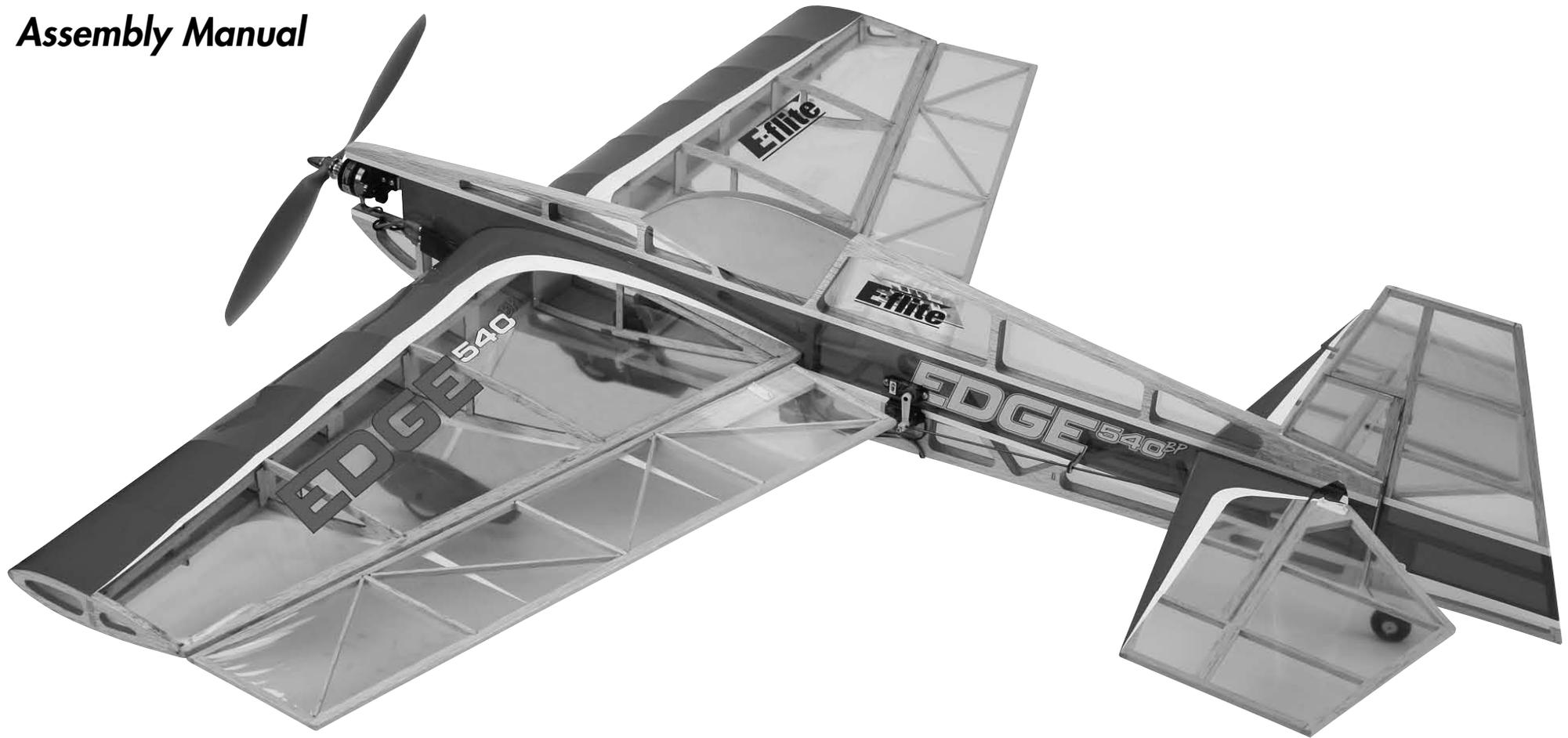


# Edge 540 BP 3D ARF

## Assembly Manual



### Specifications

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Wingspan:	35.5 in (900mm)
Length:	36.5 in (930mm)
Wing Area:	410 sq in (26.5 sq dm)
Weight w/o Battery:	13-14 oz (370-400 g)
Weight w/ Battery:	15-16 oz (425-455 g)

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## Introduction

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The Edge 540 BP 3D combines the sturdy construction of a balsa/light-ply airframe with the uninhibited 3D capability of a lightweight profile park flyer. It's all made possible by its intelligently engineered, open structure design that keeps weight to a bare minimum while providing all the structural integrity of a real wood airframe. This feather-light construction, combined with a high-output brushless motor, will provide spine-tingling 3D and freestyle performance that will let you really push the limits. And it comes from the factory 90% built and covered in genuine UltraCote® and UltraCote Lite so you can be up and flying in no time

## Using the Manual

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This manual is divided into sections to help make assembly easier to understand, and to provide breaks between each major section. In addition, check boxes have been placed next to each step to keep track of each step completed. Steps with a single circle (○) are performed once, while steps with two circles (○ ○) indicate that the step will require repeating, such as for a right or left wing panel, two servos, etc.

