



Although built in very limited numbers, the highly distinctive tone engine Gotha G.1 is nevertheless an important aircraft as it set Gothaer Wagandshafts on the path to building the more conventional bombers that they became famous for. The aircraft that would serve as the prototype Gotha G.1 was designed by Oskar Ursims (the founder and editor of Flugsport magazine) to the German Army's Type III aircraft a periodication for a 200thg, 3 seater able to fly at over 120thg, and carry 450tg for up to 6 hour. Ursims up roposed the idea of building his Kampfffugzeug (battle plane) to Flugsportar Abbeilung 3 GEA 3 commander Major Friedel in August 1914 when construction beginning the following month utilizing FEA 3 personnel. The Friedel-Ursims FU Kampffugzeug, having now beginn the serial number B.109714, took to the air at the end of Amazy 11915. The high position of the partially armoured fuselage to the serial number B.109714, took to the air at the end of Amazy 11915. The high position of the partially armoured fuselage to the control of the partially armoured fuselage to the partially armounted fus

The license to build the "FU" Kampfflugzeug was allocated to Gothaer Waggonfabrik in March 1915 with an initial production order for 6 aircraft placed the following month (numbers 9/15 to 14/15). The main changes incorporated into the new Gotha Grossflugzeug 1 (G.1) included engines of 150-160hp, nearly equal span wings, bomb carrying capacity, wheel type control column and a modified tailplane. To facilitate transport by rail, the fuselage could be disassembled into 3 sections which did nothing to help with structural rigidity. The initial production prototype aircraft, Gotha G.1 9/15, was completed in July 1915 and powered by two 160hp Daimler-Mercedes D.III engines but the remaining 5 aircraft received 150hp Benz Bz.III engines and were completed over the following couple of months. The 2nd production order for another 6 aircraft was placed in July 1915 (numbers 40/15 to 45/15), all of which received 150hp Benz Bz.III engines and a 2nd gunner's position. Photographic evidence indicates that surviving initial production aircraft were modified to include this 2nd machine gun position. This was about the same time that early Fokker Eindeckers began appearing at the front which immediately proved that lightweight single seat aircraft were much more suited to aerial fighting than large multiseat Kampfflugzeug designs like the G.1. This resulted in the 3rd and final production order aircraft placed in October 1915 (numbers 100/15 to 105/15) having a greater emphasis placed on carrying bombs and less on armour plating. These 6 aircraft were all powered by Daimler-Mercedes D.III engines. The fast progressing development of combat aircraft meant that the G.1 was considered obsolete shortly after entering service and almost all of them had been retired from front line service by February 1916. One Benz Bz.III powered G.1 was modified with a lowered fuselage, necessitating a narrower nose bottom profile to clear the propellers and was fitted with modest anti-nose-over skids. A single Gotha Ursinus Wasser Doppeldecker (UWD) seaplane version was completed in late 1915 and served until October 1916 when it was destroyed in a crash. Any history of these interesting aircraft here is of necessity very brief, therefore we encourage you to seek out the references mentioned below for a more thorough understanding

WWI, colour schemes are contentious at the best of times and we have done our best to provide what we consider to be accurate painting information for this model Photographic evidence shows that the fuelage fairly, wings and tailplane of the Gotha G.I was opaque (not transluent as would be expected for clear doped linen) and appears to have been finished in all over field grey. At least one aircraft, 11715, had its underside repainted at unit level in a pale colour, probably light blue. Metal brackets, cowlings, panels and struts appear to have been painted a very very light grey, almost white, along with some exterior wooden components. The wooden interior appears to have been darkly varnished or painted in a dark colour, possibly field grey. The various camouflage schemes applied to German aircraft of the Great War have attracted more than their fairs share of debate over the years and, while we have been as meticulous as we could be, I'm sure some will not find our choices to their liking and impassioned debate will continue to rage on amongst modellers.

