

HIGH PLANES MODELS

MESSERSCHMITT Me 262 V-2/V-3

Kit No 72 042

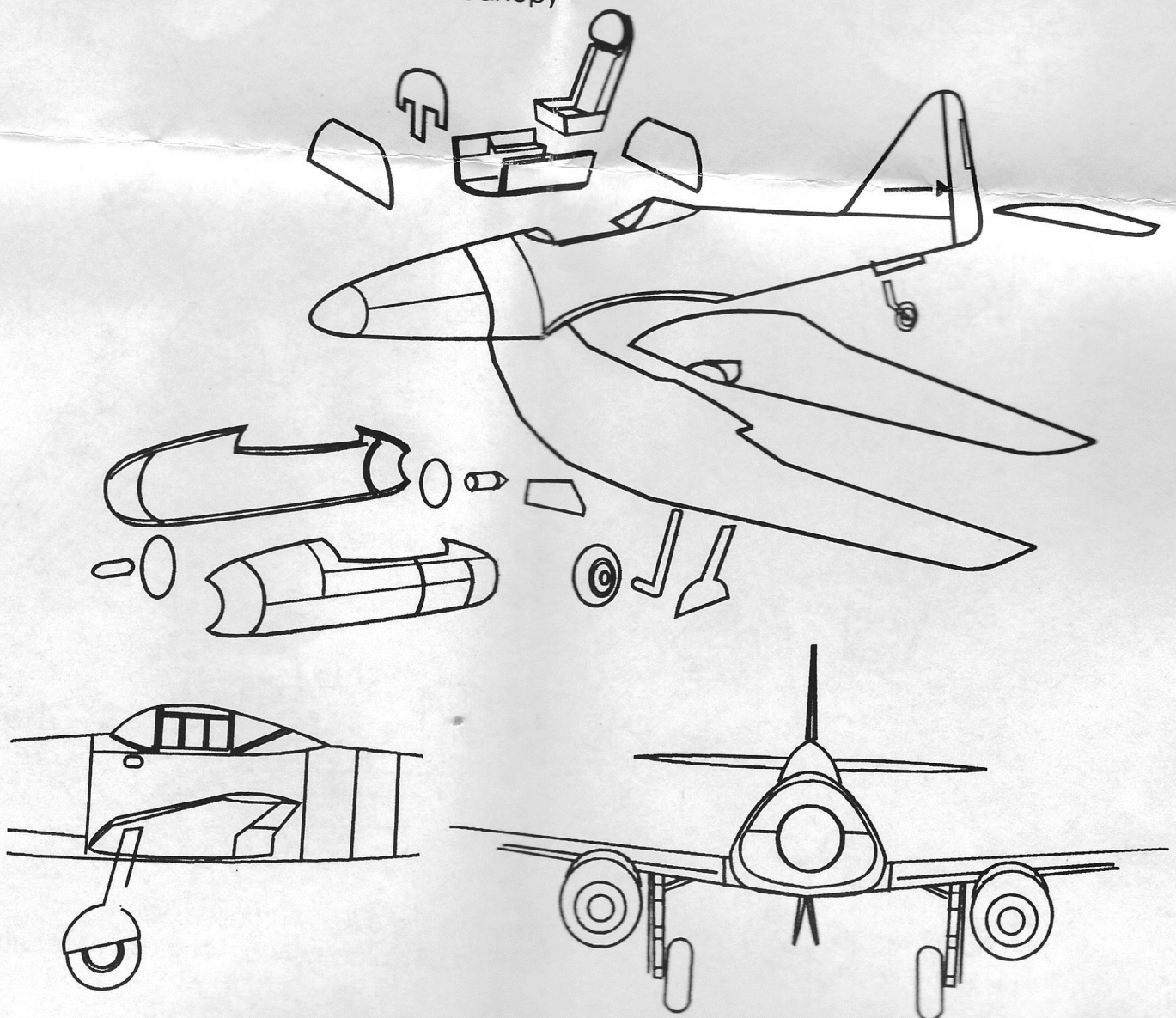


Construction. Start by washing all parts in a mild soapy water to remove mould release agent. Carefully cut all parts from the sprues and clean up all mating surfaces with a flat file or similar.

