

COCKPIT OF M-62/M-63 ENGINED I-16

Years ago, Mr. Dmitry Linevich made a complete reconstruction of the cockpits of the I-16 with M-62/M-63 engines, with help by the late Mikhail Lyubimov (MAL16).

Recently he published in his Facebook account, <https://www.facebook.com/DLinevich> a guide to the left side of the cockpit, that I took the liberty of slightly modifying and introducing it with a couple of cockpit views in full color from his account at <https://www.deviantart.com/psy06/gallery?page=11> . I am responsible for the translation and modifications; you are invited to study the original at the above address.



Mr. Linevich says: "For those who are far from the topic, I will explain that the I-16s were not at all modular, as is customary in modern technology, they were produced from the factory in a large number of different configurations. The handbook just shows the various configurations of the I-16."

He identifies ten possible variations: 1) Fuselage and wings machine guns, 2) Fuselage machine guns and wings cannons 3) Fuselage and wings machine guns plus rockets 4) Fuselage and wings machine guns plus outboard tanks 5) Fuselage and wings machine guns plus rockets and outboard tanks 6) Fuselage and wings machine guns plus radio station 7) Fuselage and wings machine guns plus radio station and outboard tanks 8) Fuselage machine guns and wings cannons plus outboard tanks 9) Fuselage machine guns and wings cannons plus radio station 10) Fuselage machine guns and wings cannons plus radio station and outboard tanks.



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