

MODEL ROCKETRY

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SCIENTIFIC SPACE AGE HOBBY

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# what is Model Rocketry?

There are many answers to that question, as any Estes Rocketeer can tell you . . . Model Rocketry is the thrill and excitement of the count-down . . . It is pressing the launch control switch. It is watching your rocket streak skyward . . . It is following the vapor trail as your "bird" shrinks to just a speck . . . and waiting out the recovery until the parachute blossoms out for a safe return of the rocket you've built, ready for many more flights.

But launching is only half the fun. This space age hobby is more than just the thrill of launching a rocket to a thousand feet in seconds. It's a challenge to experiment and explore man's newest science. The more models you build and fly, the more you learn, the more you feel a part of the space age.

What better opportunity to begin studying for a career dedicated to pushing man's frontiers farther and farther toward the stars?

Scores of young men and women are discovering the value of model rocketry in school and science fair projects, and in their own private research projects.

Designing, building and launching a rocket puts to use principles of physics, math, aerodynamics, optics, biology, astronautics, electronics and photography. Science studies are made more interesting and easier to understand.

The space age also increases interest in such related subjects as space medicine and psychology, and leads into studies in the non-science fields of language, history, arts and literature.

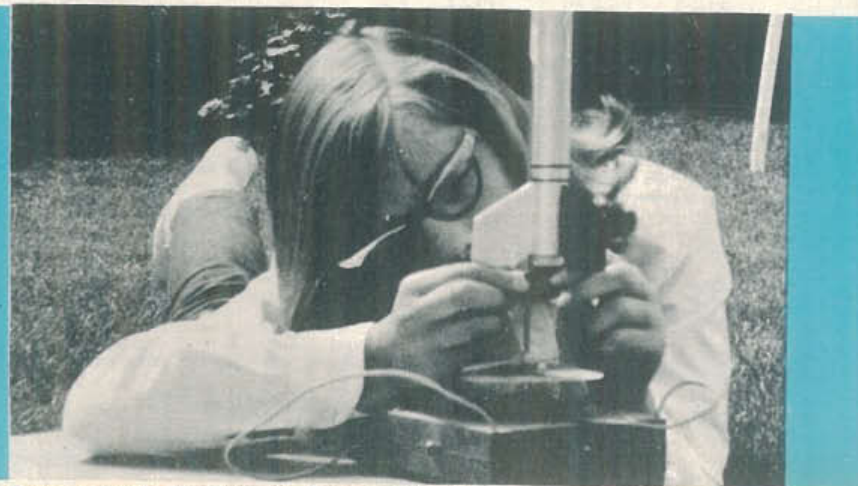
This is the direction which model rocketry leads the people who will, perhaps soon, explore the planets.

## THE SPACE AGE HOBBY WHICH PRESENTS A WAY FOR TODAY'S YOUNG PEOPLE TO EXPLORE THE EXCITING CHALLENGE OF THE SPACE AGE

How does model rocketry accomplish this? A model rocket itself is a highly specialized mechanism, light in weight, utilizing nonmetallic materials such as paper, plastic, and balsa. Standard modeling tools are used to assemble the rockets. By using these materials, the model rocketeer gains the highest performance from a prepackaged commercial engine, and is able to launch accelerometers, biological specimens, electronic instruments, and many other objects inexpensively, reliably and above all, without the dangers often associated with non-professional rocketry.

The model rocketeer does not make his own engines or mix his own propellants, for he realizes that he does not have the facilities and background to do so either efficiently or safely. Instead, he makes use of propellant devices which are pre-made, providing him with a reliable power package which is consistent from one unit to the next. This introduces an element of control into his experiments and enables him to reduce and correlate his data more readily and accurately. He can now draw conclusions from his experiments which would otherwise have been only conjecture.

The type of youth science study provided by model rocketry has no equal for developing active minds which can explore new concepts and principles. Practical experience, gained from working with the same principles, theories and ideas which will be used in his profession, is necessary if today's young person is to be motivated to study for a vital career in the space sciences. When motivated he becomes a pioneer, a pioneer of the greatest frontier man has ever faced



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*WELCOME to  
the exciting world  
of rocketry*

Vernon Estes, president of Estes Industries, explains cluster ignition techniques to local rocketeers.

Welcome . . .

to Estes Industries and to model rocketry, America's fastest growing scientific hobby. Your participation in the Estes program of model rocketry means more than just finding a place to purchase rockets.

As an Estes customer, you will not only have the advantage of obtaining the best materials at the lowest price, but you will also be kept informed of the latest developments as you receive the "Model Rocket News". You will find our Technical Reports (TR's) a helping hand when it comes to designing your own rockets and an invaluable aid to learning the scientific principles of rocket construction and flight. In addition our Customer Service department is always ready to help you.

We invite you to send us your own rocket designs, project ideas and safety suggestions. Each one will be carefully studied and many put to use. Thus you will play an important part in helping establish and maintain the safest and most educational rocket program in the world.

If you have the opportunity, please stop in and see us. We will be pleased to show you around.

Sincerely,  
*Vern*



## ROCKET SAFETY . . .

. . . an enviable safety record with model rockets

Since 1960 model rocketeers across the country have flown more than 9 million model rockets. During this time they have established one of the best safety records of any sport or hobby. While no exact data is available, it is known that model rocketry is considerably safer than most "common" sports such as hunting, swimming, bicycling, football and baseball.

Several things contribute to this safety record. Such hazardous operations as mixing and loading propellants are eliminated by the use of a pre-manufactured engine. The model rocket itself has a great margin of safety built into it. Model rockets are built of lightweight balsa and paper so that they absorb any impact rather than the object struck. The model rocket spends very little of its flight near the ground — most of its flight is several hundred feet away from **anything**. Finally, model rocketeers themselves have contributed greatly by following a recognized safety code such as the one reprinted below. The newcomer to model rocketry will do well to follow this safety code too. Not only will it add to the safety of his activities, but will make model rocketry more enjoyable and more valuable also.

**SAFETY CODE:** As a model rocketeer I will act in a mature manner with safety foremost in my mind in all my model rocket activities and will obey this safety code at all times.

1. I will not attempt to compound propellants or other combustible chemicals or tamper with pre-manufactured rocket engines. I will not use model rocket engines for purposes other than those for which they are recommended by the manufacturer. I will inspect each rocket engine before use and never use an engine which shows signs of physical damage, remembering that any rocket propellant can be explosive under certain conditions.
2. I will not smoke near rocket engines, launch my rockets in the presence of highly combustible materials, use flammable recovery wadding or engage in any activity which would present a fire hazard.
3. I will never use any metallic rocket engines, will not construct my model rockets with substantial metal parts in the area of the engine, and will not launch any rocket over 16 ounces in weight or containing more than 4 ounces of propellant in compliance with Federal regulations.
4. My model rockets will be electrically ignited, using a launch system with either a switch protector or a safety interlock to prevent accidental ignition of the rocket engine, and I will remain at least 10 feet away from any rocket which is being launched. I will use only igniters of the type recommended by the engine manufacturer.
5. I will launch my model rockets using a launching rail or other suitable guide means aimed within 25 degrees of the vertical to assure a safe and predictable flight path, and will launch only rockets whose stability characteristics have been predetermined.
6. I will not fly model rockets in high winds, conditions of low visibility, in the vicinity of low flying aircraft, near tall buildings, near people not aware of the launching, or under any conditions which might endanger property or persons.
7. I will not launch rockets so that their ballistic trajectory will carry them against targets on the ground, and will never use an explosive warhead or other pyrotechnic payload in a rocket.
8. My model rockets will contain recovery devices which will deploy at an altitude of at least 50 feet to return the rocket safely and undamaged. To insure proper operation of my rocket's recovery system I will make a careful pre-launch inspection of all the recovery components with special attention to tightness of the engine and nose cone.
9. To prevent accidental eye injury I will always either place the launcher so the end of the rod is above eye level or cap the end of the rod with my hand when approaching it. I will not place my head or body over the launching rod.
10. When conducting research activities with unproven designs or methods I will, when technically possible, determine their reliability through pre-launch static tests, and I will conduct launchings of unproven designs in complete isolation from persons not participating in the actual launching.

# GET THE MOST FROM MODEL ROCKETRY



## BUILDING AND FLYING MODEL ROCKETS

What other hobby offers the chance to use your mind and hands to create a piece of space hardware that performs and operates under many of the same principles used in our country's giant space rockets?

### EVERYTHING NEEDED TO GET STARTED IS LISTED IN THIS CATALOG

With a few pieces of light weight balsa, a body tube, some glue, ordinary modeling tools and information available from Estes Industries, you are on your way to a fascinating adventure in model rocketry.

As a rocketeer starting today you have a big head start. The knowledge and techniques developed and proven by Estes Industries research are at your disposal. You have reliable, inexpensive engines. You have the finest precision engineered rocket kits and supplies developed by Estes Industries for a safe, educational program of model rocketry.

Sport and recreation . . . or scientific stepping stone. Whatever your interest, you can get the most from model rocketry by following a carefully planned course of study and experiments.

By starting out with simple models and working up to more complex ones, you'll have more successful flights, enjoy your studies more and learn more. By studying technical reports and other available literature you'll gain a solid knowledge of model rocketry that will serve you well in other areas of science.



## ... CHALLENGING AND REWARDING.

To help you plan your own studies in model rocketry here's a suggested program. With this basic program you tackle more advanced subjects after mastering the basic ones.

1. Build and fly the Astron Alpha. Study the rocket's design and read the included technical report, TR-1, to gain a thorough understanding of principles of rocket stability which are so very important to proper rocket performance.
2. Extend your knowledge of stability by building and flying the Astron Scout.
3. Study Technical Report TR-9. Apply the principles described in it in designing, building and flying your own single stage model.
4. Build and fly the Astron Apogee. Study TR-2 (included with the kit) to master the principles of multi-staging.
5. Build and fly the Astron Farside to gain further experience in multi-staging and gain a broader knowledge in the field.
6. Design, build and fly your own multi-stage model, practicing the techniques you learned with the Apogee and the Farside.
7. Learn the principles of rear engine boost-gliders by building and flying the Astron Space Plane and studying the included report, TR-4.
8. Build the Astron Falcon and study TR-7 (included with the kit) to learn the principles of front engine boost gliders and gain further experience in the art of balancing for maximum performance.
9. Design, build and fly your own boost-glider, applying the principles you have studied while working with the Space Plane and the Falcon.
10. Get started in clustering by building and flying the Astron Cobra and studying TR-6 (included with the kit).
11. Practice what you've learned by designing, building and flying your own cluster rocket. Try your skill with the scale model of the Uprated Saturn.
12. Start your own special research program. Aerial photography, space medicine, electronics, meteorology, physics and aerodynamics are but a few of the fields open to the ambitious model rocketeer.



Once you've started, don't stop. The whole universe is yours to explore. As you train yourself to be a competent scientist, you'll find more and more fields opening to you. Don't be afraid to be curious. Curiosity gave us the electric light, the radio, the automobile and the airplane. Your curiosity may well give man things he has never dreamed of.



## MODEL ROCKET FLIGHT

COASTS UPWARD TO  
PEAK ALTITUDE  
DURING TIME DELAY

EJECTION CHARGE ACTIVATES  
TO DEPLOY CHUTE OR OTHER  
RECOVERY SYSTEM

MODEL ROCKET DRIFTS  
SAFELY TO EARTH

POWERED  
FLIGHT

RECOVERY

MODEL IS LAUNCHED ELECTRICALLY

## STARTER OUTFIT

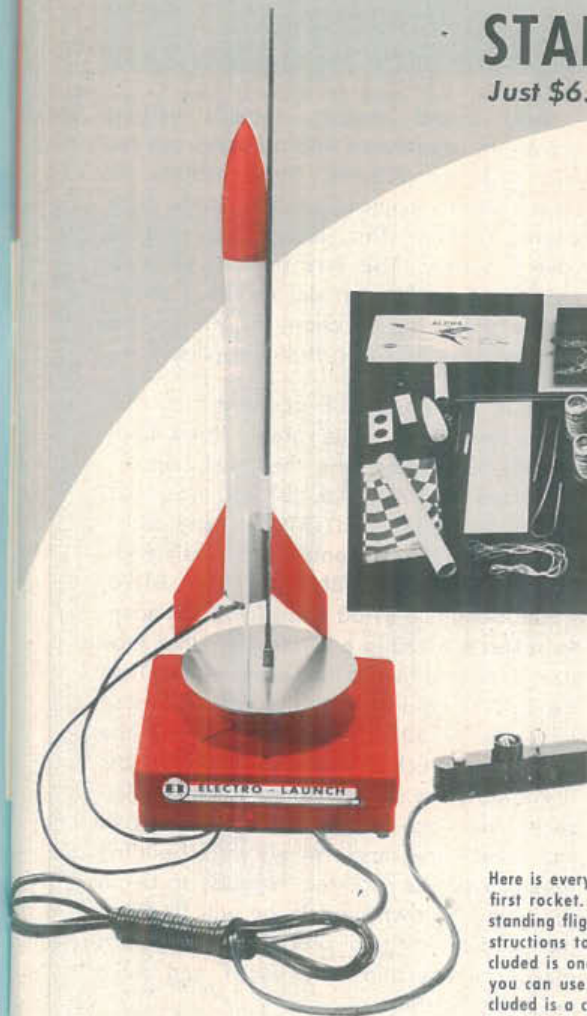
Just \$6.50 ppd.

**A complete outfit for  
getting started in  
Model Rocketry**



Astron Alpha Kit #K-25  
Shown on page 11

Electro-Launch Kit #FS-4  
Design Manual . . . #P-1  
4 Batteries . . . . #PFB-1  
1 Engine . . . . . #1/2 A6-2  
1 Engine . . . . . #A8-3



Here is everything you'll need to build and launch your first rocket. The Alpha is easy to build and has outstanding flight characteristics. Comes with complete instructions to build and fly . . . The Electro-launch included is one of the finest launchers available — one you can use throughout your rocketry career. Also included is a comprehensive manual of rocketry information to get you off to a good start.

For building  
and finishing  
supplies  
see pages  
44-45.

Cat. No. 671-DSK-65 Shipping wt. 2 lb., 8oz. **\$6.50**

**Also Available \$2.00 BEGINNERS SPECIAL**

Includes Alpha kit and all items above except launcher and batteries. Ideal if you already have a launcher or wish to build one of your own design. (Instructions included).

Cat. No. 671-DSK-20 (Shipping wt. 11.5 oz.) **\$2.00**

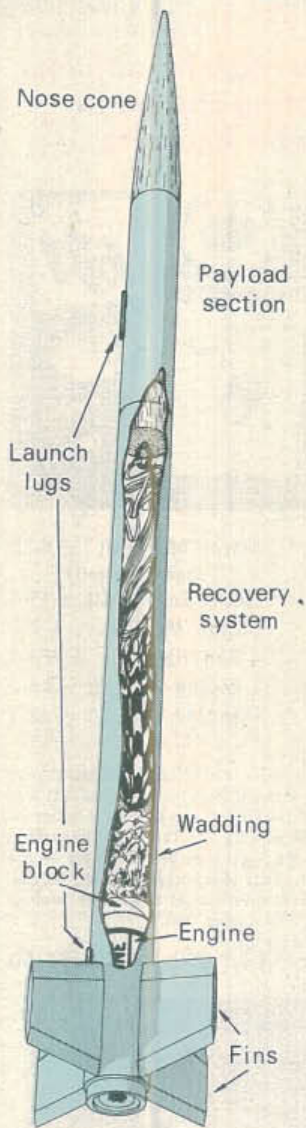
For deluxe starter special including building and finishing materials, see page 10

## DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

Most model rockets, though varying greatly in appearance and purpose, use certain basic components. These include the nose cone or payload section, body tube, engine retainer, fins, launch lug, and recovery system. The arrangement of these parts in a working model rocket is shown in the plan. The functions of the various parts are explained on the next page.

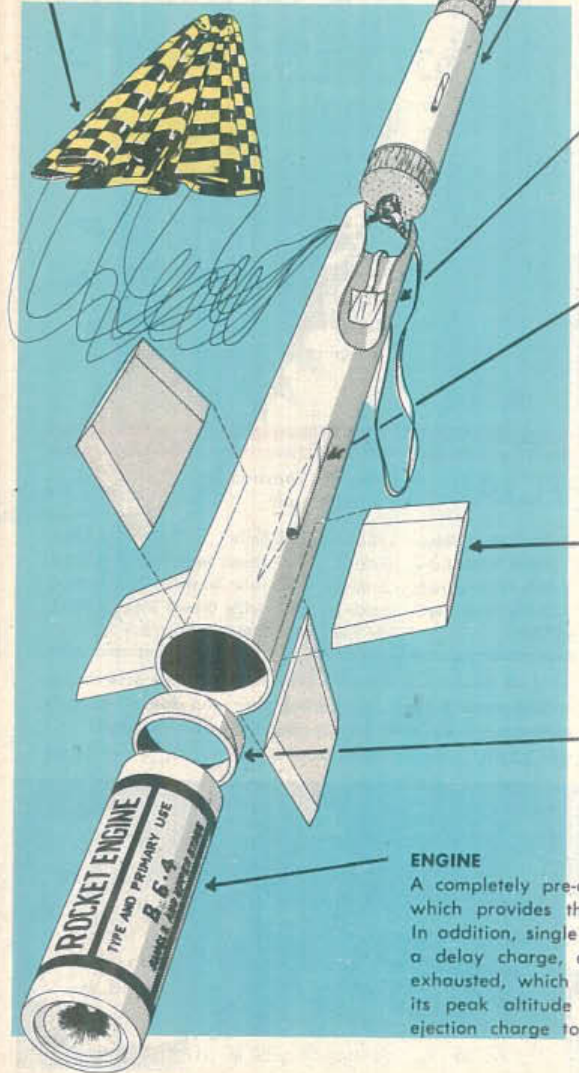
While the range of possible sizes for model rockets is quite great, three body diameters have become the most popular. These are the .710" i.d. (BT-20), .950" i.d. (BT-50) and 1.595" i.d. (BT-60). Parts which fit these tubes are identified by their numbers. For example, a BNC-20N fits a BT-20, a BNC-60L fits a BT-60 and a TA-2050 adapter mates a BT-20 to a BT-50. The other tube sizes available follow the same system. Thus the EB-30 engine block, the BNC-30E nose cone, the PS-30B payload section and the NB-30 nose block all fit the BT-30 body tube.

All parts are manufactured to close tolerances, assuring the builder a precision fit and good appearance. When, after building several kits, the rocketeer is ready to begin designing his own models, he will find that the complete range of precision mating parts makes construction both easier and more satisfying for him.



### RECOVERY SYSTEM

Slows the rocket's descent from peak altitude to bring it back to earth undamaged and in re-usable condition. This model uses a parachute which is deployed by the ejection charge built into the engine.



### PAYLOAD SECTION

Accommodates small biological specimens, instruments, etc. On models designed purely for sport or high performance, the payload section is often omitted and the recovery system is attached directly to the nose cone.

### BODY TUBE

Serves as the basic airframe of the model. Generally all other parts of the rocket are attached in some manner to the body.

### LAUNCH LUG

A tube which fits over the launch rod to guide the model along the rod for the first few feet of its flight, keeping it going straight until it is moving fast enough for the fins to guide it.

### FINS

Act like the feathers on an arrow, guiding the rocket in the air by providing lift in a direction opposite any turning force.

### ENGINE RETAINER

In this model, an engine block which positions the engine in the body tube.

### ENGINE

A completely pre-assembled solid propellant device which provides the motive power for the model. In addition, single and upper stage engines contain a delay charge, activated when the propellant is exhausted, which allows the model to coast up to its peak altitude before it in turn activates the ejection charge to deploy the recovery system.

## DELUXE STARTER SPECIAL

This is the most complete outfit ever offered for people who have done no previous model building. At the low price of \$7.75 you get everything needed to get off the pad: rocket, engines, launcher, tools and paints. As a special bonus an authoritative manual on rocketry is included.



- Astron Alpha kit ..... #K-25
- Electro-Launch kit ..... #FS-4
- 4 Batteries ..... #PFB-1
- 1 Engine ..... #1/2A6-2
- 1 Engine ..... #A8-3

### PLUS

a knife, glue, paints, brush, brush cleaner, sandpaper—supplies which can be used in building several more rockets.

Cat. No. 671-DSK-77 ..... \$7.75

Shipping wt. 3 lb., 11 oz.

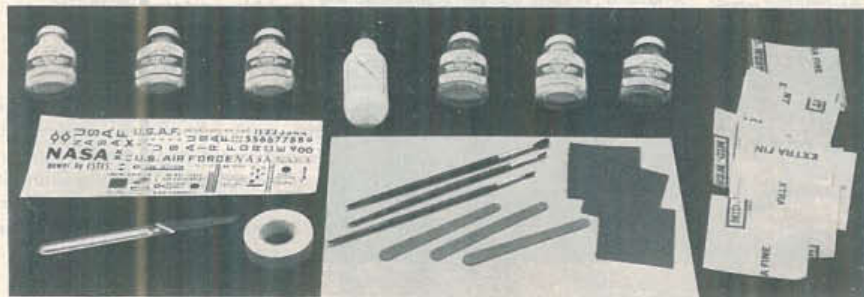
## ASSEMBLY SPECIAL

A Complete Construction and Finishing set

- |                                   |                                      |                             |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Bottle White Glue #WG-1         | 1 Bottle Dope Thinner #BDT-1         | 1 Knife #KNS-3              |
| 3 Emery Boards #BE-1              | 1 Bottle White Dope #BRD-1           | 18 Sheets Sandpaper #SPA-2  |
| 1 Bottle Sanding Sealer #SS-1     | 1 Roll Masking Tape #MT-1            | 3 Paint Brushes #PB-3       |
| 1 Bottle Silver Dope #BRD-1       | 1 Bottle Black Dope #BRD-1           | 1 Bottle Orange Dope #BRD-1 |
| 3 Sheets Sanding Material #SP-320 | 1 Gold Mine Special Decal Sheet #D-5 |                             |

One convenient package, containing all the tools and supplies recommended for assembling, painting, and decorating most model rockets. Ideal for the beginner who doesn't already have modeling equipment. This set helps you build the best models right from the start.

Cat. No. 651-CK-3A, shipping wt. 1.5 lb. .... \$3.00



## Astron ALPHA

A High Performance "first"

... great "first" rocket for you to build and fly



Specifications: Length — 12.25";  
Body Dia. — .976; Fin Span — 4"; Weight — .76 oz.  
Recommended engines: 1/4A3-2, 1/2A6-2, A8-3, A5-4, B4-4, B6-4, C6-5

## PARACHUTE RECOVERY/QUICK ENGINE CHANGE

An exciting rocket to fly. From "lift-off" to recovery, it demonstrates superior flight characteristics. The easiest parachute model to "prep" and fly. With its low weight and streamlined design, the Alpha will reach high altitudes consistently. An excellent model to have in your rocket fleet. The choice of experienced modelers because of its high performance and dependability.

Kit includes technical report, TR-1

Cat. No. 671-K-25, shipping wt. 8 oz. .... \$1.50

(Engines not included in kit)

SUBORBITAL APOLLO LAUNCH VEHICLE

## LITTLE JOE II

The solid propellant rocket used for testing unmanned Apollo spacecraft under actual flying conditions

Flying scale model complete with Apollo capsule

As the first test vehicle for the Apollo mission, the contribution of Little Joe II is significant in the NASA program aimed at landing American astronauts on the moon.

