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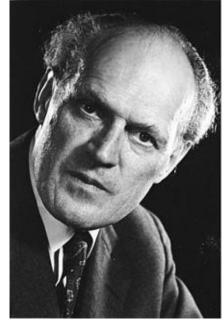
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The Messerschmitt Bf.109 is a German World War II fighter aircraft that was the backbone of the Luftwaffe's fighter force. The Bf.109 first saw operational service during the Spanish Civil War in 1939 and was still in service at the dawn of the jet age at the end of World War II in 1945. It was one of the most advanced fighters of the era, including such features as all-metal monocoque construction, a closed canopy, and retractable landing gear. It was powered by a liquid-cooled, inverted-V12 aero engine. From the end of 1941, the Bf.109 was steadily being supplemented by the superior Focke-Wulf FW190.

Originally conceived as an interceptor, later models were developed to fulfill multiple tasks, serving as bomber escort, fighter-bomber, day-, night-, all-weather fighter, ground-attack aircraft, and as reconnaissance aircraft. The Bf.109 was designed by Willy Messerschmitt and Robert Lusser, who worked at *Bayerische Flugzeugwerke*, during the early to mid-1930s. It was supplied to and operated by several states during World War II, and served with several countries for many years after the war. The Bf.109 was the most produced fighter aircraft in history, with a total of 33,984 airframes produced from 1936 up to April 1945.





Willy Messerschmitt (1898-1978)

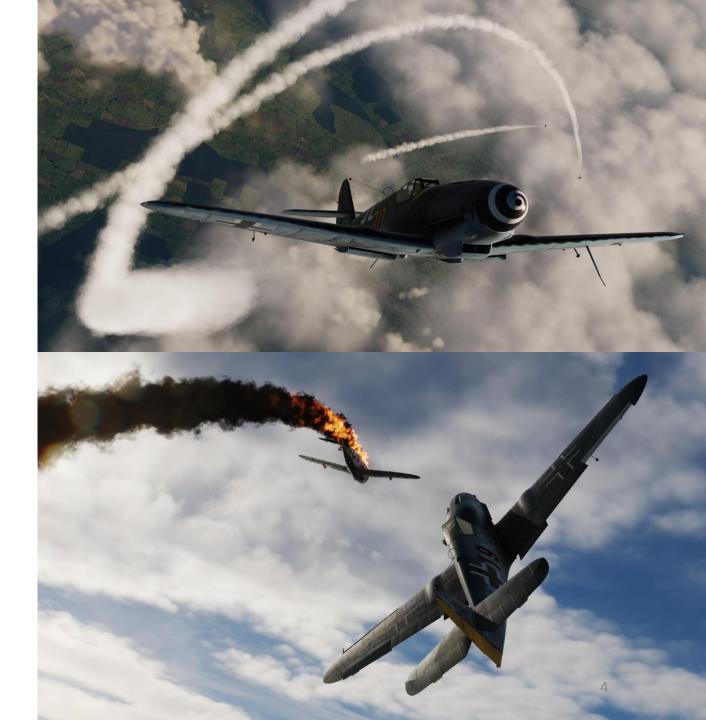


Robert Lusser (1899-1969)

The names "Anton", "Berta", "Caesar", "Dora", "Emil", "Friedrich", "Gustav" and "Kurfürst" were derived from the variant's official letter designation (e.g. Bf 109G - "Gustav"), based on the German spelling alphabet of World War II, a practice that was also used for other German aircraft designs. The final production version of the Bf 109 was the K series, or "Kurfürst", introduced in late 1944, powered by the DB 605D engine with up to 2,000 PS (1,973 HP). Though externally akin to the late production Bf 109G series, a large number of internal changes and aerodynamic improvements were incorporated that improved its effectiveness and remedied existing flaws, keeping it competitive with the latest Allied and Soviet fighters.

An advantage of the 109's design was that the main landing gear, which retracted through an 85-degree angle, was attached to the fuselage, making it possible to completely remove the wings for servicing without additional equipment to support the fuselage. It also allowed simplification of the wing structure, since it did not have to bear the loads imposed during takeoff or landing. The one major drawback of this landing gear arrangement was its narrow wheel track, making the aircraft unstable while on the ground. To increase stability, the legs were splayed outward somewhat, creating another problem in that the loads imposed during takeoff and landing were transferred up through the legs at an angle. The small rudder of the Bf 109 was relatively ineffective at controlling the strong swing created by the powerful slipstream of the propeller during the early portion of the takeoff roll, and this sideways drift created disproportionate loads on the wheel opposite to the swing. If the forces imposed were large enough, the pivot point broke and the landing gear leg would collapse outward into its bay. Experienced pilots reported that the swing was easy to control, but some of the less-experienced pilots lost fighters on takeoff.

The Bf.109's difficult handling on takeoff became a problem in the final years of the war. Unlike the American and British pilots, the German pilots were constantly sent on combat missions, and did rarely rotate home to take positions as flying instructors. As the war dragged on and casualties mounted, the number of veteran pilots, also known as "Experten" or "Fliegerasse" (Flying Aces), dwindled to a point where only the crème de la crème and/or the luckiest remained. Experience became a scarce resource; the Luftwaffe at the end of the war consisted of a disproportionate amount of poorly trained pilots with very few flight hours, some of them being sent to combat after 8 hours of flight training time. The Bf.109 was notoriously difficult for rookie pilots, which meant that many accidents occurred during takeoff and during landing.

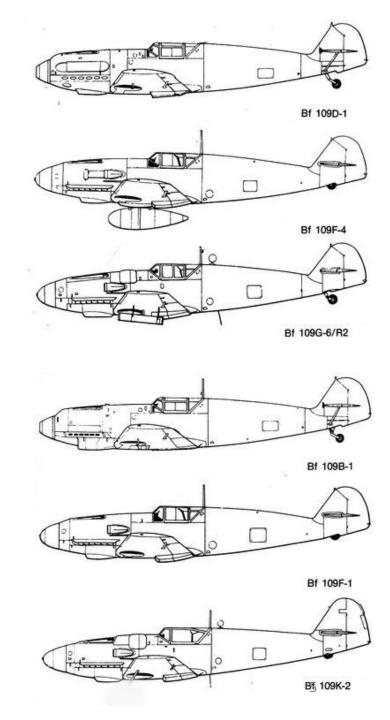


The Bf.109 was instrumental in gaining air superiority for the Wehrmacht during the early stages of the war. The initial production models of the A, B, C and D series were powered by the relatively low-powered, 670-700 PS (661-690 hp) Junkers Jumo 210 series engines. The first redesign came with the E series. The Bf 109E "Emil" introduced structural changes to accommodate the heavier and more powerful 1,100 PS (1,085 hp) Daimler-Benz DB 601 engine, heavier armament and increased fuel capacity. Partly due to its limited 300 kilometres combat radius on internal fuel alone, resulting from its 660 km range limit, later variants of the E series had a fuselage ordnance rack for fighter-bomber operations or provision for a long-range, standardized 300 litres drop-tank and used the DB 601N engine of higher power output. During the Battle of Britain, the Bf.109E was pressed into the role of escort fighter, a role for which it was not originally designed, and it was widely employed as a fighter-bomber, as well as a photo-reconnaissance platform.

The second big redesign during 1939–40 gave birth to the F series. The "Friedrich" had new wings, cooling system and fuselage aerodynamics, with the 1,175 PS (1,159 hp) DB 601N (F-1, F-2) or the 1,350 PS (1,332 hp) DB 601E (F-3, F-4). Considered by many as the high-water mark of Bf 109 development, the F series abandoned the wing cannon and concentrated all armament in the forward fuselage with a pair of synchronized machine guns above and a single 15 or 20 mm Motorkanone-mount cannon behind the engine, the latter firing between the cylinder banks and through the propeller hub, itself covered by a more streamlined, halfelliptical shaped spinner that better matched the streamlining of the reshaped cowling, abandoning the smaller, conical spinner of the Emil subtype. The F-type also omitted the earlier stabilizer lift strut on either side of the tail. The improved aerodynamics were used by all later variants. Despite mixed results over Britain, with the introduction of the improved Bf 109F, the type again proved to be an effective fighter during the Invasion of Yugoslavia (where it was used by both sides), the Battle of Crete, Operation Barbarossa (the invasion of the USSR) and the Siege of Malta.

The G series, or "Gustav", was introduced in mid-1942. Its initial variants (G-1 through G-4) differed only in minor details from the Bf 109F, most notably in the more powerful 1,475 PS (1,455 hp) DB 605 engine. The later G series (G-5 through G-14) was produced in a multitude of variants, with uprated armament and provision for kits of packaged, generally factory-installed parts known as Umrüst-Bausätze (usually contracted to Umbau) and adding a "/U" suffix to the aircraft designation when installed. Field kits known as "Rüstsätze" were also available for the G-series but those did not change the aircraft title. By early 1944, tactical requirements resulted in the addition of MW-50 water injection boost and high-performance superchargers, boosting engine output to 1,800-2,000 PS (1,775-1,973 hp).

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The Bf.109 was flown by the three top-scoring German fighter aces of World War II, who claimed 928 victories among them while flying with Jagdgeschwader 52, mainly on the Eastern Front. The highest scoring fighter ace of all time, Erich Hartmann, flew the Bf 109 and was credited with 352 aerial victories. The aircraft was also flown by Hans-Joachim Marseille, the highest scoring German ace in the North African Campaign who achieved 158 aerial victories. Through constant development, the Bf.109 remained very competitive with the latest Allied fighter aircraft until the end of the war. Experienced Bf.109 pilots were known to be masters of energy fighting and marksmanship. The Luftwaffe had a strong emphasis on tactical innovation and flexibility. Pilots were encouraged to think independently and adapt to changing circumstances, and such thinking is evident in the pilot's biographies written after the war. Most "Jagdgeschwaders" (Fighter Wings) prioritized loose and flexible formations over the ones used for military parades, to great effect.

More aerial kills were made with the Bf.109 than any other aircraft of World War II. Many of the aerial victories were accomplished against poorly trained and badly organized Soviet forces in 1941 during Operation Barbarossa. The Soviets lost 21,200 aircraft at this time, about half to combat. If shot down, the Luftwaffe pilots might land or parachute to friendly territory and return to fight again. Later in the war, when Allied victories began to bring the fight closer, and then in German territory, bombing raids supplied plenty of targets for the Luftwaffe.

This unique combination of events — until a major change in American fighter tactics occurred very early in 1944, that steadily gave the Allies daylight air supremacy over the Reich — led to the highest-ever individual pilot victory scores. One hundred and five Bf.109 pilots were each credited with the destruction of 100 or more enemy aircraft. Thirteen of these men scored more than 200 kills, while two scored more than 300. Altogether, this group of pilots was credited with a total of nearly 15,000 kills.



Erich "Bubi" Hartmann (1922-1993) 352 Aerial Victories



Hans-Joachim "Jochen" Marseille (1919-1942) 158 Aerial Victories



Gerhard "Gerd" Barkhorn (1919-1983) 301 Aerial Victories



Günther Rall (1918-2009) 275 Aerial Victories



Walter Nowotny (1920-1944) 258 Aerial Victories

In 1942, the Bf.109 began to be partially replaced in Western Europe by a new German fighter, the Focke-Wulf Fw190, but it continued to serve in a multitude of roles on the Eastern Front and in the Defense of the Reich, as well as in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations and with Erwin Rommel's Afrikakorps. It was also supplied to several of Germany's allies, including Italy, Finland, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Croatia and Slovakia.

In a strange twist of fate, the Israeli Air Force operated the Avia S-199 derivative during the 1948 Arab-Israeli War, bought from Czechoslovakia. The S-199 used the Bf 109G airframe, but with none of the original DB 605 engines available, an alternative power unit had to be sourced. It was decided that the aircraft would use the Junkers Jumo 211F engine and same propeller type, both as fitted to the Heinkel He-111 bomber. However, the results were far from satisfactory and the outcome was an aircraft that displayed some quite alarming handling characteristics. The substitute engine with the propeller lacked the responsiveness of the Daimler-Benz unit and the torque created by the massive paddle-bladed propeller made control very difficult. This, in combination with the 109's narrow-track undercarriage, made landings and takeoffs extremely hazardous. Despite the type's shortcomings the Israelis scored 8 victories in the "Sakeen" ("Knife" in Hebrew).

Overall, the Bf.109 is truly one of the deadliest World War II aircraft available in DCS. Its great firepower, superb climb rate and airspeed make it a formidable opponent against Mustang, Spitfire, and Thunderbolt pilots. Despite the cockpit's limited visibility, the configuration of the machineguns and cannon make it easy to aim and predict where you are shooting. In capable hands, the Kurfürst is an incredible fighter aircraft that sends shivers down your spine once you line up a desperate Allied fighter at breakneck speed. Stay high, stay fast, and strike the enemy when he is not expecting you by using surprise to your advantage. These were the core principles used by Erich Hartmann in combat; "See, Decide, Attack, Leave." Modern air forces still apply these concepts to this day. Apply those in multiplayer, and you have a solid recipe for success.

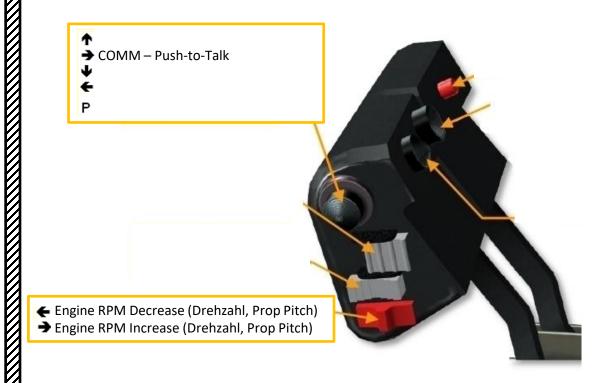


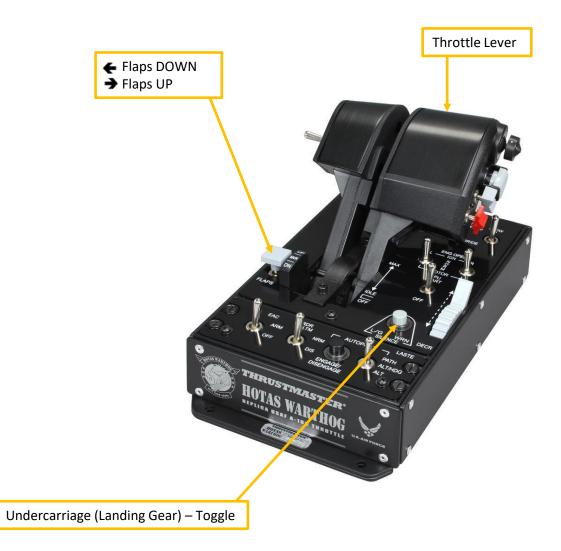
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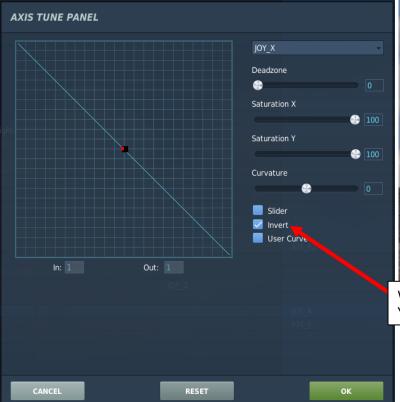
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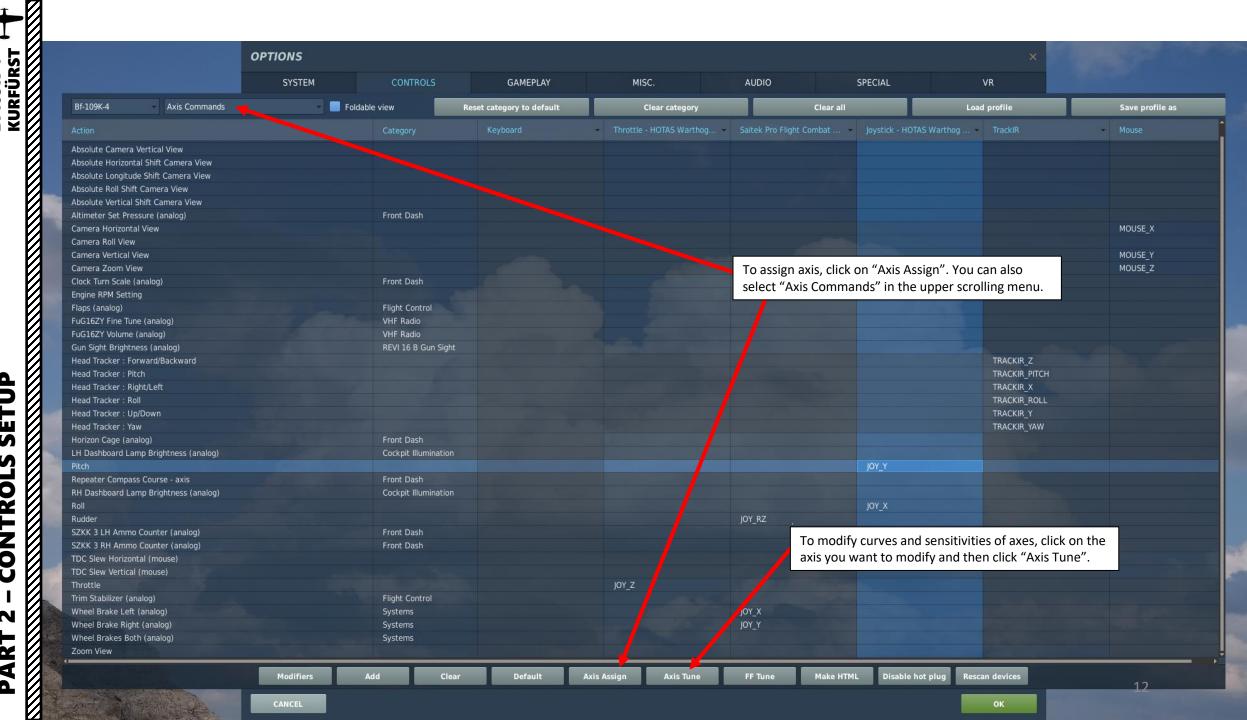
- Pitch, Roll, Rudder (Deadzone at 0, Saturation X at 100, Saturation Y at 100, Curvature at 0)
- Throttle Controls Manifold Pressure / Boost / ATA
- Wheel Brake Left
- Wheel Brake Right



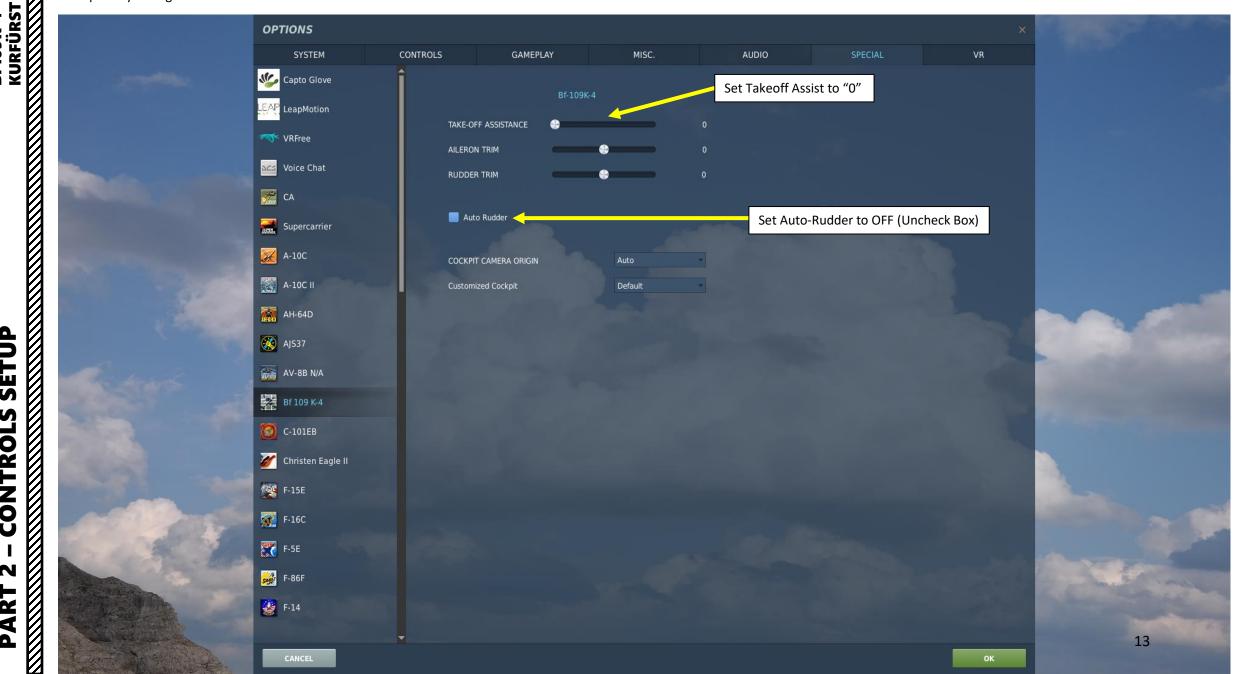


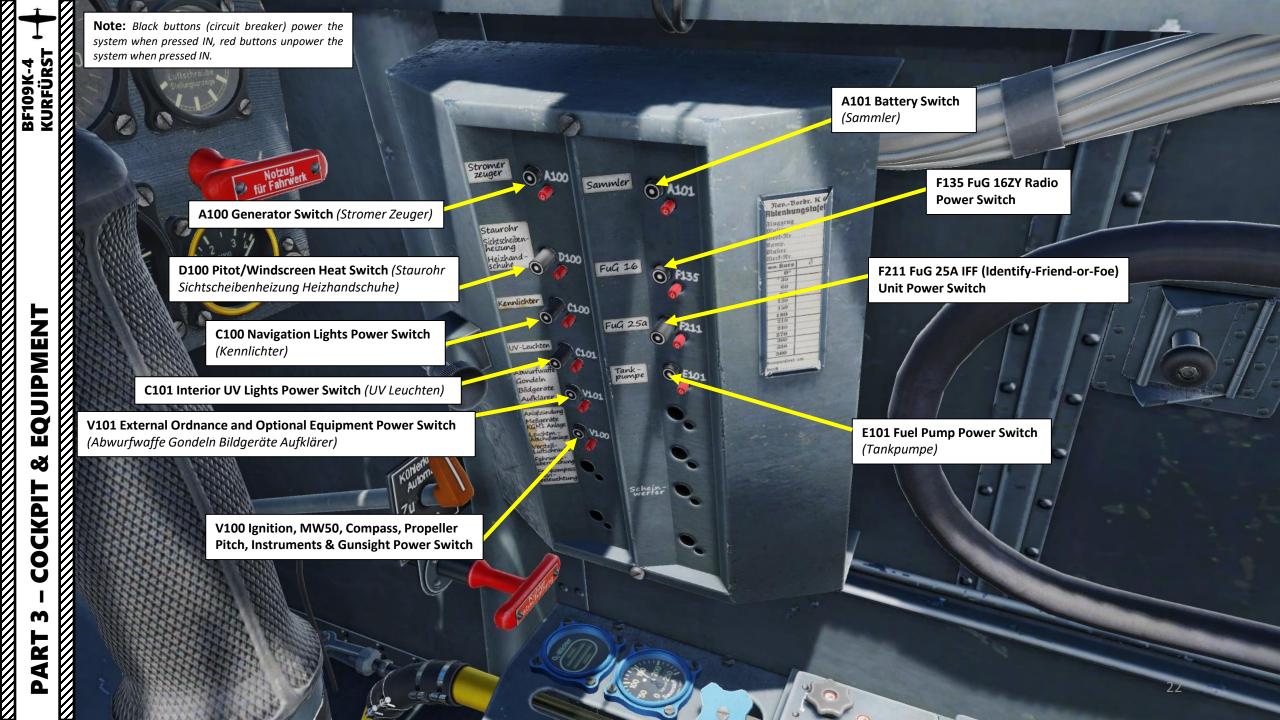
When setting wheel brake axis, they are not set to "INVERT" by default. You need to click on INVERT in the Axis Tune menu for each wheel brake.

