

P-51D MUSTANG

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Code: SEA276



Specifications:

Wingspan-----56.3 in (143 cm).

Wing area-----563.6 sq.in (36.4q.dm).

Weight-----6.6-6.8 lbs (3.0-3.1 kg).

Length-----45.3 in (115.1 cm).

Engine-----10-15cc

Radio-----7 channels with 7 servos.



INTRODUCTION.

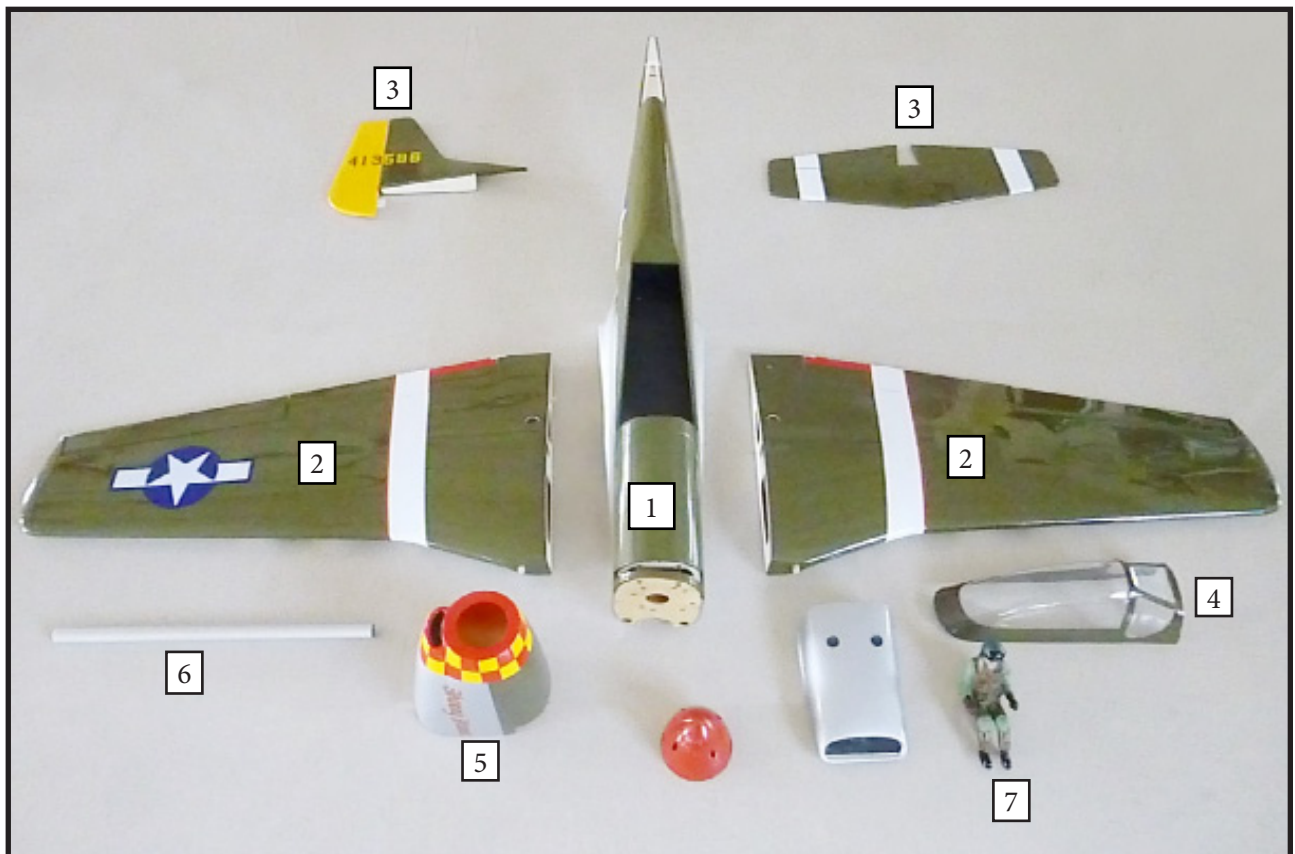
Thank you for choosing the **P-51D MUSTANG** ARF by **SG MODELS**. The **P-51D MUSTANG** was designed with the intermediate/advanced sport flyer in mind. It is a semi scale airplane which is easy to fly and quick to assemble. The airframe is conventionally built using balsa, plywood to make it stronger than the average ARF, yet the design allows the aeroplane to be kept light. You will find that most of the work has been done for you already. The motor mount has been fitted and the hinges are pre-installed. Flying the **P-51D MUSTANG** is simply a joy.

This instruction manual is designed to help you build a great flying aeroplane. Please read this manual thoroughly before starting assembly of your **P-51D MUSTANG**. Use the parts listing below to identify all parts.

WARNING.

Please be aware that this aeroplane is not a toy and if assembled or used incorrectly it is capable of causing injury to people or property. WHEN YOU FLY THIS AEROPLANE YOU ASSUME ALL RISK & RESPONSIBILITY.

If you are inexperienced with basic R/C flight we strongly recommend you contact your R/C supplier and join your local R/C model Flying Club. R/C Model Flying Clubs offer a variety of training procedures designed to help the new pilot on his way to successful R/C flight. They will also be able to advise on any insurance and safety regulations that may apply.

KIT CONTENTS

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1. Fuselage
2. Wing set
3. Tail set
4. Canopy
5. Cowling
6. Aluminium tube
7. Pilot

ADDITIONAL ITEMS REQUIRED.

- 10-15cc gasoline engine.
- Computer radio with 7 servos.
- Glow plug to suit engine.
- Propeller to suit engine.
- Protective foam rubber for radio system.

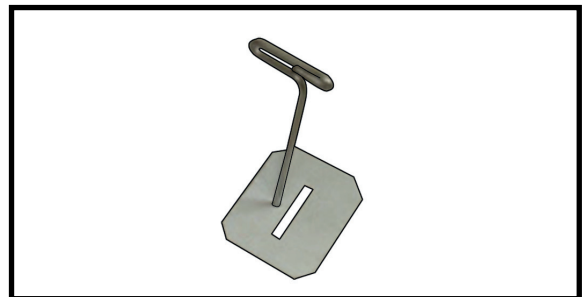
TOOLS & SUPPLIES NEEDED.

- Thin cyanoacrylate glue.
- Medium cyanoacrylate glue.
- 30 minute epoxy.
- 5 minute epoxy.
- Hand or electric drill.
- Assorted drill bits.
- Modelling knife.
- Straight edge ruler.
- 2mm ball driver.
- Phillips head screwdriver.
- 220 grit sandpaper.
- 90° square or builder's triangle.
- Wire cutters.
- Masking tape & T-pins.
- Thread-lock.
- Paper towels.

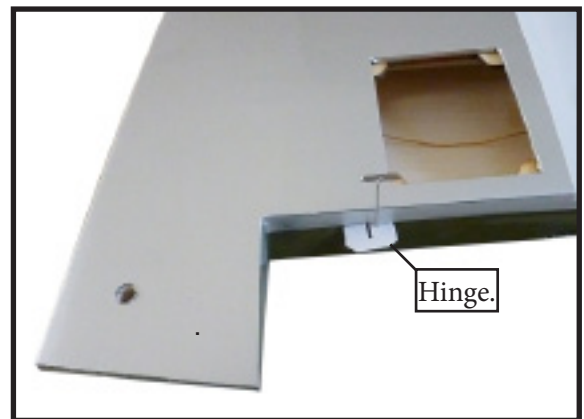
HINGING THE FLAP.

Note : *The control surfaces, including the ailerons, elevators, and rudder, are prehinged with hinges installed, but the hinges are not glued in place. It is imperative that you properly adhere the hinges in place per the steps that follow using a high-quality thin C/A glue.*

1) Carefully remove the flap from one of the wing panels. Note the position of the hinges.



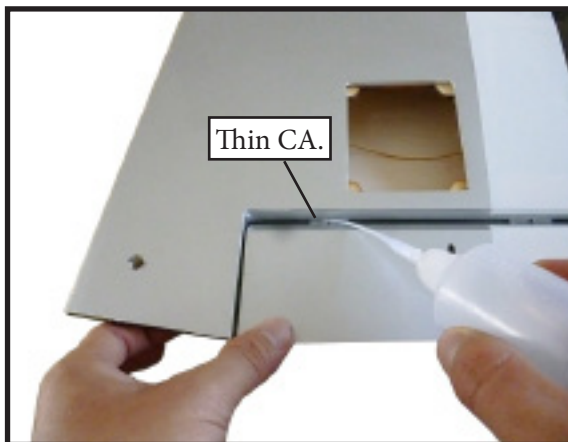
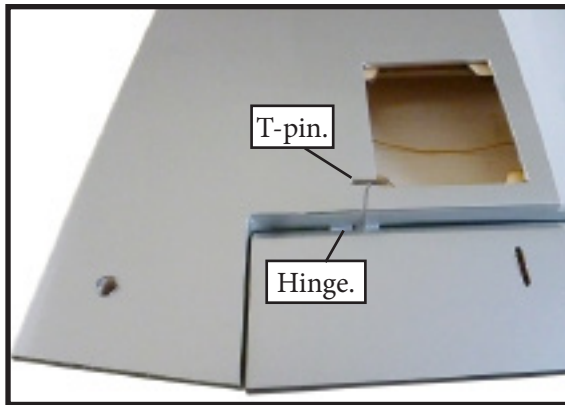
2) Remove each hinge from the wing panel and flap and place a T-pin in the center of each hinge. Slide each hinge into the wing panel until the T-pin is snug against the wing panel. This will help ensure an equal amount of hinge is on either side of the hinge line when the flap is mounted to the wing.



3) Slide the wing panel on the flap until there is only a slight gap. The hinge is now centered on the wing panel and flap. Remove the T-pins and snug the flap against the wing panel. A gap of 1/64" or less should be maintained between the wing panel and flap.

4) Deflect the flap and completely saturate each hinge with thin C/A glue. The flap's front surface should lightly contact the wing during this procedure. Ideally, when the hinges are glued in place, a 1/64" gap or less will be maintained throughout the length of the flap to the wing panel hinge line.

NOTE : The hinge is constructed of a special material that allows the C/A to wick or penetrate and distribute throughout the hinge, securely bonding it to the wood structure of the wing panel and flap.

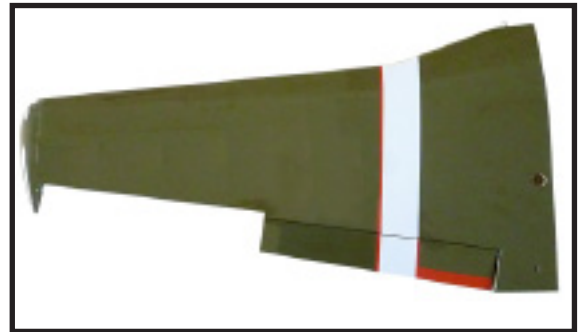


5) Turn the wing panel over and deflect the flap in the opposite direction from the opposite side. Apply thin C/A glue to each hinge, making sure that the C/A penetrates into both the flap and wing panel.

6) Using C/A remover/debonder and a paper towel, remove any excess C/A glue that may have accumulated on the wing or in the flap hinge area.

7) Repeat this process with the other wing panel, securely hinging the flap in place.

8) After both flap are securely hinged, firmly grasp the wing panel and flap to make sure the hinges are securely glued and cannot be pulled out. Do this by carefully applying medium pressure, trying to separate the flap from the wing panel. Use caution not to crush the wing structure and/ or flap.

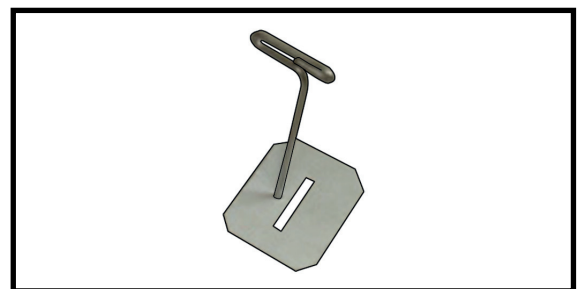


Note : Work the flap up and down several times to “work in” the hinges and check for proper movement.

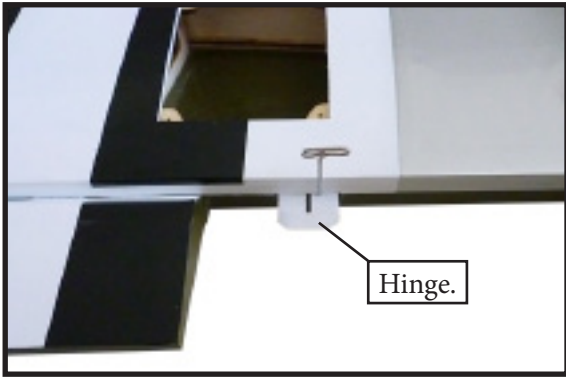
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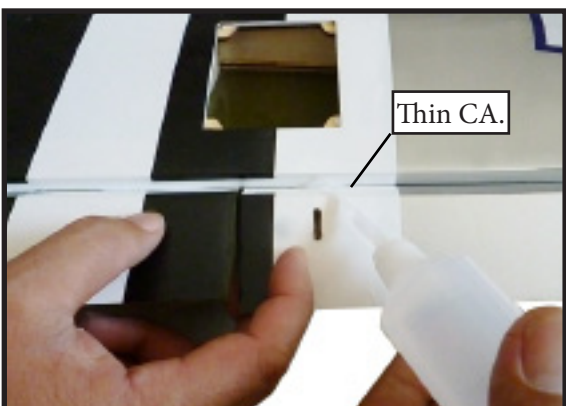
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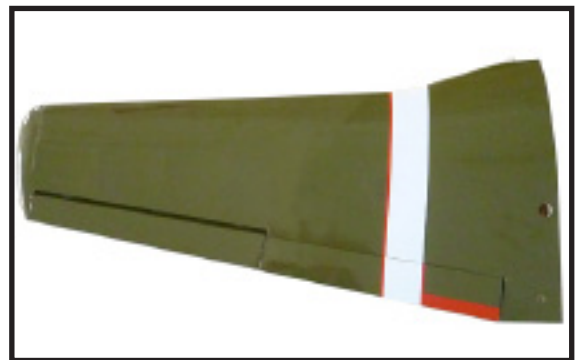


5) Turn the wing panel over and deflect the aileron in the opposite direction from the opposite side. Apply thin C/A glue to each hinge, making sure that the C/A penetrates into both the aileron and wing panel.

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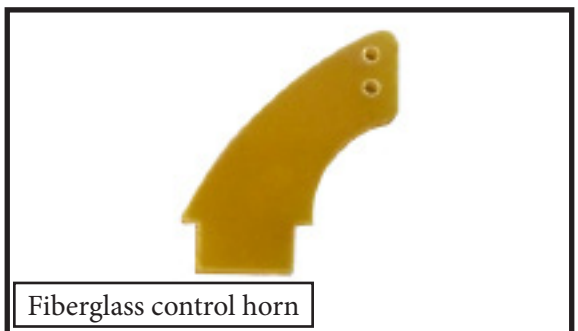
7) Repeat this process with the other wing panel, securely hinging the aileron in place.

