



**20CC DEHAVILLAND CANADA
DHC-2 BEAVER
INSTRUCTION MANUAL**

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Thank you for purchasing the Moustache Model Works 20cc DHC-2 Beaver!

This Beaver was designed using AutoDesk Fusion360, a powerful 3D CAD program, to ensure the best parts fit possible and therefore provide a pleasurable building experience. Drawn directly from the full-scale blueprints, it features about a 99% scale outline. Traditional construction techniques were used to keep the build as simple as possible, while modern laser-cut technology helps to keep everything aligned during construction.

The design intent was to provide a Beaver with a very scale outline, but to keep assembly and setup simple, accessible, and reliable for the vast majority of pilots who will fly this as a sport scale model. To this end, the ailerons, elevator, and rudder use simple CA hinges. The large front hatch provides excellent access to the cockpit for quick battery swaps (electric power version) or for refueling and switch access (gas/glow version). The wing struts connect with simple clevises.

Dimensions and Specifications

Wingspan:	91.4 in (2.32m)	Wing Area:	904 in ² (58.3 dm ²)
Length:	57.6 in (1.46m)	Airfoil:	NACA 4415
Height:	16 in (406mm)	Scale:	1/6.3
Weight:	12 - 13 lb (5 - 5.7 kg)		

Required to Complete

Electric Power System

E-flite Power 60, 400Kv (EFLM4060A)
 Prop Adapter: Power 46/52/60 (EFLM1934)
 60A+ ESC, Castle Creations Talon 90 recommended (CSE010009700)
 5000mAh 6S 22.2V 30C LiPo Battery
 Connectors w/5mm bullets (suggest XT90 or IC5)
 16 x 8E Propeller (suggest APC16080E)
 1 inch Spinner Nut 8mm x 1.25mm: P-47D-1 60 (HAN279011)

Gas (Petrol) Power System

DLE-20, DLE-20RA (DLEG0020 or DLEG0420) or equivalent
 Sullivan 10 oz. Slant Fuel Tank (SUL440), requires Sullivan Gasoline Conversion Kit (SUL484)
 Propeller (suggest APC 16 x 6, APC16060)
 Ignition battery and switch, OR Tech-Aero iBEC (<http://www.tech-aero.net/ultra-ibec>)

Radio Equipment

2 x Standard size servos, 75+ oz-in torque (prototypes used Spektrum A6150)
 4-5 Mini servos, 60+ oz-in torque (prototypes used both Hitec HS-5245MG and Spektrum A5060)
 6-channel receiver, minimum
 6-channel computer transmitter with flap-elev mixing, aileron-rudder mixing, and differential aileron throw
strongly recommended
 4 x 18-inch (45cm) servo extensions
 1 x Y-harness
 2 x 12-inch to 18-inch (30-45cm) servo extensions, depending on length of the Y-harness)

Although mini servos are recommended for the flaps, ailerons, and throttle, standard servos may be used.

Required to Complete (continued)

Wheels: Standard size is 3 3/4" dia (95-100mm) with 5mm axle hole
 Tundra size is 4 1/2" - 5 1/2" dia (115-140mm) with 5mm axle hole
 5mm Wheel Collars x 4

Battery strap, hook-and-loop (Velcro), 12"-15" long (30-38cm) (used for either battery or fuel tank)
 Hook-and-Loop material for battery mounting
 Sponge rubber, 1/4"-1/2" thick (6mm-13mm) for isolating fuel tank
 1/8" (3mm) Black heat shrink tubing, 2" long (50mm) for door handles

Adhesives

4-6, 1-oz bottles of medium CA
 1, 1-oz bottle of thin CA
 1 can CA accelerator
 5-15 minute epoxy
 30 minute epoxy
 Blue thread lock
 Epoxy finishing resin (for gas or glow engines only)
 Milled fiber (available from BVM, item number PA-SR-1905)
 Microballoons (Top Flite TOPR1090 or Deluxe Materials DLMBD15)
 Liquid cement for plastic models (TES3507AT)
 4 Rolls covering material (6' or 2m rolls)
 Spray Paint (suggest Krylon primer and paint for most applications)
 Craft paint for interior of fuselage,

Options

Besides the choice of power system, the Beaver offers two primary ways to customize your model. First, you may choose either the upper carb intake or the lower carb intake (chin scoop). The chin scoop was used on the earlier airplanes, but most Beavers we see today use the upper carb intake. Second, we have provided both round and rectangular windows for the aft fuselage. You may choose to use one round, one rectangular, or two rectangular windows per side, depending on the aircraft you choose to model. If you choose a single rear window, the aft window bay is simply covered with the covering material. If you choose the rectangular window(s), the pre-cut forward window bay will need to be separated from the fuselage side to accommodate.

Building Notes

The 20cc Beaver was designed to minimize the need for plans during construction. The tail surfaces and fuselage can be built on a flat surface, separate from the plans. The wings are built over the plans simply to aid in placing the lower cap strips and the sheeting. NOTE: IF THE WOOD PARTS DO NOT MATCH THE PLANS, BELIEVE THE WOOD! Paper plans can stretch and shrink considerably with humidity and temperature variations, but wood is much more stable.

Use medium CA for most of the assembly. When gluing lite-ply parts, note that the lite-ply is VERY THIRSTY, meaning it will suck-up and absorb a large amount of glue, especially on the edges. To ensure the integrity of your glue joints, apply a coat of glue to the edge, wait about 30 seconds for it to soak in, then apply more glue. Keep doing this until the medium CA stops soaking into the wood, then press the parts together to complete the joint. Usually 2-3 coats are sufficient. For best strength, try to minimize your use of CA accelerator.

The recommended build order is tail surfaces, wings, fuselage. It's helpful to have the wings done when you fit the windshield hatch in place, and it helps to have the horizontal tail done when you glue the aft fuselage together. There are many small details, however, especially as you're completing final assembly, that do not need to be completed in any particular order.

Building Notes (continued)

You will notice the manual shows several lightening holes in the flaps, ailerons, elevator, rudder, and fuselage top. These were tried in the second prototype, which was used for creating this manual. After completion, we decided the weight savings was not enough to warrant the potential reduction in scale appearance, so they were removed for production.

Floats are probably the most important option for any DHC-2 Beaver. As of this writing (January 2019), the floats for this airplane have not been developed, but the float mounts have been incorporated into the build. These mounts are not accessible after the airplane is built, so make sure you install them during construction if you have any interest in installing floats once they are available.

Several exterior parts will require painting: the cowl, windshield hatch, optional upper carb intake, oil cooler, landing gear fairings, and possibly the tail cone and rudder fairing. If using a gas (petrol) or electric power system, we have found Krylon brand spray paints to be easy to use and quite durable. If you need a specific paint match and have spray equipment available, common latex paint from the local big-box home improvement store works well, is available in sample sizes, and can be matched to any covering you bring to the store. In this case, it's good to use a clear coat, again such as Krylon, although we've had mixed results spraying Krylon (which is acrylic) over latex. If you're using a glow engine, Wings West makes some fantastic paint that perfectly matches both MonoKote and Ultracote, but it requires clear coat to be fuel proof.

If using a gasoline engine, the electrical power system can be simplified by using an ignition battery eliminator circuit or iBEC. This simple component enables a single battery to power both the radio system and the ignition, while also providing a transmitter-switched ignition kill. If HV-capable servos are used, a single 2S Li-Po battery can provide all the power required, thus saving weight and complexity.

Due to variations in hardware, it's possible that the included blind nuts may not fit perfectly into the laser-cut holes of some wooden parts. If this happens, simply drill out the holes to fit.

Recommended Tools

FLAT building surface, T-pins

Sanding block(s) - next to a flat surface, probably the most important tool in the shop. We use a piece of 1/2" - 3/4" plywood cut to 3" x 11" to accept 1/3 of a sheet of sandpaper. Use a good-quality ceramic abrasive and apply 120 grit on one side and 80 grit on the other using contact cement like 3M77.

Hobby knife with No. 11 blades (buy in bulk, part number EXL22611A)

Rotary tool (Dremel) with sanding drum, cutoff wheel

Electric drill and drill bits

Allen wrenches, both SAE and metric

Slotted and Philips screwdriver sets, several sizes

Pliers, regular and needle-nose

Adjustable wrench

Razor plane or buck knife

Steel rule

Wax paper

Fine-point permanent marker

Soldering iron/gun (for soldering connectors if using an electric power system)

4 1/2" Tapered palette knife (recommended for mixing and applying epoxy)

Limit of Liability

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Horizontal Stabilizer and Elevator

Note that the included hardware is separated into different bags for each section of the build.



1. Remove all the horizontal tail parts from the laser-cut sheets
 - a. Ribs, Sub-LE from 2.5mm sheet balsa
 - b. Spar/TE and Spar Doubler from 6mm sheet balsa
 - c. HS-8 doublers from 3mm lite ply
2. Glue the Spar Doubler to the Spar/TE. Center the doubler vertically so there is equal overhang top & bottom.

3. Glue HS-1A and HS-3 through HS-8 to the Spar/TE. Use a scrap piece of lite-ply with a 90° corner to ensure the ribs are perpendicular to the Spar/TE. Do not glue HS-2a to the Spar Doubler at this time.



4. Assemble both HS-2as onto the stab, as well as HS-9 and both Sub LEs



5. With the Spar/TE on the work bench and the ribs facing up, look down on the stab and check for any twist. If the stab is twisted, hold a corrective twist in place while gluing each HS-2a to the Stab Doubler.
6. Glue the remaining glue joints between the ribs and the Sub LEs, and HS-9



7. Using a sanding block, gently sand a bevel in the Spar/TE and the Sub LE to match the airfoil.



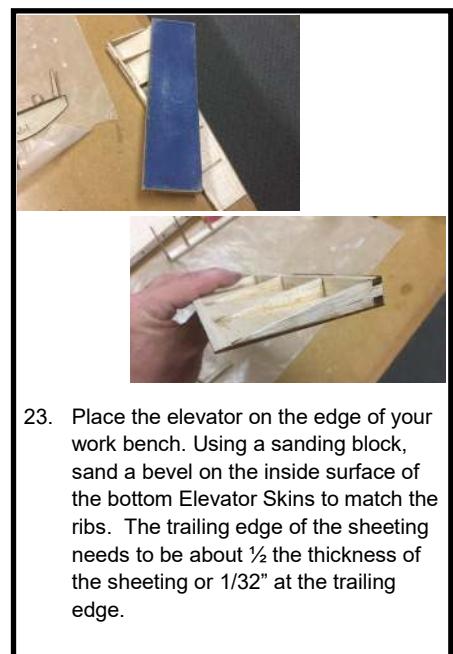
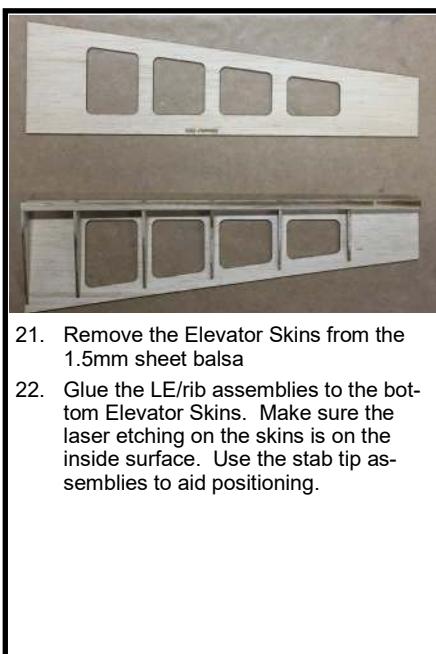
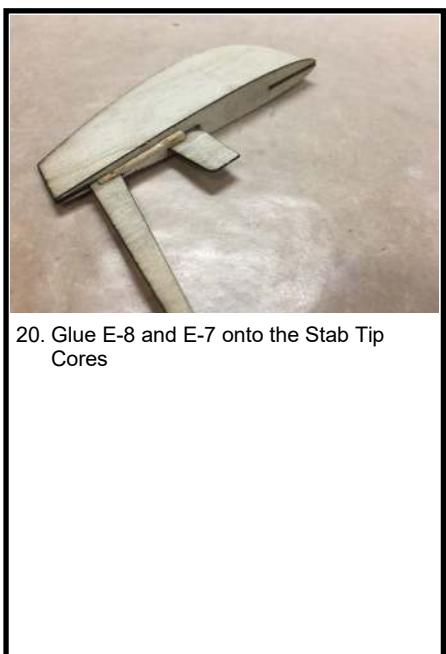
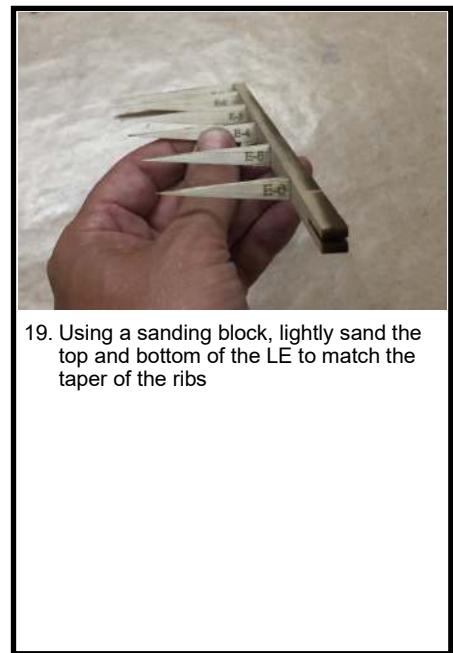
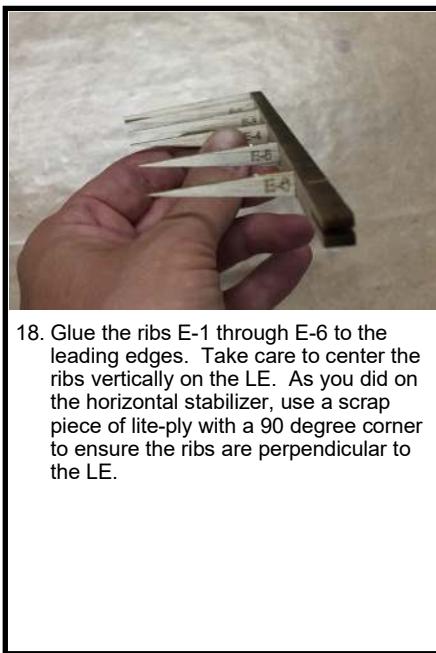
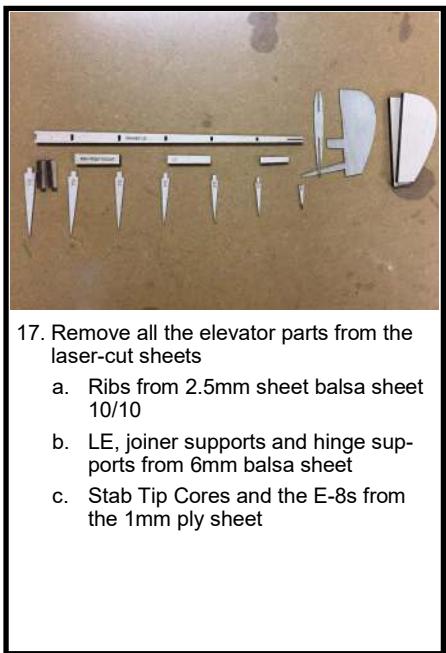
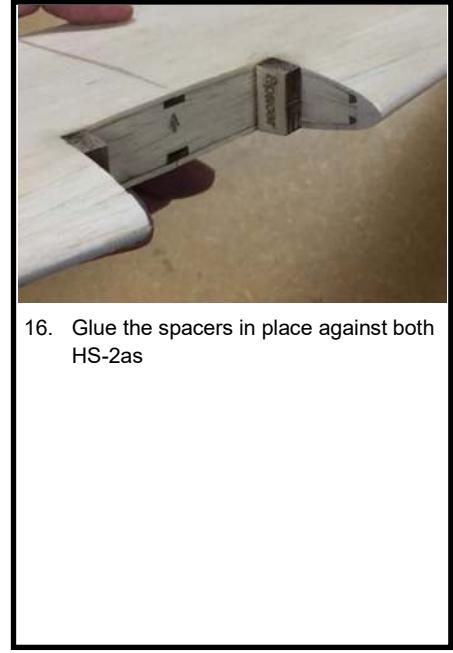
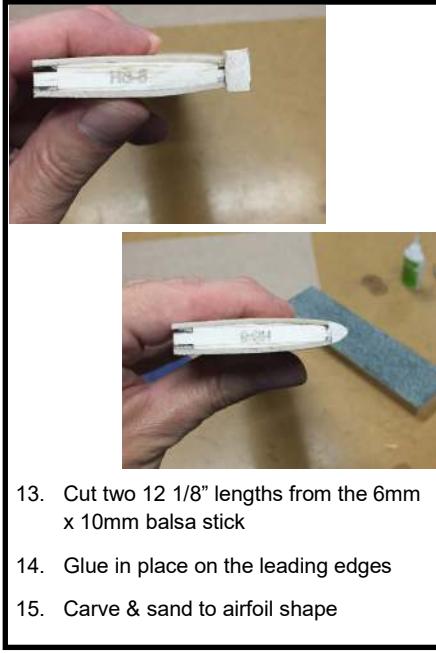
8. Remove the H-Stab Skins from the laser-cut sheets, including the little triangles; glue the little triangles in place on the leading edges of the H-Stab Skins.



9. Glue the bottom skins in place using medium CA. Laser-etched lettering inside!



10. Glue in the hinge reinforcement blocks, as well as the HS-8 Doublers (3mm lite-ply).
11. Glue the top skins in place using medium CA. Laser-etched lettering inside!





24. Glue in the elevator joiner supports and the hinge supports.
25. Glue in the tip assemblies.



26. Glue on the top Elevator Skins.
27. Glue the upper & lower tip blocks, then carve & sand to shape.



27. Sanding to shape. Use some masking tape to avoid sanding into the elevator sheeting while using coarse sandpaper at first.



28. Glue both HS-2b and HS-1b to the lower beavertail skin.



29. Cut a relief groove in the trailing edge of the horizontal stab to provide clearance for the elevator control horn. Also cut a bevel in the slot for the joiner mounting tab so it seats up against the trailing edge.



30. Bevel the trailing edge of the lower beavertail skin as you did with the elevators.
31. Glue the upper beavertail skin in place.



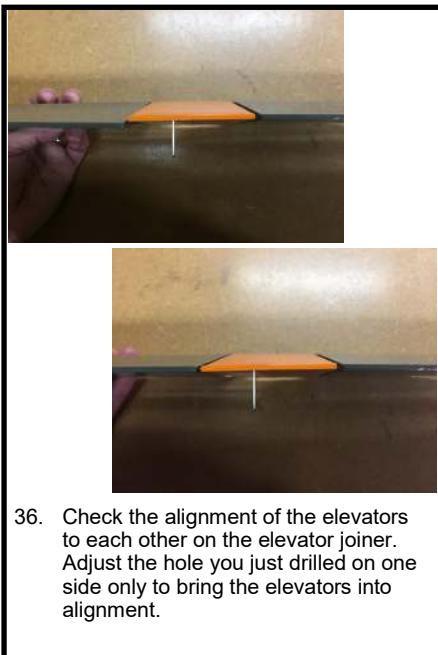
32. Glue the elevator joiner in place using epoxy on the mounting tab. Take care not to get glue on the wire.
33. Glue the beavertail in place over the joiner. Take care not to get glue on the wire.