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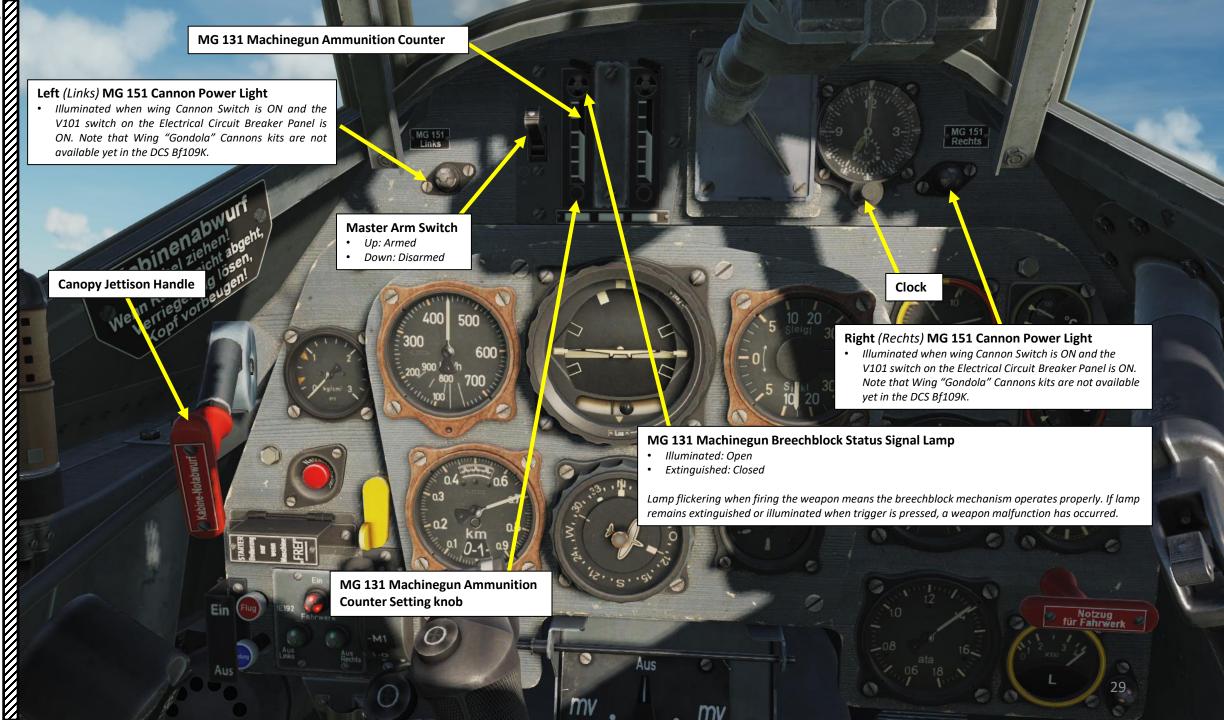


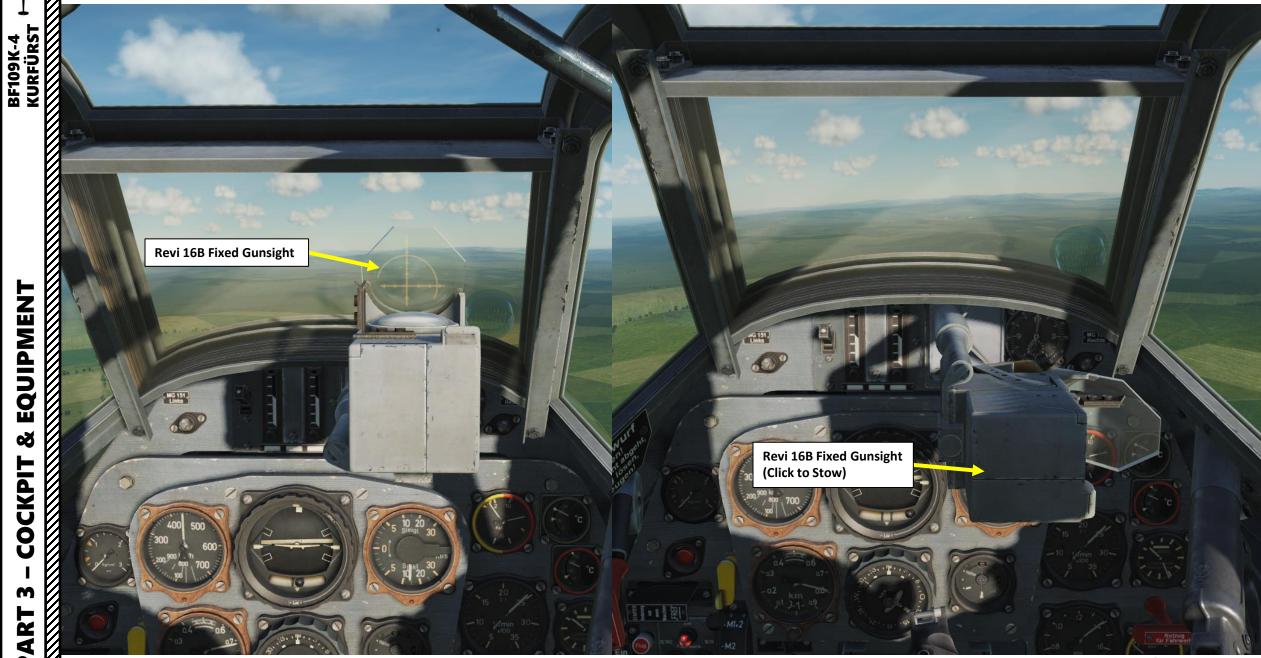
In the "Special" menu in Options, select the Bf 109 K-4 menu. Make sure to have Takeoff Assist set to "0" (turned off). By default it is set to 100 (ON). This will cause you to crash and burn inexplicably during takeoff. Also uncheck the Auto-Rudder box.

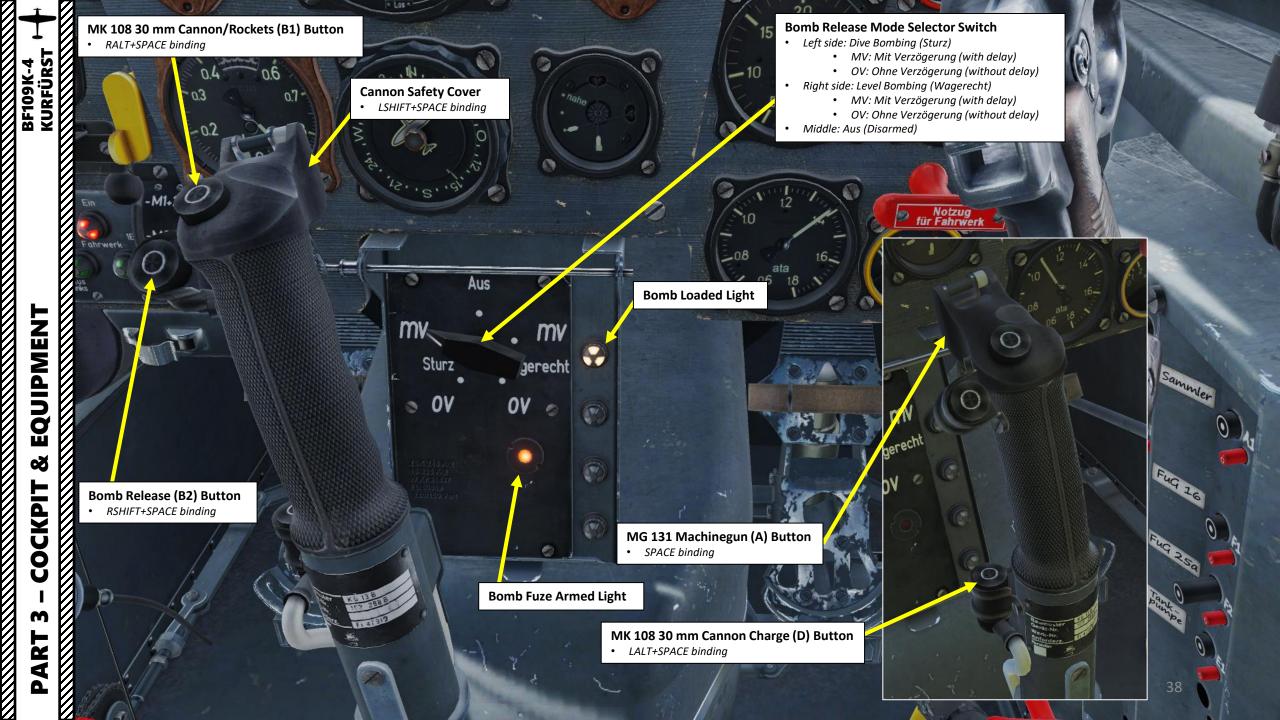




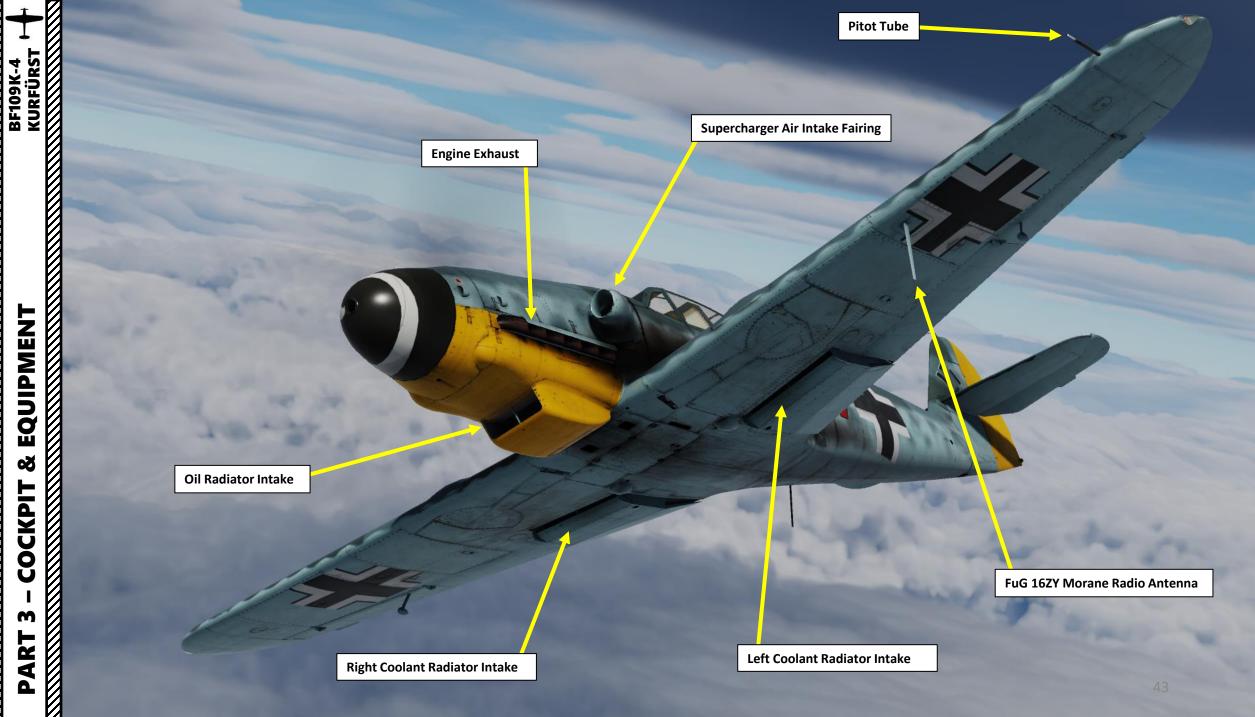






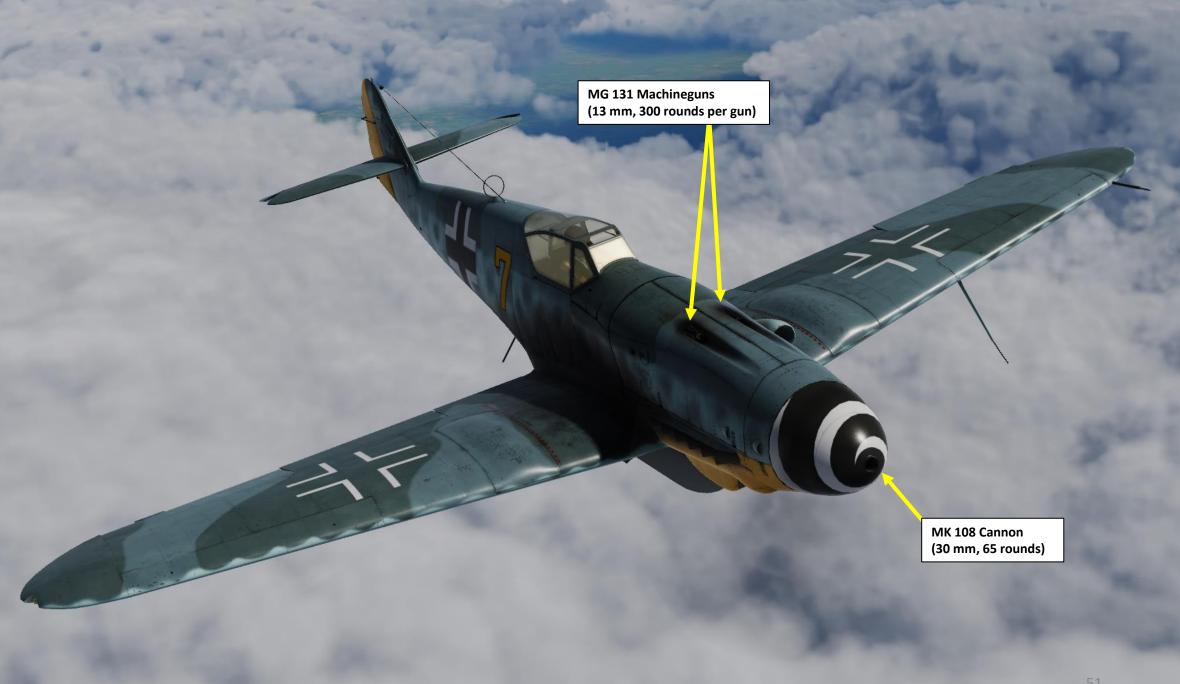








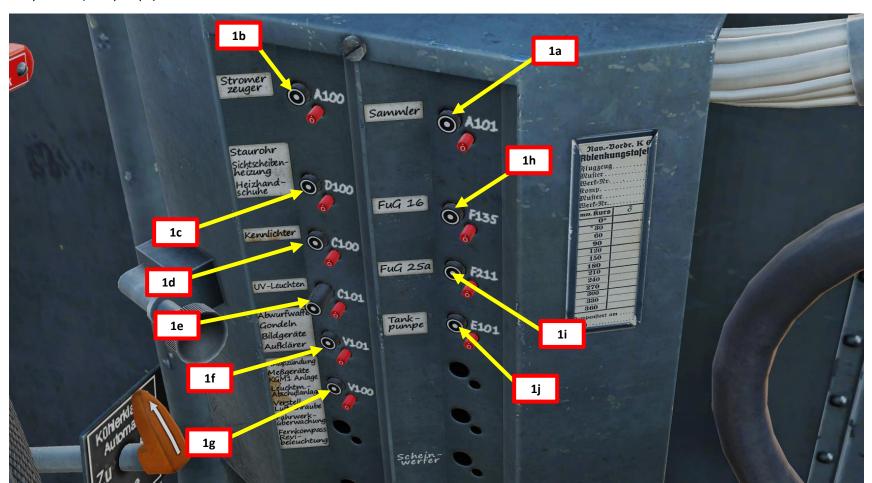




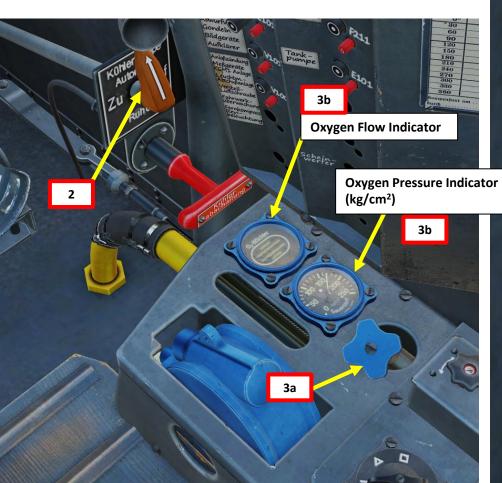




- 1. Set Circuit Breakers ON (IN)
  - a) A101 Battery (Sammler)
  - b) A100 Generator (Stromer Zeuger)
  - c) D100 Pitot/Windscreen Heat (Staurohr Sichtscheibenheizung Heizhandschuhe)
  - d) Optional: C100 Navigation Lights Power (Kennlichter)
  - e) Optional: C101 Interior UV Lights Power (UV Leuchten)
  - f) V101 External Ordnance and Optional Equipment Power (Abwurfwaffe Gondeln Bildgeräte Aufklärer)
  - g) V100 Ignition, MW50, Compass, Propeller Pitch, Instruments & Gunsight Power
  - h) F135 FuG 16ZY Radio Power
  - ) F211 FuG 25A IFF (Identify-Friend-or-Foe) Unit Power
  - j) E101 Fuel Pump Power (Tankpumpe)



- 2. Set Radiator Control Lever– AUTOMATIK (UP)
- 3. Set Oxygen Valve OPEN
  - Confirm valve opens correctly with the Oxygen Flow Indicator and Oxygen Pressure Indicator gauges
- 4. Set Governor Automation System Switch AUTOMATIC (AFT)
- 5. Verify that propeller pitch adjusts accordingly to a 12:30 position (Needles should be moving and audible)
- 6. Ensure elevator, aileron and rudder controls are working by moving stick and rudder pedals





7. Verify that wheel chocks are installed. If not, call your ground crew (Press "\" and then press "F8") and press "F6" and "F1" to ask the crew to place the wheel chocks.

Fl. Wingman...

F2. Flight...

F3. Second Element...

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F5. ATC...

F8. Ground Crew...

F12. Exit

2. Main. Ground Crew

F2. Ground Electric Power...

F3. Request Repair

F5. Change cabin equipment F6. Wheel chocks...

F12. Exit

3. Main. Ground Crew. Wheel chocks Fl. Place F2. Remove

Fil. Previous Menu

F12. Exit

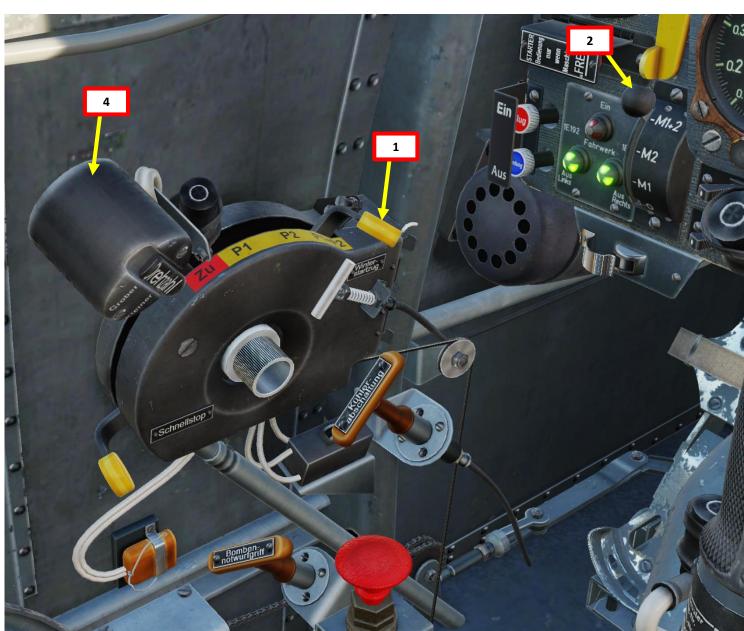


### **ENGINE START**

- 1. Set Fuel Booster Pump Selector P1+P2 (FULLY OPEN)
  - Note: You may need to move your throttle to access the fuel
- 2. Set Magnetos (Ignition) switch M1+2 (LEFT CLICK)
- Prime engine until the fuel pressure gauge is sufficient by repeatedly left-clicking and holding on the fuel priming pump handle 3 to 4 times.
   Set throttle to IDLE (FULLY AFT).