Wingspan:			
20.3m (66.6ft)	12m (39.4ft)	2966kg (6539 lb)	130kph (81mph)
18	1915-1916	2x 150hp Benz Bz.III or 2x 160hp Daimler-Mercedes D.III	
3700m (12000ft)	1x or 2x 7.92mm IMG 08 "Spandau" or LMG 14 Parabellum gun and up to 200kg (441 lb) of bombs		

References:

Gotha G.1 Windsock Datafile 83, PM Grosz 2000 - The Gotha G.1-G.V. PM Grosz, Profile Publications 1966 - Colin Owers 1914-18 Aviation Heritage Trust - The Vintage Aviator LTD - Private Collections



Choking hazard. Keep small parts and plastic bags away from children. Use glue and paint in a well ventilated area. Always wear protective eyewear when cutting and a protective mask when painting, gluing and sanding. Do not breathe dust from polyurethan resin parts (if included). Beware of sharp edges on metal parts. Warning:

Read all the instructions carefully before starting assembly. Use glue intended for plastic models. Assemble metal and resin parts (if included) using Cyanoacrylate (CA) or epoxy glue. Before assembly select a marking option and note optional parts required in instructions. Assembly:

If installing rigging please drill out all location holes with a 0.5mm drill bit to a depth of at least 1mm. To make Rigging: rigging as simple as possible we recommend using stretchy elastic type material like 'EZ Line' etc and not trying to replicate any turnbuckles.

Painting: Only use paints designed and suitable for plastic model kitsets.

Decals: Cut out each decal as required. Soak in warm water for 15 seconds. Slide off backing paper onto gloss painted surface of model (not just clear coated plastic). For large decals it is helpful to apply a drop of water to the area they are being applied to. This will make it easier to maneuver them into the correct position.

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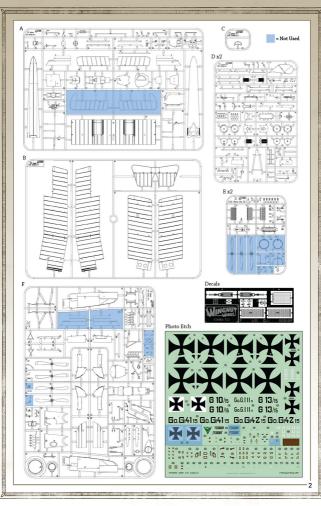


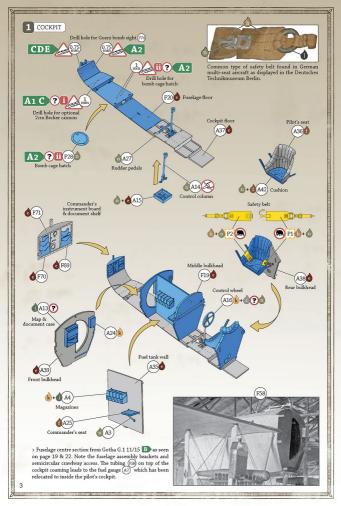
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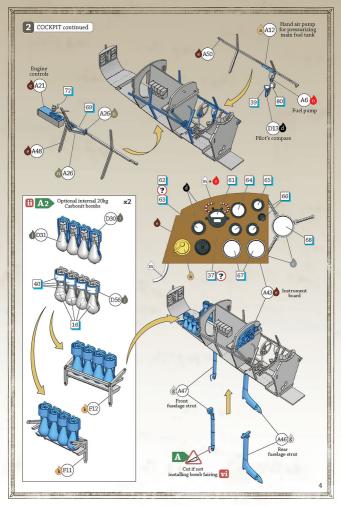


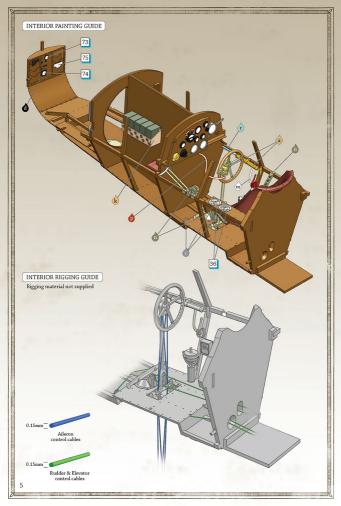
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f	Leather - semi gloss	XF52	62	30219
g	Very Light Grey - semi gloss	XF2(x10) + XF19(x1)	22(x10) + 64(x1)	
h	Unbleached Linen (CDL) - matt	XF57	121	30475
i	Rust - matt	XF9	113	20045
j	Field Grey - semi gloss	XF22	92	24159
k	Light Wood - semi gloss	XF59*	93*	33245*
1	Steel	XF56	27003	
n	White - semi gloss	XF2	34	
n	Grey Green - matt	XF76	=	24424
0	Red - semi gloss	Х7	19	11350
p	Copper	XF6	12	
q	Rubber Dark- matt	XF69	66	35042
r	Light Blue - semi gloss	X2(x10) + XF18(x1)	22(x10) + 96(x1)	25550
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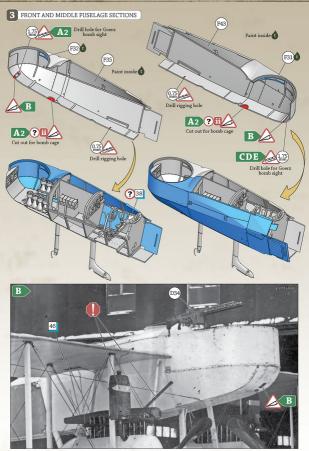
Note: Apply clear varnish to achieve the desired gloss or semi-gloss finish. *See our website hints and tips for painting wood.