Remember to take your time and follow the directions.

## Contents of Kit/Parts Layout

### Large Replacement Parts

EFL2601	Wing w/Ailerons
EFL2602	Fuselage with Rudder
EFL2603	Horizontal Tail Assembly
EFL2405	Landing Gear

### Small Replacement Parts

EFL2604	Pushrod Set
EFL2605	Hardware Set
EFL2606	Wheel Set
EFL2607	Wheel Pants
EFLA213	E-flite/JR/Horizon Decals
EFLM1915	Outrunner Stick Mount



## Required Radio Equipment

You will need a minimum 6-channel transmitter (for proper mixing and dual rate capabilities), crystals, micro receiver, and four sub-micro servos. You can choose to purchase a complete radio system that includes all of these items or, if you are using an existing transmitter, just purchase the other required equipment separately. We recommend the crystal-free, interference-free Spektrum™ DX6 2.4GHz DSM® 6-channel system, which includes a micro receiver and 4 sub-micro 7.5-gram servos. If using your own transmitter, we recommend the E-flite® S75 Sub-Micro servos.

If you own the Spektrum DX7 radio, just add the AR6100 DSM2™ 6-channel receiver and four of our E-flite S75 Sub-Micro servos.

### Complete Radio System

SPM2460 DX6 DSM® 6CH Park Flyer w/4-S75

### Or Purchase Separately

JSP30610 6-Channel UltraLite Rx w/o Crystal, Positive Shift JR/AIR (72MHz)  
JSP30615 6-Channel UltraLite Rx w/o Crystal, Negative Shift Fut/HRC (72MHz)  
JRPXFR\*\* FM Receiver Crystal (JR only, not Spektrum receivers)

### Or

SPM6000 AR6000 DSM 6CH parkflyer receiver (for DX6 only)

### Or

SPM6100 AR6100 DSM2 6CH Rx (for DX7 only)

### And

EFLRS75 7.5-Gram Sub-Micro Servo (4)

## Important Information About Motor Selection

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We recommend the E-flite® Park 400 Brushless Outrunner, 920Kv (EFLM1305) to provide you with light weight 3D performance, or the Park 450 Brushless Outrunner , 890Kv (EFLM1400) for extreme high power performance.

### Lightweight Outrunner Setup

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EFLM1305	Park 400 BL Outrunner, 920Kv
EFLA311B	20-Amp Brushless ESC
THP9103SJPL	910mAh 3-Cell 11.1V Li-Po
APC10047SF	10 x 4.7 Electric Prop
EFLAEC303	EC3 Device & Battery Connector, Male/ Female
EFLC3005	Celectra™ 1- to 3-Cell Li-Po Charger

This is a lightweight setup with adequate power for 3D flights.

### High Power Outrunner Setup

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EFLM1400	Park 450 BL Outrunner, 890Kv
EFLA311B	20-Amp Brushless ESC
THP13203SPL	1320mAh 3-Cell 11.1V Li-Po
APC12060E	12 x 6 Electric Prop
EFLAEC303	EC3 Device & Battery Connector, Male/ Female
EFLC3005	Celectra 1- to 3-cell Li-Po Charger

This is a high-power performance setup for strong 3D flights.

## Optional Accessories

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EFLA110 Power Meter

## Required Tools and Adhesives

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### Tools & Equipment

EFLA250 Park Flyer Tool Assortment, 5-piece

### Or Purchase Separately

EFLA257 Screwdriver, #0 Phillips (or included with EFLA250)

EFLA251 Hex Wrench:  $\frac{3}{32}$ -inch (or included with EFLA250)

Drill

Drill bit:  $\frac{1}{16}$ -inch (1.5mm)

Felt-tipped pen

String

Straight edge

Threadlock

Razor saw

T-pins

Thin CA

Medium CA

Paper towels

Hobby knife (#11 blade)

6-minute epoxy

Pliers

Ruler

Square

Sandpaper

## Notes Regarding Servos and ESC

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**WARNING:** Use of servos other than those we recommend may overload the BEC of the recommended Electronic Speed Control (ESC). We suggest the use of only the servos we recommend when utilizing the recommended ESC's BEC, or the use of a separate BEC (like the UBEC) or receiver battery pack when using other servos.