### Specifications

Length	..... 14.5"
Body Dia.	..... 2.217"
Weight	..... 2 oz.
Fin Span	..... 4.9"
Shipping weight 16 oz.	

This model will rank high in space history. Great for display and for flying. It is designed for great lift-off capability and stable trajectory. The command module, with launch escape structure, has its own 12" recovery 'chute; the booster module is returned safely by a big 24" parachute. Though detailing on the model is intricate, the Little Joe II is easy to build after you've gained experience with less complex models. Kit contains all parts and complete instructions. Engines not included.

### Recommended Engines

A5-2, A8-3, B4-2, B6-4, C6-5

Cat. No. 681-K-30 ..... \$2.75

## APOLLO SPACE CAPSULE

with launch escape structure

Fits BT-70 Body Tubes — Average Weight .36 oz.

Realistic 6.6" long scale model of the space capsule that will take the first astronauts to the moon. Precisely detailed, it can be built for either launching or display. Identical to the capsule on the Estes Up-rated Saturn I and Little Joe II kits. Step-by-step instructions, assembly jig and die cut parts make it relatively easy to build. Shipping weight 5 oz.

Catalog No. 681-NCK-29 ..... \$1.75



SCALE  
MODEL



4 ENGINE  
POWER

\$9.50

### Specifications

Length	..... 37"
Body Dia.	..... 3.53"
Weight	..... 9.86 oz.

Recommended Engines (All four must be the same.)

A8-3, B6-4, C6-5

## UPDATED SATURN-1

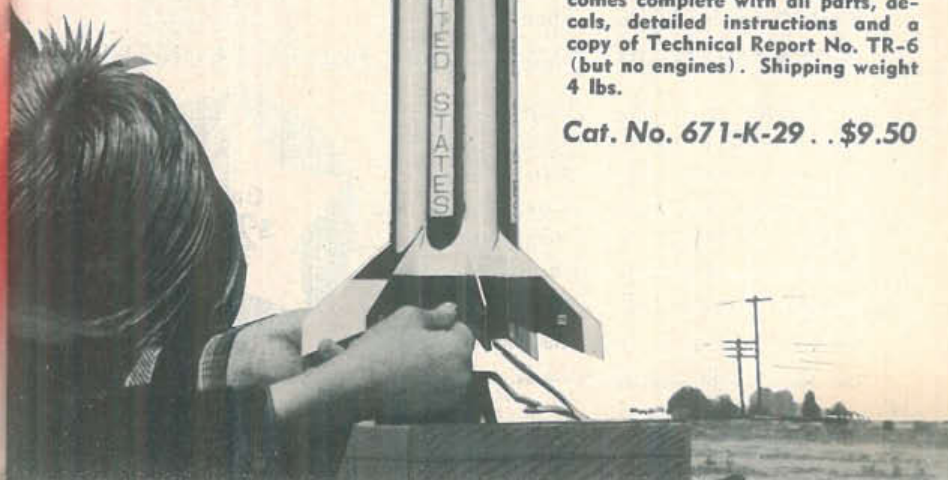
SPECTACULAR  
FLYING SCALE  
MODEL

formerly SATURN 1B

### 3 Parachute Recovery

A thrilling scale model for even the most advanced rocketeer, this bird will be a real challenge to your building and flying skill. A four engine cluster lifts the Saturn 1-B model into the air. Two 24" parachutes on the main body and a 12" parachute on the command-escape structure return it gently. A real beauty, both in the air and on display. A 12 volt car battery and launch control system (such as the Estes 12 volt Launch Control System) is required for ignition. Kit comes complete with all parts, decals, detailed instructions and a copy of Technical Report No. TR-6 (but no engines). Shipping weight 4 lbs.

Cat. No. 671-K-29 . . \$9.50





detailed  
to true  
scale



U.S. Army's  
Surface-to-Surface  
Ballistic Missile

# HONEST JOHN

*Decals for authentic  
markings to give you a  
historic model to  
display and fly*



**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Weight 1.19 oz.  
Length 13.75"  
Fin Span 4.4"  
Body Tube  
Dia. 0.976"

Engines not included

Flying Scale Model  
Scale Detail by G. Harry Stine

## PARACHUTE RECOVERY FOR MANY LAUNCHINGS

A beautiful scale model that performs with brilliance. Lifts off the launch pad fast and streaks skyward straight and true. Recommended for experienced modelers, the kit comes complete. An exciting flight model and a historic one for your display shelf.

Recommended Engines: 1/2A6-2, A8-3, A5-4, B6-4, C6-5

Cat. No. 671-K-27, shipping wt. 14 oz. .... \$2.00



# GEMINI-TITAN GT-3

SEMI-SCALE MODEL  
SPECTACULAR FLIGHTS  
PARACHUTE RECOVERY  
TWO ENGINE POWER

\$400  
EACH

Spectacular on the ground and in the air, the Gemini-Titan is a model for the expert rocketeer, a model that is a challenge to build and fly. Requires experience to build, but the GT-3 is a rocket that the modeler can point to with real pride when he's finished it. Features clear plastic fins to stabilize it in flight without detracting from its appearance, full 24" parachute for soft landings. Requires 24 volt Electro-Launch or 12 volt car battery power supply for launching. Kit is complete with all parts and detailed instructions (but no engines). Shipping weight 16 oz.

Cat. No. 651-K-21 ..... \$4.00 each

Specifications		Recommended Engines
Length	24.4 in.	A8-3, B6-4, C6-5
Body Dia.	2.22 in.	
Weight	3.8 oz.	

Kit includes technical report, TR-6



# AEROBEE 300

## Flying Scale Model

**PARACHUTE RECOVERY  
HIGH PERFORMANCE  
EASY TO BUILD**

Easy to build scale model of a great sounding rocket. Gives top performance in flight after flight. Features parachute recovery for gentle landings, payload section for small specimens. Kit is complete with all parts and easy-to-follow instructions (but no engines). Shipping weight 14 oz.

**Cat. No. 651-K-17 .....\$2.00 each**

Recommended Engines	Specifications	
1/2A6-2	Length	20 in.
A8-3	Body Dia.	0.98 in.
B6-4	Weight	0.85 oz.
C6-5		

Launch vehicle for the Discoverer program

# THOR AGENA-B

**\$2.50  
ppd.**

## Flying Scale Model

Actual scale model of the famed N.A.S.A. booster that lofted such satellites as Alouette (Canada's first satellite), Nimbus (the U.S. weather satellite) and many more. Colorful 18" chute brings it back gently. Features clear plastic fins to stabilize model in flight without detracting from its appearance. Easy to build, comes complete with all parts and easy-to-follow instructions (but no engines). Shipping wt. 13 oz.

**Cat. No. 671 - K-28 ..... \$2.50**

### RECOMMENDED ENGINES

A8-3, B6-4, C6-5

### SPECIFICATIONS

Body Dia. 1.637 in.  
Length 17.25 in.  
Weight 2.16 oz.



# V-2

*Flying Scale Model*



High performance scale model of the rocket that started the space age. Easy but interesting to build, the V-2 features reliable parachute recovery for gentle landings. Detailed instructions provide full information on assembly and finishing. Kit comes complete with all parts (but no engines). Shipping weight 7 oz.

**PARACHUTE  
RECOVERY  
EASY-TO-BUILD  
KIT**

Cat. No. 651-K-22 ..... \$1.75 each

Specifications	Recommended Engines		
Length	11.2 in.	1/2 A6-2	A8-3
Body Dia.	1.325 in.	B6-4	C6-5
Weight	1.4 oz.	B14-5	



**FLYING  
SCALE  
MODEL**

*Sleek and Slender*  
**ARCAS®**

for exciting probes  
into the  
atmosphere

**\$2.00**

### Parachute Recovery

Precise scale model of the famous ARCAS® sounding rocket. A handsome model to display, an exciting one to launch. Zooms hundreds of feet into the sky; returns gently by its 18" multi-color parachute ready for a fresh engine and another flight. Easily assembled, kit comes complete with all parts, decal and instructions. Shipping wt. 14 oz.

RECOMMENDED ENGINES (not included)  
A5-3, A8-3, B6-4, C6-5

### SPECIFICATIONS

Length ..... 22.82"    Body Dia. .... 1.325"  
Fin Span ..... 3.82"    Weight ..... 1.44 oz.

Cat. No. 671-K-26 ..... \$2.00



EASY-TO-BUILD  
**WAC**   
 CORPORAL

*Great for Flying and Display*

HISTORICAL FLYING SCALE MODEL

High-flying scale model of the famous sounding rocket! Easy enough for the novice to build, yet interesting enough for the experienced rocketeer, the WAC CORPORAL gives top performance for a scale model. Parachute recovery gives gentle landings flight after flight. Comes in easy to assemble kit form. (Engines not included.) Shipping wt. 5 oz.

Cat. No. 651-K-11 ..... \$1.50 each

Body Dia. .... 0.736 in  
 Length ..... 11.8 in  
 Weight ..... 0.65 oz

**Recommended Engines**  
 1/2 A6-2            A8-3  
 B6-4                C6-5  
 (Use 1/2 A6-2 engines  
 for first flights.)

Kit includes technical report, TR-1

NEW

Unique  
 Ejection  
 System

FUTURISTIC DESIGN  
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**TRIDENT**

A REVOLUTIONARY MODEL DESIGN  
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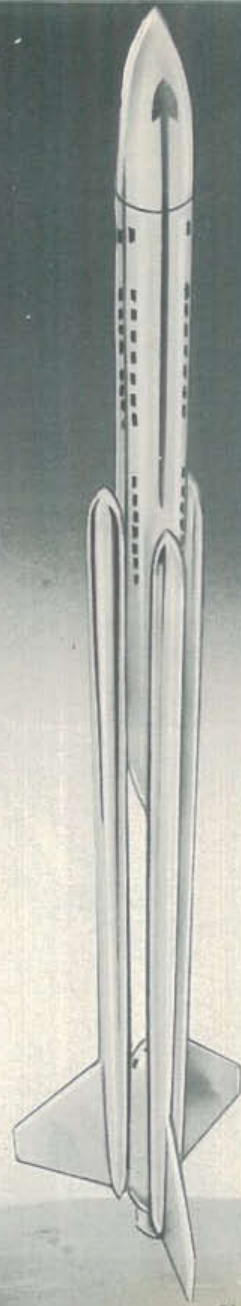
Futuristic rocket design introduces ejection ducting. This system directs ejection gases through openings in the power tube into three ducting tubes to pressurize the parachute compartment for deployment of the 'chute. You'll want to build this model. It presents a new idea to test, and gives excellent reliability, stability and performance. Uses single parachute recovery; gives impressive performance flight after flight. Kit comes with all parts and instructions. Engines not included.

Cat. No. 681-K-33 Shipping weight 16 oz. .... \$4.00

**Recommended Engines**  
 A8-3                B6-4  
 C6-5                B14-5

**Specifications**  
 Length ..... 31.625"  
 Main Body Dia. .... 976" OD  
 Weight ..... 2.67 oz.  
 Fin Span ..... 3"  
 (center to tip)

\$4.00



**Astron**

Patent No.  
3,114,317

*Ideal for small  
field sport and  
demonstration flying*

## SPRITE

### HIGH PERFORMANCE TUMBLE RECOVERY

The perfect model for small fields and sport or demonstration flying. The Astron Sprite is easy to build, with tumble recovery to teach principles of rocket balance and bring the model back safely — close to the launcher. Uses lightweight Series III engines only, gives top performance for its size. Kit comes complete with instructions and a copy of TR-1 (but no engines). Shipping weight 5 oz.

**Cat. No. 651-K-15** ..... \$ .75 each

Specifications	Recommended Engines
Length ..... 5.3 in.	1/4 A3-2S
Body Dia. .... 0.765 in.	1/2 A6-2S
Weight ..... 0.3 oz.	

**Astron**

*Spectacular Single  
Engine Performance*

## STREAK

### 2,000 ft. flights Featherweight Recovery

Low weight and wind cheating design give the Astron Streak fantastic performance. Uses mylar body tube for high strength and low weight — only 1/8 ounce without engine. Ideal for contests and records. Recommended engine for normal flying is the 1/4 A3-4. Kit comes complete with all parts and instructions (but no engines). Shipping weight 4 oz.

**Cat. No. 651-K-4** ..... \$ .50

	Recommended Engines
Body Dia. .... 0.72 in	1/4 A3-4      1/2 A6-4
Length ..... 5.6 in	A5-4      A8-5
Weight ..... 0.125 oz	B6-6      C6-7



- SINGLE STAGE
- PARACHUTE RECOVERY

**Astron**

# X-RAY

*Visible Payload*



An easy-to-build high performance single stage payload rocket, the Astron X-Ray features parachute recovery and a large see-through payload compartment. Perfect for research work and sport flying too. Kit comes complete (less engines).

Shipping wt. 6 oz.

**Cat. No. 651-K-18** ..... \$1.75

#### RECOMMENDED ENGINES:

1/2 A6-2, A8-3, B6-4,  
C6-5, B14-5

Length	..... 16 3/4"
Body Dia.	..... 0.736"
Payload	
Sec. Dia.	..... 0.950"
Weight	..... 0.7 oz.

Astron

# STARLIGHT

## UNIQUE DESIGN DEMONSTRATION AND SPORT ROCKET

Advanced design incorporates large fin area for exceptional stability. Launches straight up to extreme altitudes, even in moderate winds (but remember the parachute drift you get with wind). Unique fin design makes it ideal for display, and it's graceful in flight. Comes with all parts and instructions. Engines not included.

Cat. No. 681-K-32 ..... \$2.35

Shipping weight 9 oz.

Length 18"  
Body Dia. .976"  
Weight 2 Oz.

# \$2<sup>35</sup>

### Recommended Engines

1/2 A6-2      A8-3  
B6-4      C6-5

Parachute  
Recovery



# BIG BERTHA

## SIMPLE — RELIABLE PARACHUTE RECOVERY PERFECT FOR DEMONSTRATIONS SINGLE ENGINE OPERATION



Easy-to-build, reliable and impressive in flight, Big Bertha is an ideal model for demonstration flights. Features a slow, realistic takeoff that fascinates spectators. Big 18" chute gives slow descent and gentle landings. Kit comes complete with all parts and easy to follow instructions (but no engines). Shipping weight 16 oz.

### Specifications

Length 24 in.  
Body Dia. 1.6 in.  
Weight 2.25 oz.

### Recommended Engines

A5-2      A8-3  
B4-2      B6-4

C6-5

Cat. No. 651-K-23 ..... \$2.00

# Astron PHANTOM

## Complete Cutaway Rocket

**DEMONSTRATES BASIC BUILDING RULES.**

**Great for classroom or science fair!**

This bird will never fly, but it will certainly help get your science fair project or special demonstration off the ground! The Astron Phantom has a transparent body to show all the insides of a model rocket — plus a special dummy engine cut in half to show its insides. A great help in answering questions on model rocketry, the Astron Phantom kit comes complete with all parts and instructions (but no fins). Shipping weight 5 oz.

**Cat. No. 651-K-7 .....\$1.75**

Weight . . . .72 oz  
Body Dia. .736 in  
Length . . . 8.7 in



# Astron

## SPACEMAN

The most controversial model rocket yet. Some feel he's a disgrace to the sport, others say he does an important job in showing that a rocket doesn't have to look like a rocket to fly well. Requires patience and a bit of artistic ability to build. Uses the featherweight recovery system. Kit comes complete with all parts and instructions (but no engines). Shipping weight 7 oz.

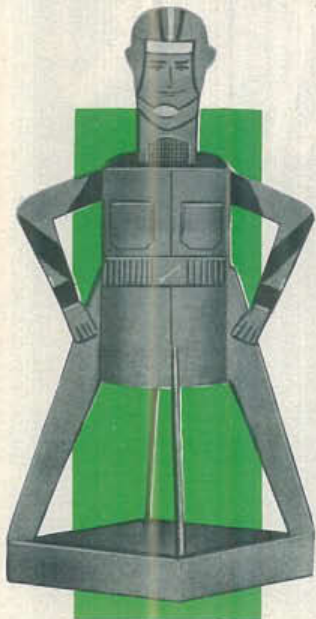
**Cat. No. 651-K-9 .....\$ .75**

4" wide, 7.25" long,  
weighs 0.45 oz.

### Recommended Engines

1/2A6-2, A5-4, B4-4  
B6-6, C6-7

(Use 1/2A6-2 engines  
for first flights.)



# MARS SNOOPER

- FASCINATING DESIGN
- PARACHUTE RECOVERY
- IDEAL FOR DEMONSTRATION FLIGHTS

A truly different model rocket, the Mars Snooper combines interesting appearance with reliable performance — makes an excellent model for demonstration flying and display. Features payload section, 18" parachute and precut fins for easier assembly. Recommended for the careful modeler, the Mars Snooper kit comes complete with all parts and detailed instructions (but no engines). Shipping wt. 12 oz.

**Cat. No. 651-K-20 .....\$3.00 each**

### Specifications

Length	21.7 in.
Body Dia.	0.98 in.
Weight	2.2 oz.

### Recommended Engines

A8-3  
B6-4  
C6-5



# Astron COBRA

The ideal bird for getting started in clustering, yet challenging to the experienced rocketeer; the Astron Cobra gives you top performance. Medium size payloads (up to 4 ounces) get a real ride in the Cobra's 1" diameter capsule. Kit comes complete with all parts, instructions, and a copy of technical report TR-6 on cluster techniques. (Engines not included.) Shipping weight 13 ounces.

Cat. No. 651-K-10 ..... \$2.50 each

Body Dia. .... 1.6 in  
Length ..... 22.25 in  
Weight ..... 2.5 oz

Recommended Engines  
A8-3, B6-4, C6-5

BIG BOOST  
FOR COMPACT  
PAYLOADS

3 ENGINE  
POWER



EXTRA  
LARGE  
PAYLOAD

3 ENGINE  
WALLOP

2 - CHUTES

# Astron RANGER

IDEAL FOR PAYLOAD EXPERIMENTS!

Specially designed for big payloads — you can demonstrate your skill by launching and recovering an egg with this rocket! Carries payloads up to 3½ ounces to high altitudes. The perfect vehicle for your special instruments and specimens. The Astron Ranger kit comes complete with all necessary parts, assembly and flight instructions, plus a copy of TR-6 on cluster techniques. (Engines not included.) Shipping wt. 13 oz.

Cat. No. 651-K-6 ..... \$2.75 each

Body Dia. .... 1.6 in  
Length ..... 24 in  
Weight ..... 3.35 oz

Recommended Engines  
A8-3, B6-4, C6-5

# Astron

# SKY HOOK



• PARACHUTE  
RECOVERY

• EASY TO BUILD

You'll really enjoy building and flying your Astron Sky Hook. Easy to build and durable, parachute recovery brings it back gently for flight after flight. Kit comes complete with all parts and instructions (but no engines). Shipping weight 5 oz.

Cat. No. 651-K-8 ..... \$1.35

• TERRIFIC  
PERFORMER

Body Dia. .765 in  
Length ... 12 in  
Weight ... .65 oz

Recommended Engines  
½A6-2      A5-4  
B4-4      B6-6  
C6-7

ONLY  
\$1.35

(For first flights use ½A6-2 engines.)



# Astron DRIFTER

GREAT FOR  
COMPETITION AND  
SPORT FLYING

2 BIG  
CHUTES

ONLY  
\$1.75

Spectacular in upward flight and recovery, the Astron Drifter combines low weight with large chute capacity. Perfect in any competition with its 24" 'chute, the Astron Drifter is a great performer with its 12" chute for test and sport flying too! Parachutes are easily interchanged.

Cat. No. 651-K-1 ..... \$1.75 each  
Shipping weight ..... 8 oz.

Recommended engines are:

1/2A6-2	A8-3	Body Dia. . . . . 0.98 in.
B6-4	C6-5	Length . . . . . 14.3 in.
Engines not included		Weight . . . . . 1 oz.



Patent No.  
3,114,317

# SCOUT

- EASY TO BUILD
- TUMBLE RECOVERY
- EDUCATIONAL

Get valuable experience building and flying the Astron Scout. Kit teaches rocket balance principles. A must for the rocketeer who wishes to learn to design his own models. Kit comes complete with all parts, instructions, and a copy of technical report TR-1 (but no engines). Shipping weight 2 oz.

Cat. No. 651-K-1 ..... \$ .70 each

**Recommended Engines**

1/4A3-2, 1/2A6-2, A5-4,  
A8-3, B6-4, C6-5

(Use 1/4A3-2 for first flights.)

Length . . . 7 in  
Body Dia. . .765 in  
Weight . . .28 oz



# MARK

STREAMER  
RECOVERY

THE NEXT STEP FOR THE BEGINNER  
IDEAL FOR SPORT AND  
DEMONSTRATION FLYING

An excellent bird for novice or experienced rocketeer. Easy to build, ideal for sport and demonstration flying, the Astron Mark gives top notch performance. Kit comes complete with all parts and instructions (but no engines). Shipping weight 5 oz.

Cat. No. 651-K-2 ..... \$1.25

**Recommended Engines**

1/2A6-2, A5-4,  
A8-3, B6-4, C6-5

(Use 1/2A6-2 for first flights.)

Length . . . . . 9.12 in  
Body Dia. . . .765 in  
Weight . . . . .45 oz

# CAMROC

## ROCKET CAMERA

Patent Pending

### Specifications

Diameter 1.6"  
Length 5.3"  
Wt. 1.26 oz.

Lens opening — f-16  
Shutter speed — 1/1600  
Focal Length 3" (76 mm)

Cat. No. 651-C-1

**\$4.00**

Shipping Weight 7.5 oz.

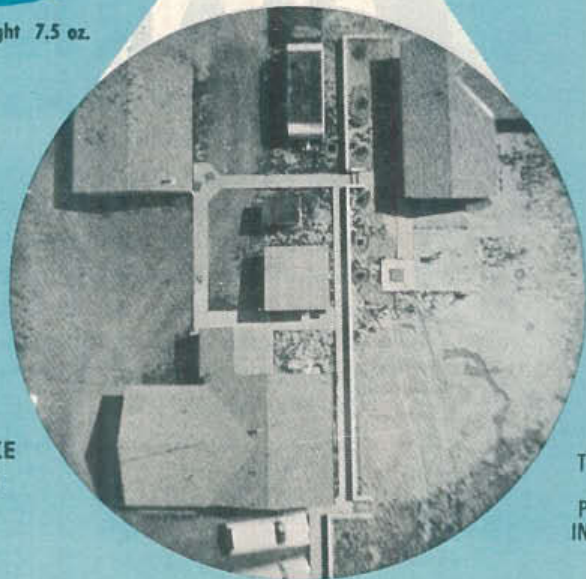


## NOW YOU CAN TAKE AERIAL PICTURES FROM YOUR OWN ROCKETS

An ingenious space age camera which automatically takes pictures of the earth from your rocket hundreds of feet in the air — almost like being there yourself.