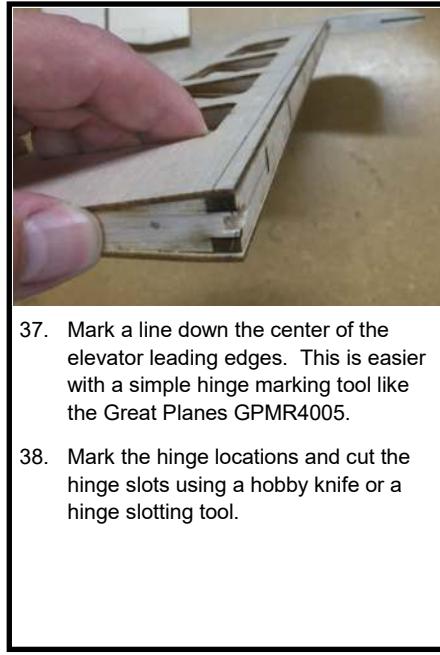
34. On the leading edge of the elevators, mark and drill the location of the elevator joiner. To do this, hold the elevators in place against the horizontal stabilizer and use a piece of scrap 2.5mm balsa as a spacer between the tip of the stabilizer and the inside edge of the elevator counter-balance. Mark the location, then drill in straight with a 1/8" bit.



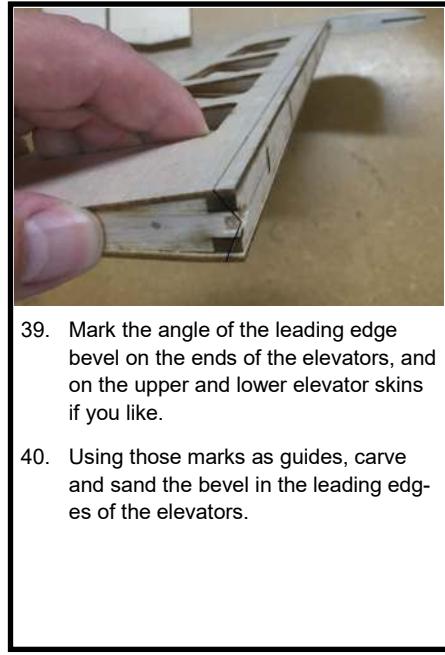
35. Using a hobby knife, cut a notch from that hole to the inboard end of the elevator. Cut a radius in that notch to accommodate the radius in the bend of the elevator joiner.



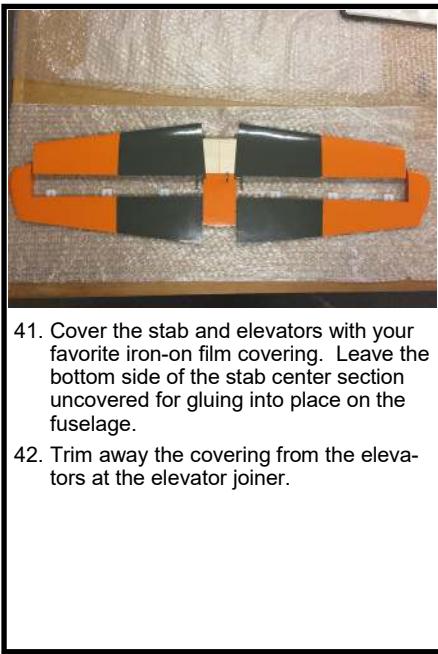
36. Check the alignment of the elevators to each other on the elevator joiner. Adjust the hole you just drilled on one side only to bring the elevators into alignment.



37. Mark a line down the center of the elevator leading edges. This is easier with a simple hinge marking tool like the Great Planes GPMR4005.
38. Mark the hinge locations and cut the hinge slots using a hobby knife or a hinge slotting tool.



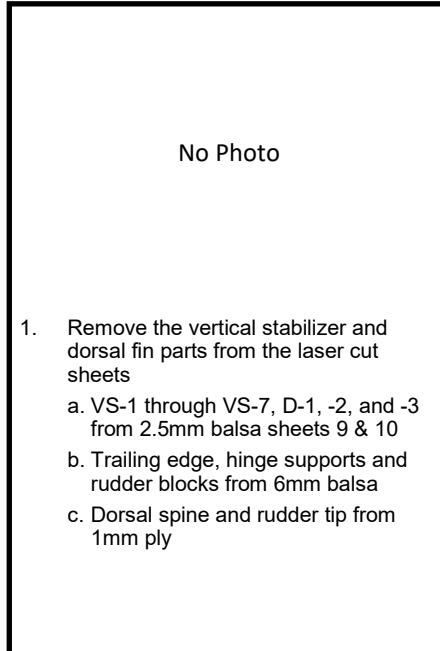
39. Mark the angle of the leading edge bevel on the ends of the elevators, and on the upper and lower elevator skins if you like.
40. Using those marks as guides, carve and sand the bevel in the leading edges of the elevators.



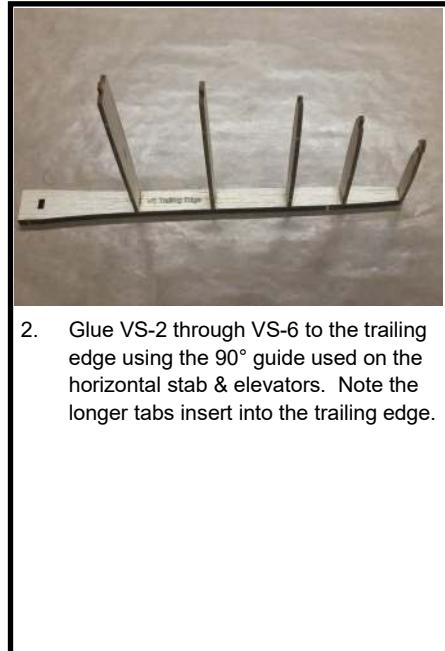
41. Cover the stab and elevators with your favorite iron-on film covering. Leave the bottom side of the stab center section uncovered for gluing into place on the fuselage.
42. Trim away the covering from the elevators at the elevator joiner.



43. Hinge the elevators to the stab using the supplied CA hinges. Glue into the elevators first, then use epoxy to glue to the elevator joiner. Be sure to keep the elevators aligned, and use a wax paper barrier to prevent gluing the elevator joiner to the stab. Finally, glue the CA hinges into the stab.

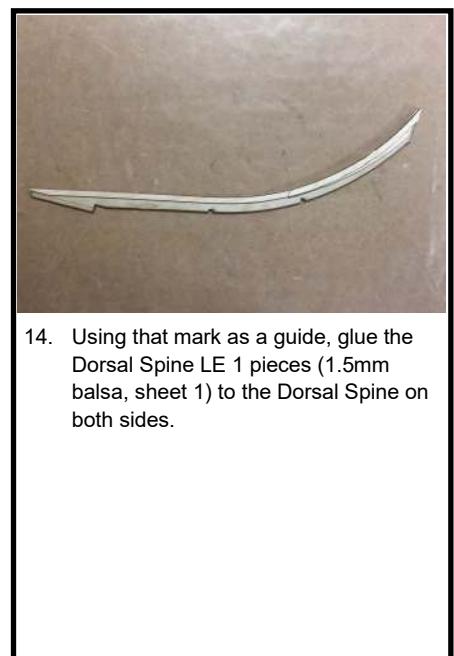
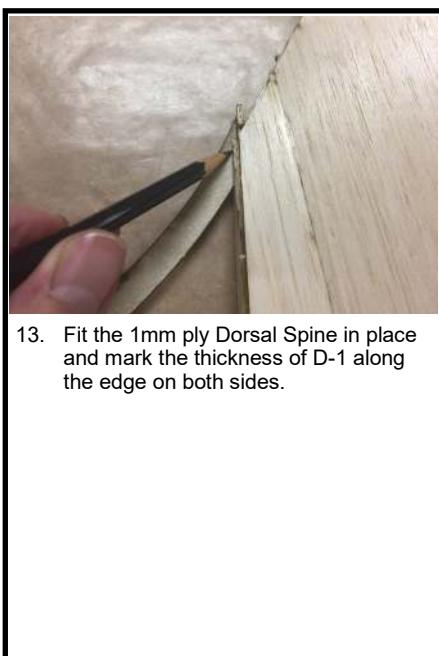
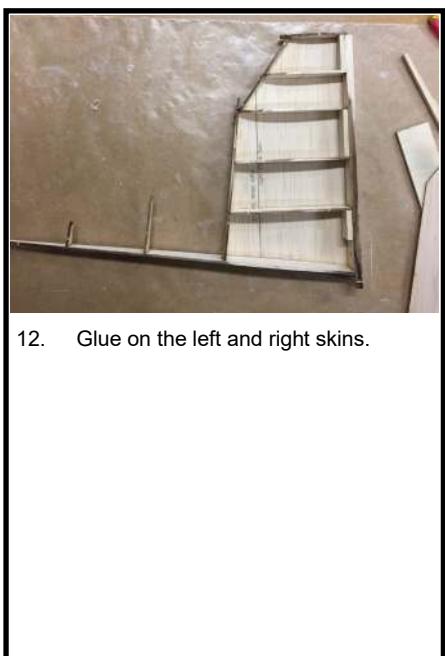
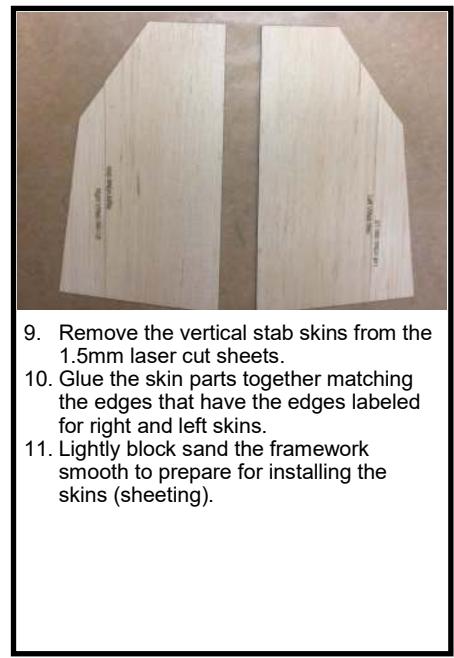
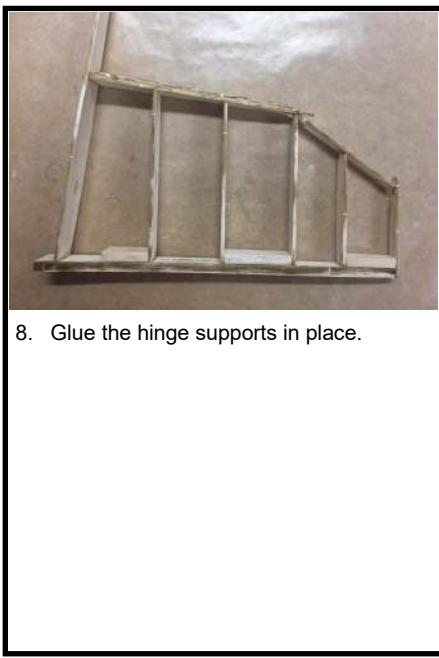
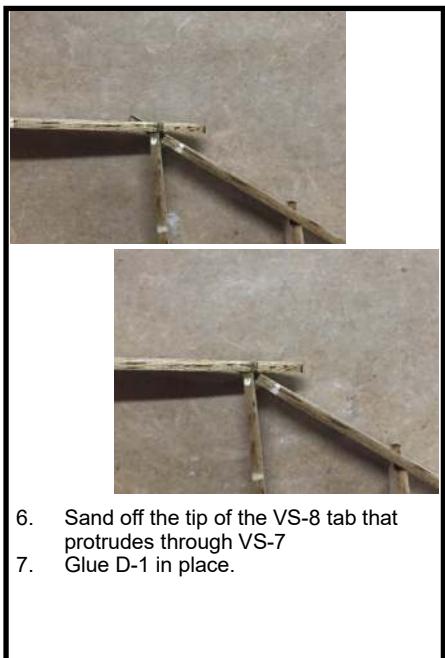
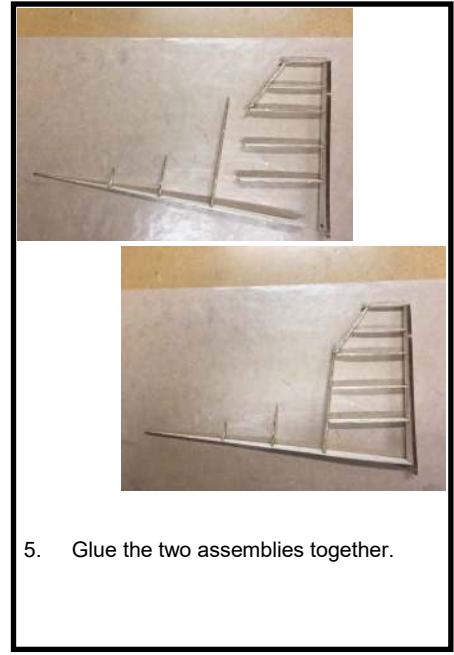
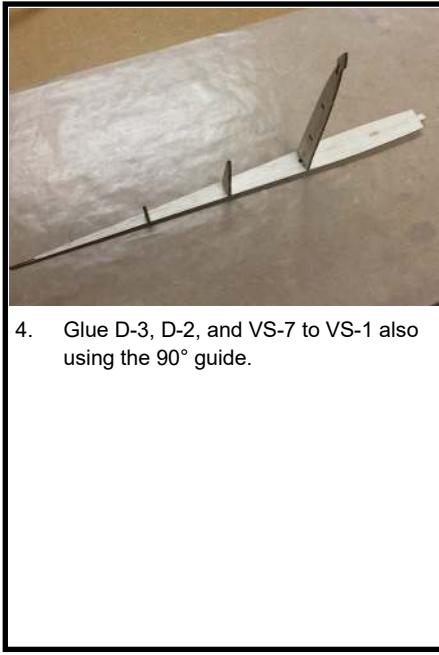
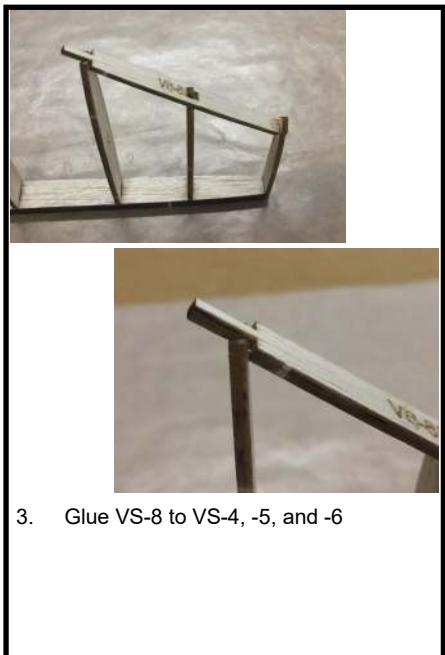


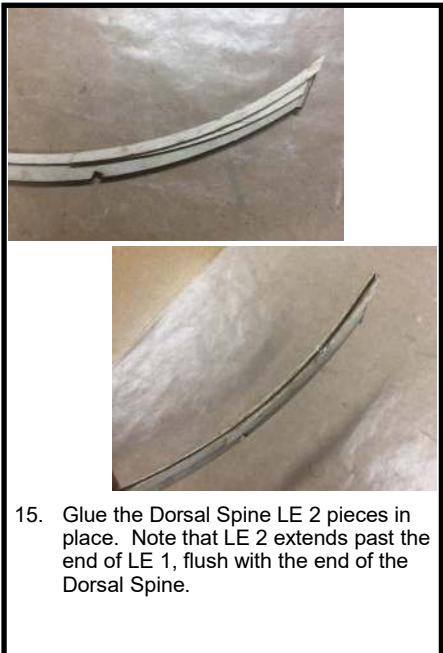
1. Remove the vertical stabilizer and dorsal fin parts from the laser cut sheets
 - a. VS-1 through VS-7, D-1, -2, and -3 from 2.5mm balsa sheets 9 & 10
 - b. Trailing edge, hinge supports and rudder blocks from 6mm balsa
 - c. Dorsal spine and rudder tip from 1mm ply



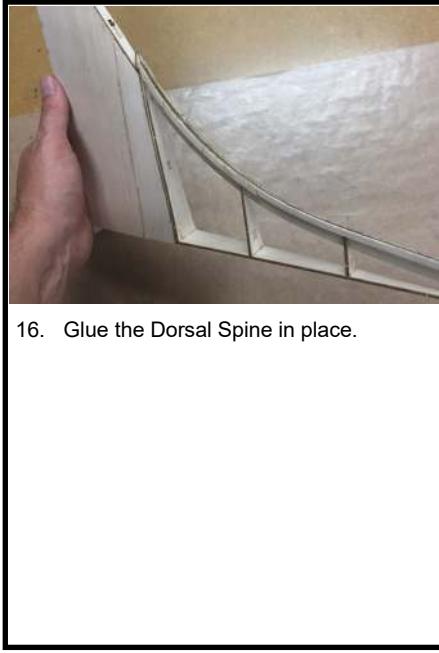
2. Glue VS-2 through VS-6 to the trailing edge using the 90° guide used on the horizontal stab & elevators. Note the longer tabs insert into the trailing edge.

Vertical Stabilizer and Rudder

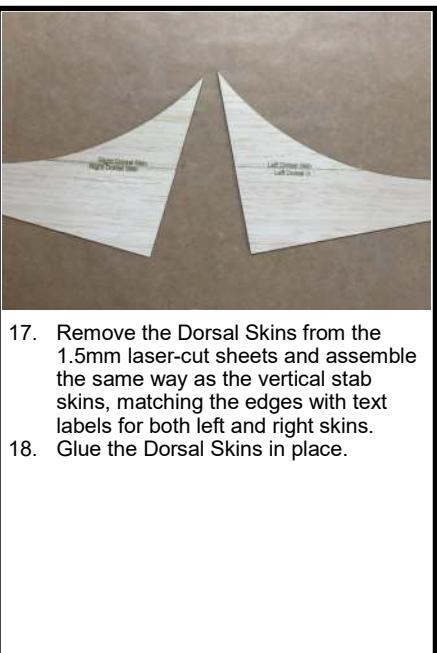
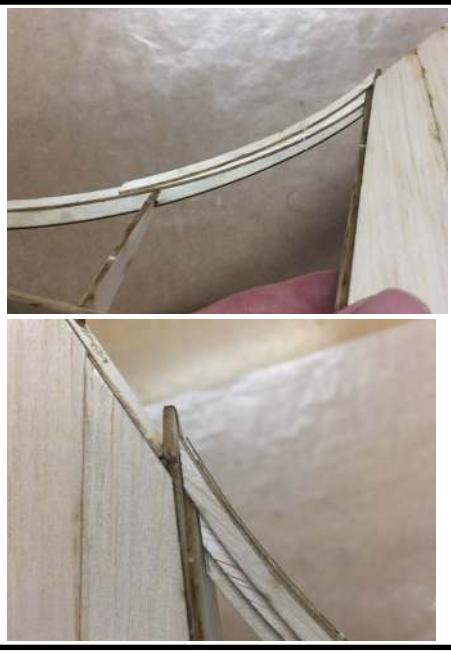




15. Glue the Dorsal Spine LE 2 pieces in place. Note that LE 2 extends past the end of LE 1, flush with the end of the Dorsal Spine.

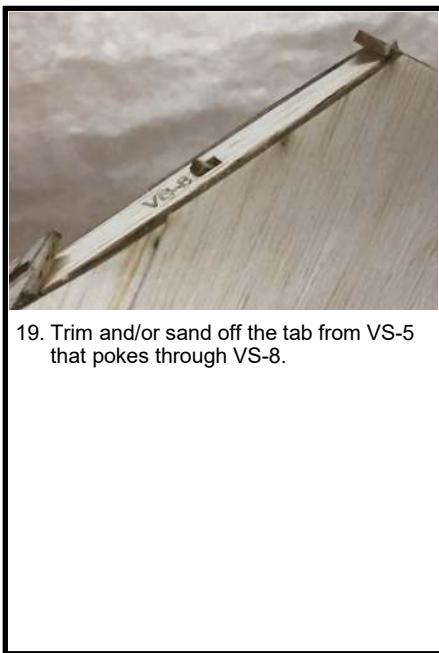


16. Glue the Dorsal Spine in place.

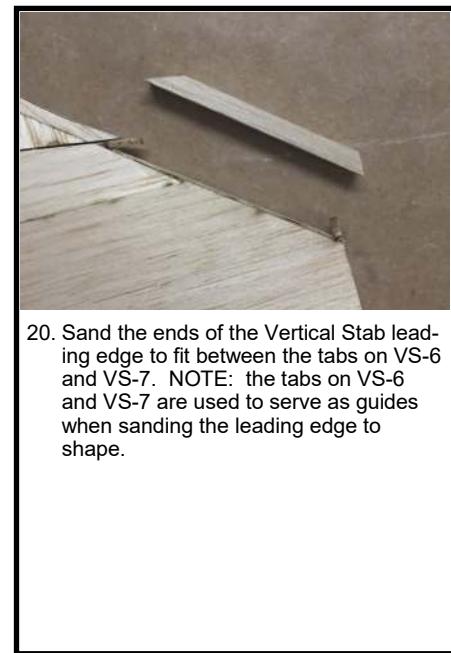


17. Remove the Dorsal Skins from the 1.5mm laser-cut sheets and assemble the same way as the vertical stab skins, matching the edges with text labels for both left and right skins.