## Note on Lithium Polymer Batteries

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Lithium Polymer batteries are significantly more volatile than alkaline or Ni-Cd/Ni-MH batteries used in RC applications. All manufacturer's instructions and warnings must be followed closely. Mishandling of Li-Po batteries can result in fire. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when disposing of Lithium Polymer batteries.

## Warning

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An RC aircraft is not a toy! If misused, it can cause serious bodily harm and damage to property. Fly only in open areas, preferably at AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics) approved flying sites, following all instructions included with your radio.

Keep loose items that can get entangled in the propeller away from the prop, including loose clothing, or other objects such as pencils and screwdrivers. Especially keep your hands away from the propeller.

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Carefully follow the directions and warnings for this and any optional support equipment (chargers, rechargeable battery packs, etc.) that you use.

This model is controlled by a radio signal that is subject to interference from many sources outside your control. This interference can cause momentary loss of control so it is necessary to always keep a safe distance in all directions around your model, as this margin will help to avoid collisions or injury.

- Always operate your model in an open area away from cars, traffic, or people.
- Avoid operating your model in the street where injury or damage can occur.
- Never operate the model out into the street or populated areas for any reason.
- Never operate your model with low transmitter batteries.
- Carefully follow the directions and warnings for this and any optional support equipment (chargers, rechargeable battery packs, etc.) that you use.
- Keep all chemicals, small parts and anything electrical out of the reach of children.
- Moisture causes damage to electronics. Avoid water exposure to all equipment not specifically designed and protected for this purpose.

