

# Instruction Manual



PHOENIX MODEL®



# SBACH 342

## SCALE 1:5 ¼ ARF .46-.55

### SPECIFICATION

- **Wingspan:** 1405mm (55.3 in)
- **Length:** 1405mm (55.3 in)
- **Flying weight:** 2800-3000 gr
- **Wing area:** 39.4 dm<sup>2</sup>
- **Wing loading:** 71g/dm<sup>2</sup>
- **Wing type:** Naca airfoils
- **Covering type:** Genuine ORACOVER®
- **Gear type:** Aluminum Hi-grade for main gear and spring wire for tail gear (included)
- **Spinner size:** Plastic 58mm (included)
- **Radio:** 4 channel minimum (not included)
- **Servo:** 5 standard servo: 2 aileron; 1 elevator; 1 rudder; 1 throttle (not included)
- **Recommended receiver battery:** 4.8-6V / 800-1200mAh NiMH (not included)
- **Servo mount:** 21mm x 42 mm
- **Propeller:** suit with your engine

- **Engine:** .46-.55 / 2-stroke or .52/4-stroke glow engine (not included)
- **Motor:** brushless outrunner 1000-1400 W, 480 KV (not included)
- **Gravity CG:** 95-100 mm (3.7-3.9 in) Back from the leading edge of the wing, at the fuselage
- **Control throw Ailerons:** Low: 10mm up/down, 10% expo; High: 12mm up/down, 10% expo
- **Control throw Elevators:** Low: 10mm up/down, 12% expo; High: 12mm up/down, 12% expo
- **Control throw Rudder:** Low: 25mm right/left, 15% expo; High: 40mm right/left, 15% expo
- **Experience level:** Intermediate
- **Plane type:** Scale Aerobatic

### **RECOMMENDED MOTOR AND BATTERY SET UP**

- **Motor:** RIMFIRE .46-.55 (not included)
- **Lipo cell:** 6 cells / 4000 – 5500mAh (not included)
- **Esc:** 50-70A (not included)

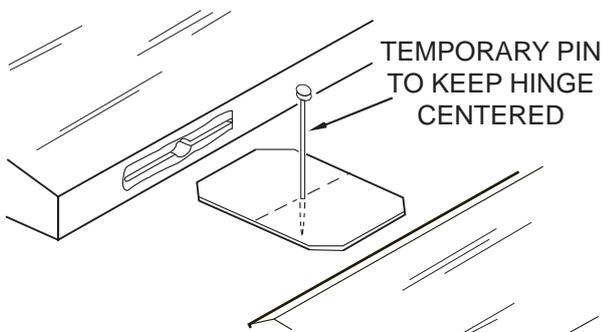


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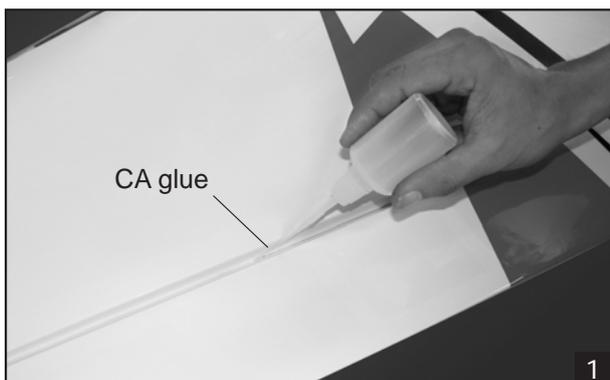
- This is not a toy
- Be sure that no other flyers are using your radio frequency.
- Do not smoke near fuel
- Store fuel in a cool, dry place, away from children and pets.
- Wear safety glasses.
- The glow plug clip must be securely attached to the glow plug.
- Do not flip the propeller with your fingers.
- Keep loose clothing and wires away from the propeller.
- Do not start the engine if people are near. Do not stand in line with the side of the propeller.
- Make engine adjustments from behind the propeller only. Do not reach around the spinning propeller.

**INSTALLING THEAILERONS, ELEVATOR, RUDDER**

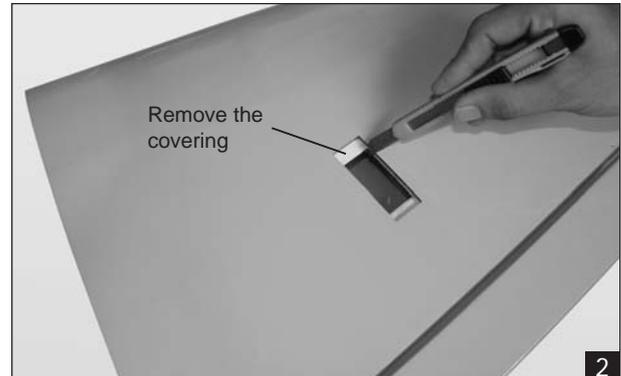
1. Test fit the ailerons to the wing with the hinges. If the hinges don't remain centered, stick a pin through the middle of the hinge to hold it in position.



2. Apply six drops of thin CA to the top and bottom of each hinge. Do not use CA accelerator. After the CA has fully hardened, test the hinges by pulling on the aileron.

**INSTALLING THEAILERON SERVOS**

1. Install the rubber grommets and brass eyelets onto the aileron servo.
2. Turn the wing panel right side up. Using a modeling knife, remove the covering from over the precut servo box.



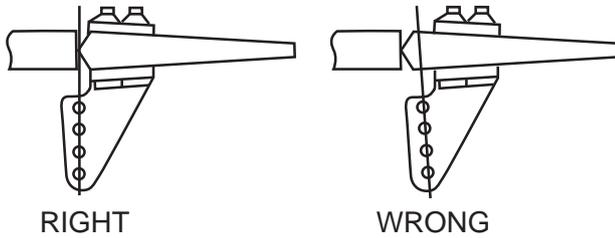
3. Connect a 150-200mm servo extension to each aileron servo.
4. Place the aileron servo into the servo box. Secure the servo in place using the mounting screws provided.



5. Repeat step # 2 - # 4 to install the second aileron servo in the opposite wing half.

**INSTALLING THE CONTROL HORNS**

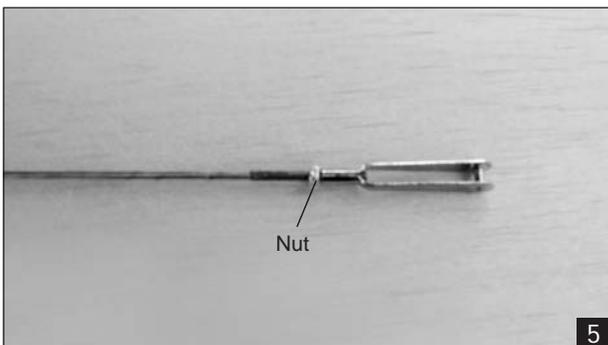
1. One aileron control horn in positioned on each aileron. Using a ruler and a pen, locate and mark the location of the control horn. It should be mounted on the bottom side of the aileron at the leading edge, in line with the aileron pushrod.
2. Drill two hole through the aileron and screw the control horn in place.



