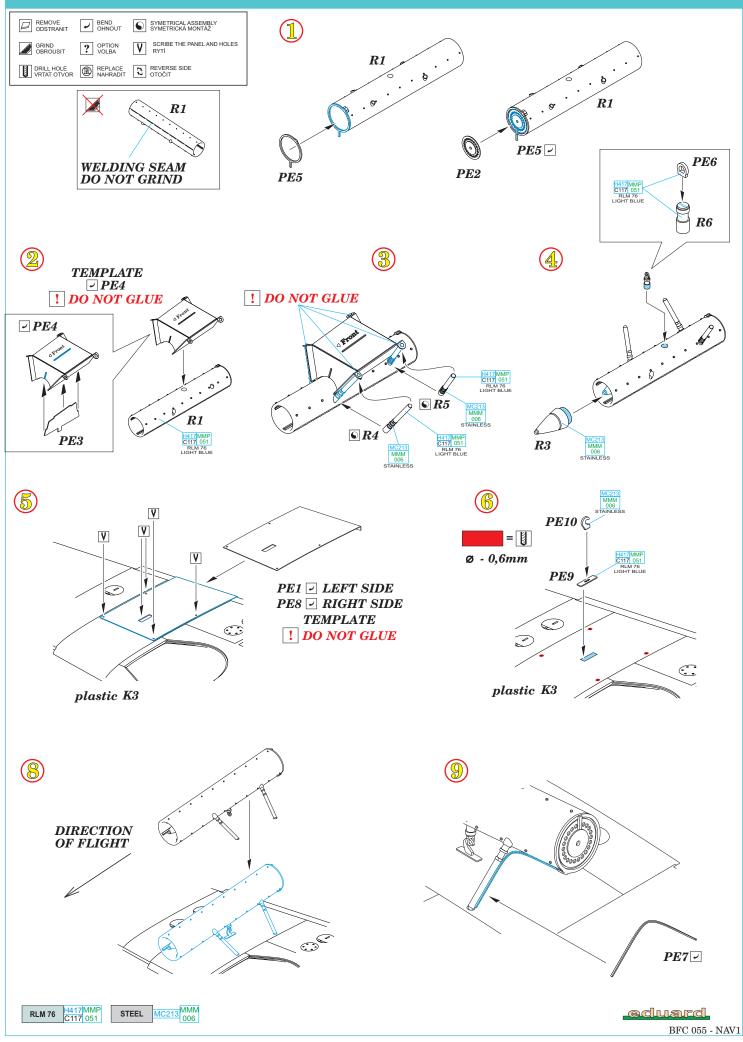
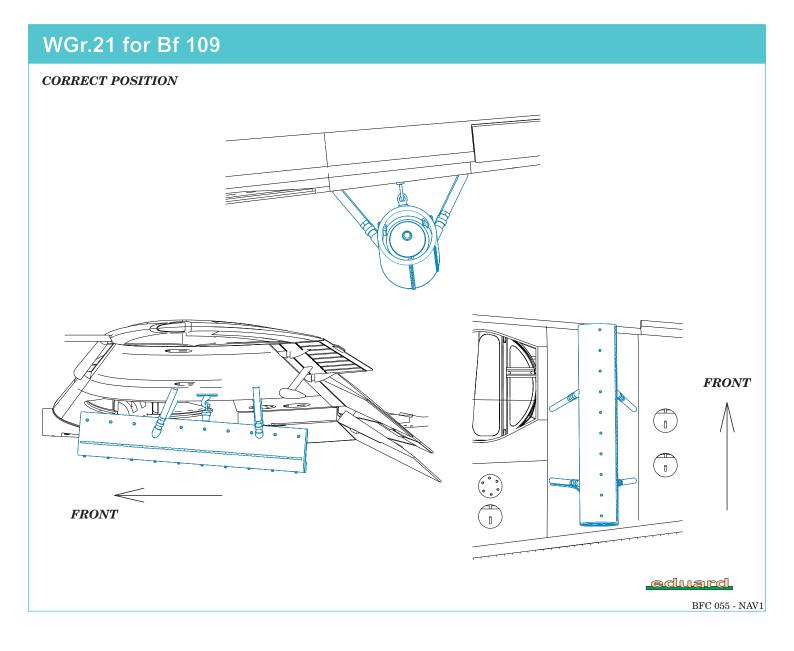
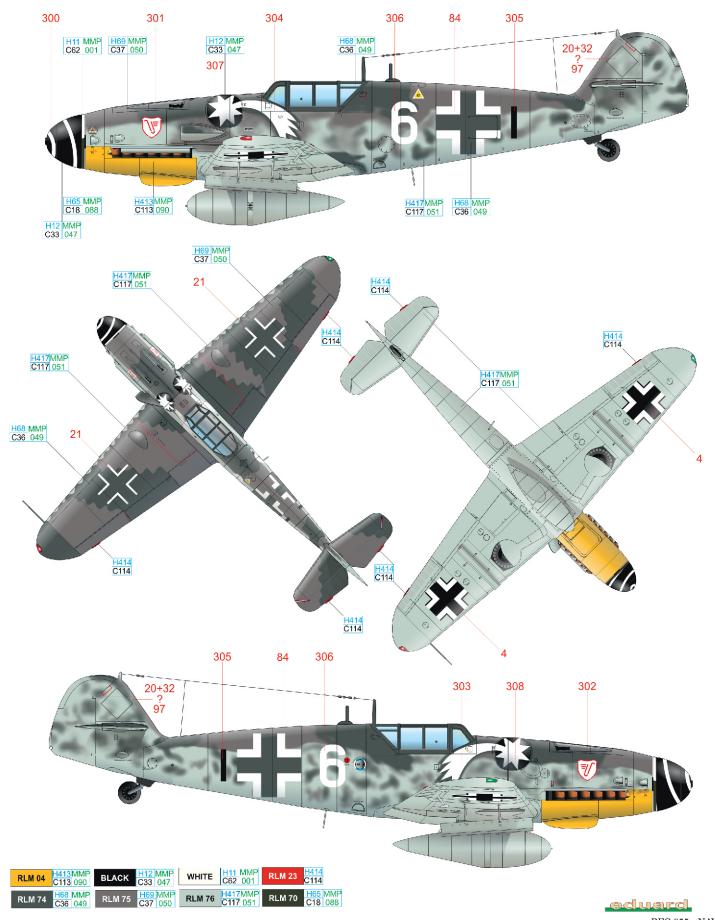
WGr.21 for Bf 109





Bf 109G-6, 7./ JG 3, Bad Wörishofen, Germany, October 1943

For the purposes of achieving as much destructive power against American four-engined heavy bombers as possible, Bf 109 and Fw 190 interceptors were armed with high calibre weapons. Some were equipped with W.Gr.21 rocket pods which had their beginnings in the Nebelwerfer 42 launch tube system used by the Wermacht. The Messerschmitt Bf 109G-6 carried one W.Gr.21 launch tube under each wing. The rocket had a warhead weighing in excess of 40 kg and a range of 1200 m and was fired against the defensive boxes formed by the bombers. This Bf 109G-6 from the 7th Staffel JG 3 carries the Erla applied camouflage scheme at Leipzig. It also carried a stylised comet marking in white on a black background located over the MG 131 fairing.



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