18. Glue the Dorsal Skins in place.



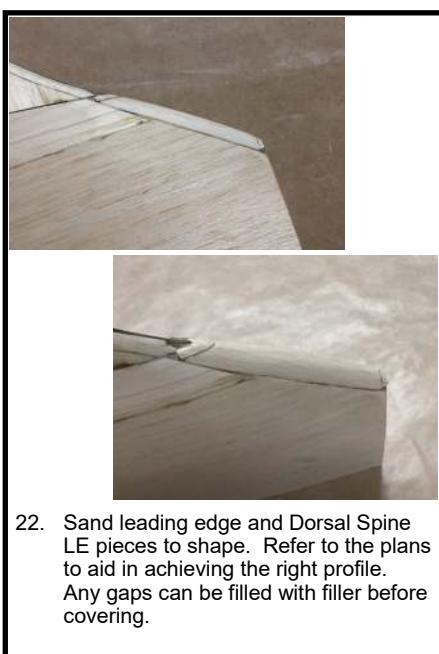
19. Trim and/or sand off the tab from VS-5 that pokes through VS-8.



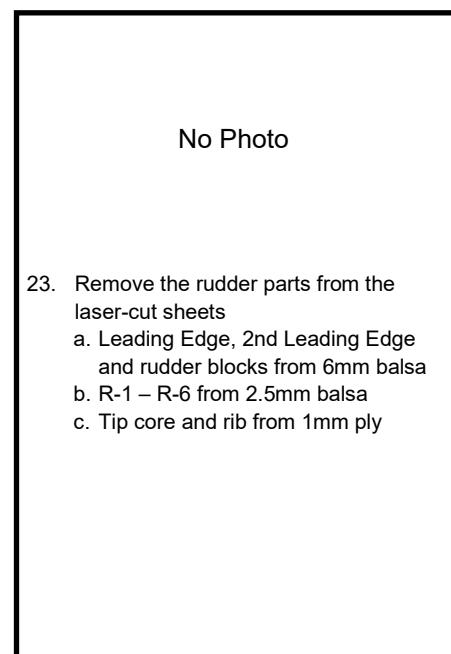
20. Sand the ends of the Vertical Stab leading edge to fit between the tabs on VS-6 and VS-7. NOTE: the tabs on VS-6 and VS-7 are used to serve as guides when sanding the leading edge to shape.



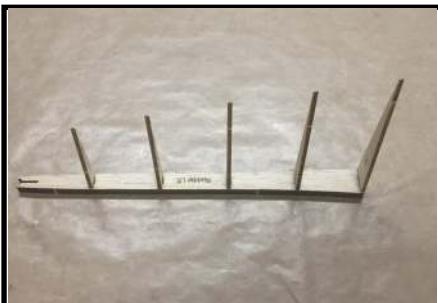
21. Once satisfied with the fit, glue the leading edge in place.



22. Sand leading edge and Dorsal Spine LE pieces to shape. Refer to the plans to aid in achieving the right profile. Any gaps can be filled with filler before covering.



23. Remove the rudder parts from the laser-cut sheets
- Leading Edge, 2nd Leading Edge and rudder blocks from 6mm balsa
 - R-1 – R-6 from 2.5mm balsa
 - Tip core and rib from 1mm ply



24. Glue the ribs to the Leading edge using the 90° guide.



25. Assemble R-6 and the plywood rib to the Rudder Tip Core.

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26. Glue the 2nd Leading Edge to the Leading Edge using the tip assembly as a guide. Be careful not to glue the tip assembly in at this time.



27. Using the vertical stabilizer as a guide, now glue the tip assembly to the rudder leading edges. Be careful not to glue the rudder to the vertical stabilizer.
28. Lightly block sand the framework smooth to prepare for installing the skins (sheeting).



29. Remove the rudder skins from the 1.5mm balsa laser cut sheets.
30. Glue the skin parts together matching the edges that have the edges labeled for right and left skins.



31. Glue one side of the rudder skin in place. Use the tip plywood rib as a guide; match the trailing edge of the skin to the trailing edge of the tip core. Note the leading edge of the skin is not straight: the leading edge of the skin at the tip will rest about 1/8" aft of the edge of the 2nd Leading Edge, while the lower front corner of the skin falls about 1/4" aft of the same edge. (see photos in next box)



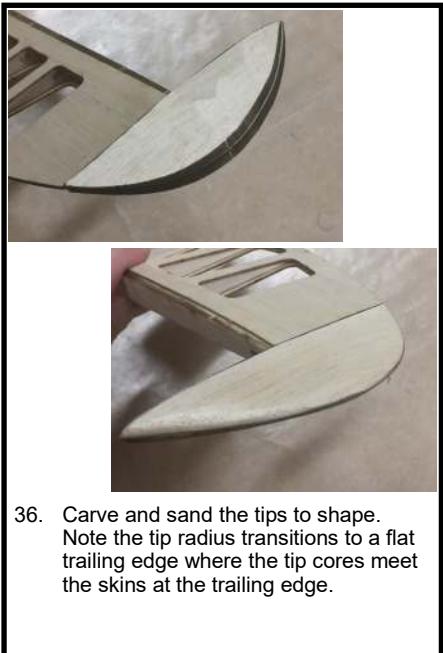
31. Note skin alignment to 2nd leading edge.



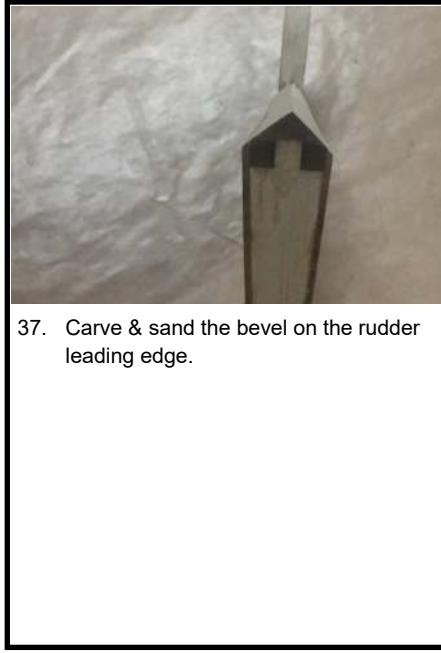
32. Glue in the rudder block pieces, the rudder torque rod support blocks.
33. As done on the elevators, sand a bevel in the trailing edge of the skin to match the ribs.



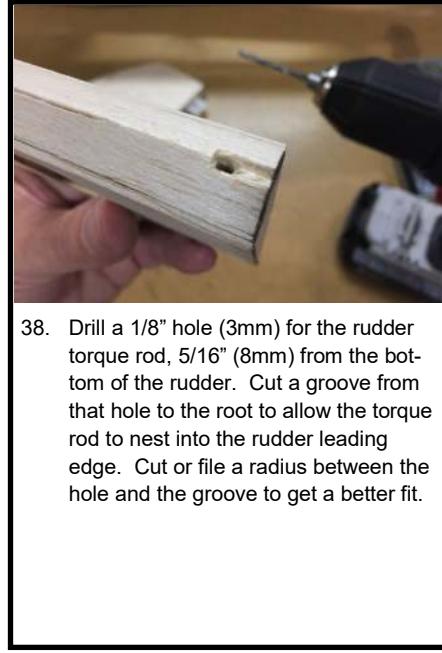
34. Glue on the second rudder skin, matching the other skin at the trailing edge.
35. Glue on the left and right rudder tip blocks.



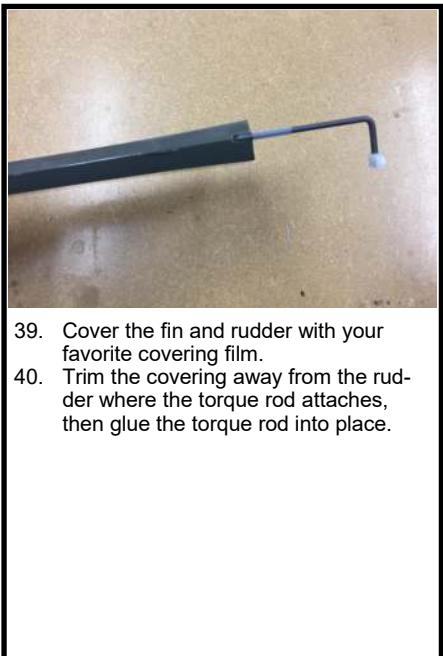
36. Carve and sand the tips to shape. Note the tip radius transitions to a flat trailing edge where the tip cores meet the skins at the trailing edge.



37. Carve & sand the bevel on the rudder leading edge.



38. Drill a 1/8" hole (3mm) for the rudder torque rod, 5/16" (8mm) from the bottom of the rudder. Cut a groove from that hole to the root to allow the torque rod to nest into the rudder leading edge. Cut or file a radius between the hole and the groove to get a better fit.

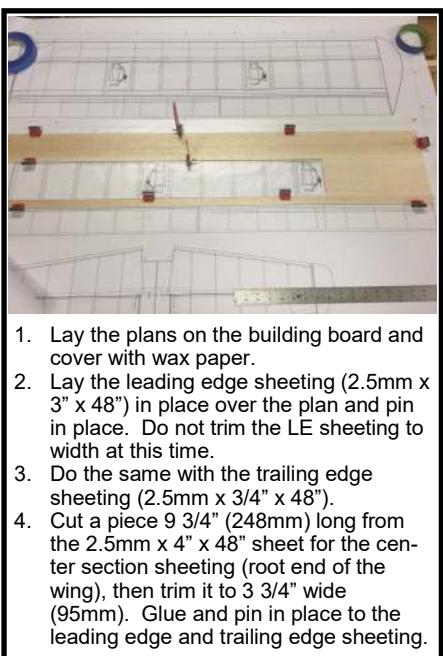


39. Cover the fin and rudder with your favorite covering film.
40. Trim the covering away from the rudder where the torque rod attaches, then glue the torque rod into place.

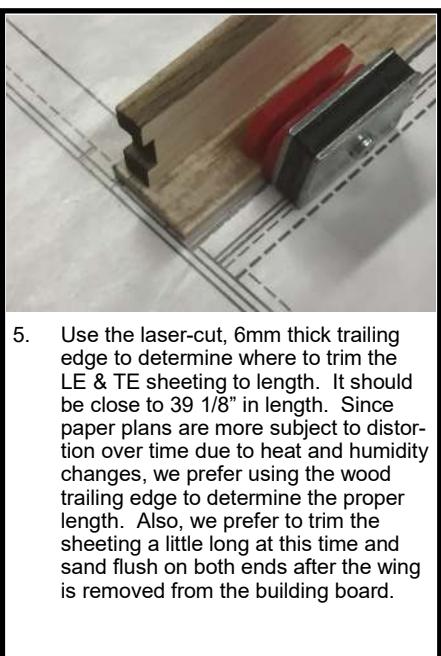


41. Hinge the rudder to the fin using the supplied CA hinges.

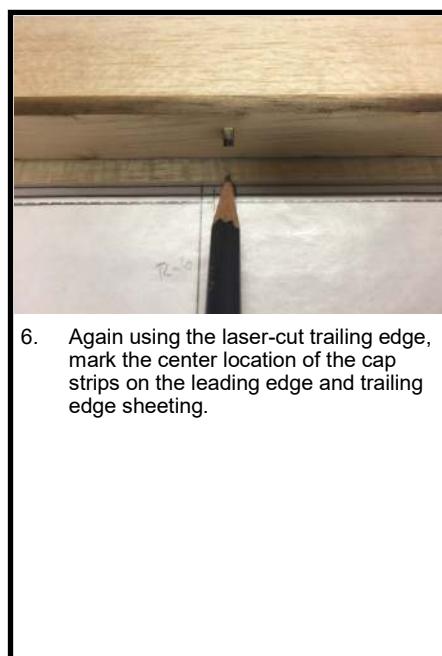
Wings



1. Lay the plans on the building board and cover with wax paper.
2. Lay the leading edge sheeting (2.5mm x 3" x 48") in place over the plan and pin in place. Do not trim the LE sheeting to width at this time.
3. Do the same with the trailing edge sheeting (2.5mm x 3/4" x 48").
4. Cut a piece 9 3/4" (248mm) long from the 2.5mm x 4" x 48" sheet for the center section sheeting (root end of the wing), then trim it to 3 3/4" wide (95mm). Glue and pin in place to the leading edge and trailing edge sheeting.



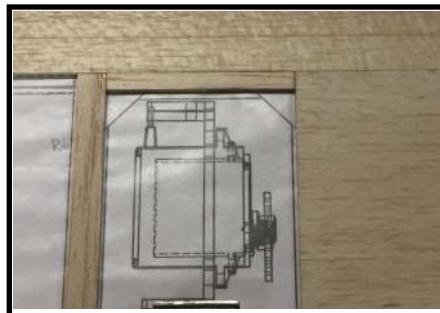
5. Use the laser-cut, 6mm thick trailing edge to determine where to trim the LE & TE sheeting to length. It should be close to 39 1/8" in length. Since paper plans are more subject to distortion over time due to heat and humidity changes, we prefer using the wood trailing edge to determine the proper length. Also, we prefer to trim the sheeting a little long at this time and sand flush on both ends after the wing is removed from the building board.



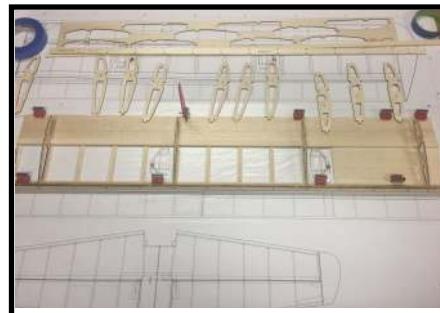
6. Again using the laser-cut trailing edge, mark the center location of the cap strips on the leading edge and trailing edge sheeting.



7. Trim and sand the capstrips to length from the 2.5mm x 10mm sticks and glue them in place.



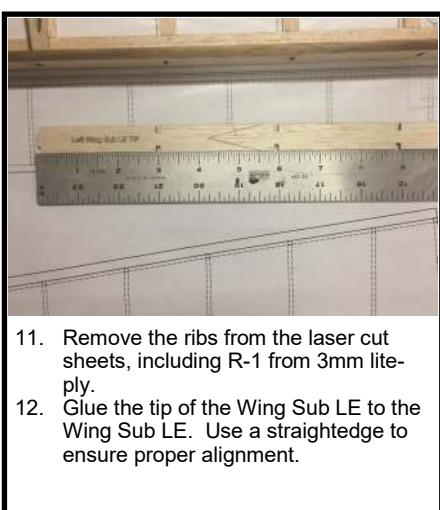
8. Glue the laser-cut 2.5mm balsa flap and aileron hatch fillers in place.



9. Glue the laser-cut 6mm balsa trailing edge in place on the trailing edge sheeting. Note the etched label is meant to be right-side-up and facing forward. The root end of the TE has a 2° angle to place the root rib at the proper angle to account for the wing dihedral.



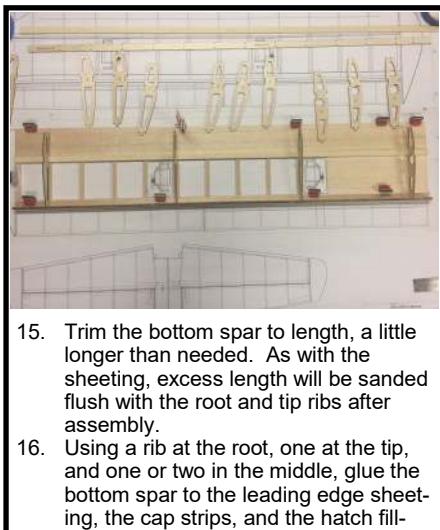
10. Inspect the spars for bow. Select, pair, and mark the spars so the bow of the upper and lower spars counteracts each other, meaning either the concave or the convex sides face each other. This step ensures the spars do not make the wing bow over time.



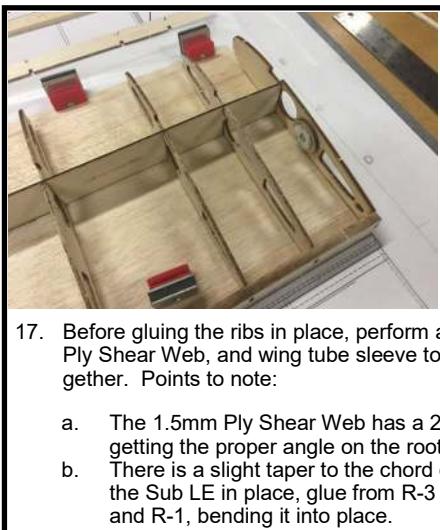
11. Remove the ribs from the laser cut sheets, including R-1 from 3mm lite-ply.
12. Glue the tip of the Wing Sub LE to the Wing Sub LE. Use a straightedge to ensure proper alignment.

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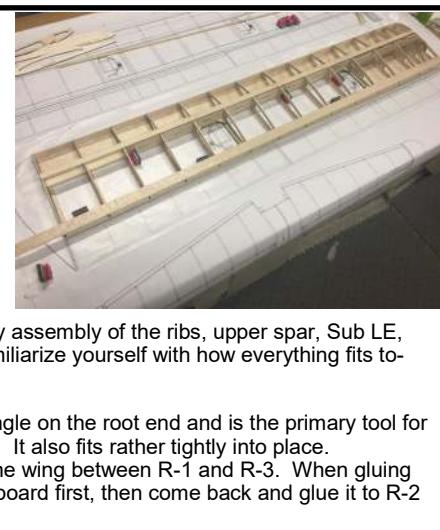
13. Glue the Wing Mount Doubler in place onto R-1, on the outboard side of the rib (doubler will be inside the wing).
14. Glue and press the 1/4-20 blind nut into place on the Wing Mount Doubler. 5-minute epoxy is good for this. Again, the nut will be inside the wing once assembled.

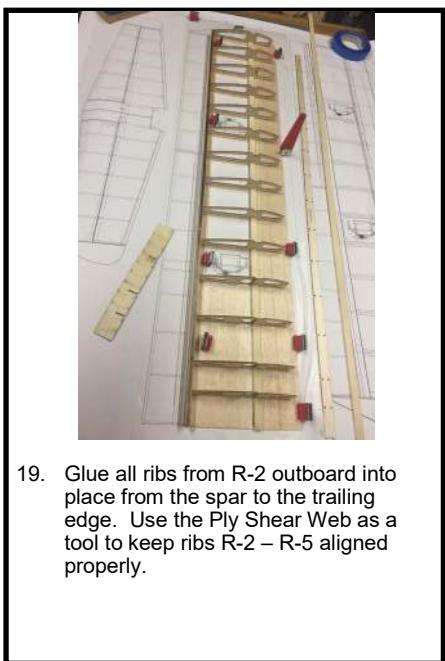


15. Trim the bottom spar to length, a little longer than needed. As with the sheeting, excess length will be sanded flush with the root and tip ribs after assembly.
16. Using a rib at the root, one at the tip, and one or two in the middle, glue the bottom spar to the leading edge sheeting, the cap strips, and the hatch fillers. NOTE that the spar overhangs the leading edge sheeting by 1/8" (3mm) to provide a better joint for the cap strips.