3. Repeat step # 1 - # 2 to install the control horn on the opposite aileron.

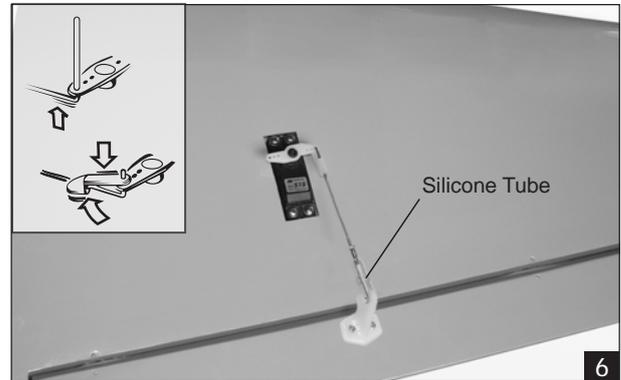
**INSTALLING THE AILERON LINKAGES**

1. Working with the aileron linkage for now, thread one clevis at least 14 turns onto one of the 2mm x 180mm threaded wires.

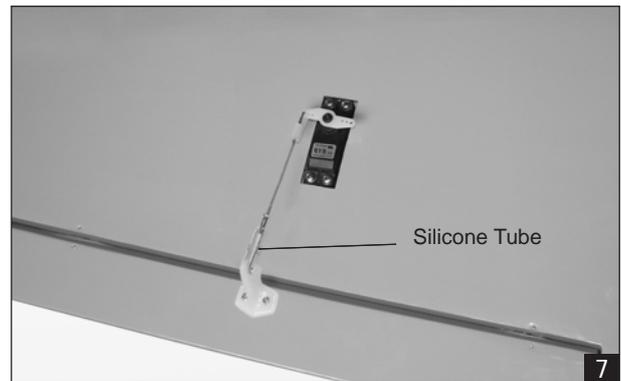


- 2. Attach the clevis to the outer hole in the control horn. Install a silicone tube on the clevis.
- 3. Locate one nylon servo arm, and using wire cutters, remove all but one of the arms. Using a 2mm drill bit, enlarge the third hole out from the center of the arm to accommodate the aileron pushrod wire.
- 4. Plug the aileron servo into the receiver and center the servo. Install the servo arm onto the servo. The servo arm should be perpendicular to the servo and point toward the middle of the wing.
- 5. Center the aileron and hold it in place using a couple of pieces of masking tape.
- 6. With the aileron and aileron servo centered, carefully place a mark on the aileron pushrod wire where it crosses the hole in the servo arm.

- 7. Using pliers, carefully make a 90 degree bend down at the mark made. Cut off the excess wire, leaving about 4mm beyond the bend.
- 8. Insert the 90 degree bend down through the hole in the servo arm. Install one nylon snap keeper over the wire to secure it to the arm. Install the servo arm retaining screw and remove the masking tape from the aileron.

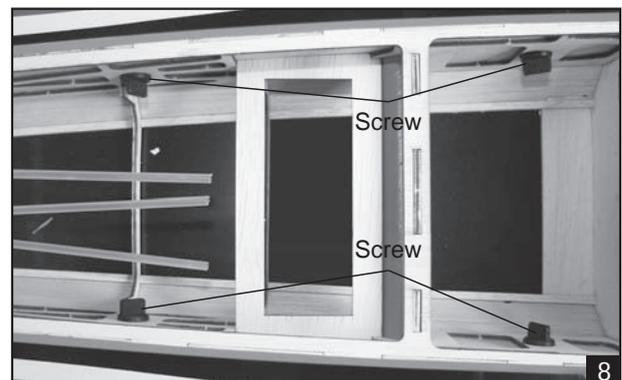


9. Repeat step # 4 - # 8 to install the second aileron linkage. After both linkages are completed, connect both of the aileron servo leads using a Y-harness you have purchased separately.



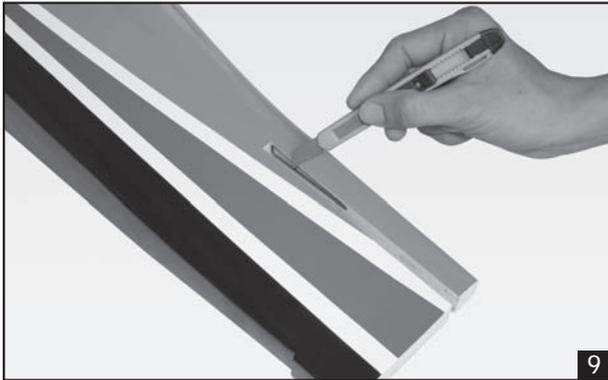
**INSTALLING THE WING TO THE FUSELAGE**

Attach the wings to the joiner tube and using the nylon thumbscrews to secure the wing panels to the fuselage.

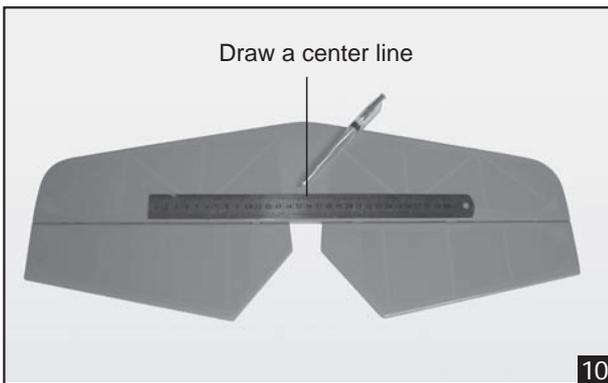


### HORIZONTAL STABILIZER INSTALLATION

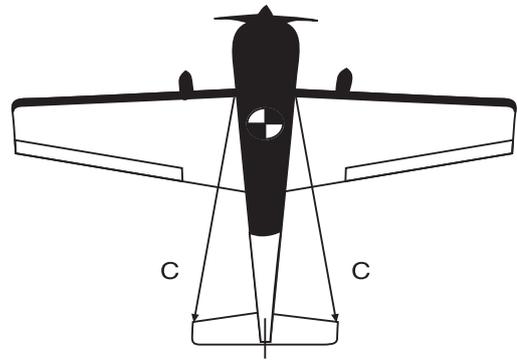
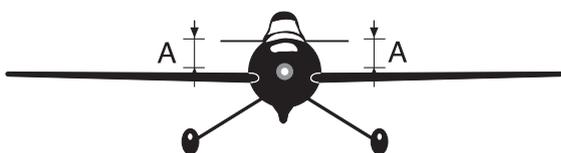
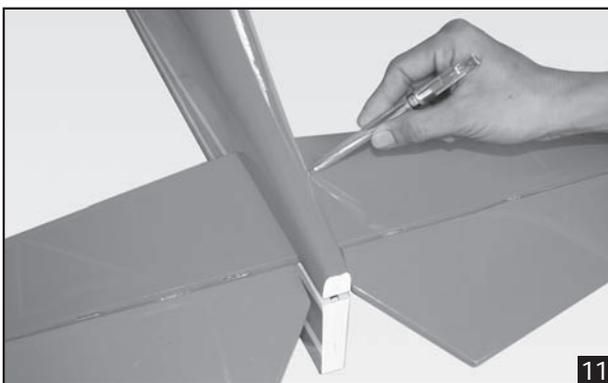
- Using a modeling knife, cut away the covering from the fuselage for the stabilizer and remove it.



- Draw a center line onto the horizontal stabilizer.



