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Mike Guardia : Self-Propelled Anti-Aircraft Guns of the Soviet Union (New Vanguard) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Self-Propelled Anti-Aircraft Guns of the Soviet Union (New Vanguard):

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is very concise, has lots of photographs of the vehicles from different angles and has colour illustrations. This latter is of course a boon for modellers and the splashes of colour really do liven up the books. There is a short bibliography and unlike many bibliographies in the Osprey series that deal with Soviet armour this one is made up of books written in English. In some instalments of this series there is so much information to pack in that there is no time to discuss the vehicles operational use. Luckily in this one there is room for some of that and it was interesting to read how some of these weapons went in a live scenario. All up a good instalment of this series and on an interesting subject to boot. Recommended. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Self-propelled anti-aircraft guns of the Soviet Union is another great book by the Osprey series. By Scott Bailey. Self-propelled anti-aircraft guns of the Soviet Union is another great book by the Osprey series, book provides great detail and lots of drawing and pictures. The most interesting for me was reading about the latest anti-aircraft system the SA-22 weapon system that is now in service and the mods being done on this system. The other older systems are also covered but the most recent data on the current new systems was well worth the purchase. Easy read and enjoyable. 6 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Soviet and Russian anti aircraft vehicles. By Terry Sofian. This book is on the middle to upper end of the Osprey scale. It has a lot of really excellent photos and other illustrations and gives a good history of the various systems developed by the Soviets. Guardia also does a very good job describing similar systems fielded by NATO as well as NATO aircraft countermeasures. There are a number of editing errors I found troubling, by way of example one of the Soviet guns was given an armor penetration of 110 cm which seems like it should be 110 mm. Osprey's editorial staff should have caught that and I think they let down the reader, and the author by not tightening up and catching such errors before the book goes to print. Otherwise this is an excellent work and well worth getting. I recommend this for anyone with an interest in Soviet AFV or in air defense systems in general.

During the Cold War, the Soviet Army was perhaps the deadliest fighting force the world had ever seen. Within its mechanized forces, the Soviets accomplished something that their American counterparts never could - the fielding of a self-propelled anti-aircraft gun (SPAAG) that could keep pace with its heavy armored formations. This book examines the design, development and operational history of the Soviet Union's Cold War SPAAGs: the ZSU-37, ZSU-57-2, the infamous ZSU-23-4, and the 9K22 Tunguska (better known by its NATO reporting name: SA-19 "Grison"). These vehicles excelled in their air defense role, and many US Department of Defense publications were dedicated to examining how to defeat the ZSU and its radar tracking system. These formidable weapons were encountered again in Iraq during Operation Desert Storm, and had equipped Russian forces in Afghanistan, cementing their place in the landscape of modern warfare. This study explores the full history of the SPAAGs with revealing photographs, technical illustrations and detailed analysis.

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