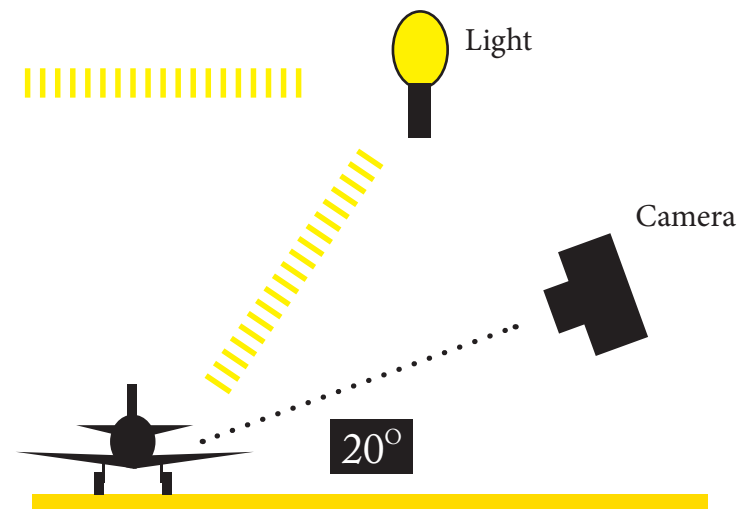
The finished product is painted overall in RLM 02 Grey with decals applied and Testors Dullcoted.





If you have an interesting model and want it on the cover of this magazine, take a picture and email it to azygier@icloud.com

The picture should be at least nicely lit on a plain background no more that about 20° from base and at least 4+ MB.



Show Calendar Listing for 2020

See Bob DeMaio for details

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Aug 22 Sat	Mosquitocon <i>Postponed from April</i> 1 Pal Dr, Wayne NJ http://www.njipm.org/	
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Sept. 18-19 Fri-Sat	Armorcon Crown Plaza, Danbury, CT 06810 http://calendar.ipmsusa3.org/event/armorcon-1	
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