

BRAG Build: The KV Tank

Introduction

The BRAG members were recently polled about conducting a group build, where we focused on one subject/kit over the course of several months, and we choose the Russian KV tank as our subject, as it offers a number of variants, a number of kits and accessible references.

Subject

The Trumpeter kit was chosen because:

- Nicely-engineered kit
- Straightforward build
- Common kit with a range of type/options (11 with a 12th announced)
- Wide variety of after-market (if you want)
- Readily available (from the usual mail-order suspects)
- Reasonably-priced

Other options (different manufacturers, different scales) do exist, especially if you are feeling masochistic (Eastern Express?).

Purpose

- To improve our modeling skills
- To share modeling techniques
- To provide maximum flexibility in the build, from out-of-the box to a complete AMS “fix”
- To finish a model (what’s that?)
- To have fun

Schedule

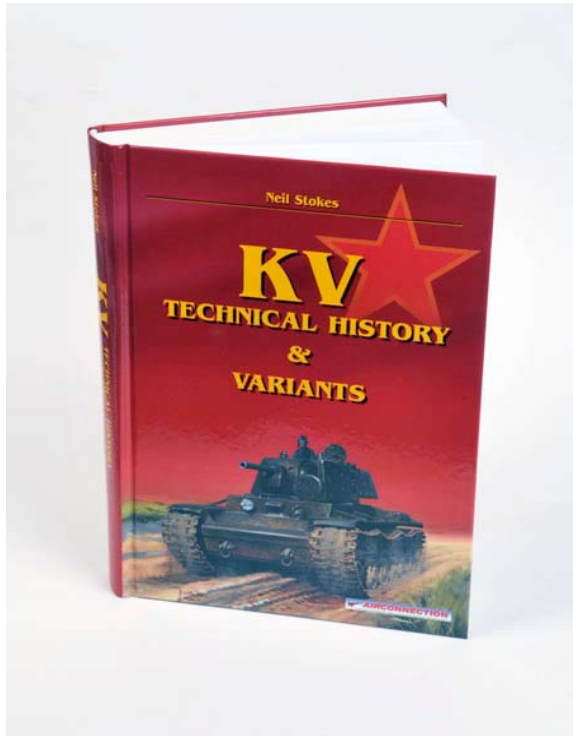
- October 3: Introduction, Schedule, Subject, After-Market Stuff and References
- November 7: Steps 1 - 5; lower hull and suspension
- January 9: Steps 6 - 10: road wheels and tracks
- February 6: Steps 11 - 16: Fenders, upper hull and turret
- March 5: Finish and markings
- April 2: Weathering and wrap-up

Resources

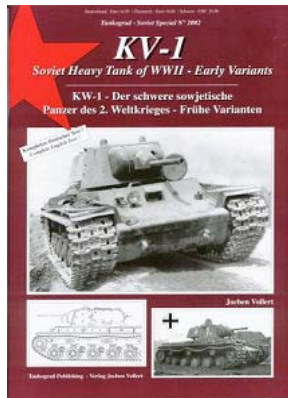
Well, I could list a lot, but you really only need one: Neil Stokes’ website, www.4B0green.com. Neil provides a great “one stop shop” for reference, and includes

reviews of all the kits and what he calls “recipies” for various types of KV models using the various Trumpeter kits as a base.

His recent book “KV: Technical History and Variants” is an excellent resource and well worth the investment. (available from *AirConnection* (\$129.99) – www.Airconnection.com)



A less pricey reference are Jochen Vollerts' three volumes on the KV published by Tankograd (usually available from Squadron).



Terry Ashley's Perth Military Modelling website has a nice series of reviews of KV stuff here: <http://www.perthmilitarymodelling.com/reviews/subject/kv.htm>

The Kits

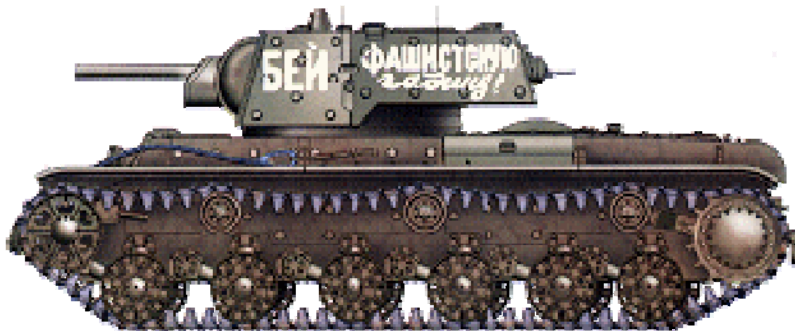
Trumpeter 00311 "Big Turret" KV Model 1940