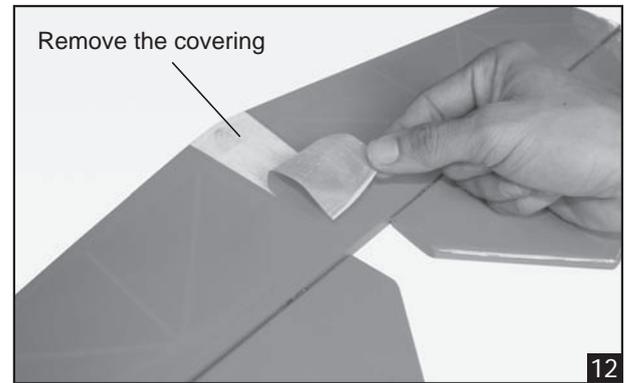
- Check the fit of the horizontal stabilizer in its slot. Make sure the horizontal stabilizer is square and centered to the fuselage by taking measurements, but don't glue anything yet.
- With the horizontal stabilizer correctly aligned, mark the shape of the fuselage on the top and bottom of the tail plane using a water soluble / non-permanent felt-tip pen.



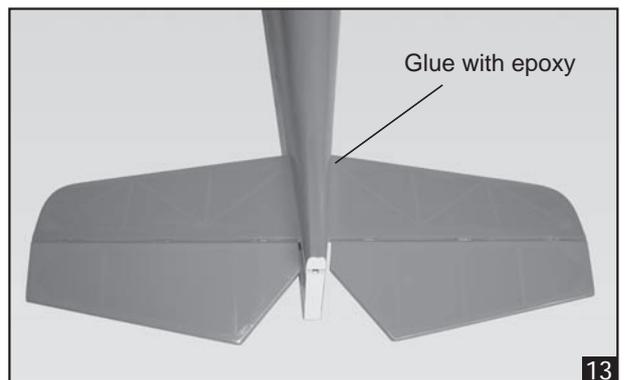
- Remove the stabilizer. Using the lines you just drew as a guide, carefully remove the covering from between them using a modeling knife.



*When cutting through the covering to remove it, cut with only enough pressure to only cut through the covering it's self. Cutting into the balsa structure may weaken it. This could lead to possible failure during flight.*



- 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 re-align. Double check all of your measurements one more time before the epoxy cures. Remove any excess epoxy using a paper towel and rubbing alcohol and hold the stabilizer in place with T-pins or masking tape.



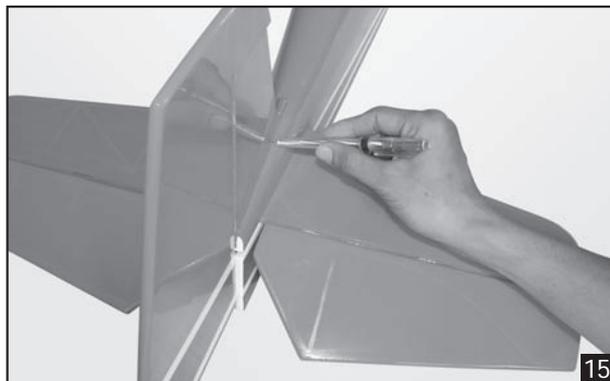
- After the epoxy has fully cured, remove the masking tape or T-pins used to hold the stabilizer in place and carefully inspect the glue joints. Use more epoxy to fill in any gaps that were not filled previously and clean up the excess using a paper towel and rubbing alcohol.

**VERTICAL STABILIZER INSTALLATION**

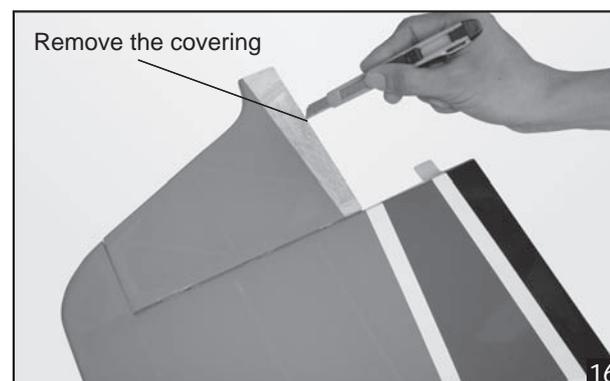
- Using a modeling knife, remove the covering on the top of the fuselage for the vertical stabilizer.



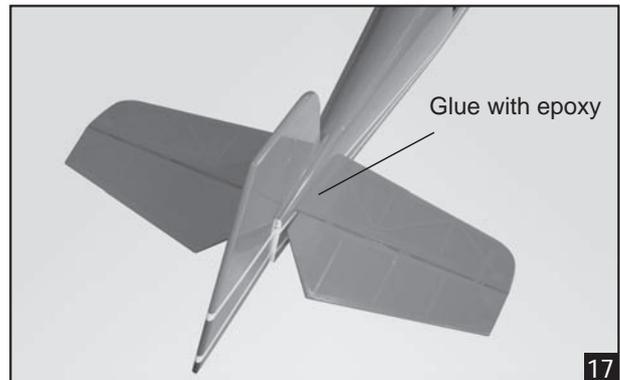
- Slide the vertical stabilizer into the slot in the mounting platform in the top of the fuselage. Mark the shape of the fuselage on the left and right sides of the vertical stabilizer using a felt-tip pen.



- Now, remove the vertical stabilizer and using a modeling knife, carefully cut just inside the marked lines and remove the film on both sides of the vertical stabilizer. Just as you did with the horizontal stabilizer, make sure you only press hard enough to cut the film, not the balsa vertical stabilizer.



- Slide the vertical stabilizer back in place. Using a triangle, check to ensure that the vertical stabilizer is aligned 90 degree to the horizontal stabilizer.
- When you are sure that everything is aligned correctly, mix up a generous amount of 30 minute epoxy. Apply a thin layer to the slot in the mounting platform and to the vertical stabilizer mounting area. Apply epoxy to the lower rudder hinge. Set the stabilizer in place and re-align. Double check all of your measurements once more before the epoxy cures. Remove any excess epoxy using a paper towel and rubbing alcohol and hold the stabilizer in place with T-pins or masking tape. Allow the epoxy to fully cure before proceeding.



**TAIL WHEEL INSTALLATION**

- Tail wheel set

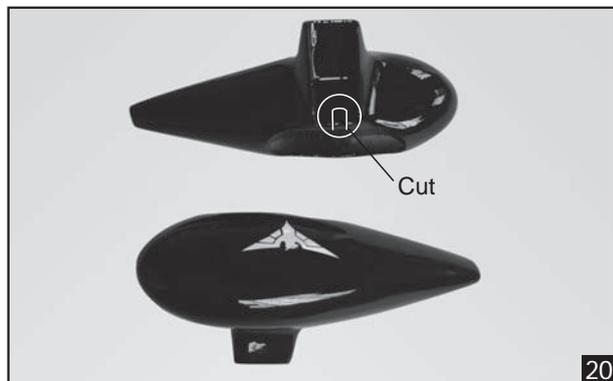
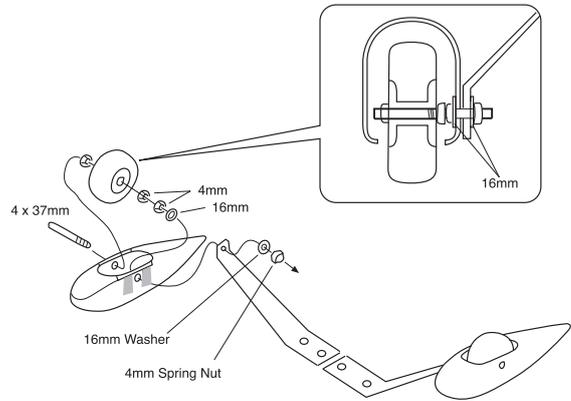


