

# RSO PaK40

a Tom Wise Painting Guide

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Miniatures shown are products of Battlefront Miniatures



These are for my Sicherungs and Walküre Companies.



## MATERIALS

### Magic Wash

1/3 Kel's Magic Sauce  
1/3 water  
1/3 Future Floor Polish

### Air Compressor

Sanborn Black Max 3 1/2 hp  
7-9 psi

### Air Brush

Iwata HP-C Plus

### Extra Thick Cyanoacrylate

### Koh-i-Noor

Rapidograph Pens  
3x0, .25

## INKS

Black

White

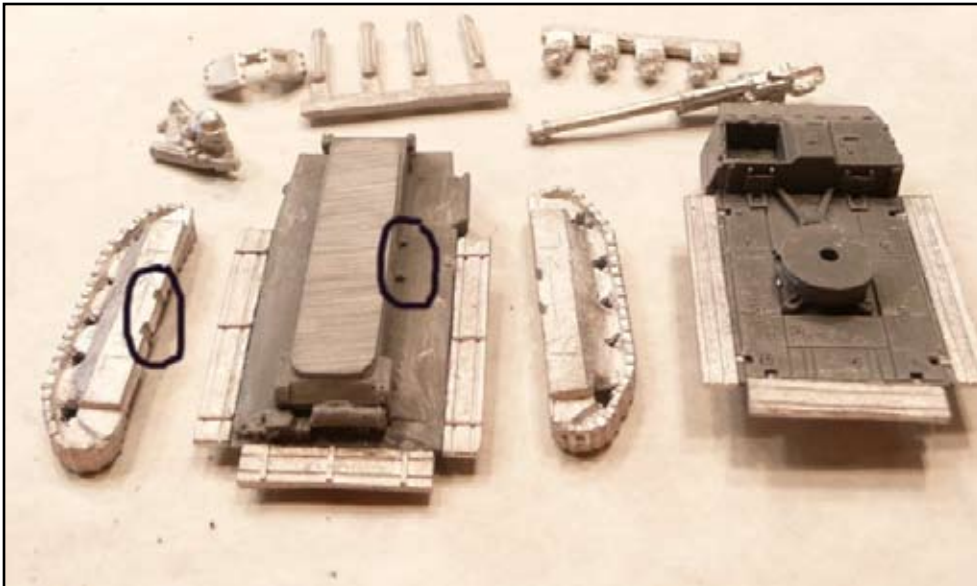
## PAINTS

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| 818 | Red Leather            |
| 821 | German Camo Beige      |
| 826 | German Camo Med. Brown |
| 830 | German Fieldgrey       |
| 863 | Gunmetal               |
| 869 | Basalt Grey            |
| 875 | Beige Brown            |
| 890 | Reflective Green       |
| 914 | Green Ochre            |
| 940 | Saddle Brown           |
| 950 | Black                  |
| 951 | Flat White             |
| 955 | Flat Flesh             |
| 957 | Flat Red               |
| 995 | German Grey            |

Numbers indicate Vallejo paint color code

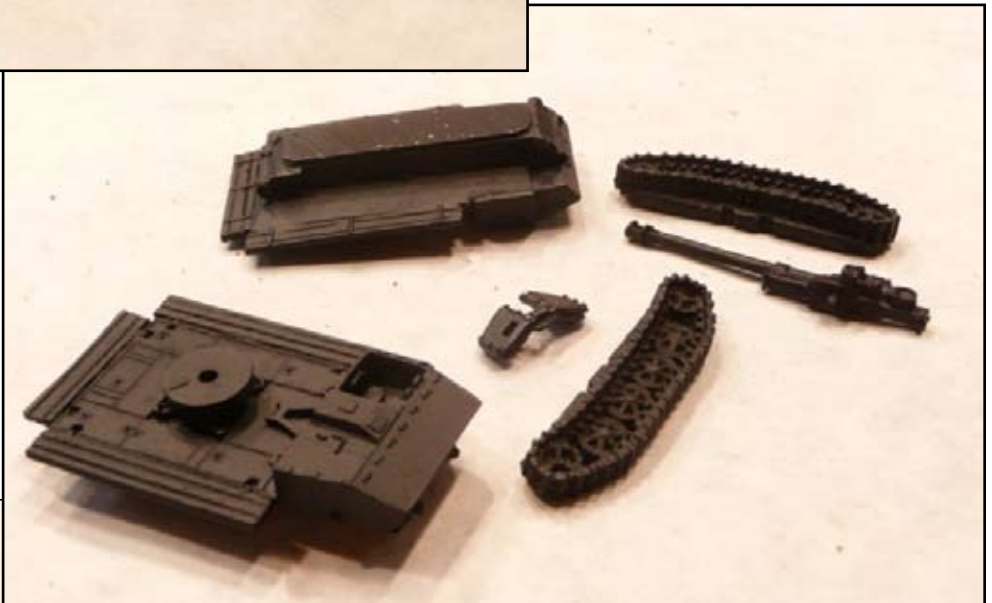
## VALLEJO MODEL AIR

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| 71041 | Tank Brown |
| 71011 | Tank Green |

