

## Modelling The Sdkfz 251 Halftrack

Scouts Out is the definitive account of German armored reconnaissance in World War II, essential for historians, armor buffs, collectors, modelers, and wargamers, and the first extensive treatment of the subject in English.

Billedhæfte om halvbæltekøretøjet SdKfz 251.

A wonderfully detailed and beautifully finished armour model can easily be let down if accompanied by a poorly painted figure. The addition of scale figures helps provide depth, weight and realism to a model yet working with figures continues to be most armour modellers' worst nightmare. This book provides tips and techniques for building, converting and painting World War II German Army Panzer crew figures, in clear step-by-step instructions. Among the topics covered are how to paint different uniforms using enamels and oils; converting and scratch-building figures; painting heads and flesh tones; and weathering clothing. The Handbook On German Military Forces is an indispensable primary reference source for historians and enthusiasts. In 1945 the Allies were still engaged in bitter fighting against stiff resistance from the German armies in the west. The US War Department was determined to do its best to equip the US forces fighting the Germans in the field with as much knowledge as possible. March 1945 saw the issue of an astonishing document entitled the Handbook On German Military Forces. This was a truly remarkable work of intelligence gathering which formed a vast compendium of all the relevant knowledge amassed on the German Wehrmacht.??Amazingly accurate and comprehensive, the Handbook ran to over six hundred pages and was designed to equip commanders in the field with everything they were likely to need to know about the German forces. The Handbook remained classified until 1953 and then slipped into obscurity.??This new paperback reprint rescues this great work from obscurity, covering the psychology, organisation, tactics and operational aspects of the German forces. The weapons, machines, aircraft and uniforms of the German forces are also documented within the Handbook.??The Handbook On German Military Forces is a fascinating primary reference source for historians and enthusiasts alike, providing an invaluable insight into the detail of the German Army which is still an unrivaled source of information today.

Erwin Rommel is the arguably the most well-known German general of the Second World War. Revered by his troops and applauded by his enemies, the so-called Desert Fox achieved legendary status for his daring exploits and bold maneuvers during the North African campaign. In this book, richly illustrated with over 400 images, the author examines the privations and challenges Rommel faced in leading his coalition force. Endeavoring to reach the Nile Delta, we find Rommel's Axis soldiers poorly prepared to undertake such an audacious operation. Much-admired by his men in the front lines, we discover a demanding and intolerant leader, censured by subordinate officers and mistrusted by his superiors in Berlin. Certainly no diplomat, we observe posed interactions with

Italian and junior German officers through an official lens. We note Rommel's readiness to take advantage of his enemy's weakness and study his extraordinary instinct for waging mobile warfare. We consider his disregard for the decisive factor of supply and view his army's reliance on captured equipment. We learn how this brave and ambitious commander was celebrated by German propaganda when the Wehrmacht's fortunes in the East were waning. Conversely, analyze why Winston Churchill honored him as a daring and skillful opponent. Finally, we picture this energetic, ambitious, at times reckless, commander as he roamed the vast Western Desert battlefield. This is the story of Rommel in North Africa.

Probably the most famous tank of the World War II, the Tiger I was originally conceived in 1941 in response to the German Army's experience in fighting British tanks and anti-tank guns in Western Europe and the North African desert. Following the invasion of Russia, the appearance of the Soviet T-34 and KV tanks lent a further impetus to the programme and 1,350 Tigers were produced between August 1942 and August 1944. The Tiger has proved to be one of the most popular modelling subjects of all time, with a vast and ever-increasing range of kits, aftermarket products and references available. This title features six different projects from some of the earliest Tigers in North Africa through to the late-production variants at the very end of the war.

The T-55 tank first appeared in 1958, a result of numerous improvements made to the (1949) T-54 series, and with a lineage stretching back to the wartime T-34 and the T-44. The T-55 series has seen service around the world with many armed forces, including the Warsaw Pact countries, Afghanistan, Angola, Cambodia, China, Croatia, Egypt, Iran, North Korea, Poland, Somalia, Sudan, and Vietnam, and has seen action in key modern conflicts, most recently in the two Gulf Wars. This title showcases the talents of several leading modellers, and presents Serbian, Iraqi, Czech, Syrian, and Russian variants across 1/35 and 1/72 scales. It also features several challenging projects that involve extensive scratchbuilding.

