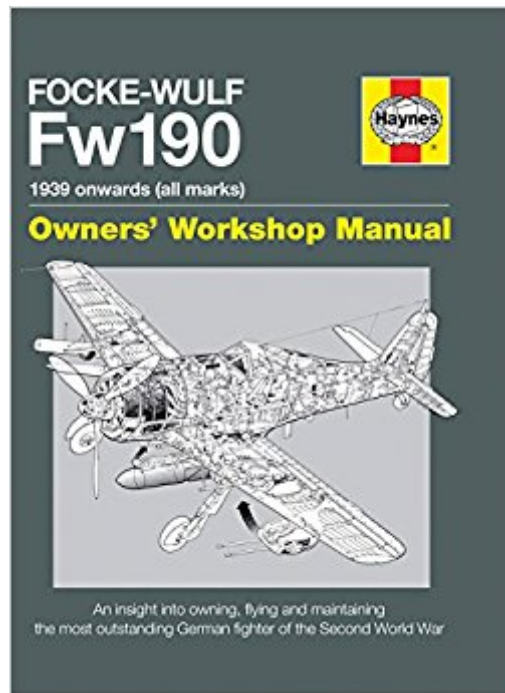




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Synopsis

When the German Focke Wulf Fw190 fighter burst onto the scene over France in 1941 it took the RAF by surprise, outperforming the Spitfire Mk V. At the time the RAF described the performance gap as 'a quantum leap'. Its superior performance on the Eastern Front had a significant impact in the air war against the Soviet Union. Graeme Douglas gets under the skin of the Fw190 with the new-build Focke Wulf Fw190A-8 and D-9 models built by the Flug Werk company in Germany. He also describes flying and maintaining the Fw190 in combat.

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First things first: at 156 pages, this isn't a definitive, end-all technical and operational study of the Focke-Wulf Fw 190, nor is it based on a complete tear-down and rebuild. That said, it's still a pretty solid addition to Haynes' "Owners Workshop Manual" series, although their Bf 109 manual from a few years back was definitely a bit better. The technical descriptions of the aircraft's systems, structure, and BMW801 and Jumo 213 engines are nicely detailed without being overwhelmingly so. There are some excellent wartime diagrams, along with color photographs showing the construction of a Flug Werk replica, and the ongoing restoration of a D-13 model by Gosshawk Unlimited. This book is essentially divided into two halves, covering the Fw 190 during World War II, and the FW 190 today. The sections on flying and maintaining the aircraft are dominated by photographs of the Flug Werk replicas and modern restoration projects. Excellent fodder for model builders and

airplane geeks, perhaps, but kind of a step away from the usual Haynes format. There are some basic operating checklists, and a maintenance schedule, but less technical material than you might expect. The sections focusing on the "original recipe" FW 190s fare better. We get a brief history of the fighter's development and operational career, descriptions of each variant, including the Ta 152, along with descriptions of the plane's inner workings. Although it's not quite as "nuts and bolts" detailed as it could have been, I still really appreciated this book. I'm somewhat of an Fw 190 newbie, and haven't really studied the aircraft in detail.

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