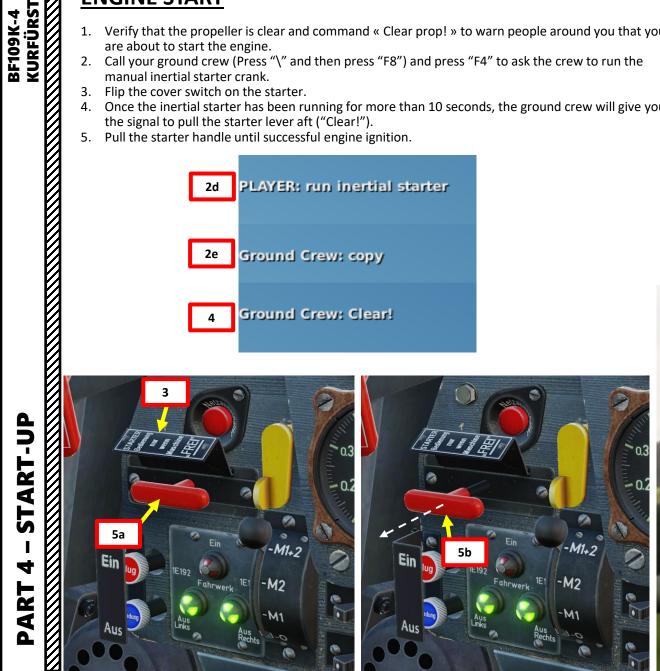


# **PART**

### **ENGINE START**

- 1. Verify that the propeller is clear and command « Clear prop! » to warn people around you that you are about to start the engine.
- 2. Call your ground crew (Press "\" and then press "F8") and press "F4" to ask the crew to run the manual inertial starter crank.
- 3. Flip the cover switch on the starter.
- 4. Once the inertial starter has been running for more than 10 seconds, the ground crew will give you the signal to pull the starter lever aft ("Clear!").
- 5. Pull the starter handle until successful engine ignition.

PLAYER: run inertial starter Ground Crew: copy Ground Crew: Clear!



Main 2. Main. Ground Crew Fl. Wingman... F2. Flight... F2. Ground Electric Power... F3. Second Element... F3. Request Repair F5. ATC... F5. Change cabin equipment... F8. Ground Crew... F6. Wheel chocks... F12. Exit Fll. Previous Menu F12. Exit



# START-UP

**PART** 

### **POST-START**

- Engage wheel brakes by pressing down and holding the toe brake pedals.
- 2. Call your ground crew (Press "\" and then press "F8") and press "F6" and "F2" to ask the crew to remove the wheel chocks.

Fl. Wingman...

F2. Flight...

F3. Second Element...

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F5. ATC...

F8. Ground Crew...

F12. Exit

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F6. Wheel chocks...

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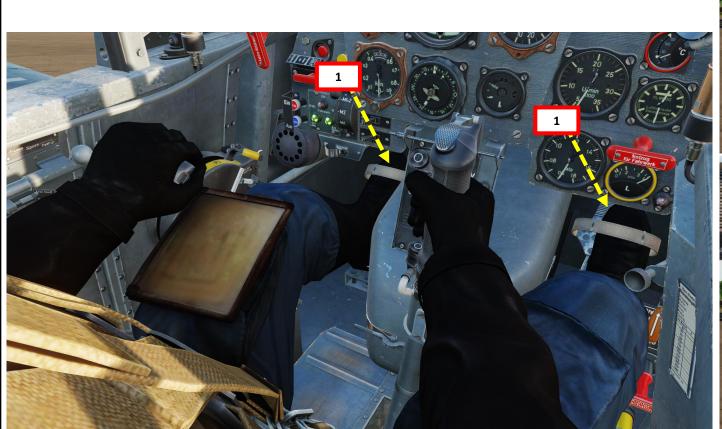
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Fl. Place F2. Remove

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F12. Exit







## **POST-START**

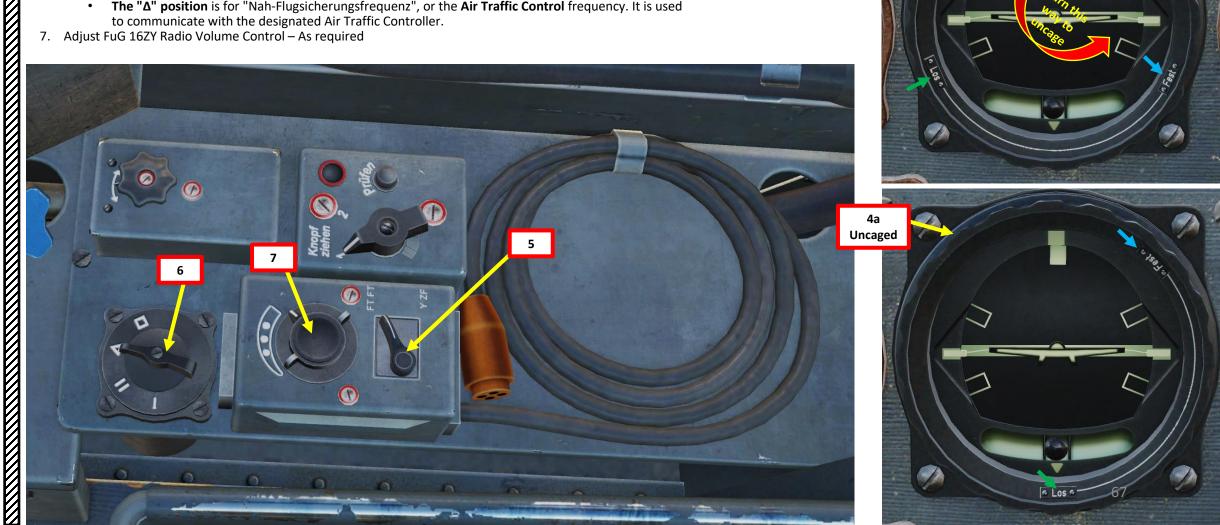
3. Close your canopy ("LCtrl+C" or by clicking on canopy handle).





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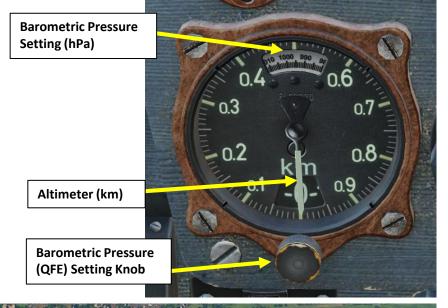
- 4. Uncage the Artificial Horizon by rotating the outer ring. In UNCAGED position, the Los (Uncaged) letters should be at the bottom and the Fest (Caged) letters should be at the top.
- 5. Set FuG 16ZY Radio Homing Selector Switch Ft: Funktelefonie / Radio Telephony
- 6. Set FuG 16ZY Radio Frequency Selector Switch As required by mission briefing.
  - The "I" position is for "Y-Führungsfrequenz", or Management frequency, is used for communication within the **flight or squadron**.
  - The "II" position is for "Gruppenbefehlsfrequenz", or Group Order frequency, is used to communicate between several flights from different squadrons participating in a single raid.
  - The "Δ" position is for "Nah-Flugsicherungsfrequenz", or the Air Traffic Control frequency. It is used to communicate with the designated Air Traffic Controller.



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### **POST-START**

- 8. Use F10 key to display your map and airport information. Adjust QFE (Barometric Pressure) Setting to "0". Alternatively, you can also match the altimeter reading to the airport elevation in meters.
- 9. Perform engine warm-up.



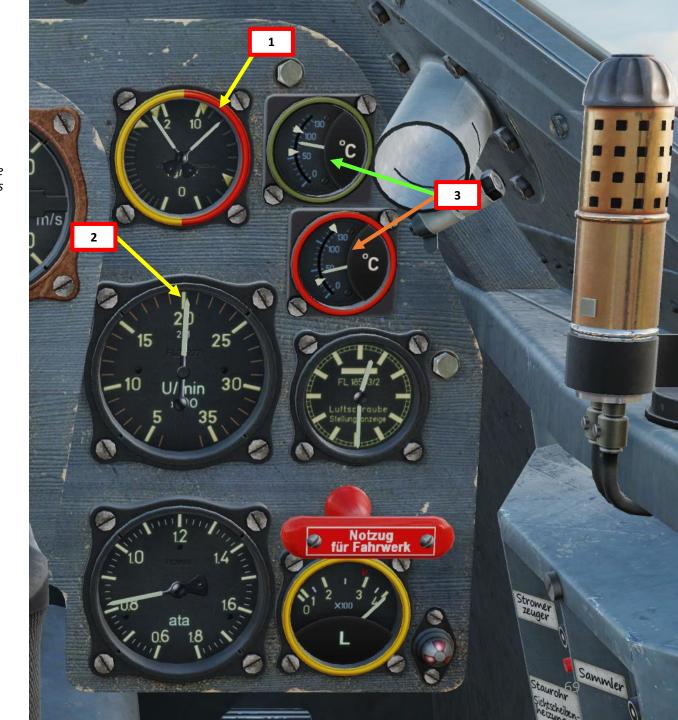




### **ENGINE WARM-UP**

- 1. Ensure oil pressure is between 3 and 9.5 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>.
- Hold wheel brakes and adjust throttle to reach a RPM of about 2000.
- 3. Wait until engine oil warms up to at least 30 deg C and coolant temperature is at least 60 deg C.
- 4. Start taxiing when engine is warmed up.

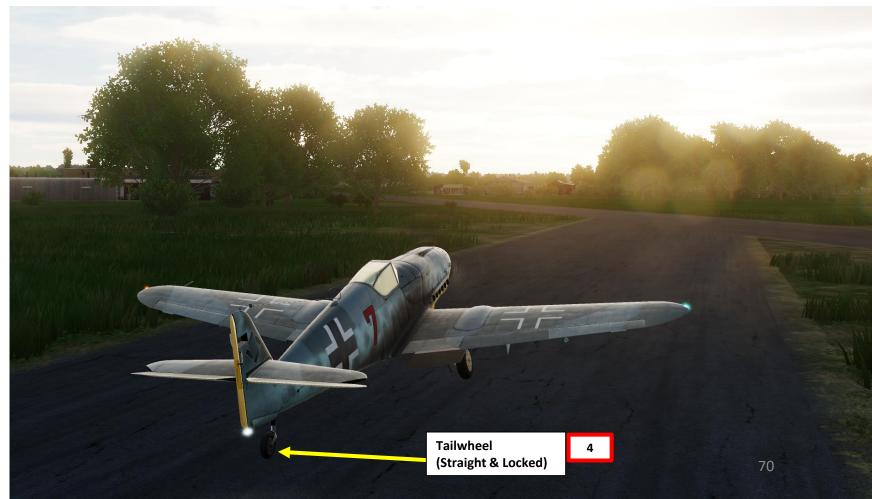
Note: Attempting a takeoff with low oil or coolant temperature can lead to dire consequences. Waiting for proper engine warm-up is often overlooked by virtual pilots and the engine leaves no room for error when engine temperatures are concerned.



### **TAXI PROCEDURE**

- 1. Verify that wheel chocks are removed.
- Taxi to the runway when ready. Be careful not to overheat your engine on the ground.
- Release wheel brakes, then throttle up to gain forward motion. Taxiing should be done at 15-20 km/h maximum.
- 4. Lock your tailwheel with the Tailwheel Locking Lever in the "L-shaped" (Locked) position if you want to go straight.

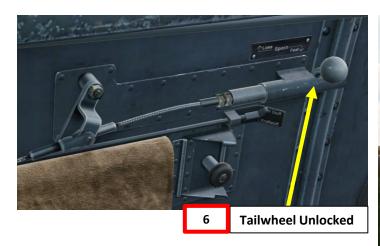




### **TAXI PROCEDURE**

- 5. The nose restricts forward visibility. This means that in taxiing, you must zig-zag (or "S-turn") continually.
- Unlock your tailwheel with the Tailwheel Locking Lever if you want to turn.
- 7. To perform a turn, use differential braking by gently tapping the wheel brake pedal on the side you wish to turn. The disc-type wheel brakes are hydraulically actuated.
- Counter engine torque by applying full right stick when throttling up.



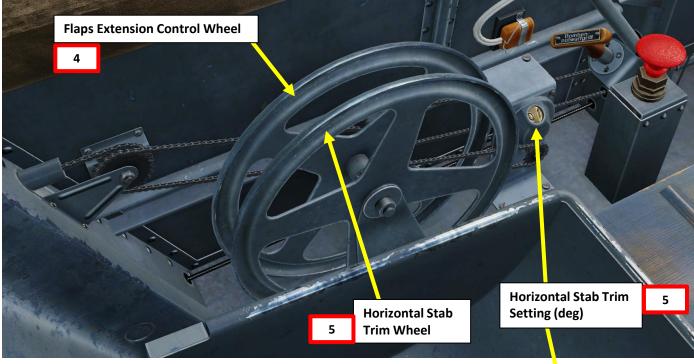




### **TAKEOFF PROCEDURE**

- 1. Line up on the runway and verify the canopy is closed.
- 2. Once you are lined up with the runway, make sure your tailwheel is straight by moving in a straight line to straighten the wheel.
- 3. Lock your tailwheel with the Tailwheel Locking Lever in the "L-shaped" (Locked) position if you want to go straight.
- 4. Fully retract flaps
- 5. Set Horizontal Stab trim to +0.5 deg Nose Down for light payloads.
  - Note: Use +1 deg Nose Down for heavy payloads.
- 6. Flip Landing Gear Safety Cover
- 7. Set Radiator Control Lever-AUTOMATIK (UP)









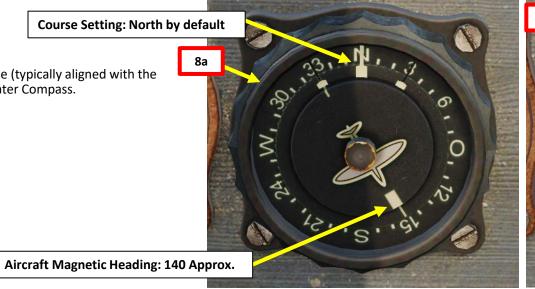


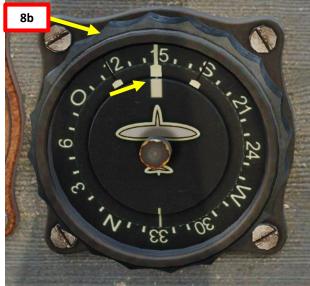


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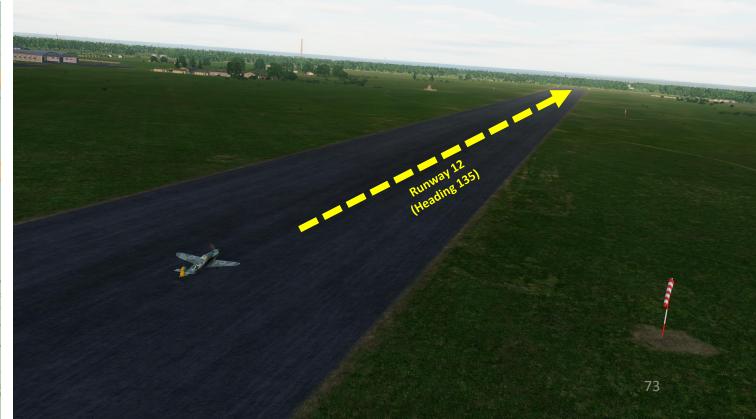
# **TAKEOFF PROCEDURE**

8. Adjust your course setting to the desired departure course (typically aligned with the runway's heading) by rotating the outer ring of the Repeater Compass.









# **TAKEOFF PROCEDURE**

- 9. Ensure the tailwheel is straight by advancing the aircraft a few meters.
- 10. Hold wheel brakes.
- 11. Set your stick fully right and slightly back to counter engine torque.
- 12. Release brakes, then slowly increase throttle to 2300-2400 RPM (1.35 ATA).
- 13. As you gain speed, keep your stick right but gradually push it forward as you feel the nose going up.
  - Note: The 109 is a superb climber, but stalls very easily on takeoff if you don't force the nose down.
- 14. Do not use your rudder to steer at low speeds, gently tap your brakes instead.
- 15. The aircraft should rotate by itself naturally. Let the aircraft lift off instead of looking at the speed gauge. Adjust stick to counter engine torque accordingly.
  - Nose down trim is often not enough to keep you completely level at high RPMs. Keep that in mind when you leave the ground.







# **TAKEOFF PROCEDURE**

16. Raise landing gear before reaching 350 km/h.





**Gear Deployed (AUS)** 



Gear Deployed (AUS)





# **TAKEOFF PROCEDURE**

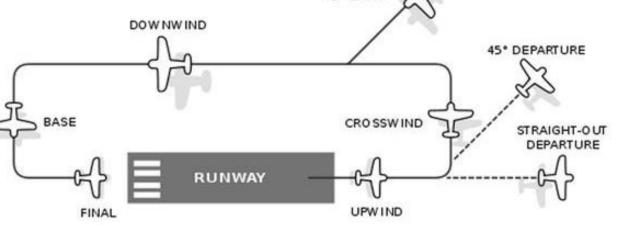
- 17. Reduce power to maintain 270 km/h for optimal climb.18. Optimal cruising speed is 420 km/h.

Video Demo: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXCGwgW6GNY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXCGwgW6GNY</a>

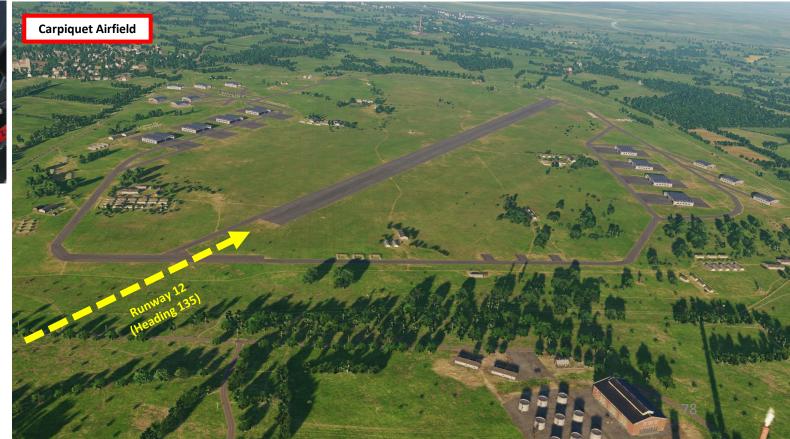




- Enter downwind leg at 300 m altitude.
   Lock your tailwheel with the Tailwheel Locking Lever in the "L-shaped" (Locked) position.

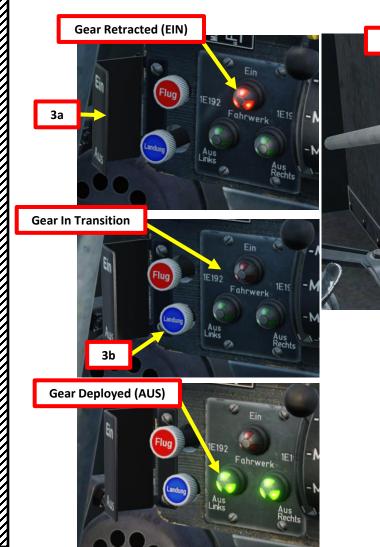


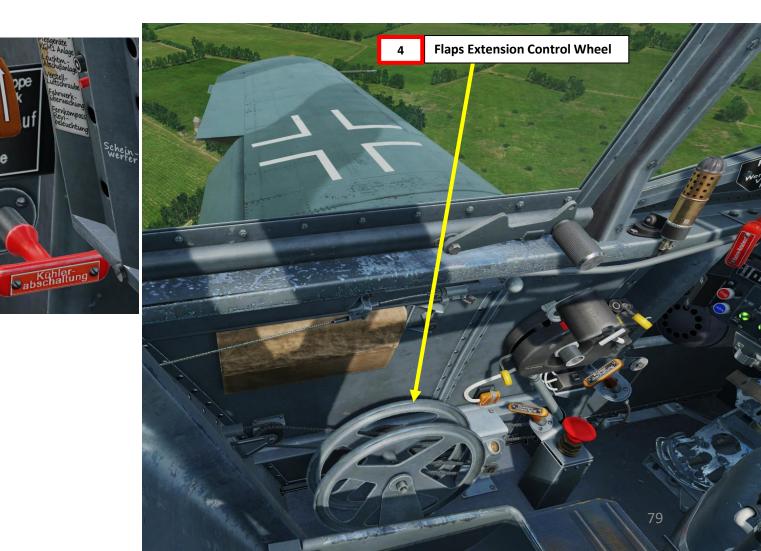




- 3. Flip Landing Gear Safety Cover, then deploy landing gear in LANDING (AUS) position when below 350 km/h.
- 4. Fully extend flaps when below 250 km/h.
- 5. Set Radiator Control Lever– AUTOMATIK (UP).
  - Alternatively, you can also set the radiators to AUF (OPEN) by setting the swit.

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- 6. After turning on final, keep your nose aimed to the end of the runway, not the beginning. You tend to go where you aim.
- 7. Approach the airfield with a speed of 220 km/h, and a sink rate between 2.5 and 5 m/s.
- 8. The 109 has a very narrow undercarriage. Try to land with as little slip on the slip indicator as possible as crab approaches are very dangerous... unless you have a lot of experience.
- 9. Touchdown with a speed of 180 km/h with the throttle at IDLE (aft). Do not start pulling on the stick to smack your tailwheel down: you can still generate enough thrust to bounce, stall and crash if you are not careful.
- 10. Gently tap your brakes to steer the airplane on landing. Rudder input should be avoided unless absolutely necessary.
- 11. Tap brakes to slow down a bit more and come to a full stop. Remember: the undercarriage is very narrow so the aircraft is very sensitive to yaw and brake input on the ground.
- 12. When taxiing, unlock your tailwheel with the Tailwheel Locking Lever if required.













This picture is a good overview of the landing procedure.

