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Yellow Tailed D-9s

JG 54, JG 26 and JG 2



Fw 190 D-9

"Red 1"

Oblt. Hans Dortenmann 12./JG 54



Fw 190 D-9

"Yellow 1"

Oblt. Hans Dortenmann 3./JG 26



Fw 190 D-9

"Black 10"

2./JG 26



Fw 190 D-9

"Yellow II"

11./JG 2

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The exciting and dramatic story of the introduction of the Dora 9 into service is masterfully told in Axel Urbanke's book **Green Hearts First in Combat with the Dora 9**. One of the leading personalities of this unit was Hans Dortenmann. He received the third production Focke-Wulf 190 D-9, W.Nr. 210003. Although damaged a couple of times and plagued by some engine troubles, Dortenmann managed to use this one D-9 from September 1944 to its destruction by his own hand at war's end, an astounding fact given that the average life of a German fighter in combat was about 4 hours. When W.Nr. 210003 was assigned to Dortenmann, he was *Staffelkapitän* of 12./JG 54 and "Red 1" was the tactical number. He had the fin and rudder painted Yellow so his younger pilots could find him in the air, even though he knew his Yellow-tailed Dora would be a target for Allied fighters.

On 25 February 1945, 12./JG 54 became 14./JG 26 (IV. Gruppe) and the assigned Black/White RV bands were applied. The all-Yellow tail was reduced to Yellow rudder only, the "Red 1" was changed to "Black 1", and a Black/White *welle* (wave) used by IV./JG 26 was painted over the RV bands. Dortenmann was reassigned to 3./JG 26 on 29 March 1945 taking his trusty D-9, W.Nr. 210003 with him, but the number "Black 1" had to be changed to "Yellow 1" and the IV. Gruppe *welle* painted out. The Yellow under cowling was known to be used by *Staffelkapitäne* but is not mentioned in Dortenmann's diary, therefore, it is speculative.

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For accurate color reference we recommend the Luftwaffe Color Chart published by Eagle Editions Ltd. To compliment the newly released Hasegawa 1/32nd scale D-9 kit, presented here are four very colorful machines, all offered in 48th and 72nd scale as well. These models can be enhanced by using EagleParts available in both 32nd and 48th scale and are designed to upgrade and accurize the basic kits. Contact either Eagle Editions or your local hobby shop for various EagleParts available.

"Red 1" Fw 190 D-9 W. Nr. 210003 Oblt. Hans Dortenmann, Staffelkapitän 12./JG 54 October 1944 Achmer
The mission of III./JG 54 was to fly top-cover for *Kommando Nowotny's* Me 262s. III./JG 54 was not assigned RV bands. Early style canopy. Early 5 piece gun cowling.

Colors: Undersurfaces; 76 Light Blue Uppersurfaces; 75 Gray-Violet/83 Dark Green Tail fin, rudder and under cowling 04 Yellow.
Spinner: Black with White spiral Prop blades: 70 Black-Green Large fuselage access panel buttons, Red. Red/White striped antenna.
National Markings: Fuselage; Early A-8 B3 800 mm Black and White crosses, probably H2a Black *Hakenkreuz* with White outline
Wings: Upper - B6 910 mm White outline crosses Lower - B4 900 mm Black outline crosses
Stencilling: Factory standard **Reference: # 2**

"Yellow 1" Fw 190 D-9 W. Nr. 210003 Oblt. Hans Dortenmann, Staffelkapitän 3./JG 26 Spring 1945 Flensburg
25 Feb. 1945, 12./JG 54 became 14./JG 26 IV. Gruppe. At this time this D-9 was retrofitted with a blown canopy, the "Red 1" was changed to "Black 1", Black/White RV bands were added and the IV. Gruppe *welle* was applied over RV bands. (See **EagleCals #1** for details of this version). Also at this time the 75 Gray-Violet was converted to 82 Bright Green. On 29 March 1945, Dortenmann was reassigned to 3./JG 26 and his aircraft was changed to "Yellow 1", its final number. The IV. Gruppe *welle* was painted over and the all-Yellow tail was reduced to Yellow rudder only.
Early 5 piece gun cowling.