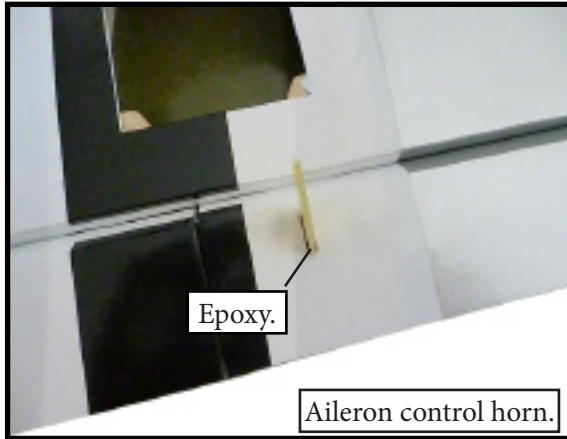
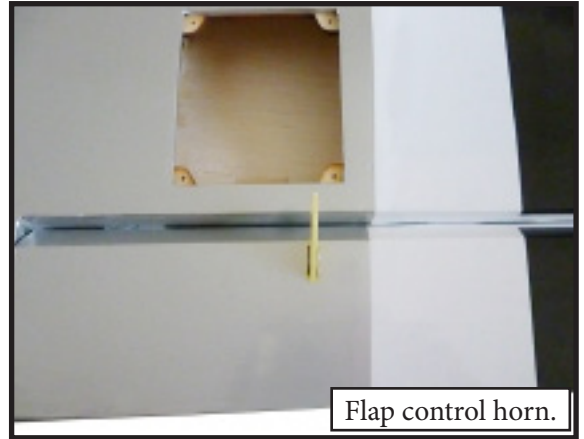
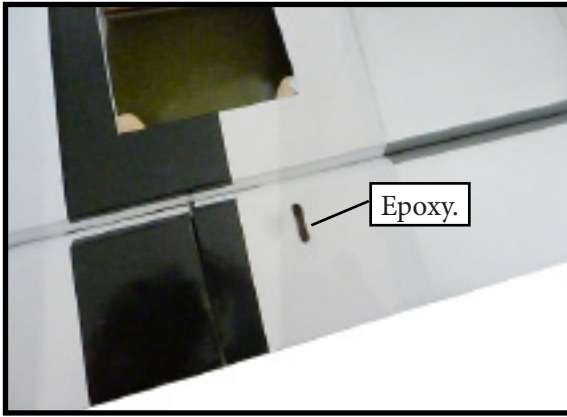
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INSTALL THE AILERONS CONTROL HORN.



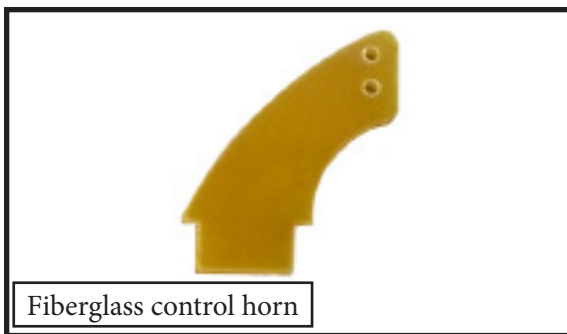


WING ASSEMBLY.

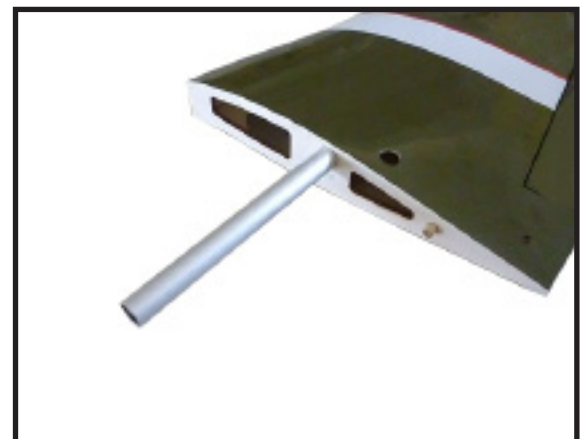
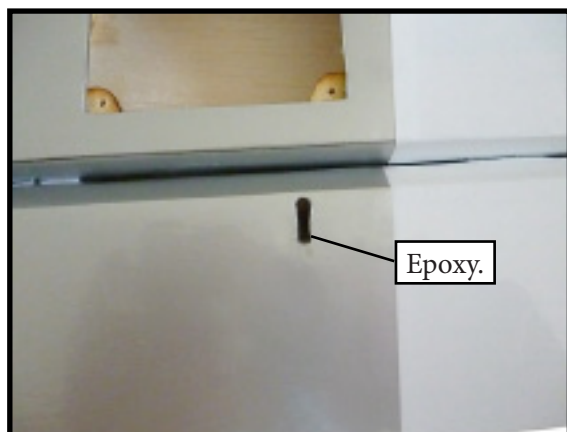
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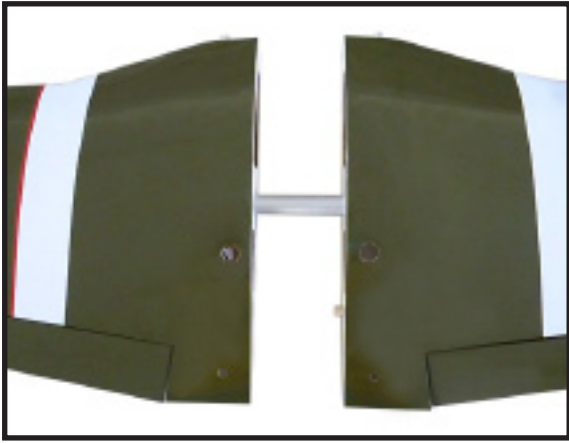
INSTALL FLAP CONTROL HORN.

Install the flap control horn using the same method as same as the aileron control horns.

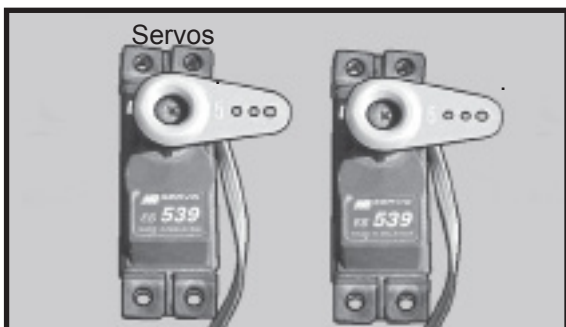
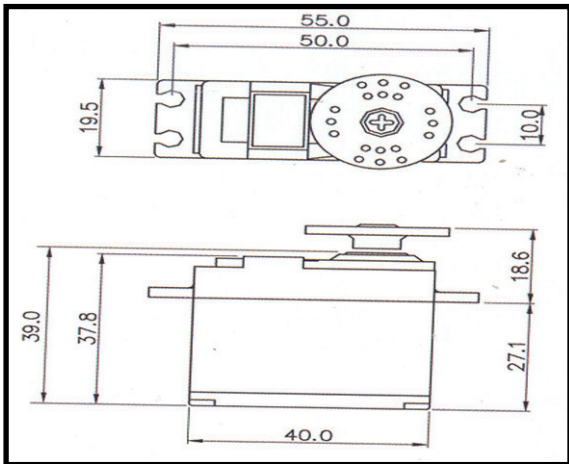



Attach the aluminum tube into wing.



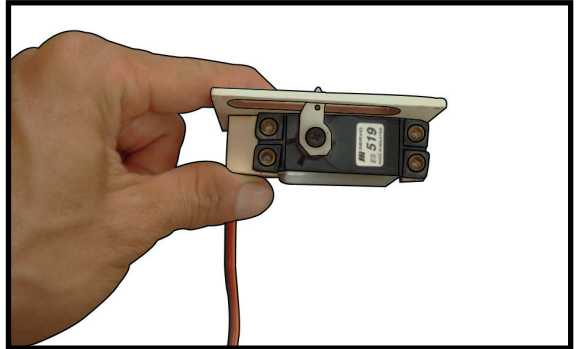


INSTALLING THE AILERON SERVOS.

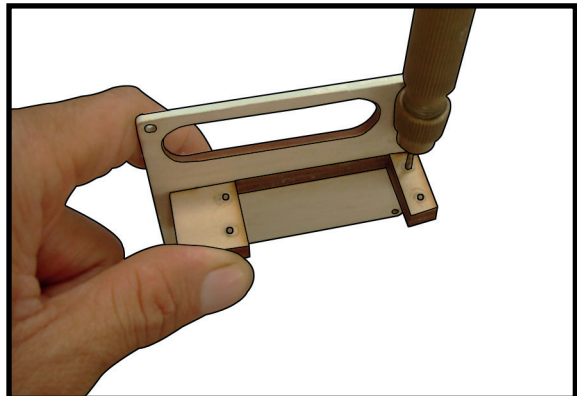


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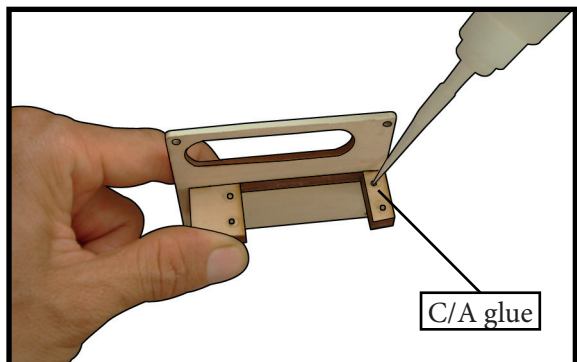
1) Place the servo between the mounting blocks and space it from the hatch. Use a pencil to mark the mounting hole locations on the blocks.



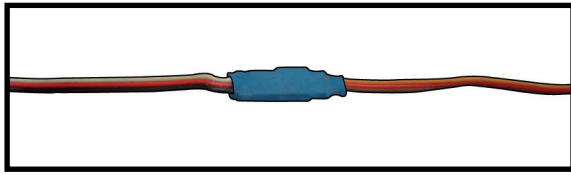
2) Use drill bit in a pin vise to drill the mounting holes in the blocks.



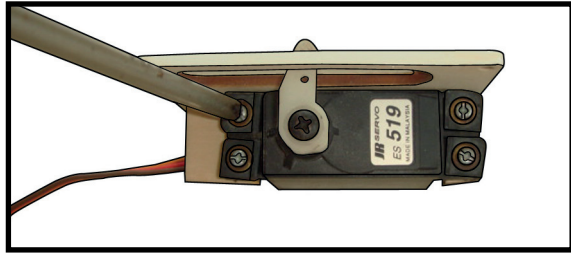
3) Apply 2-3 drops of thin C/A to each of the mounting holes. Allow the C/A to cure without using accelerator.



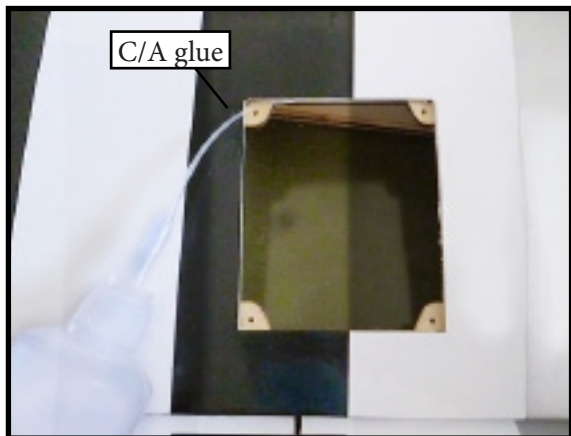
4) Use dental floss to secure the connection so they cannot become unplugged.



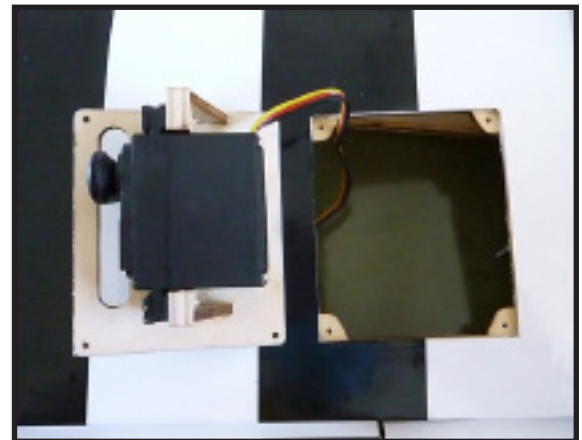
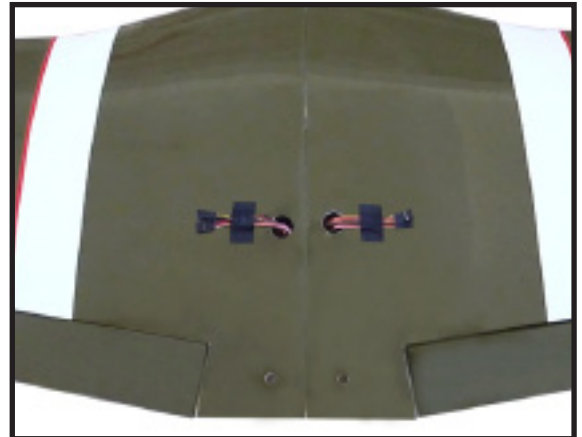
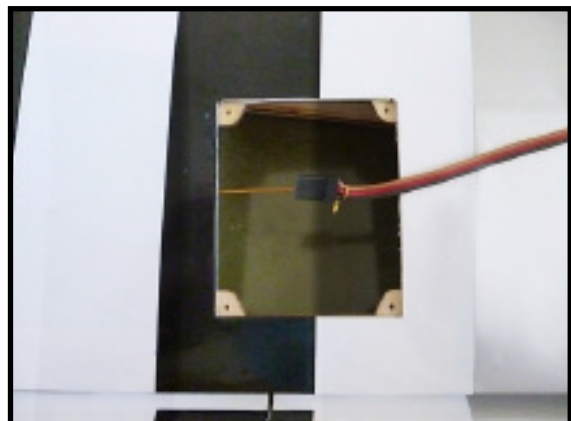
5) Secure the servo to the aileron hatch using Phillips screwdriver and the screws provided with the servo.



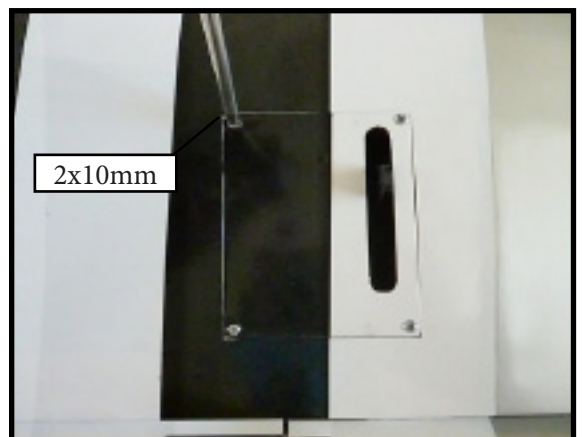
6) Apply 1-2 drops of thin C/A to each of the mounting tabs. Allow the C/A to cure without using accelerator.

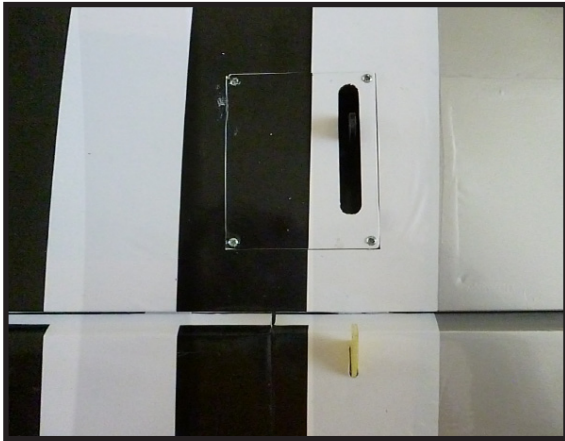


7) Remove the string from the wing at the servo location and use the tape to attach it to the servo extension lead. Pull the lead through the wing and remove



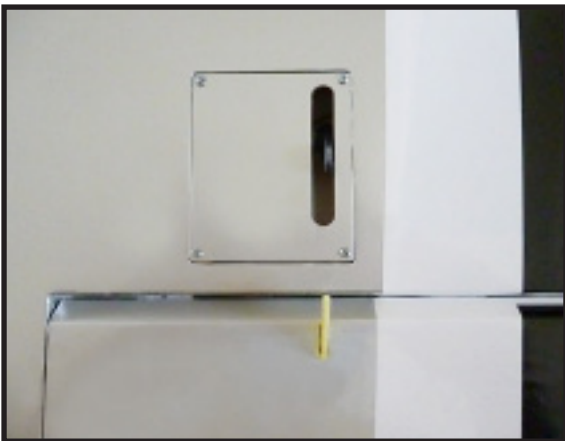
8) Set the aileron hatch in place and use a Phillips screw driver to install it with four wood screws.