Video Demo: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kB3duv44jw0

Landing gear down below 350 km/h IAS

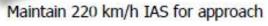
Before entering pattern, accomplish the following:

Check gear position by use of indicator. lights and horn

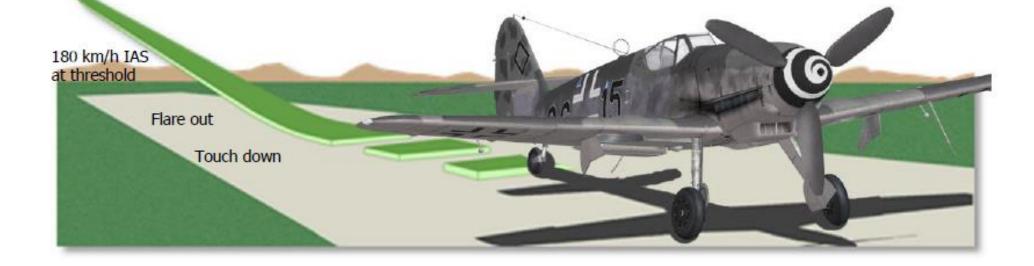
km/h IAS

Recheck gear and flaps

Flaps down fully below 250



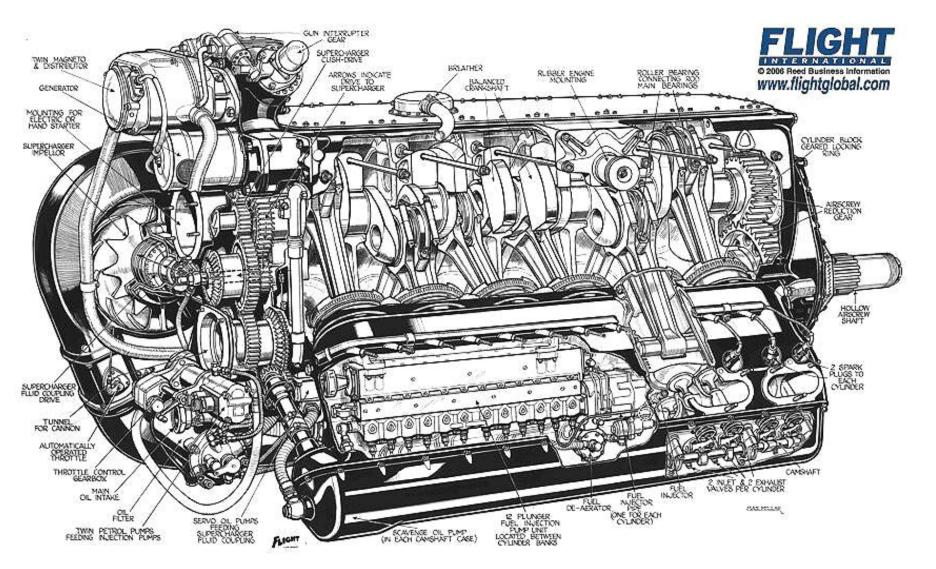
- Electric Fuel Pump ON;
- Radiator Flap Control to AUF;
- Propeller Pitch Automatic;
- If using Manual Prop Pitch, set blades to 11:30.



## **DAIMLER-BENZ DB 605 ENGINE**

Bf.109K-4 is powered by a 12-cylinder liquid-cooled supercharged inverted Vee Daimler-Benz DB 605 piston engine. The engine is equipped with a hydraulically-driven single-stage centrifugal supercharger with a MW-50 injection into the supercharger intake. The engine spins a three blade constant speed propeller.

The powerplant consists of a Daimler-Benz DB 605 engine that delivers approximately 1,430 horsepower at 2,800 RPM at sea level. This could be further increased to 1850 horsepower by the use of MW-50 water-methanol injection. Maximum emergency power in level flight was 1,600 horsepower at 2,800 RPM at 6000 meters.



# **DAIMLER-BENZ DB 605 ENGINE**



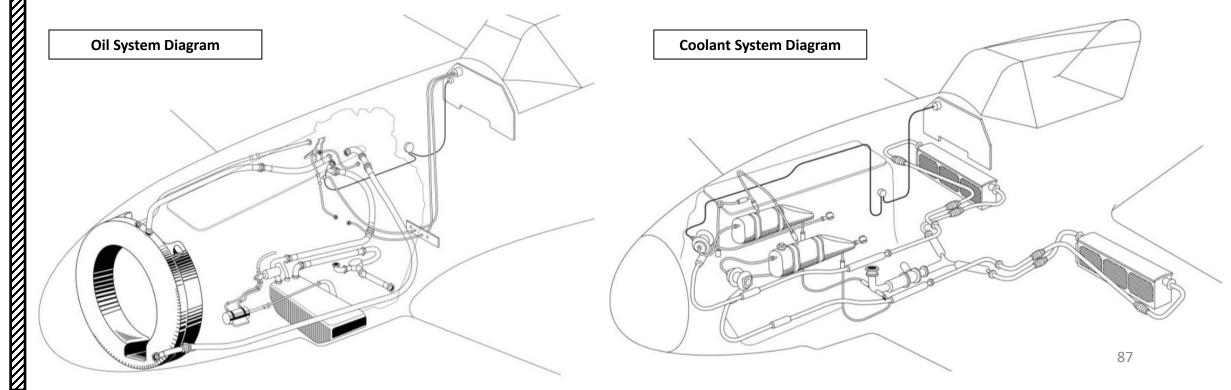
# **DAIMLER-BENZ DB 605 ENGINE**

The oil system of the DB 605 has a dry sump with one pressure and two scavenge pumps. A circular oil tank is located in the nose. As no armor protection is provided for the oil system, the oil tank and the oil cooler are some of the aircraft's most vulnerable spots.

The Bf 109 K-4 uses two matching radiators partially recessed in the wings for cooling. First introduced during a radical redesign of the F (for Friedrich) variant, the system used a system of interconnected flaps to efficiently regulate cooling while providing the least possible drag. The flaps are controlled automatically by a thermostat that works to provide maximum cooling by moving the flaps in unison as needed.

The automatic system can be somewhat sluggish, especially on the ground. Common pilot tactic is to nudge the throttle slightly on take-off to reach the proper temperature limit, causing the automatic cooler flaps to open or close as needed.

Manual override for the system is also provided, but should be used only in the case of emergency; during normal operation it is highly recommended to use the automatic system.



# **ENGINE INDICATIONS**

Fuel Pressure Indicator (kg/cm²)

Here is an overview of the various engine indications you have to monitor:

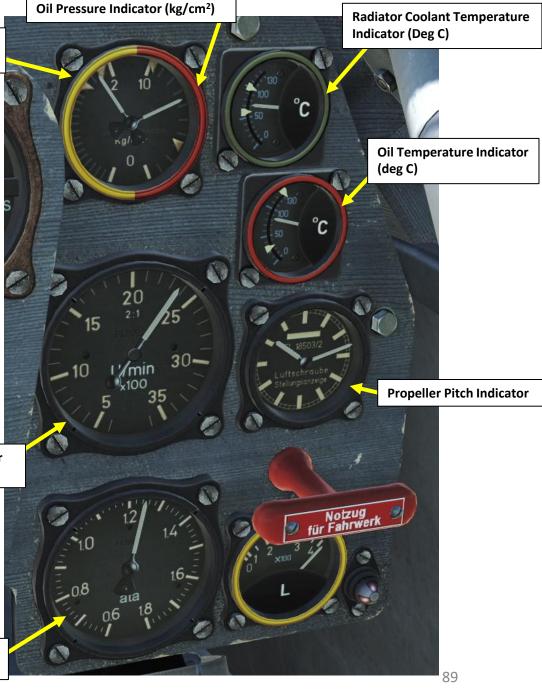
- Engine Tachometer (x100 RPM): Controlled by the throttle. Indicates engine speed turning the constant speed propeller.
- Supercharger Pressure Gauge (ATA): Similar to a Boost or Manifold Pressure indicator, supercharger pressure indicates the ratio between the absolute pressure after the supercharger and the atmospheric pressure in atmospheres (ATA). Values greater than 1 ATA indicate a pressure higher than atmospheric pressure, while values below 1 ATA indicate a pressure below atmospheric pressure. In ISA (standard) conditions, 1 ATA at sea level is roughly +0 Boost, 14.7 psi, 760 mm Hg, 29.92 in Hg, 1013.25 mBar, or 101.325 kPa.
- **Coolant Temperature (deg C):** indicates the water-glycol coolant temperature. A high temperature may indicate a perforation in the system, leaking coolant.
- Oil Temperature (deg C): indicates the oil temperature in the engine lubrication system.
- Oil Pressure Indicator (kg/cm²): indicates the oil pressure of the engine lubrication system.
- Engine Fuel Pressure Indicator (kg/cm²): indicates the fuel pressure of the fuel pump system.
- MW-50 (Water-Methanol Injection) Pressure Indicator (kg/cm²): indicates the MW-50 pressure.
- **Propeller Pitch Indicator**: displays the position of the propeller blades. The hands of the device are like the hands of a clock: the 6:00 position corresponds to 100% (fine) pitch, and 12:30 0% (coarse) pitch.



Engine Tachometer (RPM/Umin x100)

**Supercharger Pressure Gauge (ATA)** 

Similar to Boost or Manifold Pressure

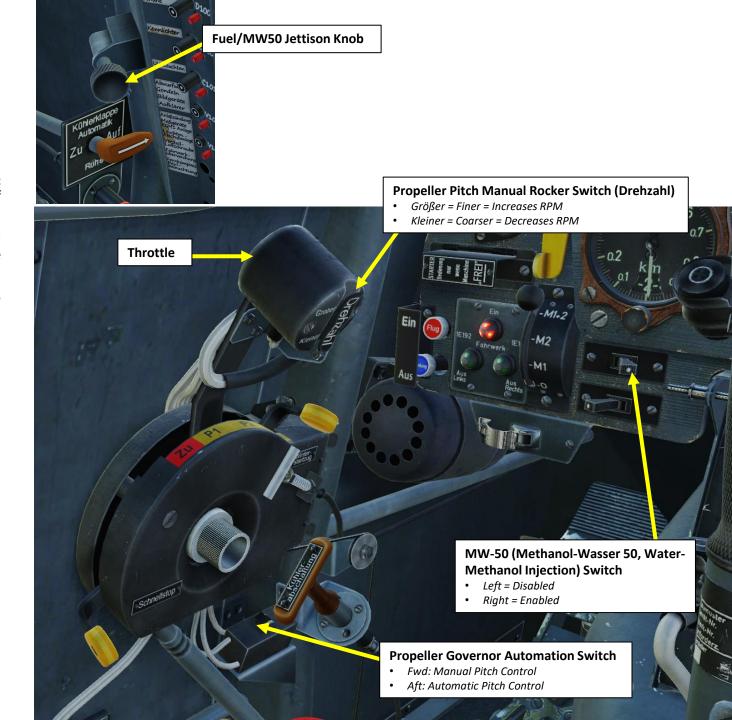


# **ENGINE CONTROLS**

The main engine controls are:

- Throttle: Controls supercharger pressure (manifold pressure)
- Propeller Governor Automation Switch and Propeller Pitch Manual Rocker Switch (*Drehzahl*): Allows manual operation of propeller pitch.
- MW-50 (Methanol-Wasser 50, Water-Methanol Injection) Switch: Controls injection of water-methanol, which allows the increase of manifold pressure.
- **MW50** (MW Stoff) **vs Fuel** (Kraftstoff) **Selector Handle:** This switch should be set to MW Stoff if MW-50 mixture is in the auxiliary tank. If fuel is in the auxiliary tank instead, set switch to Kraftstoff instead.
- Fuel/MW50 Jettison Knob: This begins dumping fuel or MW-50 mixture from rear auxiliary tank .





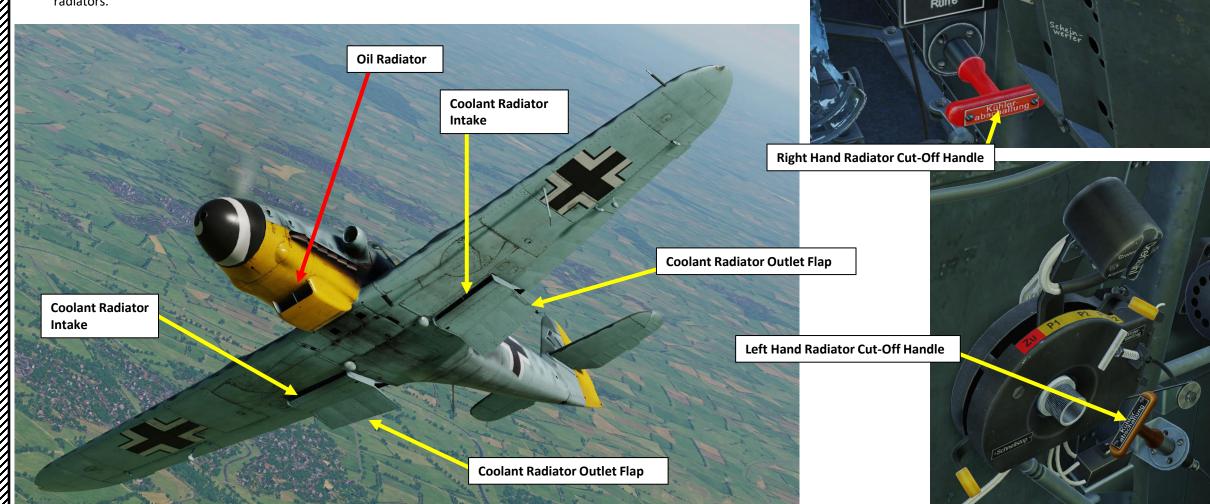
# **ENGINE CONTROLS**

The main engine controls are:

- Radiator Mode Selector: Controls engine radiator, allowing to cool the engine. It is generally recommended to leave the lever to AUTOMATIK.
- Radiator Cut-Off Handles: In the event of an emergency, damage to the coolant system, or when the normal automation does not lead to desired results, the Radiator Cut-Off Handle can be used to cut off the corresponding radiator. Damage to a radiator can be noticed by a wingman seeing you are leaking glycol from one of the two radiators.

#### **Radiator Mode Selector**

- Zu: Closed, Automation OFF.
- Auf: Open, Automation OFF.
- Ruhe/Abgeschälte: Automation is OFF. Radiator flaps remain fixed to current position.
- Automatik: Automatic Mode ON



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# **ENGINE OPERATION & LIMITS**

#### **Engine Power Settings:**

TAKEOFF: 2700 RPM LANDING: 1000 RPM

**NORMAL OPERATION: 2300 RPM** 

#### **General Rule for Oil and Coolant Temperatures:**

You do not have to use your radiator flaps if they are set in AUTOMATIK. Only open them if you are having a hot engine and need to cool it down quickly.

#### **Engine Limits:**

Coolant Temperature: Min 30 deg C – Max 100 deg C

Oil Temperature: Min 30 deg C - Max 130 deg C

Oil Pressure: Min 3 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> – Max 9.5 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>

If engine overheats, you can:

1. Enter a dive to increase airspeed and airflow to the engine intake.

- 2. Reduce throttle
- 3. Decrease rate of climb
- 4. Set radiator flaps to the Maximal "Auf (Open)" position.

#### CHECK YOUR ENGINE TEMPERATURES EVERY 30 SECONDS OR SO. IT WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE.

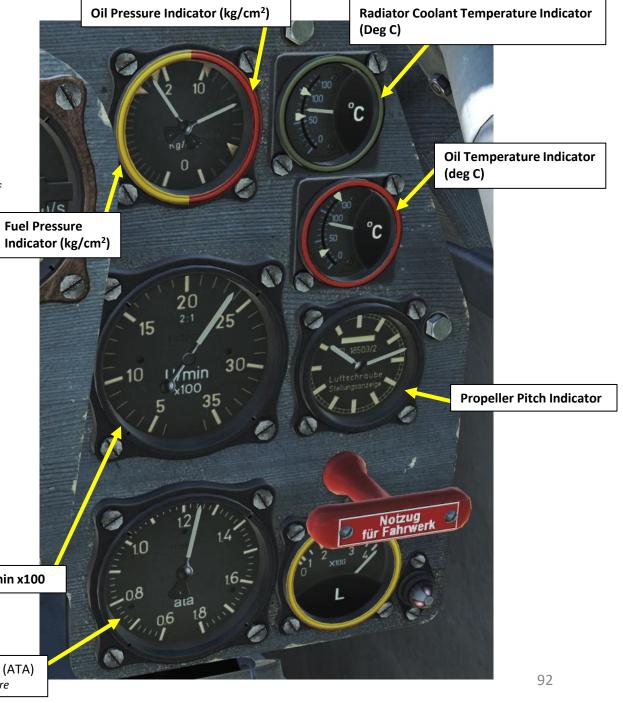


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Engine RPM/Umin x100

**Supercharger Pressure Gauge (ATA)** Similar to Boost or Manifold Pressure



# **ENGINE OPERATION & LIMITS**

# **POWER SETTINGS**

Operating Condition	RPM	ATA (Manifold Boost Pressure)	Maximum Permissible Time
WEP (War Emergency Power, with MW-50)	2800 +/- 50	1.75 +/- 0.01	10 min
Takeoff & WEP	-	-	-
Combat	2600 +/- 50	1.35 +/- 0.01 (see note 1)	30 min
Cruise	2400 +/- 65	1.25 +/- 0.01	Continuous
Economy	2000 +/- 80	1.05 +/- 0.01	Continuous

# **Notes**

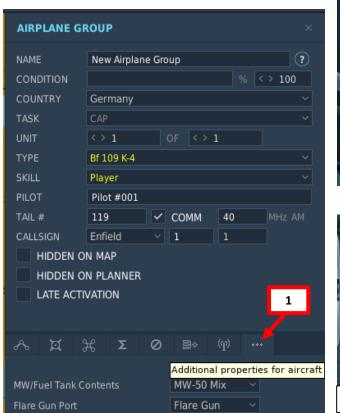
Note 1: During climb, boost pressure may be regulated by a further 0.03 ATA to between 1.31 and 1.39 ATA.

Note 2: With the MW-50 system installed, normal Takeoff and Emergency Power is no longer attainable. Combat mode should be used instead.

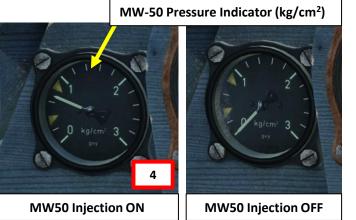
## MW-50 METHANOL-WATER INJECTION

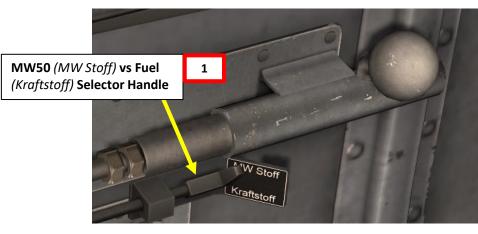
Water-Methanol is stocked in a separate tank and the mission builder chooses whether this tank can be loaded with either regular fuel or with water-methanol mixture. Make sure MW-50 Mix is enabled in the MW/Fuel Tank via the Mission Editor, or else the tank will be filled with fuel and MW50 will not be available.

- 1. Ensure the fuel selector handle is properly set to MW STOFF if the MW-50 tank is filled with MW mixture.
- 2. Enable MW-50 using the MW-50 switch: RIGHT position is ON, LEFT position is OFF.
- 3. You will only see the MW-50 injection pressure increase when you apply max throttle.
- 4. Check the MW-50 pressure gauge to see if it is engaged.









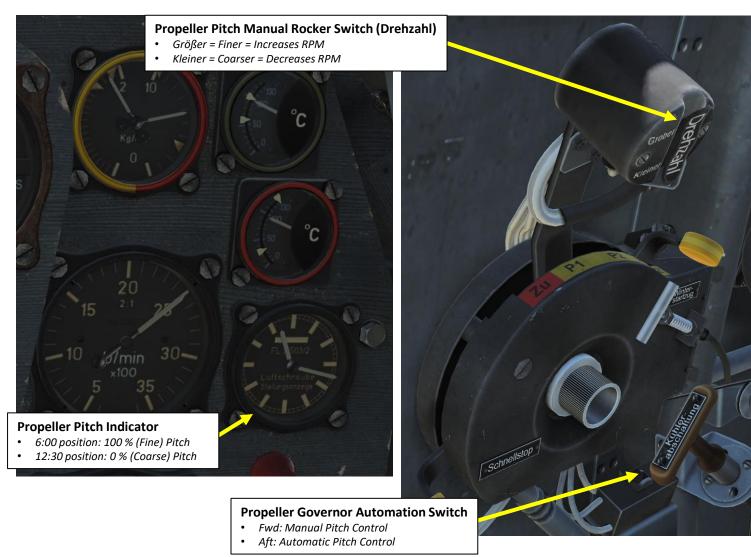


- Left = Disabled
- Right = Enabled

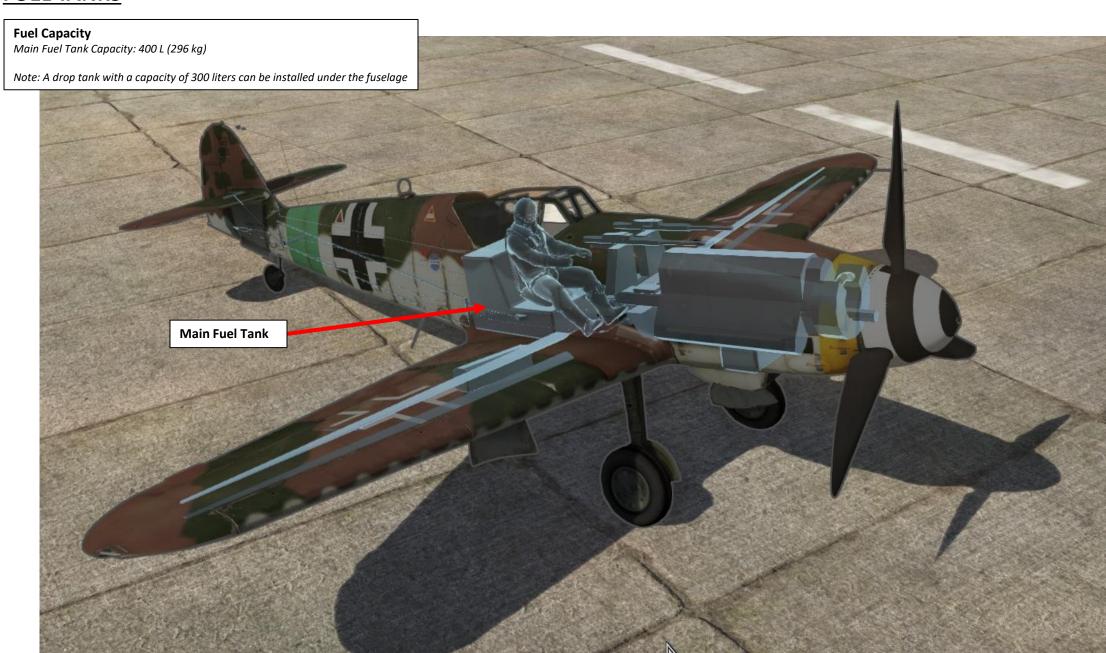
# PROPELLER GOVERNOR AUTOMATION

The propeller pitch is usually automatically controlled by the Propeller Governor. However, the governor can be manually overridden via Governor Automation Switch located alongside the throttle lever. The switch is normally set to the lower (Automatic), but can be manually set to the upper (Manual) position. That enables the "Drehzahl" Propeller Pitch Rocker Switch on the throttle lever. It is recommended to keep the Governor Automation Switch in the Automatic position during normal engine operation, and only switch to manual in case of an emergency.