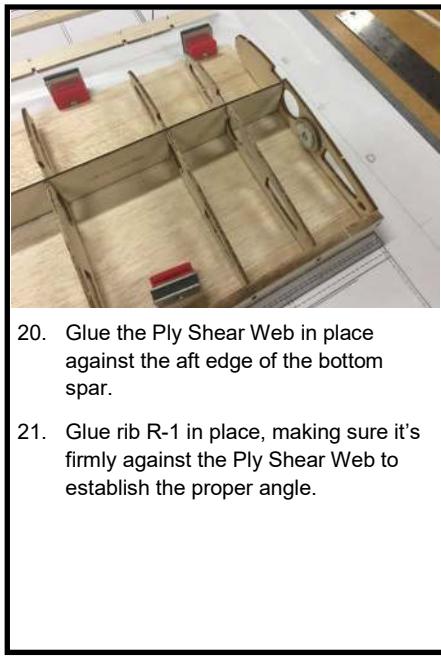


17. Before gluing the ribs in place, perform a dry assembly of the ribs, upper spar, Sub LE, Ply Shear Web, and wing tube sleeve to familiarize yourself with how everything fits together. Points to note:
a. The 1.5mm Ply Shear Web has a 2° angle on the root end and is the primary tool for getting the proper angle on the root rib. It also fits rather tightly into place.
b. There is a slight taper to the chord of the wing between R-1 and R-3. When gluing the Sub LE in place, glue from R-3 outboard first, then come back and glue it to R-2 and R-1, bending it into place.
c. The airfoil is flat from the spar to the trailing edge, but from the spar forward curves upward to the leading edge.
18. Disassemble the dry assembly.

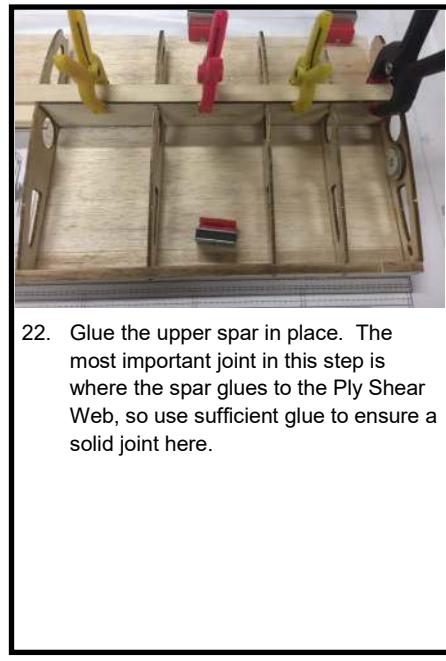




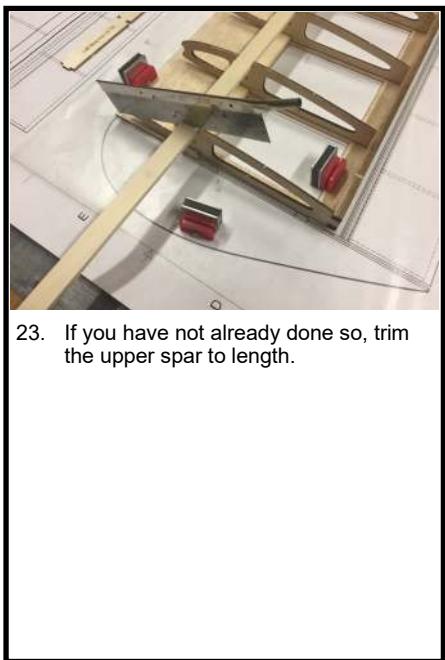
19. Glue all ribs from R-2 outboard into place from the spar to the trailing edge. Use the Ply Shear Web as a tool to keep ribs R-2 – R-5 aligned properly.



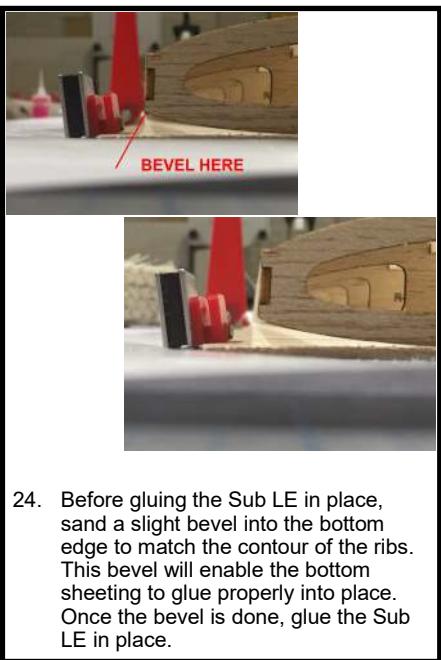
20. Glue the Ply Shear Web in place against the aft edge of the bottom spar.
21. Glue rib R-1 in place, making sure it's firmly against the Ply Shear Web to establish the proper angle.



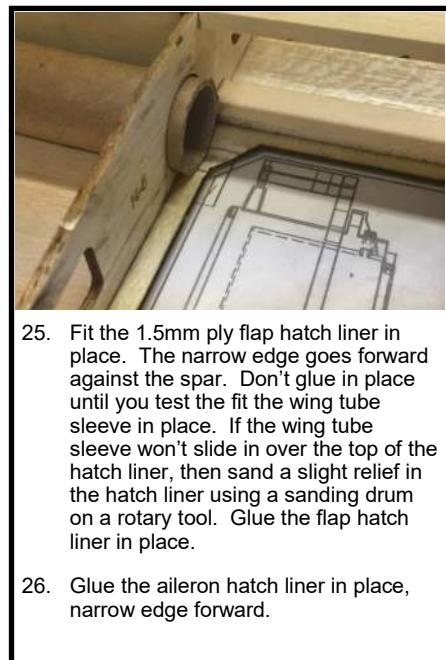
22. Glue the upper spar in place. The most important joint in this step is where the spar glues to the Ply Shear Web, so use sufficient glue to ensure a solid joint here.



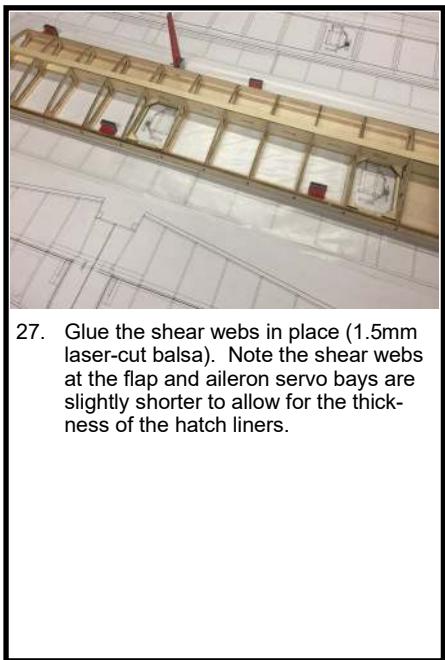
23. If you have not already done so, trim the upper spar to length.



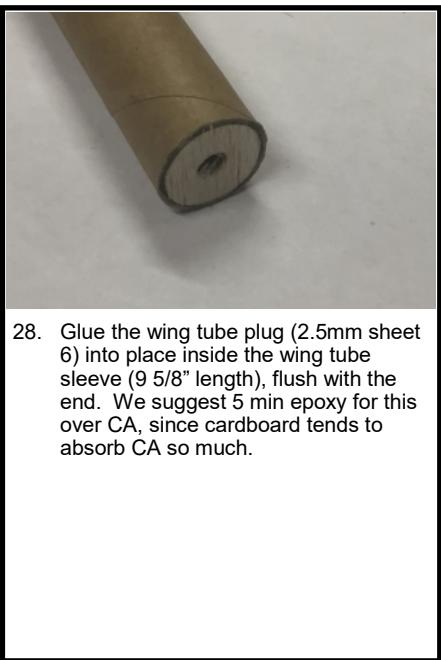
24. Before gluing the Sub LE in place, sand a slight bevel into the bottom edge to match the contour of the ribs. This bevel will enable the bottom sheeting to glue properly into place. Once the bevel is done, glue the Sub LE in place.



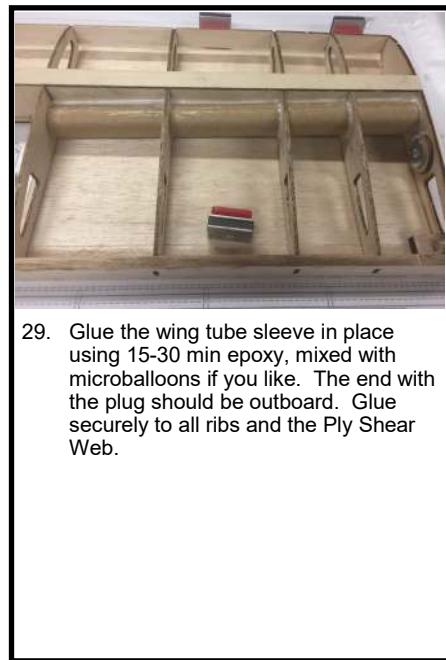
25. Fit the 1.5mm ply flap hatch liner in place. The narrow edge goes forward against the spar. Don't glue in place until you test the fit the wing tube sleeve in place. If the wing tube sleeve won't slide in over the top of the hatch liner, then sand a slight relief in the hatch liner using a sanding drum on a rotary tool. Glue the flap hatch liner in place.
26. Glue the aileron hatch liner in place, narrow edge forward.



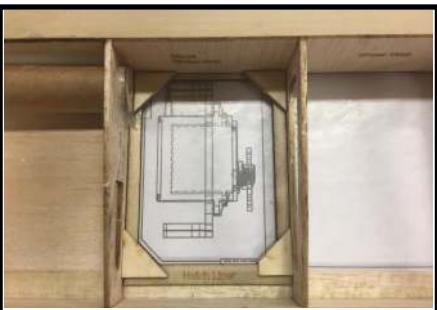
27. Glue the shear webs in place (1.5mm laser-cut balsa). Note the shear webs at the flap and aileron servo bays are slightly shorter to allow for the thickness of the hatch liners.



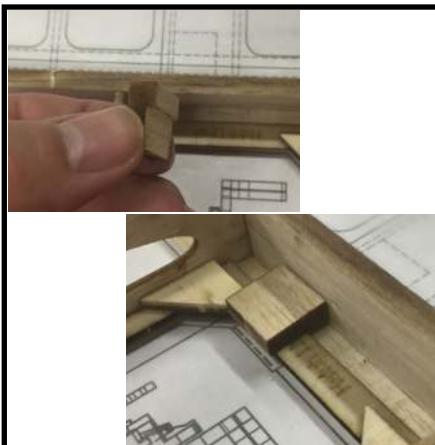
28. Glue the wing tube plug (2.5mm sheet 6) into place inside the wing tube sleeve (9 5/8" length), flush with the end. We suggest 5 min epoxy for this over CA, since cardboard tends to absorb CA so much.



29. Glue the wing tube sleeve in place using 15-30 min epoxy, mixed with microballoons if you like. The end with the plug should be outboard. Glue securely to all ribs and the Ply Shear Web.



30. Glue the 3mm lite-ply flap and aileron hatch doublers in place. These will provide more "meat" for the hatch retaining screws to bite into. Note that two doublers need to have a bit trimmed off one corner to make room for a flap hinge support block. See plans.



31. Glue the flap hinge support blocks in place (6mm laser-cut balsa). See plans for locations. For the middle block, you may want to cut a notch out as for a rabbet joint so the block will fit over the hatch liner.

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32. Glue the anti-rotation pin support block in place, followed by the anti-rotation pin.

33. Glue the aileron hinge support blocks in place. See plans for locations.



34. Glue the lower leading edge sheeting to the ribs and the Sub LE. To do this, slide a thin, strong, and flexible item like a steel rule under the sheeting. While holding the wing flat to the table with one hand, bend the sheeting upward to meet the ribs & Sub LE with the steel rule. Use medium or thick CA and glue one rib at a time, working your way down the wing. You may want to start in the middle and work toward each end.



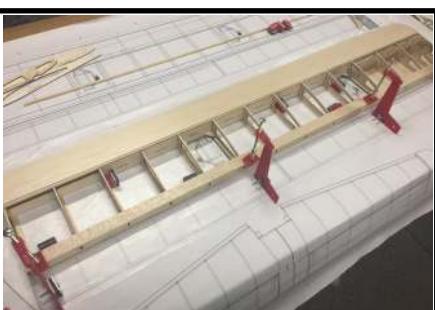
35. Use a sanding block to sand the trailing edge and the Sub LE flush with the upper contour of the ribs so the upper sheeting will glue properly in place.



36. Glue the trailing edge upper sheeting in place (2.5mm x 3/4" x 48"). Trim to length either before or after gluing in place.



37. Glue the leading edge upper sheeting in place (2.5mm x 3" x 48"). The trailing edge of the sheeting should be about 1/8" (3mm) forward of the aft edge of the spar to allow a slight shelf that will ease installation of the upper cap strips. Apply medium or thick CA to all appropriate spots, then position over the spar first and press into place. Once the CA on the spar has grabbed, roll the sheeting forward with your hands, starting at the middle of the wing and working your way toward each tip to ensure the sheeting is adhered to all the ribs and the Sub LE.



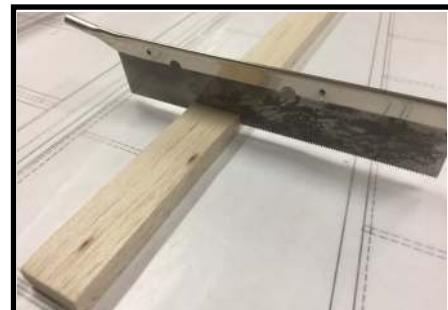
38. Cut another 9 3/4" (248mm) section from the 2.5mm x 4" x 48" sheet for the center section upper sheeting (root end of the wing). Carefully trim & sand to width to fit into place between the LE and TE sheeting, then glue into place.



39. Trim and sand the upper capstrips to length and glue them in place.



40. Trim and sand the upper and lower leading edge sheeting flush with the Sub LE. Also sand the sheeting flush with the root and tip ribs at this time.

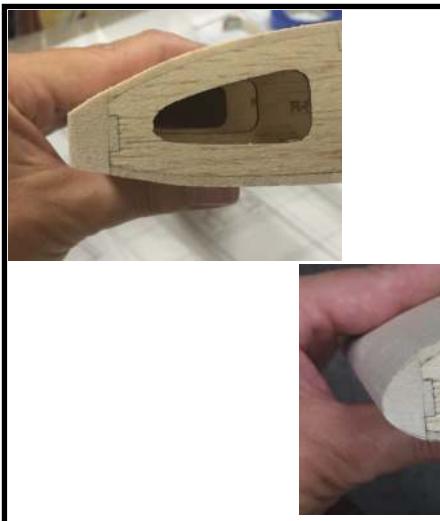


41. Trim the leading edge (10mm x 25mm x 48") to about 39 1/2" long.

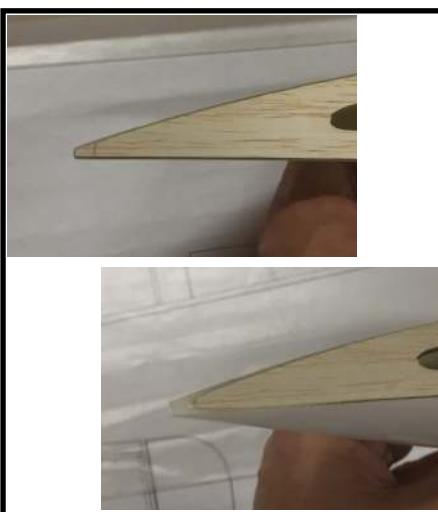
42. Mark a line on one face of the leading edge 3 3/4" (95mm) from the end of the leading edge. Carefully cut about half to two-thirds of the way through the leading edge on this line using a razor saw. This cut will enable the leading edge to easily bend for the tapered section between ribs R-1 and R-3.



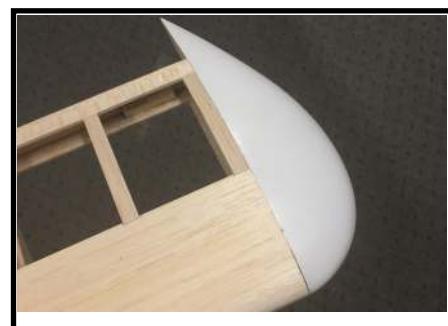
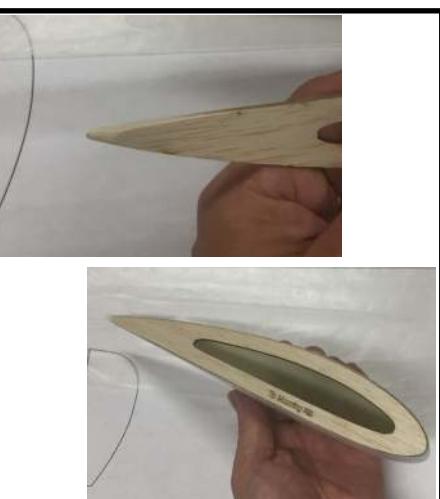
43. Glue the leading edge in place against the Sub LE and the upper and lower sheeting. The relief cut from the previous step goes inside against the Sub LE at rib R-3. Glue the outboard section first, then bend the inboard section into place. Trim and sand the ends flush with the root and tip ribs.



44. Carve and sand the leading edge to shape as shown on the plans. We find it easiest to do this in two steps. First, carve & sand the top and bottom of the LE to an angle that's tangent to the top and bottom sheeting. Second, sand to the final shape. The Tip Mounting Rib can be used to trace the proper outline onto the ends of the leading edge to help achieve the proper shape.



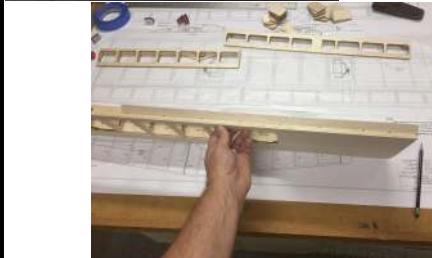
45. Sand the trailing edge lightly to ensure flatness, to remove any overhang from the upper or lower sheeting.
46. Fit the Tip Mounting Rib into the fiberglass wing tip. Sand lightly at the leading and trailing edges as required to make the rib fit into the tip. Once satisfied with the fit, glue into place using epoxy.



47. Glue the wingtip in place using medium or thick CA if you're confident with your positioning skills, or epoxy if you're not.



48. Cut a hole in the trailing edge for the flap pushrod. This hole needs to be about $\frac{1}{4}$ " – $\frac{5}{16}$ " (6-8mm) wide and about $3\frac{1}{8}$ " (9-10mm) tall, located almost to the upper trailing edge sheeting. See plans for spanwise location; on the left wing the hole is centered 10" (254mm) from the root, and on the right wing it's centered $11\frac{3}{4}$ " (298mm) from the root. You may want to wait until the flaps are finished before completing this step.



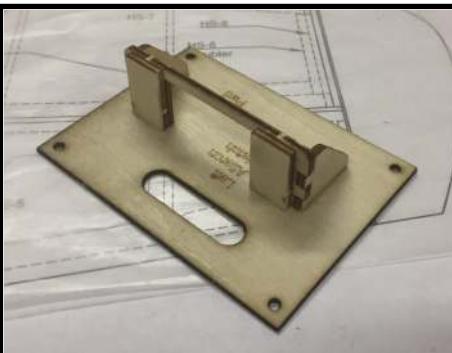
49. Cut a length of the $\frac{1}{2}$ " (13mm) triangle stock to $21\frac{5}{8}$ " (549mm) and glue in place on the trailing edge of the wing.



50. Sand the upper surface of the triangle stock to match the curvature of the upper surface of the wing. You may want to use masking tape to protect the wing while rough sanding.



51. Drill and file the hole for the flap pushrod into the triangle stock.



52. Assemble the flap and aileron hatches/servo mounts. The hatches are 1.5mm plywood and the servo mounts are 3mm lite ply.
- Two sizes are provided to accommodate either standard-sized or mini servos.
 - Doublers are included to provide more meat for the servo mounting screws. For mini servos, the doublers fit on the top of the mounts; for standard servos, the doublers fit on the bottom of the mounts.
 - The angle braces fit on both sizes of mount.
 - The orientation of the hatches is marked on the inside of the hatches.



