

Messerschmitt BF.109C-2 Poland, 1939 (First blood)

The Messerschmitt Bf 109"s versatility and time in service with both the German Luftwaffe and other foreign air forces, numerous variants were produced over the eight years of service with the Luftwaffe and even more were produced by its foreign service.

Production of the Bf 109C began in the spring of 1938.

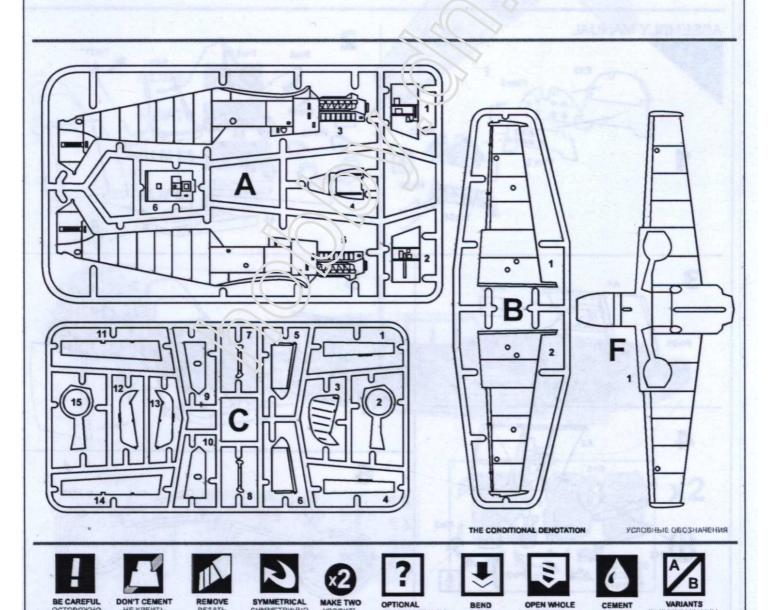
The Bf 109C was originally meant to be the last major model of the Bf 109 to use the Jumo 210. It was intended that it would be quickly replaced by the Bf 109D, using a DB 600 engine. Hovever, that engine was not available in suitable numbers, and so the 109D series entered production with a Jumo 210 engine.

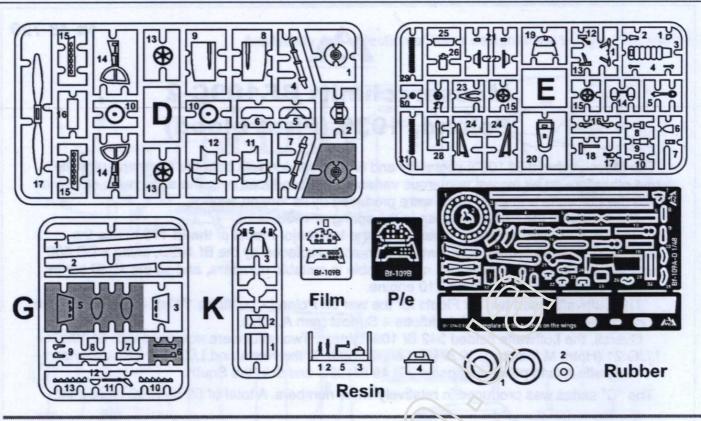
The Luftwaffe used two Air Fleets for the war on Poland - Luftflotte ("Ost" in the North (gen