Large, landscape format presentation of German Armour seen in combat during the last months of WW2. 126 rare and mostly unpublished photos sourced from around the world tell the story of the defeat of the Panzerwaffe. Features include The Assault on Raamsdonk, Netherlands, by British tank troops, the Ambush of the 9.SS-Pz.Div at St. Amand, France, Modified Jagdpanthers with splinter protection on their engine decks, and the medium 'Zugkraftwagen' 8t with wooden driver's cab and bodywork. Plus Tigers, Panthers, Panzer IVs and StuGs. Not to be missed!

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Following in the best traditions of German ingenuity in design and construction of armoured vehicles, the SdKfz 251 firmly realised the concept of a competent cross-country tactical vehicle for armoured infantry units. So successful was this half-track that not only did a modified version of it remain in use with Czech forces well into the 1980s but also, ironically, the armoured infantry tactics that the Germans pioneered with it were adopted by Allied forces in the Second World War and helped them to achieve the eventual defeat of Germany. This book covers the genesis and development of the SdKfz 251, and details the numerous modifications and variations that sprang from combat experience.

A long time coming, Panzerwrecks presents its first book about the wrecks in the desert campaign: Panzerwrecks 22: Desert. Everything you have come to expect from Panzerwrecks - high production values, new photos and stunning original artwork from Felipe Rodna.

The adoption of blitzkrieg tactics in the German Army prior to the start of World War II meant that Germany needed a new kind of fighting vehicle to transport troops around the battlefield in support of the Panzer spearheads. It was in response to this requirement that the armored halftrack was developed during the mid-1930s. The SdKfz 251 halftrack soon became one of the most numerous vehicles in German service during World War II, with over 15,000 produced. This title provides detailed, step-by-step instructions on how to build some of the most popular SdKfz 251 variants in both 1/72 and 1/35 scale. It also includes camouflage paint schemes and markings. Focusing on three key battles of the epic David-and-Goliath Winter War, this illustrated study assesses the combat performance of Finnish and Soviet forces during this short but savage war.

From July 1943 to the Nazis' final defeat in May 1945 the Panther main battle tank and its variants were the mainstay of Germany's armored forces. This superbly engineered fighting vehicle offered a lethal combination of firepower, mobility and protection. As this classic Images of War series title reveals, the Panther saw nonstop fighting on the Eastern, Western and Italian fronts. Using rare and often unpublished contemporary photographs with full captions and authoritative text, it provides a comprehensive coverage of elite Panther battalions in action. The book traces the development of the Panther, for example into tank hunter (Panzerjäger), and also covers the other supporting vehicles that formed part of the Panther battalions' establishment. These included armored recovery, Bergepanther, halftracks, Sd.kfz.2 Kettenrad, gun tractors and communications vehicles.

Volume IIB completes the Wehrmacht, and the German mobilisation and war-economy, in 1941. It includes the most detailed Orders of Battle ever published on the German Army (Heer), Luftwaffe and Waffen SS (across the whole Reich) in June-July 1941. Even the smallest and most obscure ground and air units are included, while the Luftwaffe OOBs include details on aircraft types and strengths. Also scrutinised are: the personnel and equipment assigned to combat-units in each army or reserve-force in all areas of the Reich; the ground and air unit reinforcements as well as those newly mobilised; the military personnel and equipment that became available in the Reich during 1941; the Replacement Army; the mobilisation process and resources used; the available replacements and those sent east; the logistical supply of the Wehrmacht (the varying Supply Distribution Efficiency); the Kriegsmarine forces in the east; and the Wehrmacht killed, wounded, missing/POW, unfit and recuperated casualties.

