## Messerschmitt Bf109F-4

The Messerschmitt Bf109F was the second major version of this very important German World War 2 fighter. Many consider it the best version of the aircraft due to its performance and handling characteristics.

The 'F' version of Messerschnitt Bf109 fighter was the second major re-design and was considered by many to be the high water mark of the Bf109. It featured new wings, improved aerodynamics and enhanced performance. Production began in August 1940 and some flew during the Battle of Britain. Over 2000 Bf-109Fs were made with the 'F-4' version entering production in August 1941.

This model represents the Bf109F-4 flown by Unteroffizier Dr. Felix Sauer', 10 'Jabo' JG 53, Jagdeschwader53 'Pik As' from Pozallo Airfield, Southern Sicily on 27 March 1942.

**Data:** Single-seat fighter. *Engines* One Daimler-Benz DB 601E inverted-vee engine of 993kW. *Wing span* 9.92m. *Length* 8.9m. *Gross weight* 2900kg. *Maximum speed* 659km/h. *Range* 850km. *Armament* two 7.92mm machine guns and one 29mm cannon. *Crew* 1

*Hasegawa* 1/32 ('Jabo' kit No 08228 Limited Edition) with Red Fox aftermarket cockpit, Eduard seat belts, Montex masks and AK, RC and SMS lacquer paints. This model was completed by Wayne Eagles in October 2023.



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