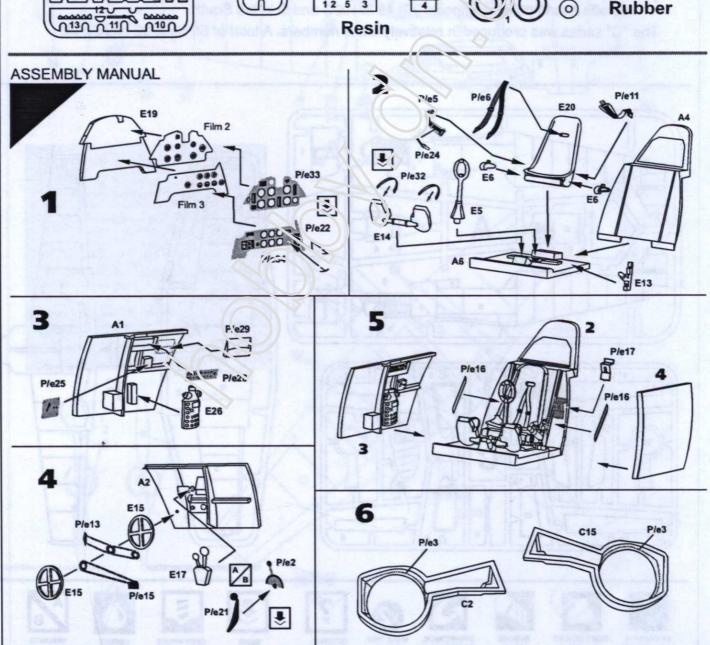
A.Kesselring) and in the south Luftflotte 4 Sudost (gen A.Lohr).

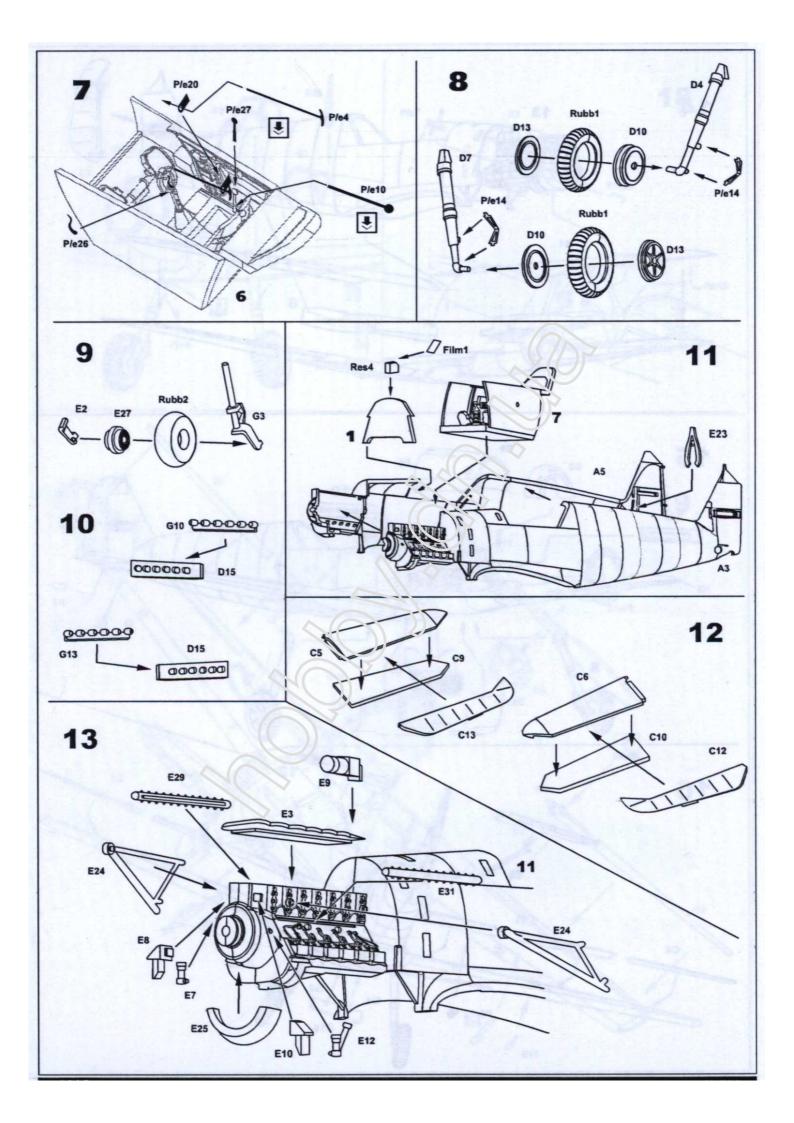
Overall, the Luftwaffe fielded 342 Bf 109 fighters. Two units were equipped with Bf 109Ds - I./JG 21 (Hptm M.Metting), 39 Bf109d on strength, in the North and I./2G 2 (Hptm J.Genzen - 1st Lufwaffe Ass of polish campaign'39) 45 Bf109C and D in the South

