

Swiss

The following is a comprehensive list of all Swiss Bf 109D-1s and E-3s, based on the exhaustive service history listing of every Swiss Messerschmitt originally compiled by Georg Hoch.

Model	WNR	Code	Rec'd	SOC	Pilot	Unit	Cause	Location
Bf 109D-1	2297	J-301	19.1.39	28.12.49			Disposed	
Bf 109D-1	2299	J-302	19.1.39	28.12.49			Disposed	
Bf 109D-1	2295	J-303	17.12.38	9.2.48	Bachofner, H.	Kdt.Rgt.4	Crash landing, destroyed	Meringen
Bf 109D-1	2298	J-304	10.1.39	28.12.49			Disposed	
Bf 109D-1	2300	J-305	5.1.39	28.12.49			Disposed	
Bf 109D-1	2301	J-306	10.1.39	28.12.49			Disposed (received new fuselage in 8/42)	
Bf 109D-1	2302	J-307	7.1.39	28.12.49			Disposed	
Bf 109D-1	2303	J-308	10.1.39	2.9.47			Disposed	
Bf 109D-1	2304	J-309	19.1.39	28.12.49			Disposed	
Bf 109D-1	2305	J-310	5.1.39	4.6.40	Lt. Rickenbacher, Rudolf	Fl.Kp. 15	Shot down by Bf 110 of ZG 1	Boécourt
Bf 109E-3	2159	J-311	5.7.39	28.12.49			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2160	J-312	20.6.39	3.3.40	Streiff, V.	Fl.Kp. 21	Destroyed in crash	Ottikon
Bf 109E-3	2161	J-313	20.6.39	3.3.40			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2162	J-314	7.5.39	7.6.39	Suter, G	KTA	Destroyed in crash. Pilot KIFA.	Altenrhein
Bf 109E-3	2163	J-315	20.6.39	20.11.46			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2164	J-316	20.6.39	26.6.42	Nipkow, G	Fl.Kp. 9	Destroyed in crash. Pilot KIFA.	Schallenberg
Bf 109E-3	2165	J-317	23.6.39	28.12.49			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2166	J-318	28.6.39	14.8.48			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2167	J-319	23.6.39	14.8.48			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2168	J-320	24.6.39	9.5.47	Aschwanden, E	Fl.Kp. 9	Destroyed in crash; oxygen system failure. Pilot KIFA.	Anenfirn VS
Bf 109E-3	2169	J-321	28.6.39	28.12.49			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2170	J-322	24.6.39	24.4.40	Wannenmacher, E	Fl.Kp. 21	Destroyed in crash; engine failure. Pilot WIFA.	Mollis
Bf 109E-3	2171	J-323	27.6.39	14.8.48			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2172	J-324	27.6.39	28.12.49			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2173	J-325	28.6.39	28.12.49			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2174	J-326	27.6.39	28.12.49			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2175	J-327	27.6.39	14.8.48			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2176	J-328	27.6.39	14.8.48			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2177	J-329	28.6.39	14.8.48			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2178	J-330	29.6.39	14.8.48			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2189	J-331	29.6.39	14.8.46			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2190	J-332	29.6.39	23.12.46			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2191	J-333	29.6.39	14.8.48			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2192	J-334	29.6.39	7.7.44	Brenzikofer, F	Fl.Kp. 9	Destroyed in crash; wing failure in flight. Pilot KIFA.	Kägiswil
Bf 109E-3	2193	J-335	30.6.39	14.8.48			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2194	J-336	30.6.39	14.8.48			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2195	J-337	30.6.39	20.11.46			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2196	J-338	30.6.39	14.8.48			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2197	J-339	30.6.39	2.10.46	Klichenmann, P	Fl.Kp. 9	Destroyed in crash; collision with J-344, pilot KIFA.	Raron
Bf 109E-3	2198	J-340	30.6.39	28.12.49			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2362	J-341	10.10.39	14.8.48			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2363	J-342	8.10.39	14.8.48			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2364	J-343	8.1.39	14.8.48			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2385	J-344	10.10.39	2.10.46	Vivian, E	Fl.Kp. 9	Destroyed in crash; collision with J-339, pilot KIFA.	Raron
Bf 109E-3	2386	J-345	10.10.39	7.7.47	de Pourtales, L		Written off in emergency landing after engine failure	Fribourg
Bf 109E-3	2403	J-346	8.10.39	14.8.48			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2404	J-347	10.10.39	23.12.46			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2405	J-348	12.10.39	23.12.46			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2406	J-349	26.10.39	8.2.45	Ernst, F.	Fl.Kp. 15	Written off in crash due to bad weather; pilot FSA, OK	Erwil
Bf 109E-3	2407	J-350	26.10.39	1.10.46			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2408	J-351	26.10.39	14.8.48			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2409	J-352	7.11.39	14.8.48			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2420	J-353	26.10.39	27.6.46	Arn, F.	Fl.Kp. 15	Written off in forced landing after prop pitch failure. Pilot WIFA.	Yverdon
Bf 109E-3	2421	J-354	7.11.39	12.10.43	Fleury, M.	Fl.Kp. 6	Destroyed in crash after running out of fuel. Pilot FSA, OK	Isenfluh BE
Bf 109E-3	2422	J-355	7.11.39	28.12.49			Now on display at Dübendorf	
Bf 109E-3	2423	J-356	16.12.39	14.8.48			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2438	J-357	16.4.40	14.8.48			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2425	J-358	15.12.39	14.8.48			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2426	J-359	6.4.40	14.8.48			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2427	J-360	20.12.39	28.12.49			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2428	J-361	9.4.40	28.12.49			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2429	J-362	20.12.39	14.8.48			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2430	J-363	18.12.39	14.8.48			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2431	J-364	14.4.40	29.3.45			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2432	J-365	5.4.40	10.8.42	Rosenmund, P	Fl.Kp. 6	Destroyed in crash; collision with J-366, pilot FSA, OK	Gerzensee
Bf 109E-3	2439	J-366	20.12.39	10.8.42	Brocard, A.	Fl.Kp. 6	Destroyed in crash; collision with J-365, pilot FSA, OK	Gerzensee
Bf 109E-3	2440	J-367	15.12.39	14.8.48			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2441	J-368	16.12.39	24.6.42	Wild, J	Fl.Abt.5	CFIT, hit mountain. Pilot KIFA.	Pilatus
Bf 109E-3	2442	J-369	25.4.40	14.8.42			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2351	J-370	16.12.39	14.8.48			Disposed	