- Install the tail wheel



### INSTALLING THE WHEEL PANTS

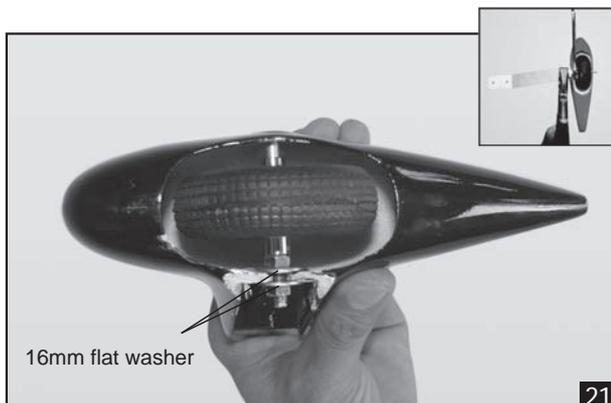
1. Locate the wheel pants from the hardware bag. Mark the locations of the mounting axles onto the wheel pants. The locations of the two mounting holes are the middle of the wheel opening, on right side, left side and 10mm from the bottom of the wheel pant.
2. Using a 5mm drill bit, carefully drill two pilot holes through the wheel pant at the TWO marks you made.



3. Using a modeling knife, carefully cut out two line from the margin of the hole onto the wheel pant.  
Just cut only one side of the wheel pant, where the main gear will install. Be sure to make a left and right wheel pant.
4. Slide a 4.5mm nut/ two 16mm flat washers / 4.5mm nut / collar / wheel / collar onto the axle.
5. Slide the axle assembly into the wheel pant.

 *There are just one nut and two flat washers outside of the wheel pant.*

6. Remove one nut, one flat washer. Attach the main landing gear to the axle.
7. Center both collars and wheel in the middle of the wheel pant, lock both collars in place using a hexagon 2mm screw.
8. With the landing gear in place, tighten two nuts.

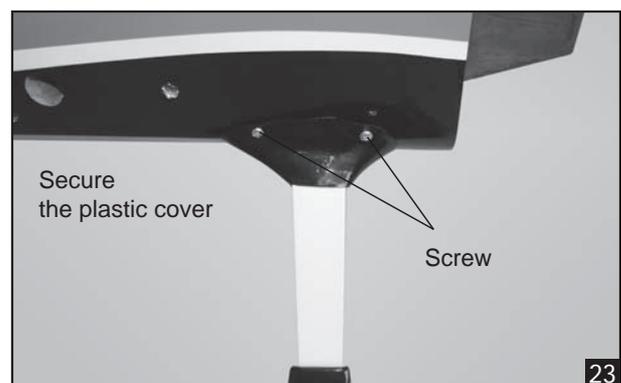
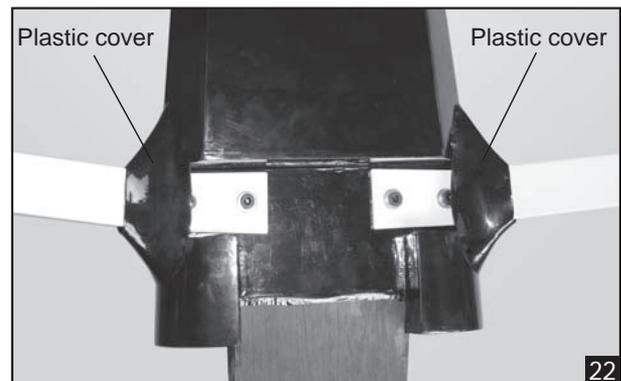


 *After installing the wheel pant, apply a small drop of thin C/A to the bottom nut.*

9. Repeat step # 1-8 to install the second wheel pant assembly.

### MAIN GEAR INSTALLATION INSTALLING THE MAIN LANDING GEAR

1. Four nuts have been installed at the factory.
2. Install main landing gear into the fuselage using (4) 4mm x 20mm machine screws and 16mm flat washers provided in the kit.



**ENGINE INSTALLATION**

**INSTALLING THE THROTTLE PUSHROD HOUSING**

1. Install the engine mount into the fire wall using 4mm x 25mm screw.
2. Place the engine into the engine mount and align it properly with the front of the cowling. The distance from the firewall to the front of the engine thrust washer should 110mm.

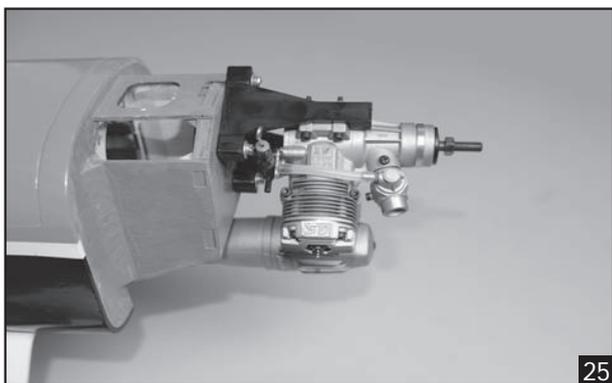
 *If your engine is equipped with a remote needle valve, we suggest installing it into the engine at this time.*

3. Slide the pushrod housing through the hole in the firewall, through the hole in the forward bulkhead, and into the servo compartment.
4. Apply a couple of drops of thin C/A to the pushrod housing where it exits the firewall and where it passes through the forward bulkhead. This will secure the housing in place.
5. Using a modeling knife, cut off the nylon pushrod housing 26mm in front of the servo tray.

**INSTALLING THE ENGINE**

Locate the long piece of wire used for the throttle pushrod. One end of the wire has been pre-bend in to a "Z" bend at the factory. This "Z" bend should be inserted into the throttle arm of the engine when the engine is fitted onto the engine mount. Fit the engine to the engine mount using the screws provided.

Installing the OS 55 AX

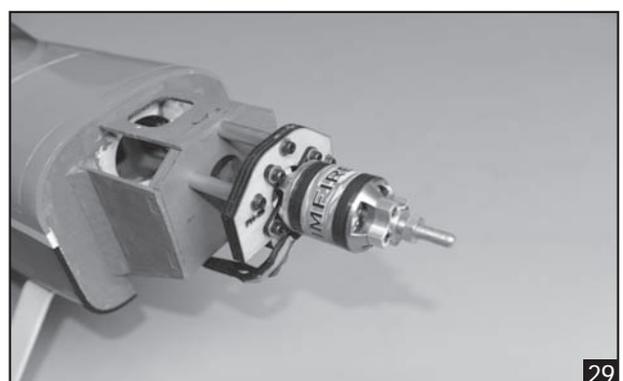
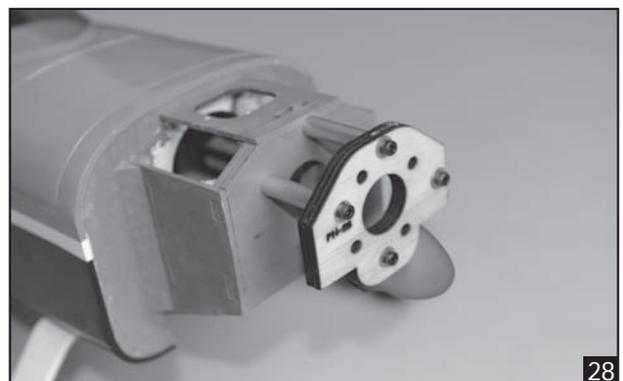
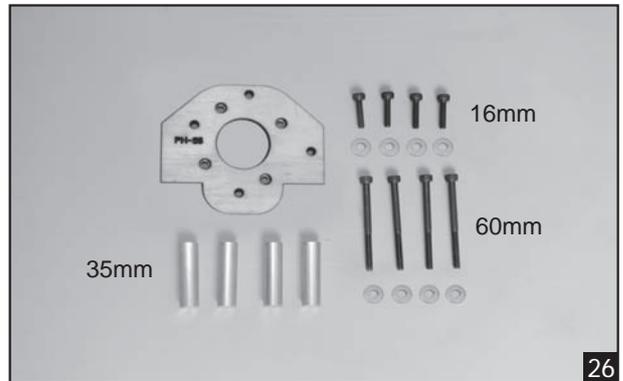