Panzer Tracts No. 2-2 - Panzerkampfwagen II Ausf.G, H, J, L, and M development and production from 1938 to 1943. As a result of digging through public and private archives for 38 years, we are able to create this accurate history of the very rare variants from the Pz.Kpfw.II family - the VK 901, VK 903, VK 1301, VK 1303, and VK 1601. Original drawings, documented measurements, and original wartime photographs were used to create four-view drawings of the VK 901 and VK 1601 (printed at 1/35th scale). Over a thousand hours were spent precisely measuring external details of the "Luchs" in order to create as-built drawings of all six views (including right side and belly) with both the VK 1301 and VK 1303 turrets in 1/24th scale. Even the smallest details are clearly discernable in the component drawings at 1/10th scale including the surprise feature of an Orterkompass mounted on the turret roof. This 56 page book is illustrated with over 50 drawings and 41 clean/rare photos.

This is the first book to address the subject of German Fallschirmjäger troops for the figure modeller. The major items of Fallschirmjäger uniform and equipment are covered, with an emphasis on specially designed paratrooper items. Clear step-by-step instructions allow the reader to recreate realistic figures in miniature scale with confidence and ease. Among the tutorials covered in this book are face painting, creating complex camouflage patterns, weathering clothing, and figure conversion techniques, as well as vignette and diorama settings for your figures (creating groundwork and balancing composition). The projects featured

range from single-figure studies to full-scale dioramas covering all the major periods and theatres of the war.

The encyclopedia of weapons of world war II is the most detailed and authoritative compendium of the weapons of mankind's greatest conflict ever published. It is a must for the military, enthusiast, and all those interested in World War II.

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Tank destroyers were the US Army's response to blitzkrieg, and were based around the concept of mounting a large anti-tank gun on a light, fast moving vehicle. They served in the Mediterranean, Pacific, and North-West Europe theatres, and were also supplied to other Allied armies. These vehicles form an attractive modelling subject; their open turrets provide plenty of opportunity for detail work, as demonstrated here by the author in clear step-by-step instructions. Packed with tips and techniques from a leading modeller and Allied armour expert, this title covers the M10, M18, M36, and M39, and features modelling projects in 1/35th and 1/72nd scale.

As World War II entered its later stages and Germany was forced increasingly onto the defensive, the need for fast-moving mobile forces lessened and the Wehrmacht required better protected and more powerfully armed tanks. After debacles against the T-34, Hitler and the Panzerwaffe were determined not to be unprepared again. The result of this determination was the production of the heaviest and largest tank to see combat during World War II, the Tiger II or Konigtiger (Kingtiger). This title examines this formidable weapon, covering the problems and controversies surrounding its design and production as well as a detailed listing of every unit that was equipped with the Tiger II.

A visual history of the German soldier on the Eastern Front of World War II. Panzer warfare is synonymous with the Wehrmacht of World War II. This book examines the story of the Panzer's more mysterious ancestors, the little-known panzers of the Great War. Germany was very slow to develop armored vehicles compared to Britain and France. Efforts to catch-up proved difficult, and only a few dozen German A7V tanks were completed in time to take part in the final campaigns of 1918. As a result, the majority of German panzer units actually used captured British tanks, the Beutepanzer. This book will trace the development of German panzers of the World War One, including the A7V and its intended but unfinished stablemates.

Considered the German Army's most important armored half-track in WWII, the Sd.Kfz.251 allowed the infantry to keep up with the Heer's fast armored elements. The vehicle came in 4 models and 23 variants, but the Ausf.D was the most produced model. In fact, Ausf.Ds represented nearly 70 percent of Sd.Kfz.251s built during wartime. The type's simplified design was the main contributor to this variant being produced in such substantial numbers, and the Ausf.D was the first of the 251s to have stowage bins built into the sides of the half-track. This mass-produced, streamlined vehicle truly proved its worth in WWII and saw action on every front.

This volume will present the reader with photographs of a variety of motorized transport vehicles including cars and trucks, armored cars, and half-tracks, both armored and unarmored, used by the German Wehrmacht during World War II, along with some captured enemy vehicles that were pressed into service. This hardcover, landscape format book's brief introduction is followed by more than one hundred mainly unpublished photographs, printed in the highest possible quality. Both the introduction and the captions are bilingual (English/Hungarian).

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