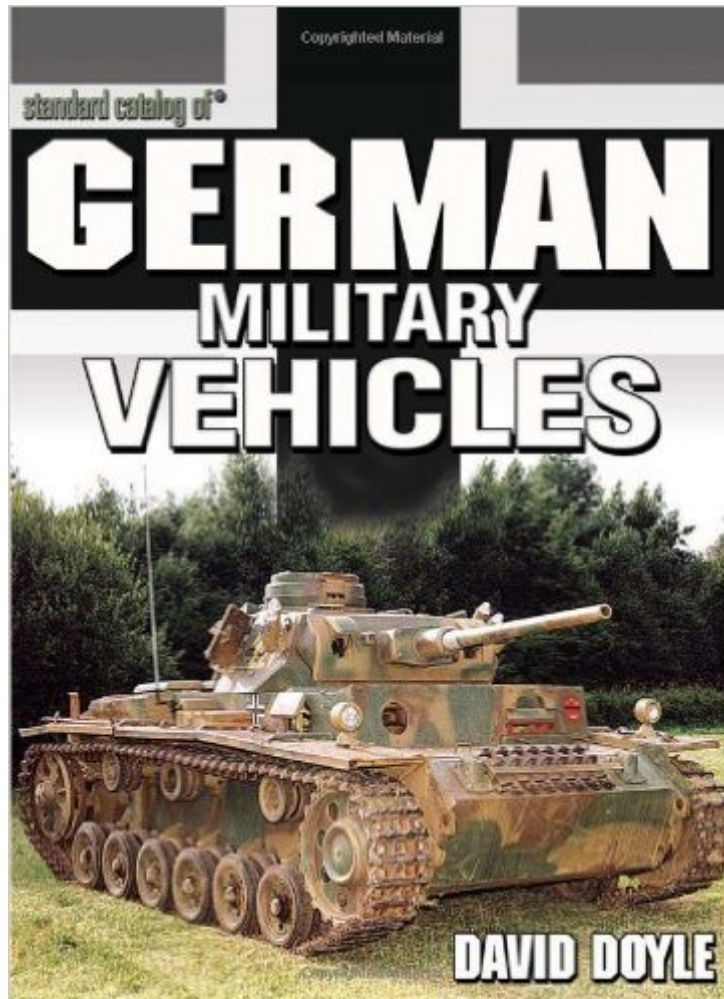


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Customer Reviews

I've always wondered about the heavy German use of motorcycles with side cars. And I've been fascinated with the German use of the half track configuration. This book answered all of my questions. The German half tracks, which came in a wide range of sizes had much better tracks than did the American M2/M3 (It was said that the American machines had rubber bands for tracks), but the German units were not four wheel drive. The little motorcycle looking halftrack was not a tracked motorcycle, but a small prime mover used to do things like haul aircraft around the field. And I've decided that what I really want is a Volkswagon Schwimmwagen, the four wheel drive

amphibious vehicle (You can see of these at the Heartland Museum of Military Vehicles just off I-80 at Lexington, Nebraska.) This book has more photographs of German military vehicles than I would have thought existed. Of course it covers all their tanks, but you find these in lots of books. Here are the rest of the vehicles - trucks, motorcycles, prime movers, everything that the Germans produced during World War II. If these kinds of vehicles are your thing, this is a book you can't do without.

What a fantastic book, what a labour of love by David Doyle. However it's ruined by the terrible treatment of the photographs. Any one who uses a digital camera or has done some scanning will know what I mean. Basically a picture consists of a white point at one end and a black point at the other. Older photos often have no information at the start or end and the black and white point start a little way in. Left like that you get a muddy unclear picture. But if you draw the white and black points into the point at the start of the information then you end up with a clear picture with detail all through the range. A black and white picture. Any old photo will look twice as good if this is done to it. Clearly no one could be bothered to do that here. Which means we end up with grey to grey pictures with no white points and no clear black points. So on page 114 we are asked to notice the use of all-steel and rubber-tired return rollers,...well all you can see is a shape of a tank with very little detail. On page 80 we are told to notice the jack at the back of the tank,...I'm sure it's there but I can discern no details on the back at all, just a dark grey back of a tank with faint shadows. Sadly all the photos are like this, even stuff from museums is lacking in detail and is just plain muddy looking. What a difference could have been made with just a little more care. David your book is a classic and is fantastic, but please find a publisher who can take the care to get the photography side right, until then it's like listening to the best group ever through the phone, or looking at a masterpiece painting through a piece of tracing paper.

It's been 10 years since I purchased this book. I wasn't impressed then & the book hasn't grown any better in the interim. There was considerable hype on internet forums (forums?) about this volume before it was released. I was hoping for a more up to date replacement for Chamberlain/Jentz/Doyle's 1978 "Encyclopedia of German Tanks...", but EOGT is still infinitely more useful...warts & all. Very very unimpressed with this newer volume.

This is not like the nuts and bolts books, and it doesn't claim to be. That said I really like this book. It's a nice thick tome, with a bit about all the tanks I love, in short encyclopedia type articles. I put it in the bathroom, because my wife said no military books inside the bible at church. (Just kidding it's

much taller than my bible, and my church is 6 states away)

This book has every vehicle the German Army used during the war. A must for every modeler. Excellent pictures!!!

While there is some useful info, the vehicle technical data listed were somewhat inconsistent, an unhelpful factor in making comparisons. Armor thickness was inexplicably omitted. Most disappointing was the poor quality of the photo reproductions, with contrast so bad as to make many shots of very limited value to the modeler. Why this would be the case in this age of Photoshop when digital magic fairly easily improves imagery is a mystery. Though many obscure and hard-to-find vehicles are covered, the better-known vehicles are dealt with more fully in plenty of other sources.

This book is a must for anyone interested in weaponry of WWII. A great source for the vehicles at the Kubinka Tank Museum outside of Moscow and the Munster Tank Museum in Germany. I was amazed that there was a listing of the 12.8 cm Selbstfahrlafette L/61, of which only two were made, the only one in existence in the Kubinka museum. Thanks to the book I could figure out what was in the museums. Oft times they were not labeled correctly. I highly recommend this book!

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