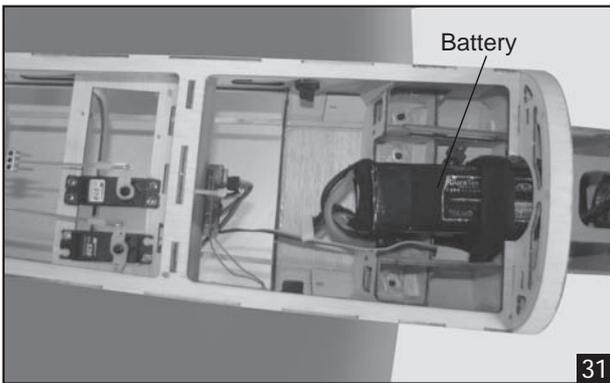
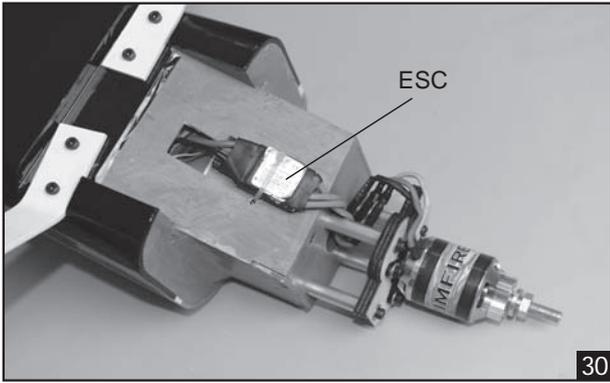
**INSTALLING THE MOTOR AND BATTERY**

Installing the electric motor

This model can fly with electric, here is our recommended for set up the system.

- Motor brushless: Rimfire .46 - .55
- Lipo cells: 6 cells / 4000 - 5000 mAh.
- ESC: 50A - 70A.

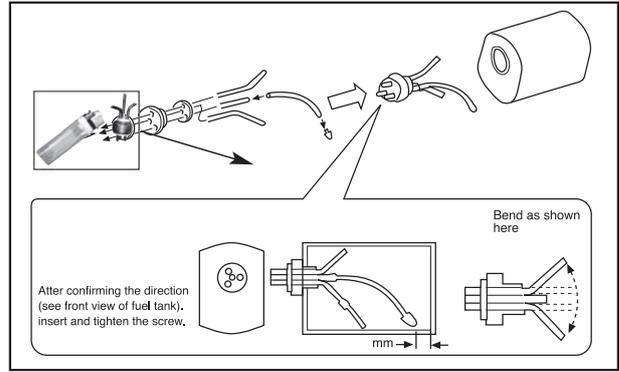




**FUEL TANK INSTALLATION**  
**INSTALLING THE STOPPER ASSEMBLY**

1. The stopper has been pre-assembled at the factory.
2. Using a modeling knife, cut one length of silicon fuel line (the length of silicon fuel line is calculated by how the weighted clunk should rest about 8mm away from the rear of the tank and move freely inside the tank). Connect one end of the line to the weighted clunk and the other end to the nylon pick up tube in the stopper.
3. Carefully bend the second nylon tube up at a 45 degree angle (using a cigarette lighter). This tube will be the vent tube to the muffler.
4. Carefully bend the third nylon tube down at a 45 degree angle (using a cigarette lighter). This tube will be vent tube to the fueling valve.

 *When the stopper assembly is installed in the tank, the top of the vent tube should rest just below the top surface of the tank. It should not touch the top of the tank.*

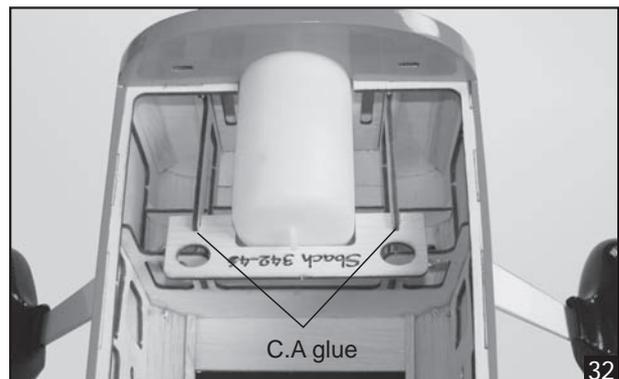


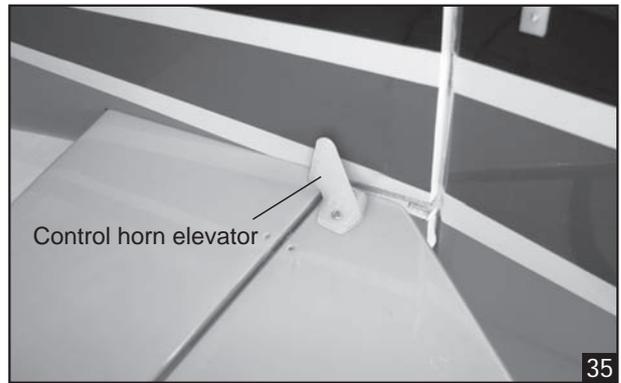
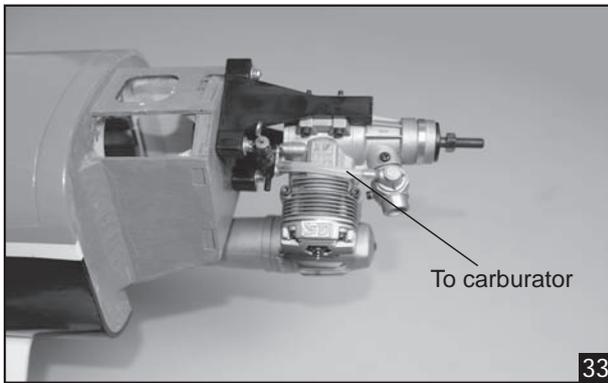
5. Test fit the stopper assembly into the tank. It may be necessary to remove some of the flashing around the tank opening using a modeling knife. If flashing is present, make sure none of it falls into the tank.
6. When satisfied with the alignment of the stopper assembly tighten the 3mm x 20mm machine 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.
7. Using a modeling knife, cut 3 lengths of fuel line 150mm long. Connect 2 lines to the 2 vent tubes and 1 line to the fuel pickup tube in the stopper.
8. Feed three lines through the fuel tank compartment and through the pre-drilled hole in the firewall. Pull the lines out from behind the engine, while guiding the fuel tank into place. Push the fuel tank as far forward as possible, the front of the tank should just about touch the back of the firewall.