53. Glue the 1mm wing hatch spacers into place. These spacers ensure the outer surfaces of the flap and aileron hatches are flush with the wing surface.



54. Use the hatches as guides to mark the locations of the hatch retaining screws. Drill pilot holes for the screws using a $.050$ " – $1/16$ " bit.



55. Mount the hatches using 2mm x 10mm button head screws.

Flaps

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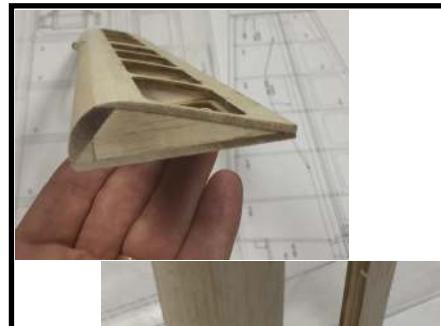
1. Remove all the flap parts from the laser-cut sheets.
 - a. Skins and ribs from 2.5mm balsa
 - b. Flap horn from 1.5mm ply
 - c. Leading edge from 6mm balsa

Note: The flap and aileron skins in these photos show lightening holes which were tested in Prototype #2, but were deleted for production.

2. Pin or otherwise secure the lower flap skin to the building board.
3. Trim a piece of $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6mm) triangle stock to length and glue into place on the leading edge.



4. Glue the ribs into place.
5. Glue the hinge support blocks into place at the ends of the flap. Wait until the Flap Horn is installed to install the third support block.
6. Glue the leading edge into place.
7. Fit and glue the Flap Horn into place. You will have to deepen the slot in the leading edge with a file, hobby knife, or razor saw to get a proper fit.
8. Glue the final hinge support block in place against the Flap Horn.



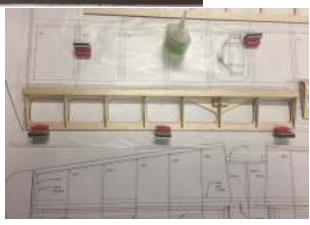
9. Sand the leading edge and trailing edge to match the contour of the ribs. Note that the upper surface of the flap has a slight contour – the upper surface is not flat.
10. Glue the upper skin in place, keeping the flap flat on the building board.
11. Carve and sand the leading edge to shape.



- Hinge the flaps to the wing using the 3mm round hinges, but do not glue at this time.

Ailerons

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- Remove all the aileron parts from the laser-cut sheets.
 - Skins and ribs from 2.5mm balsa
 - Aileron horn mount from 6mm ply
 - Pin or otherwise secure the lower skin to the building board.
 - Glue the aileron horn mount in place.



- Cut a piece of the 10 x 19mm balsa to 17 3/8" (441mm) long for the leading edge.
- Mark the location of the Aileron Horn Mount on the leading edge, and cut a notch in the leading edge so it will fit over the horn mount.
- Glue the leading edge in place.



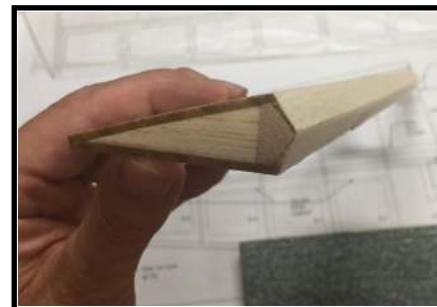
- Carve the upper surface of the leading edge, then sand the leading edge and trailing edge to match the contour of the ribs. Note that the upper surface of the aileron also has a slight contour, just like the flaps.



- Glue the upper skin to the top of the aileron.



- Mark a centerline down the leading edge of the aileron, then mark a bevel on each end to serve as a guide for carving and sanding the required bevel into the leading edge. It can also help to draw spanwise lines on the top and bottom of the aileron back from the leading edge to guide how far back to carve and sand.



- Carve and sand the bevel into the leading edge of the aileron.

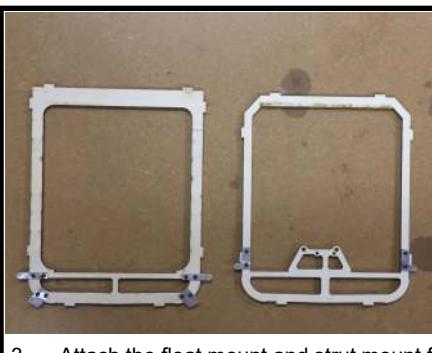
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- Cut the hinge slots in the ailerons using a tool or a No. 11 blade hobby knife.
- Mark the corresponding locations on the trailing edge of the wing and cut the hinge slots in the wing.

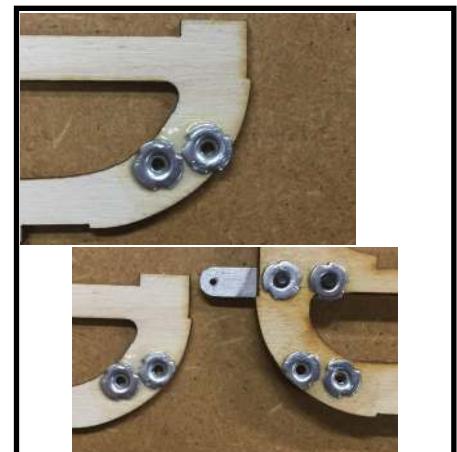
Fuselage



1. Remove the bulkheads from the 3mm lite ply sheets. Use a hobby knife to cut through the joining tabs holding the parts in the sheets. Also remove Bulkhead 3 from the 6mm ply sheet.
2. Glue the Bulkhead 4 Stiffener in place on the front side of Bulkhead 4, across the top.



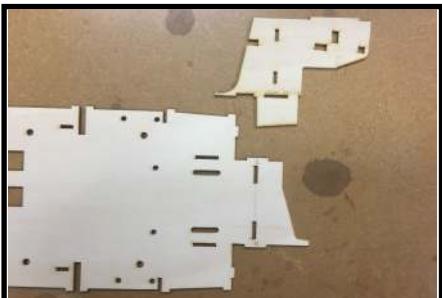
3. Attach the float mount and strut mount fittings to the aft sides of bulkheads 2, 2.5, 3, and 4 using 4-40 blind nuts and 4-40 x 3/8" Socket Head Cap Screws. Bulkhead labels face forward, so attach the fittings on the side opposite the etched labels, with the blind nuts on the same side as the labels. NOTE: ONCE THE FUSELAGE IS BUILT, THE FITTINGS ON BULKHEADS 2, 2.5, AND 3 WILL BE UNACCESSIBLE. Use epoxy on the blind nuts and threadlock on the cap screws.



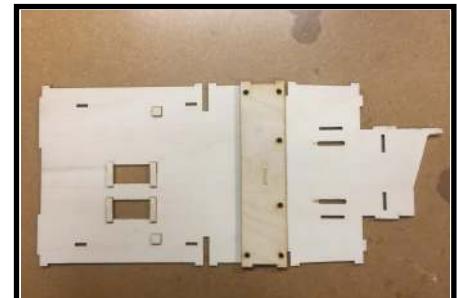
4. The blind nuts close to the edge of bulkheads 2.5 and 3 will probably overhang the edge of the bulkheads. Remove the float mounts from these locations, file the blind nuts flush with the edge of the bulkheads, and re-install the float mounts.



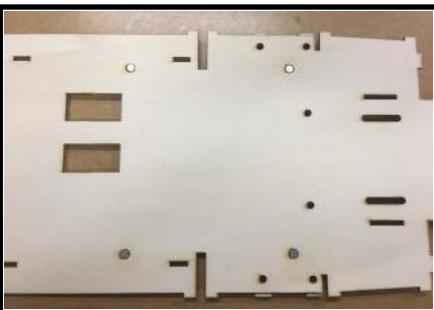
5. Glue the 2.5mm balsa sheeting helpers to the aft side of Bulkhead 4 (labeled "AFT") and the forward side of Bulkhead 2 (labeled "FWD").



6. If installing a DLE-20 engine (not the -RA version), trim the forward end of the floor to the line etched on the top side, and trim the Motor Box Left Side to the line etched on it.



7. On the bottom side of the floor (the side without etching), glue:
 - a. The servo mount doublers (nested in the servo cutouts in the floor, 3mm lite ply)
 - b. The landing gear mount (6mm ply)
 - c. The servo cover magnet holders (3mm lite ply, nested in the servo cover tops)



8. Glue the 6mm DIA magnets in place in the floor using epoxy. Pay attention to magnet polarity, marking them to keep them sorted. If you make them all the same polarity, then the front and rear covers will be interchangeable.



9. Glue Bulkhead 2.5 to the floor and the landing gear mount. Make sure the float mounts are on the aft side of the bulkhead!

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10. Mount the elevator and rudder servos to the floor. If you don't want to mount the servos at this time, at least get the servo mounting screw holes drilled now, while the floor is easily accessible.



11. Glue the aft fuselage tips onto the ends of the fuselage sides, followed by the Stab Mount Doublers.



12. Glue the Fuse Doublers and Fwd Fuse Doublers into place on the fuselage sides. Use Bulkhead 3 to help get them properly positioned.



13. Glue the 1mm ply door frames in place on the fuselage sides.
14. Glue the 1mm ply door stiffeners in place at this time. They are not needed for the assembly yet, but since they have been removed from the sheet, installing them now will prevent damaging them during storage.

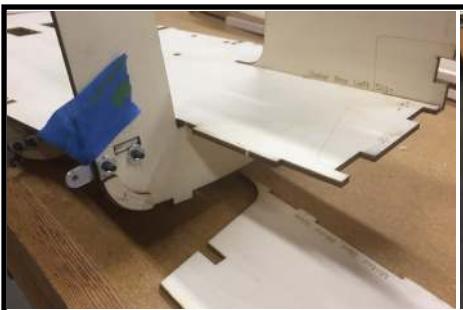


15. Install the 4mm blind nuts on the back side of the firewall, the side without etching. Glue the blind nuts in place with epoxy. NOTE: The holes provided in the firewall are for an E-flite Power 60 X-mount. If using a different motor, different holes may need to be drilled. The center location of the motor is etched on the front of the firewall to aid in properly locating the motor. Both right and down thrust are accounted for in that location.



16. Place Bulkhead 2 in place along with the left and right motor box sides. Tape Bulkhead 2 in place for now.

Motor Box Assembly for Electric Power Systems



17. Place the firewall and the motor box top in place to get comfortable with how it fits together.

18. Remove the motor box top, the firewall, and one motor box side.

19. Glue the firewall in place with 30-minute epoxy. Apply glue down the contacting area of one motor box side, put it back in place. Next apply glue to the bottom edge of the firewall and put it in place, then follow with the remaining motor box side. At this point you may want to use some tape on the bottom corners on the side and bottom to ensure a snug joint. Finally, put some glue along the top of the firewall and install the motor box top. Large C-clamps can be used to apply pressure vertically and horizontally. Once satisfied with the joint alignment at the firewall, apply medium CA to the remaining joints.

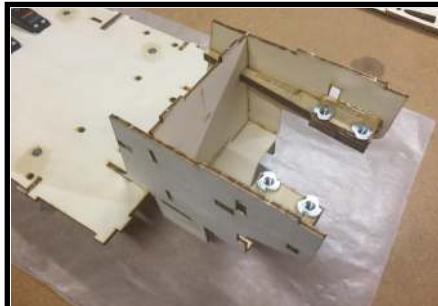
Motor Box Assembly for Gas (Petrol) Power

The engine mounting rails are pre-drilled for mounting the DLE-20, non-RA version. An alternate set of engine mounting rails that are not pre-drilled are provided for those using different engines. In this case, substitute the alternate rails in the following steps, then drill the required engine mounting holes at a later point, once the fuselage is more complete. As drawn, both sets of rails provide 2° of right thrust and 2° of down thrust.

For reference, the face of the prop drive washer on the engine should be approximately 1 1/2" (38mm) forward of the motor box.



- 15. Laminate the engine mount doublers onto the engine mounts using medium CA. Pay attention to left and right, up and down. The doublers attach to the top sides of the mounts.
- 16. Glue the engine mounts to the Motor Box Sides using epoxy.
- 17. Install the 4mm blind nuts to the top sides of the engine mount doublers using epoxy.



- 18. Set the engine separator in place on the floor, then one at a time glue the motor box side assemblies to the floor. The key joint in this step is getting the bottom edge of the Motor Box Sides flat against the floor.



- 19. Slide Bulkhead 2 into place, then glue the Motor Box Top into place.
- 20. Glue Bulkhead 2 into place.

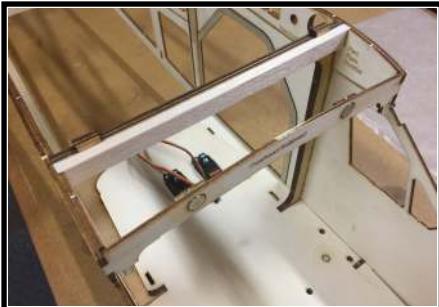


- 21. Glue Bulkheads 3 and 4 in place on the floor. Use a square to keep them approximately perpendicular to the floor.



- 22. Glue the fuselage sides in place, applying glue along the joints with Bulkheads 3 and 4, and along the floor from Bulkhead 2.5 aft. Wait until these joints are solid before gluing the sides to bulkhead 2 and to the floor between bulkheads 2.5 and 2.

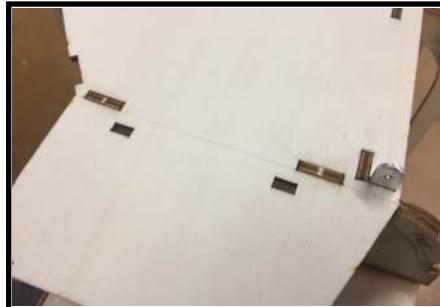
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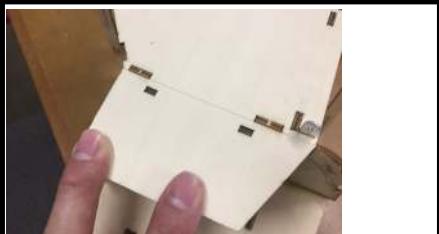
23. Cut a 7 13/16" (198mm) length of 6mm x 13mm stick and glue in place on the front side of Bulkhead 3.



24. Glue the magnet holders on the back side of the Overhead Bulkhead.
25. Glue the 10mm DIA magnets into place in the Overhead Bulkhead, then glue the Overhead Bulkhead into place.



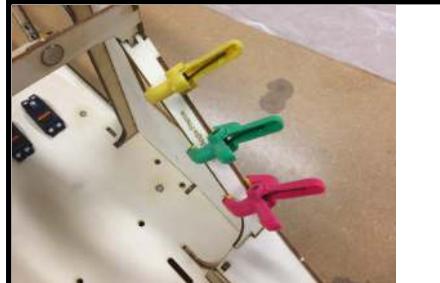
26. Using a sharp hobby knife and a straightedge, score the fuselage sides at the forward edge of Bulkhead 2, where the tabs stick into the sides. You only need to cut about halfway through the outer ply. This step is to make it easier to bend the sides inward to attach to the Motor Box Top and to Bulkhead 1.



27. Bend the sides inward and glue to the Motor Box Top. You will hear a slight cracking of the wood as it bends.



28. Install Bulkhead 1, etched label forward. Note the fuselage sides insert into the long tabs on either side of the bulkhead.
29. Run a bead of either thin or medium CA over the score lines you just made on the fuselage sides for strength.



30. Install the Cabin Angle Frames.



31. Install the wing tube sleeve. It should be flush to the fuselage sides on both sides.



32. Flip the fuselage upside-down to install the Fuselage Bottom. Apply a small shot of CA accelerator to the circled locations of the bottom sheet before assembly to help the CA "grab" as the sheeting is wrapped around the slightly curved Bulkheads 2.5 and 2.





33. Install the Fuselage Top (roof) to Bulkheads 3 and 4. Glue first to Bulkhead 3 and the balsa brace while lifting up on the aft end of the Top so the Top remains tangent to the airfoil shape on the fuselage side (see photos). Once the glue has grabbed Bulkhead 3, push the top down to adhere to Bulkhead 4.

34. Tape all the remaining bulkheads in place, etched labels forward. Check for straightness by putting the wing tube and the horizontal stab in place (if you have built the horizontal stab). If the stab isn't parallel to the wing tube, adjust the tape to apply twisting pressure and check again. Once satisfied with the alignment, apply CA to Bulkheads 5 through 8, gluing them into place.

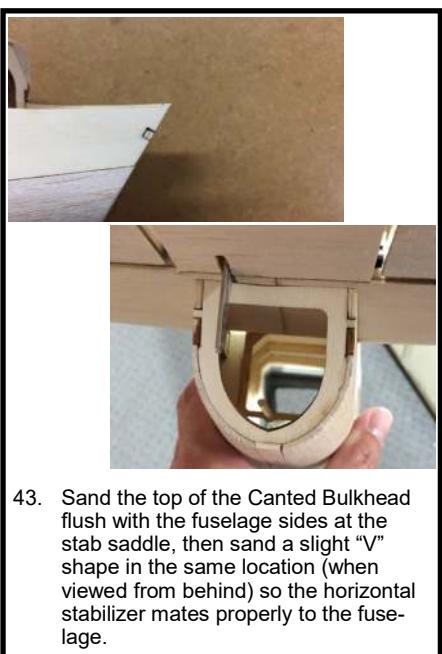
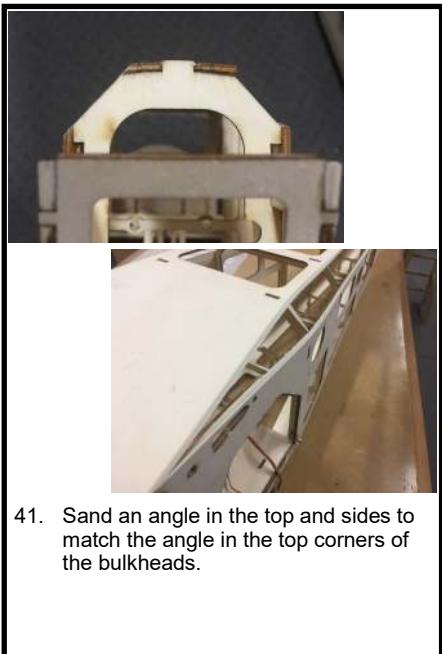
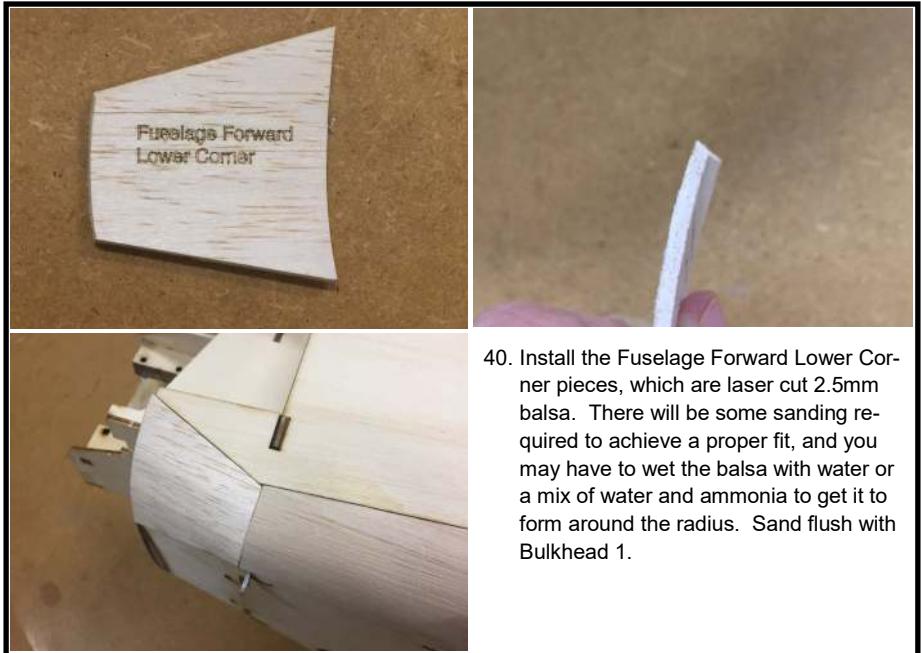


35. Remove Bulkhead 9 and the Canted Bulkhead from the fuselage.
36. Install the 3mm blind nuts from the tail wheel kit onto the Tailwheel Mount Doubler using epoxy.
37. Glue the Tailwheel Mount Doubler, Bulkhead 9, and the Canted Bulkhead into the fuselage. Note the Canted Bulkhead needs to have a small relief cut for the fuselage side to set properly in place. See photos. Also note the top of Bulkhead 9 is slightly curved, so you will need to form the top around that curve.



