

Macchi MC.202 Folgore (Orange Series)

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Przemysław Skulski : Macchi MC.202 Folgore (Orange Series) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Macchi MC.202 Folgore (Orange Series):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The Macchi C.202 book gets an upgrade By Jim Davis This is the 14th book (No. 8114) in MMP's Orange Series. Unlike all other books in the Orange series hitherto, this book is European A4 size (8-1/4" x 11-3/4"). Previous books were the smaller B5 size. It is a square bound card cover with 104 pages and an unbound insert. There is much color throughout the book. I have mixed feelings about the larger size. It is certainly more appropriate for aircraft monographs such as these; on the other hand I can't shelve it with the other Orange series books. The book is essentially a reprint of the earlier Orange series book (No. 8102) of the same title. The text is identical. There is an introduction, a development history, a look at surviving examples, a service history that includes not only Italian service but service with other air arms, a one page technical description, and a 40 page section of color photos of the aircraft details supported by technical manual drawings. Differences from the previous edition include more color photographs, especially from the service years, the addition of 1/48th scale drawings, and some additional color profiles. The color profiles are reproduced at a larger size than previously. Interestingly, the smaller, 1/72nd scale drawings are on the unbound insert. If buying secondhand make sure the insert is included if this is important to you. Although this cannot be considered the definitive C.202 book by any stretch it offers good value for the money and can be highly recommended for those not having the previous edition. If you do have the previous edition, you'll have to decide whether the larger size and/or the additional material make it worth your while. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A needed book By J. C. O'Neil This is a step forward, with

lots of detail on an often overlooked aircraft that was important in the WW2 Med; some of the information is only of passing interest, but a good deal more provides modellers and aircraft buffs with hard to find facts. I had to order it from GB, as couldn't seem to acquire it here in the US. I would have really appreciated more technical information on Aircraft Evaluations by the Soviets, British and US technical intelligence agencies. Hard data on roll rates seems elusive and comparisons with Allied and other Axis aircraft are just opinions of pilots. The reality is that this seems to have been an important and capable fighter that held it's own under difficult conditions. It seems to have been able to hold it's own against mid-war Spitfires, P-40s, P-38s and even P-51s. It's weak armament handicapped it and Italian Air Force Tactics appear to have not helped it a lot. There was no enemy aircraft that could dismiss it lightly without endangering itself, and that makes it a darn good fighter. The book helps in seeing this aircraft in that perspective. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good overall book By kyofuA very nice one-volume history of the beautiful Macchi fighter. The written historical background is particularly well-researched, and covers significant material not seen in other English-language references. There is also a really excellent selection of photographs and wartime manual detail drawings, quite a few not familiar to me at least. The increased format size compared to Mushroom's first book on the 202 is appreciated. The color profiles are nicely done, but not as well-printed as some competing books, and the lack of technical description of the colors will disappoint modelers. The worst feature is perhaps the scale general arrangement drawings, which have some obvious errors in wing geometry and canopy details.

second edition, revised and extended. The development of the most famous Italian WWII fighter is described and illustrated. Combining the agility and excellent flying characteristics of the earlier MC.200 with a powerful German aero-engine, the Folgore was the best Italian fighter in large-scale service. It served with the Regia Aeronautica and other forces, including the Croatian air arm. This book describes the design, development and operations of this elegant and effective fighter. This expanded 2nd edition contains: scale plans, photos and drawings from Technical Manuals, superb color illustrations of camouflage and markings, and rare b/w archive photographs. Color photos of the preserved aircraft illustrate all aspects of the airframe. Essential reading for aviation enthusiasts scale aeromodelers.

To me this aircraft is often overlooked and dismissed but with this publication it does an excellent job of bringing it to enthusiasts attention with an interest in Axis aircraft heavy on photos and profiles it will be a good primer for those just finding out the history of this aircraft and a tremendous reference to modellers that have a kit or two of this fine machine in their collection to be built. I have read this book from front to back and have returned to it numerous times so much that my copy is now becoming dog eared. Anyone with an interest in Axis aircraft from Italy will certainly enjoy this revised edition of the Macchi C.202 Folgore (In Scale)