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.

 *Do not secure the tank into place permanently until after balancing the airplane. You may need to remove the tank to mount the battery in the fuel tank compartment.*

9. Secure the fuel tank using the plate of plywood and glue it by C.A glue.

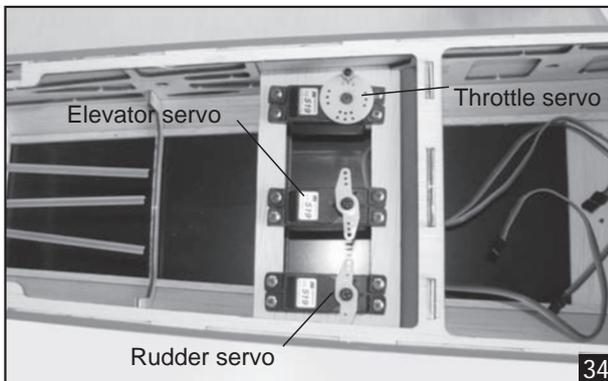




**SERVO INSTALLATION**

**INSTALLING THE FUSELAGE SERVOS**

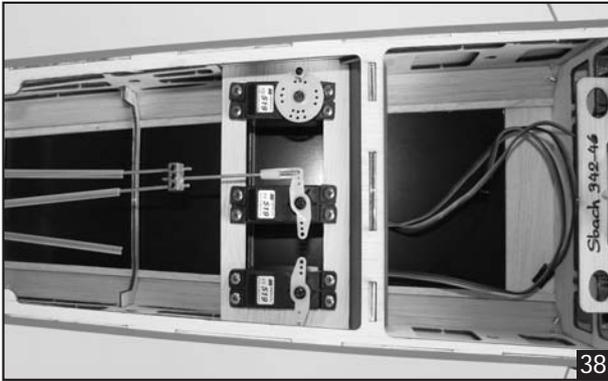
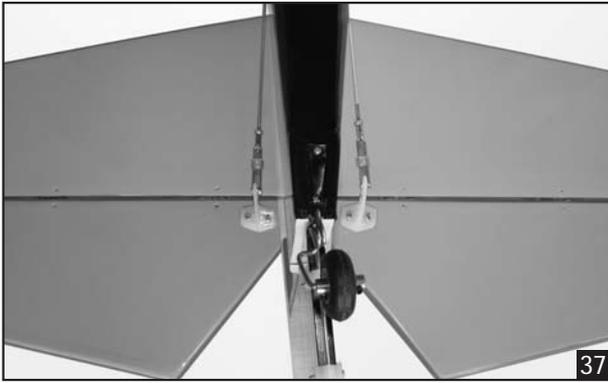
1. Install the rubber grommets and brass collets into the elevator, rudder and throttle servos. Test fit the servos into the servo tray. Trim the tray if necessary to fit your servos
2. Mount the servos to the tray using the mounting screws provided with your radio system.



**INSTALLING THE ELEVATOR PUSHROD**

1. Locate the pushrod exit slot on the right side and left side of the fuselage. It is located slightly ahead and below the horizontal stabilizer.
2. Carefully cut away the covering material from the slot.
3. Working from inside the fuselage, slide the threaded end of the pushrod until it reaches the exit slot. Carefully reach in with a small screw driver and guide the pushrod out of the exit slot.
4. Install the clevis on the elevator pushrod. Make sure 6mm of thread shows inside the clevis.
5. The control horn should be mounted on the bottom, left side and right side of the elevator at the leading edge, in line with the elevator pushrod.
6. Drill two holes through the elevator using the control horn as a guide and screw the control horn in place.

7. Attach clevis to the third hole in the control horn. Install a silicone tube on the clevis.
8. Locate one nylon servo arm, and using wire cutters, remove all but one of the arms. Using a 2mm drill bit, enlarge the third hole out from the center to accommodate the elevator pushrod wire.
9. Plug the elevator servo into the receiver and center the servo. Install the servo arm onto the servo. The servo arm should be perpendicular to the servo and point toward the middle of the fuselage.
10. Be sure both elevator halves are flat. Center both elevator halves and hold them in place using a couple of pieces of masking tape.
11. Connect two elevator pushrod to the metal domino connector and secure it. Insert the wire pushrod into the metal domino connector and secure it.
12. With the elevator halves and elevator servo centered, carefully place a mark on the elevator pushrod wire where it crosses the hole in the servo arm.
13. Using pliers, carefully make a 90 degree bend up at the mark made. Cut off the excess wire, leaving about 8mm beyond the bend.
14. Insert the 90 degree bend up through the hole in the servo arm, install one nylon snap keeper over the wire to secure it to the arm. Install the servo arm retaining screw and remove the masking tape the elevator halves.
15. Using thick CA glue, secure the pushrod sleeves to the pushrod sleeve guide.

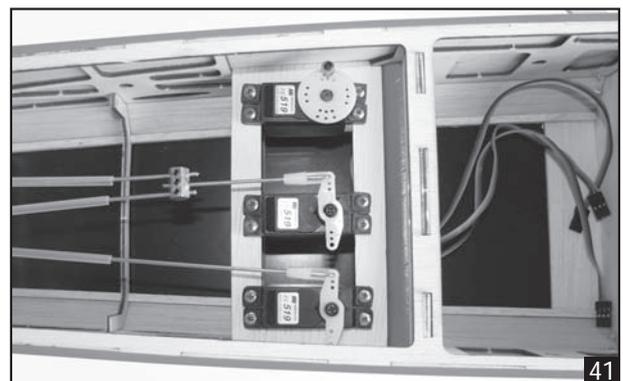


**INSTALLING THE RUDDER PUSHROD**

1. Locate the pushrod exit slot on the left of the fuselage.
2. Carefully cut away the covering material from the slot.
3. Working from inside the fuselage, slide the threaded end of the remaining pushrod down the inside of the fuselage until the pushrod reaches the exit slot. Carefully reach in with a small screw driver and guide the pushrod out of the exit slot.
4. Install the clevis on the rudder pushrod. Make sure 6mm of thread shows inside the clevis.
5. The control horn should be mounted on the left side of the rudder at the leading edge, in line with the rudder pushrod.
6. Drill two holes through the rudder using the control horn as a guide and screw the control horn in place.