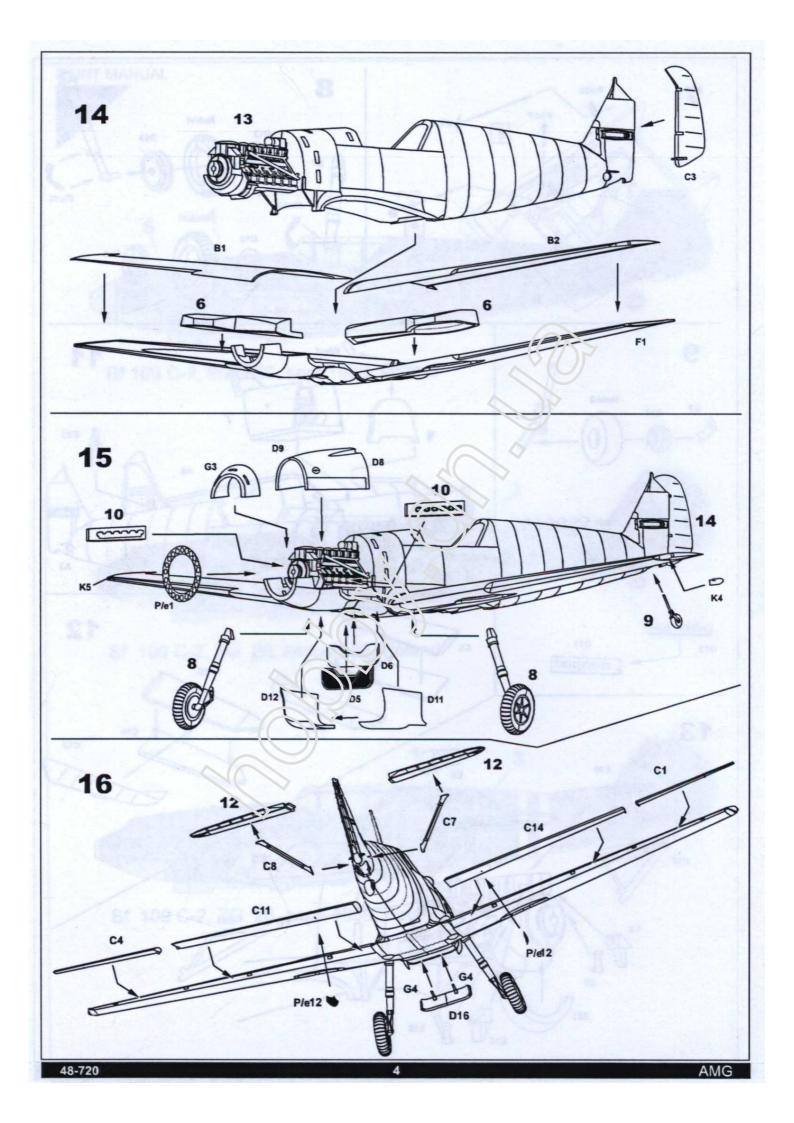
The "C" series was produced in relatively small numbers. A total of 58 Bf-109C were built.

