

Jagdpanzer 38 Hetzer Walk Around, by **Hans-Heiri Stapfer**

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Yet another in the long established series of military vehicle monographs from Squadron Signal Publications under their "Walk Around" range, this particular title covers the Jagdpanzer 38 Hetzer. The book is in softback (card cover) format, 80 pages in length, with the glossy paper pages measuring 11 x 8 inches. The same title is also available in a hardback format, should you wish to spend the additional money.

Those familiar with this series of books will not be disappointed, as it follows the tried and true Walk Around format: the reader is given a brief written history of the Hetzer range of vehicles, a late war armored, tracked tank destroyer based on the Panzer 38(t) chassis. The Hetzer became the most widely used tank destroyer employed by German forces in WW2.

The first 56 pages of the book cover the Hetzer's wartime employment with German forces on both the Eastern and Western Fronts. The written text is supplemented by numerous color photos of current museum vehicles, together with black and white wartime photos. All the photos throughout the book are well captioned.



Also included are nicely rendered side profile line drawings, together with color camouflage and marking side profiles.

Part two of the book, pages 57 through 80, covers the history and development of the

post-war Hetzer, built by the Czech Skoda factory and sold to the Swiss military as the G13. Again, the written history is supplemented by numerous color photos of museum examples, together with black and white period photos, and color camouflage and markings profiles.

I feel this book offers very good value for money to anyone interested in the history of this vehicle series, and especially to the modeler who wishes to have a good single source reference to detail the numerous model kits available on the market. In particular, the book offers excellent interior views of both the Hetzer and the G13. My thanks to Squadron Products for supplying the review copy and to IPMS/USA for the opportunity to review it.

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