The "Drehzahl" Propeller Pitch Rocker Switch on the throttle lever can be used to manually change propeller pitch when the propeller automation is switched off. Then, the "Drehzahl" rocker switch on the throttle can be moved to "Größer" (Higher RPM) or "Kleiner" (Lower RPM). Holding the thumb button in one of these positions continues to modify the prop pitch for as long as the button is depressed, and until the limit is reached. Therefore, this switch can be used to feather the propeller.

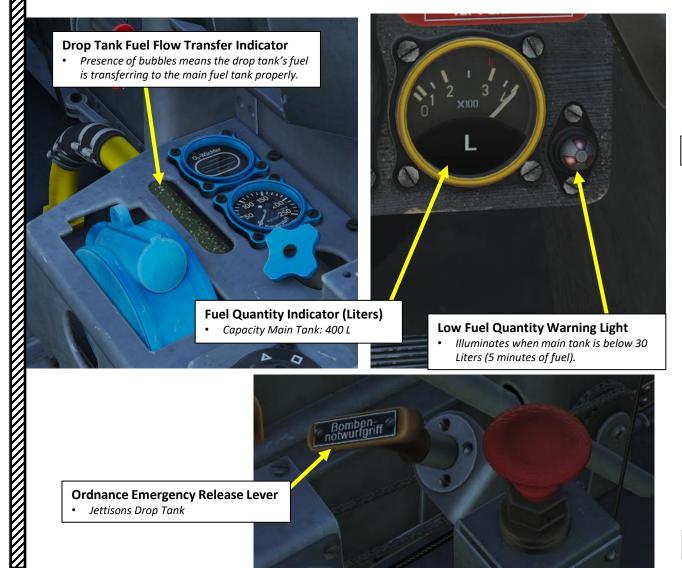


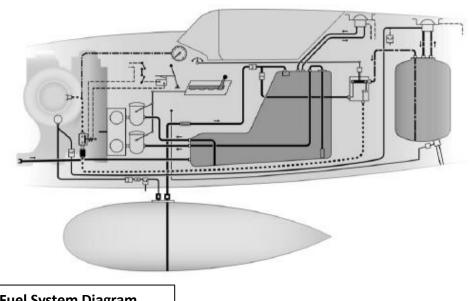
# **FUEL TANKS**



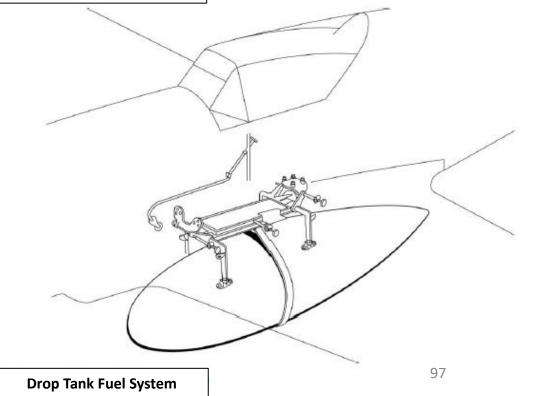
# **FUEL MANAGEMENT**

When a drop tank is used, it constantly feeds the main tank via a pressurized fuel hose. The Fuel Contents Gauge will continue to display full for as long as the drop tanks continue to feed the main tank. Once the drop tank is emptied, the fuel quantity in the main tank begins to decrease. There is no fuel content information for drop tanks. The Fuel Warning Light illuminates when the fuel level in the main tank reaches approximately 30 liters, equal to about 5 minutes of flight time.



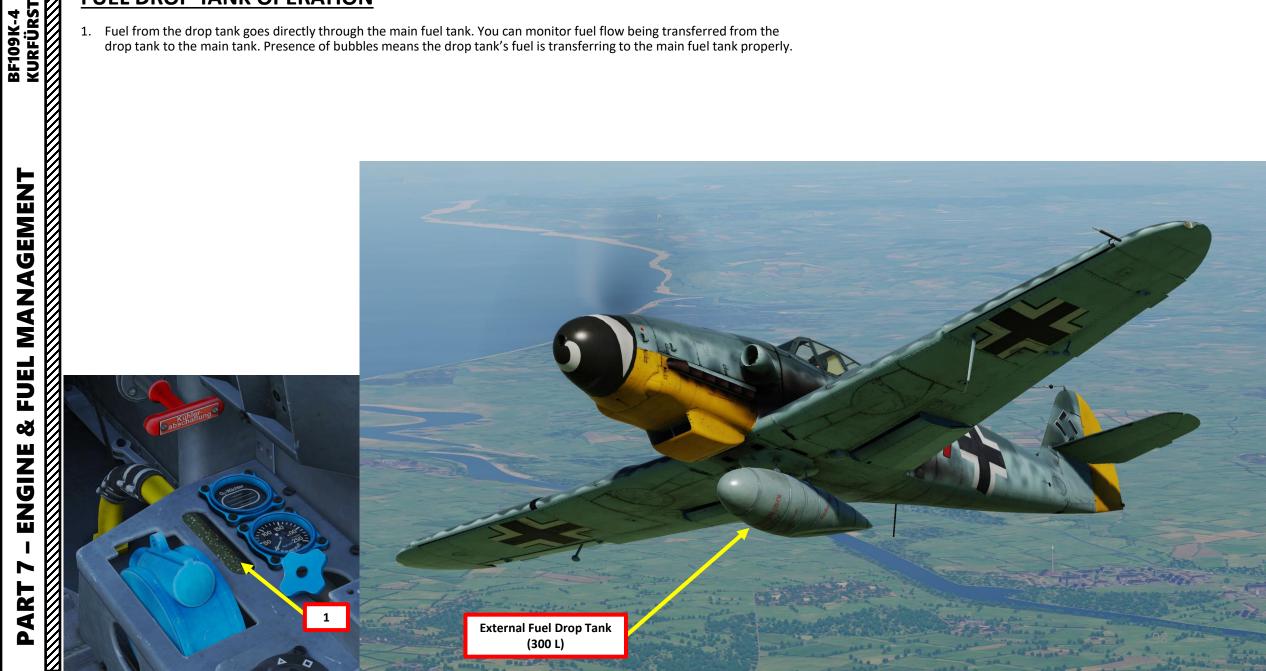






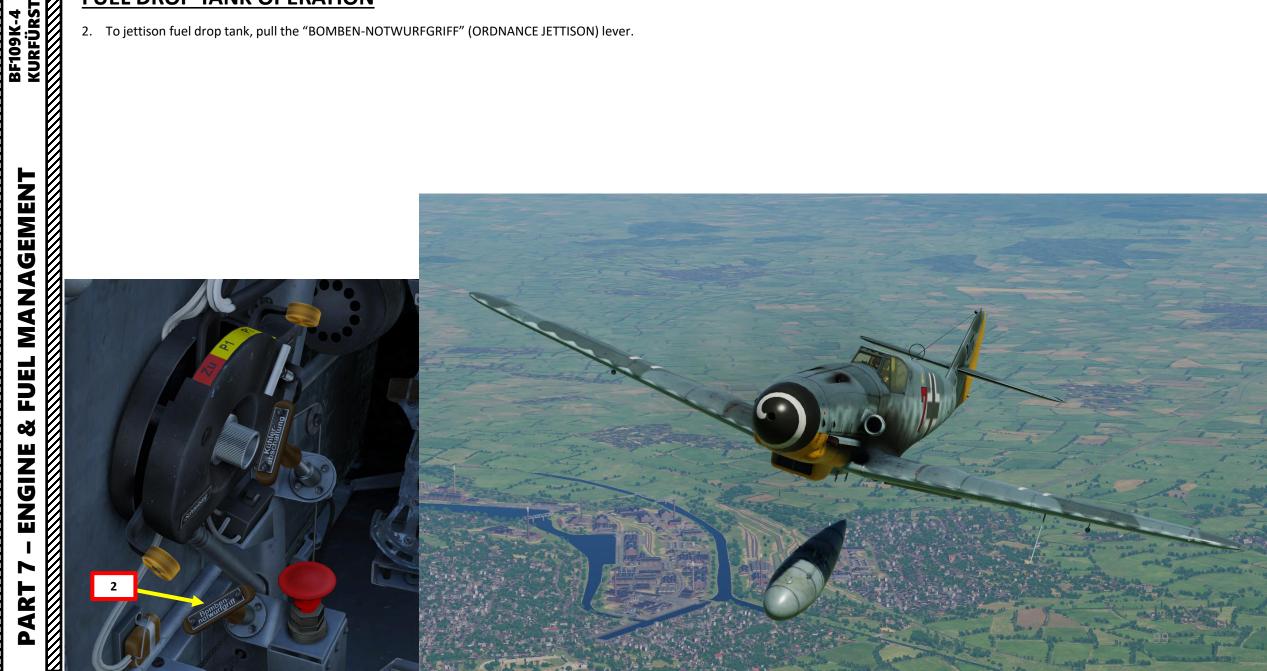
# **FUEL DROP TANK OPERATION**

1. Fuel from the drop tank goes directly through the main fuel tank. You can monitor fuel flow being transferred from the drop tank to the main tank. Presence of bubbles means the drop tank's fuel is transferring to the main fuel tank properly.



# **FUEL DROP TANK OPERATION**

2. To jettison fuel drop tank, pull the "BOMBEN-NOTWURFGRIFF" (ORDNANCE JETTISON) lever.



# **AIRSPEED LIMITS**

Here is an overview of some of the important airspeeds to remember.

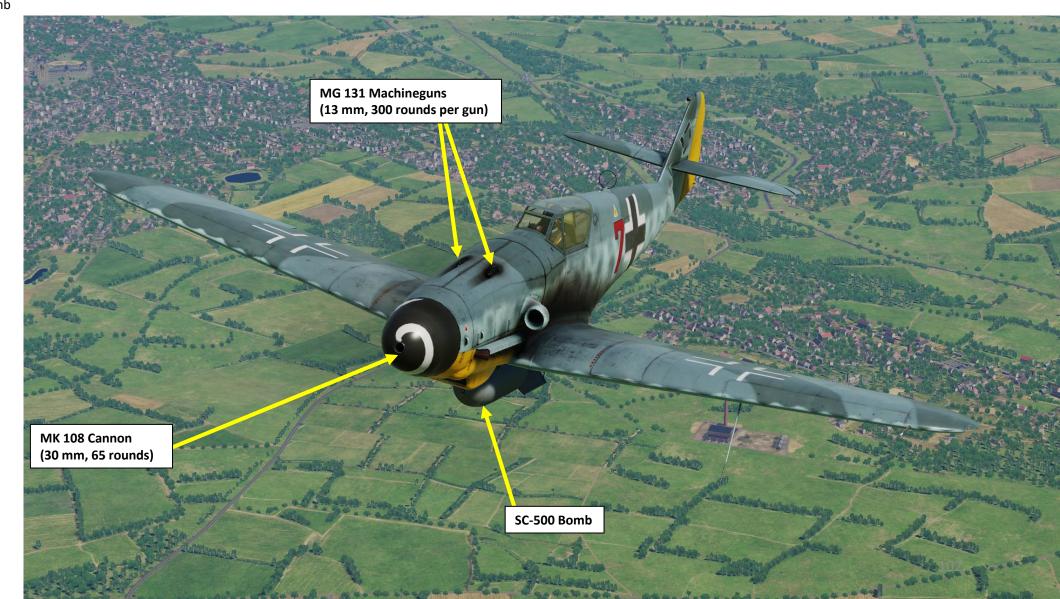
- Maximum Flaps Extension Speed: 250 km/h Maximum Landing Gear Extension Speed: 350 km/h Optimal Climb Speed: 270 km/h

- Optimal Cruise Speed: 420 km/h Do-Not-Exceed Airspeed (V<sub>NE</sub>): See Airspeed Limit Table Below

Maximum Diving Speeds (km/h)				
Altitude (km)	With or Without Underwing Weapon Gondolas	With other Rüstsatz (including drop tanks) (Rüstsatz: Equipment Kit/Field Modifications)		
11	400	400		
9	500	500		
7	600	600		
5	700	700		
3	800	700		
1	850	700		

# **ARMAMENT OVERVIEW**

- 1 x Rheinmetall-Borsig MK 108 30 mm *Motorkanone*/Engine-Mounted Cannon (65 rounds)
- 2 x Rheinmetall-Borsig MG 131 13 mm Machineguns (300 rounds per gun)
- 1 x SC-500 kg bomb
- 1 x SC-250 kg bomb



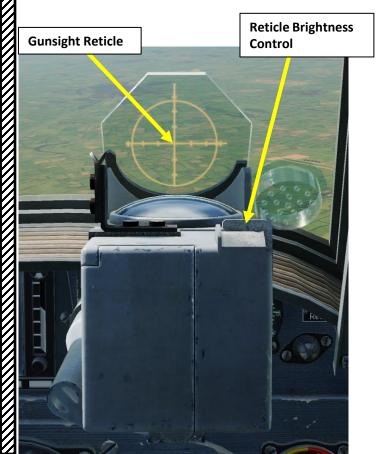
# **REVI-16B (REFLEXVISIER) GUNSIGHT**

For weapon targeting, the Bf109-K4 came equipped with the standard Revi 16B gunsight that was installed on the vast majority of Luftwaffe combat aircraft.

The Revi 16B is a sight designed for use with both synchronized and unsynchronized aircraft weaponry and is equipped with both a built-in dimming rheostat for adjusting the crosshair brightness and a night filter.

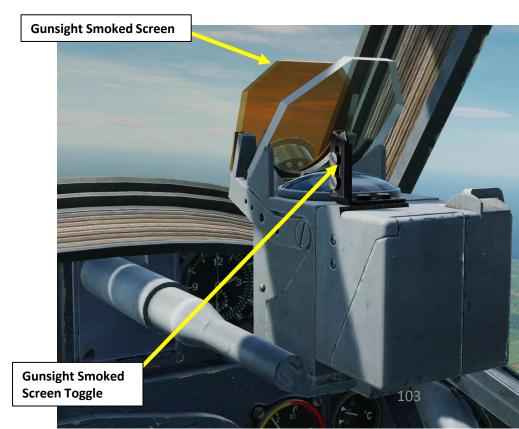
Reflector sights work by projecting an image of the targeting reticle onto the reflector glass such that the reticle appears at infinity, providing a fixed aiming point relative to the weapon's line of fire. Alternatively, you can use the Mechanical Sight to aim.

When using the Revi 16B in combat, the pilot must independently make corrections for the target lead and distance, G-loads, and other parameters necessary for accurate fire.









# **REVI-16B (REFLEXVISIER) GUNSIGHT**

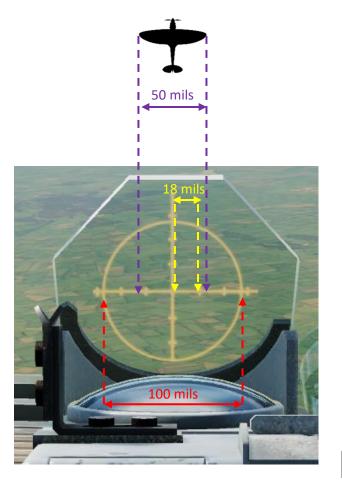
The ring of the REVI-16B gunsight is 100 mils in diameter. Each tick mark along the horizontal and vertical axis represents 18 mils. One mil (or "milliradian", an angle unit) represents approximately 1 m of length, width or height of an object. Here is an excellent video by "The Air Combat Tutorial Library" on gunsight employment: <a href="https://youtu.be/MawB3uAkycs">https://youtu.be/MawB3uAkycs</a>

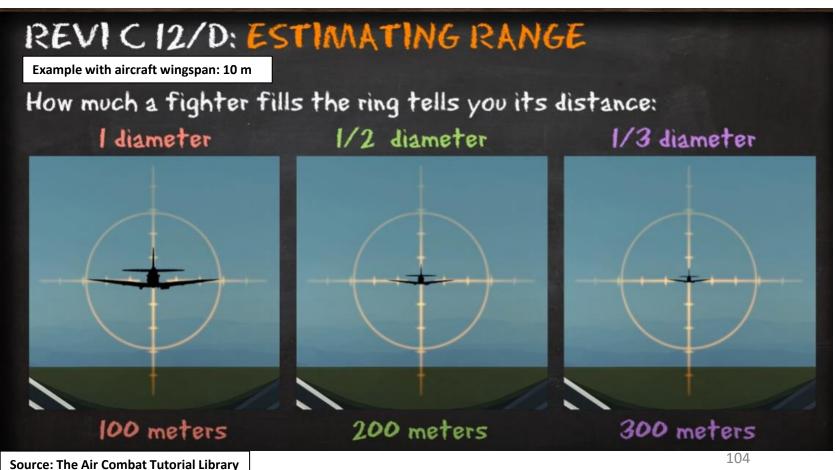
A good rule of thumb to range a target is:

• Target Range (in meters) = Wingspan (in meters) x (number of times it fills the ring) x 10

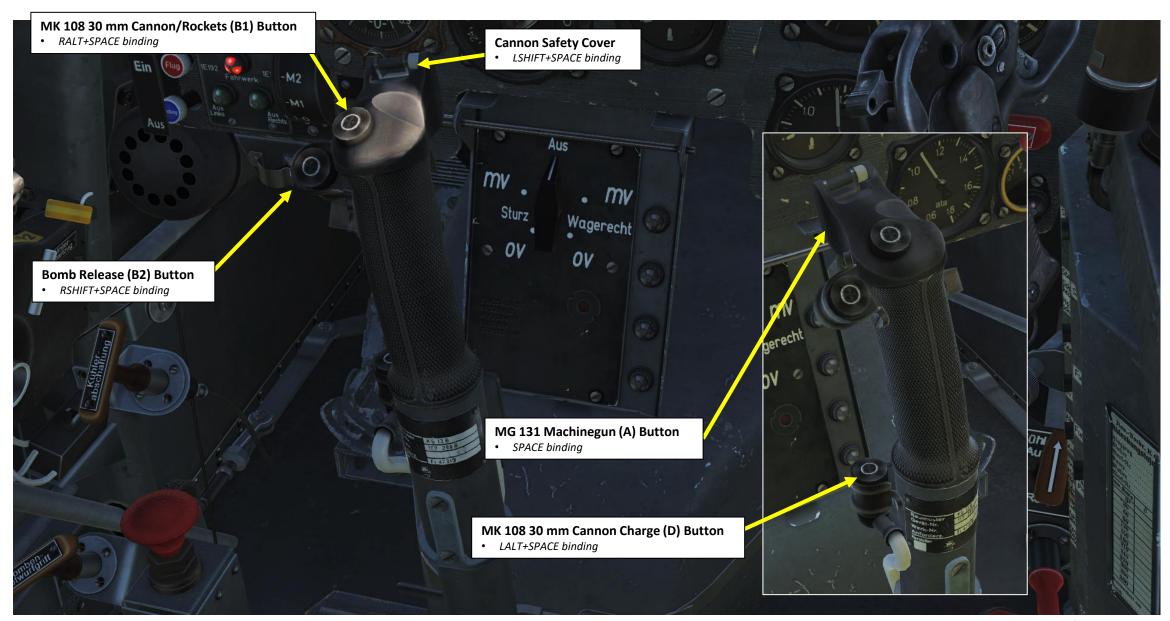
As an example (see purple lines below): The Spitfire has a wingspan of 11 m. If its wingspan fits 2 times inside the ring, the range can be estimated as follows:

• Range = 11 m x 2 x 10 = 220 m

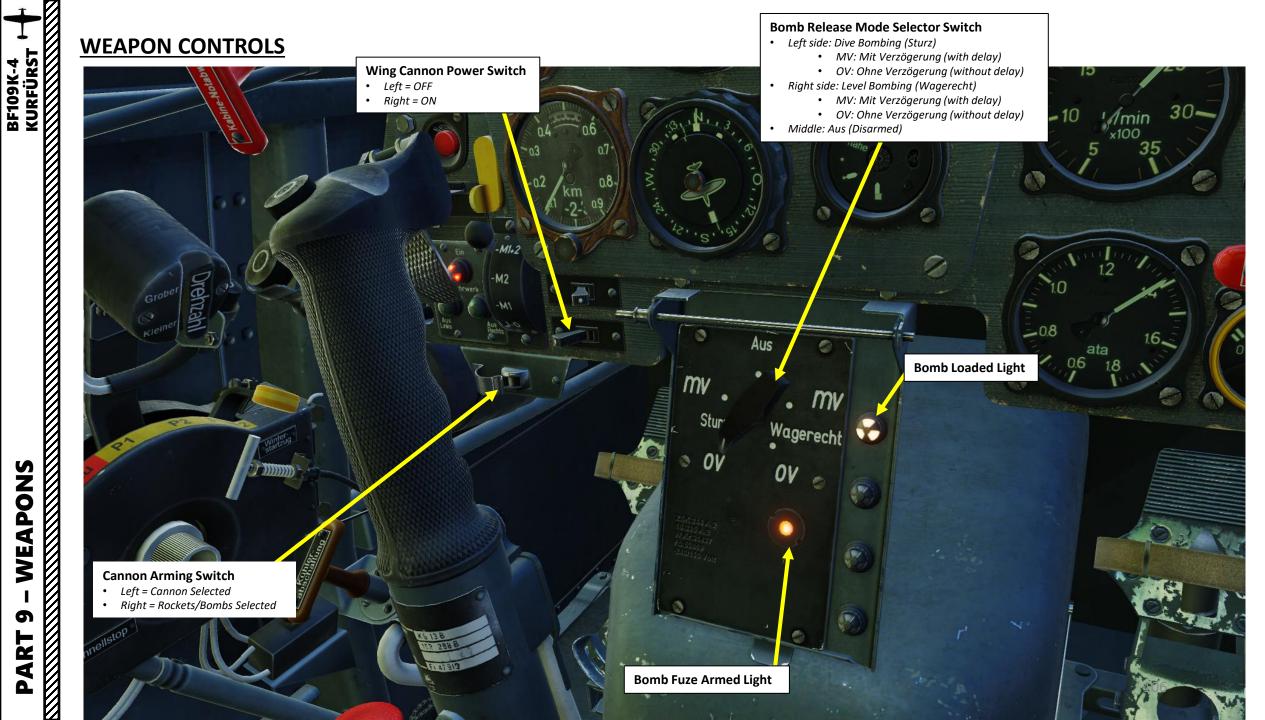




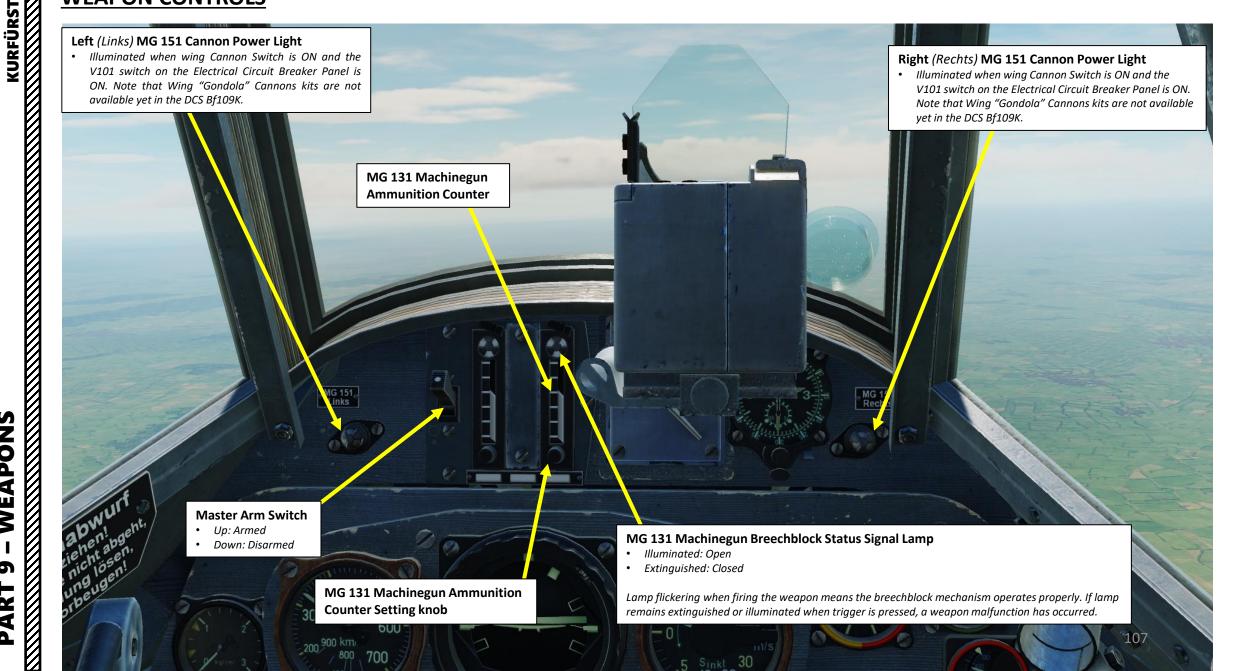
# **WEAPON CONTROLS**



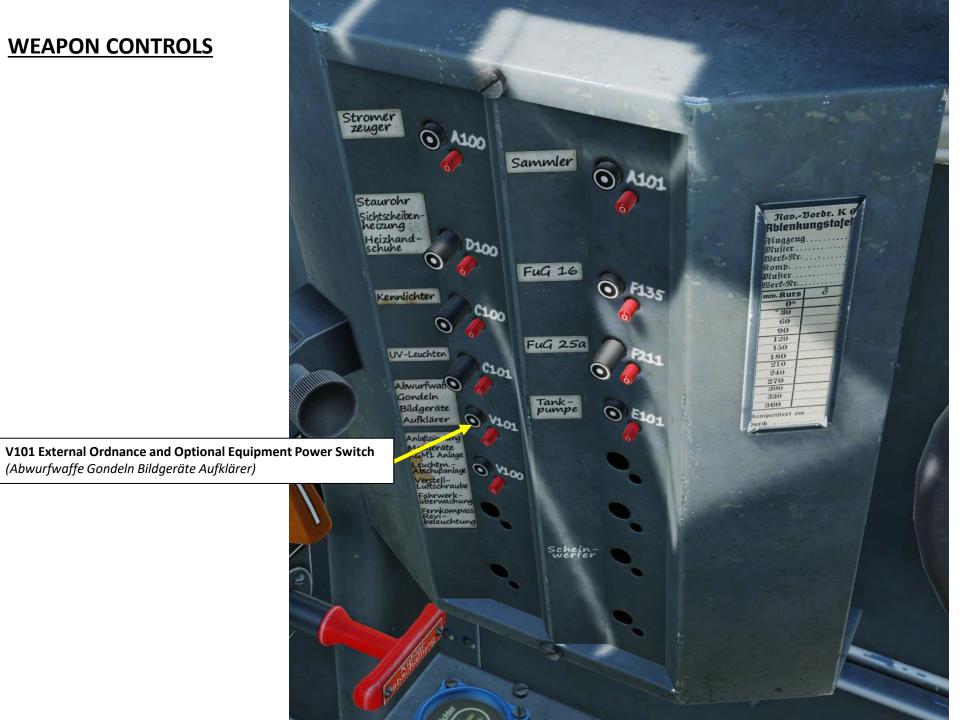
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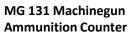
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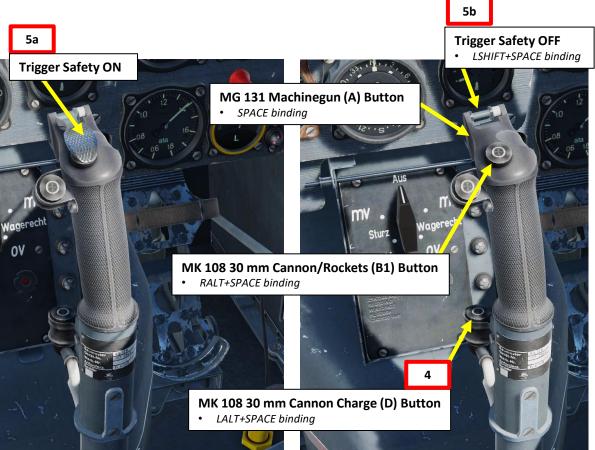


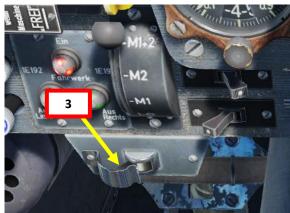
# WEAPONS

# MG 131 MACHINEGUNS (13 MM) & MK 108 CANNON (30 MM)

- 1. Arm your two MG 131 machineguns using the MASTER ARM (Weapons) switch (UP = ON, DOWN = OFF)
- Set your ammo counters manually to 3 notches (WHITE = ammo available for machineguns only). Left click and drag on the rotary knobs. This should be done on ground.
- 3. Arm MK108 cannon by setting the Cannon Arming Switch LEFT.
- Press the MK108 Cannon Charge Button (D) for a few seconds to charge air pressure in the MK108 cannon's pneumatic system. Binding is "LALT+SPACE" (CHARGE MK 108 (D)).
- Flip trigger safety using LSHIFT+SPACE.
- Adjust Gunsight Brightness As desired.











# MG 131 MACHINEGUNS (13 MM) & MK 108 CANNON (30 MM)

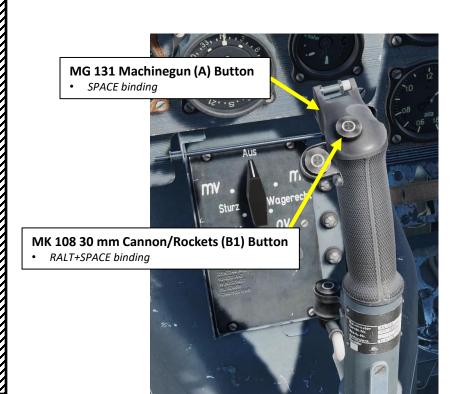
7. Place the wings of the target within your gunsight and estimate its range accordingly.



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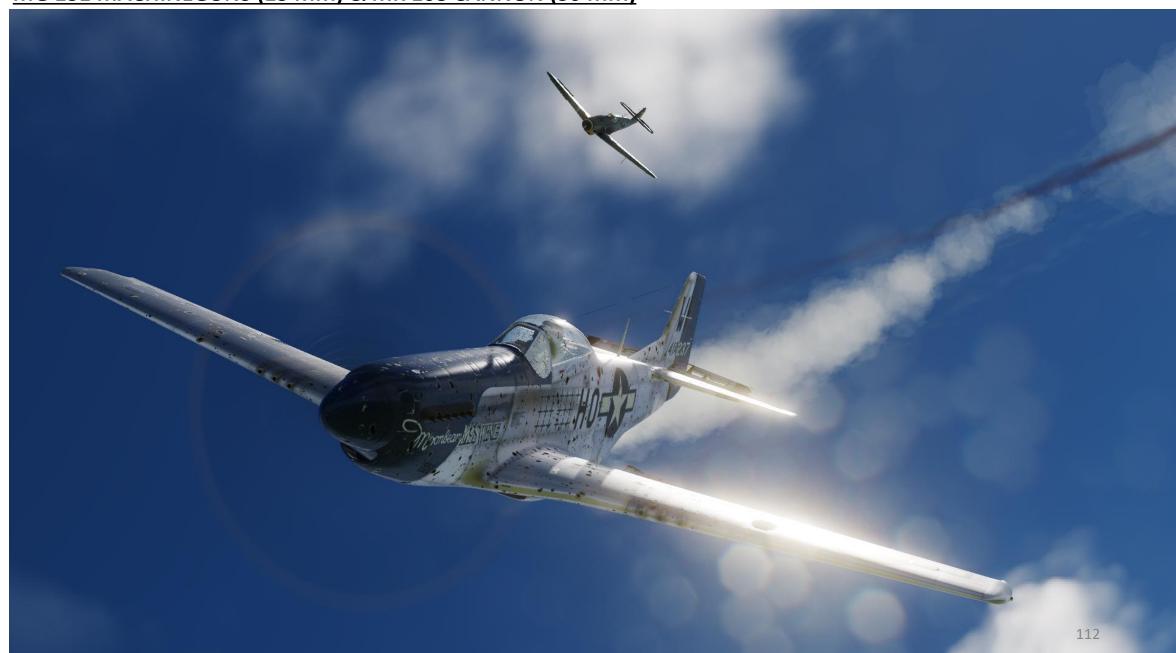
- 8. Fire machineguns and cannon when in range.

  - MG 131 Machineguns: MG 131 Machinegun (A) Button (SPACE)
    MK 108 Cannon: MK 108 30 mm Cannon/Rockets (B1) Button (RALT+SPACE)





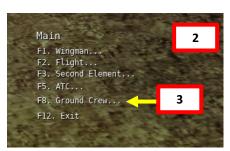
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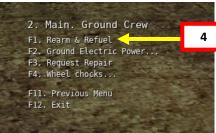


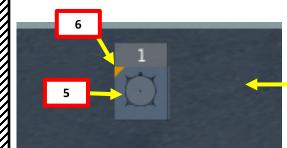
# **BOMB FUZES**

To equip bombs with a fuze delay, contact the ground crew.

- 1. Open canopy
- 2. Press "RALT + \" (Communication Push-to-Talk)
- 3. Select ground crew by pressing "F8"
- 4. Select "Rearm & Refuel" by pressing "F1".
- Equip bomb on desired pylon.
- 6. Click on the yellow triangle on the bomb to set fuze type and delay.
- 7. Set fuze type and delay.
- 8. Click OK on the Fuze panel.
- 9. Click OK on the Re-Arming panel.







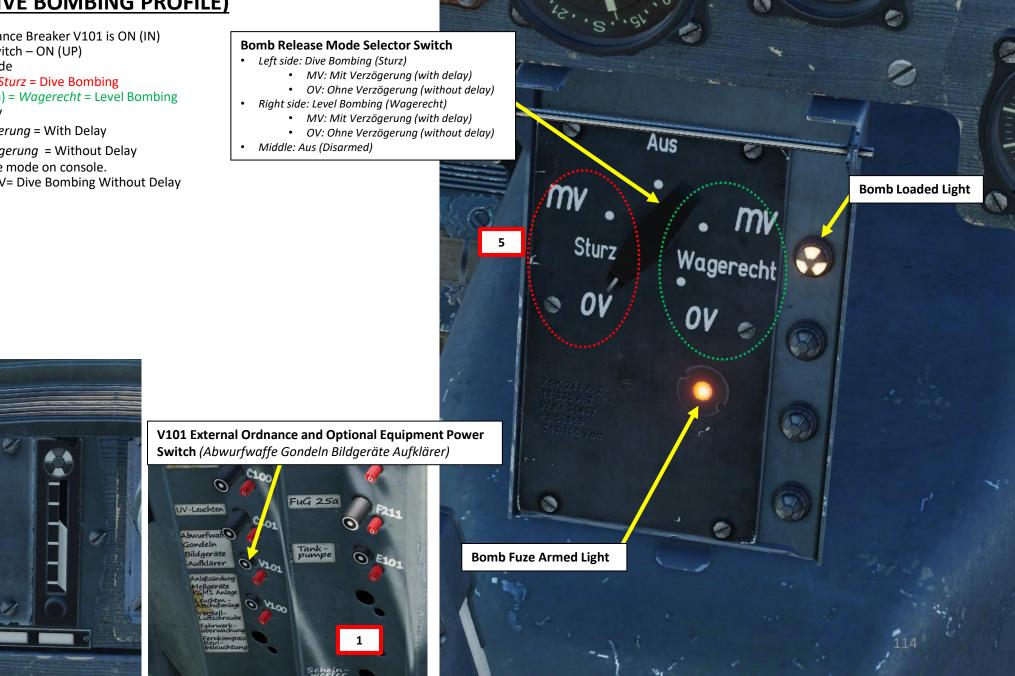
#### **Terminology**

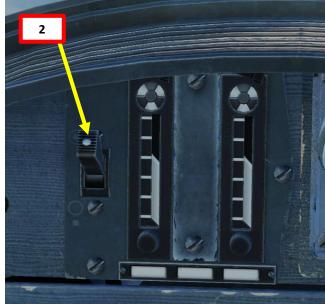
- Sturz: Dive Bombing
- MV: Mit Verzögerung (with fuze delay)
- OV: Ohne Verzögerung (without fuze delay)
- Wagerecht: Low Level



# **SC-500 BOMB (DIVE BOMBING PROFILE)**

- 1. Verify that External Ordnance Breaker V101 is ON (IN)
- Set Master Arm Safety Switch ON (UP)
- Choose bomb release mode
  - Left Side (Red) = Sturz = Dive Bombing
  - Right Side (Green) = Wagerecht = Level Bombing
- 4. Choose desired fuse delay
  - MV = Mit Verzögerung = With Delay
  - OV = Ohne Verzögerung = Without Delay
- Select appropriate release mode on console.
  - Example: Sturz OV= Dive Bombing Without Delay





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# **SC-500 BOMB (DIVE BOMBING PROFILE)**

- 6. Approach the target by flying level at an altitude of 2 km, with an airspeed of 350 km/h.
- 7. When the target disappears under the wing on a line of about 1/3 from the end of the wing-tip, perform a gentle turn under the horizon in the direction of the target.
- 8. While turning, regulate speed so that the target remains visible. This turn has to be very steady and made without excessive use of the rudder.







# **SC-500 BOMB (DIVE BOMBING PROFILE)**

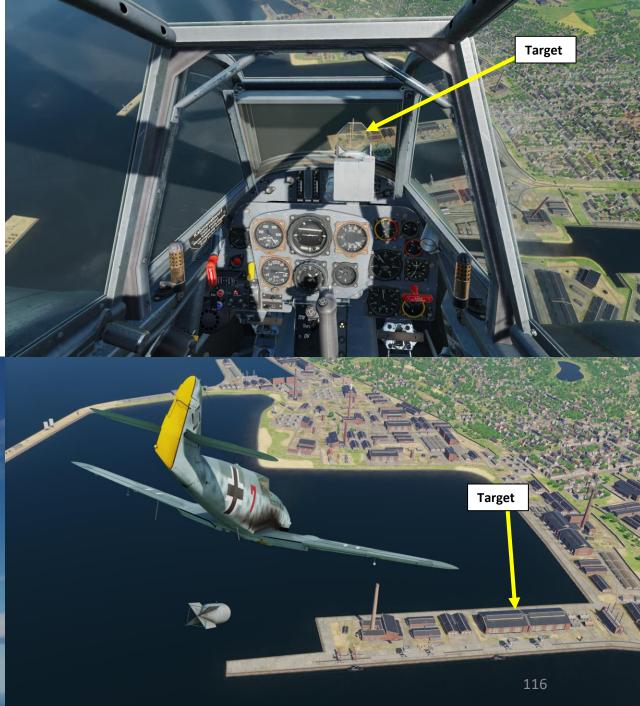
- 9. Throttle back at idle power and perform a dive between 45 and 60 degrees. The steeper the dive angle the better precision you will have.
- 10. Make sure not to exceed maximum diving speeds, as indicated on the table below.
- 11. Line up the target with the center of the gunsight reticle.
- 12. Pull lead to bring the target slightly under the aircraft nose.
- 13. When target is lined up under the aircraft nose and aircraft is between an altitude of 500 m and 1 km, release bomb.

#### **Maximum Diving Speeds Table**

Airspeed @ Altitude

- 400 km/h @ 11 km
- 500 km/h @ 9 km
- 600 km/h @ 7 km
- 700 km/h @ 5 km
- 800 km/h @ 3 km
- 850 km/h @ 1 km





# **ART 9 – WEAPONS**

# **SC-500 BOMB (DIVE BOMBING PROFILE)**

- 14. Release bomb using "BOMB RELEASE (B2)" button (RSHIFT+SPACE).
- 15. Apply full power and pull away from the blast while maintaining level flight. This will allow you to get out as quickly as possible from the orbit of enemy anti-air defences.
- 16. After having travelled enough distance, start climbing. Climbing immediately after the release of bombs was one of the most common mistakes and resulted in:
  - Unnecessary danger to the pilot from the enemy anti-air batteries
  - Black-out
  - Wing wrinkling



#### Bomb Release (B2) Button

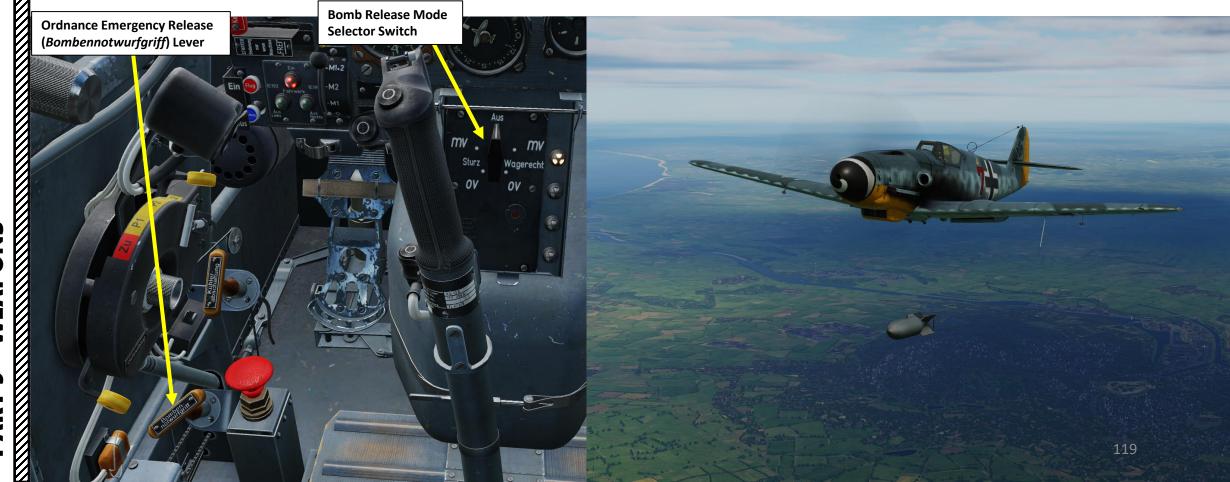
RSHIFT+SPACE binding





# **ORDNANCE JETTISON**

- To jettison a bomb, set Bomb Release Mode Selector Switch to AUS (Disarmed), then pull **Bombennotwurfgriff (Ordnance Emergency Release)** handle to jettison Fuselage Stores.
- To jettison an external fuel drop tank, pull Bombennotwurfgriff (Ordnance Emergency Release) handle.



# **FUG 16ZY VHF RADIO OVERVIEW**

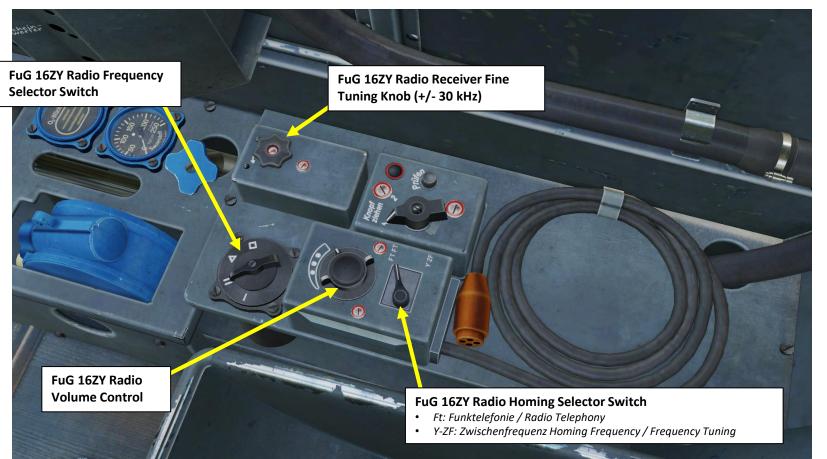
The Bf.109K-4 is equipped with a FuG 16ZY radio, a specially-designed airborne VHF transceiver. The FuG 16 can be used for in-flight communication as well as for IFF identification and DF homing. The set operates in the frequency range between 38.4 and 42.4 MHz.