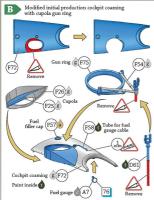


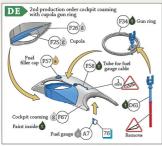


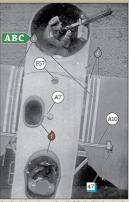
Fuselage front and centre section detail from Gotha G.1 11/15 . Note the LMG 14 Parabellum machine guns, single core radiators fitted with a small section of shielding to prevent over cooling in the wintery conditions and slightly different tone of very light grey used on the nose. In exact purpose of the dark rod between the starboard engine and nose is unconfirmed but would have helped provide some form of heating.



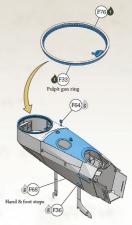


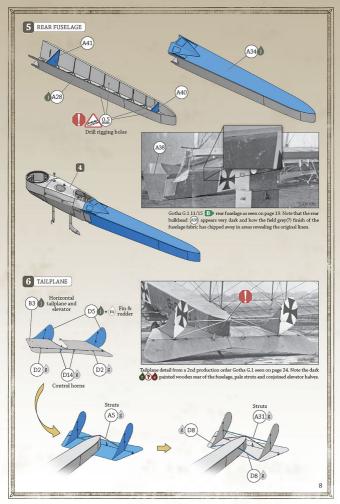


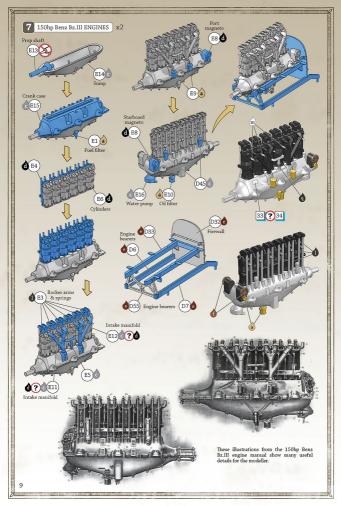


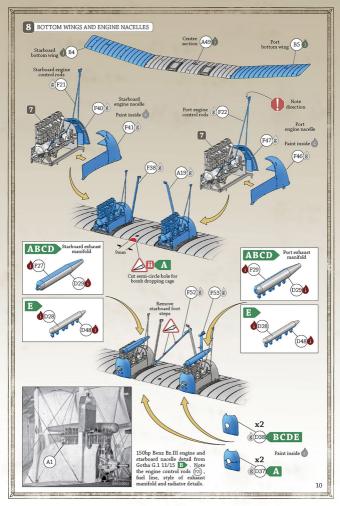


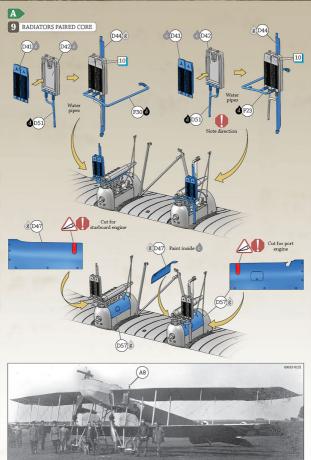
Overhead view of an unidentified Gotha G.1 showing the initial style of cockpit coaming (77) and wing root cutout (72) & (78). Note the engine control rods (11) & (11), fuel tank filler cap (57) external fuel gauge (77) and single IMG 08 "Spandau".



