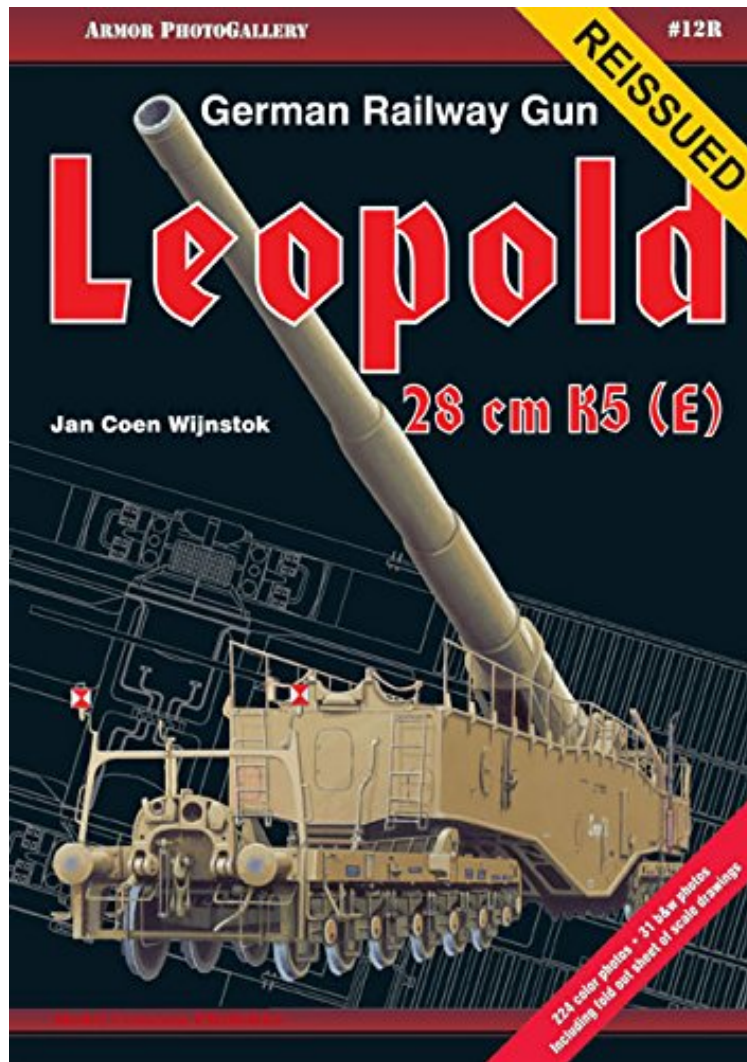


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Jan Wijnstok : German Railway Gun 28 cm K5(E) Leopold (Armor PhotoGallery) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised German Railway Gun 28 cm K5(E) Leopold (Armor PhotoGallery):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An Awesome "DETAIL" book in the 28cm K5(E) railguns!By FlyincatAn absolutely fabulous book. The drawings alone are worth the price. I had the drawings blown up by a local large-format printer so they would be at 1 1/2" scale, for 7.5" rail use, and they are invaluable. The pictures are also tremendous, looking under, over, besides and inside the gun. Since a lot of parts are missing on both the 28K5E in the U.S. and the one in France, there are also a large number of WWII photos that clarify a lot and show how the gun really looked in service. (For instance, the barrel retainers at the muzzle that are used to lock the barrel down for

transport - on the U.S. gun - one is missing, and one is bent. (How the retreating Germans managed to bend them is a mystery, they are 2" thick and 4" tall solid steel pieces) But the photos show them clearly, in both the secured position holding the barrel for transport, and the open position, with the barrel raised. My only complaint is that I still have not been able to find any actual dimensions that I can use to insure proper scale. (i.e. wheel diameter, etc.) (That is, what was the length of the forward rail bogie unit? The rear? I know the barrel length was 76 calibers, and the bore was 11.02" in diameter, but does the barrel tube length include the breech assembly or not? This info is critical to scaling a machine and having it come out right) Other than that, it is an awesome book, and the authors are to be complimented for the excellent photography and outstanding drawings. .0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By history Buff awesome 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A lot of information By John Matlock If you visit the museum at Aberdeen Proving Ground one of the first things you see (across the road from the museum building) is the German Railway Gun Leopold. Leopold along with its brother railway gun Robert were used in the attack on the Anzio beach head, and were commonly called Anzio Annie. Remembering that the German Army in World War II was largely horse drawn, cannon of this size could be mobile only if they were moved on railroads. So to fit the armies requirement for a big gun, Krupp built these gigantic guns using cannon of basically naval battleship design. I've seen this gun several times, and found that this book did a great job of explaining what I was looking at using pictures taken for this book. It also contains numerous photographs from the guns dating from World War II. It would be interesting to know just how many shots these guns actually fired during their service life. They were awfully big and hard to move around, so they realistically could only be used where the front lines were rather static. Perhaps the German generals were really preparing to fight World War I again. At any rate, there would be no point in building such guns now, as missiles have replaced them. The Army TACTical Missile System (ATACMS) has a range of 190 miles, about ten times the range of these guns. They are mounted on a tracked chassis and can go anywhere that a tank can go.

Technical/historical background by the Dutch expert, illustrated with 31 b/w period photos and a selection of 224 detailed walk-around photographs highlighting in color all exterior and interior details of the World's only two preserved K5(E) railway guns: Ausf. C from the US Ordnance Museum, Aberdeen, USA and Ausf. D from the Musee du Mur de l'Atlantique, Audinghen, France. Includes the bonus giant (990 x 680 mm size) fold out sheet of super-detailed 1/72nd and 1/35th scale drawings of K5(E) Ausf. C D in both firing and transport mode, and 1/10th scale drawings of K5's charges and projectiles. Twelfth volume in the Series of all-picture books showing AFVs preserved at museums and collections throughout the World, designed for the enthusiast and military modeler. Most complete reference book for super-detailing the Trumpeter, Dragon and Hasegawa kits. Reissued. REVIEWS "an excellent single point of reference on this unusual weapon of WW2. With the modeler in mind, tucked into the pages of the book, are a set of good clear 1/35 scale plans." Military Modeling "Having looked over this title I am very impressed with it, it provides everything I as a modeler could wish for and should allow a model to be built as accurately as any modeler should wish. The display options the period photographs will put into your mind make this worthy of consideration, the reference images and scale plans make it a must. Having looked at the scale drawings and with it taking up a sizable chunk of floor space, I see no other option than to say; if you have the model get the reference, the finished model should make the cost of this reference book irrelevant, yes it is that good." -Armorama