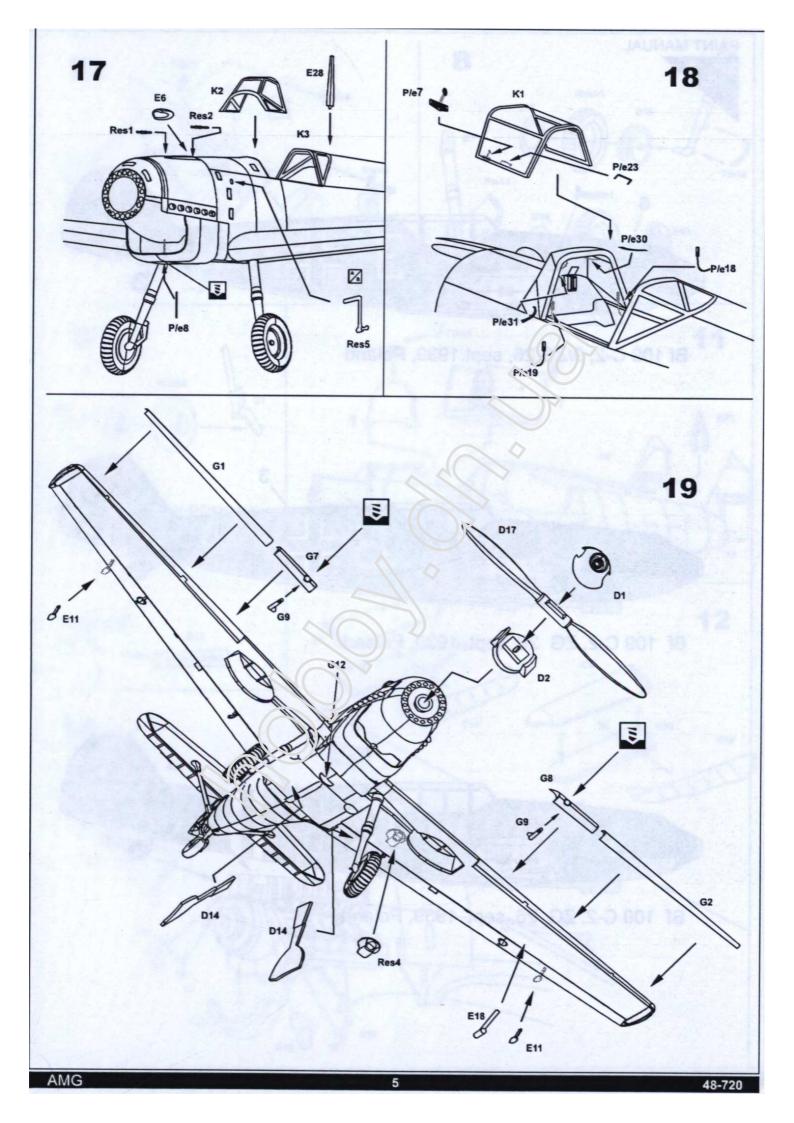




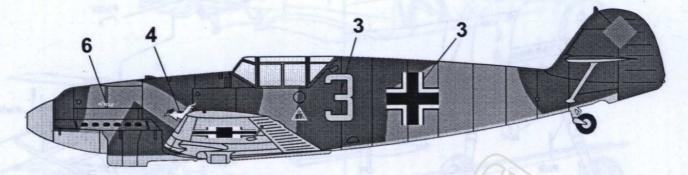




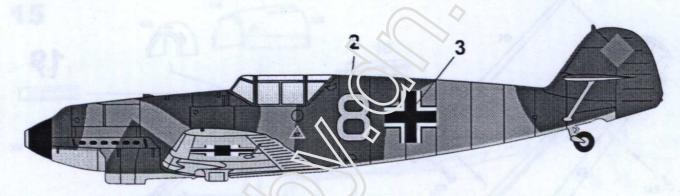




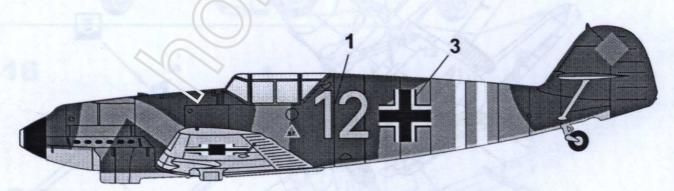




Bf 109 C-2, 9/ZG 26, sept.1939, Poland



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