Colors: Undersurfaces; 76 Light Blue Uppersurfaces; 82 Bright Green/83 Dark Green
Spinner: Black/White spiral Prop Blades: 70 Black-Green Large fuselage access panel buttons, Red.
National Markings: Fuselage; Early A-8 style B3 800 mm Black and White crosses; *Hakenkreuz* altered to H3 420 mm
Wings: Upper - B6 910 mm White crosses Lower - B4 900 mm Black outline crosses
Stencilling: Factory standard, unusual primer filler stencil and B4 octane triangle **Reference: #2**

"Black 10" Fw 190 D-9 W. Nr. 500618 Pilot: Unknown 2./JG 26 May 1945 Flensburg
One of six captured Fw 190 D aircraft at Flensburg by the RAF and selected for evaluation by the Allies. This D-9 was assigned USA 15 but never made it to the US. Fate unknown. This "Black 10" is similar to "Black 10" W.Nr. 500613 found in derelict condition when III. Gruppe was disbanded near Hannover. Late 3 piece gun cowling, no bumps on rear, bumps on bottom edge.

Colors: Undersurfaces; Blue-Green. Wing appears to be natural metal. Front half underwing and landing gear door, 75 Gray-Violet, possibly with 83 Dark Green also on gear doors. Uppersurfaces; Fuselage, 82 Bright Green/83 Dark Green. Wing and horizontal tail surfaces 75 Gray-Violet or Light Gray primer/83 Dark Green. Tail fin and rudder 04 Yellow, possibly *Staffelkapitän's* aircraft. Note light area around the flare hole. RV bands Black/White. Spinner: Black with White spiral Prop blades: 70 Black-Green
National Markings: Based on other D-9s found in this W.Nr. block; Fuselage; B4 800 mm Black outline crosses, H3 420 mm *Hakenkreuz*
Wings: Upper - B6 910 mm White crosses. Lower - B1b 900 mm Black (no White) crosses
Stencilling: Probably factory standard although mostly overpainted including gear door pressure data. Octane triangle visible. Notes: original-ly this machine was in 10. *Staffel*, III. Gruppe JG 26. When III./JG 26 disbanded 25 March 1945, men and machines were reassigned within JG 26. It appears that this "Black 10" joined 2./JG 26 and the original III. Gruppe vertical bar was painted over at the unit level. **Ref: #1,3**

"Yellow 11" Fw 190 D-9 W. Nr. 400 series Pilot: Unknown II./JG 2 May 1945 Stockheim
This colorful D-9 is a good example of late-war pieced-together aircraft.

Colors: Undersurfaces; Under wing probably natural metal, forward half and gear doors 75 Gray-Violet with 75 wrapped over the top of leading edge. 76 Light Blue ailerons and horizontal tail and fuselage. Uppersurfaces, fuselage, 75 Gray-Violet evident especially on engine cowl and rear fuselage spine/83 Dark Green on forward radiator cowling and gun hood. Possible RLM 81 Brown-Violet around cockpit area. Horizontal tail 75/83. Wing appears to be Gray primer/83 Dark Green with 75 leading edge of port wing.
Spinner: Black with White spiral Prop Blades: 70 Black-Green Starboard fuselage Heavily stained from exhaust or possible fire. Yellow/White/Yellow RV bands. Light area around flare hole. Late 3 piece gun cowling, bumps on rear only.
National Markings: Fuselage; B4 800 mm Black crosses; H3 420 mm *Hakenkreuz*
Wings: Upper - B6 910 mm White crosses Lower - B1b 900 mm Black (no White) crosses
Stencilling: Not visible but probably factory standard. **Reference: #3**

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