### Recommended Engines

Multi-Stage Flights		
Booster	Upper Stage	
B14-0	B14-6	B14-7
Single Stage Flights		
B14-5	B14-6	



PRINT SIZE  
3 INCHES

PHOTO  
TECHNIQUES  
AND  
PROCESSING  
INFORMATION  
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The Camroc is an important piece of equipment for your rocket activities. This amazing camera opens an entirely new field to rocketeers. Study space science reconnaissance techniques the practical way — over familiar terrain, with known objects. Learn principles of camera construction and operation.

Build your own rocket aerial camera that can be launched to high altitudes by light weight model rockets for many space type photo missions. As it follows the flight sequence illustrated at the right, the Camroc automatically takes its picture and returns safely by parachute.

Film used is a single exposure film disc mounted in a detachable, light-tight holder for quick and easy replacement in the field.

Catalog No. 651-C-1 . . . . . \$4.00

Kit contains, all parts; complete instructions for assembly and operation; 1 film holder loaded with unexposed film; an exposed film disc and 1 empty film holder for loading and experimenting.  
Fits body tube BT-50

ACTUAL SIZE  
NEGATIVE 1½"



Save 50¢

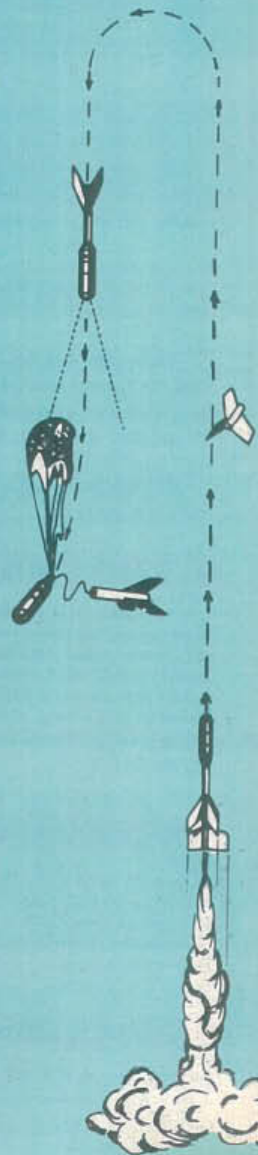
## SPECIAL OFFER

Complete Camroc kit plus the Astron Delta kit, shown on page 36. This gives you the best basic outfit for taking aerial photos. Engines not incl.  
Cat. No. 651-RC-1 . . . \$5.00

Shipping weight 10 oz.

Recommended booster vehicle is the Astron Delta. Other models can be adapted.

**NOTE:** While the camera system is quite easily operated, we recommend that you first learn rocketry building and launching in preparation for camera work.



## EXPERIMENTAL AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY WITH THE CAMROC

By using various launch rod angles and engine delay times it is possible to cover a wide range of aerial photography, from high obliques to verticals. As an example, look at the reproduction of the print and the negative on the preceding pages. The print is a vertical shot; the negative is an oblique shot showing perspective and a wider expanse of land below. Instructions included with the Camroc Kit explain the various techniques used.

The Camroc produces a round negative of 1½" diameter. Prints produced at the Estes Industries photo lab are enlarged 2 times (to 3" dia.) Rocketeers who do their own photo processing can make contact prints or enlargements.

## PROCESSING AND SUPPLIES

Rocketeers who have access to a photographic darkroom can develop and print negatives from the Camroc with no difficulty. For those who would rather not do their own processing, Estes Industries offers developing and printing service. Prints produced are enlarged to twice the negative size. Recommended film is Estes Industries Astropan 400 or identical Kodak Tri-X. Both films are rated at A.S.A. 400 but pushed to A.S.A. 1200 in development.

ALL PROCESSED NEGATIVES AND PRINTS ARE RETURNED BY AIR MAIL WHEN DISTANCE IS OVER 400 MILES.

### LOADED FILM HOLDERS

Extra film holders for in-the-field changing are available for the Camroc. They come 4 to an order, each pre-loaded with a fresh Astropan 400 film disc. These film holders must be returned with the film for processing. They are re-usable and a discount of \$.25 is allowed for each holder returned when re-ordering. (Credit applies only when re-ordering loaded film holders). Shipping Wt. 2 oz.

Cat. No. 651-FH-4 ..... 4 for \$2.00

### FILM ONLY

Precision cut Astropan 400 film discs to fit Camroc film holder. Packaged in light-proof double envelope. Envelope should be opened ONLY IN TOTAL DARKNESS to avoid ruining the film. Handling and loading instructions included. Shipping weight 1.5 oz.

Cat. No. 651-NF-6 ..... 6 for \$.75

### CHANGING BAG

Light-tight "portable darkroom". Fits over operators arms, provides total darkness for changing film in the field or re-loading your own film holders. Shipping weight 8 oz.

Cat. No. 651-FCB-1 ..... \$1.00 each

### DEVELOPING-PRINTING

Film is developed under controlled conditions. One glossy print is made at 2 times enlargement (3" dia. image). A refund of \$.20 will be made on any negative which does not meet the requirements for a satisfactory print. This can be caused by incorrect exposure or improper handling. In this case, negative returned unprinted. We recommend returning film in its original container or other totally light-tight container.

Cat. No. 651-FDP-1 ... \$.75 ea. 4 for \$2.00

### EXTRA PRINTS

You can order additional prints of negatives which have been previously developed. The negative(s) must be enclosed in a suitable protective package with the order. (Please do not order extra prints without first checking the negative and original print to determine if it is suitable for extra prints.)

Cat. No. 651-NP-1 ..... \$.30 ea.



## INTRODUCTION TO THE SCOPE OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

The importance of aerial photography has become widely acknowledged for its value in recording topographic detail for map making, geographical studies, archaeological research, soil studies and plant ecology. With the help of the Estes Industries CAMROC, young rocketeers can gain a better insight into this developing science.



### A project for model rocketeers

## THREE DIMENSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY WITH THE CAMROC

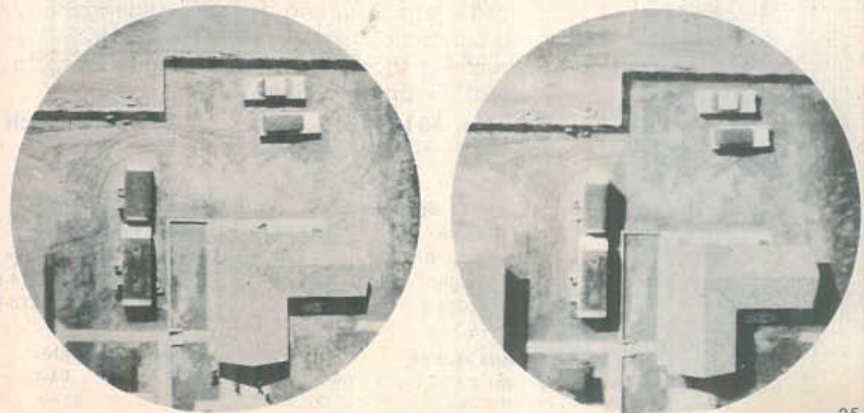
This is a challenging project for the advanced model rocketeer to continue his investigations toward a better understanding of the scientific uses of aerial photography as practiced today.

The pair of pictures at the bottom of this page, called a stereo-pair, produces a stereoptic image which appears to have three dimensions when viewed properly. The pictures are very similar, but close observation discloses that they were taken from slightly different angles. This is readily seen in the difference in the image of the fence.

Two flights of the Camroc produced these two pictures. The second picture was taken at about the same altitude as the first, but from a position several feet to one side of the place where the shutter clicked the first picture.

To see this third dimension, hold this page eight to sixteen inches away and stare straight at the pictures. With each eye try to look directly at the photograph under that eye so that the images come together. If necessary place a piece of paper vertically between the two pictures to help each eye see its separate picture. The two pictures were taken at a proper distance apart and at the correct angles to produce a scene as though viewed by two eyes, far apart, looking down from a rocket. Cross your eyes slightly, if necessary, to produce the three-dimensional effect.

*This project demonstrates the importance of stereo-pairs of aerial photos, such as these, in interpreting topographic features. Modern map makers rely on stereo-pairs for producing topographic maps. Aerial stereo-pairs offer another advantage, in that geological features not noticeable in ground surveys show up quite prominently on the stereo-pairs. Also, because of the three-dimensional effect in stereo-pair photographs, it is possible to estimate heights of different objects quite accurately.*



## STAGING TECHNIQUES

By studying staging techniques developed by Estes Industries (see technical report TR-2) young rocketeers can learn much about the principles of 2 and 3 stage propulsion systems which boost our nation's rockets into orbit and outer space. Though the methods of operation for professional and model rocketry are different, the principles are quite similar.

At launch the lower or first stage of a multi-stage rocket is always ignited by standard electrical means. The second stage ignition is accomplished automatically at burnout of the first stage engine, etc.

In model rocketry, as in space launches, booster sections are automatically separated from the following section as the thrust from each engine is spent. Model rocket booster sections are returned safely by tumble recovery, and the final section is returned by parachute or any other standard system.

We recommend that a rocketeer become thoroughly familiar with single stage rockets before advancing to multi-stage models.

### Astron DELTA

**TWO STAGES • FLIES OVER 2000 FEET • MULTI-PURPOSE  
ADVANCED DESIGN • PARACHUTE RECOVERY**

Reliable workhorse booster for payload research. The Astron Delta accommodates all BT-50 size payload sections. May be flown either as a single or two stage vehicle, features advanced stage coupling for top dependability. Kit is complete with all parts and easy-to-follow instructions (nose section and engines not included). Shipping weight 8 oz.

**Cat. No. 651-K-16** ..... **\$1.50 each**  
Kit includes technical report, TR-2

#### Specifications

Length	13.6 in.
Body Dia.	1 in.
Weight	1.45 oz.

#### Recommended Engines

Multi-Stage Flights		
Booster	Upper Stage	
B14-0	B6-6	B14-6
	C6-7	B14-7

#### Single Stage Flights

A8-3	B6-4
B14-5	B14-6
C6-5	

The basic system used on most multi-stage model rockets today is covered by Estes patent number 3,292,302

Pat. No.  
3,292,302

Astron

# FARSIDE



## 3 STAGES

A sophisticated ultra-high altitude probe or a workhorse vehicle for high altitude studies with large payloads — take your choice with the Astron Farside. Advanced stage coupling gives dependable ignition and stage separation. Perfect for your advanced research programs. Top stage flies to well over 2500', returns gently by parachute. Available with standard 1" payload section (No. 651-K-12) or with extra large 1½" dia. capsule for large payloads (No. 651-K-12X). Be sure to specify model type when ordering. Kit comes complete with all parts and assembly instructions (but no engines). Includes technical report TR-2. Shipping weight 8 oz. . .

**STANDARD MODEL:**  
**Cat. No. 651-K-12 \$2.75 each**

**LARGE PAYLOAD MODEL:**  
**Cat. No. 651-K-12X \$3.00 each**

	K-12	K-12X
Length	21.5 in	25 in
Weight	2.0 oz.	2.5 oz
Diameter	0.98 in	1.6 in

#### RECOMMENDED ENGINES

First Stage	Second Stage	Top Stage
½A6-0	½A6-0	½A6-4
A8-0	A8-0	A8-5
B14-0	B6-0	B4-6
	B14-0	B6-6
	C6-0	B14-6
		C6-7

**NOTE:** Other booster engines may be used, if there is no wind.

Pat. No. 3,292,302

**Astron**  
**APOGEE II**  
 IN ORBIT...  
 ...THE HIGHEST  
 OR FARTHEST POINT FROM EARTH IS CALLED

The ability of this rocket to reach extreme altitudes consistently makes "APOGEE" a natural name choice.

The ultimate in two stage performance and dependability. The new, improved Astron Apogee II incorporates revolutionary discoveries in multi-stage methods, features a transparent, see-through payload capsule — lets you observe specimens without removing them from the rocket. Parachute recovered for soft landings. Complete with all parts and instructions (but no engines). Shipping weight 6 ounces.

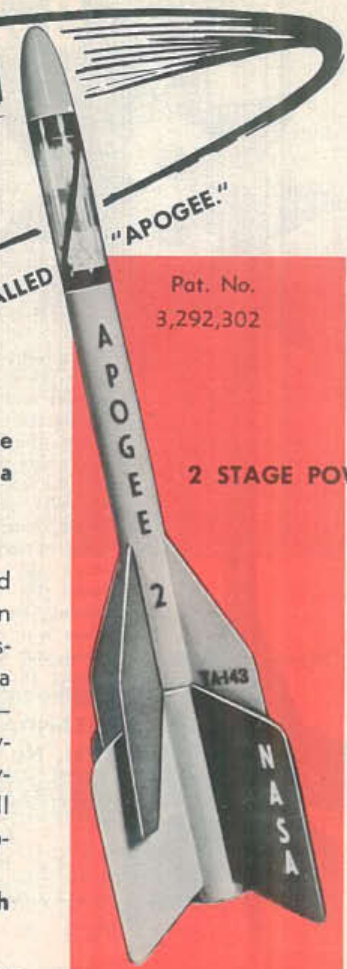
Cat. No. 651-K-5 ..... \$2.00 each



**Recommended Engines**

Booster	Upper Stage
1/2 A6-0	1/4 A3-4
A8-0	1/2 A6-4
B6-0	A5-4
B14-0	A8-5
C6-0	B4-6
	B6-6
	B14-7
	C6-7

Kit includes technical report TR-2



Pat. No.  
3,292,302

2 STAGE POWER

Weight ..... 0.60 oz  
 Length ..... 14.75 in  
 Body Dia. .... 0.736 in

**Astron**

*nighthawk*

**\$1.75**



**POP-POD  
BOOST-GLIDER**

Pat. Pending

- Revolutionary design
- Perfect for sport, demonstration and contest flying.
- Programmable boost phase
- Simplified construction
- High performance



Swish! Straight up  
for hundreds of feet . . .

Then pop! The power pod separates  
and drifts down on its own parachute  
as the glide vehicle circles lazily against the blue sky.



Power pod and  
glider separate  
for descent

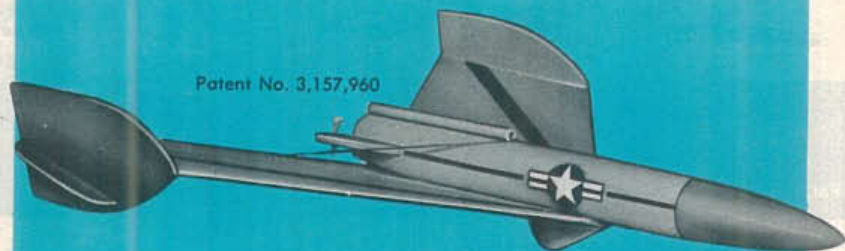
Revolutionary pop-pod system is pre-programmable for perfect upward flights. Glider portion's unique design features minimum weight and drag for long flight duration. The Nighthawk is an ideal model for duration contests, research flying and demonstrations of boost-glider operation. Recommended for the experienced rocketeer, the kit comes complete with all parts and instructions (but no engines).

Cat No. 681-K-34 ..... \$1.75 each  
 Shipping weight 14 oz.

Recommended Engines  
1/2 A6-2, A5-2, B4-2

Weight . . . 1.36 oz.  
(complete vehicle)  
 Weight . . . 0.67 oz.  
(glider only)  
 Wing Span 16 1/4 in.  
 Length . . . 19 3/4 in.

# Astron SPACE PLANE



Patent No. 3,157,960

**ALWAYS A WINNER!**

## AMERICA'S NO. 1 CONTEST WINNER AND RECORD HOLDER!

Rocket powered glider — ascends vertically, then glides to a gentle landing. The most successful boost-glider ever developed, the Space Plane wins duration contests with amazing regularity. The Space Plane features easy and accurate adjustment of glide characteristics, plus a payload compartment large enough to handle small biological specimens and other scientific objects. The Astron Space Plane is easy to launch and with proper care will give you unlimited flying enjoyment. This kit is recommended for the experienced modeler, and must be assembled with precision and care. (Engines not included.) Shipping weight 5 oz.

Body Dia. .... .765 in  
 Length ..... 10 in  
 Wing Span ..... 9 in  
 Weight ..... .5 oz

### Recommended Engines

1/2 A6-2, A5-2, B4-2  
 (Use 1/2 A engines for first flights.)

Kit includes technical report TR-4

Cat. No. 651-K-3 ..... \$1.80 each

# Astron FALCON

## ROCKET GLIDER



Patent No. 3,114,317

Kit includes technical report, TR-7

**CLIMBS STRAIGHT UP!  
 FLAT GLIDE —  
 LONG DURATION!**

Get sky-high performance with the new Astron Falcon boost-glider. Beautiful climb — glide durations up to and over 1½ minutes on #1/2 A engines, even more with larger engines. A great bird for the experienced rocketeer. Glide recovery brings it back gently, ready for a fresh engine and another flight. Kit comes complete with all parts and instructions (engines not included). Shipping wt. 5 ounces.

Cat. No. 651-K-13 ..... \$1.00 P.P.

Length ..... 12 in  
 Wing Span ..... 10 in  
 Weight ..... .40 oz

### Recommended Engines

1/4 A3-1      1/2 A6-2  
 A5-2      B4-2

For normal flying only 1/4 A and 1/2 A engines are recommended — the Astron Falcon can easily glide out of sight with larger engines if it is built and balanced carefully.



A professional look  
for your model rockets with

## DECALS



**STARS AND BARS:** Sheet of 12 red, white and blue Air Force emblems, each 1 1/4" wide. Fit on fins and body tubes, look great on gliders. Shipping weight 1 oz.

Cat. No. 651-D-1 ..... \$ .15 each

**LARGE STARS AND BARS:** Add a special touch to your large models. Sheet contains two large 2" insignia, two medium 1 3/4" insignia and appropriate designations. Shipping weight 1 oz.

Cat. No. 651-D-2 ..... \$ .15 each

**3/8" LETTERS AND NUMBERS:** Identify and decorate models the easy way with these 3/8" high letter and number decals. Sheet contains 62 characters. Available in black or white. **Specify color when ordering.** Shipping weight 1 oz.

Cat. No. 651-D-3 ..... \$ .15 each

**1/4" LETTERS AND NUMBERS:** Ideal for code markings and identification on smaller rockets. Sheet contains 65 characters 1/4" high. Available in black or white. **Specify color when ordering.** Shipping weight 1 oz.

Cat. No. 651-D-4 ..... \$ .15 each



**#1 KIT NAMES DECAL:** Dress up models with these special kit names decals. Identify and decorate — easy to apply. Comes in black or white. **Specify color when ordering.** Shipping weight 1 oz.

Cat. No. 651-D-6 ..... \$ .25 each

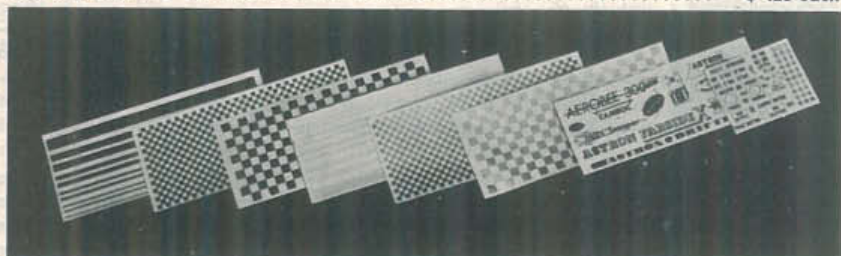
**GOLD MINE SPECIAL:** A real gold mine of decorative decals for your models. Lettering, vents, hatches, rivets and more, all on one big 3 1/2" x 8 1/2" sheet. Printed in brilliant red, white and black to add extra color. Shipping weight 1 oz.

Cat. No. 651-D-5 ..... \$ .25 each

Colorful decals are decorative and easy to apply. Just dip in water for about thirty seconds, slide the paper backing off and apply to either flat or round surfaces of your rocket. Large selection of emblems, numerals, etc. Complete instructions included.

**#2 KIT NAMES DECAL:** Extra colorful, this decal includes names for kit numbers K-7, 9, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 20 on a big 3 1/2" x 8 1/2" sheet. Printed in stand-out colors of red, yellow, white and black, this sheet provides the extra touch for good looking models. Shipping weight 1 oz.

Cat. No. 651-D-11 ..... \$ .25 each



**1/5" CHECKERBOARDS:** Glossy, colorful 1/5" square checks on clear background. Add color contrast to model for easy tracking and eye appeal. Extra-large sheets, 9 1/2" x 4", available in red, black, gold or white. **Specify color and check size when ordering.** Shipping weight 1 oz.

Cat. No. 651-D-7 ..... \$ .25 each

**3/8" CHECKERBOARDS:** Big 3/8" square checks for your large models. Cut out special patterns for even more striking effects. Large 9 1/2" x 4" sheets, available in red, black, white, gold or silver. **Specify color and check size when ordering.** Shipping weight 1 oz.

Cat. No. 651-D-8 ..... \$ .25 each

**COLOR STRIPES:** Put vertical stripes and horizontal-rings on models the easy way. Each sheet has ten stripes, 1/32" through 1/2" wide and 9 1/2" long. Available in red, black or yellow. **Specify color when ordering.** Shipping weight 1 oz.

Cat. No. 651-D-9 ..... \$ .25 each

**LAUNCH PANEL DECAL:** Identify controls and circuits on your launch panel with this easy-to-apply, pressure sensitive decal sheet. Aluminum letters on black background are easy to read, add extra eye appeal. Self-adhesive, just cut out and press in place. Extra-strong mylar sheet measures 3 1/2" x 4 3/4". Shipping weight 1 oz.

Cat. No. 651-D-10 ..... \$ .50 each

**DECORATING TAPE, black:** Thin, tough pressure sensitive tape is perfect for stripes, bars and other decoration. Easy to apply and only .0015" thick, decorating tape comes in rolls 1/2 inch wide and 144 inches long. Can be cut with knife and straightedge for special sizes.

Cat. No. 651-DT-1, shipping wt. 5 oz. .... \$ .25 each



## FINISHING SUPPLIES

Estes finishing materials and a little extra care in finishing can make a big difference in your model rocket's professional appearance and performance efficiency. For model finishing information, read Model Rocket News, V6-N1



**ASTROSEAL** balsa filler: The first step to a perfect finish. Astroseal contains an extra high percentage of selected fillers to completely fill the grain in balsa parts. Gives smooth surface for dope or enamel application. Brush on two to four coats, letting each dry thoroughly. Sand with #SP320 sanding material between coats. In four ounce jar. Shipping weight 7 oz.

Cat. No. 651-SS-2 ..... \$ .60 each



**HEAT RESISTANT PAINT:** Protect exposed rocket parts from heat damage with easy to apply, brush-on, high heat aluminum paint. Protects to 1000°, gives a bright metallic finish. Recommended for swept fins and other parts exposed to hot exhaust gases. In 1½ ounce bottles. Shipping weight 6 oz.

Cat. No. 651-AP-1 ..... \$ .35 each



**FLUORESCENT SPRAY PAINT:** The brightest colors anywhere — make rockets easy to spot in the air and on the ground. Glowing, high visibility paint comes in handy 6 oz. spray cans, dries in minutes. For maximum brilliance use glossy white enamel as an undercoat. Available in Cerise Red, Yellow Orange, Red Orange and Green **Specify colors when ordering.** Shipping weight 16 oz. each.