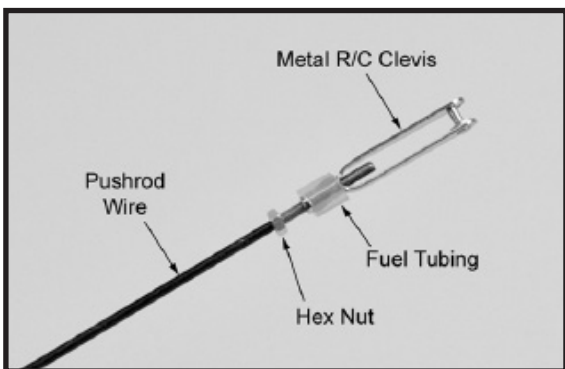
INSTALLING THE FLAP SERVO.

Repeat the procedure for the flap servo.

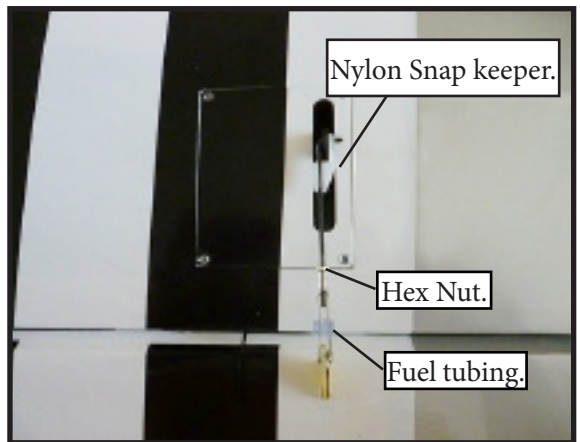
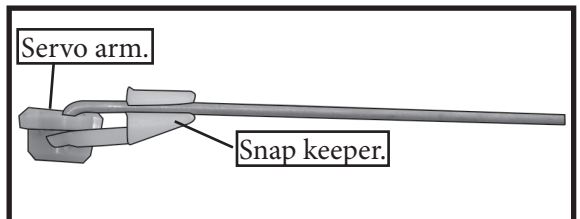
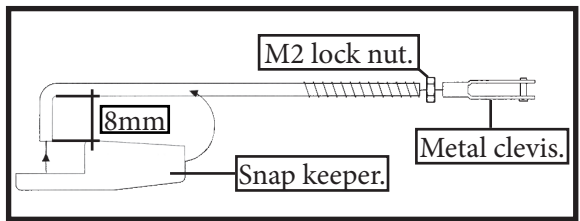
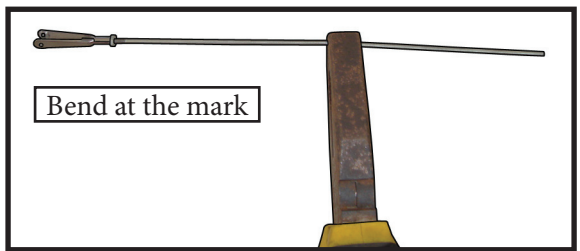
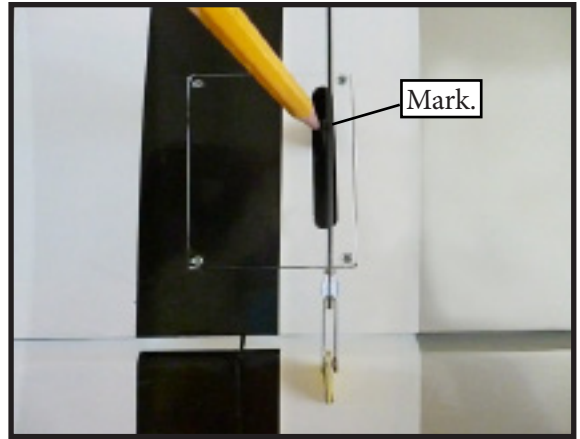


AILERON PUSHROD INSTALLATION.

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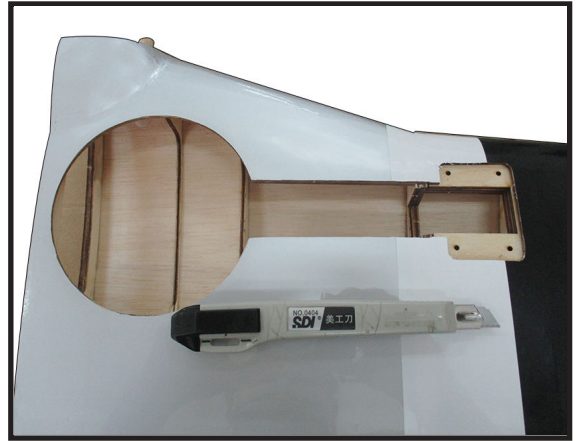


Use a felt tip pen to mark the wire where it crosses the hole. Use a pair of pliers to put a sharp 90-degree bend in the wire at the mark.



INSTALLING THE FLAP PUSHROD.

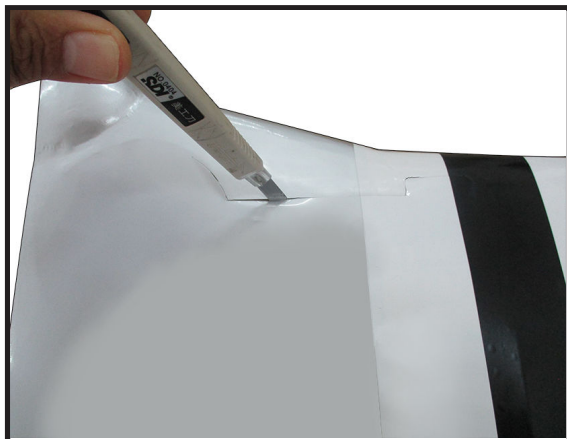
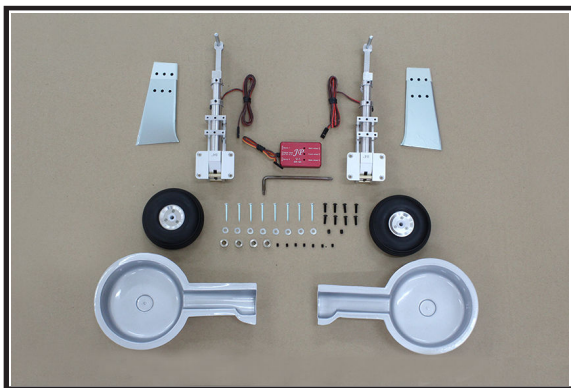
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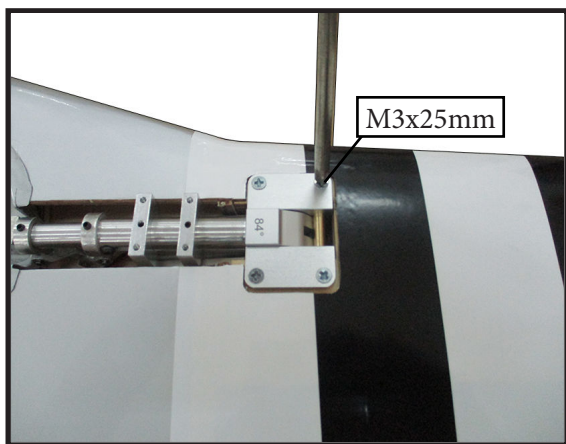
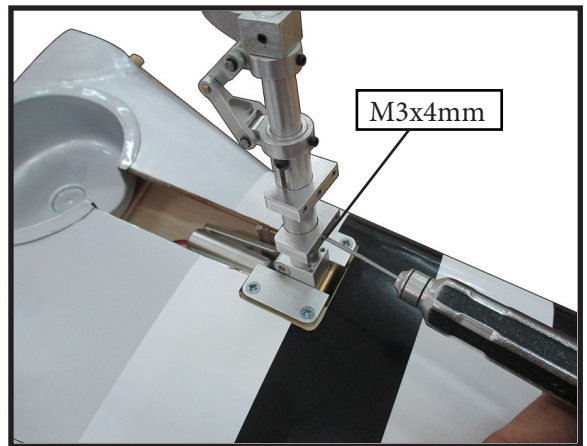
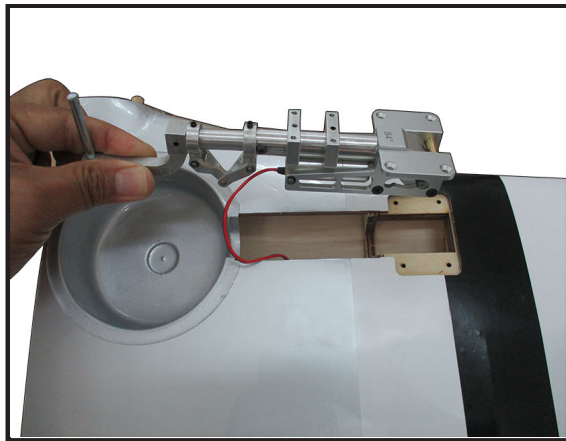
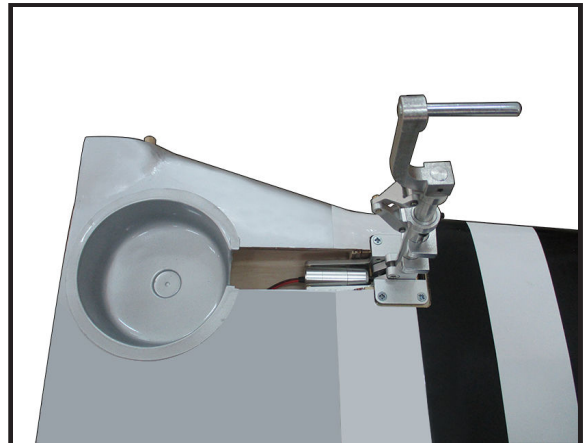
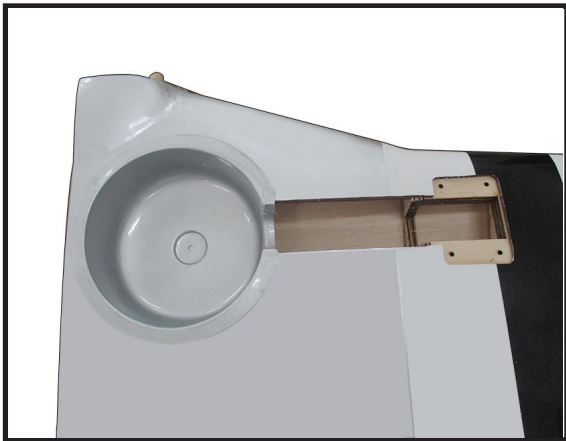
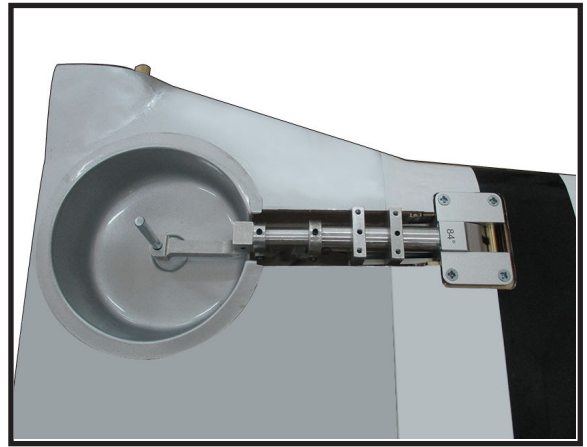
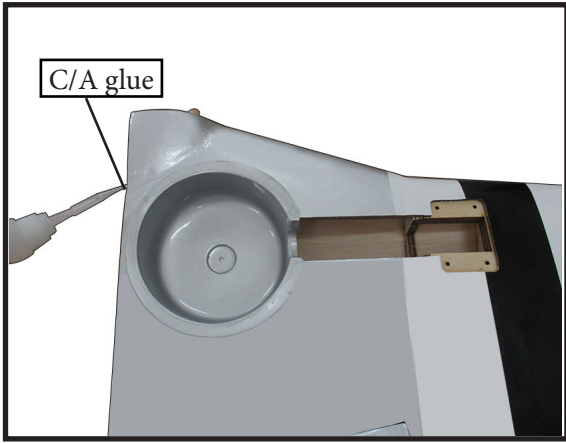


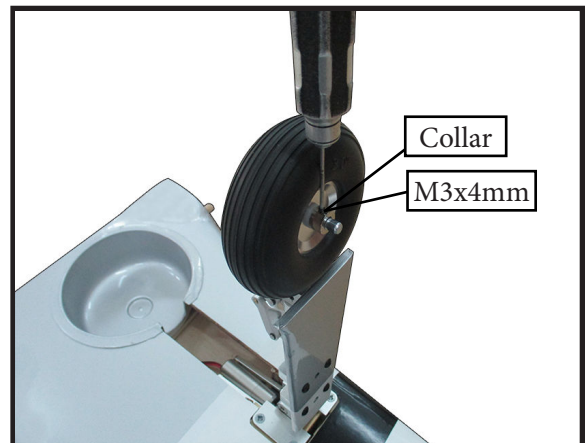
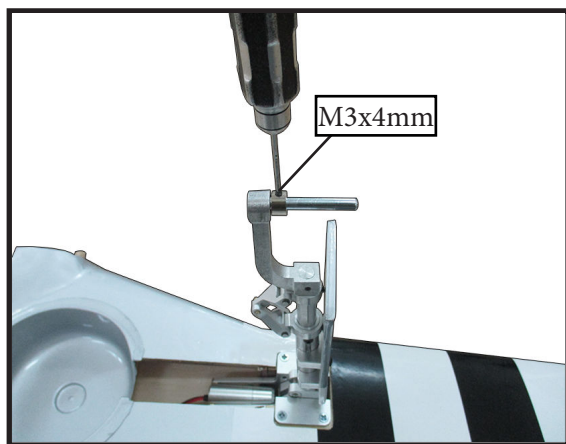
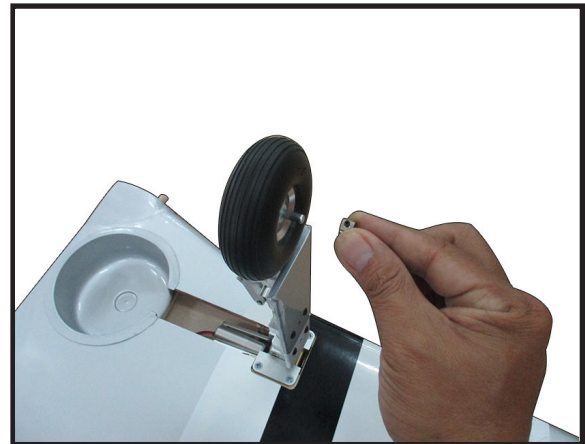
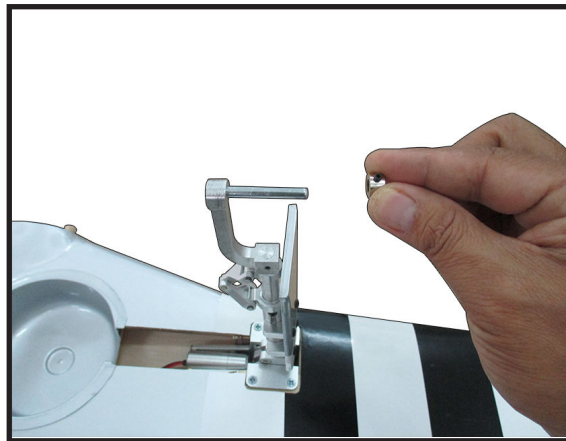
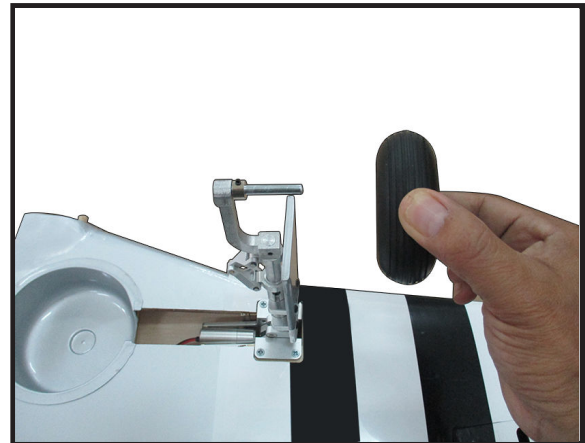
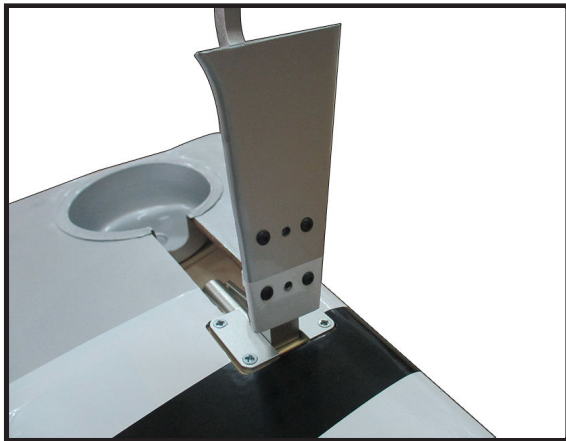
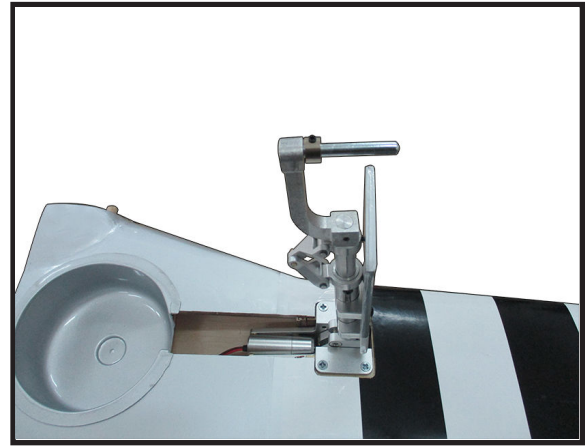
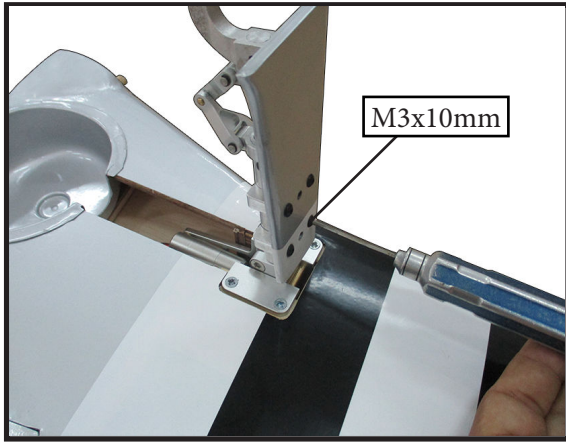
INSTALLING RETRACTABLE LANDING GEAR.

