

**AMPS Atlanta 2010 Club Project
Dragon Jagdpanther Early G1**

Schedule

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References:

Panzertracts Book No.9-3 Jagdpanther

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Step 13 This step gives you the option of placing a rear stowage box on the rear left of the superstructure (Part # M15 or M17). Part M15 is larger than Part M17. In the Panzertracts book on page 9-3-43 there is a picture of tank 112 of Pz.Jg.Abt. 559 that use the larger stowage bin part M15. Remember these stowage bins were added to the tank after issue to the troops.

- **Part M3** is the rear antennae mount, place exactly where the directions show you.
- **Part M7** is a cover probably for the spare hole in case the vehicle becomes a Command Tank. This is where the 2nd antennae mount is located.
- **Part M5, M10 & M4** make up the rear spent shell ejector port. You can leave this open or closed; I chose to leave mine open.
- **Crew Hatch** assembly: Assemble just like the directions show. I'm not so sure about the difference between part M21 & H16 except for the fact that one part is narrower.



• **Step 14** assembly of the superstructure roof and crew hatches. There doesn't seem to be any challenges when finishing these steps. To help aid in the assembly I will identify each part for you.

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- **Armored Vent Fan:** This section involves the assembly of the armored guard for the crew compartment ventilation fan. Part N13 is the armored cover for the vent fan. This is an optional part and can be left off if you choose. Most likely it was taken off and left off when delivered to front line units or in combat. The armored vent fan also added in releasing the fumes created after firing the main gun.
- **Cast armored guard:** This is Part N17. There was a ventilation hole in the superstructure roof. Again for venting the main crew compartment. Just place this part as the directions suggest.
- **Close Combat defense weapon:** Parts TG3 and TG1 or TG2. Otherwise called the Nahverteidigungswaffe. This feature was present on vehicles made on or around July 44.
- **Mounts for the German 0.9 mR Rangefinder:** You will notice 3 little mounts on the superstructure roof in front of the rear compartment hatch. These were not present on most vehicles pre July 1944 production. If your vehicle is before July 1944 you will need to take these off.
- **Part N21:** This is the periscope for the scissors scope. This is a swiveling periscope. Just follow the directions and decide if you want to leave the scissors scope exposed or not. Right next to this periscope is a bracket for a cover for the coaxial machine gun. You can see this on pictures of vehicles in the field, but I would imagine they fell off quite easily. So your vehicle is accurate with or without this part.
- **Crew Compartment Hatches:** Follow these just like the directions and decide if you want to leave them open or closed. I choose to leave mine open because I will be adding figures.



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Step 15 This step covers the main gun and mantlet, the addition of the roof and hatches as well as the placing the main superstructure to the bottom hull. There really are no complicated steps involved. Just follow the directions. I choose to add a metal gun barrel from Aber. I added small strip of styrene to the the barrel ends to make it fit a lot snugger.



Painting

I have chosen to do a command vehicle from the s.Pz.Jg.Abt.559. The vehicle number is 01. I will have to add second antennae on the rear left superstructure. This vehicle looks like it has a dark yellow base color with some light green or red brown patches. You can see a picture of the vehicle on page 9-3-45 of your panzer tracts book.