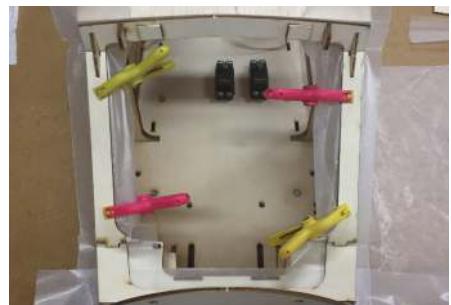
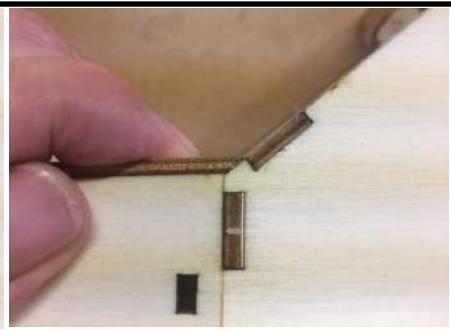
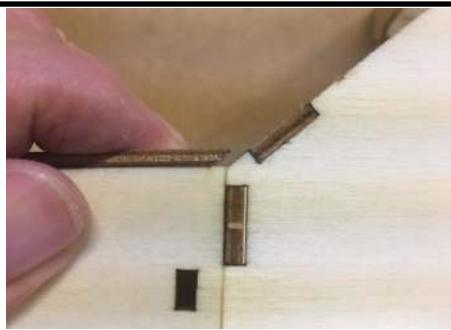
38. Install the pre-formed 2.5mm sheeting on the lower fuselage corners. This sheeting has been formed to the proper radius at the factory to make building easier. Start with the sections on the forward fuselage between bulkheads 2 and 4.
 - a. Cut a piece of the curved sheeting to 14 1/2" long (368mm). This is a rough length which will likely require slight trimming at the end for a proper fit.
 - b. Cut holes to allow the sheeting to fit over the float mounts. Take your time doing one hole at a time. A spray can, roll of tape, or piece of 2" PVC pipe (50mm) can be used to help mark these holes on the inside of the sheeting.
 - i. The first hole will be about 3 3/8" (87mm) back from the front end, and about 7/16" (12mm) from the edge.
 - ii. The second hole will be about 7 1/16" (179mm) from the front end, and about 3/4" (19mm) from the edge.
 - c. Trim the sheeting to width. Use one edge as a baseline and trim & sand to fit the other. Take your time to achieve a good fit. Note there is a taper at the front end between bulkheads 2.5 and 2.
 - d. Glue this sheeting in place.





40. Build the hatch frame

- Retrieve all the parts from the 3mm lite ply: the Hatch Overhead Bulkhead, hatch tabs, Hatch Frame Reinforcement and magnet holders, the Hatch Angle Frames, and the Hatch Bulkhead and dowel supports.
- Glue the dowel supports in place on the Hatch Bulkhead.
- Glue the magnet holders in place on the Hatch Overhead Bulkhead.
- Glue the magnets into the Hatch Overhead Bulkhead. Take care to match polarity with the magnets already installed in the fuselage Overhead Bulkhead.
- Glue the Hatch Tabs in place on the Hatch Overhead Bulkhead.
- Sand an angle in the ends of the Hatch Floor to match the angle of the Cabin Angle Frame.
- Lay strips of waxed paper over the cabin frame, then place the hatch frame pieces into place. Use small clips or clamps to hold the angle frames in place.
- Glue the pieces together.
- Glue the Hatch Frame Reinforcements to the Hatch Overhead Bulkhead and the Hatch Angle Frames.
- Remove the hatch frame from the fuselage and apply more glue as necessary to the glue joints.



46. Glue the 5mm hatch retaining dowels in place.
47. Before trimming and attaching the windshield, paint the hatch frame to match the interior color. In both prototypes, we used a light gray acrylic paint from a local craft store.



48. Carefully trim the windshield to fit the hatch. A pair of curved "body scissors," sold by brands such as Dynamite and Duratrax, make this task much easier. Take it slowly to achieve a proper fit.
- Start by removing the flange all around the windshield
 - Tape in place and mark the trim line onto the windshield at the overhead bulkhead using a fine permanent marker. If you have built the wings, they can be installed onto the fuselage to help accurately locate the windshield. The vertical trim line should be approximately 17mm aft of the wing leading edge. (see photo) Trim the windshield on this line.



49. Put the windshield back in place, mark and trim the forward trim line about halfway between the hatch bulkhead and the fuselage Bulkhead 1. This will be a rough cut which will be trimmed closer in a later step.

50. Finally, mark and trim the sides.



51. Remove the hatch frame and place wax paper or plastic wrap dams in place to prevent gluing the hatch permanently to the fuselage. Replace the hatch frame and glue the windshield in place using canopy glue such as Formula 560.

52. Trim the windshield flush with the hatch bulkhead.



53. Build the servo covers inverted on the work table. Glue the sides first, then the front and back, and finish with the legs. Pay attention to the etched labels, whether you want them visible or not.



54. Assemble and install the servo cover magnet holders, one inside each front corner of the servo covers. Take care with magnet polarities to make sure they match the magnets in the fuselage floor.

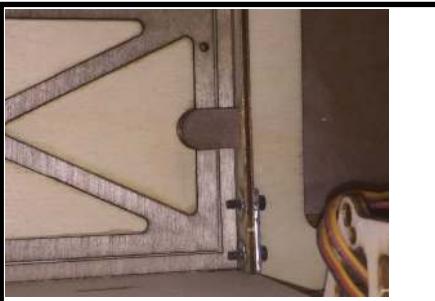


55. Install the throttle servo. Etch marks have been provided on the floor for one possible location showing both mini servo and standard servo sizes. The unused flap and aileron servo mount doublers can be used as doublers for mounting the throttle servo.

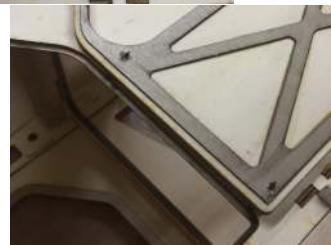
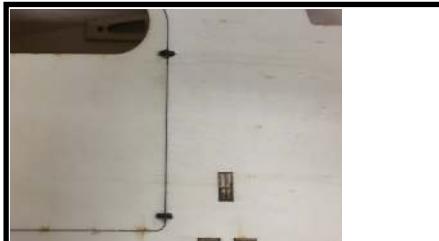


56. Glue the magnet holders in place on the doors, followed by the magnets.

57. Assemble the matching magnet holders for the fuselage. Take care to get magnet polarity correct.



58. Using the doors as a guide, glue the fuselage door magnet holders in place.



59. Hinge the doors using the small round hinges. The lower hinge should be about $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6mm) from the bottom edge, and the upper hinge should be in line with the bottom edge of the window cutout. Do not glue at this time.



60. Paint the interior of the fuselage back to bulkhead 5 an appropriate color for your scheme. A light/medium gray acrylic craft paint was used in the prototypes.



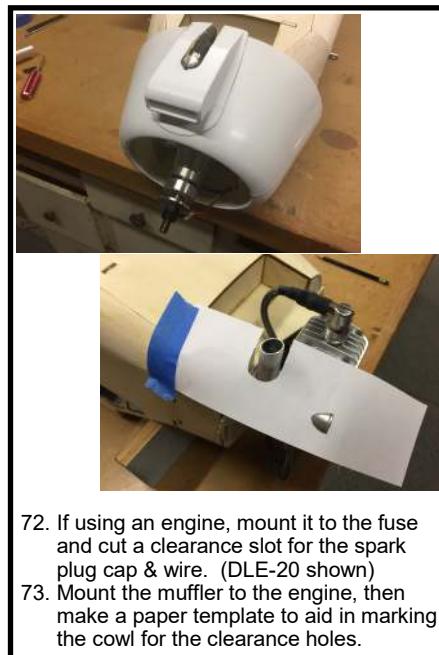
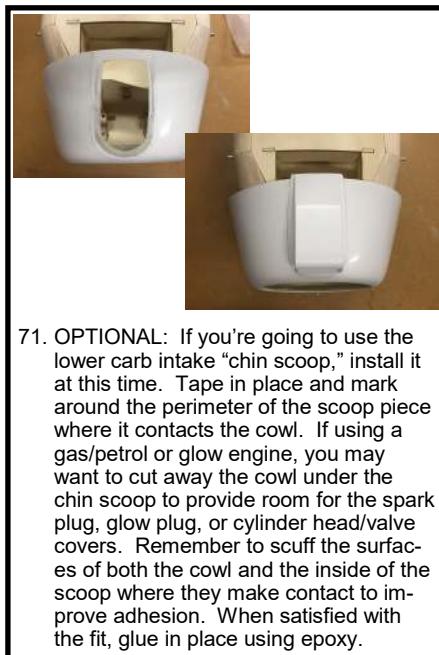
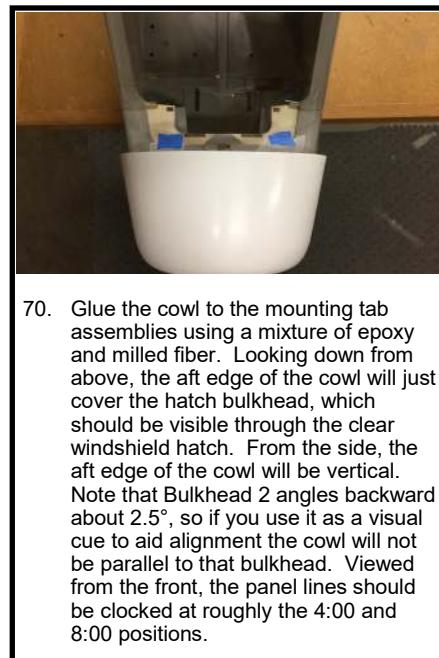
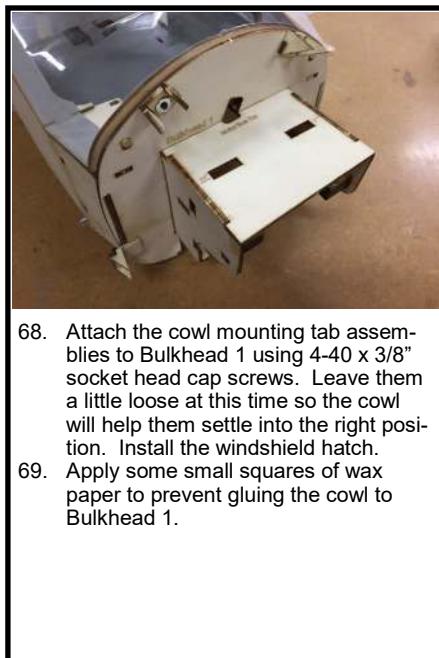
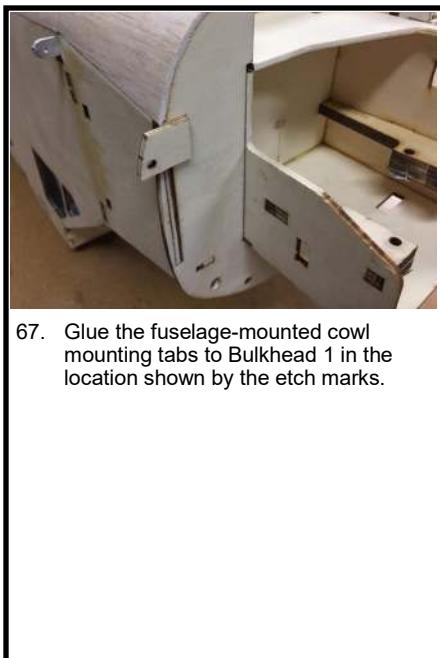
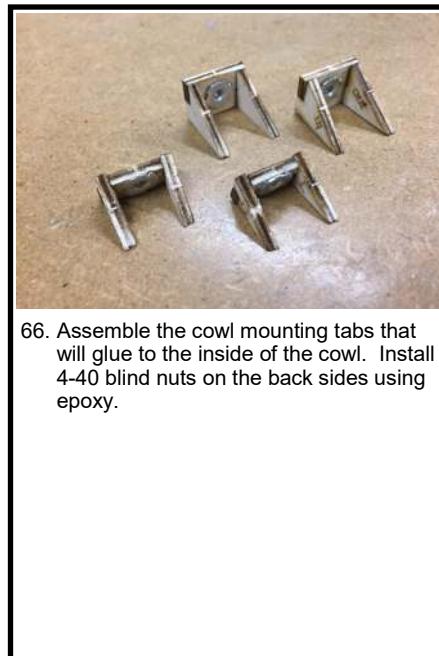
61. Drill two $\frac{1}{8}$ " (3mm) exit holes for the tail wheel steering cable guide tubes on the bottom of the fuselage, approximately $1\frac{1}{4}$ " (30mm) forward of the front tail wheel mounting hole and straddling the tail wheel mounting doubler. The holes should go through the balsa and not the plywood.

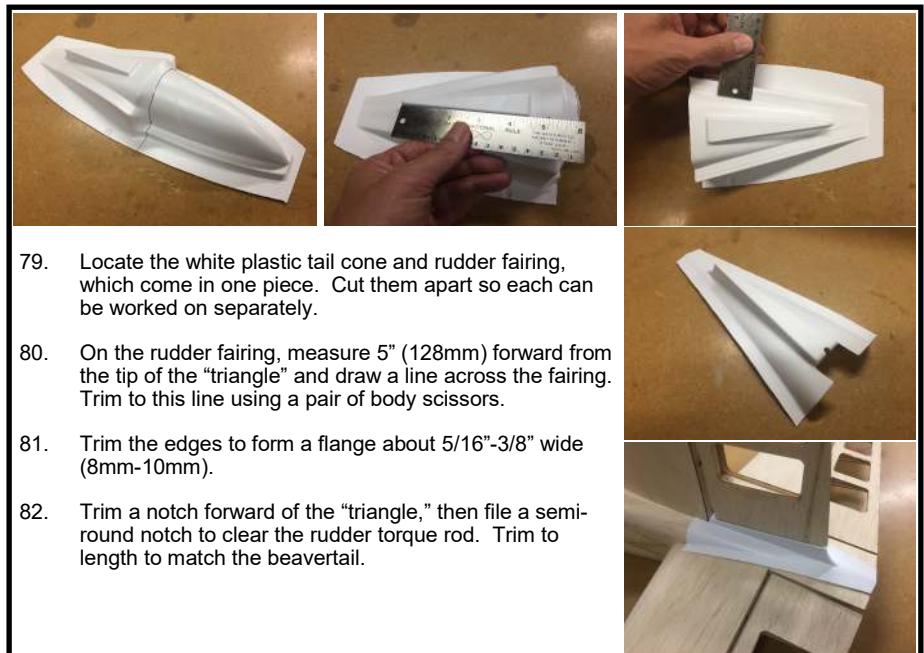
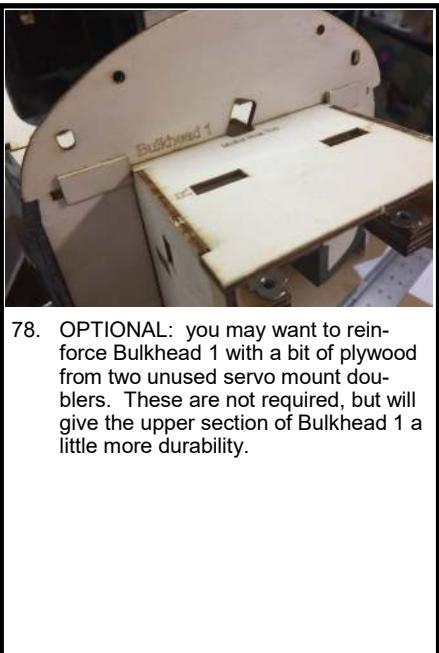
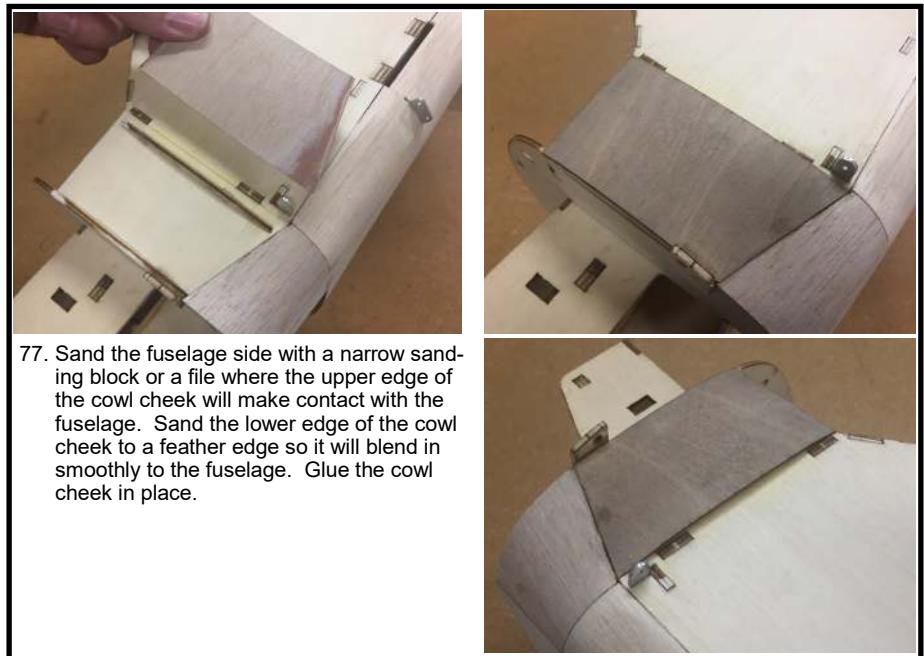
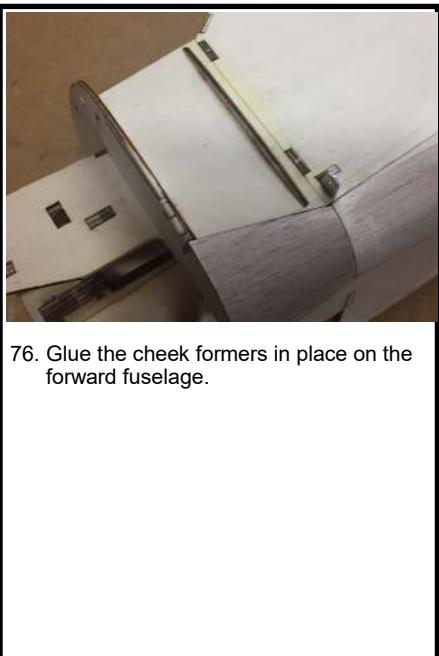
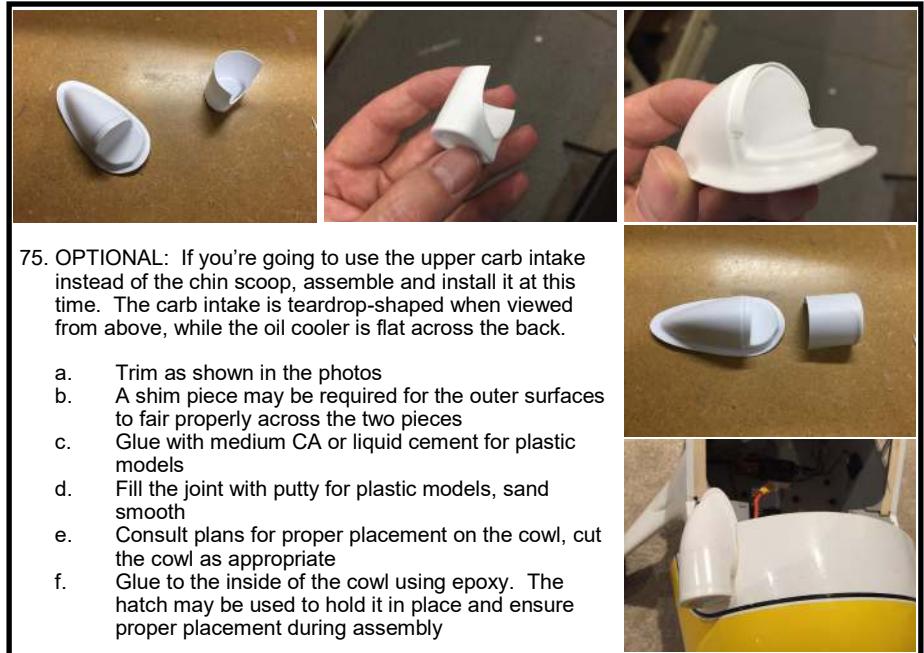