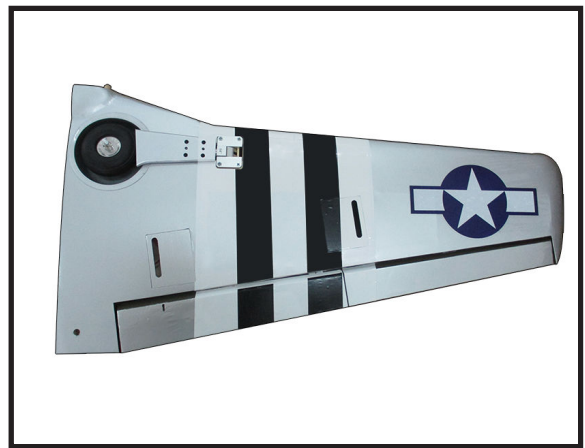
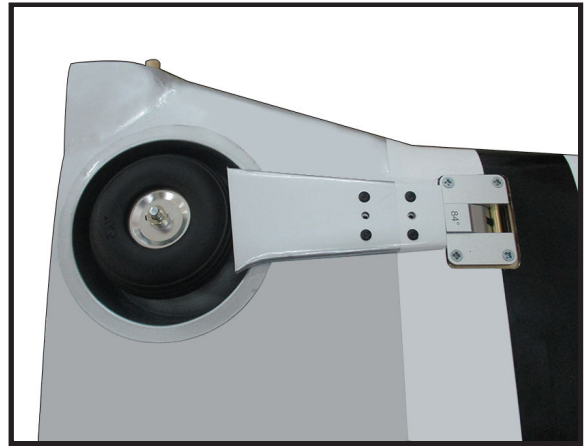
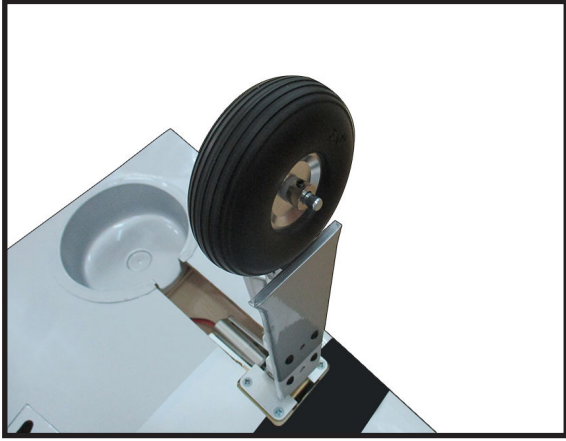
Locate items necessary to install Sprin Landing Gear.

You use this fork set JP ER-120-84degree.



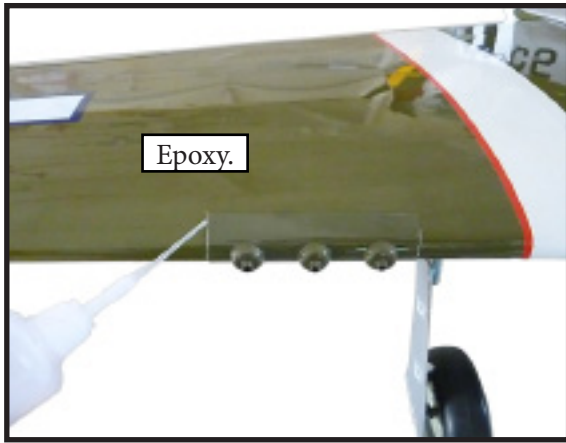






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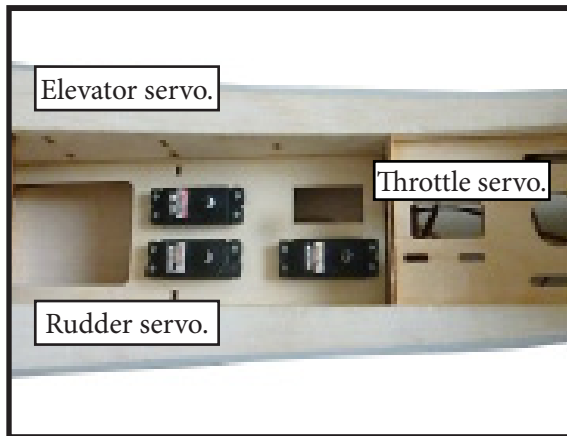




INSTALLING THE FUSELAGE SERVOS.

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- 1) Install the rubber grommets and brass collets onto all servos. Test fit the servos into the servo mounts.
- 2) Secure the servos with the screws provided with your radio system.



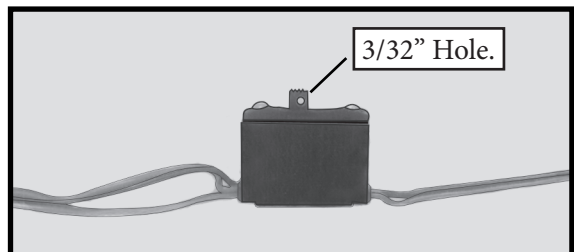
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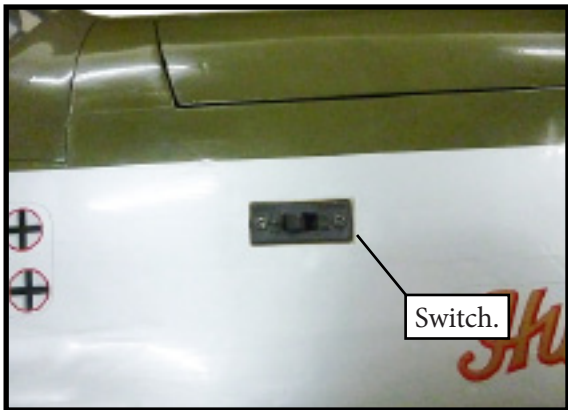
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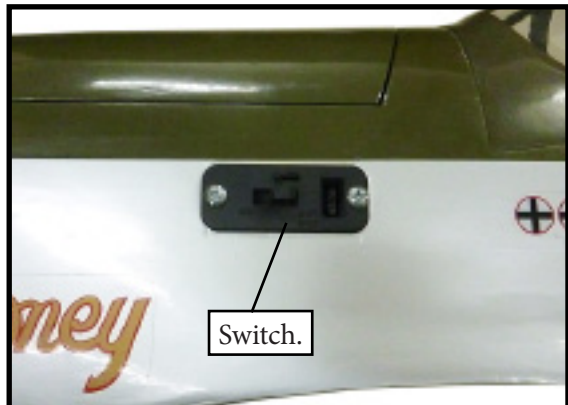
INSTALLING THE RECEIVER SWITCH.

Install the switch into the precut hole in the side, in the fuselage.



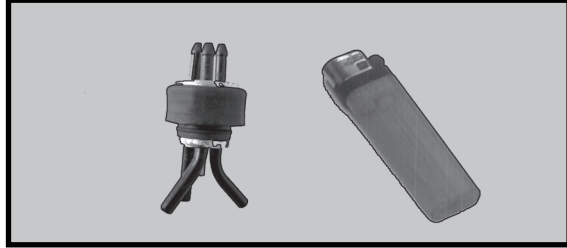
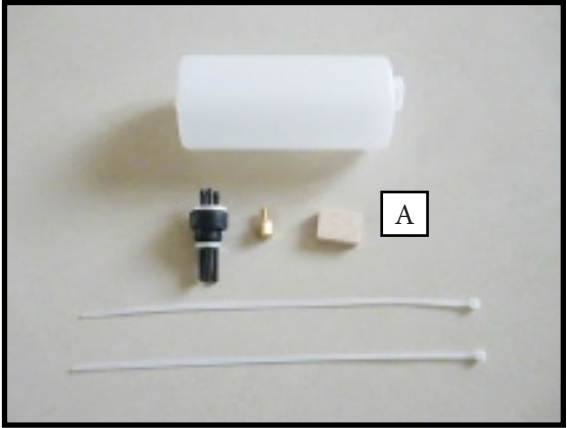
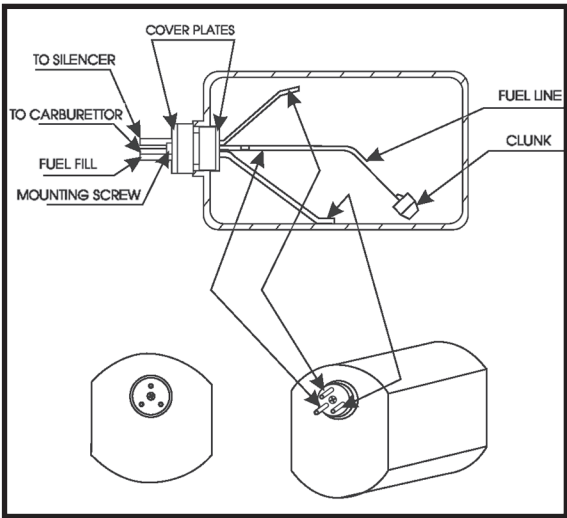


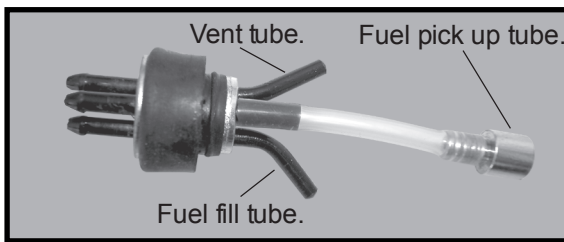
INSTALLING THE ENGINE SWITCH.



INSTALLING THE STOPPER ASSEMBLY.

- 1) Using a modeling knife, carefully cut off the rear portion of one of the 3 nylon tubes leaving 1/2" protruding from the rear of the stopper. This will be the fuel pick up tube.
- 2) Using a modeling knife, cut one length of silicon fuel line. Connect one end of the line to the weighted fuel pick up and the other end to the nylon pick up tube.





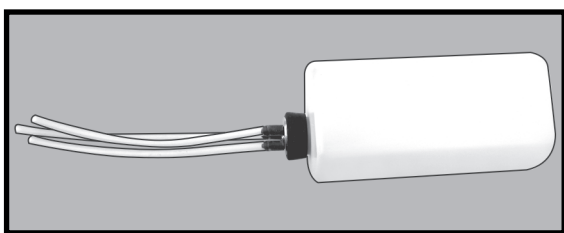
3) Carefully bend the second nylon tube up at a 45° angle. This tube is the vent tube.

4) Test fit the stopper assembly into the tank. It may be necessary to remove some of the flashing around the tank opening using a modeling knife. If flashing is present, make sure none falls into the tank.

5) With the stopper assembly in place, the weighted pick-up should rest away from the rear of the tank and move freely inside the tank. The top of the vent tube should rest just below the top of the tank. It should not touch the top of the tank.

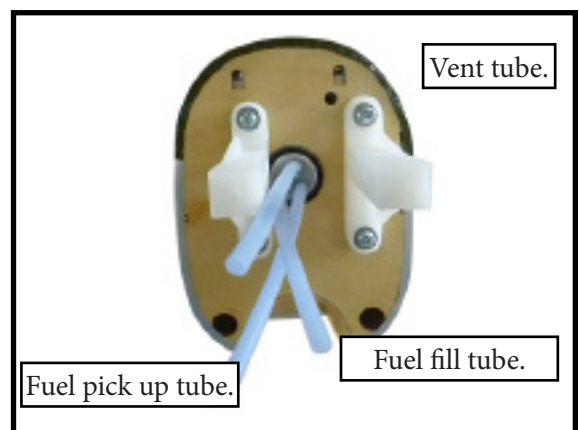
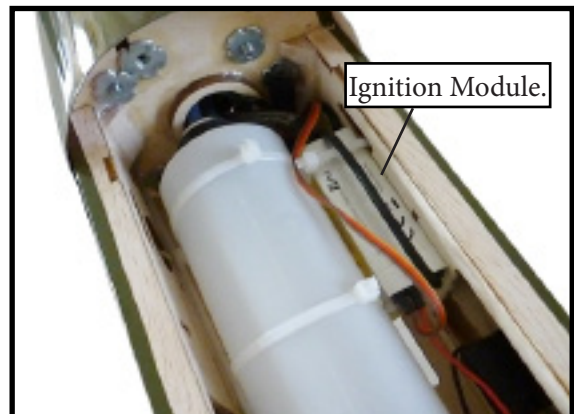
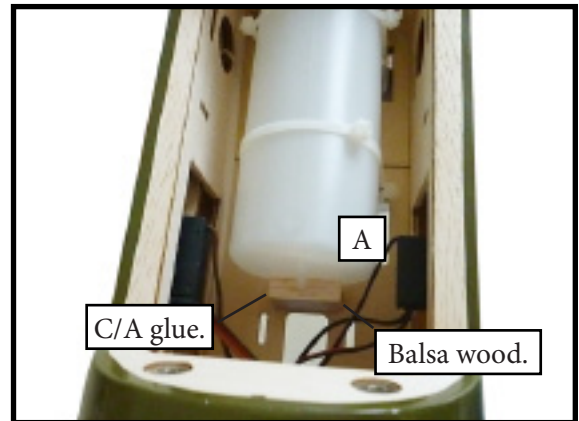
6) When satisfied with the alignment of the stopper assembly tighten the 3 x 20mm machine screw until the rubber stopper expands and seals the tank opening. Do not over-tighten the assembly as this could cause the tank to split.

