

Tupolev TU-22/TU-22M: Famous Russian Aircraft

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5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. The Blinder and Backfire get the Famous Russian Aircraft treatment By Jim Davis This is the ninth volume in the ongoing Famous Russian Aircraft series, although the books are not numbered in any fashion. It is reminiscent of the previous volume covering the Su-7 "Fitter" family of aircraft in that it reads like two books bound between the same covers. The Tu-22 "Blinder" and the Tu-22M "Backfire" were two completely different aircraft with nothing in common besides the design bureau that conceived them but as the book makes clear they are nevertheless closely related politically so the decision to cover them in the same book is perfectly sound. There are 10 chapters in the book with 5 devoted to each aircraft. There is an introductory chapter that details the origin of the aircraft and the initial trials. There is a chapter describing the different versions of each aircraft including experimental and one off designs. There is a chapter for each describing the details of the aircraft. Finally,

there is a long chapter detailing the service history for each of the two aircraft. There is a chapter that details the Tu-22 in foreign service (the Tu-22M wasn't exported). There is also a bridge chapter between the two halves of the book. There are four appendices: a production list for each type and descriptions of the in service losses that each aircraft suffered. There were many more Tu-22 than Tu-22M accidents and the accounts make for fascinating reading. All is excellent and the photographic coverage is first rate with many outstanding color photos. There are also numerous contemporary technical drawings reproduced which supplement the text perfectly. There are also numerous color profiles of the aircraft but the schemes did not vary widely in Soviet/Russian service; Iraqi and Libyan Tu-22s offer the most variation. The extensive service histories are very detailed. As is well known author Gordon "calls them as he sees them" and his accounts of the origins of the Chechen and Georgian conflicts will raise eyebrows in western countries. But Gordon is by no means merely a Soviet/Russian apologist; he can be quite critical at times. Whether one shares them or not his viewpoints add much interest to the book. The book is a fourfold expansion to the book Gordon did on the same aircraft over a decade ago in the now defunct Aerofax series. Not surprisingly the present book completely blows the earlier one away in virtually every respect save one. The line drawings in the earlier book are better. The Tu-22 drawings are copied from the earlier book; the Tu-22M ones are new. Nevertheless, the drawings in the earlier book are more extensive. Highly recommended. I hope there are many more in this series to come. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The only book you will ever need on the TU-22 series. By jhbriggs The definitive book on the TU-22/TU-22M. 4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. great book By Gary this one i received on friday. SIMPLY PERFECT..... Just the pictures is worth the price. no words to described this book. Get it now while the price is good .if you waite 3 years you will pay from 3 to 5 time the price. I know i have 25 books from this author and i see the price demanded for them .thank You Gary B

The Tupolev Tu-22 Blinder and Tu-22M Backfire led the Soviet Union's supersonic bomber air force from the 1960s, although the two aircraft were very different. The Tu-22--nicknamed Blinder by NATO--was the pioneering supersonic bomber in the USSR, entering production in 1960. The first Tu-22B aircraft entered Soviet service in 1962 and the aircraft continued into production until 1969 through several variants, including reconnaissance and electronic warfare versions. The aircraft was a mixed success as its performance compared unfavorably the Tu-16. It was also sold abroad to Libya and Iraq. The Tu-22M Backfire was developed by Tupolev during the 1960s when the Tu-22's shortcomings became apparent. The variable-geometry wings in the new design improved performance considerably and the new aircraft entered service in 1972 in the strategic bomber role and it was used in this capacity in the 1979-1989 war against Afghanistan. Yefim Gordon's unparalleled access to information on Russian aviation makes this the most complete book published on this fascinating aircraft.

"You'll get a very detailed, balanced, engagingly presented and supremely well illustrated account." (Sabu Advani speedreaders.info 2015-01-26) About the Author Yefim Gordon is one of Russia's leading aviation writers and publishers. He is the author of many books on Soviet aviation and currently lives in Moscow.