Cat. No. 651-FP-1 ..... \$1.40 each



**ENAMEL SPRAY PAINT:** Get that "professional" appearance for your best models. Top quality enamel in handy 5 oz. spray cans dries in minutes. Use indoors and outdoors. Not fluorescent. Available in the popular colors of Regal Blue, Hunter Green, Chrome Yellow, Glossy Black, Glossy White and Cherry Red. **Specify colors when ordering.** Shipping weight 16 oz. each.

Cat. No. 651-EP-1 ..... \$1.20 each



**CLEAR SPRAY:** Crystal clear spray coating goes on clear — stays clear. Gives extra gloss to enamel finishes, protects decals and decorations, makes fluorescent finishes smooth, durable and glossy. For best results, let paint dry thoroughly before applying clear spray, use several light coats for maximum gloss. In handy 5 oz. spray can. Shipping weight 16 oz.

Cat. No. 651-EP-2 ..... \$1.20 each



**BUTYRATE DOPE:** The dope preferred by expert modelers for perfect finishes. Brushes on smoothly, easily, comes in convenient 1 oz. bottles. Available in Insignia Red, International Orange, Dark Green, Gloss Black, Insignia White, True Blue, Sky Blue, Aircraft Gray, Orange Yellow, Silver, Gold and Clear. **Specify colors when ordering.** Shipping wt. 4 oz.

Cat. No. 651-BRD-1 ..... \$ .20 each

**SANDING SEALER:** Fills small holes in balsa, paper and other porous materials, provides a smooth surface for paint or dope. To use, sand the surface, brush on sealer, let dry and sand again. Repeat as needed to obtain a glass-like surface. In 1 ounce bottles. Shipping weight 4 oz.

Cat. No. 651-SS-1 ..... \$ .20 each



**THINNER:** For diluting butyrate dope, sanding sealer and Astroseal, and for brush cleaning. Completely colorless — won't interfere with the drying action of the dope. Comes in 1 ounce bottles. Shipping weight 4 oz.

Cat. No. 651-BDT-1 ..... \$ .20 each



**WHITE GLUE:** Preferred for rocket building! Sets fast, gives super strong joints with wood, paper, cloth and other porous materials. In 2 ounce plastic squeeze bottle. Shipping weight 6 oz.

Cat. No. 651-WG-1 ..... \$ .40 each



**BODY PUTTY:** For super-sleek models. Fill cracks, holes, grain marks in balsa parts, make smooth fin-body joints. In 21 cc. tube. Shipping weight 5 oz.

Cat. No. 651-FM-1 ..... \$ .30 each



**FINISHING WAX:** For a high gloss finish so important to appearance and low drag. Apply with soft cloth, let dry and polish with soft dry cloth. Recommended only for use on enamel and butyrate finishes sold by Estes Industries. In 2 oz. jar. Shipping weight, 5 oz.

Cat. No. 651-FW-2 ..... \$ .80 each



**SANDING MATERIAL:** Fold, roll or crumple it for hard to reach places. Special mylar plastic backed abrasive sheet can be used over and over again. Helps you get a mirror finish. Extra fine 320 grit in easy to handle 2½" x 2¼" sheets. Shipping weight 1 oz.

Cat. No. 651-SP-320 ..... 3 sheets \$ .10



**SANDPAPER:** Shape and smooth model rocket parts with these handy 3" x 3" sheets of top quality sandpaper. Available in three grades. **Specify grade when ordering.** Shipping weight 1 ounce for 6 sheets.

6 SHEETS MEDIUM — Cat. No. 651-SPM-2 ..... \$ .10

6 SHEETS FINE — Cat. No. 651-SPF-2 ..... \$ .10

6 SHEETS EXTRA FINE — Cat. No. 651-SPEF-2 ..... \$ .10

18 SHEETS ASSORTED (6 each) — Cat. No. 651-SPA-2 ..... \$ .25



**PAINT BRUSHES:** The set designed for model rocketry. You get one #1 brush for extra fine work, one #4 brush for normal work and one #6 brush for covering large areas rapidly. Brushes are 6" long with quality camel hair bristles set in nicked ferrules. Available in sets of three only. Shipping weight 2 oz.

Cat. No. 651-PB-3 ..... \$ .30 per set



**MASKING TAPE:** Secure engines in model, mask for painting, etc. Extra strong ½" wide tape comes in 30 foot rolls. Flexible, seals tightly and strips off clean. Shipping weight 5 oz.

Cat. No. 651-MT-1 ..... \$ .30 each





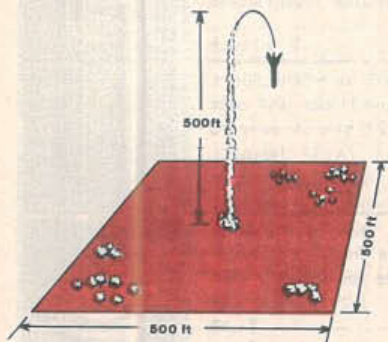
## SUGGESTIONS FOR BEGINNERS:

Most beginners start their rocket studies and experiments with single engine rockets because they are easier to build and are generally more dependable. We suggest that you use single engine designs for at least your first three or four rockets. There are six primary rocket engines to use when flying your single stage model. These are the 1/4A3-1 and 1/2A6-2 for testing and low altitude flights, the A8-3 for medium altitude flights, the B6-4 and C6-5 for high altitude flights and the B14-5 for high acceleration, high altitude flights.

## FIRST TESTS:

It is best to use the smallest engine(s) possible for the first tests on a new rocket design. If the design is bad and the rocket is not stable it presents less hazard. If you have a high performance rocket and use the largest engines first, you are likely to see it soar off into the wild blue yonder, never to be seen again — quite a disappointment if you spent hours building it. For most designs 1/4A and 1/2A engines are best for the first test flights. A well designed high performance rocket can approach an altitude of 500 feet when powered by a 1/2A engine.

## RECOVERY FIELD:



The altitude to which you fly a rocket should not be greater than is practical for the size of the flying area. In a town or city, flying in a limited area, 1/4A and 1/2A engines are best. In large open park areas A engines are all right, and in open rural areas larger engines and two or three stage rockets are okay. A general rule to follow is that the field should be at least as large as the altitude to which you intend to fly the model. When flying a rocket to 500' you should launch it from the center of a 500' by 500' field.

## SERIES II ENGINES:

The wallop packed by Series II engines (B14-) makes them more difficult to handle than Series I engines. Extra care should be exercised to be sure the rocket is stable. Extra caution must be taken to be sure fins are extra durable and well secured to the rocket body. A Series II engine must be mounted against a secure bulkhead so a sudden force of 10 pounds will not force it forward in the rocket body. With a Series II engine, a light weight model will be traveling about 400 miles per hour in just 70 feet from the launcher. Use extra caution.

# MODEL ROCKET PERFORMANCE

## HOW HIGH WILL YOUR MODEL GO?

The altitude capabilities of different model rockets vary greatly. There are several things that affect the performance of a model. The first of these is engine size. The greater the **total impulse** of an engine, the higher it will boost a model. The chart below shows the approximate altitudes that can be achieved with single stage rockets.

Engine Size	Altitude Range (depending on rocket size and weight)	Approximate Altitude in a typical 1 oz. model
1/4A3-2	50' to 250'	100'
1/2A6-2	100' to 450'	300'
A8-3	200' to 900'	650'
B6-4	300' to 1200'	1000'
C6-5	350' to 1500'	1200'

(Some high performance models will reach higher altitudes than shown above.)

The second thing that affects rocket performance is weight. The heavier a rocket is, the less altitude it will reach. A baseball can be tossed higher than an 8 pound cannon ball — and the same holds true for model rockets. In addition, heavier rockets are more apt to tilt at an angle as they leave the launcher, reducing altitude even more.

Weights listed for rocket kits in the catalog do not include engines. To determine the lift-off weight of a model, add the engine weight, shown in the engine selection chart, to the kit weight.

Drag, or wind resistance, is the third item which affects performance. The more drag on a rocket, the less altitude it will reach. A number of factors determine the amount of drag on a rocket. The more frontal area the rocket has, the greater its drag will be. As a result, large diameter model rockets will generally not reach as great an altitude as smaller diameter rockets with the same engine power. Rough surfaces create turbulence in the air as it flows past the rocket, increasing drag. Smooth finishes will increase the altitude capability of the model. The stability of the rocket also affects drag — if it wobbles in flight, it will have greater drag. Careful attention to reducing drag can sometimes double a rocket's altitude capability.

The kits, components and engines in this catalog have been designed to cover the entire performance range from low altitude sport and demonstration models to high altitude, high performance payload and competition rockets. By choosing his kits, materials and engines carefully, the rocketeer can fill his performance needs exactly. Complete specifications are given on all items to make this selection easy.

For a complete discussion of rocket performance, read Estes Industries technical report TR-10 (see page 87).

# ROCKET ENGINE SELECTION CHART

Cat. No. and Engine Type	Replaces Old Engine Type <sup>1</sup>	Total Impulse		Thrust Duration	Maximum Thrust	Thrust Curve <sup>4</sup>	Time Delay (±15%)	Engine Length	Initial Weight	Propellant Weight	Label Color	Maximum Lift-off Weight <sup>5</sup>	PRICES	
		1b-sec. <sup>2</sup>	n-sec. <sup>3</sup>										Each	3 for
<b>SINGLE STAGE ENGINES</b>														
¼A3-1	¼A.8-2	0.14	0.625	0.24 sec	22 oz.	1	1 sec	2.75 in.	0.48 oz.	0.00172 lb.	Green	1.5 oz.	\$.25	\$.65
¼A3-15**	¼A.8-2S	0.14	0.625	0.24 sec	22 oz.	1	1 sec	1.75 in.	0.36 oz.	0.00172 lb.	Green	1.5 oz.	\$.25	\$.65
¼A3-2	.....	0.14	0.625	0.24 sec	22 oz.	1	2 sec	2.75 in.	0.50 oz.	0.00172 lb.	Green	1.0 oz.	\$.25	\$.65
¼A3-2S**	.....	0.14	0.625	0.24 sec	22 oz.	1	2 sec	1.75 in.	0.38 oz.	0.00172 lb.	Green	1.0 oz.	\$.25	\$.65
½A6-2	½A.8-2	0.28	1.25	0.20 sec	46 oz.	2	2 sec	2.75 in.	0.53 oz.	0.00344 lb.	Green	2.5 oz.	\$.30	\$.70
½A6-2S**	½A.8-2S	0.28	1.25	0.20 sec	46 oz.	2	2 sec	1.75 in.	0.41 oz.	0.00344 lb.	Green	2.5 oz.	\$.30	\$.70
A5-2	.....	0.56	2.50	0.50 sec	46 oz.	3	2 sec	2.75 in.	0.59 oz.	0.00687 lb.	Green	3.0 oz.	\$.35	\$.80
A8-3	A.8-3	0.56	2.50	0.42 sec	48 oz.	4	3 sec	2.75 in.	0.57 oz.	0.00918 lb.	Green	4.0 oz.	\$.35	\$.80
B4-2	B.8-2	1.12	5.00	1.20 sec	48 oz.	5	2 sec	2.75 in.	0.70 oz.	0.01836 lb.	Green	4.0 oz.	\$.40	\$.90
B4-4	B.8-4	1.12	5.00	1.20 sec	48 oz.	5	4 sec	2.75 in.	0.74 oz.	0.01836 lb.	Green	3.5 oz.	\$.40	\$.90
B6-4	B.8-4	1.12	5.00	0.83 sec	48 oz.	6	4 sec	2.75 in.	0.67 oz.	0.01374 lb.	Green	4.5 oz.	\$.40	\$.90
B14-5*	B3-5	1.12	5.00	0.35 sec	7 lb.	8	5 sec	2.75 in.	0.69 oz.	0.01374 lb.	Green	5.0 oz.	\$.50	\$1.00
C6-5	.....	2.25	10.00	1.70 sec	48 oz.	7	5 sec	2.75 in.	0.91 oz.	0.02748 lb.	Green	4.0 oz.	\$.45	\$.95
<b>UPPER STAGE ENGINES (OR SINGLE STAGE ENGINES IF USED IN VERY LIGHT ROCKETS)</b>														
¼A3-4	¼A.8-4	0.14	0.625	0.24 sec	22 oz.	1	4 sec	2.75 in.	0.51 oz.	0.00172 lb.	Purple	.75 oz.	\$.25	\$.65
¼A3-4S**	¼A.8-4S	0.14	0.625	0.24 sec	22 oz.	1	4 sec	1.75 in.	0.39 oz.	0.00172 lb.	Purple	.75 oz.	\$.25	\$.65
½A6-4	½A.8-4	0.28	1.25	0.20 sec	46 oz.	2	4 sec	2.75 in.	0.54 oz.	0.00344 lb.	Purple	1.0 oz.	\$.30	\$.70
½A6-4S**	½A.8-4S	0.28	1.25	0.20 sec	46 oz.	2	4 sec	1.75 in.	0.42 oz.	0.00344 lb.	Purple	1.0 oz.	\$.30	\$.70
A5-4	A.8-4	0.56	2.50	0.50 sec	46 oz.	3	4 sec	2.75 in.	0.64 oz.	0.00687 lb.	Purple	1.5 oz.	\$.35	\$.80
A8-5	.....	0.56	2.50	0.42 sec	48 oz.	4	5 sec.	2.75 in.	0.62 oz.	0.00918 lb.	Purple	2.0 oz.	\$.35	\$.80
B4-6	B.8-6	1.12	5.00	1.20 sec	48 oz.	5	6 sec.	2.75 in.	0.78 oz.	0.01836 lb.	Purple	1.5 oz.	\$.40	\$.90
B6-6	B.8-6	1.12	5.00	0.83 sec	48 oz.	6	6 sec.	2.75 in.	0.71 oz.	0.01374 lb.	Purple	2.0 oz.	\$.40	\$.90
B14-6*	B3-6	1.12	5.00	0.35 sec	7 lb.	8	6 sec	2.75 in.	0.71 oz.	0.01374 lb.	Purple	2.5 oz.	\$.50	\$1.00
B14-7*	B3-7	1.12	5.00	0.35 sec	7 lb.	8	7 sec.	2.75 in.	0.73 oz.	0.01374 lb.	Purple	3.5 oz.	\$.50	\$1.00
C6-7	.....	2.25	10.00	1.70 sec	48 oz.	7	7 sec	2.75 in.	0.95 oz.	0.02748 lb.	Purple	2.5 oz.	\$.45	\$.95
<b>BOOSTER ENGINES</b>														
½A6-0	½A.8-0 <sup>6</sup>	0.28	1.25	0.18 sec	46 oz.	2	none	2.75 in.	0.48 oz.	0.00344 lb.	Red	4.0 oz.	\$.30	\$.70
½A6-0S**	½A.8-0S <sup>6</sup>	0.28	1.25	0.18 sec	46 oz.	2	none	1.75 in.	0.36 oz.	0.00344 lb.	Red	4.0 oz.	\$.30	\$.70
A8-0	A.8-0	0.56	2.50	0.40 sec	48 oz.	4	none	2.75 in.	0.51 oz.	0.00918 lb.	Red	4.0 oz.	\$.35	\$.80
B6-0	B.8-0	1.12	5.00	0.80 sec	48 oz.	6	none	2.75 in.	0.58 oz.	0.01374 lb.	Red	4.0 oz.	\$.40	\$.80
B14-0*	B3-0	1.12	5.00	0.35 sec	7 lb.	8	none	2.75 in.	0.61 oz.	0.01566 lb.	Red	6.0 oz.	\$.50	\$1.00
C6-0	C.8-0	2.25	10.00	1.68 sec	48 oz.	7	none	2.75 in.	0.80 oz.	0.02748 lb.	Red	4.0 oz.	\$.45	\$.95
<b>STATIC TEST ENGINE</b>														
B4-0(P)	B.8-0(P)	1.12	5.00	1.20 sec	48 oz.	5	none	2.75 in.	0.69 oz.	0.01836 lb.	Black	Don't Fly It! <sup>7</sup>	\$.45	\$.95

NOTES: \*Series II engine. \*\*Series III engine. <sup>1</sup>Closest previous equivalent is shown. <sup>2</sup>Pound-seconds. <sup>3</sup>Newton-seconds (figures shown are maximum—slight variations due to manufacturing tolerances will occur). <sup>4</sup>See pages 52 and 53. <sup>5</sup>With engines. <sup>6</sup>Replaces both ¼A.8- and ½A.8- booster engines.

<sup>7</sup>Static test engine with plug to prevent blow-through. Complete instructions and an igniter (#NW1-1) are included with each rocket engine ordered from Estes Industries. Shipping weight of each engine is 1 ounce.

# ROCKET ENGINES

AND RELATED INFORMATION



For over ten years Estes-made engines have been the standard of quality in model rocketry. Today's engine represents the end result of over ten years' efforts in engineering, craftsmanship and quality control. Estes engines are designed and manufactured by model rocketeers for use by model rocketeers . . . You get the finest engine possible for your model rockets.

The total impulse of Estes engines is tailored to fit the various NAR-FIA classes. Average thrust, peak thrust and delay times are set to give the best performance within these classes and to provide the most useful selection of engines for all rocketeers. These engines are ideal for competition, research and sport flying.

Because the officially recognized engine classification system uses metric measures, the designations and catalog numbers of Estes engines have been changed to fit the metric system. Since some engines with the old type numbers are still in circulation the engine selection chart (pages 48 & 49) gives the old style equivalents of current engine types. This allows easy reference and quick conversion from one system to the other.

## ENGINE TYPES & CLASSIFICATION



All engines sold by Estes Industries are stamped with a code designation which, when understood, will give the rocketeer important and useful data on the engine's performance capabilities. Here's how to read this coding: (refer to engine illustration above).

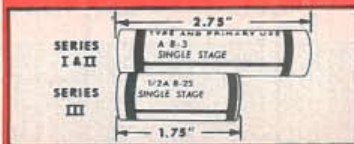
1. This portion indicates the "total impulse" or total power produced by the engine as shown in the chart below.
2. This portion is the engine's average thrust in newtons (1 newton equals 0.224 pounds). For normal flying an average thrust of 3 to 7 newtons is recommended (Series I and III). For lifting large payloads and for high acceleration studies high thrust (Series II) engines are recommended.
3. This number gives the delay in seconds between burnout and ejection charge activation. Engines with "0" have no delay charge, no ejection charge, and are for use in booster stages only.

Series III engines are identical in performance to the corresponding Series I engines. Series III engines are identified by the final "S" in their code.

The label color of all Estes engines indicates the recommended use of the engine. Green engines are for use in single stage models. Purple engines are for use in the top stage of a multi-stage rocket. Red engines are for use in all booster and intermediate stages of multi stage models.

### TOTAL IMPULSE CLASSIFICATION

C code	Pound-Seconds	Newton-Seconds
1/4A	0.00 - 0.14	0.00 - 0.625
1/2A	0.14 - 0.28	0.625 - 1.25
A	0.28 - 0.56	1.25 - 2.50
B	0.56 - 1.12	2.50 - 5.00
C	1.12 - 2.25	5.00 - 10.00



## QUALITY SAFETY FORCE MEASUREMENT

**QUALITY CONTROL:** Three out of every hundred engines made by Estes Industries is static tested on a recording type of test stand which graphically records the maximum thrust, thrust variations, minimum thrust, overall thrust duration, length of time delay, and the strength of the ejection charge. Any batch of engines which does not meet rigid standards is discarded. In addition, the engine production machine automatically rejects all engines which do not contain the correct amount of propellant. Tolerances are kept as small as possible so that these engines make excellent propulsion units for contests and exhibitions.

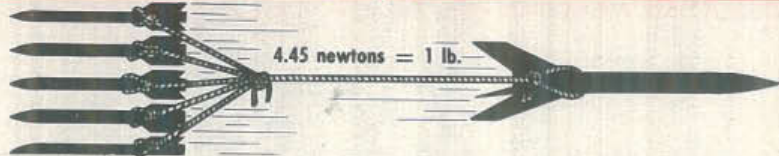
### SAFETY:

Rocket engines are not toys, but scientific devices. With common sense and close adherence to safety rules, model rocketry is as safe as any other sport, hobby or scientific study: Carelessness can make it dangerous, as with model airplanes, baseball or swimming. If you are hit by a model rocket traveling 300 or more miles per hour, you will be hurt. Don't spoil model rocketry's excellent record of safety.

## CONVERSION TABLE

### English to Metric Measure

MULTIPLY	BY	TO OBTAIN	MULTIPLY	BY	TO OBTAIN
centimeters	0.3937	inches	meters	39.37	inches
feet	0.3048	meters	meters per second	3.281	feet per second
feet per second	0.3048	meters per second	millimeters	0.0394	inches
grams	0.0353	ounces	newtons	0.225	pounds (force)
kilograms	35.3	ounces	newton-seconds	0.225	pound-seconds
kilograms	2.207	pounds	ounces	28.35	grams
inches	25.4	millimeters	pounds (force)	4.45	newtons
meters	3.281	feet	pound-seconds	4.45	newton-seconds



Energy is required to make an object move. This energy which causes motion is applied as a FORCE. Scientists express forces in units of measurement called NEWTONS. A newton is the amount of force needed to move a mass of one kilogram with an acceleration (change in velocity) of one meter per second each second. In other words, a force of one newton will make a mass of one kilogram change speed by one meter per second during every second the force is acting.

**ACCELERATION (in meters per second per second) = FORCE IN NEWTONS ÷ MASS IN KILOGRAMS**

### EXAMPLE:

A Saturn model rocket of 0.36 kilograms (12.54 oz.) mass acted upon by a force of 24 newtons (5.400 lb.) will be accelerated at the rate of 66.6 meters (218 ft.) per second per second.

**NOTE:** This rocket engine design and performance information is given for educational purposes only. We believe that if you understand how your rocket engine works you are in a better position to gain scientific knowledge from your activities and to design your rockets for specific purposes such as payload experimentation, altitude studies, drag racing, etc. We **DO NOT** grant permission for you to attempt to copy our design nor do we recommend that you attempt to build your own rocket engines.

