



The Bf109 story

Dating back to the earliest days of the Nazi regime in Germany, the far-reaching specifications that led to the creation of the Bf109 showed the German aircraft industry's willingness to embrace advanced thinking in aircraft design and construction. It resulted in the Bf109 being well ahead of most of its potential opponents when it entered front-line service in 1937.

LEFT: Production of the Bf109 reached the staggering figure of well over 30,000 examples. This was achieved by the parent company in conjunction with a series of other aircraft manufacturers and associated sub-contractors. Here Bf109G manufacture is under way. As the war progressed, manufacturing became increasingly disrupted and dispersed due to Allied bombing. This view of a crowded production room contrasts with the vast uninterrupted assembly halls and moving production lines of gleaming fighters and bombers under construction, characteristic of aircraft production in the United States. *Messerschmitt AG*