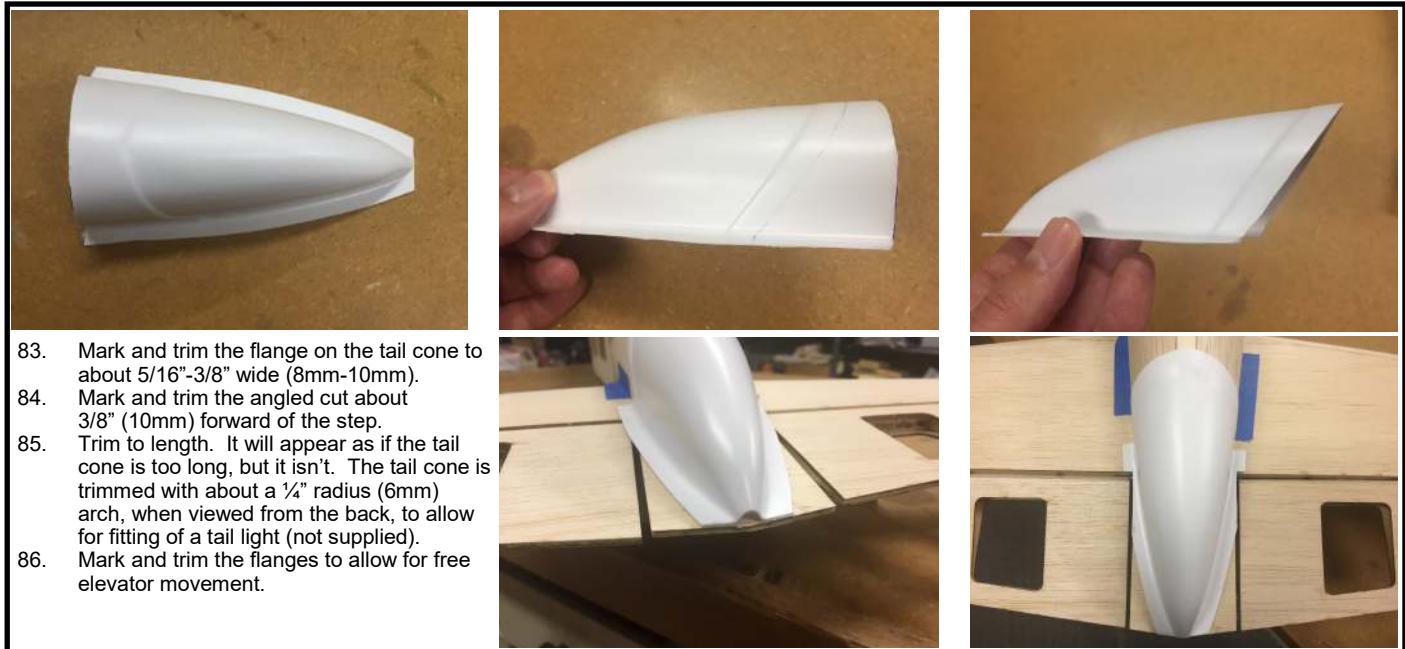
62. Install the 3mm cable guide tubes, poking them through the holes and gluing with medium or thick CA. Trim and sand flush with the outside surface, then trim to length on the forward end about $\frac{3}{8}$ " (20mm) forward of Bulkhead 4.

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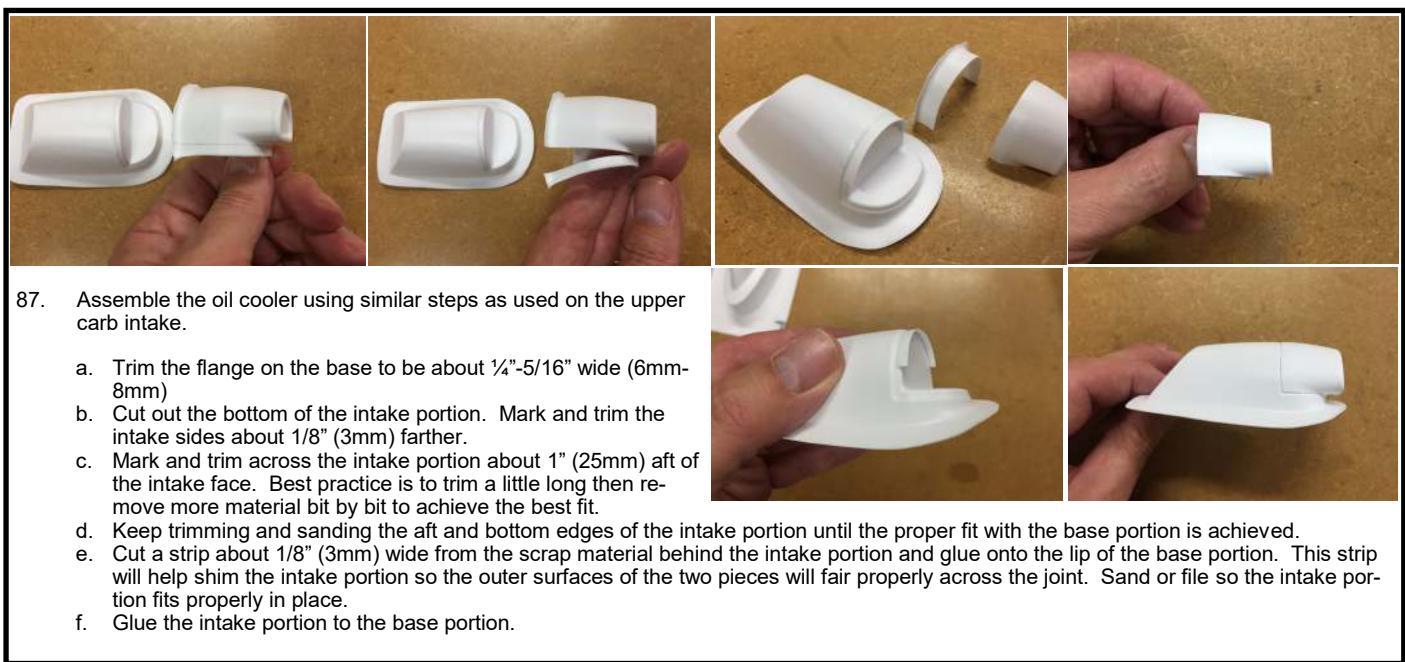
63. Trim the 5mm dia rudder and elevator pushrod guide tubes to 26.5" long (675mm) and glue in place with approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ " protruding forward through Bulkhead 4.



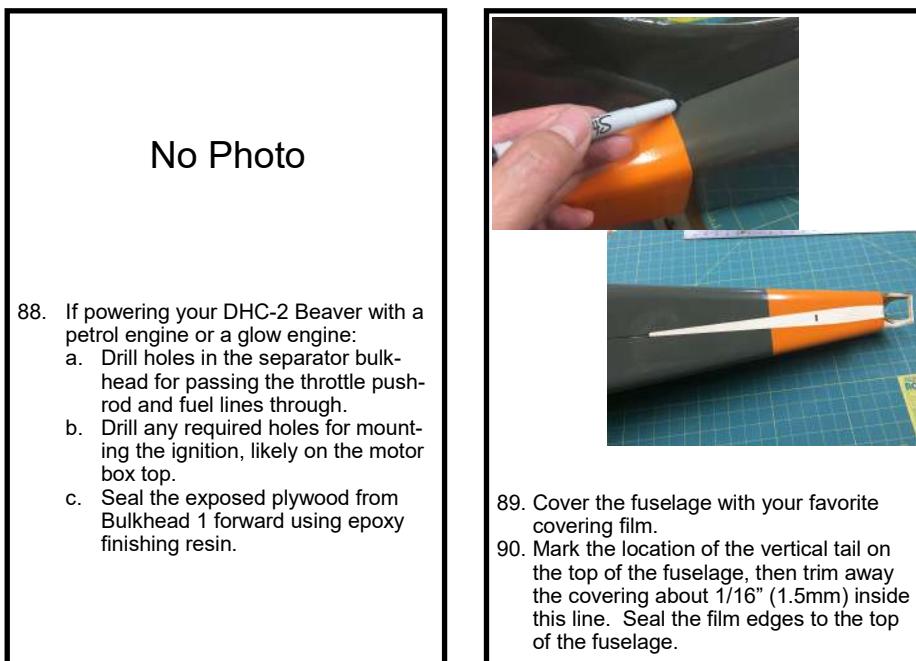




83. Mark and trim the flange on the tail cone to about 5/16"-3/8" wide (8mm-10mm).
 84. Mark and trim the angled cut about 3/8" (10mm) forward of the step.
 85. Trim to length. It will appear as if the tail cone is too long, but it isn't. The tail cone is trimmed with about a 1/4" radius (6mm) arch, when viewed from the back, to allow for fitting of a tail light (not supplied).
 86. Mark and trim the flanges to allow for free elevator movement.



87. Assemble the oil cooler using similar steps as used on the upper carb intake.
- Trim the flange on the base to be about 1/4"-5/16" wide (6mm-8mm)
 - Cut out the bottom of the intake portion. Mark and trim the intake sides about 1/8" (3mm) farther.
 - Mark and trim across the intake portion about 1" (25mm) aft of the intake face. Best practice is to trim a little long then remove more material bit by bit to achieve the best fit.
 - Keep trimming and sanding the aft and bottom edges of the intake portion until the proper fit with the base portion is achieved.
 - Cut a strip about 1/8" (3mm) wide from the scrap material behind the intake portion and glue onto the lip of the base portion. This strip will help shim the intake portion so the outer surfaces of the two pieces will fair properly across the joint. Sand or file so the intake portion fits properly in place.
 - Glue the intake portion to the base portion.



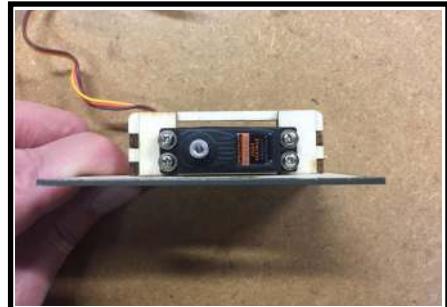
Wing Final Assembly



56. Cover the wings, ailerons, flaps, and hatches using your favorite covering film. Hint: a hot soldering iron works great to melt the holes for the round hinges, and for the cutouts in the aileron hatches.
57. Attach the ailerons to the wings using the supplied CA hinges.



58. Attach the flaps to the wings using the round hinges and epoxy. Apply a bit of petroleum jelly to the hinge pin area to prevent their getting frozen stuck by some stray epoxy.



59. Install the aileron and flap servos to the hatch mounts using the hardware that came with your servos. Space the servos away from the hatch surface using a scrap piece of 1.0mm or 1.5mm plywood. Note the flap servo output shaft should be toward the forward edge of the hatch.

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60. Attach an 18-inch (45cm) servo extension to each aileron servo lead and secure using connector clips such as Spektrum part number SPMA3054 or dental floss wrapped around the connectors.
61. Select matching servo arms for the aileron servos with an arm length about 1/2" (13mm) from the center to the outermost hole. Cut off all the remaining arms, and drill the outermost hole, if necessary, to fit the 2mm pushrods.



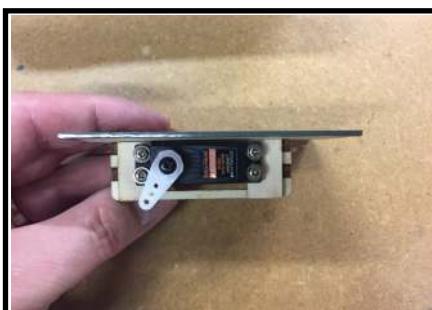
62. Ensure the aileron servos are centered by connecting them to the receiver, binding and powering-up. Install the servo arms with a significant forward bias to the front to provide mechanical differential throw (more up deflection than down).



63. Attach the aileron control horns to the ailerons using the supplied screws. Drill pilot holes in the plywood using a 1/16" (1.5mm) drill.



64. Install the 2mm pushrods using nylon clevises at the control horns and snap connectors at the servo arms. Pushrod length will be about 2 7/8" (73mm) from the clevis pin to the bend.



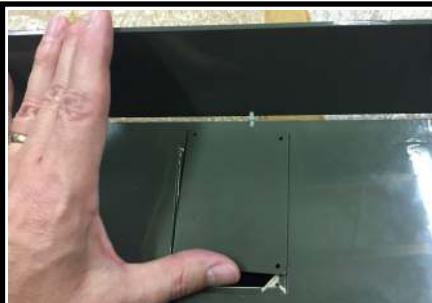
65. As with the ailerons, prepare and install matching servo arms of 1/2 (13mm) length to the flap servos. In the "flaps up" position, the servo arms should bias forward about 30°.



66. Prepare the flap pushrods for installation using 2mm pushrods, nylon clevises and snap connectors. The pushrod length will be about 3 3/16" (80mm) from the clevis pin to the bend.



67. Tape the aileron extension to the shear web at the flap servo hatch to prevent it from interfering with the flap actuation.
68. Depending upon the length of your flap servo leads, you may need to attach a short extension (75mm or 3') for it to reach the opening at the root rib. If required, do so now, and secure with a connector clip or dental floss.



69. Connect the pushrod to the flap horn and test the fit of the hatch mount in place on the wing. You will need to adjust your servo throw in the transmitter and/or adjust the length of the pushrod to get the hatch mount to fit properly. **TO AVOID DAMAGING THE SERVO, PUSHROD, OR HATCH, DON'T POWER-ON YOUR RECEIVER & TRANSMITTER WITH THE HATCH MOUNT SCREWED IN PLACE UNTIL THE PROPER FIT IS ACHIEVED!** AFTER the hatch is properly fitted, then screw the hatch in place.



70. Install the wing strut mounts on the bottom of the wing, centered on the wing spar and with the inboard end 14 3/4" (375mm) from the root rib. The raised flange is on the forward edge. Drill 1/16" (1.5mm) pilot holes and use the 2.5mm x 10mm button head screws.



71. Assemble the struts using the airfoil-shaped pine and 3mm pushrods w/steel clevises and lock nuts. Overall length from clevis pin to clevis pin is 16 3/8" (416mm), while the length of the wood strut should be about 13 3/8" (340mm).



72. Drill 1/8" (3mm) holes into the leading edge of the struts, 1" (25mm) from each end, and about 5/16" (8mm) deep.
73. Cut grooves from those holes to the ends of the struts so the pushrod ends will recess into the struts, in the same fashion as were cut into the elevators and rudder. Use a hobby knife and a small, round file.



74. Bend the 3mm pushrods about 50mm from the threaded ends. The exact length required will depend on the length of the supplied clevises, so be sure to measure to make the overall strut length 16 3/8" (416mm). Cut to leave 1/4" (6mm) of wire remaining after the bend.



75. Glue the pushrod ends in place on the struts with epoxy.
76. Cover the struts with iron-on covering, or finish in your preferred manner.



77. Assemble the struts to the fuselage & wings, adjusting the clevises to achieve the final, proper length. If you find any play in the wing tube/wing joint, we suggest you make the struts long enough to take up that play. In this manner, most of the wing loads will be absorbed by the wing tube.
78. Once the final strut length is found, use blue threadlock on the clevises to prevent the struts from rotating in flight. Short pieces of fuel tubing (1/4" long) can be used as keepers to securely keep the clevises closed.

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Fuselage/Overall Final Assembly

Most of these steps do not need to be completed in any particular order.

You may find it easier to do the tail installation with the main gear installed.



1. Install/reinstall the elevator and rudder servos into the fuselage, output shaft biased aft.
2. Select a servo arm that's about $1\frac{1}{4}''$ – $1\frac{3}{8}''$ (32mm – 35mm) across for the rudder servo. Remove the excess arms and drill the third hole from the outside to accept the 3mm pushrod.
3. Select a servo arm that's about $9/16''$ (15mm) from the center shaft to the outermost hole for the elevator servo and drill the outermost hole for the 3mm pushrod.

4. Assemble a clevis onto the rudder pushrod and slide the pushrod through the guide tube. Attach the clevis to the rudder and set the vertical stab & rudder in place on the fuselage. With the rudder centered, mark the pushrod for bending at the servo arm.



5. Remove the pushrod, bend at the mark, install onto the servo arm using a snap connector and cut to length.
6. Repeat steps 4 and 5 for the elevator pushrod.



7. Glue the vertical stab & rudder to the fuselage before installing the horizontal stab. First install a 3mm nut on the rudder pushrod and adjust the clevis by turning in or out to center the rudder with the servo centered. Once satisfied, tighten the nut, connect the pushrod to the rudder and glue the vertical stab into place using epoxy. Site from front and rear to assure vertical alignment.



8. Check the fit of the horizontal stab and elevators. A slight groove may be required in HS-9 to clear the rudder torque rod. Check for symmetrical alignment with the wingtips in addition to sighting for level from front and behind, then glue in place using epoxy. Once glued, connect and adjust the elevator pushrod.



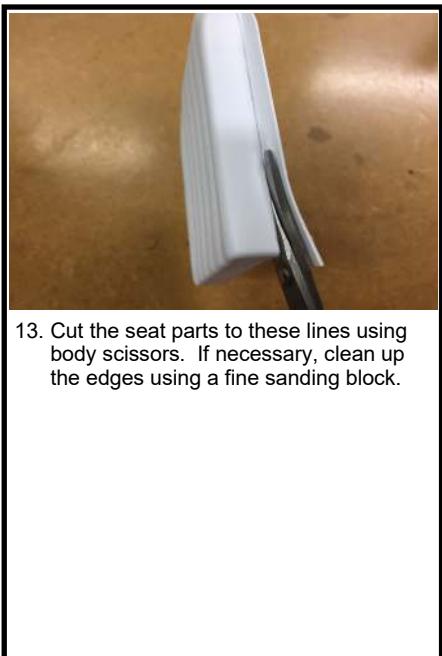
9. Install the rudder fairing and the tail cone using double-sided tape.



10. Assemble and install the fuel tank with a hook-and-loop strap and a piece of $\frac{1}{2}''$ (12mm) latex foam rubber as insulation against vibration (fuel tank and strap not included). Drill pass-through holes in the engine separator bulkhead for the fuel lines, offset from center if using a rear-carb engine such as the DLE-20.



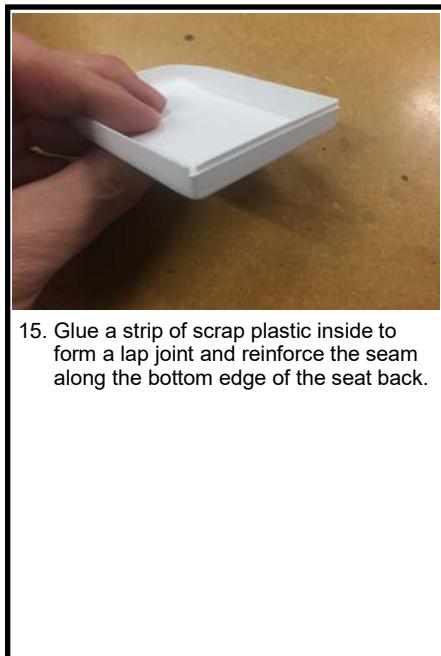
11. Rough-cut the seat parts leaving about a $\frac{1}{4}''$ (6mm) flange.
12. Using a sharp pencil flat on the table, mark the trim line for all the parts. This is easy if you hold the pencil still and move the part around it, both flat on the table.