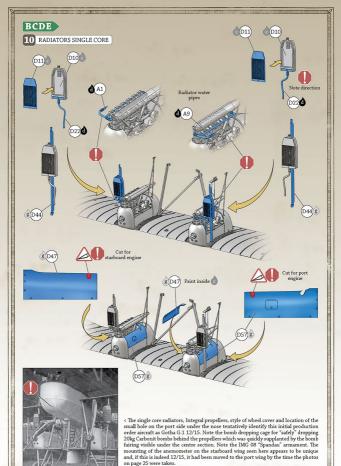


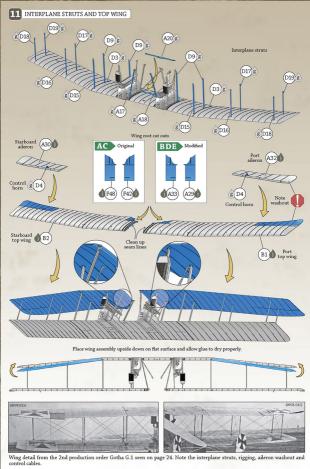


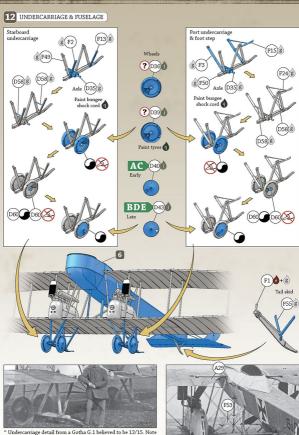




160hp Daimler-Mercedes powered Gotha G.1 9/15 was the production prototype and 1st aircraft completed from the initial production order. Note the twin core radiators seen only on 9/15 & 10/15, bomb dropping cage and lMG 08 "Spandau".

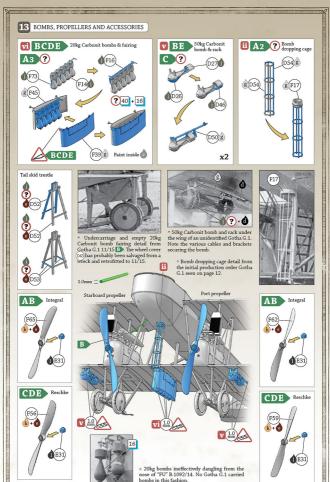


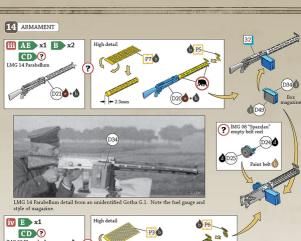


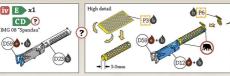


^ Undercarriage detail from a Gotha G.1 believed to be 12/15. Note that the tailplane is being held up buy a trestle like that seen on page 25 so there is no weight applied to the undercarriage leaf springs.

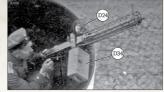
> Fuselage and wing centre section detail from the 2nd production order Gotha G.1 seen on page 24. Note the foot steps, engine nacelle, aileron control cables under the cockpit, enlarged wing root cut outs (∞) & (∞) and engine control rods.

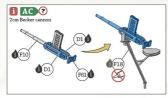






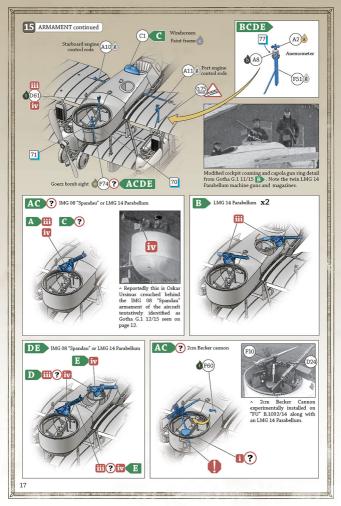
> Front pulpit mounted IMG 08 "Spandau" from the unidentified initial production order Gotha G.1 seen on page 7. Note the reel for winding the spent ammunition belt.