Trumpeter 00312 "Small Turret" KV-1 Model 1940



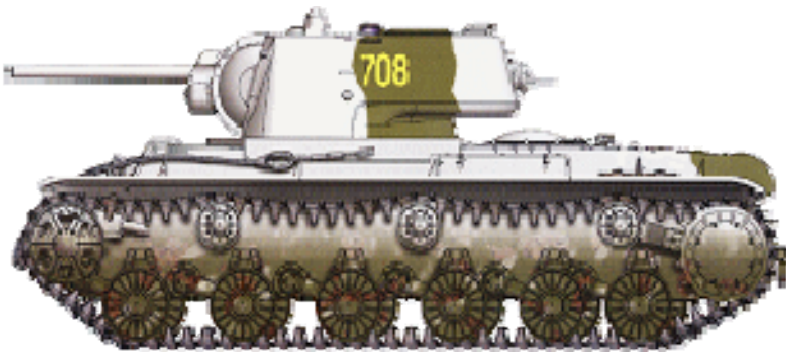
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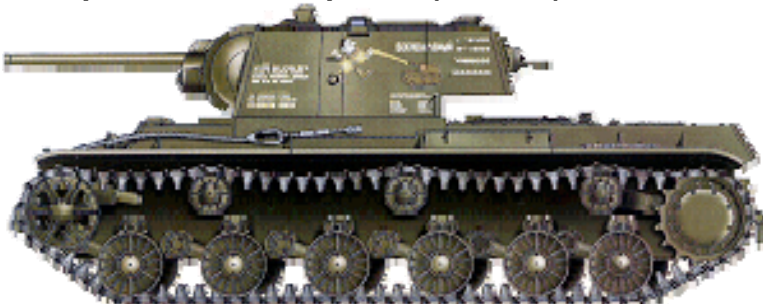
Trumpeter 00312 KV-2



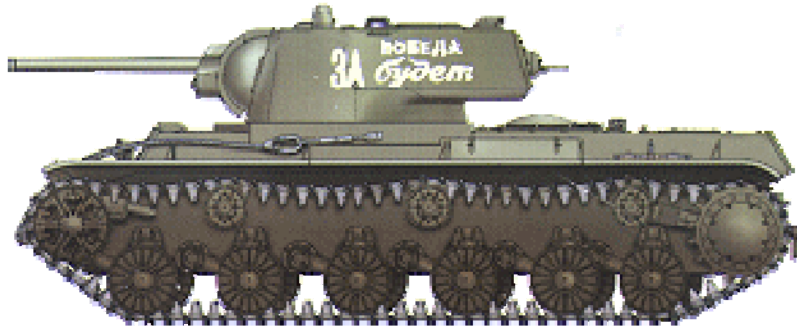
Trumpeter 00359 Heavy Cast Turret KV-1 Model 1941/2



Trumpeter 00358 Simplified (Welded) Turret KV-1 Model 1942



Trumpeter 00360 "Lightweight" Cast Turret KV-1 Model 1942



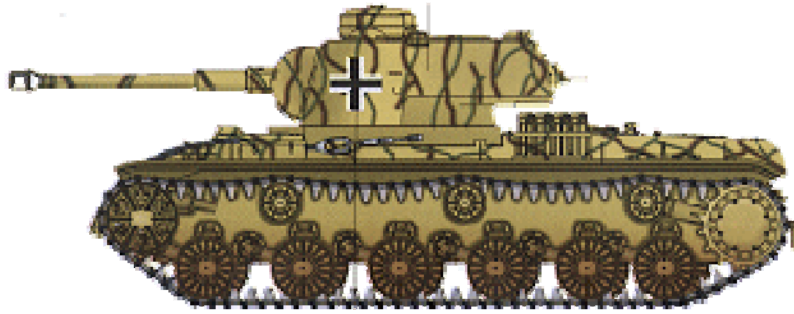
Trumpeter 1561 "Malenkiy Bashniy" KV-1 Model 1939



Trumpeter 1565 KV-8 (Flame) - Announced/Pre-Order



Trumpeter 00366 PzKpfm KV-1 756 (r)



Trumpeter 00367 PzKpfm KV-2 756 (r)