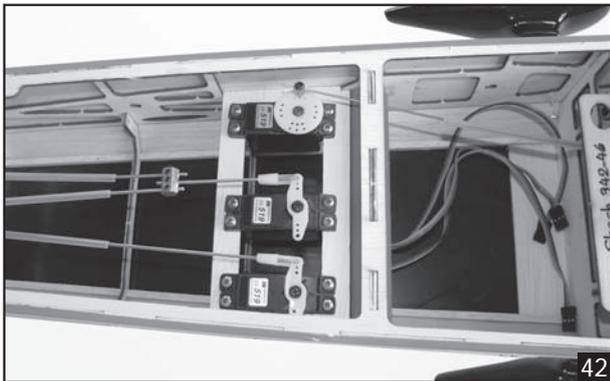


7. Attach clevis to the third hole in the control horn. Install a silicone tube on the clevis.
8. Locate one nylon servo arm, and using wire cutters, remove all but one of the arms using a 2mm drill bit, enlarge the third hole out from the center to accommodate the rudder pushrod wire.
9. Plug the rudder servo into the receiver and center the servo. Install the servo arm onto the servo.
10. Center the rudder and hold it in place using a piece of masking tape.
11. With the rudder and rudder servo centered, carefully place a mark on the rudder pushrod wire where it crosses the hole in the servo arm.
12. Using a pliers, carefully make a 90 degree bend up at the mark made. Cut off excess wire, leaving about 8mm beyond the bend.
13. Insert the 90 degree bend up through the hole in the servo arm. Install one nylon snap keeper over the wire to secure it to the arm. Install the servo arm retaining screw and remove the masking tape from the rudder.
14. Using thick CA glue, secure the pushrod sleeves to the pushrod sleeve guide.



## INSTALLING THE THROTTLE

1. Install one adjustable metal connector through the third hole out from the center of one servo arm, enlarge the hole in the servo arm using a 2mm drill bit to accommodate the servo connector. Remove the excess material from the arm.
-  After installing the adjustable metal connector apply a small drop of thin C/A to the bottom nut. This will prevent the connector from loosening during flight.
2. Plug the throttle servo into the receiver and turn on the radio system. Check to ensure that the throttle servo output shaft is moving in the correct direction. When the throttle stick is moved forward from idle to full throttle, the throttle barrel should also open and close using this motion. If not, reverse the direction of the servo, using the transmitter.
  3. Slide the adjustable metal connector / servo arm assembly over the plain end of the pushrod wire. Position the throttle stick and the throttle trim at their lowest positions.
  4. Manually push the carburetor barrel fully closed. Angle the arm back about 45 degree from center and attach the servo arm onto the servo. With the carburetor barrel fully closed, tighten the set screw in the adjustable metal connector.
  5. Remove the excess throttle pushrod wire using wire cutters and install the servo arm retaining screw.



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## MOUNTING THE COWL

1. Remove the muffler and needle valve assembly from the engine. Slide the fiberglass cowl over the engine.
2. Measure and mark the locations to be cut out for engine head clearance, needle valve, muffler. Remove the cowl and make these cutouts using a rotary tool with a cutting disc and a rotary sanding drum attachment.
3. Slide the cowl back into place. Align the front of the cowl with the crankshaft of the engine. The front of the cowl should be positioned so the crankshaft is in the middle of the pre-cut opening. Hold the cowl firmly in place using several pieces of masking tape.

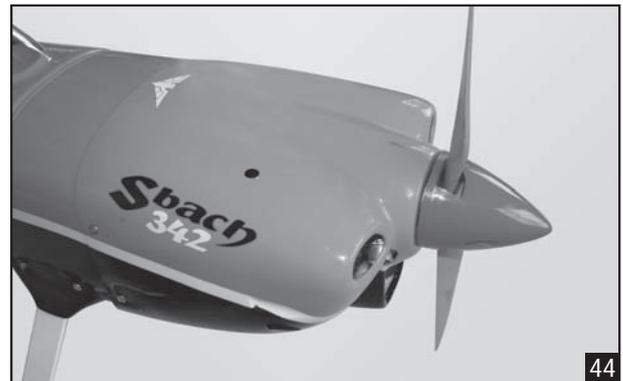
4. While holding the cowl firmly in position, drill four 1,6mm pilot holes through both the cowl and the side edges of the firewall.
5. Using a 3mm drill bit, enlarge the four holes in the cowling.

*Enlarging the holes through the cowl will prevent the fiberglass from splitting when the mounting screws are installed.*

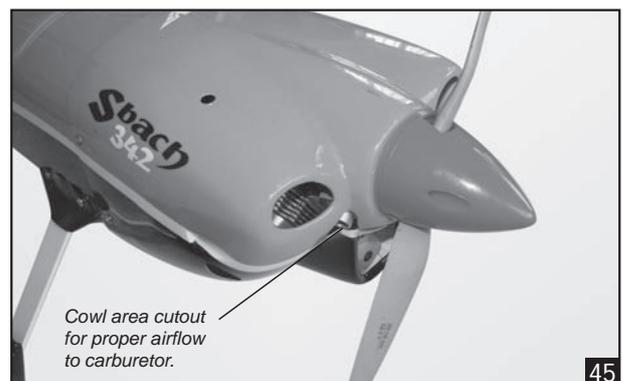
6. Slide the cowl back over the engine and secure it in place using four 3mm x 12mm wood screws.
7. Install the muffler. Connect the fuel and pressure lines to the carburetor, muffler and fuel filler valve. Tighten the screws completely.



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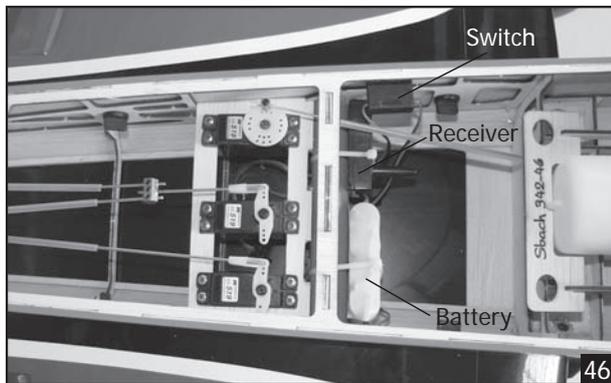
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**INSTALLING THE RECEIVER AND BATTERY**

1. Plug the servo leads and the switch lead into the receiver. You may want to plug an aileron extension into the receiver to make plugging in the aileron servo lead easier when you are installing the wing. Plug the battery pack lead into the switch.
2. Wrap the receiver and battery pack in the protective foam to protect them from vibration. Use a rubber band or masking tape to hold the foam in place.

**INSTALLING THE SWITCH**

1. The switch should be mounted on the fuselage side, opposite the muffler, close enough to the receiver so the lead will reach. Use the face plate of the switch cut out and locate the mounting holes.
2. Cut out the switch hole using a modeling knife. Use a 2mm drill bit and drill out the two mounting holes through the fuselage side.
3. Secure the switch in place using the two machine screws provided with the radio system.



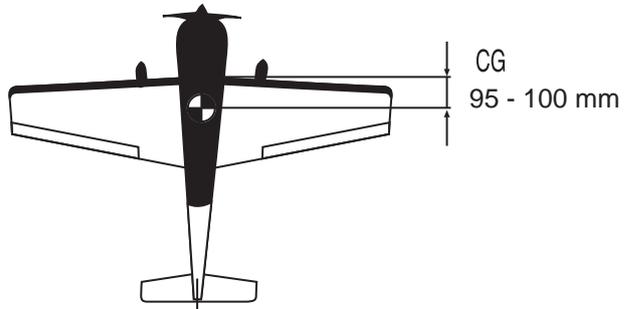
**BALANCING**

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 95 - 100mm BACK FROM THE LEADING EDGE OF THE WING, AT THE FUSELAGE. This location is recommended for initial test flying and trimming. BALANCE A PLANE UPSIDE DOWN WITH THE FUEL TANK EMPTY.

2. Mount the wing to the fuselage. Using a couple of pieces of masking tape, place them on the top side of the wing 95 - 100mm back from the leading edge, at the fuselage sides.
3. Turn the airplane upside down. Place your fingers on the masking tape and carefully lift the plane.