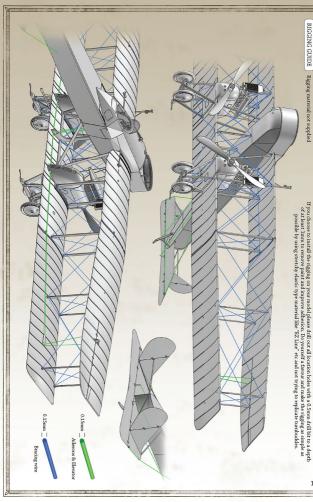






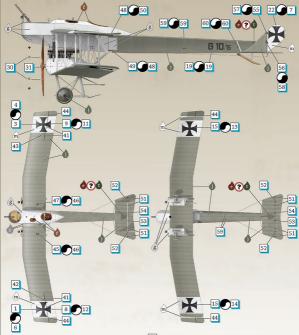
A 2cm Becker cannon experimentally fitted to an unidentified initial production Gotha G.1. Note that the magazine has been removed and the receiver is pulled back.







A2 Gotha G.1 10/15, Fliegerersatz Abteilung 7 Sonderstaffel S.1, July to September 1915



Gotha G.1 10/15 is from the initial production order for 6 aircraft placed in April 1915 (numbers 9/15 to 14/15) and was the first G.1 to be powered by 150th Benn Brill lengines. It was delivered to Fliegerersatz Abteilung 7 (FEA 7) based at Koln in July 1915 where, along with G.1 9/15 and possibly Folkker E.1 17/15 (and later G.1 11/15) it was tasked with defending the Krupp steel works as part of Sonderstaffel S.1. This photograph of G.1 10/15 is from a line up including 9/15 and 11/15 and was taken in late August or September 1915. At this time Gotha G.1 10/15 was armed with a single LMG 14 G.1 10/15 was armed with a single LMG 14 G.1 10/15 was armed with a single LMG 14 was single LMG 14 G.1 10/15 was armed with a single

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Parabellum for aerial fighting, although it would later have a bomb dropping cage installed, which was subsequently removed, before finally having a bomb fairing fitted. Note the paired core radiators only seen on 160hp Daimler-Mercedes D.III powered 601h. No namemoneter appears to have been installed on 10/15.

Gotha G.1 11/15, Fliegerersatz Abteilung 7 Sonderstaffel S.1, late 1915 to early 1916 **d**?d Apply decals 41 - 47 , 51 - 54 as per A d?d?d

Gotha G.1 11/15 is from the same initial production order as [M] and was delivered to FEA 7 and Sonderstaffel S.1 in August 1915. The photographs shown here were taken at a later date, after Gebta G.1 11/15 had neceived a fuelage cross, updated cockpit coaming with an additional gun ring, had its original serial number 'G 11 15' overpainted with 'Go G.1 11/15' and, perhaps most interestingly, had the undersides of the fuelage, wings and tulplane painted a pale bulley? Cost and the production of the strength of the fuelage is the strength of the stre



Although not 100% confirmed, this is believed to show a crashed Gotha G.1 11/15. Note that by the time this photo was taken the outer wing panels were paler than the centre panels and fuselage and may have been replacements salvaged from another aircraft (perhaps 44/157).

Gotha G.1 11/15 in the winter snow of 1915-16



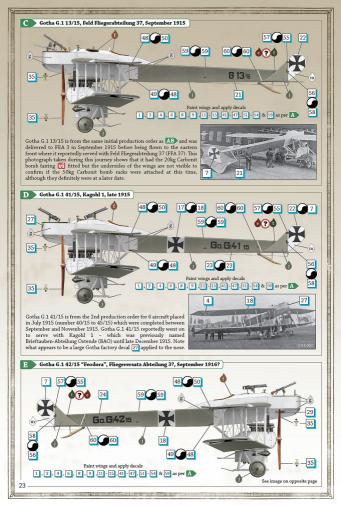
An unarmed Gotha G.1 11/15 has it's engines run up in preparation for take off.

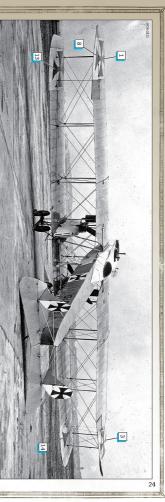


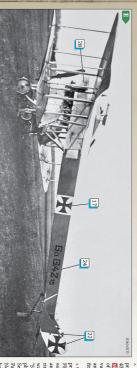
Gotha G.1 11/15 is seen here armed with two LMG 14 Parabellum machine guns but does not appear to be carrying any bombs in tis fairing. Not the pale blue?) underestie colour of the wings. The top-leading edge and tips of the top wing appear remain in their original field grey finish. The leading edge and tips of the bottom wings appear to have been overpainted in an even darker colour, perhaps black. See also page 19.