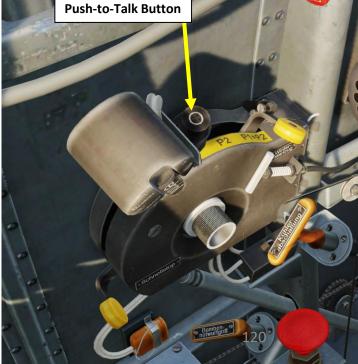
The FuG 16ZY can also be set to *Leitjäger* or Fighter Formation Leader mode that allows it to use a special Y-Verfahren ground tracking and direction homing via the normal headphones.

Radio frequencies are preset in the mission editor in 4 different channels and cannot be tuned manually during flight.



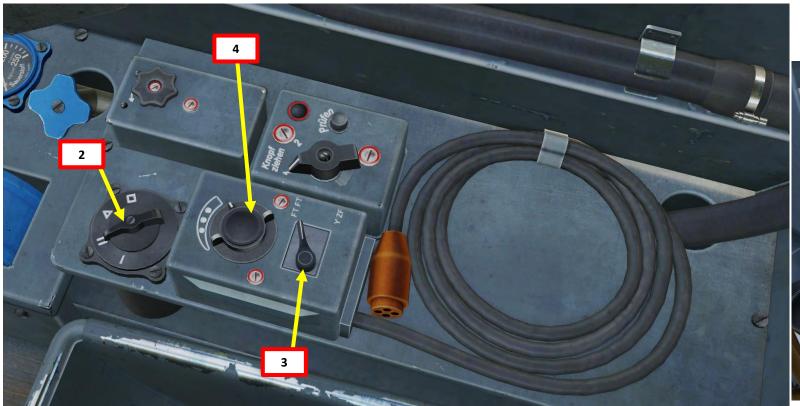
**RADIO FREQUENCY RANGE: 38.4-42.4 MHz** 

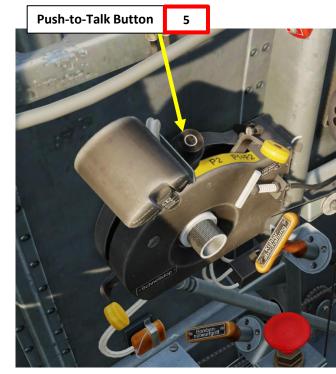


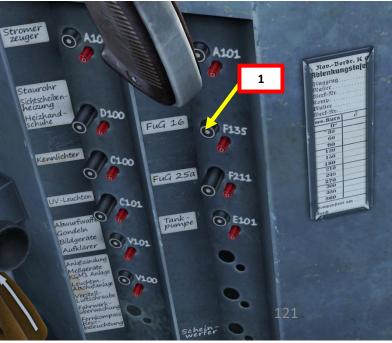


# **HOW TO TRANSMIT ON FUG 16ZY VHF RADIO**

- 1. Set FUG 16ZY Power Switch (F135) ON.
- 2. Set radio channel selector to the desired frequency (I, II,  $\triangle$  or  $\square$ ).
  - See note on next page about the real-life functions of these frequencies.
- 3. Set radio mode to "FT" (FUNKTELEFONIE: RADIO TELEPHONY)
- 4. Adjust radio volume as desired.
- 5. Press the Push-to-Talk Button on your throttle to transmit ("COMM PUSH TO TALK" Binding, or "RALT+\")







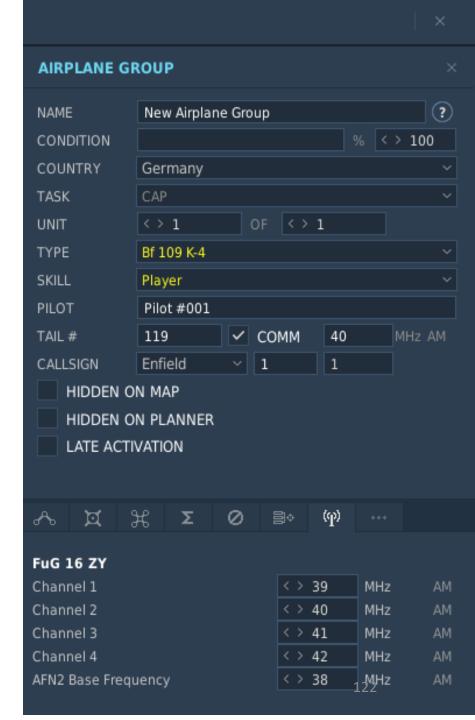
# **FUG 16ZY RADIO CHANNELS**

- The "I" position is for "Y-Führungsfrequenz", or Management frequency, is used for communication within the flight or squadron. A mission maker will typically preset this frequency to the same frequency used by your wingmen of your flight and mention it in the mission briefing.
- The "II" position is for "*Gruppenbefehlsfrequenz*", or Group Order frequency, is used to communicate between several flights from different squadrons participating in a single raid. A mission maker will typically preset this frequency to the same frequency used by other flights or friendly units and mention it in the mission briefing.
- The "\Delta" position is for "Nah-Flugsicherungsfrequenz", or the Air Traffic Control frequency. It is used to communicate with the designated Air Traffic Controller. A mission maker will typically preset this frequency to the same frequency used by your departure airfield and mention it in the mission briefing.
- The "

  "position is for "Reichsjägerfrequenz", or Reich Fighter Defense Frequency, and is used to coordinate country-wide air defense efforts in large scale raids.

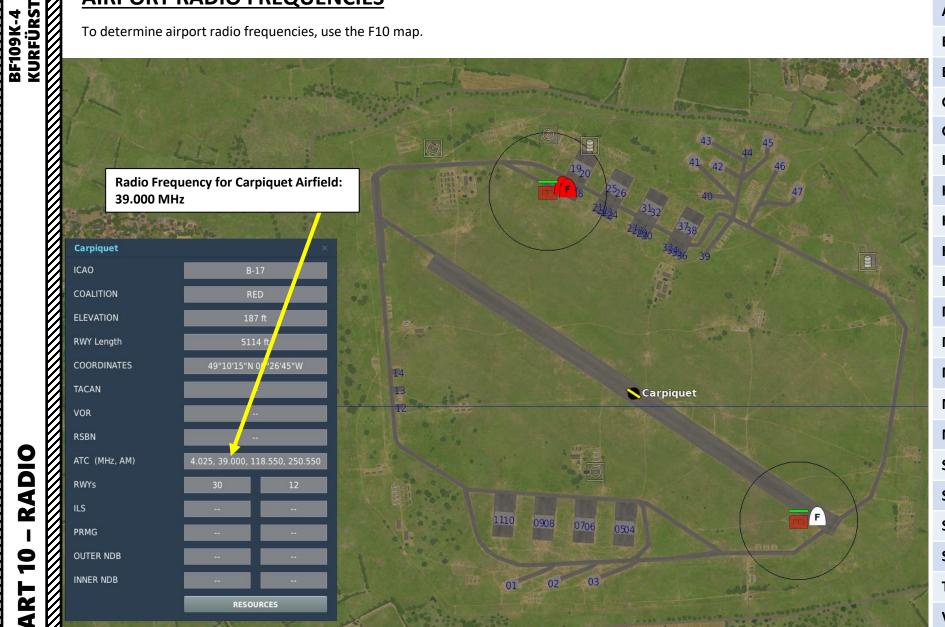
These frequencies should be listed in your mission briefing.

Homing Switch	Freq	Push-to-Talk Open	Push-To-Talk Depressed	Transm	Recvr
FT FT	I	Listen	Talk	I	II
Y ZF	I	E-Meßbetrieb Listen	E-Meßbetrieb Listen+Talk	I	II
FT FT	II, Δ or □	Listen	Talk	ΙΙ, Δ	or 🗆
Y ZF	II, ∆ or □	Listen to AFN-2 Targeting	Talk	II, Δ or □	



# **AIRPORT RADIO FREQUENCIES**

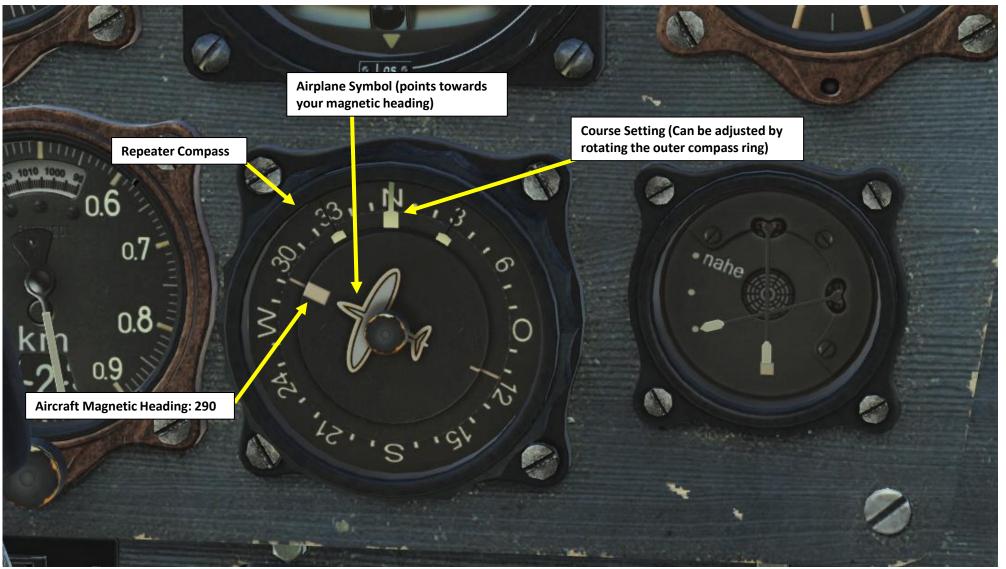
To determine airport radio frequencies, use the F10 map.



AIRFIELD	FREQUENCY
Anapa	38.40 MHz
Batumi	40.40 MHz
Beslan	42.40 MHz
Gelendzhik	39.40 MHz
Gudauta	40.20 MHz
Kobuleti	40.80 MHz
Kutaisi	41.00 MHz
Krasnodar-Center	38.60 MHz
Krasnodar-Pashkovsky	39.80 MHz
Krymsk	39.00 MHz
Maykop	39.20 MHz
Mineralnye Vody	41.20 MHz
Mozdok	41.60 MHz
Nalchik	41.40 MHz
Novorossiysk	38.80 MHz
Senaki	40.60 MHz
Sochi	39.60 MHz
Soganlug	42.00 MHz
Sukhumi	40.00 MHz
Tbilisi	41.80 MHz
Vaziani	42.20 MHz
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# **THE REPEATER COMPASS**

Most of the navigation must be done visually in the Bf109. Consult the Repeater Gyrocompass. If desired, you can adjust your course setting by rotating the outer ring of the Repeater Compass. You can then steer the aircraft until the Aircraft Magnetic Heading needle (front of the airplane symbol) is lined up with the Course Setting reference mark.



# **LORENZ BEAM BLIND-LANDING RADIO NAVIGATION (THEORY)**

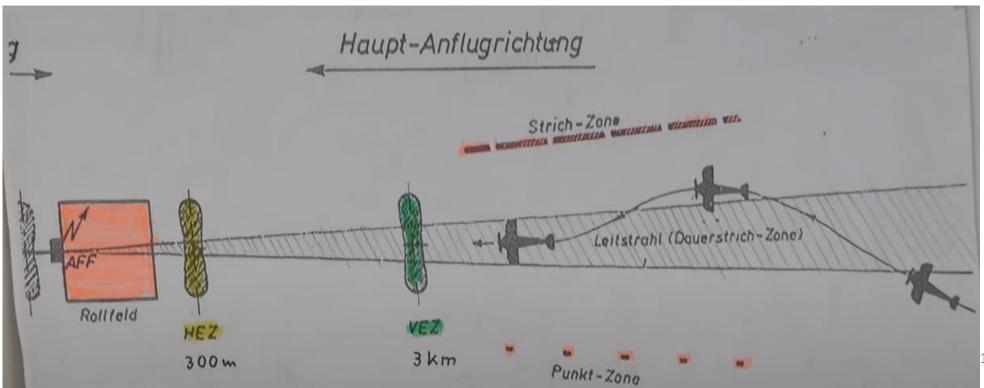
The During the 1930s and 1940s, a Standard Beam Approach (SBA) receiver was used by aircraft, to land when visual conditions were poor (due to rain, low cloud, or fog). It was a navigation receiver, and allowed the pilot to line the aircraft up on the runway when preparing in to land. You can think of it like a primitive form of ILS (Instrument Landing System), but only with a lateral component.

The most important pre-war Navigation Aid (navaid) was the Lorenz Radio Range, developed in Germany as a Blind Landing System (BLS), and was used extensively in Europe. It was developed starting in 1932 by Dr. Ernst Kramar of the Lorenz company. It was adopted by Lufthansa in 1934 and installed around the world. Lorenz used a 33.33 MHz radio transmitter, which projected two overlapping beams down the runway. The beams were switched on and off alternately, the left beam creating "dits" (morse letter E), the right beam creating "dahs" (morse letter T). Where the beams overlapped along the runway centerline, a continuous tone was heard.

On approach, when the pilot heard *dits*, he turned right until he heard the steady tone. Similarly if he heard dahs, he turned left. This was an aural navigation method, meaning that you used the morse signal sounds to determine whether you were to the left, to the right or directly lined up with the runway center. The pilot had to listen to the tones in his earphones and fly accordingly.

The Lorenz system was installed at many British airfields and called Standard Beam Approach (SBA). It used the morse letter A (dit dah) for the left beam, and the morse letter N (dah dit) for the right beam. In the middle, these overlapped to form the steady tone.

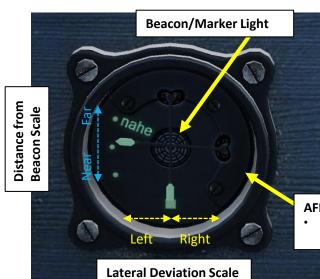
Reference: http://www.tuberadio.com/robinson/museum/command SBA/



### LORENZ BEAM BLIND-LANDING RADIO NAVIGATION (THEORY)

Consult this video for a great explanation of how the Lorenz "Beam" Blind Landing System FuBl 2 was used with the AFN-1 Indicator: https://youtu.be/6ReAJWnFGpg

An important point to remember is that **beam landing is not** fully functional in DCS yet, so all these concepts are only the theory of what you would expect.



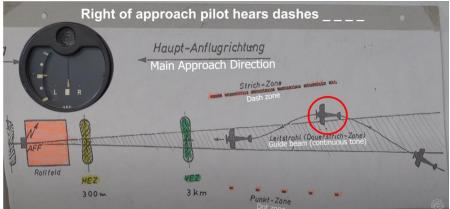
Haupt-Anflugrichtung Main Approach Direction **Distance Needle** Aircraft is left of correct approach 300 m Punkt-Zona

**Lateral Deviation Needle** 

Oscillates to the left

#### **AFN-2 Homing Indicator**

Used to determine where aircraft is in relationship to airport.



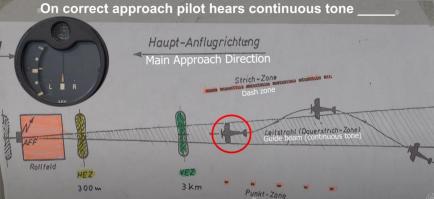


• Illuminates when flying over marker beacon (VEZ or HEZ)

**Marker Light** 

**AFN-1 Homing Indicator** 





Left of approach pilot hears dots .....

# LORENZ BEAM BLIND-LANDING RADIO NAVIGATION (THEORY)

Here is an example of the concept behind the Standard Beam Approach (SBA).

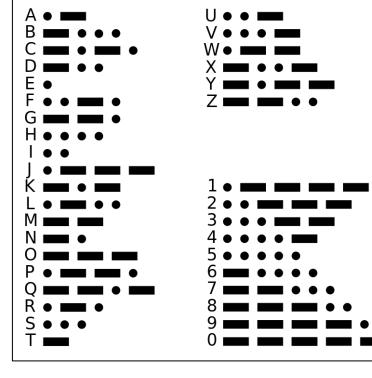
The Standard Beam Approach system currently simulated in DCS is based on the Lorenz signals: a series of "dits" (Morse code for "E") for the station right of the runway and a series of "dahs" (Morse code for "T") for the station left of the runway.

The signal codes might change eventually, but the method remains the same: use audio signals to determine where you are in relationship to the runway, and steer the aircraft until both signals overlap and create a steady aural tone.

You can also use the AFN-2 Homing Indicator for visual guidance, which provides direction and range information to the runway.

Here is a useful tutorial by Reflected Simulations for the Mosquito: https://youtu.be/tGXSLLKSiRk?t=737

**Right Station** Signal "Dits" **Left Station** Signal "Dahs" **Combined Left & Right Station Signals** (Steady Tone)



International Morse Code

3. The space between parts of the same letter is one unit.

1. The length of a dot is one unit.

4. The space between letters is three units.

5. The space between words is seven units.

2. A dash is three units.

#### Aircraft flying in Right Beam Only

- Sianal "Dits" audible
- Signal "Dahs" not audible

#### Aircraft flying in Left Beam Only

- Sianal "Dits" not audible
- Signal "Dahs" audible

#### (aligned with runway centerline) Signal "Dits" and "Dahs" are both audible

- Both signals overlap, creating a steady signal tone.

Aircraft flying in Both Left & Right Beams

Runway

**Left Station** 

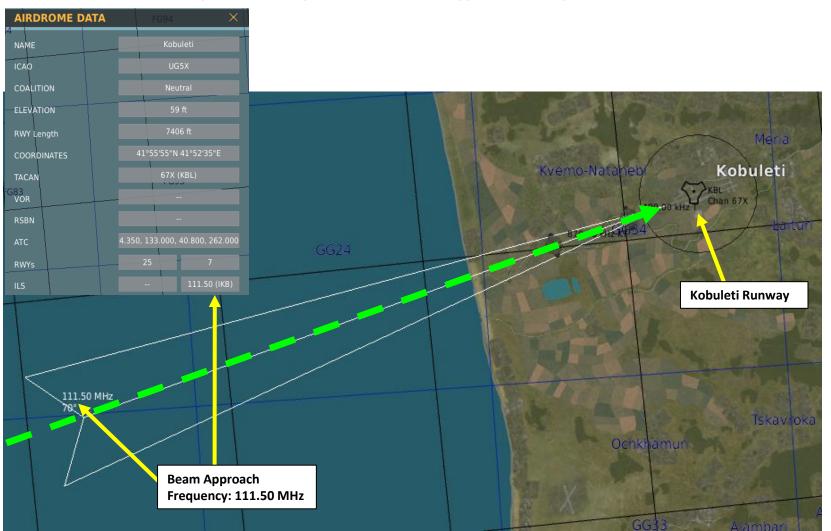
**Right Station** 

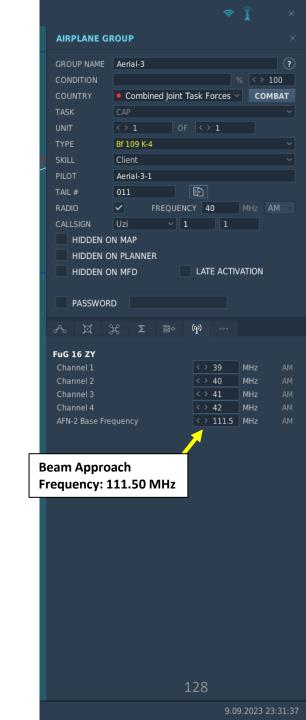
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In the aircraft, there is no way to manually tune the frequency use for the Beam Approach system. The frequency is preset via the Mission Editor for the airfield you plan to return to. Since each frequency is different from airfield to airfield, you can only use the beam approach for one single runway.

DCS currently simulates the Beam Approach frequency by using the ILS (Instrument Landing System) frequency of airfields equipped with ILS equipment. The frequencies are not compatible with the frequency range of the FuG 16 radio, but this example is just for illustrative purposes.

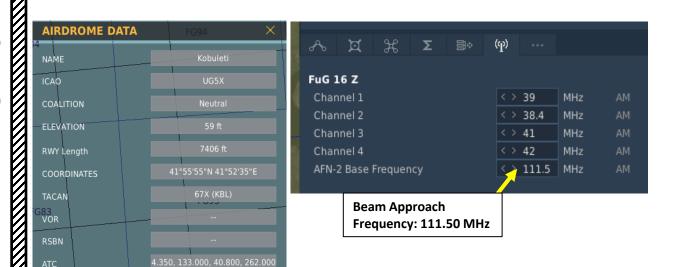
Take note that the Normandy and Channel maps do not have the Beam Approach beacons yet.



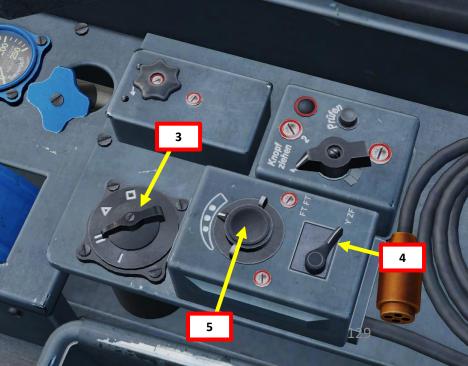


In this tutorial, we will use the Beam Approach system for Kobuleti's runway (frequency 111.50 MHz).

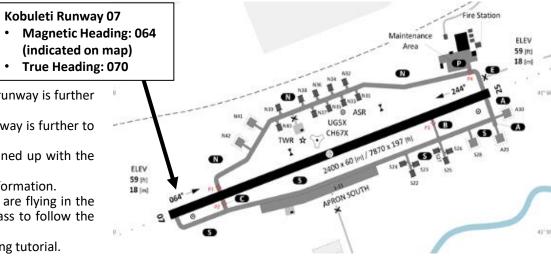
- 1. Make sure the AFN-2 Base Frequency for the Beam Approach system is set up correctly via the Mission Editor. The AFN-2 Base Frequency should match the Kobuleti ILS frequency, which is 111.50 MHz.
- 2. Set FUG 16ZY Power Switch (F135) ON.
- 3. Set radio channel selector to II.
- 4. Set radio mode to "Y-ZF" (Zwischenfrequenz: Homing Frequency)
- 5. Adjust radio volume to hear the morse signals from the runway.