FUEL TANK INSTALLATION.

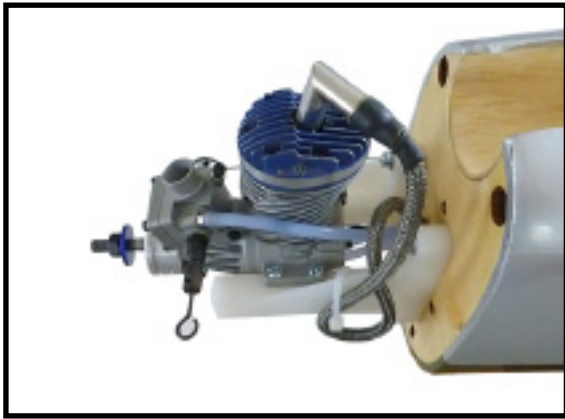


! *You should mark which tube is the vent and which is the fuel pickup when you attach fuel tubing to the tubes in the stopper. Once the tank is installed inside the fuselage, it may be difficult to determine which is which.*

7) Slide the fuel tank into the fuselage. Guide the lines from the tank through the hole in the firewall.



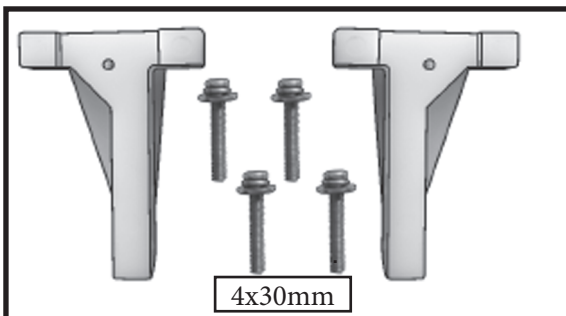
8) Connect the lines from the tank to the engine and muffler. The vent line will connect to the muffler and the line from the clunk to the carburetor.



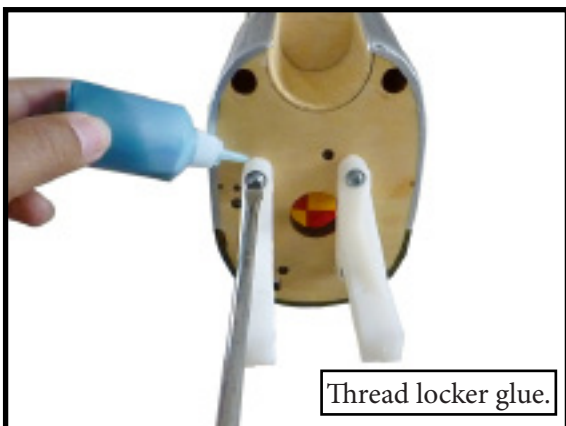
⚠ Blow through one of the lines to ensure the fuel lines have not become kinked inside the fuel tank compartment. Air should flow through easily.

ENGINE MOUNT INSTALLATION.

1) Locate the items necessary to install the engine mount included with your model.

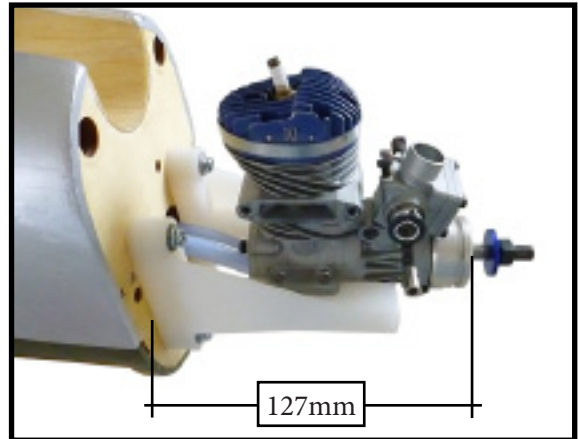


2) Use four 4x30mm head bolts and four 4mm washers to attach the engine mount rails to the firewall. Tighten the screws. Make sure to use threadlock on the screws to help prevent them from vibrating loose.

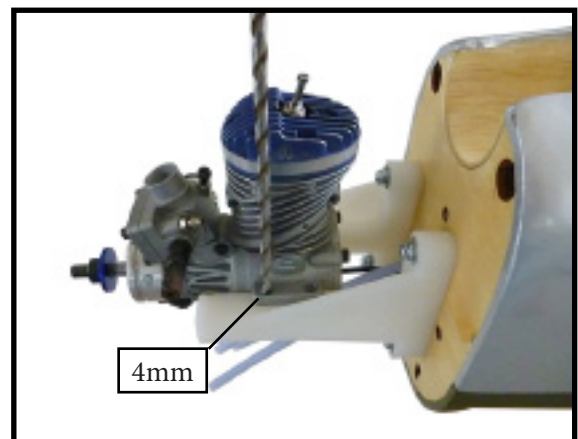


MOUNTING THE ENGINE.

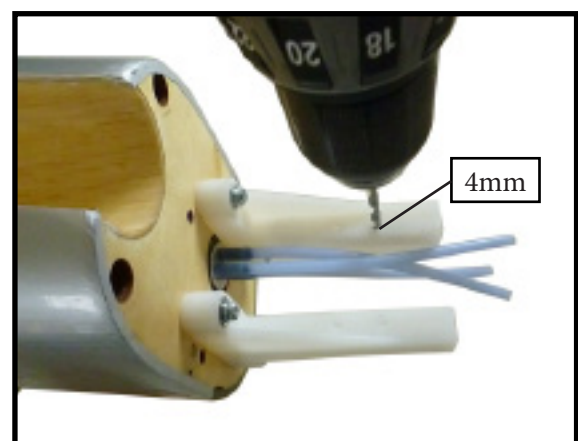
1) Position the engine with the drive washer (127mm) forward of the firewall as shown.



2) Use a pin drill and 4mm drill bit to drill a small indentation in the mount for the engine mounting screw.



3) Use a drill to drill the four holes in the engine mount rails.



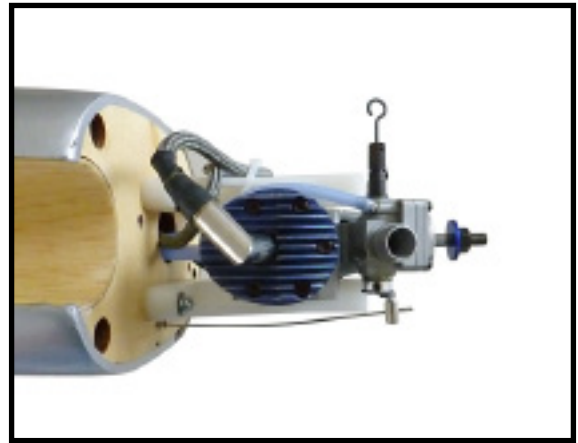
4) On the fire wall has the location for the throttle pushrod tube (pre-drill).

5) Slide the pushrod tube in the firewall and guide it through the fuel tank mount. Use medium C/A to glue the tube to the firewall and the fuel tank mount.

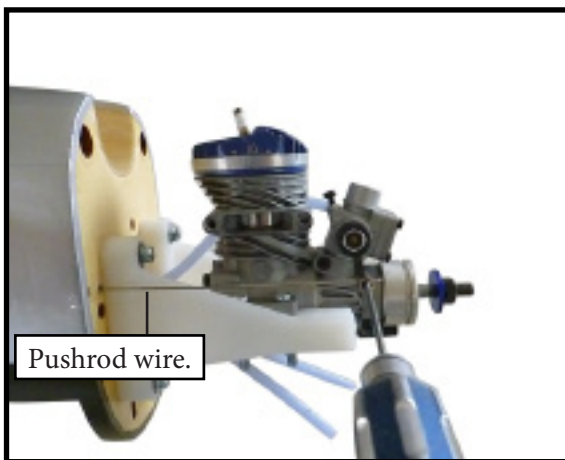
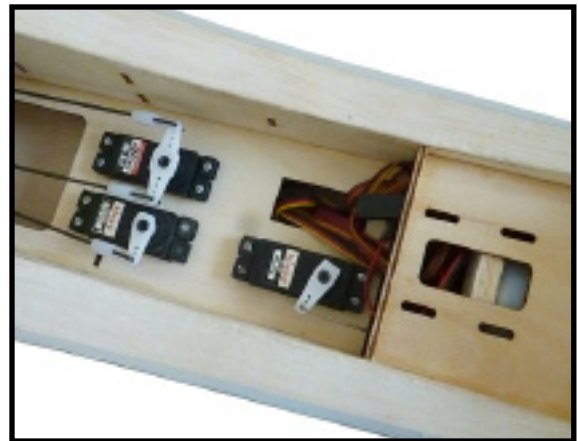
6) Connect throttle pushrod to adjustable servo connector of the carburetor arm as shown below. Trim any excess pushrod wire using side cutters.

Use a 2.5mm hex wrench to tighten the screw that secures the throttle pushrod wire. Make sure to use threadlock on the screw so it does not vibrate loose.

7) Position the engine between the mounts. Use four M4x30mm machine screws to secure the engine to the mount as shown.

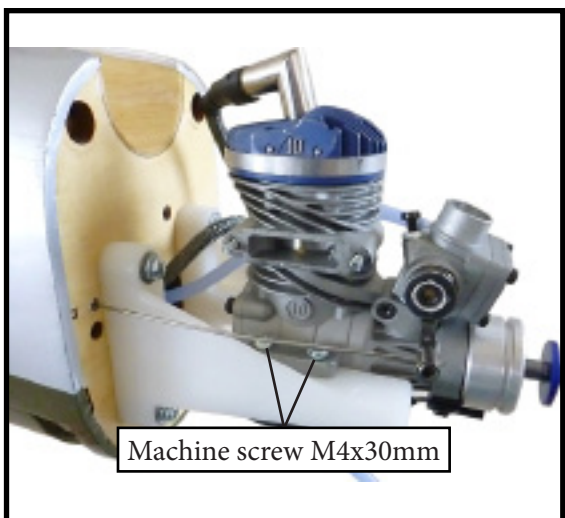


8) Connect the Z-bend in the 450mm throttle pushrod to the outer hole of the throttle servo arm.



COWLING.

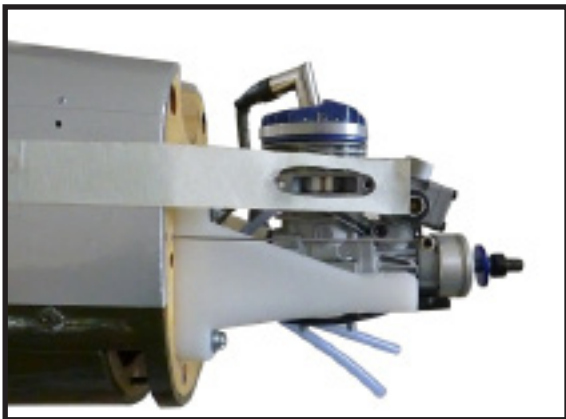
1) Tape the cowl to the fuselage using low-tack tape.



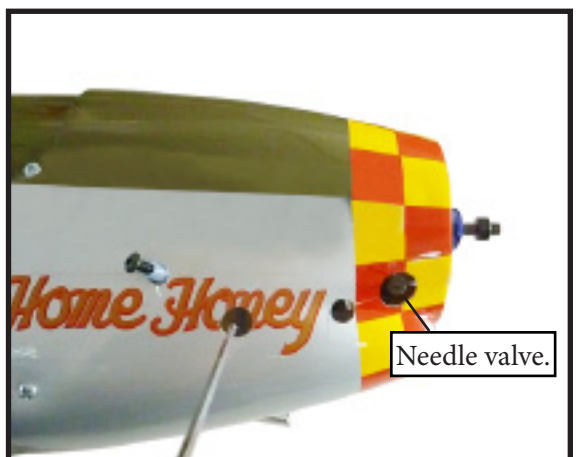
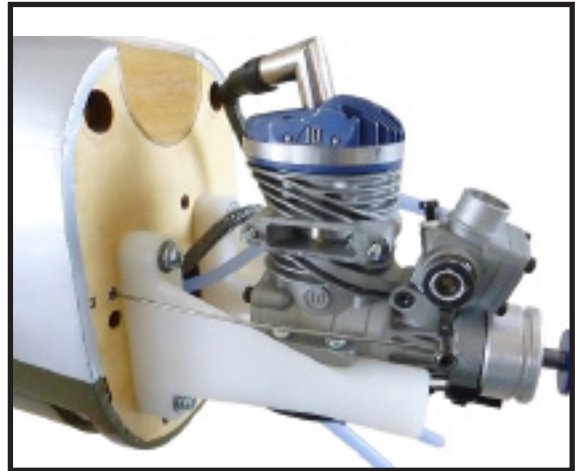
2) Use a drill and drill bit to drill the holes for the cowl mounting screws. Make sure the cowl position is correct before drilling each hole.

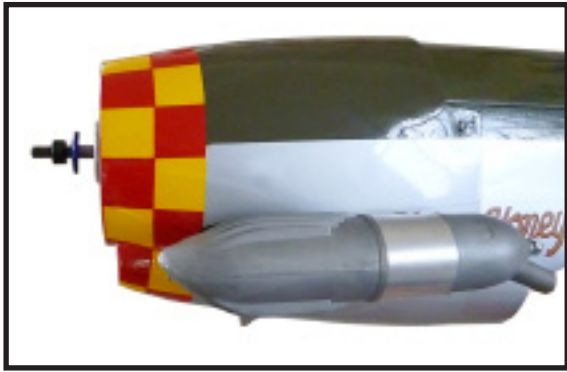


3) Tape a piece of card stock to the fuselage to indicate the location of the muffler, needle valve, and any other items that may require access when the cowl is mounted. Slide the cowl on the fuselage, and transfer these locations onto the cowl. Use a drill, rotary tool and sanding drum to make any cut-outs in the cowl before securing it to the fuselage.



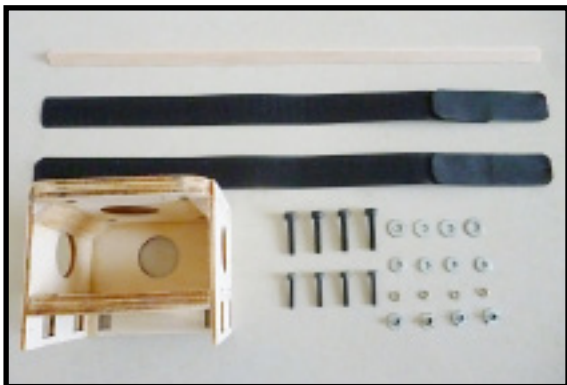
4) Slide the muffler screws through the engine. Place the muffler extension and gaskets included with the engine on the screws. Be careful when mounting the cowl so the screws and extension remain in position until the muffler can be attached.





ELECTRIC POWER CONVERSION.