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Bf 109E-3	2352	J-371	20.4.40	20.11.46			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2353	J-372	10.4.40	20.11.46			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2354	J-373	15.4.40	14.8.48			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2355	J-374	23.4.40	28.12.49			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2356	J-375	2.12.39	14.8.48			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2357	J-376	9.4.40	14.8.48			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2358	J-377	27.4.40	28.12.49			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2359	J-378	20.4.40	5.9.44	Treu, P.	Fl.Kp. 7	Shot down by P-51, USAAC; pilot KIA	Neaufoltern
Bf 109E-3	2360	J-379	12.4.40	14.8.48			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2361	J-380	26.4.40	27.6.46			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2373	J-381	25.4.40	26.4.48			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2374	J-382	27.4.40	28.12.49			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2375	J-383	20.4.40	28.12.49			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2376	J-384	16.4.40	14.8.48			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2377	J-385	16.4.40	14.8.48			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2378	J-386	15.4.40	28.12.49			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2379	J-387	5.4.40	28.12.49			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2380	J-388	6.4.40	28.12.49			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2381	J-389	12.4.40	14.8.48			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2392	J-390	20.4.40	28.12.49			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	2301 (mostly)	J-391	28.4.44	28.3.47			Aircraft built by Buochs from fuselage of Bf 109D J-306 and spares	
Bf 109E-3	spares	J-392	18.7.45	28.12.49			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	spares	J-393	10.9.45	28.12.49			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	spares	J-394	7.12.45	22.5.47	Bueche, JP	Fl.Kp. 8	Crashed due to bad visibility; pilot KIFA	Montfaucon
Bf 109E-3	spares	J-395	7.12.45	28.12.49			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	spares	J-396	7.12.45	28.12.49			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	spares	J-397	21.12.45	28.12.49			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	spares	J-398	10.1.46	28.12.49			Disposed	
Bf 109E-3	spares	J-399	19.3.46	28.12.49			Disposed	

Oblt. Paul Treu in J-378 was killed in the crash of his Messerschmitt, while *Oblt.* Heiniger belly-landed his heavily damaged J-324 and survived the encounter.

After the war, the Swiss constructed a further six Bf 109Es from spares, all of which were fitted with the locally developed Escher-Weiss propeller. Some of these propellers were fitted to German-built aircraft as well, but they did not perform as well as the VDM units. Eventually, all but one of the surviving early Messerschmitts in Swiss service were struck off charge between 1946 and 1949.

Spain

Officially, Franco remained neutral during the Second World War, but he only declared his neutral status after diplomatic pressure from the US in 1944. Earlier, however, there were a number of Spanish volunteer units which fought alongside the *Wehrmacht*. One of the more celebrated formations was the *Patrulla Azul*, or 'Blue Squadron' - so named for the blue uniforms worn by the Falangists. Established in Spain in July 1941 under the command of Angel Salas Larrazabal, a well-known Nationalist ace with 17 aerial victories in the Spanish Civil War, the unit trained at JFS 1 in Werneuchen, and received 12 Bf 109E-4s and E-7s in September 1941. They arrived at Moschna airfield in late September and were incorporated into JG 27 as 15.(*Span.*)/JG 27. The 17 Spanish pilots acquitted themselves well in the four months they spent in Russia, scoring 10 victories against the loss of two pilots killed. The



A Bf 109E-7 of 15.(Span)/JG 27 is seen at Moschna airfield in late 1941

unit was ordered to return to Spain and disestablished in Madrid in January, 1942. In June, another formation of Spanish pilots was established in Bordeaux with a mix of Bf 109Es and Fs, and was sent to Orel as 15.(*Span.*)/JG 51. The unit remained in the Orel area until November, when they returned to Bordeaux and completely converted onto the Bf 109F.

Yugoslavia

After protracted negotiations, 100 Bf 109E-3s and 25 extra DB 601s, with associated spares, were to be delivered from April 1939. In the event, only 73 Emils had entered Yugoslav service before the German invasion of April 1941. The Yugoslav pilots found it was difficult to transition from their old Hawker Fury biplanes onto the touchy Messerschmitt; eventually, the conversion course included about ten hours of time on Hawker Hurricanes before moving up to the 109. The 6th Fighter Regiment was the sole operator of the type in JKRv service, and they suffered heavily at the hands of the far more experienced German pilots of JG 27, JG 77, and LG 2 in the April invasion.

The Yugoslav air force experienced significant trouble transitioning from their obsolescent biplanes to the much more powerful Bf 109E-3. When the country was invaded in April 1941, their inexperience was to lead to heavy losses