Gotha G.1 11/15. Note where the original serial number has been overpainted, the modified cockpit coaming with cupola gun ring and tail skid trestle.

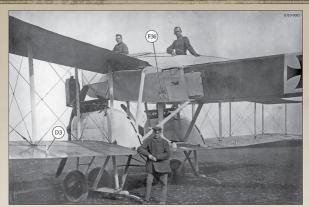






A This Gotha G.1 is from the same 2nd production order as IDB and is possibly 487.15 without it's 20kg Carbonit bomb fairing G matalled Note the overall weathered finish of the field gry fairins surfaces as well as the various mart and gloss areas. A wing mounted anemometer (as) does not appear to have been fitted to Gotha G.1 437.5

Cooka G.1.475. Tecdora' is from the same production order as \mathbb{D}_p and was delivered by ERA 3 in the 1915 before being sent to the sastern front. This photo of Teodora' shows in the 2nd and mild Go 85 spandaul' measured on the 2nd alguming but other photos of besidens and of the Spandaul' moved to the front gan ring. Other photos believed to have been taken in photos believed to have been taken in September 1916 show a single IMG 14 Fachablum mounted on the front gan ring. Note the Seathle propellers, 20th Carbonit bomb facing and Silg C



» By the time these photos of Gotha G.1.12/15 were reportedly taken at Kagohl 2 it had received a fuselage cross along with having its serial number re-applied further forward than it's original position. It has also been fitted with fairings over the commanders pulpit and centre cockpit. It does not have a 20kg Carbonit bomb fairing. Note the Oskar Ursinus trademark applied to the centre fuselage.





This photograph showing the fatal crash of Gotha G.1.14/15 on 3 October 1915; illustrates the danger inherent in having the fusileage higher than the top wings. Both crew members were reportedly crushed when structural failure caused the fuselage to come apart and flip over on landing, usually a relatively harmless occurrence for traditional biplane designs. Note that the bomb dropping cage has been removed but the semi-circular cut out in the leading edge of the bottom wing centre section appears to remain.



The original Oskar Ursinus designed Friedel-Ursinus Kampfflugzeug "FU" B.1092/14 in modified form with balanced ailerons and Hazet radiators to cool its 100hp Daimler-Mercedes D.1 engines. The unequal span wings, angled outermost interplane struts and tailplane are the most identifiable differences between this and the Gotha G.1.



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Nick is an Industrial Design graduate and an experienced scale modeller with a longstanding interest in most periods of history. Before working at Wingnut Wings he knew less about WW1 aviation

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The 3D design challenge he found while working at Wingnut Wings from 2008 until 2015 was adapting the real aircraft to scaled down replicas with the necessary adjustments for injection moulding, when of course, as a modeller - he would like 100% reality.

Nick was at one time a private pilot but never took the controls of a bi-plane - the oldest plane he was rated in was the classic old tail dragger, the Piper Cub. These days most of Nick's spare time is spent with his young family.



32045 Product Manager, Richard Alexander

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Richard has been in the model and hobby industry since 1991 and brings with him a keen eye for detail and a passion for ensuring our models are enjoyable to build. So if there is anything you don't like about this model, you can blame him.

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Profile Art by Ronny Bar

Ronny Bar developed a keen interest in airplanes from an early age, living close at the El Palomar Air Force Base in Buenos Aires. He first flew in the back seat of a T-34 Mentor trainer at the age of ten, and was soon drawing airplanes and building models: Spitfires and Messerschmitt first... Camels and

Fokkers later

He became a successful bass player with a career lasting over 35 years in several Rock bands, recording ten albums (one of them being a National hit selling more than 100,000 copies) and performing countless concerts, TV shows and tours all over Argentina.

Now retired from the R'n'R scene, his interest returned to his early passion: Aviation Artwork, Visiting the WW1 aircraft collection at Hendon focused his already growing interest for that historic period. His artwork is regularly appearing in journals and publications like Windsock Worldwide, Windsock Datafiles, Cross & Cockade and Over the Front.

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0132045C	Cparts	1
0132045D	D parts	2
132E0009	E parts Benz Bz.III engine	2
0132045F	F parts	1
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