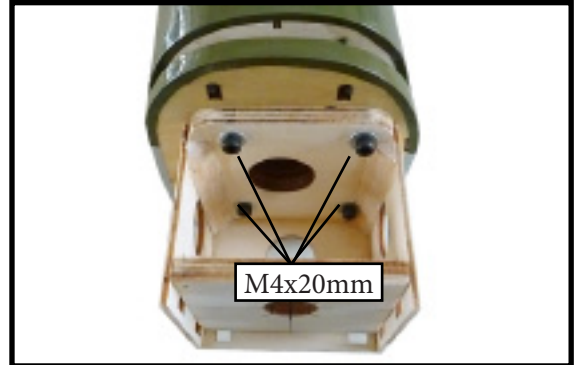
1) Locate the items necessary to install the electric power conversion included with your model.



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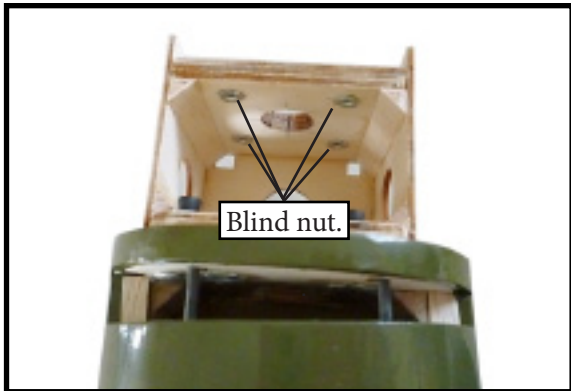
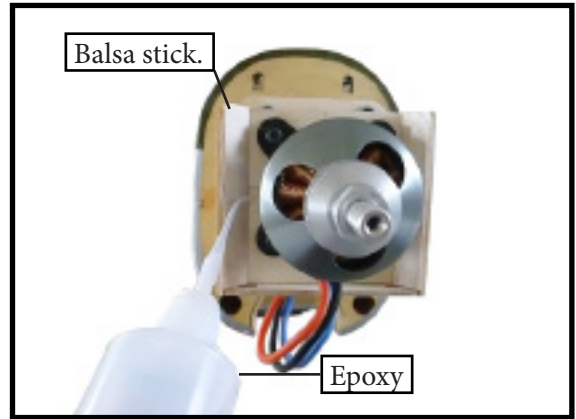
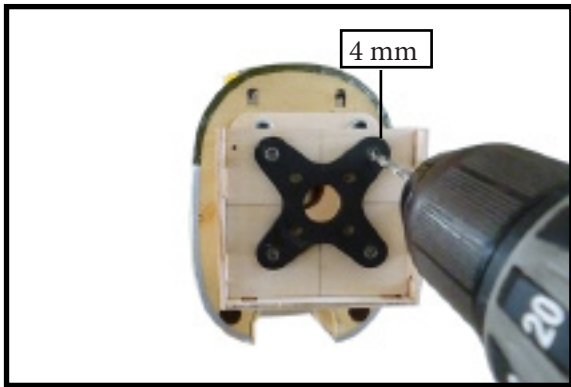
- Motor: 46 (925-1200 Watt)
- Propeller: 12 x8 ~ 14x10
- ESC: 60A- 80A
- Lipo Batteries: 4S - 5S

3) Attach the electric motor box to the firewall suitable with the cross lines drawn on the electric motor box and firewall. Using M4x20mm to secure the motor box to the firewall. Please see pictures below.



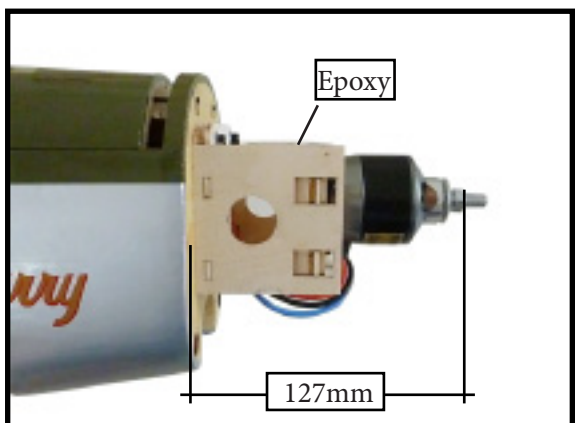
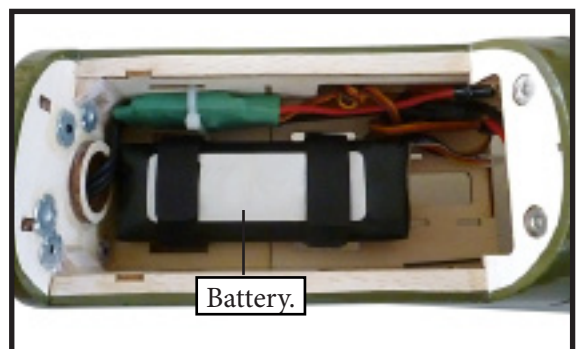
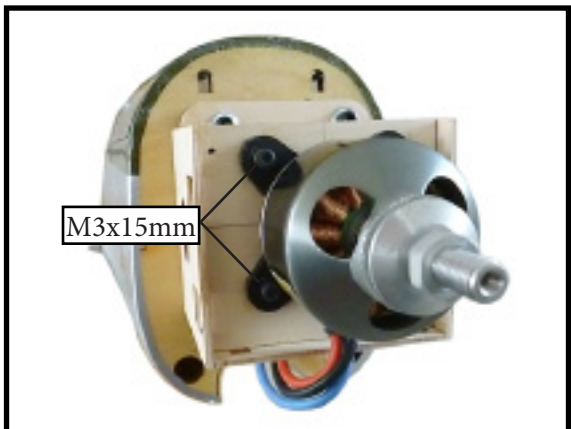
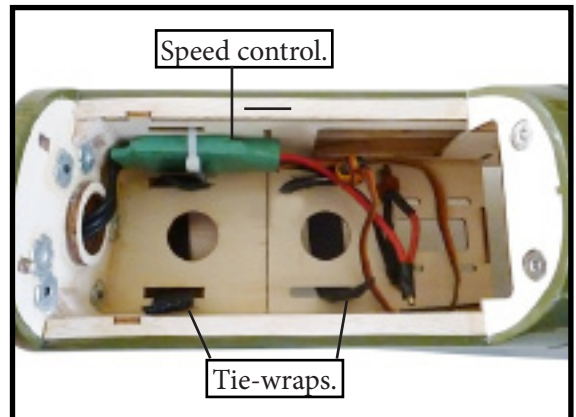
4) Attach the motor to the front of the electric motor box using four 4mm blind nut, four M3x15mm hex head bolts to secure the motor. Please see picture shown.





6) Attach the speed control to the side of the motor box using two-sided tape and tie wraps. Connect the appropriate leads from the speed control to the motor. Make sure the leads will not interfere with the operation of the motor.

5) Attach the motor to the front of the electric motor box using four 4mm blind nut, four M3x15mm hex head bolts to secure the motor. Please see picture shown.





INSTALLING THE SPINNER.

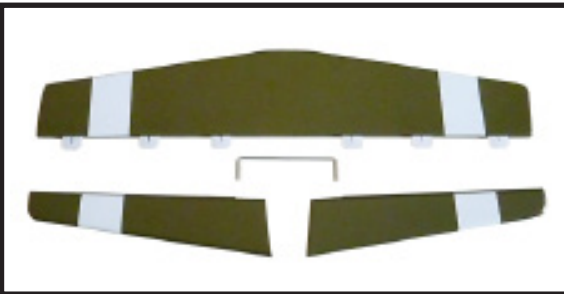


⚠ The propeller should not touch any part of the spinner cone. If it does, use a sharp modeling knife and carefully trim away the spinner cone where the propeller comes in contact with it.



HINGING THE ELEVATORS.

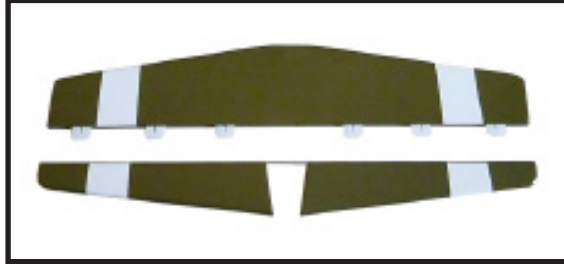
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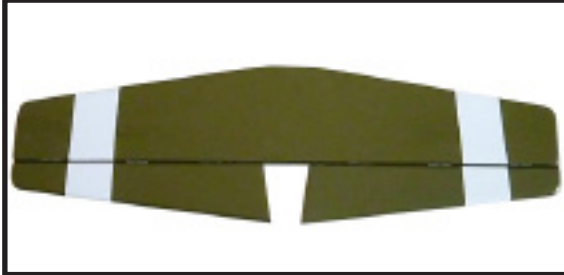
2) Carefully remove the elevator from one of the horizontal stabilizer panels. Note the position of the hinges.

3) Remove each hinge from the horizontal stabilizer panel and elevator and place a T-pin in the center of each hinge. Epoxy the wire elevator joiner into the pre-drilled elevator halves.

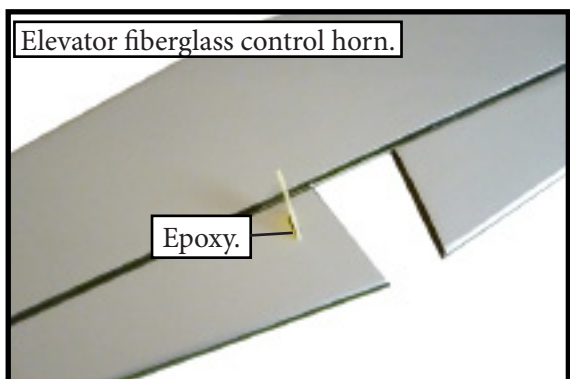
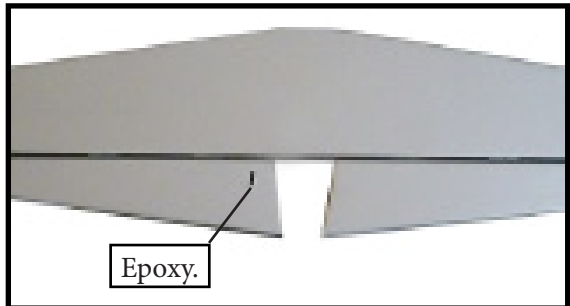
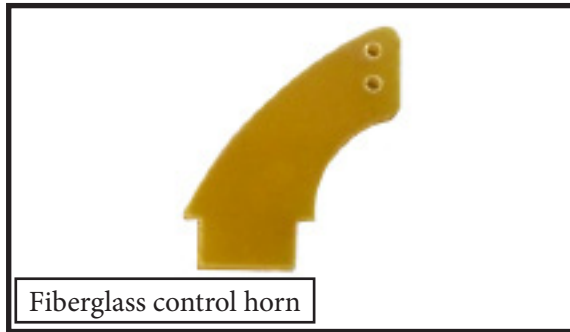
4) Slide each hinge into the elevator until the T-pin is snug against the elevator. This will help ensure an equal amount of hinge is on either side of the hinge line when the elevator is mounted to the horizontal stabilizer panel.



Glue the hinge hinges in place using the same techniques used to hing the ailerons.

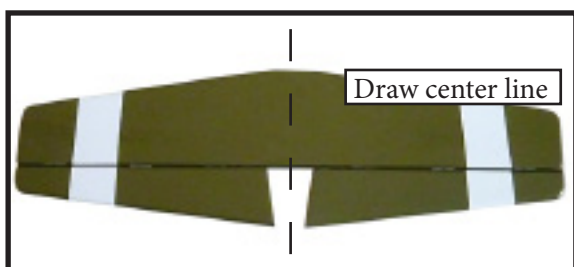


INSTALL ELEVATOR CONTROL HORN.

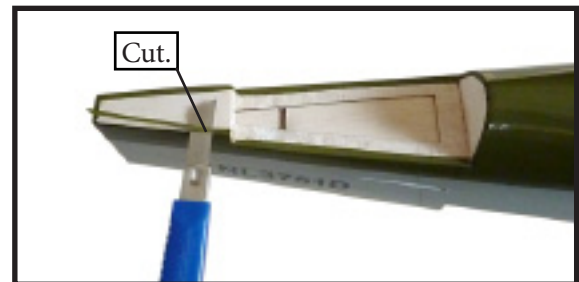


INSTALLING THE HORIZONTAL STABILIZER.

1) Using a ruler and a pen, locate the centerline of the horizontal stabilizer, at the trailing edge, and place a mark. Use a triangle and extend this mark, from back to front, across the top of the stabilizer. Also extend this mark down the back of the trailing edge of the stabilizer.



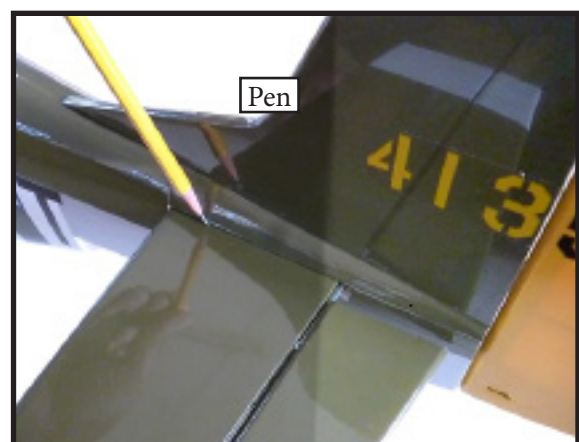
2) Using a modeling knife, carefully remove the covering at mounting slot of horizontal stabilizer (both side of fuselage).



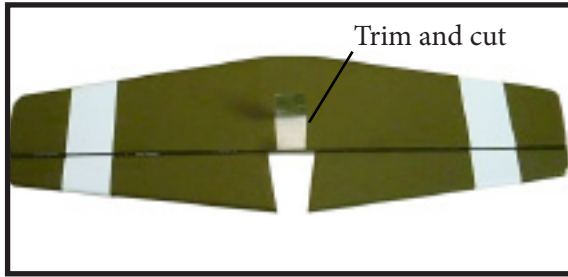
3) Slide the stabilizer into place in the precut slot in the rear of the fuselage. The stabilizer should be pushed firmly against the front of the slot.



4) With the stabilizer held firmly in place, use a pen and draw lines onto the stabilizer where it and the fuselage sides meet. Do this on both the right and left sides and top and bottom of the stabilizer.

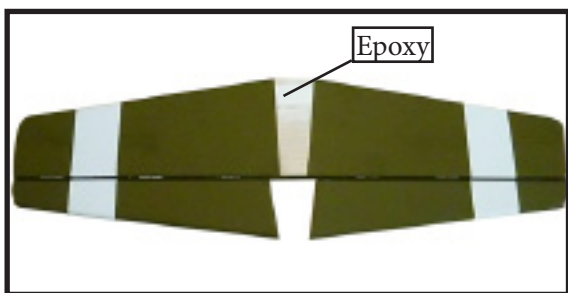


5) Remove the stabilizer. Using the lines you just drew as a guide, carefully remove the covering from between them using a modeling knife.

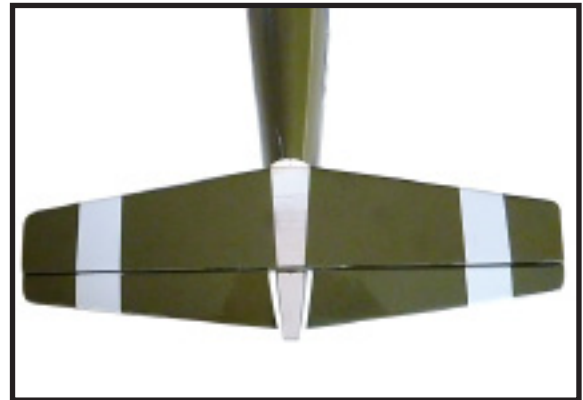
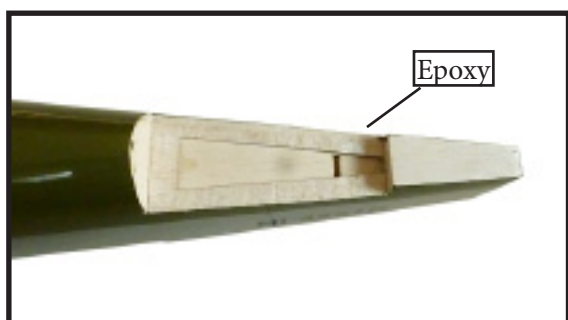


! *When cutting through the covering to remove it, cut with only enough pressure to only cut through the covering itself. Cutting into the balsa structure may weaken it.*

6) Using a modeling knife, carefully remove the covering that overlaps the stabilizer mounting platform sides in the fuselage. Remove the covering from both the top and the bottom of the platform sides.