Step 1. It may be a good idea to trim the canopy first, and then ensure that it fits side to side on the fuselage, adding or removing material from the two halves to ensure a good fit. The rear of the canopy sits over the plastic rear fairing. With reference to the drawings, assemble the cockpit components, with fore and aft bulkheads, seat, and instrument panel. A control column can be added. Basic interior colour would be dark grey or RLM 02. Glue the fuselage halves and then install the cockpit tub through the wing hole. Glue left and right wing tops - those with the forward fairings - to the bottom, pegging them out to ensure each wing half is flat.

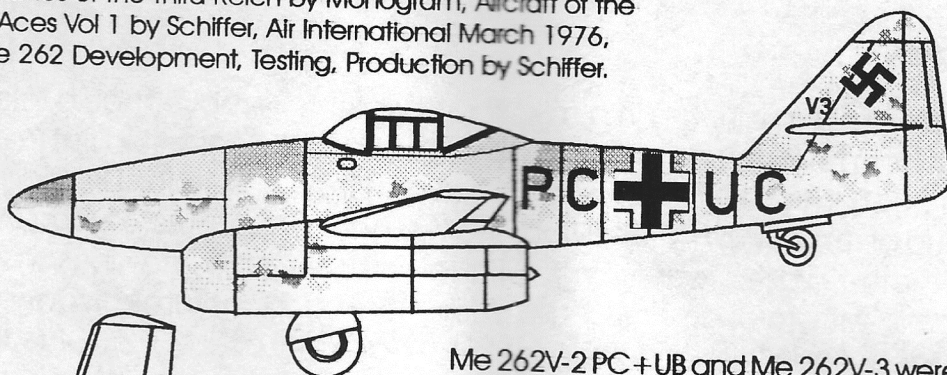
Step 2. Glue the two halves of the jet engines together. File out the intakes and exhaust areas to a circular shape, and then install the backing plates through the wing openings, finally adding the starter cones and efflux guides.

Step 3. Fit the wing to the fuselage, and then add tailplanes, and jets pods under the wings. Drill small holes to mount the white metal undercarriage legs, also for the tail wheel. Referring to the drawings, mount undercarriage legs at correct slope and cant angle, and fit main and tail wheels. Add undercarriage doors, and canopy