4. If the nose of the plane falls, the plane is nose heavy. To correct this first move the battery pack further back in the fuselage, If this is not possible or does not correct it, stick small amounts of lead weight on the fuselage under the horizontal stabilizer. If the tail of the plane falls, the plane is tail heavy. To correct this, move the battery and receiver forward or if this is not possible, stick weight into the firewall. When balanced correctly, the airplane should sit level or slightly nose down when you lift it up with your fingers.



**LATERAL BALANCE**



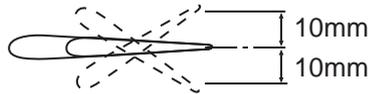
After you have balanced a plane on the C.G. You should laterally balance it. Doing this will help the airplane track straighter.

5. Turn the airplane upside down. Attach one loop of heavy string to the engine crankshaft and one to the tail wheel wire. With the wings level, carefully lift the airplane by the string. This may require two people to make it easier.
6. If one side of the wing falls, that side is heavier than the opposite. Add small amounts of lead weight to the bottom side of the lighter wing half's wing tip. Follow this procedure until the wing stays level when you lift the airplane.

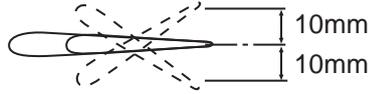
**CONTROL THROWS**

1. We highly recommend setting up a plane using the control throws listed.
2. The control throws should be measured at the widest point of each surface!.
3. Check to be sure the control surfaces move in the correct directions.

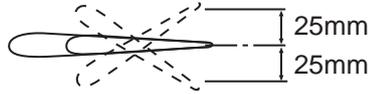
Ailerons	: 10mm up	10mm down
Elevator	: 10mm up	10mm down
Rudder	: 25mm right	25mm left



Aileron Control



Elevator Control



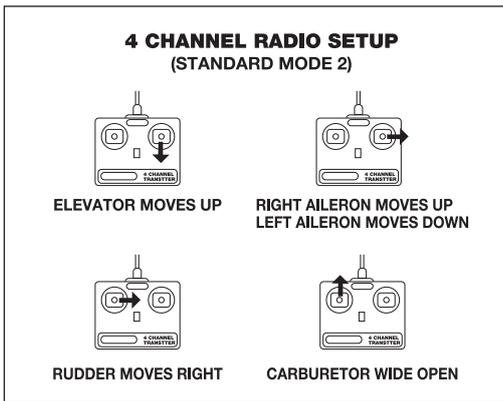
Rudder Control

**FLIGHT PREPARATION**

PRE FLIGHT CHECK

1. Completely charge your transmitter and receiver batteries before your first day of flying.
2. Check every bolt and every glue joint in your plane to ensure that everything is tight and well bonded.
3. Double check the balance of the airplane
4. Check the control surface
5. Check the receiver antenna. It should be fully extended and not coiled up inside the fuselage.
6. Properly balance the propeller.

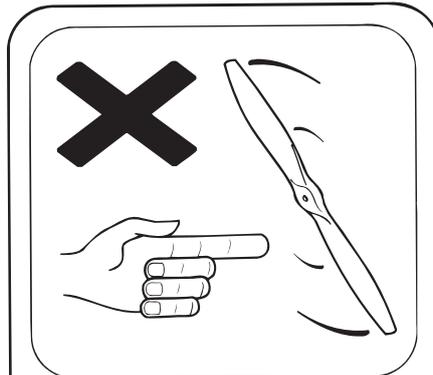
We wish you many enjoyable flights with your plane and once again thank you for your choosing a Phoenix Model's products.



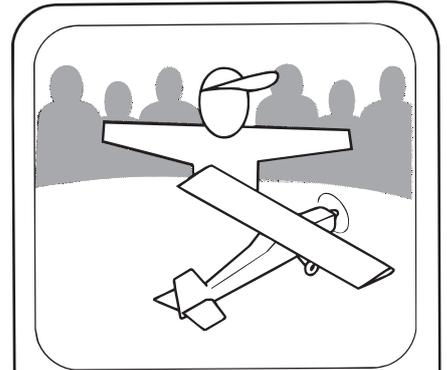
# I/C FLIGHT WARNINGS



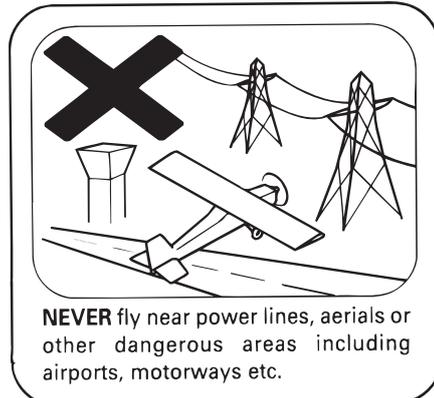
Always operate in open areas, away from factories, hospitals, schools, buildings and houses etc. **NEVER** fly your aircraft close to people or built up areas.



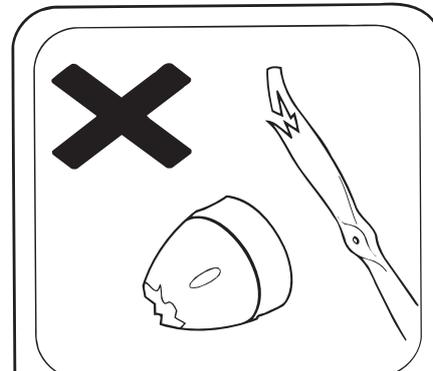
**THE PROPELLER IS DANGEROUS**  
Keep fingers, clothing (ties, shirt sleeves, scarves) or any other loose objects that could be caught or drawn in, away from the propeller. Take care at **ALL** times.



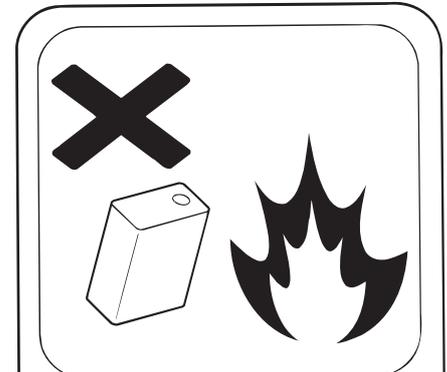
Keep all onlookers (especially small children and animals) well back from the area of operation. This is a flying aircraft, which will cause serious injury in case of impact with a person or animal.



**NEVER** fly near power lines, aerials or other dangerous areas including airports, motorways etc.



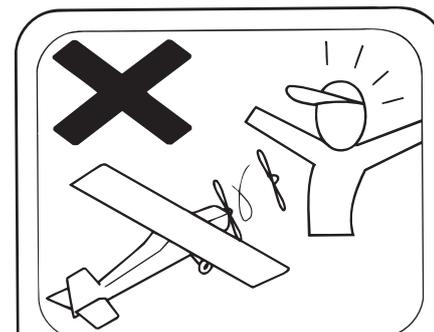
**NEVER** use damaged or deformed propellers or spinners.



**DO NOT** dispose of empty fuel containers on a fire, this can lead to an explosion.



**NEVER** fly in wet conditions or on windy or stormy days.



**ALWAYS** adjust the engine from behind the propeller, and do not allow any part of your body to be in line with the propeller.

# I/C FLIGHT GUIDELINES

