

T26E4 Pershing Pilot #2

HobbyBoss

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The T26E4, Pilot #2 is another variant of the Pershing series and just released by HobbyBoss. Visually this tank has some similarities to their previous 'Super Pershing' release and has the very long barrel on its main weapon and tubes between the turret roof and mantlet. The Super



Pershing though was the first 'Pilot',

designated a T26E1, and the number two pilot was built on a slightly different hull, shared with production versions, designated T26E3. Around twenty-five of these E4 pilots were built and never saw combat. This kit shares many parts with the previous release, such as the upper hull, which displays the cut back track guards of the 'Super' version, and additional parts convert the guards back to the correct shape. In the rear engine compartment there is what would appear to be a pretty good representation of a full engine

and gearbox, with radiators also present. The moulding on all these parts is sharp and crisp and in a nice touch, the very finest parts are wrapped in thin foam to protect them.

There are two small etch mesh parts that are used on the engine but no other metal parts are present. This being a non-production tank decals are limited to serial numbers, and although the vehicle on the box lid has one, no stars are provided. As you would expect from HobbyBoss this is a nicely presented kit with a sharp detail and the addition of an engine and gearbox is particularly welcome on this subject.

The kit is available from Creative Models and Pocketbond.

■ www.creativemodels.co.uk

Tech

Manufacturer: HobbyBoss

Scale: 1:35

Kit Type: Plastic injection moulded

Kit Parts: 287

Kit Number: 82427

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