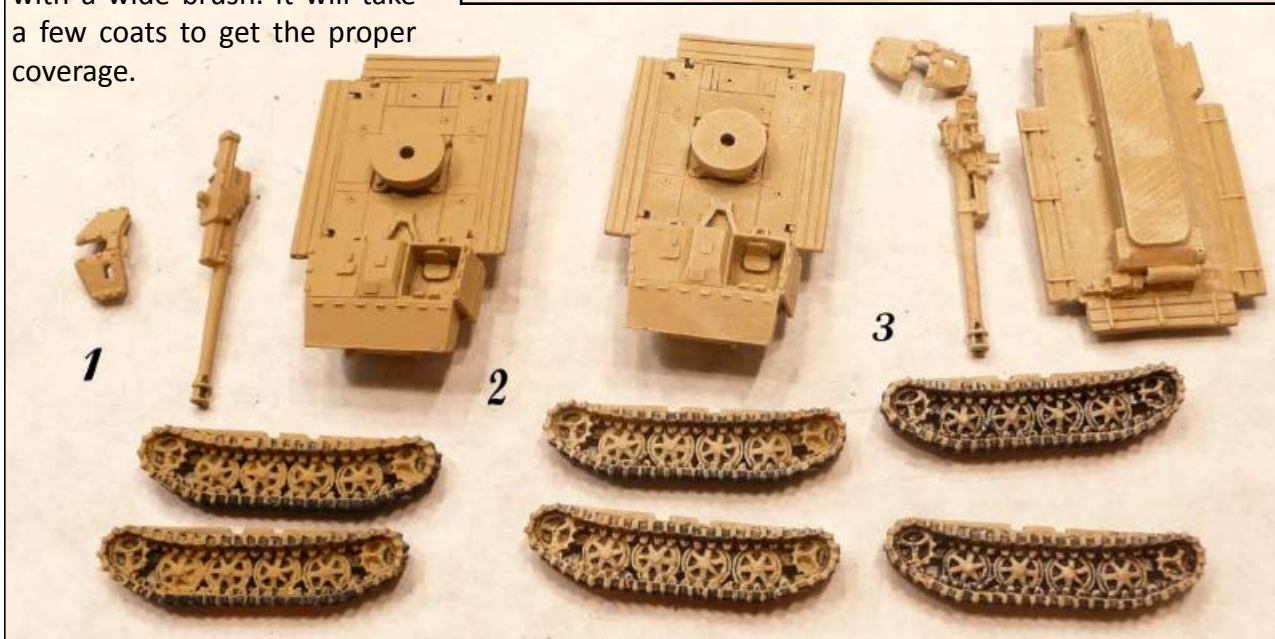


I start by preping the model by cleaning and filing model lines. The model is assembled except for the treads, gun shield, crew and gun barrel. I have my sides deployed down in the firing position, you can model the either up or down. NOTE: On this model there are two stubs on each side of the hull that the treads align with, don't file them off.

The figures are primed in flat black. I use a cheap flat black paint I get at Wal-Mart for 0.99 cents a can.



Step 1: The base coat of 914(Green Orche) is applied with a wide brush. It will take a few coats to get the proper coverage.



Step 2: Dry brush a mix of 914(Green Orche) mixed with 951(Flat White). I use a 50/50 mix since the Green Orche is a light color and I want the highlights to show up better.

Step 3: Magic wash the road wheels.



Setp 1: Air brush 71041 Tank Brown applying irregular circles spaced out on the vehicle front and underside of the fold down sides.

Step 2: Air brush 71011 Tank Green applying irregular circles spaced out on the vehicle front and underside of the fold down sides.

Tip: I keep a thinned pot of 914(Green Orche) at my airbrush location and go back over your vehicles were necessary to clean up the camo pattern if it's not exactly what I want.