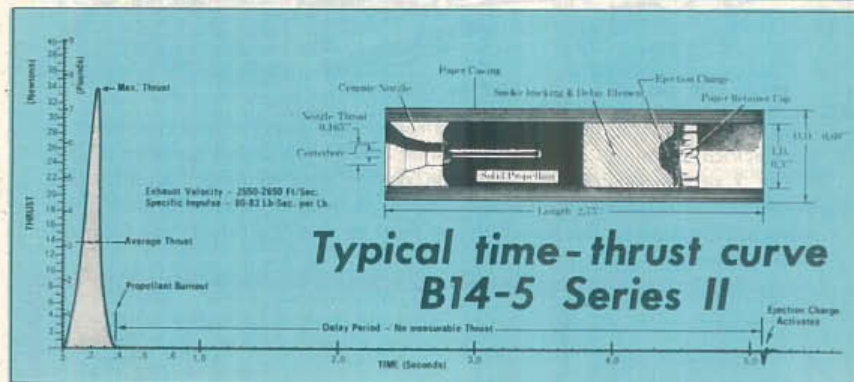
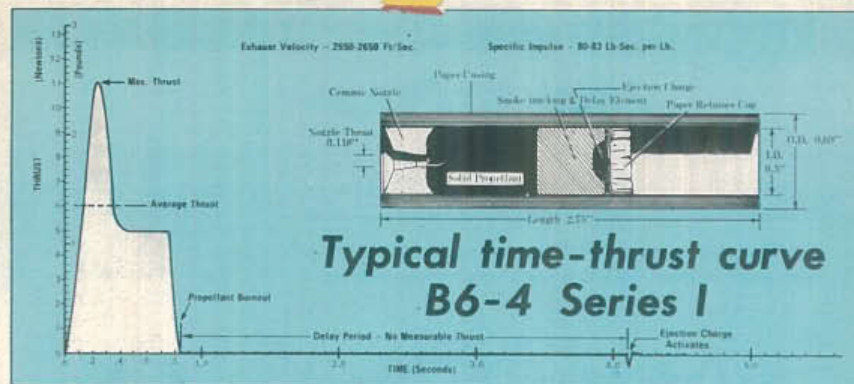
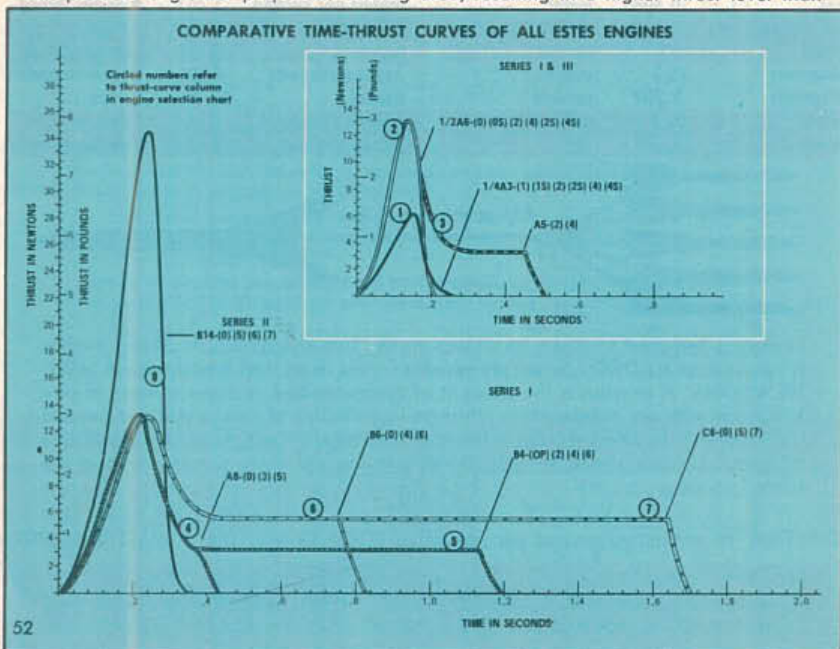
## ROCKET ENGINE DESIGN

The Series I and Series III engines are a solid propellant type with a dual thrust level design. There is a slight center bore at the very tip of the nozzle end of the propellant grain which serves two purposes. First it provides for easy ignition. Second, as you will note from thrust curves 5, 6 and 7, this special design produces a high initial thrust which accelerates the rocket to a suitable flying speed quickly. This is because the slight center bore provides a relatively large burning area, resulting in faster consumption of the fuel.

After this initial high thrust, a transition to an end burning grain is made and the thrust drops to a sustaining level (except on low total impulse engines which burn out by this time). Data from wind-tunnel tests shows this dual thrust level to be the most effective design for rocket engines which are used to propel lightweight model rockets at sub-sonic speeds.

The slow-burning delay and tracking charge is ignited at the burnout of the propellant grain. This slow-burning, smoke-producing charge provides no thrust, but permits the rocket to coast upward to its peak altitude. At the burnout of the delay charge a recovery system ejection charge is ignited which pressurizes the forward end of the rocket body tube, activating the recovery system. For further information, see the performance graphs and cutaway drawings.

The Series II engine is a solid propellant type with a full center burning grain. This provides a greater propellant burning area, resulting in a higher thrust level than



the Series I engines, but with a relatively short thrust duration. The total thrust duration of a Series II engine is slightly under 0.35 sec. This makes the thrust characteristics of the engine somewhat like a sledge hammer blow—thrust rises to over 7 pounds in a fraction of a second, then drops off again, as shown in the Series II engine performance graph. The average thrust of the Series II engine is 3.1 pounds (1.4 newtons). The result is that the Series II engine is ideal for high acceleration studies, as a booster on heavy multi-stage rockets, and for drag racing. Delay charge and ejection charge operation are the same in all series of engines.

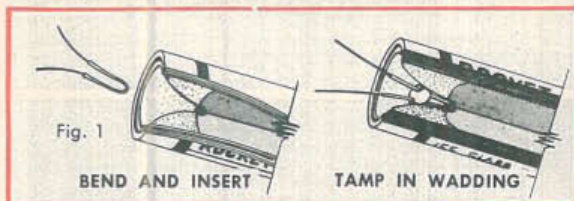
### A word about making rocket engines. . . "DON'T"

At our plant rocket engines are made automatically, under controlled conditions, with limited amounts of propellant being measured by explosion proof metering devices. If you wish to attempt to build your own engines "safely," we would recommend that you have in reserve a few thousand dollars in cash for special equipment, a college degree, a safe place to work (not in a garage or basement), protective clothing and some specialized training. If you build rocket engines with less than the above you may find as some chemistry teachers, students and many others have, that through the rest of your life you will be without a finger, hand, arm, eye, ear, face, or you may well be badly burned or even killed. Our country needs live rocket scientists and engineers who have all their fingers and hands. We are looking forward to fellows like you to fulfill this need.

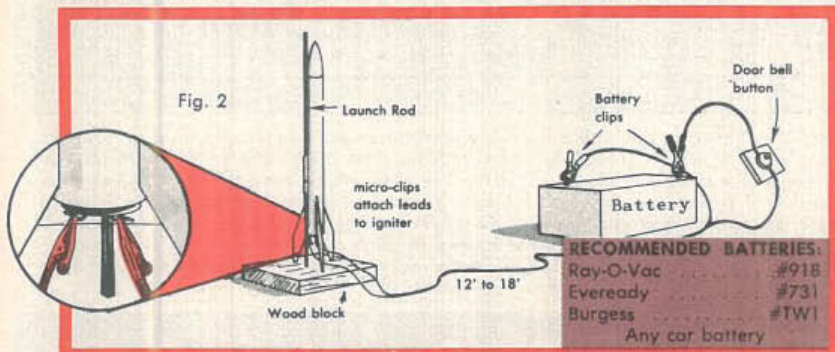
# Launching Your Rocket

Complete instructions for launching model rockets are included with all engines sold by Estes Industries.

The first step is to install the igniter which is included with each engine. This is a simple two-step process:



Next the rocket is placed on the guide rod on the launcher and connected to the electrical system as shown. This system may be the simple home-made unit in Fig. 2 or one of the more complete systems sold by Estes Industries (the Electro-Launch or the Launch Control System). A word of caution for your home made unit: for safety, the launch button must be a spring return type for automatic disconnect.



All of these systems work by passing enough electrical current through the high-resistance igniter to heat it to 1000°F. This ignites the coating on the igniter which in turn ignites the engine.

All single engine and multi-stage models in this catalog can be launched with any launch system sold by Estes Industries or a home made system like the one shown. Cluster rockets such as the Gemini-Titan, Cobra and Saturn should be launched using a heavy duty system such as the LAUNCH CONTROL SYSTEM (Cat. No. 651-FS-5) with a TILT-A-PAD launcher and 12 volt car battery. A complete technical report on clustering which explains ignition methods is included with each cluster rocket kit sold by Estes Industries.



# Rocket Launch

- SUPPLIES • SYSTEMS
- EQUIPMENT

The following pages offer tested and proven items for perfect "lift-off"

## Electro-Launch

### Complete Launcher Assembly

- electrical ignition
- hand held control panel
- safety interlock
- continuity check light
- adjustable launch angle
- collapsible 2-piece launch rod
- easy to assemble kit with instructions

Cat. No. 651-FS-4

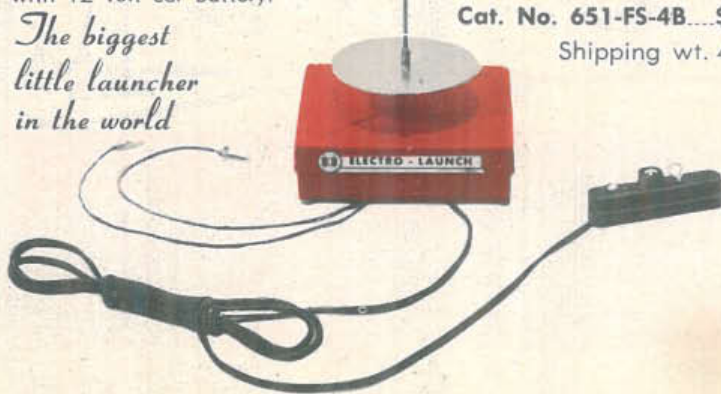
**\$3.50**

Shipping wt. 30 oz.

Same kit, but batteries for 6 volt operation included.

Cat. No. 651-FS-4B...\$4.50

Shipping wt. 46 oz.



*The biggest  
little launcher  
in the world*

# RAIL LAUNCHING

**ESTES INDUSTRIES ADDS A NEW DIMENSION TO MODEL ROCKET LAUNCHING**

**... with aluminum "C" rails**

They're stronger, more rigid than rods — and offer countless new possibilities for your launcher designs

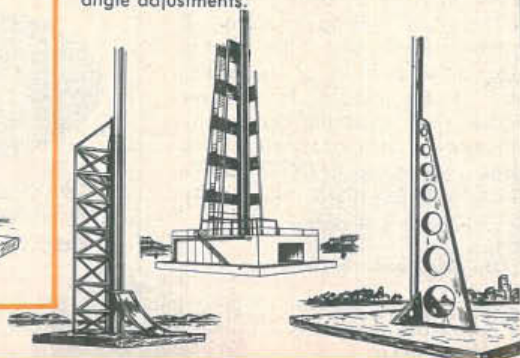


The "C" rail itself is a hollow aluminum shape designed to hold a variety of launching lugs. Dimensions of the rail are shown at the bottom of the page. Several proven lug designs are shown in the box below.

"C" rail launchers can be built in countless different designs. Typical simple launcher is illustrated below.



Other more elaborate launchers can be designed by the advanced modeler to match scale models or provide precise angle adjustments.



**"C" RAIL:**  $\frac{3}{8}$ " square (outside). Comes in 18" long sections. Durable aluminum for long life and rust free service. Use at least 2 sections connected with a joiner (see below) for launch rail. Shipping weight 6 oz.

**Cat. No. 681-LR-18A** ..... \$ .50 each section

**RAIL JOINER:** Spring clip 2" long by  $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide fits inside rail ends, holds two rail sections securely together for assembling launch rails 36" long and longer. Shipping weight 2 oz.

**Cat. No. 681-RJ-18A** ..... \$ .20 each

## LAUNCH CONTROLLER SWITCH

Designed for a perfect countdown and launch sequence. Same as in Electro-Launch, it features safety interlock, continuity check light and push button controlled launching. Comes in kit form with 6 or 12 volt (specify when ordering) pilot light and instructions for wiring into your system or portable launcher. Shipping weight 6 oz.

**Cat. No. 671-FSS-4** ..... \$1.50



## Complete LAUNCH CONTROL SYSTEM

The perfect system to modernize and add flexibility to your launching program. Use with a 12 volt car battery for 2, 3, and 4 engine cluster models. Kit includes the above launch controller panel, 18 ft. of No. 18-2 zip cord, micro clips, battery clips, and assembly instructions. Available for use with either 6 or 12 volt power supplies. **Specify voltage when ordering.** Shipping weight 12 oz.

**Cat. No. 651-FS-5**  
\$3.00



## TILT-A-PAD LAUNCHER

Unbeatable for flexibility and gives you the very best in launch control and convenience. Tripod stand permits launching of rockets up to 12-oz. and adjusts to fit any terrain. Tilts to compensate for wind direction and speed. Legs fold down for compact storage. Use it with almost any electrical ignition system. Comes in easy to assemble kit form with complete instructions.

**Cat. No. 651-RL-3** ..... \$1.50 Shipping weight 2 lbs.

**EXTRA INTERLOCK KEY, Cat. No. 651-FSK-4** ..... \$ .10 ea.

for Electro-Launch and above systems

These systems usable with auto battery or other heavy duty power supply.



More launching supplies on following pages



## LAUNCHING SUPPLIES



**BATTERY PACK:** Durable plastic cased 12 volt battery pack, ideal for use as a booster for the Electro-Launch, a power supply for other launchers, phone systems or any other range power application. Can be set up to deliver 3, 6, 9, or 12 volts, requires 2, 4, 6, or 8 size D cells (not included) depending on voltage desired. Comes in kit form with complete instructions. Shipping weight 1 pound.

Cat. No. 651-BP-2 ..... \$1.50 each



**TWO PIECE ROD:** Handy collapsible two piece rod for portable launchers. Pieces slip together to make a 36" long rod. Base rod has a diameter of 1/8". Shipping weight 6 oz.

Cat. No. 651-RLR-1 ..... \$ .35 each



**ADD ON ROD:** Sturdy 1/8" diameter, 18" long launch rod section expands two piece rod (see above) to 53" length, gives extra control of flight path — especially with heavier models. To assemble, separate two piece rod, insert tapered end of add-on rod into hole in lower rod, insert upper rod into hole in add-on section. For a constant 1/8" diameter launch rod, join two or three add-on sections together. Shipping weight 6 oz.

Cat. No. 651-RLR-3 ..... \$ .20 per section



**DELUXE BLAST DEFLECTOR:** Durable pressed steel plate deflects engine blast out and away from launcher. Two inches wide, five inches long. Ideal for launchers that receive extensive use. Shipping weight 5 oz.

Cat. No. 651-BD-1 ..... \$ .60 each



**BLAST DEFLECTOR PLATE:** Slip-on metal deflector plate fits any launcher using 1/8" rod, protects launcher base from rocket blast. Four inch diameter. Shipping weight 5 oz.

Cat. No. 651-BD-2 ..... \$ .35 each



**PIVOT:** Adjustable launch rod mounting pivots up to 25° to compensate for tilt of launcher base, windage, etc. Easy-to-assemble, mounts to launcher base with 2 #4 screws. (Rod not included.) Shipping weight 2 oz.

Cat. No. 651-LP-1 ..... \$ .35 each



**IGNITERS:** Easy-to-use, extra reliable igniters — the same type as supplied with all Estes engines. Suitable for ignition systems using 6 volts or more, see engine instructions for installation procedure. (Patent No. 3,363,559) Shipping weight 1 oz.

Cat. No. 651-NWI-1 ..... 6 for \$ .15

**NICHROME WIRE:** Electrical heating wire for model rocket ignition. #30 recommended for use with car batteries, #32 for use with other power supplies. Shipping weight 1 oz.

#30, 15 FOOT ROLL: Cat. No. 651-NW-30A ..... \$ .50 each

#32, 15 FOOT ROLL: Cat. No. 651-NW-32A ..... \$ .50 each



**BATTERIES:** Extra powerful size D photoflash batteries pack the energy needed for rocket launching. These are the type specified for the Electro-Launch, deliver up to 16 amperes of current on a complete short when fresh. Shipping weight 4 oz. each.

Cat. No. 651-PFB-1 ..... \$ .30 each



**MASKING TAPE:** Use to secure engines in models, mask for painting, etc. Strong, flexible 1/2" wide tape comes in 30' rolls. Shipping weight 5 oz.

Cat. No. 651-MT-1 ..... \$ .30 each



**MICRO-CLIPS:** Equip your launcher with the best. Spring-loaded solid copper clips attach lead wires to igniters. Easy to clean and highly conductive with flat contact surfaces. Only 1.1 inches long, attach to leads with or without solder. Shipping weight 1 oz.

Cat. No. 651-MC-1 ..... 2 for \$ .25



**GIANT BATTERY CLIPS:** Heavy duty clips connect to battery terminals up to 1" in dia. Clips are 3" long, available with red or black insulators. Specify color when ordering. Shipping weight 5 oz.

Cat. No. 651-BC-1 ..... \$ .40 each



Second insulator outlined to show construction.

**BATTERY CONTACTS:** Spring brass battery clips for special battery installations, replacement part for the Electro-Launch. Fit size D cells, can be trimmed to fit smaller batteries. Shipping weight 1 oz.

Cat. No. 651-BC-2 ..... 2 for \$ .20



**LEAD WIRE:** Flexible, durable size 18 two conductor insulated wire. Ideal as a lead from firing panel to launcher, zip the conductors apart for wiring inside the panel. In 12 foot lengths. Shipping weight 5 oz.

Cat. No. 651-LW-12 ..... \$ .70 each



**TERMINAL LUGS:** Tiny 1/2" long solderless lugs make electrical connections a snap — insert bare wire into the end of the lug and crimp in place with pliers. 1/8" hole for terminal. Shipping weight 1 oz.

Cat. No. 651-TL-1 ..... \$ .05 each



## Electrical EQUIPMENT



**PILOT LIGHT HOLDER:** Add visual control to your launch panel by wiring in an arm or continuity check pilot light. Holder is steel with 1/2" red plastic jewel, mounts in 7/16" hole. Takes either 6 or 12 volt bulbs, bulb not included. Shipping weight 4 oz.

**Cat. No. 651-LH-1** ..... \$ .45 each



**6 VOLT BULB:** Fits holder No. LH-1. Shipping weight 1 oz. (Type 51.)

**Cat. No. 651-AL-6** ..... \$ .20 each



**12 VOLT BULB:** Fits holder No. LH-1. Shipping weight 1 oz. (Type 53.)

**Cat. No. 651-AL-12** ..... \$ .20 each



**KEY SAFETY SWITCH:** A must for every control panel. Prevents accidental launching of rockets. SPST, turns on with key, must be turned off to remove key. Mounts in 1/2" hole. One key included with switch. Shipping weight 4 oz.

**Cat. No. 651-KSW-1** ..... \$2.05 each

**EXTRA KEY:** Cat. No. 651-KSW-1K ..... \$ .25 each



**PUSH BUTTON SWITCH:** Heavy duty construction momentary type, SPST, normally open. Excellent for use as a firing switch. Mounts in 1/2" hole. Shipping weight 4 oz.

**Cat. No. 651-SWM-1** ..... \$ .90 each



**ROTARY SWITCH:** Twelve position single pole rotary switch — just right for use as a selector switch with firing systems using more than one launcher. With twelve positions, this switch should handle almost any need. Non-shorting, mounts in 3/8" hole. Shipping weight 5 oz.

**Cat. No. 651-SWR-1** ..... \$1.35 each



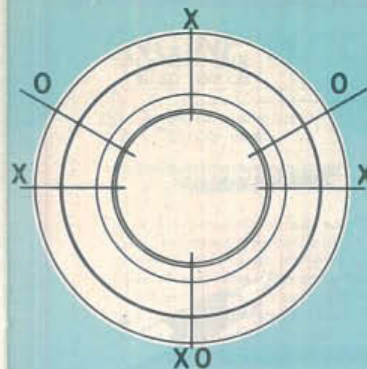
**DIAL PLATE:** Numbered 12 position plate for use with rotary switch No. SWR-1. Mounts on panel with some nut used to hold switch. Etched aluminum on black background. Shipping weight 1 oz.

**Cat. No. 651-DP-1** ..... \$ .25 each



**SOLDERING IRON:** 25 watt, top quality tool for making good connections in launchers and other electrical circuits. Does the work of irons of higher wattage. Develops up to 720° F. Handle remains cool. Replaceable, pre-tinned nickel-plated tip gives extra long life. Use with ROSIN core solder. Shipping wt., one pound.

**Cat. No. 671-SI-1** ..... \$4.00

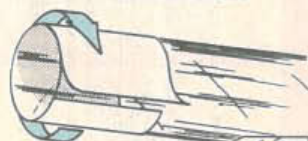


## CONSTRUCTION TIPS

This Fin Spacing Guide will space equally three or four fins on all body tubes sold by Estes Industries. To space the fins, center the end of the tube in the circles, then mark at the "X" lines for four fins or on the "O" lines for three fins. Draw lines from these marks as shown in the bottom drawing.

BT-10 is an ultra-light mylar tube for use with the featherweight recovery system. It will withstand the heat of an ejection charge only when the engine is ejected from the rocket body by the charge. Paper reinforcing material must be used to glue parts to the tube, as ordinary glue will not stick to the mylar tube.

Apply PRM-1 smoothly  
eliminate bubbles

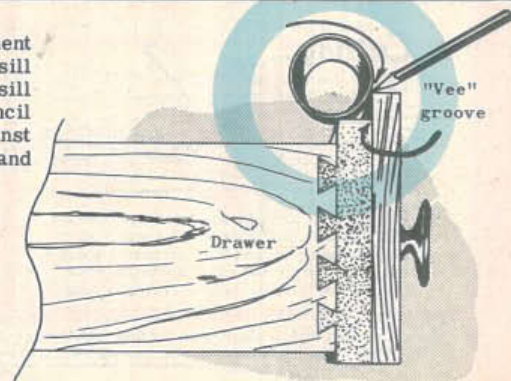


After fins are dry flow  
in a good fillet of white  
glue or plastic putty.



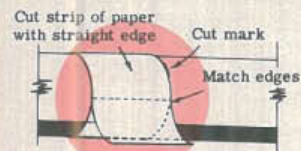
Strips of PRM-1  
Where balsa must be glued to plastic surface

Mark the body tube for fin alignment using the "V" notch of a drawer sill as shown. Match the edge of the sill with a spacing mark and run a pencil along the top of the drawer against the tube. Glue the fin on the line and it will be parallel to the body.





## CUTTING the BODY TUBE



Wrap paper around tube and align edge with cut location mark. Draw a line completely around the tube.

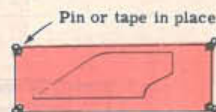
USE A SHARP BLADE... but don't try to cut through the tube on the first turn. Follow the line cutting very little more than the surface layer. One or two more turns keeping the same knife pressure should give a clean square cut.

## Layout...



Where all sides of fin are straight, the pin-hole method is easiest. Just lay the pattern over the balsa with the grain direction aligned properly and push a straight pin through each corner of the pattern. Remove the pattern and draw connecting lines between the pin holes.

## FINS



Carefully trace a more complex design onto stiff paper or cardboard. Cut out and align on the fin-stock and trace around this template.

## Cutting...



Use a metal straightedge wherever possible. Hold knife or saw blade at 90° angle from the surface being cut and hold the handle about a 45° angle for a clean cut. Soft balsa tends to tear if blade is dull or held at too high an angle.

Sand to rough airfoil shape with medium sandpaper and block. The final shape is reached with extra-fine sandpaper and a gentle touch.

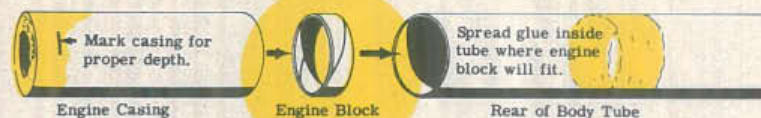


## Sanding...

For general purposes sand all but the root edges round.



## ENGINE BLOCK INSTALLATION



For easy installation, use an engine casing to press the engine block into position. After applying glue to the inside of the tube, place the engine block just inside the rear of the body. Push the block forward into position with the engine casing in one smooth

motion so the glue will not freeze the block in the wrong place.