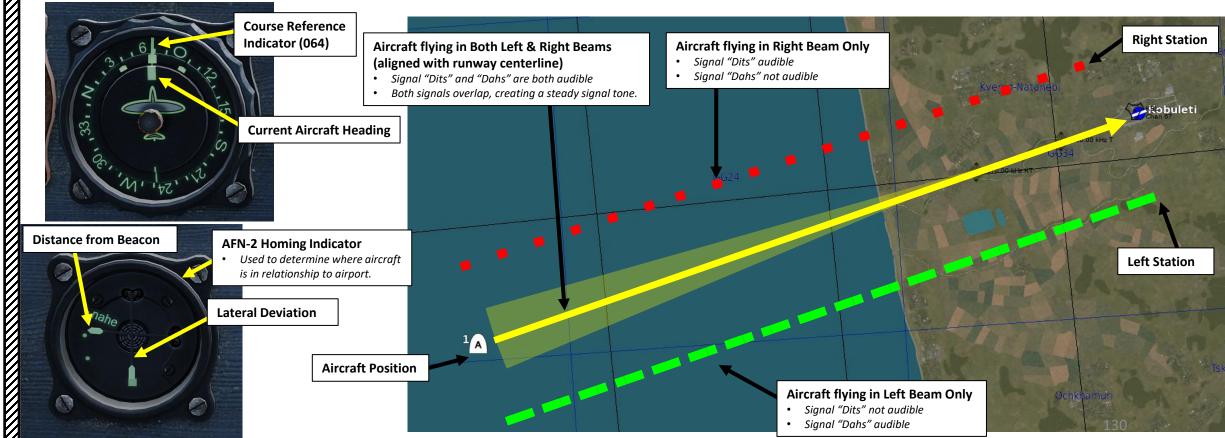




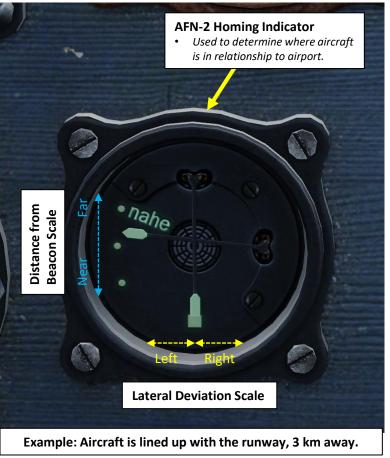


- 6. Determine your current position based on what kind of audio signal you hear:
  - A series of short "dits" (Morse code for "E") is for the station right of the runway. This means the runway is further to your right.
  - A series of long "dahs" (Morse code for "T") for the station left of the runway. This means the runway is further to your left.
  - A steady tone means both the left and right station signals overlap, which means that you are lined up with the runway.
- 7. The AFN-2 Homing Indicator will also provide you guidance towards the runway. See next page for more information.
- 8. The Beam Approach gives you your position relative to the runway, but it does not indicate whether you are flying in the correct direction or not. To ensure the aircraft heading is correct, make sure to use the Repeater Compass to follow the Magnetic Heading of Kobuleti's runway (064).
- 9. Fly the aircraft while the tone is steady and perform the landing approach as per the procedure in the landing tutorial.

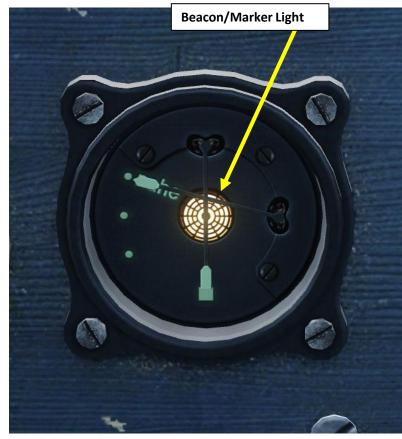




- 10. In addition to the audio signal cues, you can use the AFN-2 Homing Indicator to help you navigate towards the airport. The AFN-2 provides both direction and range information.
  - The device has two moving bars that indicate homing beacon information. Each is similar to modern-day equipment, the VHF omnidirectional range VOR (vertical bar) and the distance measuring equipment DME (horizontal bar).
  - The vertical bar indicates the general direction of the homing beacon in relation to the aircraft's nose.
  - The horizontal bar indicates the distance from the beacon. (current axis is incorrectly reversed as of 2023/09/09)
- 11. When you are flying over a beacon, the Beacon/Marker Light should illuminate.









### **MAGNETIC VARIATION**

The direction in which a compass needle points is known as magnetic north. In general, this is not exactly the direction of the North Magnetic Pole (or of any other consistent location). Instead, the compass aligns itself to the local geomagnetic field, which varies in a complex manner over the Earth's surface, as well as over time. The local angular difference between magnetic north and true north is called the magnetic variation. Most **map coordinate** systems are based on **true north**, and magnetic variation is often shown on map legends so that the direction of true north can be determined from north as indicated by a compass. This is the reason why in DCS the course to a runway needs to be "adjusted" to take into account this magnetic variation of the magnetic North pole (actually modelled in the sim, which is pretty neat).

#### True Heading = Magnetic Heading + Magnetic Variation

As an example, if the runway heading that you read on the F10 map in Azeville is 071 (True Heading), then the direction you should take with your magnetic compass course should be 071 subtracted with the Magnetic Variation (-11 degrees), or 082. In other words, you would need to use a course of 082 (M) with your compass.

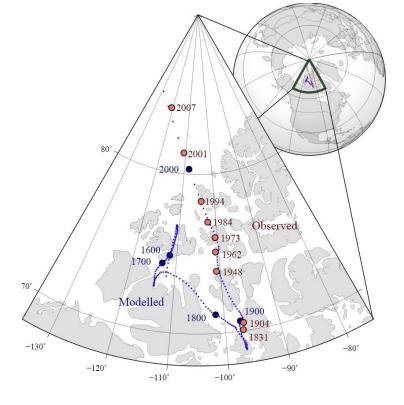
Magnetic variation varies from place to place, but it also changes with time. This means this value will be highly

dependent on the mission time and map.

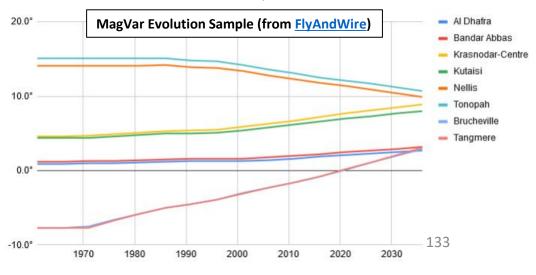
#### **Magnetic Variation:**

- -11 deg for Normandy in 1944
- -11 deg for the English Channel in 1944

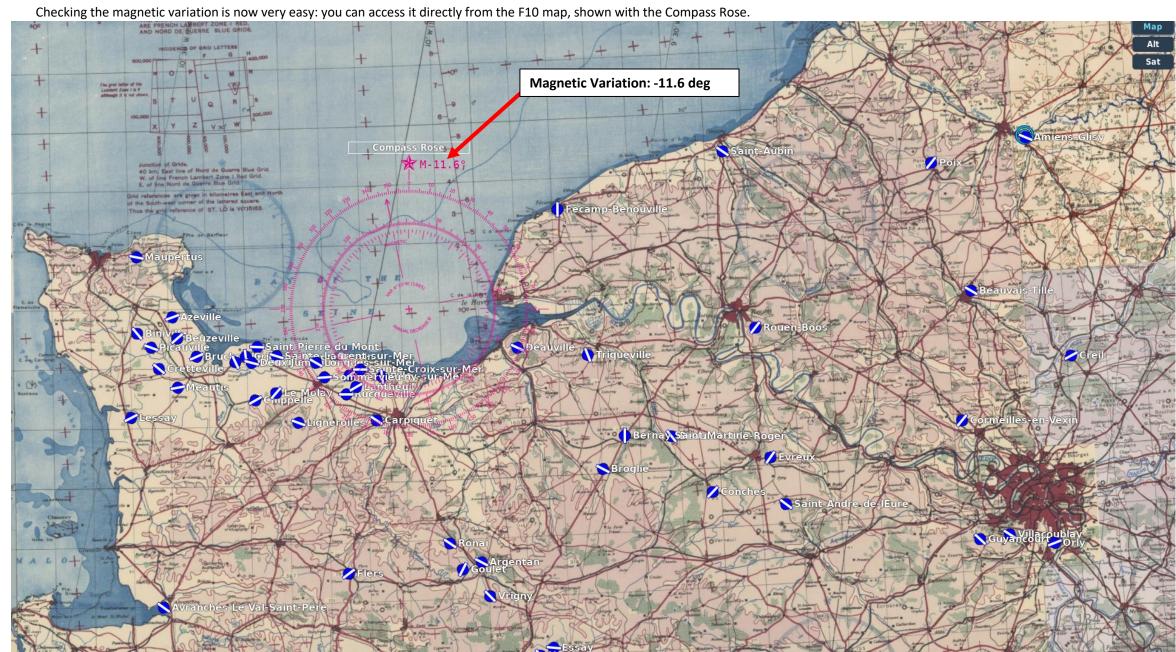




The movement of Earth's north magnetic pole across the Canadian arctic, 1831–2007.



# **MAGNETIC VARIATION**



# **AIRPORT DATA NORMANDY** <u>1944</u>

#### By Minsky

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AD Normandy 2.0, Part 1	Average magvar: -9° (1944) / +1° (2023)  The magnetic headings below are valid from 1942 to 1950  DimOn		1	Normandy 2.0, Part 2	Average magvar: $-9^{\circ}$ (1944) / +1 $^{\circ}$ (2023) The magnetic headings below are valid from 1942 to 1950		<b>Dim</b> On			
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# **AIRPORT DATA NORMANDY** 1944

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12	Deux Jumeaux A-4 N49°20'50/.838 W00°58'50/.849	<b>124</b> 38	118.30 3.875 250.25 38.70		115° <b>10</b> 4800 <b>28</b> 295	5° –
49	Dinan-Trelivan N48°26'36/.602 W02°06'11/.187	<b>377</b> 115	120.35 4.875 252.25 40.70		081° <mark>07</mark> 2800 <mark>25</mark> 261	•
35	Essay N48°31'14/.235 E00°15'27/.461	<b>507</b> 155	119.60 4.500 251.50 39.95		104° <mark>09</mark> 3500 <b>27</b> 284	t° (
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51	Fecamp-Benouville N49°44'46/.776 E00°21'21/.365	295 90	120.45 4.925 252.35 40.80		189° <b>18</b> 3600 <b>36</b> 009	)° ]
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33	Goulet N48°44'58/.979 W00°06'41/.688	617 188	119.50 4.450 251.40 39.85		036° <del>21</del> 3700 <b>35</b> 216	5° / 2
47	Guyancourt N48°45'31/.523 E02°04'47/.794	525 160	120.25 4.825 252.15 40.60		051° <b>04</b> 2900 <b>22</b> 231 082° <b>07</b> 2400 <b>25</b> 262	
36	Hauterive	476	119.65 4.525		142° • 13 2600 31 • 322 151° 15 3700 32 331	
25	N48°29'59/.995 E00°12'00/.004 Lantheuil B-9	145 175	251.55 40.00 119.05 4.225		070° <b>06</b> 3800 <b>24</b> 250	3
23	N49°16'17/.286 W00°32'18/.304		250.95 39.40		070 <b>00</b> 3800 <b>24</b> 230	
17	Le Molay A-9 N49°15'41/.691 W00°52'54/.900	1 <b>05</b> 32	118.60 4.000 250.50 38.95		051° <b>04</b> 4400 <b>22</b> 231	°/
8	<b>Lessay</b> A-20 N49°12'05/.096 W01°30'07/.133	<b>66</b> 20	121.75 5.650 253.80 42.20		073°•06 4800 <b>24•</b> 253 134° <b>12</b> 5800 <b>30</b> 314	
2	Lignerolles A-12 N49°10'30/.513 W00°47'21/.361	<b>405</b> 123	119.30 4.350 251.20 39.65		120° <b>11</b> 4800 <b>29</b> 300	)° _
18	Longues-sur-Mer B-11 N49°20'34/.573 W00°42'21/.357	225 69	118.65 4.025 250.55 39.00		130° <b>12</b> 4300 <b>30</b> 310	)°
48	Lonrai N48°28'03/.060 E00°02'14/.242	<b>515</b> 157	120.30 4.850 252.20 40.65		069° <b>06</b> 4700 <b>24</b> 249	)° /
4	Maupertus A-15 N49°38'59/.987 W01°28'01/.017	<b>441</b> 134	120.40 4.900 252.30 40.75		111° <b>10</b> 4800 <b>28</b> 291	•
6	Meautis A-17 N49°16'59/.990 W01°18'00/.014	<b>83</b> 25	121.45 5.425 253.35 41.75		090° <b>08</b> 4400 <b>26</b> 270	)° —
77	Merville Calonne N50°37'13/.233 E02°39'12/.205	131 40	121.65 5.600 253.70 42.10		042° 03 4900 21 222 082° • XX 4900 XX• 262	
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	N48°44'06/.108 E02°23'30/.508	83	252.65 41.10		076°• <b>07</b> 3600 <b>25</b> •256	° /
16	Picauville A-8 N49°23'46/.782 W01°24'40/.669	<b>73</b> 22	118.55 3.975 250.45 38.90		120° <b>11</b> 4400 <b>29</b> 300	)° _
56	Poix N49°49'07/.130 E01°58'38/.636	<b>547</b> 167	120.70 5.050 252.60 41.05		047°•04 5100 22•227 098° 09 5100 27 278	
60	Ronai N48°49'24/.403 W00°09'40/.673	<b>860</b> 262	120.95 5.175 252.85 41.25		083° 07 4100 25 263 134°•12 4500 30•314	
61	Rouen-Boos N49°23'13/.232 E01°10'44/.737	<b>493</b> 150	121.00 5.200 252.90 41.30		047° <mark>04</mark> 3500 <b>22</b> 227	0
23	Rucqueville B-7 N49°15'05/.085 W00°34'49/.819	<b>193</b> 59	118.95 4.175 250.85 39.30		100° <b>09</b> 4700 <b>27</b> 280	)° —
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N48°40'20/.336 W00°00'07/.129

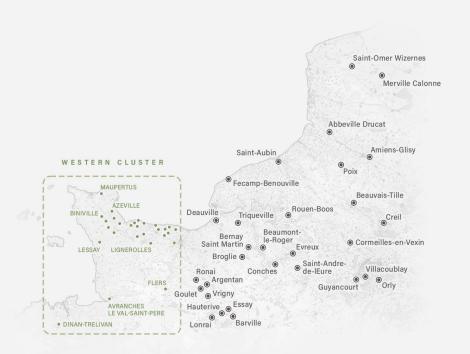
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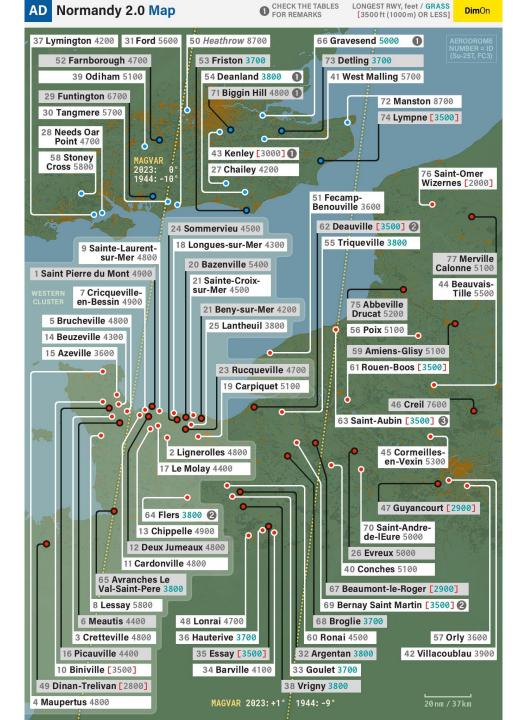


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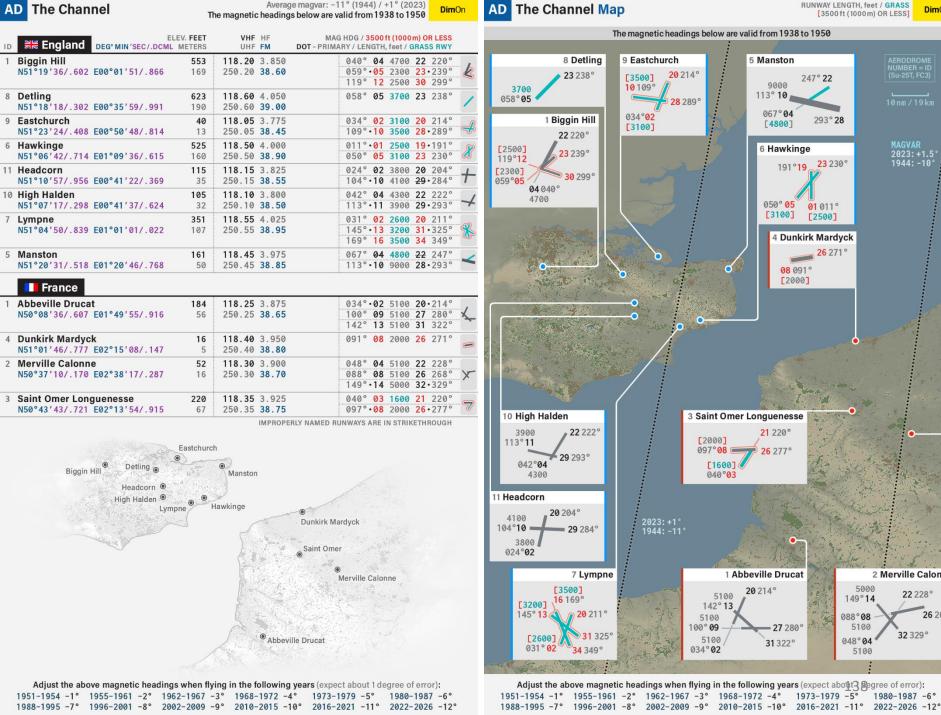
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The magnetic headings below are valid from 1938 to 1950 5 Manston 8 Detling 9 Eastchurch 20 214° 23 238° [3500] 247° 22 10 109° 113° 10 058°05 10 nm / 19 km 28 289° 034°02 1 Biggin Hill 293°28 [4800] [3100] 22 220° 6 Hawkinge [2500] 23 239° 119°12 191°19 23 230° [2300] 30 299 059°05 04 040° 4700 050° 05 01 011° [3100] [2500] 4 Dunkirk Mardyck 08 091° [2000] 10 High Halden 3 Saint Omer Longuenesse 22 222° 21 220 13°11 [2000] 097°08 = 26 277° 29 293° 042°04 [1600] 4300 040°03 Headcorn 20 204° 4100 104°10 = = 29 284° 3800 024°02 7 Lympne 1 Abbeville Drucat 2 Merville Calonne [3500] 22 228° 5100 149°14 16 169° [3200] 142°13 26 268° 145° 13 20 211° 5100 088°08 100°09 - 27 280° 5100 32 329° 31 325° [2600] 5100 048°04 31322° 031°02 34 349° 034°02 5100 Adjust the above magnetic headings when flying in the following years (expect about 2 Regree of error): 1951-1954 -1° 1955-1961 -2° 1962-1967 -3° 1968-1972 -4° 1973-1979 -5° 1980-1987 -6°

RUNWAY LENGTH, feet / GRASS

[3500 ft (1000 m) OR LESS]

#### **AIR COMBAT TIPS**

The Bf.109K-4 variant modelled in DCS is one of the deadliest WWII fighters when flown properly.

The way to fly a Bf.109 is pretty much the same in every simulator: keep your energy state high (meaning that you must keep your airspeed and your altitude up) at all times and avoid turning with an enemy fighter that turns hard to try to make you bleed your energy. In most situations, a Bf.109 will easily outclimb a P-51 Mustang or a Spitfire. Use this to your advantage.

The 109 is first and foremost an energy fighter. In combat, a pilot is faced with a variety of limiting factors. Some limitations are constant such as gravity, drag, and thrust-to-weight-ratio. Other limitations vary with speed and altitude, such as turn radius, turn rate, and the specific energy of the aircraft. The fighter pilot uses BFM (Basic Flight Manoeuvers) to turn these limitations into tactical advantages. A faster, heavier aircraft may not be able to evade a more maneuverable aircraft in a turning battle (like the Spitfire), but can often choose to break off the fight and escape by diving or using its thrust to provide a speed advantage. A lighter, more maneuverable aircraft can not usually choose to escape, but must use its smaller turning radius at higher speeds to evade the attacker's guns, and to try to circle around behind the attacker. This is the principle behind "energy fighting": use boom and zoom tactics instead of trying to turn with an enemy aircraft that has a smaller turn radius.

The 109 is blessed with a very high power-to-weight ratio, meaning that it has a great acceleration. It is equally quite manoeuverable and can reach higher airspeeds than the Mustang at altitudes under 20,000 ft (6 km). I would recommend avoiding dogfights above these altitudes since this is where the Mustang has the advantage.



#### ADVICE ON HOW TO FLY TAILDRAGGER AIRCRAFT

Taming taildraggers is much more difficult than meets the eye, especially during the takeoff and landing phase. Here is a useful and insightful essay on the art of flying taildraggers wonderfully written by *Chief Instructor*. I highly recommend you give it a read.

Link: https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B-uSpZROuEd3V3Jkd2pfa0xRRW8

# TAMING TAILDRAGGERS

Essay by Chief Instructor (CFI)

# PART 1

# Why taildraggers are tricky and how to overcome it

What do I know about it? Well, I have spent a significant proportion of my professional flying career teaching both experienced and novice pilots how to fly and handle tail-dragging aircraft. This amounts to several thousand hours of tailwheel training alone, though who's counting! These aircraft include among them modern high performance aerobatic aircraft and a variety of more vintage types from DH Tiger Moths, to Harvards. I can't recall off the top of my head exactly how many students I've worked with over the years, but it's well over 200! Best of all, they have all gone on to fly extensive tailwheel ops in a variety of types and to the best of my knowledge, only 2 of them have crashed anything since!

As a significant number of pilots here are expressing difficulties with tailwheel handling,



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