7) When you are sure that everything is aligned correctly, mix up a generous amount of 30 Minute Epoxy. Apply a thin layer to the top and bottom of the stabilizer mounting area and to the stabilizer mounting platform sides in the fuselage. Slide the stabilizer in place and realign. Double check all of your measurements once more before the epoxy cures. Hold the stabilizer in place with T-pins or masking tape and remove any excess epoxy using a paper towel and rubbing alcohol.



HINGING THE RUDDER.

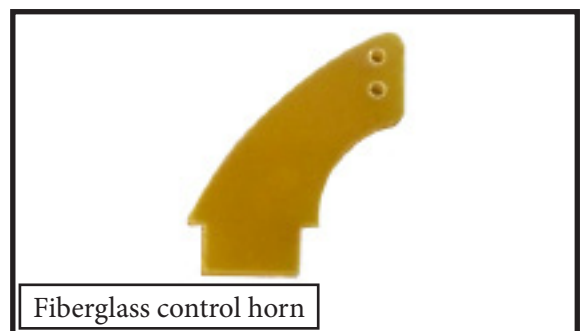
Glue the top two rudder hinges in place using the same techniques used to hinge the ailerons.

The lower hinge will be glued when the fin/rudder assembly is attached to the fuselage.



INSTALL RUDDER CONTROL HORN.

Repeat steps to install the rudder control horn as same as steps done for ailerons.

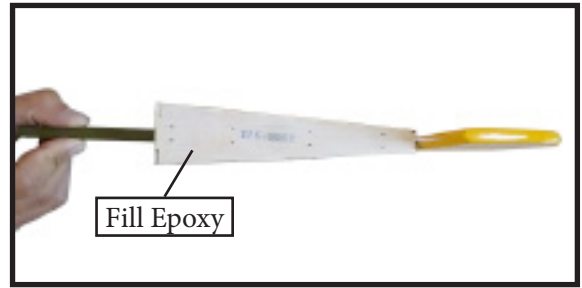
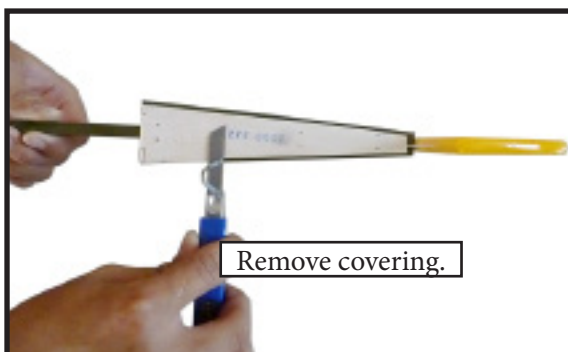




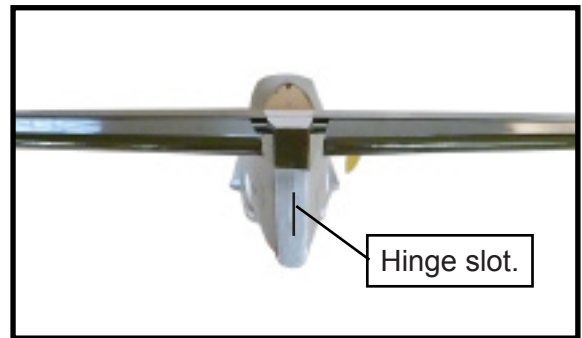
INSTALLING VERTICAL STABILIZER



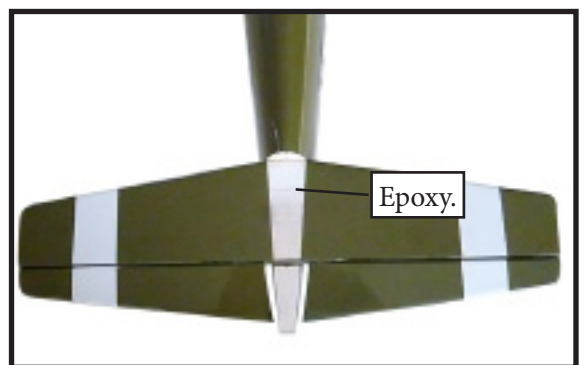
1) Using a modeling knife, remove the covering from over the precut hinge slot cut into the lower rear portion of the fuselage. This slot accepts the lower rudder hinge.



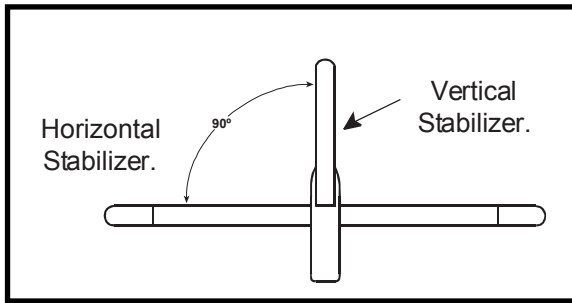
2) Slide the vertical stabilizer into the slot in the top of the fuselage. The rear edge of the stabilizer should be flush with the rear edge of the fuselage and the lower rudder hinge should engage the precut hinge slot in the lower fuselage. The bottom edge of the stabilizer should also be firmly pushed against the top of the horizontal stabilizer.



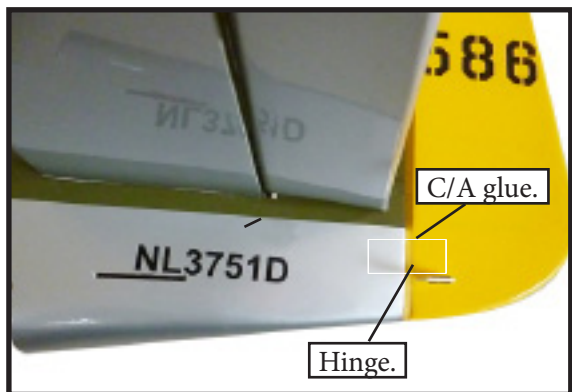
3) While holding the vertical stabilizer firmly in place, use a pen and draw a line on each side of the vertical stabilizer where it meets the top of the fuselage.



4) Slide the vertical stabilizer back in-place. Using a triangle, check to ensure that the vertical stabilizer is aligned 90° to the horizontal stabilizer.



5) When you are sure that everything is aligned correctly, mix up a generous amount of Flash 30 Minute Epoxy. Apply a thin layer to the mounting slot and to bottom of the vertical stabilizer mounting area. Apply epoxy to the bottom and top edges of the filler block and to the lower hinge also. Set the stabilizer in place and realign. Double check all of your measurements once more before the epoxy cures. Hold the stabilizer in place with T-pins or masking tape and remove any excess epoxy using a paper towel and rubbing alcohol. Allow the epoxy to fully cure before proceeding.

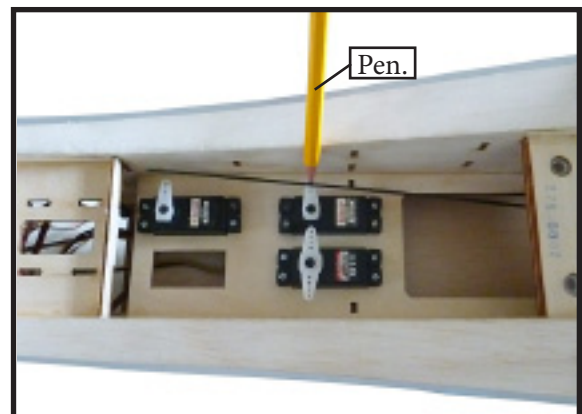
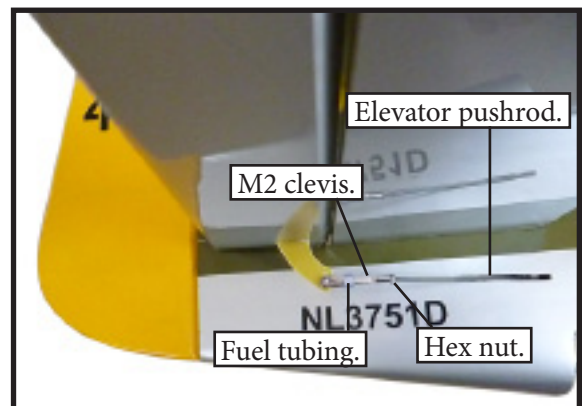


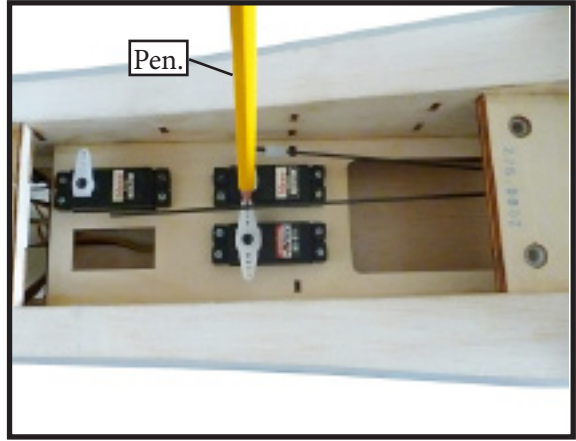
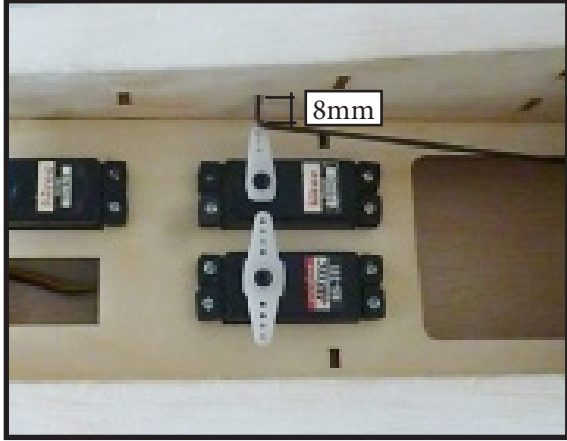
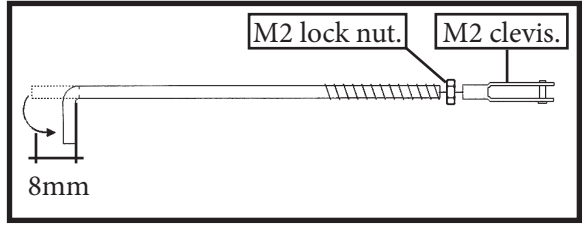
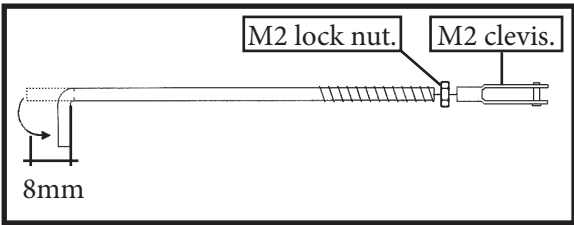
ELEVATOR PUSHROD INSTALLATION.

- 1) Install the elevator control horn using the same method as with the aileron control horns.
- 2) Position the elevator control horn on the both side of elevator.



- 3) Thread one clevis and M2 lock nut on to each elevator control rod. Thread the horns on until they are flush with the ends of the control rods.
- 4) Elevator pushrods assembly as pictures below.

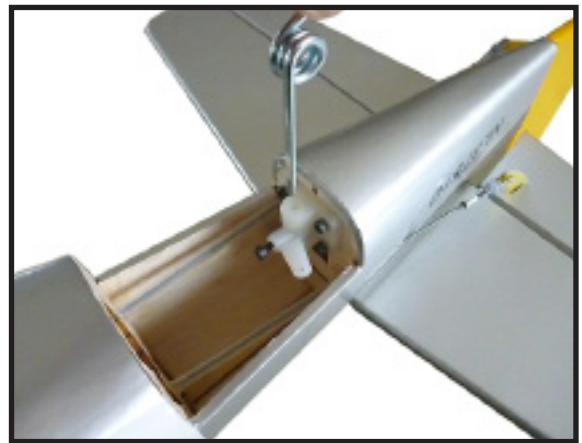
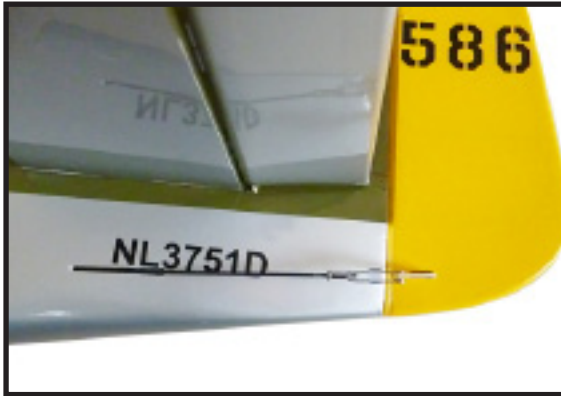




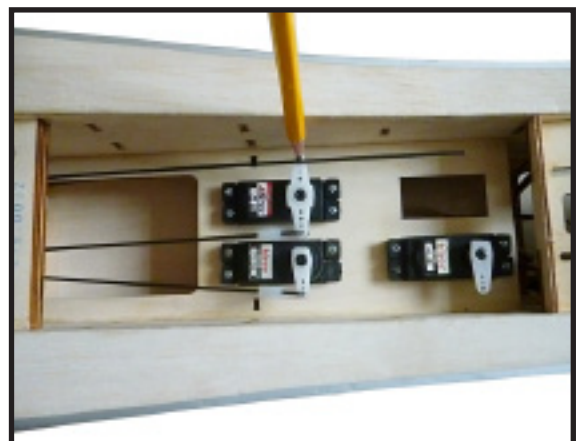
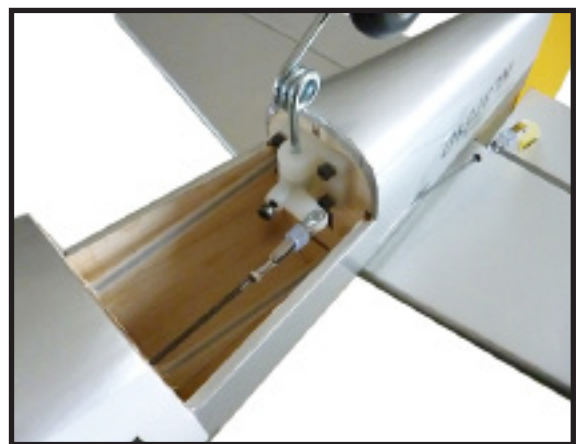
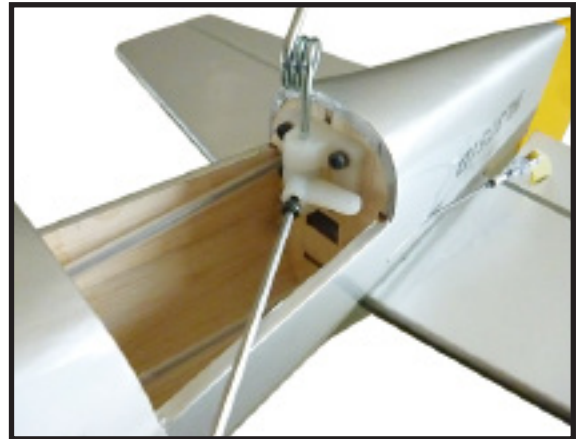
**RUDDER PUSHROD
INSTALLATION.**

Repeat steps as same as steps done for elevator.





