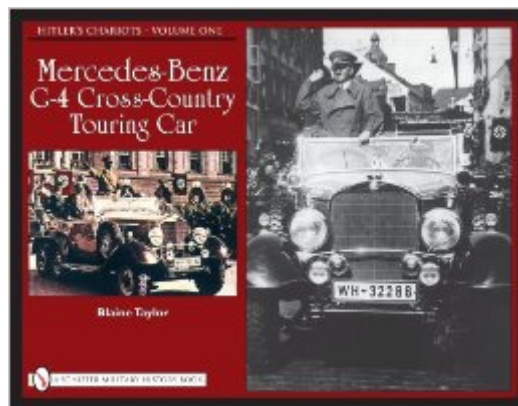


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# Hitler's Chariots: Vol.1, Mercedes-Benz G-4 Cross-Country Touring Car (Schiffer Military History Book)



## Synopsis

This book is the first ever illustrated study on the often photographed but never fully explained mechanical marvel, the Mercedes-Benz G-4 crosscountry touring car, the vehicle that carried Adolf Hitler across much of Europe before and during World War II. Culled from the rich photo archives of Daimler-Benz, as well as from captured German albums in U.S. archives, this work depicts the G-4 in fascinating images and detailed text. Volume 2 will cover the Daimler-Benz 770K Grosser Mercedes.

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Well Blaine Taylor has once again published another mediocre book. If you have brought any previous books by the author on this subject, you will not see anything new here -- and I do mean anything. The same old tired worn out photos that have appeared in thousands of other publications. And many of the photos are fuzzy and look like they have been copied from other books with a 1960's copy machine. I should have learned from his earlier book on the Fuhrer's HQ's, as that was just as bad as this one. The only good thing I can say is that, fortunately I did not pay full price. I have already pre-ordered his upcoming book on Albert Speer and will now cancel my order. With the access that this man has to the major archives of the world, especially the NARA in DC, one would think that he could come up with better and unpublished photos. Save your money.

I have just finished reading this book and it still does not answer the question that I had before

reading it. What colors do I paint the G4? I believe that the author mentions that Hitler's G4 was beige at some point and then he points out several times later that the vehicle was later painted in "Wehrmacht Grey" whatever official shade that is. The problem being that the photos that he indicates as "Wermacht Grey" appear to be the same color as the beige vehicles so has he mislabeled the photos or do the captions apply to the photos of obviously darker-colored flat finish vehicles (dunklegrau perhaps)? What are the German designations of the paint? This simple question could have been answered with ONE page of color profiles. The major problem is that this isn't a reference book on the G4 but is essentially a picture book of Hitler & Hitlerites on tour interspersed with many pages of pointless quotes from other books such as "Hitler's Personal Security" (which I own) and even quotes from the author's previous works(!) And while I'm on the subject, there are MANY useless photos of the Fuhrer and his minions which have nothing at all to do with the G4. The book could have easily been 1/3 to 1/2 the size by weeding out the useless filler. Any technical information is thinly spread across the volume and in photo captions. It would have been much better having a technical section listing the specs and variations of the vehicle with an intelligent choice of illustrations. Photo captions should have been concise and to the point. Line drawings would have been nice and a color profile page would have been icing on the cake. As a previous reviewer noted there are a number of poorly scanned, artifact-covered photos that could have easily been cleaned by simply choosing the right scanner setting in the first place...While I applaud Schiffer for publishing this work, I wish that they would have aggressively edited the book for it is clearly and dearly in need of such. I considered giving it a one star rating for the truly pointless ramblings in text and photos but then thought I'd give two stars because there are also quite a few useful photographs but then realized that I would only be fooling myself in thinking that I really didn't just waste \$39.95 on this book. One star it is. I would not consider purchasing another work written by this author.

The book is absolutely an insight in 3.rd Reich and the part of the most today involving device of human history: automobile! Full of original pictures of Adolf and his friends with a lot of others in this beautifully car! A must in the library of this part of history!

Gee, I liked this book, guess I'm not as sophisticated as the other reviewers. Anyway, Schiffer publishes a very nice product, I mean it is a quality book binding job. Too bad the big name companys do not go to the same level of effort. Content, packed with pictures! Yes, some are obviously reprints from old newspapers but that is better than nothing. Most images however are

very crisp. Text is interesting, never knew how many and what type of vehicles equipped Der Fueher's convoys until now. Armed with this knowledge alone I imagine I will construct a very long and thin diorama depicting a G-4 motorcade. All in all, if you are interested in the G-4 mystic, I recommend this book. It was worth the price to me.

Great resource on an obscure era for Mercedes-Benz. The book is full of images and technical data.

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