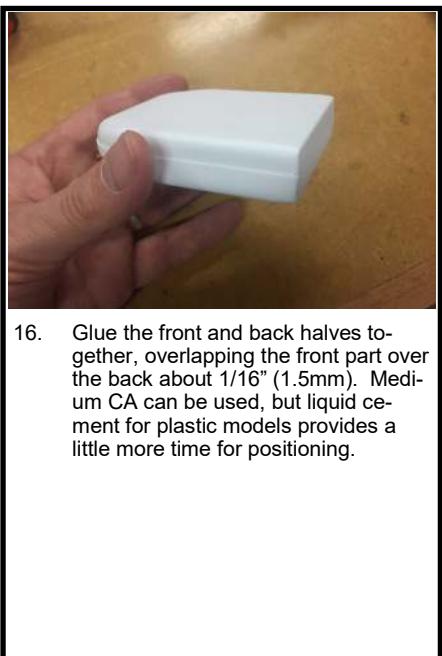
13. Cut the seat parts to these lines using body scissors. If necessary, clean up the edges using a fine sanding block.



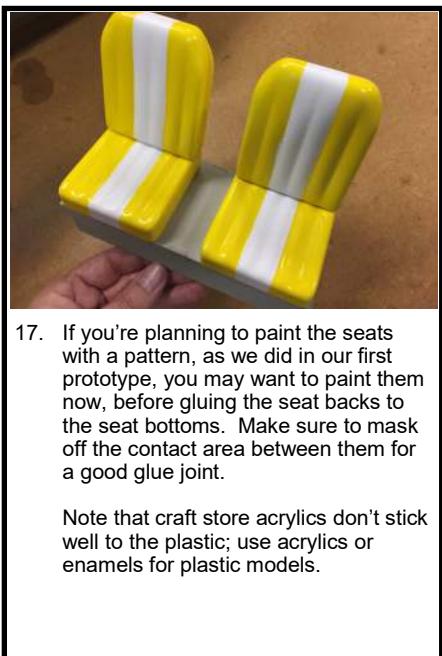
14. The front and back halves telescope together along the sides and top, but across the bottom they butt together. Cut the bottom edge of the back piece back about 1/16" (1.5mm) to accommodate.



15. Glue a strip of scrap plastic inside to form a lap joint and reinforce the seam along the bottom edge of the seat back.

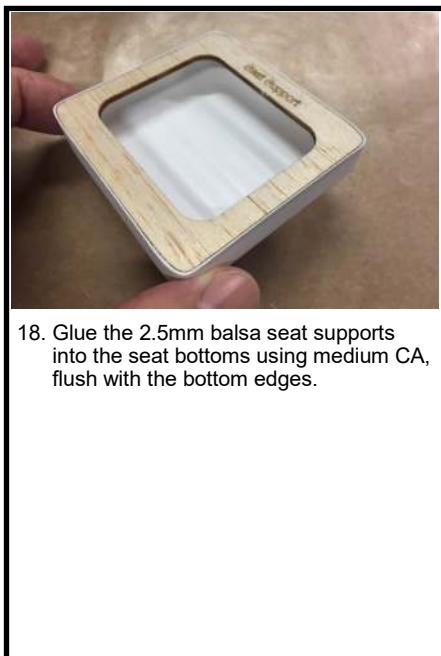


16. Glue the front and back halves together, overlapping the front part over the back about 1/16" (1.5mm). Medium CA can be used, but liquid cement for plastic models provides a little more time for positioning.

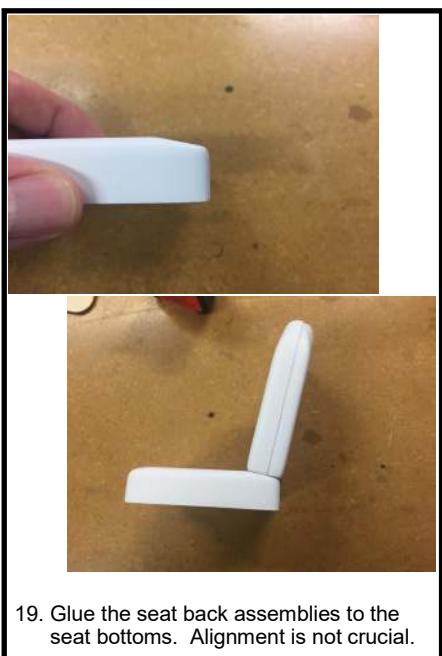


17. If you're planning to paint the seats with a pattern, as we did in our first prototype, you may want to paint them now, before gluing the seat backs to the seat bottoms. Make sure to mask off the contact area between them for a good glue joint.

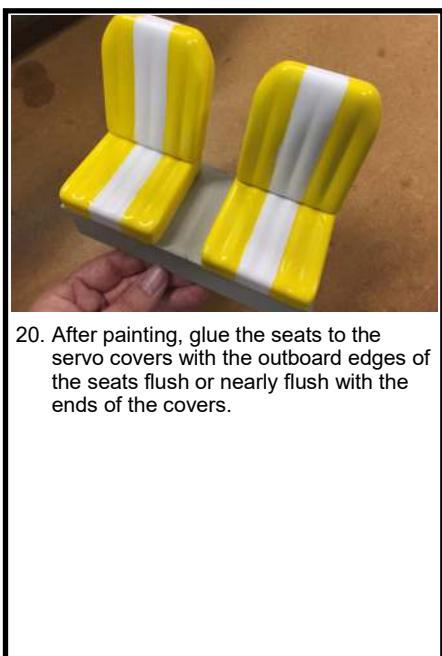
Note that craft store acrylics don't stick well to the plastic; use acrylics or enamels for plastic models.



18. Glue the 2.5mm balsa seat supports into the seat bottoms using medium CA, flush with the bottom edges.



19. Glue the seat back assemblies to the seat bottoms. Alignment is not crucial.



20. After painting, glue the seats to the servo covers with the outboard edges of the seats flush or nearly flush with the ends of the covers.



21. File a small flat on the tail wheel shaft to provide a seating surface for the control arm set screw.
22. Assemble the tail wheel to the strut as shown. We suggest NOT using thread lock here, as thread lock severely damages plastic parts.



23. Attach the tail wheel assembly to the bottom of the fuselage using 3mm flat-head screws.



24. Cut two lengths of the pull-pull cable to about 40" long (1020mm) and assemble one end of each using a rigging coupler, nut, clevis, and crimp. Run the cable through a crimp, then the rigging coupler, back through the crimp, and then one more loop through the crimp. Once assembled, cover the crimp joint with a 1" length (25mm) of heat shrink tubing. The crimp can be accomplished with a crimping tool or a pair of pliers. We use an old pair of diagonal pliers (wire cutters) that have been filed down to be very dull.



25. Cut the openings in the covering for the tail wheel steering cables where they exit the fuselage, then install the cables from the front. Attach the clevises to the outermost holes on the rudder servo arm.



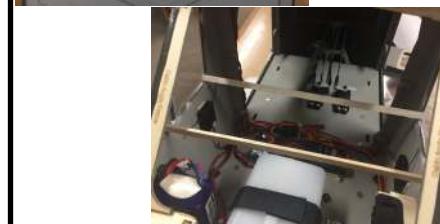
26. Flip the fuselage upside-down and slide a 1" length (25mm) of heat shrink tubing and a crimp onto each cable. Run the cables through the outermost holes in the control horn, back through the crimps, and then looped again through the crimps.
27. Power-up the rudder servo with the receiver and ensure the rudder is centered. Remove the slack from the cables by pulling tight. Once satisfied that the tail wheel is centered and the cables are sufficiently tight, fix in place with the crimps and cover with the heat shrink tubing.



28. Once the tail wheel cables are installed, sand and/or file the back of the aft servo cover to provide clearance for the pushrod and cable linkages.



29. Trim the windows to about 1/8" (3mm) wide and glue in place in the fuselage and doors using Pacer Formula 560. Scrap balsa sticks can be used to help hold them in place while the glue dries.



29. More window gluing photos



30. Make the door handles using 3mm pushrods and lock nuts. The handle length is about 3/4" (18-19mm). Bend the pushrod about 1/8" (3mm) from the threads, as the pushrod will break if you try to bend it exactly at the end of the threads. Cover the handle with a length of black heat shrink tubing.



31. Install the handles onto the doors, facing forward.



32. Install the main gear using the 5mm socket head cap screws and washers. The matching holes in the aluminum main gear are drilled and tapped for M5 screws.



33. Slide the upper and lower LG Ribs onto the landing gear and tape in place. The lower LG Rib should be right at the end of the fairing and the upper Rib should be as shown in the photos. Exact placement is not required.



34. Fit the lower half of the gear fairings in place and note where the LG Ribs need to be trimmed and sanded for a proper fit. Also note the lower fairing will need to be trimmed to clear the float mounts. The fairings were designed to have about 1/16" (1.5mm) clearance from the fuselage. (The photos show 3D printed prototype fairings, but the included fiber-glass fairings fit the same)



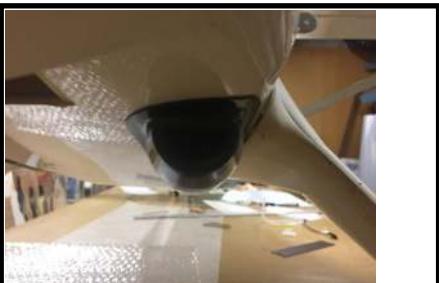
35. Fit the upper half of the fairing in place. Cut a clearance slot to provide access to the fuselage strut mount.



36. Once satisfied with the fit of the LG Ribs and fairings, glue the ribs in place on the gear using medium CA.



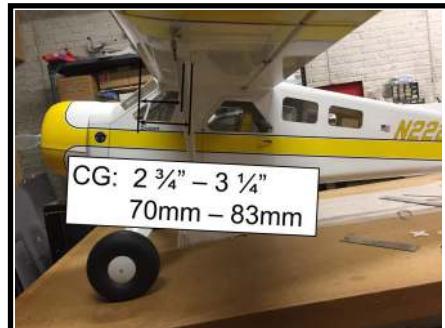
37. Glue the fairing lower half in place using a mixture of epoxy and microballoons applied to the LG Ribs.
38. Glue the fairing upper half in place also using a mixture of epoxy and microballoons applied to the ribs and the leading and trailing edges of the fairing.



39. Install the oil cooler using either double-sided tape or medium CA. Refer to the plans for positioning.



40. After painting the LG fairings and main gear, install the landing gear axle shafts to the aluminum main gear using the included lock nut.
41. Install your wheels of choice. Scale size for standard wheels is 3 3/4" (95mm), and scale size for tundra tires is 4 1/2 - 5 1/2" (115-140mm). Shown are 5" Dubro tundra tires.



42. Assemble the airplane completely and check cg. CG has been tested between 2 3/4" and 3 1/4" (70mm – 83mm) aft of the leading edge, measured outboard of the taper at the root LE. This equates to 28% - 33% of MAC. CG is easiest to measure at the flap servo cover.

As CG moves aft, the stall results in more wing drop, but the Beaver recovers quickly. There is no one "right" cg! The right cg is the one that yields the flight characteristics the pilot prefers.

Control Throws and Programming

Elevator: 1" (25mm) Up 3/4" (19mm) Down
 Ailerons: 1" (25mm) Up 3/8" (10mm) Down
 Rudder: 1 1/4" (32mm) Right and Left
 Flaps: ~20° Mid 50°- 60° Full

Flap → Elevator Mixing: Mid = 20%, Full = 30%

Aileron → Rudder Mixing: 35% Right and Left

Aileron Differential: 50%

These values are high-rate throws, select lower rates to taste. The first prototype is flown with high rates, which provide a very comfortable level of control without being too sensitive to stick inputs. As of this writing, about two dozen pilots have flown the Beaver using these rates, and not one of them ever switched to lower rates.

Aileron → Rudder Mixing is of course a matter of taste. You may want more or less depending on how much rudder you want to input manually during turns.

Aileron differential, which means less downward throw than upward throw, is necessary to combat adverse yaw. Adverse yaw means the airplane yaws the opposite direction of a roll input, even though it rolls in the right direction. It's caused when the drag of the lowered aileron is much higher than the drag of the raised aileron. High aspect ratio wings with "barn door" ailerons traditionally exhibit significant adverse yaw effects, and this Beaver is no exception. The impact is highly uncoordinated turns. Adverse yaw is corrected by both aileron differential and aileron → rudder mixing, but aileron → rudder mixing can impact aerobatic performance, especially during rolling maneuvers. Using a lot of aileron differential can help reduce the amount of mixing required, thus minimizing the impact to aerobatics. For this reason, we have used both mechanical differential by angling the aileron servo horns forward, and electronic differential through computer transmitter programming.

Flying

During takeoff, apply throttle slowly and smoothly. Hold a little up elevator from the beginning to keep the tail wheel on the ground and maintain steering control until the rudder sees enough airspeed to become effective, especially on pavement. Often this approach results in a three-point takeoff, as the Beaver doesn't need much airspeed to fly. With the Power 60, 400Kv on 6S, most takeoffs happen at 50% throttle. We prefer using mid flaps for takeoff.

In the air, trim the elevator to maintain level flight at 50% throttle. This way she will gain altitude gently when you increase throttle and lose altitude gently when you decrease throttle. The Beaver is very comfortable at that medium speed, which looks quite scale in the air.

Take her up to altitude and perform some stalls to get a feel for how she wants to behave. The first prototype is nearly impossible to stall at the forward CG location, while at the aft location, she will drop a wing about 30% - 40% of the time. Stall happens at a very low airspeed, and recovery is always fast, so even the aft CG location has manageable handling qualities. With mid flaps, even at the aft CG location stall is difficult to achieve.

The flaps are hugely effective, but require significant elevator mixing. When he flew it, Mike McConville said mid flaps make it "buoyant," which seems appropriate. At full flaps, she nearly stops in the air, making super-slow landing the norm. Deploying full flaps in the middle of a loop or at the beginning of a split-S, then going right into a landing or even a crabbed landing is a blast.

For landing, use full flaps most of the time, or mid flaps if there is a lot of wind, especially crosswind. Both wheel landings and three-point landings are appropriate.

What's Included

Wood Item	Size	Qty.	Notes
Lite Ply	3mm x 12" x 48"	4	Fuselage Parts
Birch Ply	.5mm x 6" x 24"	1	Empennage, Cowl Cheeks
	1mm x 12" x 24"	1	Door Reinforcement, Tail Tip Ribs
	1.5mm x 12" x 24"	1	Wing Servo Mounting, Shear Webs
	6mm x 12" x 12"	1	Firewall, Engine Rails, Bulkhead 3
Balsa Sheet - Laser Cut	1.5mm x 4" x 36"	6	Empennage Sheeting, Wing Shear Webs
	2.5mm x 4" x 36"	10	Wing & Tail Ribs, Flap & Ail Sheeting
	6mm x 4" x 36"	1	Empennage Spars, tips, etc
	6mm x 3" x 36"	1	Flap LE
	6mm x 3" x 48"	1	Wing Trailing Edges
Balsa Sheet - Not Laser Cut	2.5mm x 3" x 48"	4	Wing LE Sheeting
	2.5mm x 4" x 48"	1	Wing Center Sheeting
	2.5mm x 2" x 36"	3	Pre-formed Fuse Lower Corners
	2.5mm x 3/4" x 48"	4	Wing TE Sheeting
	2.5mm x 3/8" x 36"	5	Cap Strips
	10mm x 1 3/4" x 36"	2	Fuse Top Corner
	3mm x 4" x 6"	1	Fwd Cockpit Roof - Grain in long direction
Balsa Stick	6mm triangle x 36"	2	Flap LE
	13mm triangle x 36"	2	Flap Upper Fairing
	10mm x 1" x 48"	2	Wing LE
	10mm x 3/4" x 36"	1	Aileron LE
	6mm x 3/8" x 36"	1	Stab LE
	6mm x 13mm x 8"	1	Cockpit Roof Support
Pine	5mm x 13mm x 48"	4	Wing Spars
	10mm x 15 mm x 14"	2	Wing Struts - Airfoil Shape

Bag 1, Wing Hardware	Item	Qty	Bag 2, Tail Hardware	Item	Qty
	2mm Pushrod for Flaps & Ailerons	4		CA Hinges	11
	3mm Pushrod for Wing Struts	4		Stab Joiner / control horn	1
	3mm Steel Clevis	4		Rudder Torque Rod	1
	3mm Clevis retaining nut	4		3mm Steel Clevis	2
	1/4-20 Wing Bolt, Nylon thumb screw	2		Clevis retaining nuts	2
	1/4-20 Blind Nut for Wing Attach	2		3mm Nylon swing keeper	2
	2mm x 10mm Button head screw for servo hatches	16		Pull-Pull Cable Set, with cable (2m), 4 crimps, 2mm steel clevises x 2, 2mm nut x 2, 2mm cable end x 2	1
	2mm Nylon Clevis	4		Bag 3, Fuselage And Landing Gear	
	2mm Nylon Swing Keeper	4			
	CA Hinges	6			
	2.5mm Round Hinges	6			
	Nylon Control Horn w/attach screws	2			
	Aluminum Wing Strut Mounts	2			
	Button-head Screw for wing strut mounts	4			
	Hardwood Dowel for wing anti-torque	2			

	Item	Qty		Item	Qty
BAG 3, Fuselage And Landing Gear	Tail Wheel Assembly	1	BAG 4, Float and Strut Attach Parts	4-40 Blind Nuts	16
	3mm Blind nuts for Tail Wheel Mounting	2		4-40 x 3/8" Socket Head Cap Screws	16
	3mm Flat Head Machine Screws	2		Fuselage Strut Mounts, .063 aluminum	2
	5mm Socket Head Cap Screws	6		Float Mount 1, .063 aluminum	2
	5mm Washers for LG Mounting Screws	6		Float Mount 2/3, .063 aluminum	4
	2mm Round Hinges for doors	4		Float Mount 4, .063 aluminum	2
	5mm Steel Axle Shaft with lock nut	2			
	3mm Pushrod for door handles	2			
	3mm Lock Nuts for door handles	4			
	Hardwood Dowel for hatch retaining	2			
BAG 5, Motor and other Fuselage	Item	Qty	BAG 6, Long Parts	Item	Qty
	4mm Blind Nuts for Motor Mount (gas or electric)	4		Cardboard Tube - Sleeve for wings - 20mm ID x 9 5/8"	2
	4mm x 15mm Socket Head Cap screws for Electric Motor mounting	4		Cardboard Tube - Sleeve for fuselage - 20mm x 8 1/16"	1
	4mm x 25mm Socket Head Cap Screws for gas or glow Engine Mounting	4		Carbon Fiber Wing Tube	1
	4mm Split Washers for Engine Mounting Screws	4		Elevator Pushrod, 3mm x 35 1/8"	1
	4-40 x 3/8" Socket Head Cap Screws for Cowl attachment	4		Rudder Pushrod, 3mm x 35 1/8"	1
	4-40 Blind Nuts for cowl attachment	4		Clear Plastic 5mm Pushrod Guide Tube	2
	6mm Magnets - Seat Attachments, Doors	12		Clear Plastic 3mm Tailwheel Cable Guide	2
	10mm Magnets - Hatch	4			

Fiberglass Parts

Cowl

Landing gear fairings, 4 pcs

Wing Tips, Left and Right

Plastic Parts

Windshield hatch, 1 sheet clear

Windows, 1 sheet clear

Tail Cone / Rudder Fairing, 1 sheet white

Upper Carb Intake / Oil Cooler, 1 sheet white

Seats, 2 sheets white

Aluminum Main Landing Gear, 2 pcs



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