When the mark on the engine casing is even with the rear of the body tube the block will then be in the correct position. Remove the engine casing immediately.

## ENGINE HOLDERS



For BT-20 installation measure and slot the body tube as shown above. Insert holder and coat area with glue. While glue is wet, press reinforcing gauze into place as shown. Let dry.

ENGINE HOLDERS PROVIDE FOR QUICK, EASY AND RELIABLE POSITIONING AND RETAINING OF THE ENGINE

## FINISHING

Apply two or more coats of sanding sealer sanding lightly between each coat.

Sealer is exaggerated here but emphasizes that the wood grain should be filled and the surface smooth for the application of the color coat.

REMEMBER - FINAL FINISH IS ONLY AS GOOD AS THE BASE PREPARED FOR IT

## Brush

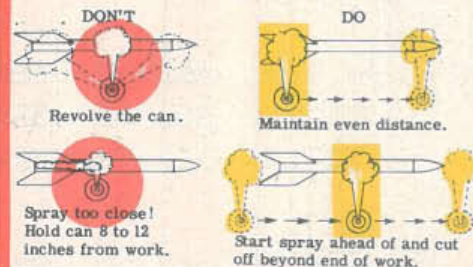
Make sure the brush is clean. Old dope will mix with and dis-

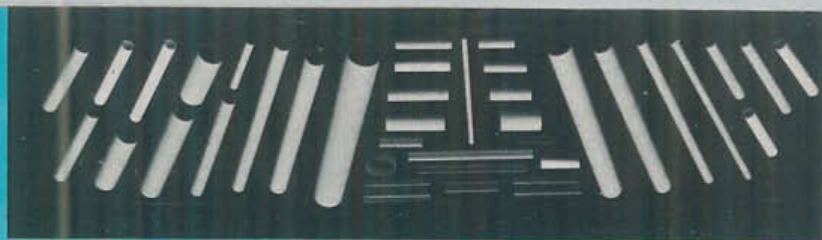


color fresh dope. Dope can be thinned 50% for a smoother finish. Avoid "brushing over" as the surface sets rapidly. Unnecessary brushing can produce an uneven finish. Lighter colors are more difficult to apply.

## Spraying

A better than average finish for the beginner... an excellent finish when you've got the "hang" of it.





## FOR BUILDING ROCKETS OF YOUR OWN DESIGN

Cat. No.	Length	Inside Diameter	Outside Diameter	Wall Thickness	Weight in Ounces			Price Each
					Net	Per in.	Ship.	
<b>BT-5, Spiral-Wound Paper Tube, for nose sections and strap-on payloads</b>								
651-BT-5	18"	0.515"	0.541"	0.013"	.219	.012	11	\$ .30
651-BT-5P	5.1"	0.515"	0.541"	0.013"	.052	.012	4	\$ .15
<b>BT-10, Mylar Plastic Tube, for featherweight models</b>								
651-BT-10	9"	0.710"	0.720"	0.005"	.088	.0098	4	\$ .25
651-BT-10H	3.062"	0.710"	0.720"	0.005"	.029	.0098	1	\$ .10
<b>BT-20, Spiral-Wound Paper Tube, for competition and sport models</b>								
651-BT-20	18"	0.710"	0.736"	0.013"	.288	.016	11	\$ .30
651-BT-20B	8.65"	0.710"	0.736"	0.013"	.138	.016	4	\$ .15
651-BT-20D	6.5"	0.710"	0.736"	0.013"	.104	.016	4	\$ .15
651-BT-20G	3.5"	0.710"	0.736"	0.013"	.056	.016	4	\$ .10
651-BT-20J	2.75"	0.710"	0.736"	0.013"	.044	.016	4	\$ .10
651-BT-20M	2.25"	0.710"	0.736"	0.013"	.036	.016	4	\$ .10
<b>BT-30, Parallel-Wound Paper Tube, for sport models</b>								
651-BT-30	9"	0.725"	0.767"	0.021"	.270	.030	4	\$ .25
651-BT-30F	7"	0.725"	0.767"	0.021"	.210	.030	4	\$ .25
651-BT-30B	6.125"	0.725"	0.767"	0.021"	.184	.030	4	\$ .20
651-BT-30C	5.5"	0.725"	0.767"	0.021"	.165	.030	4	\$ .20
651-BT-30A*	3.5"	0.725"	0.767"	0.021"	.105	.030	4	\$ .30
651-BT-30J	2.75"	0.725"	0.767"	0.021"	.082	.030	4	\$ .10
<b>BT-50, Spiral-Wound Paper Tube, for sport and high performance payload models</b>								
651-BT-50	18"	0.950"	0.976"	0.013"	.378	.021	11	\$ .40
651-BT-50L	12.7"	0.950"	0.976"	0.013"	.242	.021	5	\$ .30
651-BT-50H	7.75"	0.950"	0.976"	0.013"	.163	.021	4	\$ .25
651-BT-50S	4"	0.950"	0.976"	0.013"	.084	.021	4	\$ .15
651-BT-50L	2.75"	0.950"	0.976"	0.013"	.058	.021	4	\$ .15
671-BT-50W	9.5"	0.950"	0.976"	0.013"	.200	.021	5	\$ .25
<b>BT-55, Spiral-Wound Paper Tube, for sport and demonstration models</b>								
651-BT-55	18"	1.283"	1.325"	0.021"	.672	.042	11	\$ .50
651-BT-55S	4"	1.283"	1.325"	0.021"	.268	.042	4	\$ .20
671-BT-55V	16.35"	1.283"	1.325"	0.021"	.687	.042	11	\$ .50
<b>BT-60, Spiral-Wound Paper Tube, for sport and demonstration models</b>								
651-BT-60	18"	1.595"	1.637"	0.021"	.960	.053	11	\$ .60
651-BT-60D	11"	1.595"	1.637"	0.021"	.583	.053	11	\$ .45
651-BT-60K	7"	1.595"	1.637"	0.021"	.371	.053	6	\$ .35
651-BT-60R	5"	1.595"	1.637"	0.021"	.265	.053	6	\$ .25
651-BT-60J	2.75"	1.595"	1.637"	0.021"	.146	.053	6	\$ .15
<b>BT-70, Spiral-Wound Paper Tube, for monster models and tail rings</b>								
651-BT-70	17.5"	2.175"	2.217"	0.021"	1.30	.072	14	\$ .85
<b>BT-70, Spiral-Wound Paper Tube for tail rings</b>								
671-BT-70A	0.7"	2.175"	2.217"	0.021"	.050	.072	4	\$ .15
<b>Clear Plastic Tubes — for payload sections</b>								
651-PST-20	8"	0.710"	0.736"	0.013"	.168	.021	4	\$ .30
651-PST-20J	2.75"	0.710"	0.736"	0.013"	.058	.021	4	\$ .15
651-PST-50S	4"	0.950"	0.976"	0.013"	.110	.027	4	\$ .20
651-PST-60R	5"	1.595"	1.637"	0.021"	.350	.070	6	\$ .35
651-PST-65R	5"	1.750"	1.796"	0.023"	.450	.090	6	\$ .45

Be sure to give correct catalog number and length when ordering body tubes.

\* Replacement part for the Astron Scout, with holes punched.

## PAYLOAD SECTIONS



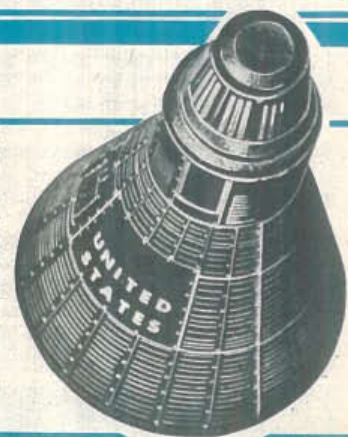
Ideal for payload launchings! Carry Instruments, biological specimens, etc., in these light-weight, high capacity payload sections. These capsules come complete with all needed parts, including nose cone, body tube, nose block or adapter and screw eye.

Cat. No.	Body Mat'l.	Weight oz.		Fits	Inside Dia.	Inside Length	Overall Length	Price Each
		Net	Ship.					
651-PS-20A	Clear Plastic	.16	1	BT-20	.710"	2"	4"	\$ .80
651-PS-20C	Clear Plastic	.40	4	BT-20	.950"	3"	7"	\$ .85
651-PS-30B	Regular Tube	.24	1	BT-30	.725"	2"	3.75"	\$ .65
651-PS-50A	Clear Plastic	.39	4	BT-50	.950"	3"	6.50"	\$ .90
651-PS-50B	Regular Tube	.36	4	BT-50	.950"	3"	6.50"	\$ .85
651-PS-50C	Clear Plastic	1.0	11	BT-50	1.59"	4"	10.5"	\$1.30
651-PS-50D	Regular Tube	.95	11	BT-50	1.59"	4"	10.5"	\$1.25
651-PS-50E	Clear Plastic	1.1	11	BT-50	1.75"	4"	10.5"	\$1.35
671-PS-55B	Regular Tube	.53	11	BT-55	1.28"	3"	7.63"	\$1.10
651-PS-60A	Clear Plastic	.98	11	BT-60	1.59"	4"	9.50"	\$1.30
651-PS-60B	Regular Tube	.90	11	BT-60	1.59"	6"	10.5"	\$1.25
651-PS-60C	Clear Plastic	1.0	11	BT-60	1.75"	4"	9.50"	\$1.35

MERCURY CAPSULE  
PERFECT FOR PAYLOADS

Add a special touch to your rockets. Get this model Mercury Capsule. A big 1.8 inches in diameter and 3.2 inches high, this capsule is equipped with a removable base for easy payload access. Comes in easy to assemble kit form with a full set of adapters to fit the capsule to most Estes body tubes. Makes an ideal display model too. Shipping weight 3 ounces.

Cat. No. 651-PSM-1 ..... \$1.00 each



# NOSE CONES

Precision made for finer performance

Catalog No.	Dimensions				Material	Ill.	Average Weight	Ship. Weight	Price Each
	1	2	3	4					

### LIGHTWEIGHT GEMS FOR BT-5

651-BNC-5E	0.515"	0.541"	1/4"	1-5/8"	Balsa	E	.020 oz.	1 oz.	\$.25
651-BNC-5W	0.515"	0.541"	1/4"	3-1/8"	Balsa	W	.039 oz.	2 oz.	\$.40
651-BNC-5S	0.515"	0.541"	1/4"	1-3/4"	Balsa	S	.016 oz.	1 oz.	\$.25
651-BNC-5V	0.515"	0.541"	1/4"	1"	Balsa	V	.013 oz.	1 oz.	\$.25

### PERFECT FOR BT-10

651-BNC-10A	0.702"	0.728"	1/4"	1-1/16"	Balsa	A	.03 oz.	1 oz.	\$.25
651-BNC-10B	0.702"	0.728"	5/16"	2"	Balsa	B	.05 oz.	1 oz.	\$.25

### VARIETY FOR A BT-20

651-BNC-20A	0.710"	0.736"	1/4"	1-1/16"	Balsa	A	.03 oz.	1 oz.	\$.25
651-BNC-20B	0.710"	0.736"	5/16"	2"	Balsa	B	.05 oz.	1 oz.	\$.25
651-BNC-20N	0.710"	0.736"	1/2"	3-1/4"	Balsa	N	.08 oz.	2 oz.	\$.45
651-BNC-20P	0.710"	0.900"	7/16"	1-3/4"	Balsa	P	.07 oz.	4 oz.	\$.25
651-BNC-20R	0.710"	0.736"	3/8"	3-1/8"	Balsa	R	.07 oz.	2 oz.	\$.40

### BALSA BEAUTIES FOR BT-30

651-BNC-30C	0.725"	0.767"	3/8"	3-1/8"	Balsa	C	.04 oz.	1 oz.	\$.30
651-BNC-30D	0.725"	0.767"	3/8"	1-7/8"	Balsa	D	.06 oz.	1 oz.	\$.30
651-BNC-30E	0.725"	0.767"	7/16"	2-5/8"	Balsa	E	.07 oz.	1 oz.	\$.40
651-BNC-30M	0.725"	0.767"	1/2"	2"	Balsa	M	.06 oz.	1 oz.	\$.40
651-BNC-30N	0.725"	0.767"	1/2"	3-1/4"	Balsa	N	.08 oz.	2 oz.	\$.45

### DESIGNED FOR THE BT-50

671-BNC-50AD	0.950"	1.300"	1/2"	4-9/16"	Balsa	AD	.25 oz.	6 oz.	\$.75
651-BNC-50J	0.950"	0.976"	1/2"	1-7/8"	Balsa	J	.08 oz.	4 oz.	\$.40
651-BNC-50K	0.950"	0.976"	1/2"	3-1/4"	Balsa	K	.13 oz.	4 oz.	\$.45
651-BNC-50X	0.950"	0.976"	1/2"	3-3/4"	Balsa	X	.15 oz.	4 oz.	\$.50
651-BNC-50Y	0.950"	0.976"	3/8"	4-3/4"	Balsa	Y	.16 oz.	6 oz.	\$.75

### JUST RIGHT FOR THE BT-55

671-BNC-55AC	1.283"	1.325"	3/8"	5-3/4"	Balsa	AC	.32 oz.	6 oz.	\$.80
651-BNC-55F	1.283"	1.325"	1/2"	4-3/8"	Balsa	F	.19 oz.	4 oz.	\$.75
651-BNC-55AA	1.283"	1.325"	1/2"	3-5/8"	Balsa	AA	.15 oz.	4 oz.	\$.75

### EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE BT-60

671-BNC-60AB	1.595"	1.637"	3/8"	3"	Balsa	AB	.23 oz.	4 oz.	\$.70
651-BNC-60L	1.595"	1.637"	5/8"	3-3/4"	Balsa	L	.34 oz.	4 oz.	\$.75
651-BNC-60T	1.595"	1.637"	1/2"	3-3/8"	Balsa	T	.17 oz.	4 oz.	\$.75

### IDEAL FOR THE PST-65

651-BNC-65L	1.750"	1.796"	1/2"	3-3/4"	Balsa	L	.41 oz.	4 oz.	\$.75
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### ESPECIALLY FOR OUR ENGINE MAILING TUBE

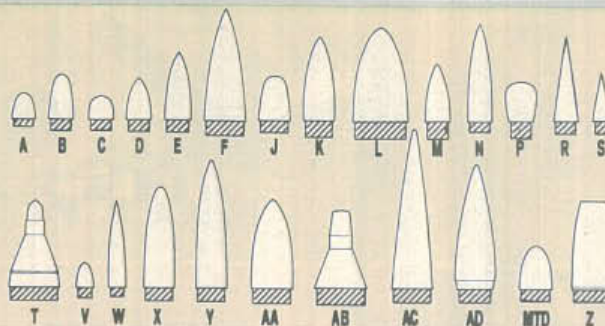
651-BNC-MTD	0.937"	1.002"	3/8"	1-7/8"	Balsa	D	.06 oz.	4 oz.	\$.30
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### AND A TAIL CONE FOR BT-55 (with pre-drilled hole)

651-BT-55Z	1.283"	1.325"	1/2"	3-1/2"	Balsa	Z	.25 oz.	4 oz.	\$.75
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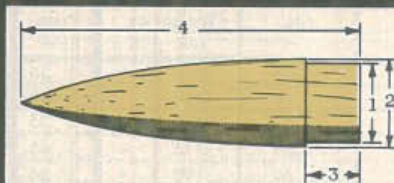
Nose cone shapes are shown at top of opposite page. Compare letter in column "Ill" with cone having corresponding letter in illustration.

Dimensions may vary slightly



Nose cone dimensions listed on opposite page.

**CAUTION:** When designing rockets using lightweight nose cones, be sure to follow procedures in TR-1 on rocket balance and stability. Don't forget to order screw eyes and nose cone weights: See pages 59 and 76



REFERENCE DETAIL FOR NOSE CONE DIMENSIONS ON CHART OPPOSITE, UNDER COLUMNS 1, 2, 3, 4

## NOSE CONE STOCK AVAILABLE FOR MAKING NOSE CONES OF YOUR OWN DESIGN

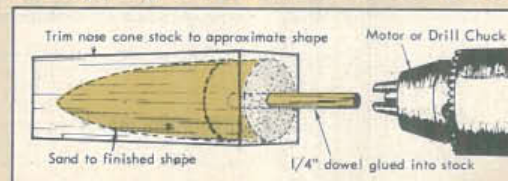
You can order 4" to 6" lengths of balsa blocks for making your own nose cones. These are cut-off pieces from our manufacturing process. Slightly damaged corners will not interfere with their usability.

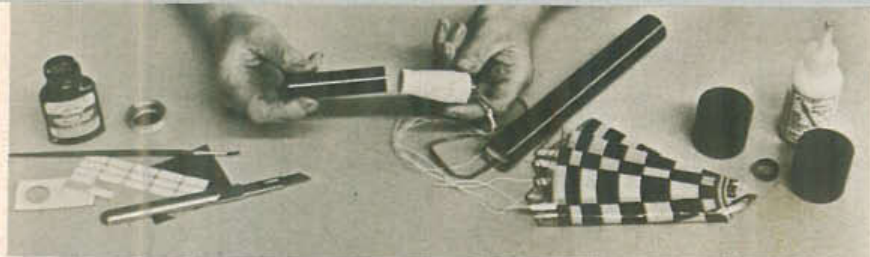
1" x 1" blocks, shipping wt. 1 oz.  
Cat. No. 651-NCS-1 .....ea. \$.15

2" x 2" blocks, shipping wt. 3 oz.  
Cat. No. 651-NCS-2 .....ea. \$.20

## NOSE CONE DOWELS: 1/4" dia. x 2" long, hardwood Cat. No. 651-NCD-2, shipping wt. 2 oz. ....3 for \$ .10

USE DOWELS AS SHOWN IN DRAWING FOR MAKING NOSE CONES





## NOSE BLOCKS

Use these top quality, featherweight balsa nose blocks in payload sections and anywhere else a solid bulkhead is required. Precision turned for exact fit in body tubes.

Cat. No.	Dimensions		Fits	Weight oz.		
	O. D.	Length		Net	Ship.	Each
651-NB-20	.710"	3/4"	BT-20	.014	1	\$ .30
651-NB-30	.725"	3/4"	BT-30	.014	1	\$ .30
651-NB-50	.950"	1"	BT-50	.040	4	\$ .35
671-NB-55	1.283"	1 1/4"	BT-55	.115	4	\$ .45
651-NB-60	1.595"	1 1/2"	BT-60	.190	4	\$ .50
651-NB-1MT	.937"	1"	Mailing Tube	.040	4	\$ .35

## ENGINE BLOCKS

Get light weight, precision fitting engine blocks for the best internal construction on your models. These hollow bulkheads position the engine, allow gases to pass forward unobstructed for normal ejection or upper stage ignition.

Cat. No.	Dimensions			Fits	Weight oz.		
	O. D.	I. D.	Length		Net	Ship.	3 for
<b>PAPER ENGINE BLOCKS</b>							
651-EB-20A	.708"	.65"	1/4"	BT-20	.009	1	\$ .20
651-EB-20B	.708"	.65"	1/8"	BT-20	.005	1	\$ .20
651-EB-30A	.724"	.65"	1/4"	BT-30	.010	1	\$ .20

Engine blocks are used to precisely position the engine when preparing the rocket for flight, and to provide a solid bulkhead against which the engine pushes as it develops its thrust. These units are of a size which can be used directly in rockets designed using BT-20 or BT-30 bodies. They can also be used in special designs using larger bodies or cluster engines. For additional information see construction tips on page 51.



## BALSA ADAPTERS

Super light, precision made balsa adapters give unlimited flexibility for model rocket design. Switch from one size body tube to another for payload capsules, parachute compartments, propulsion sections, etc. Adapters fitting BT-20 can be built up with masking tape to fit BT-30. Any adapter can be hollowed with a knife or drill to make a passage for ejection gases. All adapters have a 1/2" mating surface on each end.



BALSA TUBE ADAPTER USES



Pass ejection gases into larger tube

Adapt large payload tube to small booster

Catalog No.	Mates	Length	Taper Length	Weight oz.		Price Each
				Net	Ship.	
651-TA-520	BT- 5 to BT-20	1.75"	0.75"	.04	1	\$ .30
651-TA-550	BT- 5 to BT-50	2.2"	1"	.06	4	\$ .35
651-TA-2050	BT-20 to BT-50	3"	2"	.15	4	\$ .40
651-TA-2050A	BT-20 to BT-50	2"	1"	.11	4	\$ .35
651-TA-2060	BT-20 to BT-60	3"	2"	.20	4	\$ .60
651-TA-5060	BT-50 to BT-60	3"	2"	.23	4	\$ .60
651-TA-5065	BT-50 to PST-65	3"	2"	.26	4	\$ .60
651-TA-6065	BT-60 to PST-65	2"	0.5"	.23	4	\$ .50

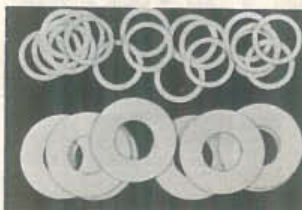
## PAPER ADAPTERS

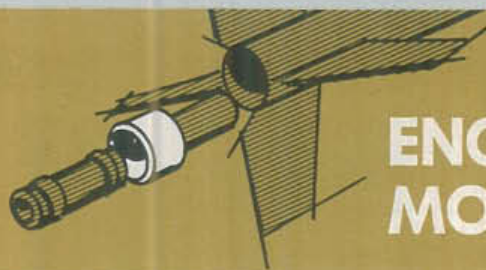
Add still another dimension to rocket design. Easy to use paper adapters are perfect for making transitions between tube sizes for countless designs. Set includes a total of 20 rings for positioning BT-5 in BT-20; BT-5, BT-20, BT-30 in BT-50; and BT-5, BT-20, BT-30 and BT-50 in BT-60. Also three universal tapered shrouds and instructions. Shipping wt. 2 oz. Cat. No. 651-TA-1 ..... \$ .35 each

**20-50 RINGS** — 20 rings for centering and mounting BT-20 in BT-50. Shipping weight 2 oz. Cat. No. 651-RA-2050 ..... \$ .30 per set

**20-55 RINGS** — 10 rings for centering and mounting BT-20 in BT-55. Shipping wt. 2 oz. Cat. No. 671-RA-2055 ..... \$ .30 per set

**20-60 RINGS** — 10 rings for centering and mounting BT-20 in BT-60. Shipping weight 2 oz. Cat. No. 651-RA-2060 ..... \$ .30 per set





## ENGINE MOUNTS

Get a precision engine fit in large body tubes without adding unnecessary weight. Engine mount sets come complete with instructions — just assemble and glue in place in your model.

**EH-2050** Fits BT-50, includes BT-20J, EB-20A, 2 rings for centering holder tube, and JT-50C for positioning rings. Net weight 0.1 oz. Shipping weight 5 oz.

Cat. No. 651-EH-2050 ..... \$ .35 each

**EH-2055** Fits BT-55, includes BT-20J, EB-20A, 2 rings for centering holder tube, and JT-55C for positioning rings. Net weight 0.14 oz. Shipping weight 5 oz.

Cat. No. 651-EH-2055<sup>5</sup> ..... \$ .35 each

**EH-2060** Fits BT-60, includes BT-20J, EB-20A, 2 rings for centering holder tube, and JT-60C for positioning rings. Net weight 0.17 oz. Shipping weight 5 oz.