MOUNTING THE TAIL WHEEL.



INSTALLATION PILOT AND CANOPY.

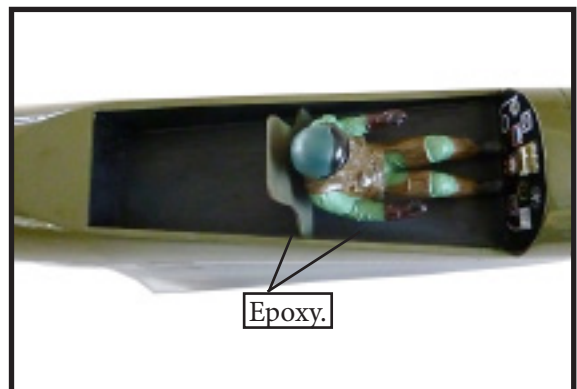
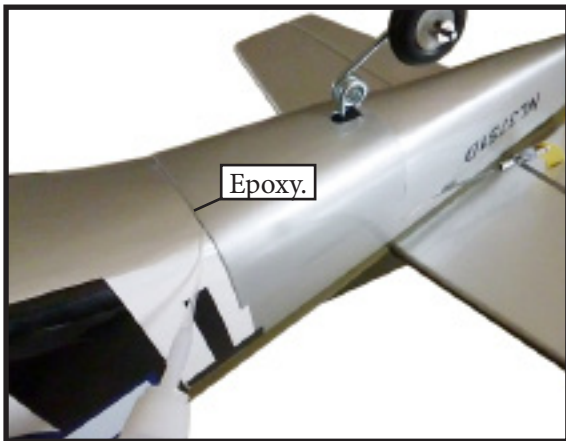
1) Locate items necessary to install pilot, seats.

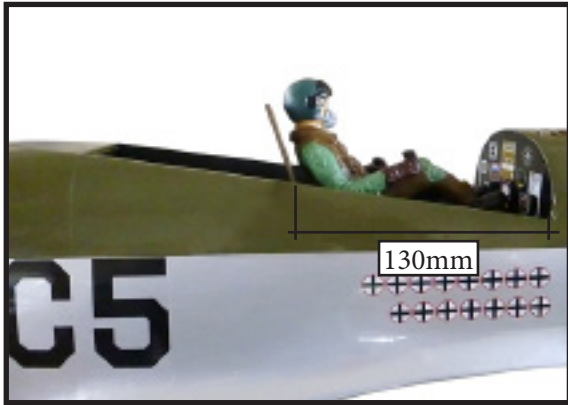


2) A scale pilot is included with this ARF. The Pilot included fitting well to the cockpit. (or you can order others scale pilot figures made by SG Models. They are available at SG Models distributors.)

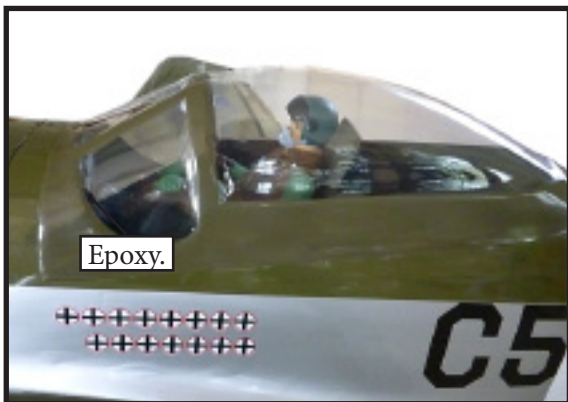
If you are going to install a pilot figure, please use a sanding bar to sand the base of the figure so that it is flat.

3) Position the pilot figure on the canopy floor as shown. Use epoxy to glue the base of the pilot figure to the cockpit floor, please see pictures as shown.





4) Position the canopy onto the fuselage. Trace around the canopy and onto the fuselage using a felt-tipped pen. Carefully cut and remove covering material from the fuselage where the canopy makes contact, exposing the bare wood. Then permanently glue the canopy in place with epoxy glue or special “canopy glue”.



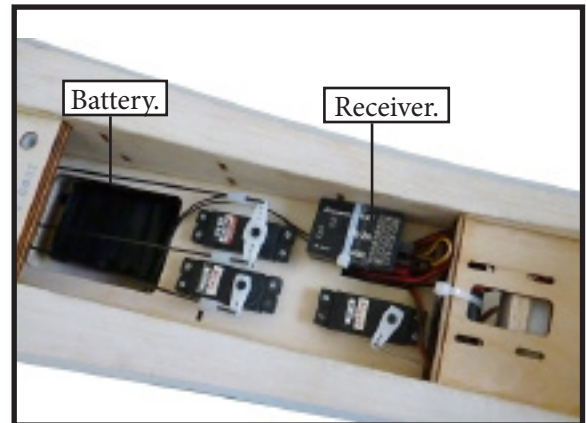
APPLY THE DECALS.

1) If all the decals are precut and ready to stick. Please be certain the model is clean and free from oily fingerprints and dust. Position decal on the model where desired, using the photos on the box and aid in their location.

2) If all the decals are not precut, please use scissors or a sharp hobby knife to cut the decals from the sheet. Please be certain the model is clean and free from oily fingerprints and dust. Position decal on the model where desired, using the photos on the box and aid in their location.

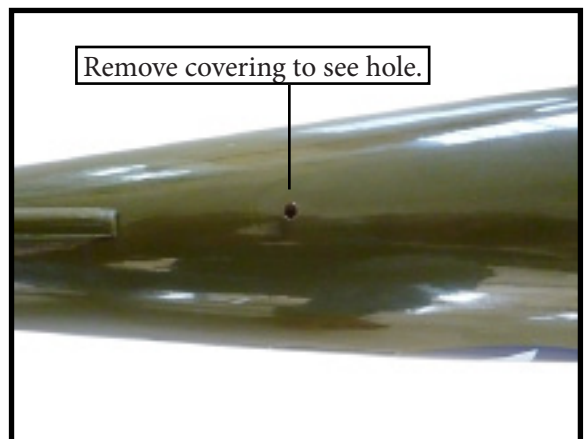
INSTALLING BATTERY - RECEIVER.

- 1) Plug the servo leads and the switch lead into the receiver. Plug the battery pack lead into the switch also.
- 2) Wrap the receiver and battery pack in the protective foam rubber to protect them from vibration.

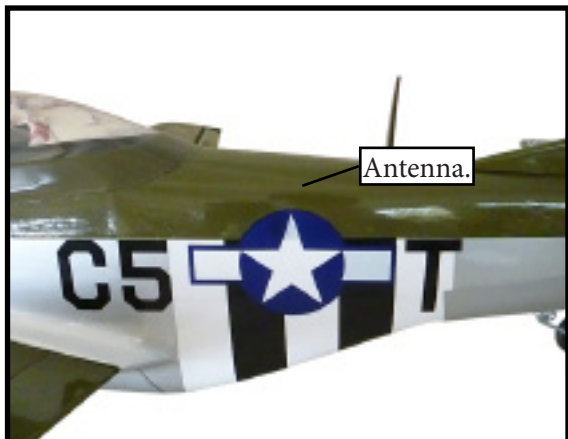


3) Route the antenna in the antenna tube inside the fuselage and secure it to the bottom of fuselage using a plastic tape.

4) The last detail is to install the antenna onto the fuselage. Use a hobby knife to cut a slot in the top of the fuselage for the antenna.

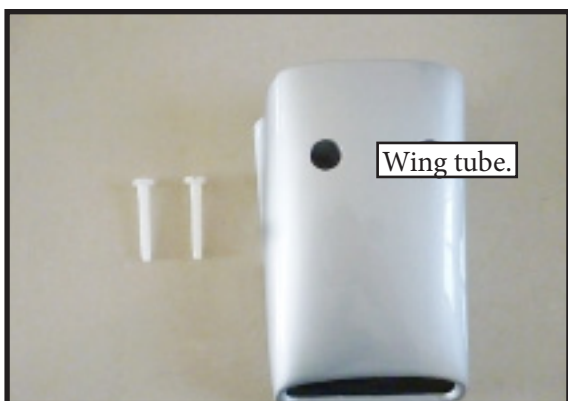


5) Tighten the antenna is removable so you can install it at the flying field to prevent damage in transporting.



ATTACHMENT WING- FUSELAGE.

Insert canopy hatch on fuselage as pictures below.



BALANCING.

1) It is critical that your airplane be balanced correctly. Improper balance will cause your plane to lose control and crash. THE CENTER OF GRAVITY IS LOCATED 103-114MM BACK FROM THE LEADING EDGE OF THE WING AT THE WING ROOT.

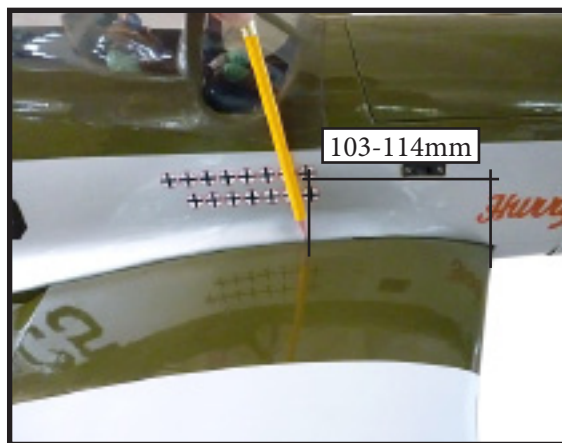
2) Mount the wing to the fuselage. Using a couple of pieces of masking tape, place them on the top of the wing 103-114mm back from the leading edge of the wing at the wing root.

3) With the model inverted, place your fingers on the masking tape and carefully lift the plane.

Accurately mark the balance point on the top of the wing on both sides of the fuselage. The balance point is located 103-114mm back from the leading edge of the wing at the wing root. This is the balance point at which your model should balance for your first flights. Later, you may wish to experiment by shifting the balance up to 10mm forward or back to change the flying characteristics. Moving the balance forward may improve the smoothness and arrow-like tracking, but it may then require more speed for take off and make it more difficult to slow down for landing. Moving the balance aft makes the model more agile with a lighter and snappier "feel". In any case, please start at the location we recommend.

With the wing attached to the fuselage, all parts of the model installed (ready to fly), and empty fuel tanks, hold the model at the marked balance point with the stabilizer level.

Lift the model. If the tail drops when you lift, the model is “tail heavy” and you must add weight* to the nose. If the nose drops, it is “nose heavy” and you must add weight* to the tail to balance.

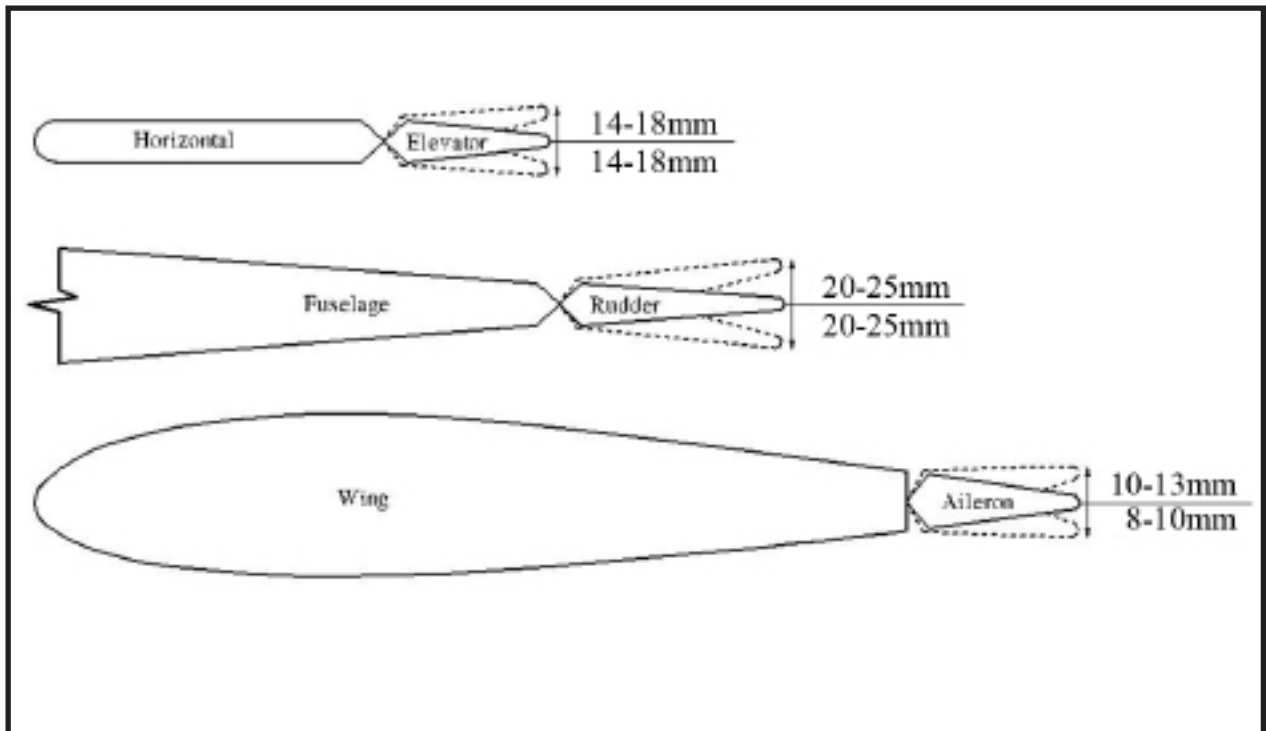


*If possible, first attempt to balance the model by changing the position of the receiver battery and receiver. If you are unable to obtain good balance by doing so, then it will be necessary to add weight to the nose or tail to achieve the proper balance point.

CONTROL THROWS.

	HIGH RATE
Ailerons:	
Up:	13mm
Down:	10mm
Elevator:	
Up:	18mm
Down:	18 mm
Rudder:	
Right:	25mm
Left:	25 mm
Flaps:	
Mid:	19mm
Landing:	38 mm

	LOW RATE
Ailerons:	
Up:	10mm
Down:	8mm
Elevator:	
Up:	14mm
Down:	14 mm
Rudder:	
Right:	20mm
Left:	20 mm



FLIGHT PREPARATION.

Check the operation and direction of the elevator, rudder, ailerons and throttle.

□ A) Plug in your radio system per the manufacturer's instructions and turn everything on.

□ B) Check the elevator first. Pull back on the elevator stick. The elevator halves should move up. If it they do not, flip the servo reversing switch on your transmitter to change the direction.

□ C) Check the rudder. Looking from behind the airplane, move the rudder stick to the right. The rudder should move to the right. If it does not, flip the servo reversing switch on your transmitter to change the direction.

□ D) Check the throttle. Moving the throttle stick forward should open the carburetor barrel. If it does not, flip the servo reversing switch on your transmitter to change the direction.

□ E) From behind the airplane, look at the aileron on the right wing half. Move the aileron stick to the right. The right aileron should move up and the other aileron should move down. If it does not, flip the servo reversing switch on your transmitter to change the direction.

PREFLIGHT CHECK.

□ 1) Completely charge your transmitter and receiver batteries before your first day of flying.

□ 2) Check every bolt and every glue joint in the **P-51D MUSTANG** to ensure that everything is tight and well bonded.

□ 3) Double check the balance of the airplane. Do this with the fuel tank empty.

□ 4) Check the control surfaces. All should move in the correct direction and not bind in any way.

□ 5) If your radio transmitter is equipped with dual rate switches double check that they are on the low rate setting for your first few flights.

□ 6) Check to ensure the control surfaces are moving the proper amount for both low and high rate settings.

□ 7) Check the receiver antenna. It should be fully extended and not coiled up inside the fuselage.

□ 8) Properly balance the propeller. An out of balance propeller will cause excessive vibration which could lead to engine and/or airframe failure.

*We wish you many safe and enjoyable flights
with your P-51D MUSTANG.*