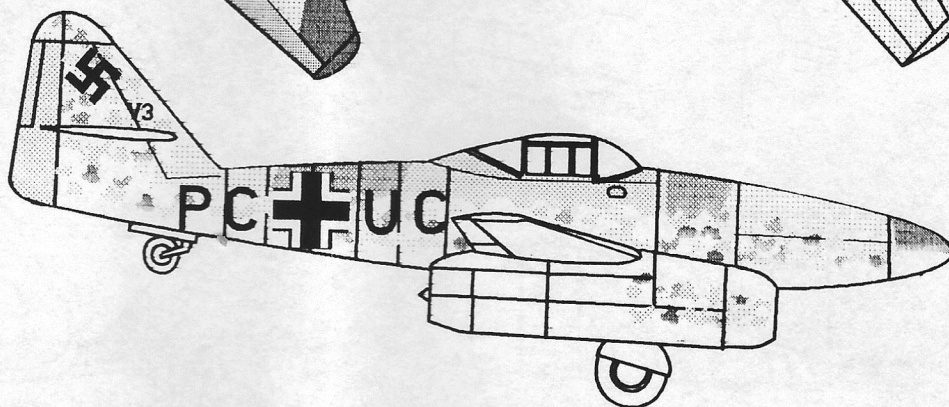
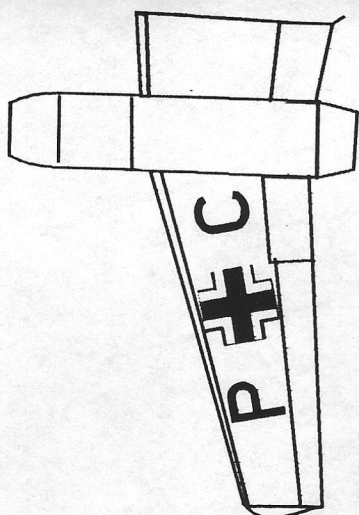
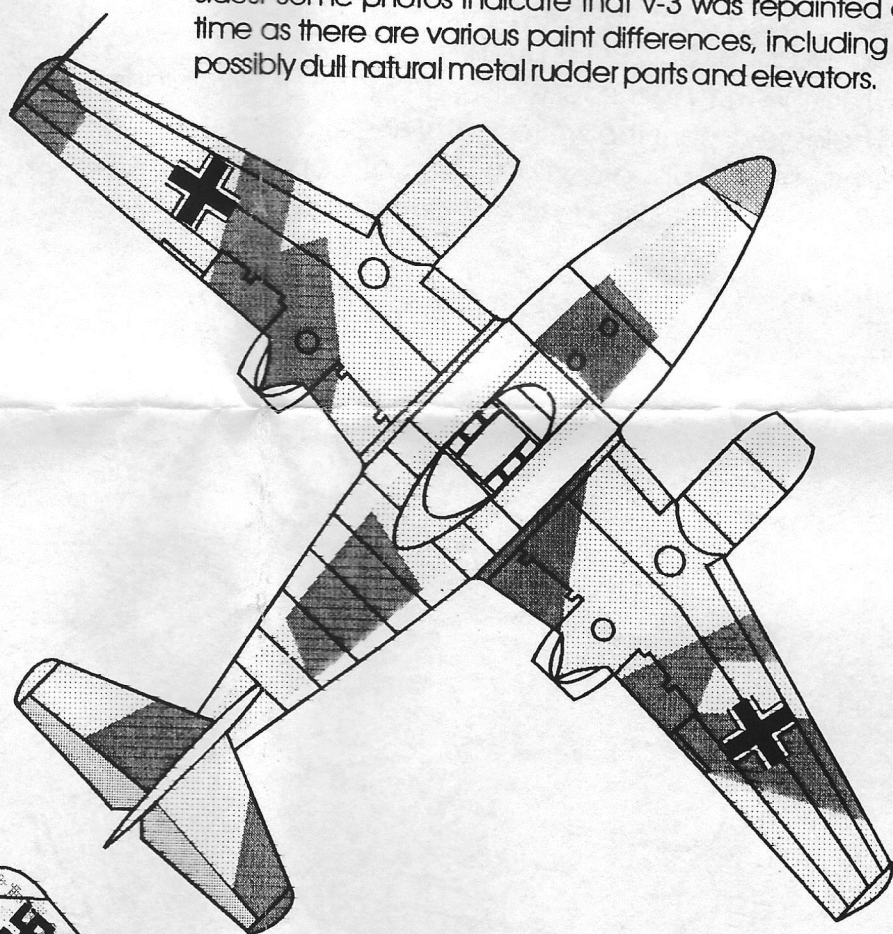
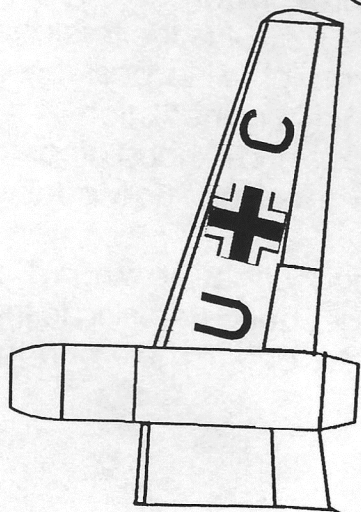


The Messerschmitt Me 262A is well known as the first combat jet of WW2, but the original prototype flew with piston engine power only. Later it was fitted with two turbo jets under the wings, but retained the piston engine. The second and third aircraft flew purely on jet power, but retained the tail wheel of the prototype. All three aircraft were also fitted with ejection seats, and were different from the production aircraft in a number of ways.

References. Jet Planes of the Third Reich by Monogram, Aircraft of the Luftwaffe Fighter Aces Vol 1 by Schiffer, Air International March 1976, Messerschmitt Me 262 Development, Testing, Production by Schiffer.



Me 262V-2 PC+UB and Me 262V-3 were both finished in RLM 76 undersides and fuselage sides, with RLM 74 and 75 splinter pattern above wings, tailplane, and fuselage. A heavy mottle of the two darker greys also covered the fuselage and engine sides. Some photos indicate that V-3 was repainted at some time as there are various paint differences, including as here, possibly dull natural metal rudder parts and elevators.



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