Cat. No. 651-EH-2060 ..... \$ .35 each

## STAGE COUPLERS

Little tubes with many uses, stage couplers exactly fit the inside of the tube designated. Great for multi-staging, joining body tubes, positioning adapter rings, etc. Make perfect guides for cutting body tubes and sanding cut edges of body tubes, too. Extra durable, lightweight. Shipping weight for all stage couplers is 3 oz. each.

Cat. No.	Dimensions			Fits	Average Weight	Price Each
	O. D.	I. D.	Length			
651-JT-5C	.513"	.455"	¾"	BT-5	.020 oz.	\$ .10
651-JT-20C	.708"	.650"	¾"	BT-20	.027 oz.	\$ .10
651-JT-30C	.724"	.650"	¾"	BT-30	.030 oz.	\$ .10
651-JT-50C	.949"	.920"	1"	BT-50	.051 oz.	\$ .15
651-JT-55C	1.28"	1.25"	1.3"	BT-55	.088 oz.	\$ .15
651-JT-60C	1.59"	1.55"	1½"	BT-60	.124 oz.	\$ .15
671-JT-70A	2.175"	2.115"	1¼"	BT-70	.140 oz.	\$ .20

## FIN STOCK

Top quality balsa sheeting for making fins for model rockets. For maximum strength, grain of wood should follow the leading edge of fin. Read **FINS** in Vol. 3, No. 3 of the **MODEL ROCKET NEWS** for more information.



Catalog No.	Dimensions (In Inches)	Weight oz.		Major Use	Price
		Net	Ship.		
651-BFS-10	1/32 x 3 x 9	.065	4	High Performance	3 for \$ .35
651-BFS-20	1/16 x 3 x 9	.130	4	High Performance	3 for \$ .40
651-BFS-20L	1/16 x 3 x 12	.173	6	High Performance	3 for \$ .55
651-BFS-20B	1/16 x 1/2 x 6	.015	2	Glider Elevon	2 for \$ .10
651-BFS-30	3/32 x 3 x 9	.150	4	Sport Models	3 for \$ .45
651-BFS-30L	3/32 x 3 x 12	.200	6	Sport Models	3 for \$ .60
651-BFS-40	1/8 x 3 x 9	.200	4	Cluster Rockets	3 for \$ .50
651-BFS-40L	1/8 x 3 x 12	.265	6	Glider Wings	3 for \$ .65
651-BFS-60S	3/16 x 1/2 x 3.7	.020	2	Scout Fin Replacement	3 for \$ .15
651-BFS-80	1/4 x 2 x 17	1.00	12	Sky Slash Body	\$ .30 each

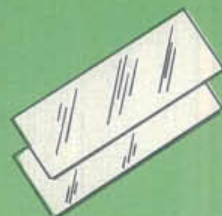
**CLEAR PLASTIC FIN STOCK:** Build flyable models of finless space boosters and retain scale appearance. Clear plastic fins can be practically invisible; yet can also be as large as needed for proper stability. Recommended practice is to form a tube of 0.020" thick plastic to slide onto the outside of your model and glue fins made from 0.040" thick plastic to this tube. Use clear butyrate dope for gluing and filleting. In 3" x 9" sheets, shipping weight 4 oz.

0.020" THICK: Cat. No. 651-CFS-20 ..... \$ .20 each

0.040" THICK: Cat. No. 651-CFS-40 ..... \$ .40 each

**FIN PATTERN SHEET:** Fourteen different popular fin designs, all tried and proven, printed full size on heavy index stock. Simply cut out and trace around pattern to transfer design to balsa. A must for the model rocket designer. Shipping wt. 1 oz.

Cat. No. 651-PP-2 ..... \$ .25 each



# CUSTOM ASSORTMENTS

Many new, unique and useful rocket designs have been produced by imaginative rocketeers. In this section you'll find representative money-saving assortments of components for the beginner and for the experienced rocketeer who wants to explore new designs and ideas.

## LAUNCH PAD SPECIAL

Perfect starter assortment for a basic foundation

All parts and supplies for the experimentally minded rocketeer to explore techniques of successful rocket building. A comprehensive design manual guides you to hours of fun and satisfaction in building serviceable rockets; aids in studying aerodynamics, stability and recovery techniques (not available on quantity discount orders).

A \$7.60 VALUE . . . . . ONLY \$5.00

<b>BODY TUBES</b>		<b>RECOVERY EQUIPMENT</b>	
6 Body Tubes	#BT-30	2 Parachutes	#PK-12A
<b>NOSE CONES</b>		1 Parachute	#PK-18A
2 Nose Cones	#BNC-30C	1 Parachute Material	#PM-2
1 Nose Cone	#BNC-30D	1 Streamer Material	#SM-1
1 Nose Cone	#BNC-30E	1 Sheet Tape Strips	#TD-2
1 Nose Cone	#BNC-30M	1 Roll Shroud Lines	#SLT-1
1 Nose Cone	#BNC-30N	6 Shock Cords	#SC-1
1 Nose Cone	#BNC-30N	6 Screw Eyes	#SE-2
<b>FIN MATERIAL</b>		6 Balsa Fin Stock	#BFS-20
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>			
6 Engine Blocks	#EB-30A	1 Design Manual	#P-1
3 Launch Lugs	#LL-2C	1 Fin Pattern Sheet	#PP-2

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# KEEP A SUPPLY ON HAND

PARTS FOR  
YOUR OWN  
ROCKET DESIGNS

## LIFT-OFF SPECIAL FOR BUILDING AN ALL-PURPOSE ROCKET FLEET

Lift-off to more rocket building enjoyment with this special-value assortment. A balanced selection of parts and supplies to build and decorate many different types of rockets. Real savings. Great for gifts, or for yourself as you build advanced or experimental models. (not available on quantity discount orders)



A \$13.40 VALUE for only \$10.00

<b>NOSE CONES</b>		<b>FIN MATERIAL</b>		<b>BULKHEADS AND HOLDERS</b>	
1 #BNC-60L	1 #BNC-20B	1 Balsa Sheet	#BFS-10	1 #NB-60	
1 #BNC-30E	1 #BNC-20N	2 Balsa Sheets	#BFS-20	1 #NB-30	
1 #BNC-30M	1 #BNC-10A	3 Balsa Sheets	#BFS-30	1 #NB-20	
1 #BNC-20A	1 #BNC-10B	2 Balsa Sheets	#BFS-40	3 #EB-30A	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		<b>RECOVERY EQUIPMENT</b>		<b>BODY TUBES</b>	
1 Balsa Adapter	#TA-2060	2 Parachutes	#PK-12A	1 #BT-60	
1 Adapter Set	#TA-1	1 Parachute	#PK-18A	2 #BT-30	
1 Nose Cone Stock	#NCS-1	1 Parachute	#PK-24A	2 #BT-20	
1 Nose Cone Stock	#NCS-2	1 Parachute Material	#PM-2	2 #BT-10H	
3 Nose Cone Dowels	#NCD-1	1 Streamer Material	#SM-1		
6 Nose Cone Weights	#NCW-1	2 Sheets Tape Strips	#TD-2		
3 Reinforcing Mat'l.	#PRM-1	1 Roll Shroud Lines	#SLT-1		
3 Launching Lugs	#LL-1C	3 Snap Swivels	#SV-12		
1 Decal Sheet	#D-5	9 Screw Eyes	#SE-1		
1 Design Manual	#P-1	3 Shock Cords	#SC-1		
1 Fin Pattern Sheet	#PP-2	1 Shock Cord	#SC-2		

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**\$20.18 Value  
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You or your club members will "orbit" a whole host of rockets before this value-packed assortment has been used. With the representative selection of parts and supplies included, your imagination will have a chance to run free on many rocket projects and experiments. Valuable design manual included. Shipping weight 2 lbs. (not available on quantity discount orders).

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### BODY TUBES

- 1 #BT-60
- 1 #BT-50
- 3 #BT-30
- 2 #BT-20
- 2 #BT-10H

### NOSE CONES

- 1 #BNC-60L
- 1 #BNC-50K
- 1 #BNC-30D
- 1 #BNC-30E
- 1 #BNC-30M
- 1 #BNC-20A
- 1 #BNC-20B
- 1 #BNC-20N
- 1 #BNC-10A
- 1 #BNC-10B

### NOSE BLOCKS, ENGINE BLOCKS, HOLDERS, ETC.

- 1 Nose Block #NB-60
- 1 Nose Block #NB-50
- 3 Nose Blocks #NB-30
- 2 Nose Blocks #NB-20
- 3 Engine Blocks #EB-30A
- 3 Engine Blocks #EB-20A
- 1 Engine Mount #EH-2050
- 1 Engine Mount #EH-2060
- 1 Stage Coupler #JT-50C
- 1 Stage Coupler #JT-60C

### RECOVERY EQUIPMENT

- 1 Parachute Material #PM-2
- 3 Parachutes #PK-12A
- 2 Parachutes #PK-18A
- 1 Parachute #PK-24A
- 3 Streamer Material #SM-1
- 2 Sheets Tape Strips #TD-2
- 1 Roll Shroud Lines #SLT-1
- 6 Shock Cords #SC-1
- 3 Shock Cords #SC-2
- 12 Screw Eyes #SE-1
- 3 Snap Swivels #SV-12

### ADAPTERS

- 1 Balsa #TA-2050A
- 1 Balsa #TA-2060
- 1 Balsa #TA-5060
- 1 Paper #TA-1

### FIN MATERIAL

- 3 Balsa Sheets #BFS-10
- 3 Balsa Sheets #BFS-20
- 3 Balsa Sheets #BFS-30
- 3 Balsa Sheets #BFS-40

### MISCELLANEOUS

- 1 Payload Section #PS-20A
- 1 Nose Cone Stock #NCS-1
- 1 Nose Cone Stock #NCS-2
- 3 Nose Cone Dowels #NCD-1
- 6 Nose Cone Weights #NCW-1
- 1 Reinforcing Mat'l. #PRM-1
- 1 Reinforcing Mat'l. #GR-2
- 3 Launching Lugs #LL-1C
- 1 Decal Sheet #D-5
- 1 Decal Sheet #D-6
- 1 Design Manual #P-1
- 1 Fin Pattern Sheet #PP-2



## RANGE KIT SPECIAL

### A complete Range Kit

**\$9.00 VALUE  
ONLY \$6.00**

A sturdy, all metal range box (RB-1), loaded with all these most needed items:

- |                      |                                     |                     |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 21 Igniters          | 1 Roll Shroud Lines                 | 3 Screw Eyes        |
| 1 Bottle White Glue  | 1 Sheet Tape Strips                 | 3 Nose Cone Weights |
| 1 Knife Handle       | 2 Packs Flameproof Recovery Wadding | 1 Roll Masking Tape |
| 3 Knife Blades       | 4 Parachutes                        | 2 Balsa Fin Stock   |
| 1 Tweezers           | 1 Streamer Material                 | 3 Launching Lugs    |
| 5 Flight Data Sheets | 3 Snap Swivels                      | 18 Sheets Sandpaper |
| 1 Engine Holder      | 4 Shock Cords                       | 1 Emery Board       |
| 1 Reinforcing Mat'l. |                                     | 2 Micro-Clips       |

Sorry, no substitutions. Not available on quantity discount purchases. Shipping weight 3 pounds.

Cat. No. 651-RBK-1 ..... \$6.00

### RANGE BOX

Good-looking, roomy, tough all metal box — the same as included with the special above. A big 11½" x 5¼" x 4", complete with a three compartment tray for small parts. Has full-drawn seamless body, snap catch with eye for padlock. Shipping weight 2 pounds.

Cat. No. 651-RB-1 ..... \$2.50 each

### LARGE RANGE BOX

Big enough to hold an Altiscope, an Electro-Launch and a model or two, this sturdy all steel range box measures 19" x 7¼" x 6". Watertight construction protects your supplies, double action latch eliminates spilling, multi-section tray helps keep things organized. Shipping weight 6 pounds.

Cat. No. 651-RB-2 ..... \$6.00 each

### LARGE RANGE KIT SPECIAL \$12.50 Value Only \$9.50

Includes the large range box with the same supplies as the regular range kit special. Shipping weight 7 lb.

Cat. No. 651-RBK-2 ..... \$9.50 each

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# MODEL ROCKET RECOVERY



The recovery system is one of the most important parts of a model rocket. It is designed to provide a safe means of returning the rocket and its payload to earth without damage to the rocket or presenting a hazard to persons on the ground. Also, the recovery system provides an area for competition when rocketeers hold contests to see whose rocket can remain aloft the longest. In addition, rocket recovery is an area for valuable experimentation and research as rocketeers develop new and better methods of returning their models to earth or study air currents.

Most recovery systems in use today depend on drag (or wind resistance) to slow the rocket. Each changes the model from a streamlined object to one which the air can "catch against" and retard its descent. Six main recovery methods are used by model rocketeers today. The following list gives a brief description of each:

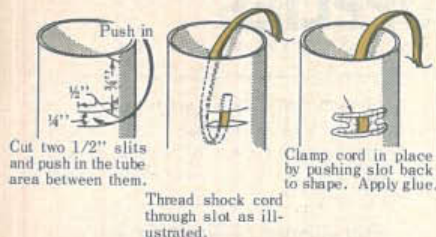
1. Featherweight Recovery (i.e. Astron Streak): The model is designed for extra light weight (under 1/4 ounce without engine) and has a blunt nose. When the engine is ejected from the rocket, the model is so light compared to its size that it lands safely. The lightweight, aerodynamically unstable, spent engine casing tumbles back separately.
2. Tumble Recovery (i.e. Astron Scout, Sprite): The ejection charge shifts the weight of the engine in the rocket rearward. This makes the rocket unstable. With the balance point of the rocket further toward the rear, air pressures ahead of the balance point are greater than behind, forcing the rocket to start turning. When the rocket is tumbling, air drag on it is much higher and it falls slowly. Estes Pat. No. 3,114,317
3. Streamer Recovery (i.e. Astron Mark): A model with a small streamer will act like a tumble model. If the streamer is large enough, it develops enough drag by fluttering to actually hold the rocket back in its descent and it lands gently.
4. Parachute Recovery (i.e. Astron Alpha): The ejection charge forces a parachute connected to the model out of its body tube. The parachute deploys, filling with air, and supports the model on its return.
5. Helicopter Recovery (i.e. Astron Gyroc): Vanes on the model, activated by the ejection charge, catch the air in a way that makes them spin on the way down. The spinning vanes disturb the flow of air past the rocket creating a large amount of drag.
6. Glide Recovery (i.e. Astron Falcon, Space Plane): The model ascends vertically like a conventional rocket. At ejection either the balance of the model or the position of its aerodynamic surfaces is changed. Instead of streamlining straight down, the wings generate lift, pulling the nose up, and the model goes into a glide. Models of this type are called "Boost-gliders". Estes Pat. No. 3,157,960. Other pat. pending.

## RECOVERY SYSTEM PARTS

SHOCK CORD SHROUD LINE CHUTE

### Attaching Shock Cord

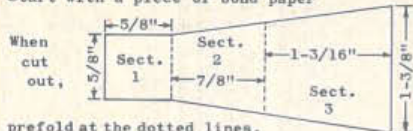
Shown below is the standard quick-mount method...great for field replacement of the shock cord if necessary.



Perhaps the most important part of the recovery system (next to the chute) is the shock cord and its anchor.

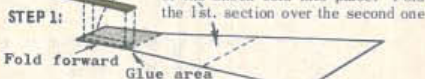
For BT-50 and larger body tubes the installation below gives good strength and added protection to the shock cord. Use this method to preserve that outside finish of your scale model!

Start with a piece of bond paper



prefold at the dotted lines.

STEP 1: Apply glue to section 1. Lay the end of the shock cord into place. Fold the 1st. section over the second one.



STEP 2: Apply glue over the backside of the first section and exposed part of section 2. Lay the shock cord as shown and fold the cord and section 2, over section 3.



STEP 3: Apply glue to the inside of the body tube where the shock cord mount will seat. Hold the shock cord as shown and fold the mount into position pressing it to match the inside shape of the body tube. Let dry completely.



### Rigging a Parachute

Trim the parachute material around the perimeter line and spread it out on a flat surface printed side up. There are six attachment points on the parachute. Lay a shroud line over one of these points and apply a tape strip over it as shown. Repeat this for each of the other five points. Gather all the loose ends of the shroud lines and tie a knot at the extreme end of the group.



#### SNAP SWIVEL ADDS QUICK-CHANGE FEATURE

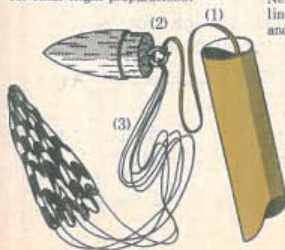
It's often worthwhile to be able to quickly switch a parachute from one model to another or to replace a chute with a new one.

To install a snap swivel, simply gather the ends of the shroud lines and dampen them so as to form a fairly stiff "point", then thread this point through the eye of the snap swivel as shown. Once through the eye the lines are tied together in a tight knot and pulled back against the eye. Apply a drop of glue on the knot.



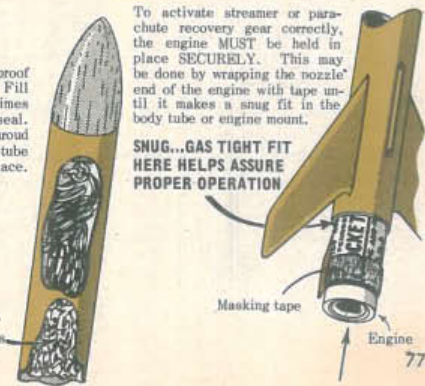
### Preparing for Flight

Shock cord (1) is tied onto the screw eye (2). Shroud lines (3) are clipped or tied to the screw eye also. Your bird is now ready for final flight preparations.



Pack your bird with flameproof wadding before each flight. Fill the tube for a depth of 1-1/2 times the tube diameter for a good seal. Next, stow the parachute, shroud lines and shock cord into the tube and slip the nose cone into place.

"Piston action" of wadding helps eject recovery equipment



SNUG...GAS TIGHT FIT HERE HELPS ASSURE PROPER OPERATION





# RECOVERY EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES

**PARACHUTE KITS:** Get the best in parachute recovery! Two color printed plastic 'chutes give maximum visibility — feature easy to see pattern. Lightweight, durable and easily folded, these 'chutes are only 0.00075" thick, allowing the most material to be packed into the least body space. Each kit comes complete with 'chute material, tape strips and shroud lines.

Specify color combination and size when ordering. Shipping weight 2 oz.

Cat. No.	Parachute Diameter	Color Combinations Available	Net Weight	Price Each
651-PK-12	12 inches	Orange and White Red and White Red and Yellow Yellow and Black Orange and Black	.078 oz.	\$ .20
651-PK-18	18 inches	Red and White Red and Yellow Orange and Black	.144 oz.	\$ .30
651-PK-24	24 inches	Red and White Orange and Black	.298 oz.	\$ .40

**PARACHUTE MATERIAL:** You get a big square yard of extra strength, high visibility black plastic 'chute material. Each sheet can be cut to make one or more round or square parachutes up to 36" across. Net weight .98 oz. Shipping weight 5 oz.

Cat. No. 651-PM-2 ..... \$ .45 each

**STREAMER MATERIAL:** Bring light weight models back to earth with bright orange, flame resistant crepe paper streamers. In 7 1/2 foot lengths, enough for two to eight streamers. Available in 1" and 2" widths. Specify size when ordering. Shipping weight 1 oz.

1" wide Net wt. .092 oz.  
Cat. No. 651-SM-1 ..... 3 for \$ .30

2" wide Net wt. .184 oz.  
Cat. No. 651-SM-2 ..... 3 for \$ .40

**RECOVERY WADDING:** Extra soft and flexible, light weight tissue paper (bathroom type), specially treated to make it flame resistant. Gives the very best protection from hot ejection gases for parachutes and streamers. Each package contains approximately 75 4 1/2" squares — enough wadding for up to 25 flights. Instructions included in package. Shipping weight 6 oz. Cat. No. 651-RP-1A ..... \$ .25 each



**SHROUD LINES:** Build reliable, durable custom parachutes with this strong, hard surface shroud line cord. Comes in 72 yard spools. Shipping weight 5 oz.

Cat. No. 651-SLT-1 ..... \$ .25 each



**SCREW EYES:** Attach recovery systems to nose cones or nose blocks with these light weight metal screw eyes. Available in three sizes, specify size when ordering. Shipping weight for 3 eyes 1 oz.

LARGE EYE: 1" long; .04 oz.;  
Cat. No. 651-SE-1 3 for \$ .10  
SMALL EYE: 3/4" long; .03 oz.;  
Cat. No. 651-SE-2 3 for \$ .10  
EXTRA SMALL EYE: 5/8" long; .01 oz.;  
Cat. No. 651-SE-3 3 for \$ .10

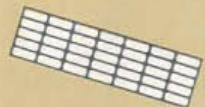


**TAPE DISCS:** Fasten shroud lines to plastic 'chutes or streamers with these 3/4" pressure sensitive tape discs. Shipping weight for 12 discs, 1 oz. Cat. No. 651-TD-1 ..... 12 for \$ .15



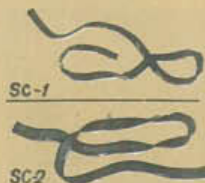
**TAPE STRIPS:** For top strength, low bulk and low weight, fasten shroud lines with these 1/4" x 3/4" tape strips. In sheets of 35 strips, shipping weight 1 oz.

Cat. No. 651-TD-2 ..... \$ .30 per sheet



**SHOCK CORD:** Convenient 18" lengths of model airplane contest rubber to absorb shock of ejection and recovery system deployment. In 1/8" widths for normal models, 1/4" widths for heavy rockets. Specify width when ordering. Both are .03" thick. Shipping weight 1 oz.

1/8" wide: Net wt. 0.039 oz., Cat. No. 671-SC-1 .. \$ .10 each  
1/4" wide: Net wt. 0.078 oz., Cat. No. 671-SC-2 .. \$ .15 each



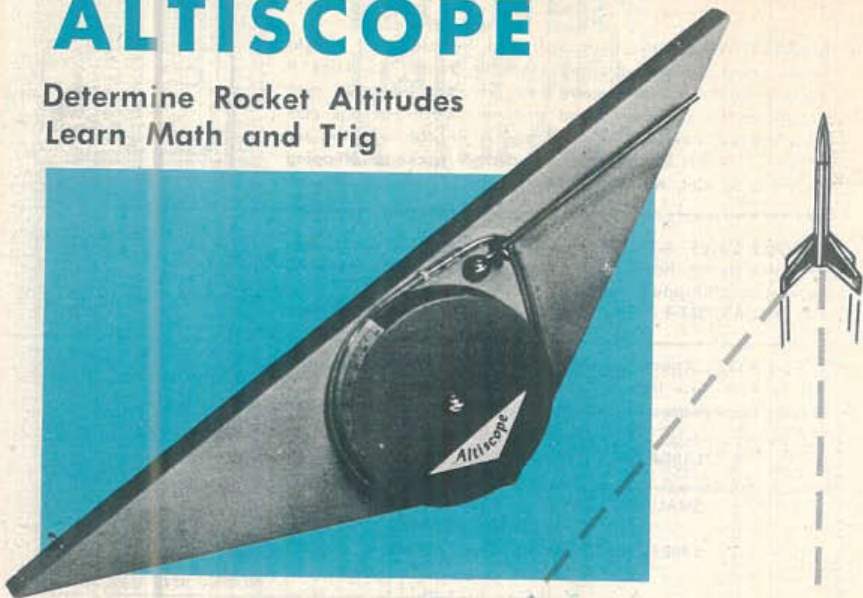
**SNAP SWIVELS:** For quick changes and reduced tangling in your recovery systems, use these tiny 1" long snap swivels. Net weight .01 oz. Shipping weight 1 oz.