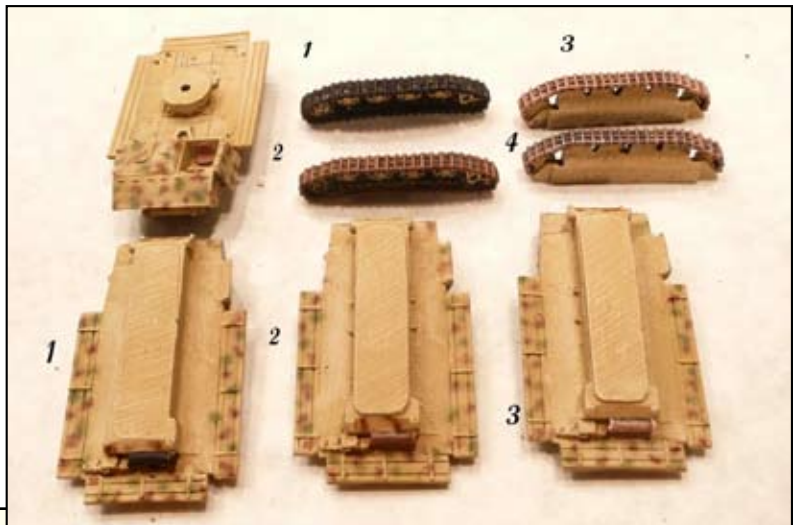
NOTE: This is a difficult pattern to do with an airbrush. The pattern itself is complicated its' the amount of time you spend cleaning your airbrush and getting the air pressure correct. I had to stop and clean my airbrush four times by emptying the hopper and running water through it. Each vehicle I had to pull the tip off at least six times to remove the paint off the needle tip to keep the brush spraying. If you want a simpler patter just spray irregulare brown and green patches on your vehicle.

Step 1: Repaint black (950) on the road wheel rubberand exhaust pipes.

Step 2: Dry brush 818(Red Leather) on the treads and exhaust pipe.

Step 3: Dry brush 818 mixed with 951 (flat white 50/50) and brush it the same way as above. Lightly dry brush a little 951 (Flat White) on the exhaust muffler.

Step 4: Then I dry brush gunmetal (863) down the length of the treads(don't do the spare track), not across them, as well as paint the tool heads and MG.



Final Steps:

Step 1: Paint the Drivers seat 940 (Saddle Brown)

Step 2: Black line (technical pen 3x0/.25 tip) the vehicle.

Step 3: After everything is dry I go lightly over the entire vehicle with 914 (green Orche) and 951 (flat white) mixed 50/50. I do this to blend everything together, go lightly.

Optional: You can paint an identification plate on the bottom front of the vehicle. I the used a technical pen (Black Ink) and drew in an identification number.

## Time to paint the Crew

Painting Crew Figures.

Step 1. Starting with the figures primed black, use a heavy dry brushing and paint the figure using 830 (German Field Grey)

Step 2. Mix 75% 830 (German Field Grey) with 25% 951 (Flat White) and dry brush this over the figure.

Step 3. Mix 50% 830 (German Field Grey) with 50% 951 (Flat White) and dry brush this over the figure.



Step 1: Paint helmet and gas mask using 995(German Grey)

Step 2: Mix 75% 995 (German Grey) with 25% 951 (Flat White) and dry brush the helmet and gas mask.

Step 3: With a 00 brush (I use a technical pen with white ink) paint three lines on the left side of the helmet making the middle line a little longer than the outside lines. This represents the German eagle decal that was on most helmets.

Step 4: Dry brush 821 (German Camo Beige) on the officer's smock.

Step 5: Dry brush 50% 821 (German Camo Beige) mixed with 50% 951 (Flat White) over the smock.



Step 1: Using 826 (German Camo Medium Brown) paint irregular angled lines around the uniform.

Step 2: Using 890 (Reflective Green) paint angular shapes between the German Camo Medium Brown above.



Step 1: Paint the 75mm ammo container 914 (Green Ochre).

Step 2: Black line the ribs and cap end on the ammo container.

Step 3: Dry brush a mix of 50/50 of 914(Green Ochre) and 951(Flat White).

Step 4: Lightly Dry brush 50% 821 (German Camo Beige) mixed with 50% 951 (Flat White) over the smock to blend in the camo and tone it down.



Step 1: Paint 955 (Flat red) on the entire epilate and officers hat piping.

Step 2: Using 830 (German Field Grey) paint a line down the middle of the red on the epilate. You want a red U shape when you are down with the open part of the U facing out away from the head.

Step 3: Paint the face and hands 955 (Flat Flesh).

Step 4: Paint the boots, map case, webbing and holster 950 (Flat Black).

Step 5: Lightly dry brush 869(Basalt Grey) over the boots, hostler and map case.

Step 6: Paint the anklets and bread bag 821 (German Camo Beige).

Step 7: Paint the Water bottle 984 (Flat Brown).

Step 8: Paint 863 (Gun Metal) on the Water bottle cap and strap down the middle of the water bottle.

Step 9: With a 00 paint brush or technical pen paint/draw on the collar tab bars.

Step 10: Black line the figure.



# Finished!