Cat. No. 651-SV-12 ..... 6 for \$ .20



# ALTISCOPE

Determine Rocket Altitudes  
Learn Math and Trig



How high did it go? Find out with the Altiscope! Only one instrument is required for determining approximate altitudes (usually within ten percent). Use two together for even greater accuracy. Your altiscope can also be used to find heights of trees, buildings, mountains, poles, etc. Easy to assemble, easy to use, the Altiscope comes in kit form complete with instructions, trig tables, technical report TR-3 on altitude tracking and 2-D altitude computer. Shipping wt. 20 oz.

Cat. No. 651-A-1 ..... \$2.50 each

**EASY TO USE!**



# Computing Equipment

**2-D COMPUTER:** Build your own easy-to-use altitude computer. Get this set of charts and instructions — everything you need except tape, thumbtacks and glue — assemble the 2-D computer in a few minutes. Designed for use with one or two Altiscopes, easily used with other tracking systems. Shipping weight 2 oz. Kit includes technical report, TR-3

Cat. No. 651-AC-1 ..... \$ .25 each p.p.

**5" POCKET SLIDE RULE:** Solve problems in multiplication, division, proportions, reciprocals, etc. A, B, C, D, C<sub>1</sub> and K scales accurately calibrated on white face of hardwood rule. Great for beginners, includes easy-to-follow instructions. Shipping weight 4 oz.

Cat. No. 651-SR-1 ..... \$ .40 each p.p.

**6" POCKET SLIDE RULE:** Ideal companion to the Altiscope. This durable plastic rule is complete and accurate, features A, B, C, C<sub>1</sub>, D and K scales on front plus S, T, and L scales on back for computing altitudes and working logarithm problems. With vinyl case and instructions. Shipping weight 5 oz.

Cat. No. 651-SR-3 ..... \$1.10 each p.p.

**10" DECIMAL TRIG MULTI-LOG SLIDE RULE:** A big rule at a small price. Complete with 22 scales in a functional grouping for mathematics, science and engineering — covers full log-log and trig requirements. Includes double faced, spring loaded adjustable cursor, operating instructions and protective carrying case. Shipping weight 11 oz.

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**GRAPH PAPER:** For rocket performance charts, stability graphs and countless other uses. 8½" x 11" sheets with 7½" x 10" grid area, divided into 1/10" squares. Shipping weight 4 oz.

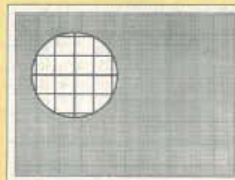
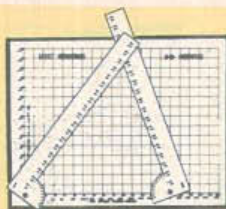
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**LOG-LOG GRAPH PAPER:** Perfect for special performance graphs, altitude and velocity charts, etc. Two by two cycle grid on 8½" x 11" paper, can handle greater value ranges than standard graph paper. Shipping wt. 4 oz.

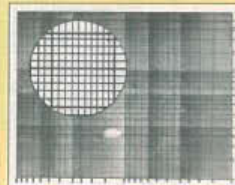
Cat. No. 671-GP-2 ..... 20 sheets for \$ .40

**FLIGHT DATA SHEETS:** Keep accurate records on the performance of models. Each data sheet has spaces for complete data on four flights of a model rocket. Includes sections for pre-flight, countdown, launch weather and flight data. Sheets measure 8½ x 11 inches, printed both sides. Shipping wt. 2oz.

Cat. No. 651-DS-1 ..... 5 for \$ .20



insets show actual size



## MODELING TOOLS



**PRECISION KNIFE SET:** Includes one 4 1/4" long #1 aluminum handle and one each #1A cutting blade, #1B punch blade, and #1C gouge blade. Recommended for precision work. Shipping wt. 2 oz. CAT. NO. 651-KNS-1 . . . \$ .75 each

**RETRACTABLE BLADE KNIFE:** Heavy duty #2 aluminum handle, 4 1/4" long, with one double ended #2D blade. Blade retracts into handle for safe carrying. For general cutting. Shipping weight 4 oz. CAT. NO. 651-KNS-2 . . . \$1.00 each



**UTILITY KNIFE:** Includes 5 3/8" long #3 steel handle and one #3E general purpose blade. Shipping weight 3 oz. CAT. NO. 651-KNS-3 . . . \$ .30 each



**HEAVY DUTY KNIFE:** Set of one 4 3/4" long #4 plastic handle with metal chuck and one general purpose knife blade similar to #4G. Shipping weight 6 oz. CAT. NO. 651-KNS-4 . . . \$1.20 each

## BLADES & ACCESSORIES



Fits #1 handle only: For cutting balsa and paper. CAT. NO. 651-KNB-1A . . . \$ .10 each

Fits #1 handle only: Punch and scriber. CAT. NO. 651-KNB-1B . . . \$ .25 each

Fits #1 handle only: Gouge for hollowing balsa nose cones, adapters, blocks, etc. CAT. NO. 651-KNB-1C . . . \$ .25 each

Fits #2 and #4 handles: For general cutting and carving. CAT. NO. 651-KNB-4G . . . \$ .15 each

Fits #2 handle only: Double ended, for general cutting. CAT. NO. 651-KNB-2D . . . \$ .35 each

Fits #2 and #4 handles: For general cutting and trimming. CAT. NO. 651-KNB-4H . . . \$ .15 each

Fits #2 and #3 handles: Double ended, for general cutting. CAT. NO. 651-KNB-3E . . . \$ .15 each



**WHETSTONE:** Keep knife blades extra sharp for easy cutting. Pocket size, 3 1/4" x 3/4" x 3/8". Use with oil for best results. CAT. NO. 651-W-1 . . . \$ .50 each



**TWEEZERS:** For 1,001 uses in handling small parts, attaching shock cords, etc. Steel, 3" long, 1/8" jaw. Shipping weight 2 oz. CAT. NO. 651-T-1 . . . \$ .20 each



**EMERY BOARDS:** Perfect for cleaning micro-clips, shaping airfoils, turning nose cones, etc. 4 1/2" x 1/2", medium abrasive on one side, fine abrasive on the other. Shipping weight 1 oz. CAT. NO. 651-BE-1 . . . 3 for \$ 1.00



**RAZOR SAW:** Fits #4 handle, 1" wide x 5" long. Use razor saw blade for cutting balsa and body tube. CAT. NO. 651-KNB-4F . . . \$ .45 each

Shipping weight on saw blade is 6 oz. all other blades, 1 oz.

## MODELING KITS



**KNIFE CHEST:** Small, medium and heavy duty knives plus 9 assorted extra blades — one for practically every cutting job. In a handy, natural finish wood chest. Shipping wt. 1 lb. 8 oz. Cat. No. 651-KNS-82 . . . \$ 4.50 each

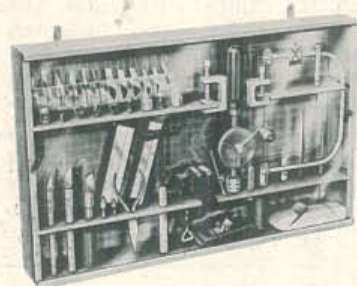
**KNIFE AND TOOL SET:** Contains small, medium and heavy duty knives and an entire assortment of blades, gouges, routers, and punches. Has planer, 1" sander, spokeshave and balsa stripper. In wooden box, complete with see-through cover and fitted plastic tray insert that holds and shows every tool. Shipping wt. 2 lbs. Cat. No. 651-KNS-84 . . . \$11.00 each



**COMPLETE HOBBY DEN TOOL CABINET:** A truly complete tool set for the model rocketeer. Has a full assortment of hobby tools, knives and blades against a blueprint silhouette background of each tool for easy replacement. Comes in a sturdy wooden fitted cabinet with a sliding, see-thru cover. (Size 13 1/8 x 21 1/4 x 3") Shipping weight 9 pounds.

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- 6 Extra Blades
- 6 Assorted Gouges
- 4 Assorted Routers
- 2 Punches
- 3 Knives (with blades)
- 1 Hobbycraft Saw (with extra blade)
- 2 Screw Drivers
- 2 "C" Clamps
- 1 Tweezer
- 1 Sander
- 3 Tweezer Clamps
- 1 Hand Drill
- 1 File



- 1 Planer
- 1 Hammer (with extra heads)
- 1 Bench Vise — imported
- 1 Pair Pliers — imported, service quality
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- 2 Razor Saw Blades
- 2 Chucks
- Complete — \$25.00

Plus Free copy of the 35¢ "PROJECT HANDBOOK AND HOBBY TOOL GUIDE" by X-Acto

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## LITTLE ITEMS THAT GIVE BIG RESULTS IN ROCKETRY



**PHANTOM ENGINE:** For display and demonstrations, here's 1/2 an engine, cut the long way to show placement of nozzle, propellant, etc. Helps explain model rocket operation. Safe, uses only non-combustible materials. Shipping weight 1 oz.

Cat. No. 651-CE-1 ..... \$ .50 each



**ENGINE HOLDER:** Flat spring steel design gives easy installation and low drag. Recommended for sport and demonstration models built from BT-20 and BT-30, the engine holder is 2.8" long, 0.1" wide and only 0.025" thick. Mount it on the model with gauze and glue as shown on page 51. Net weight 0.032 oz. Shipping weight 1 oz.

Cat. No. 651-EH-2 ..... \$ .15 each



**SHORT ENGINE HOLDER:** Specially designed for use with Series III engines and BT-20 and BT-30 body tubes, this holder is 1.8" long and 0.1" wide for the same easy installation and low drag as the standard model. Net weight 0.022 oz. Shipping weight 1 oz.

Cat. No. 651-EH-3 ..... \$ .15 each



**FOAM PADDING:** Protect payload specimens, pad payload capsules with plastic foam. Pieces are 6" x 6" x 1/4". Can be cut and secured in place with white glue. Net weight 0.08 oz. Shipping weight 1 oz.

Cat. No. 651-PSP-1 ..... \$ .20 each



**PAYLOAD:** How high can your rocket lift an ounce of lead? This 1 oz. payload weight, 3/4" in diameter, is used in some altitude competition events. Shipping weight 2 oz.

Cat. No. 651-PL-1 ..... \$ .50 each



**NOSE CONE WEIGHT:** Balance rockets for perfect stability with these 11/16" diameter lead weights. Center hole for easy attachment and alignment. Stack several for more weight, cut with scissors for less. Each weighs 0.12 oz. Shipping weight 1 oz.

Cat. No. 651-NCW-1 ..... 3 for \$ .25



**NOSE CONE WEIGHT:** 7/16" diameter brass washers for delicate balancing. 1/8" center hole, weighs 0.023 oz. Attach up to four weights to nose cone by threading them on the screw eye. Shipping wt. 1 oz.

Cat. No. 651-NCW-2 ..... 10 for \$ .15



**BALANCING WEIGHT:** Flexible lead strip makes glider trimming a snap. Great for other balancing purposes too. Comes in 3' x 1/4" x 0.02" strips, net weight 0.085 oz. Shipping weight 1 oz.

Cat. No. 651-NCW-3 ..... 5 for \$ .10

**LAUNCH LUGS:** Super strength laminated launch lugs feature mylar plastic core for durability, paper outer layer for easy gluing. Inside diameter 5/32", fit 1/8" rod. Shipping weight 1 oz.

1 1/4" long:	Cat. No. 651-LL-2A	5 for \$ .10
2 3/8" long:	Cat. No. 651-LL-2B	5 for \$ .15
5" long:	Cat. No. 651-LL-2C	3 for \$ .15
8" long:	Cat. No. 651-LL-2D	2 for \$ .15



**GAUZE REINFORCING:** Attach shock cords, reinforce fin joints with unmarked gauze. Comes in 3" x 12" sheets. Apply by spreading a thin layer of glue over the area to be reinforced, smooth gauze down over the glue and spread one or more layers of glue over the gauze. Shipping weight 1 oz.

Cat. No. 651-GR-2 ..... 3 for \$ .30



**PAPER REINFORCING:** Double fin strength with this easy to use self-adhesive treated paper. Cut to shape, strip off protective backing and press on the balsa. Apply to both sides of the balsa for best results. Provides smooth white surface for painting. In 3" x 9" sheets, shipping weight 1 oz.

Cat. No. 651-PRM-1 ..... 3 for \$ .20



**TAPE HINGES:** Easy to use elevon hinges for boost-gliders. Treated paper, 4 1/2" x 3/4", adhesive coated on one side. Strip off protective backing, apply to joint. Shipping weight 1 oz.

Cat. No. 651-TH-1 ..... 2 for \$ .10



**ELASTIC THREAD:** Strong elastic thread, use as a spring to actuate elevons on boost-gliders. Each thread is 8" long, 1/32" diameter. Shipping weight 1 oz.

Cat. No. 651-ET-1 ..... 3 for \$ .10



**NYLON SCREWS:** Extra light, high strength screws for elevon adjustment on boost-gliders. 1/2" long, 1/16" thread diameter. Read TR-4 for information on gliders and their design. Shipping weight 1 oz.

Cat. No. 651-AS-1 ..... \$ .10 each



**STYROFOAM BALLS:** Featherweight 3" diameter styrofoam balls for "odd ball" designs. Use white glue for best results in attaching legs, antennas, stabilizers, etc. Net weight 0.2 oz., shipping weight 5 oz.

Cat. No. 651-SB-3 ..... \$ .25 each



**DOWELS:** Extra strong, light weight, seasoned maple dowels. Shipping weight 5 oz.

1/8" x 18"	Cat. No. 651-WD-1	4 for \$ .20
1/12" x 12"	Cat. No. 671-WD-2	4 for \$ .20



## DRAFTING AND DESIGNING EQUIPMENT



### TRIANGLE SET

Clear plastic triangles are perfect for drafting and designing work. Set includes one 6" 45° triangle and one 8" 30°-60° triangle. Beveled edges — accurate — precise . . . recessed lifts from both sides permit clean, easy pick-up. Shipping weight 6 oz.

Cat. No. 651-DT-2 . . . . . \$ .65 per set p.p.

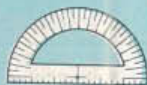


### FRENCH CURVE

Precision-made with sleek-finished edges of hairline accuracy. Perfect for designing nose cones, plotting curves, etc. Shipping weight 4 oz.

Cat. No. 651-DC-1 . . . . . \$ .25 each p.p.

Putting your own ideas into a rocket design is a challenging opportunity. You'll find that a few "tools of the trade", listed here, can be a big help. Your measurements will be more accurate. Your drawings will be neater. Your contest designs will be more presentable, and you'll get more satisfaction from your work.



### PROTRACTOR

Large 6" clear plastic protractor makes angle measurements a "snap." Features sharp graduations, accurate 6" ruler at the base. Shipping weight 4 oz.

Cat. No. 651-DP-6 . . . . . \$ .15 each p.p.



### 12" T-SQUARE

Precision-made, clear plastic 12 inch T-square is accurate and easy to use. Smooth straight edges are marked in inches and millimeters. Shipping weight 11 oz.

Cat. No. 651-DR-2 . . . . . \$ .30 each p.p.



### METAL COMPASS

Sheet metal German tool does double duty — can be used as pencil compass or divider. Includes metal capsule of leads. Shipping weight 4 oz.

Cat. No. 651-DC-2 . . . . . \$ .35 each p.p.



### BOW COMPASS

Giant bow compass features thumb screw adjustment, interchangeable points for use as divider, ink or pencil compass. Heavy gauge nickel plated steel. Shipping weight 6 oz.

Cat. No. 651-DC-3 . . . . . \$1.10 each p.p.

## TECHNICAL REPORTS



**ROCKET STABILITY:** All about rocket stability. Easy to read, tells how to design your rockets to fly properly. No rocketeer will want to miss this one. Shipping weight 1 oz.

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**MULTI-STAGING:** New, revised version tells all about the latest discoveries in multi-staging technique. Complete, easy-to-understand and well illustrated. A necessity for designing, building and flying multi-stage birds. Shipping weight 1 oz.

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**ALTITUDE TRACKING:** The classic work on simple altitude tracking for model rocketeers. Covers thoroughly tracking and altitude computation. Easy to understand and apply. Shipping weight 1 oz.

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**REAR ENGINE BOOST-GLIDERS:** Basic information to help you understand the operation of rear-engine boost-gliders and design your own. Covers design and construction for proper upward flight and good glide characteristics. Shipping weight 1 oz.

Cat. No. 651-TR-4 . . . . . \$ .25 each

**BUILDING A WIND TUNNEL:** Full plans and information for building a wind tunnel to study rocket stability. Covers motor and handpowered versions, finding center of pressure, checking multi-stage rockets, etc. Great for clubs and experienced modelers — science fair projects too. Shipping weight 2 oz.

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**CLUSTER TECHNIQUES:** The complete report on clustering engines in model rockets. Thoroughly illustrated, easy to understand. Especially valuable for the modeler who wishes to loft larger payloads. Shipping weight 1 oz.

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**FRONT ENGINE BOOST-GILDERS:** Valuable information on designing, building and flying front engine boost-gliders. Fully illustrated, recommended reading for anyone who wishes to build better gliders or get the best performance from the ones he has. Shipping weight 1 oz.

Cat. No. 651-TR-7 . . . . . \$ .25 each

**MODEL ROCKETRY STUDY GUIDE:** Presents a logical program for model rocketeers who want to get the most good from their activities. Includes a listing of recommended books on subjects relating to model rocketry.

Shipping weight 1 oz. Cat. No. 651-TR-8 . . . . . \$ .25 each

**DESIGNING STABLE ROCKETS:** Based on standard engineering practices, this report presents a method of designing rockets for proper stability on paper before any cutting or gluing is done. Worthwhile reading for beginner and experienced rocketeer alike. Shipping weight 1 oz.

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**ALTITUDE PREDICTION CHARTS:** Contains reports and graphs which explain a relatively simple method by which aerodynamic drag and other effects can be taken into account in predicting model rocket peak altitudes. With this data the probable altitude can be determined for any rocket and any Estes engine, including multi-stage and cluster power. Also suggestions for your own experiments. Shipping wt. 3 oz. Cat. No. 671-TR-10 . . . . . \$ .50 each



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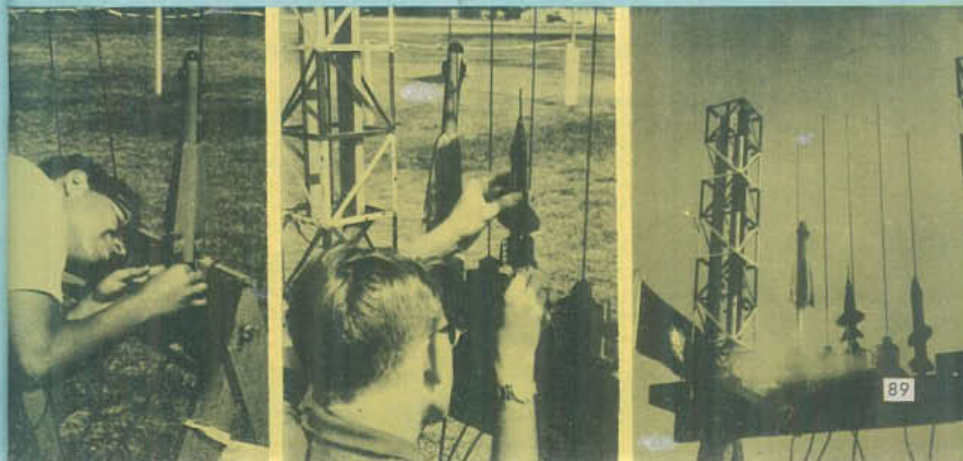
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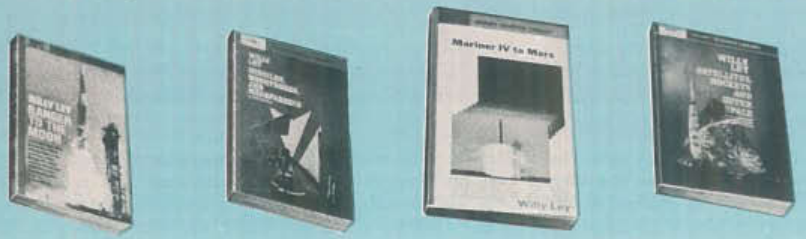
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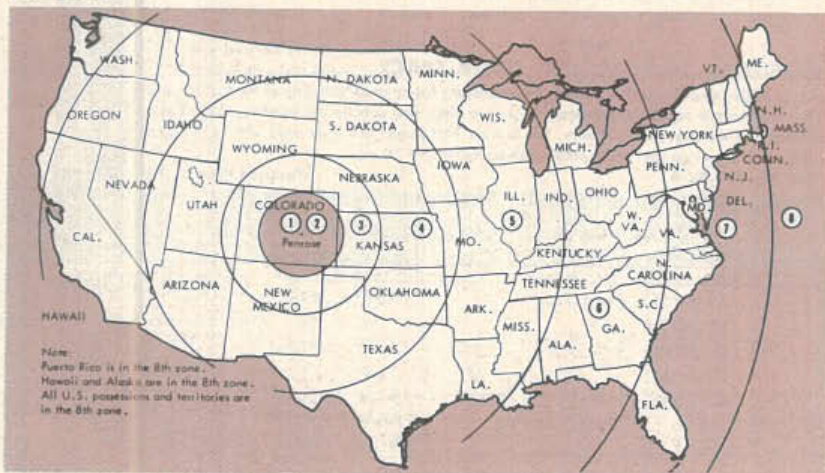
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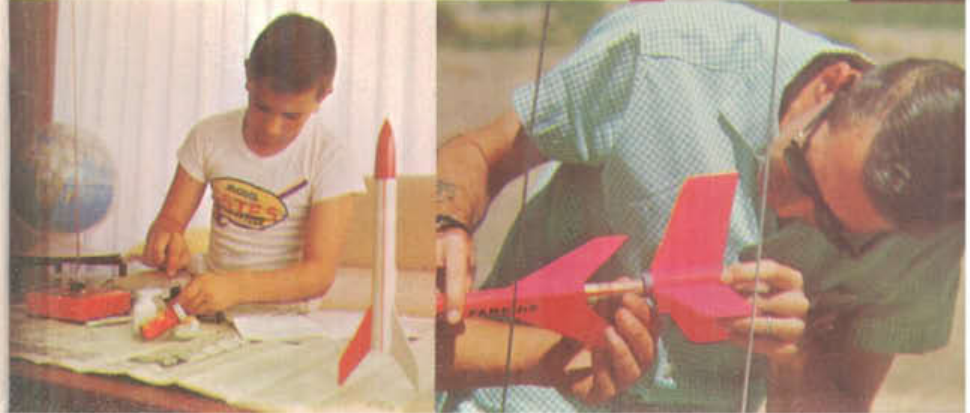
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