# Airframe Assembly

## Required Parts

Fuselage

Wing

Stabilizer

## Required Tools and Adhesives

Felt-tipped pen

Ruler

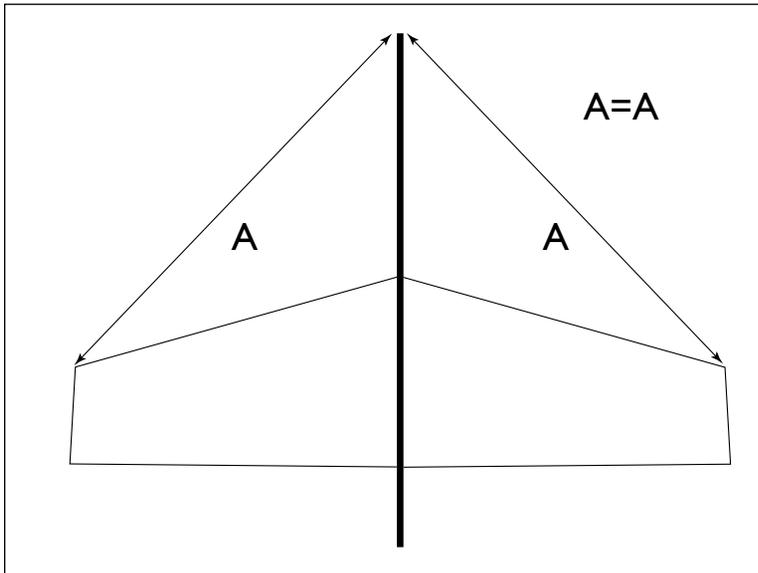
String

Hobby knife w/#11 blade

Thin CA

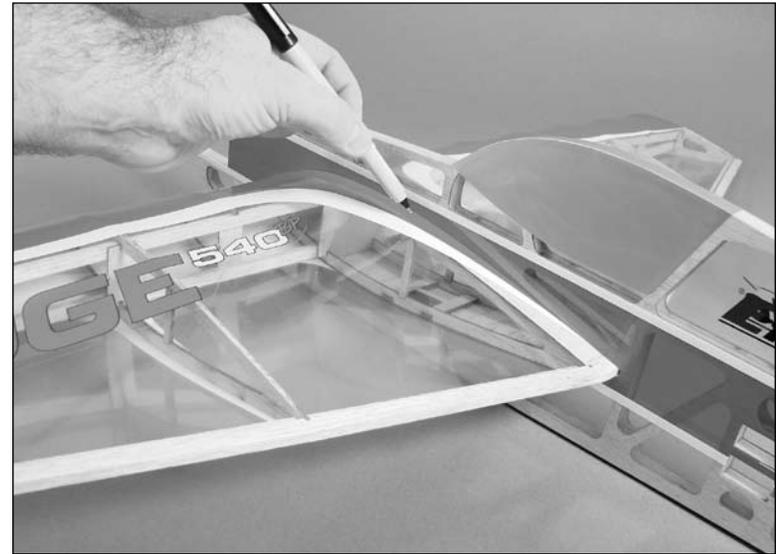
Sandpaper

- 1. Locate the wing and fuselage. Slide the wing into the fuselage and center it as shown in the drawing. Use either a ruler or a ruler and string to ensure the dimensions are the same as shown.

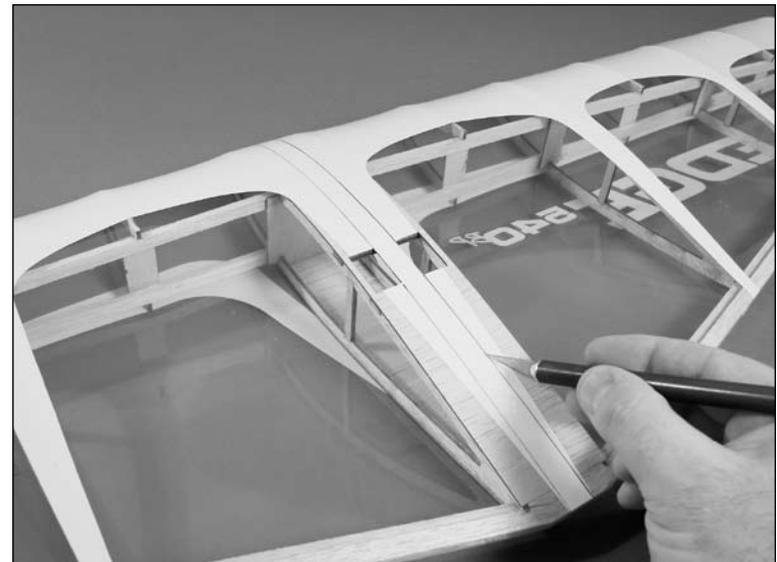


**Hint:** Use the opening in the bottom of the wing for the servos to help in alignment.

- ○ 2. Use a felt-tipped pen to trace the outline of the fuselage onto the top and bottom of the wing.

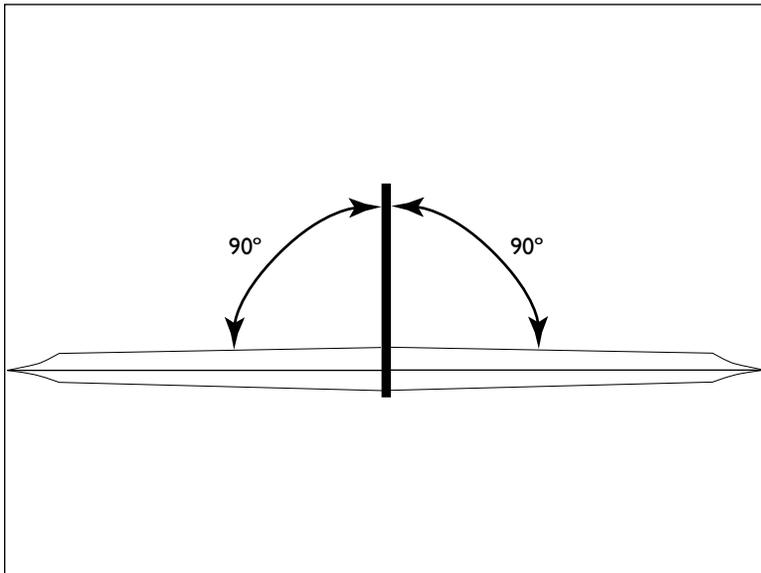


- ○ 3. Remove the wing and use a hobby knife with a sharp #11 blade to remove the covering from the wing  $\frac{1}{16}$ -inch (1.5mm) inside the lines drawn.



**Important:** Do not cut into the underlying wood. This will weaken the structure and could cause failure in flight. As an option, you can use a soldering iron or hot knife with light pressure to carefully melt the covering and avoid the potential of cutting into the wood.

- 4. Slide the wing back into position in the fuselage. Check to make sure the wing is perpendicular ( $90^\circ$ ) to the fuselage as shown. Lightly sand the opening in the fuselage if necessary to make any adjustments.

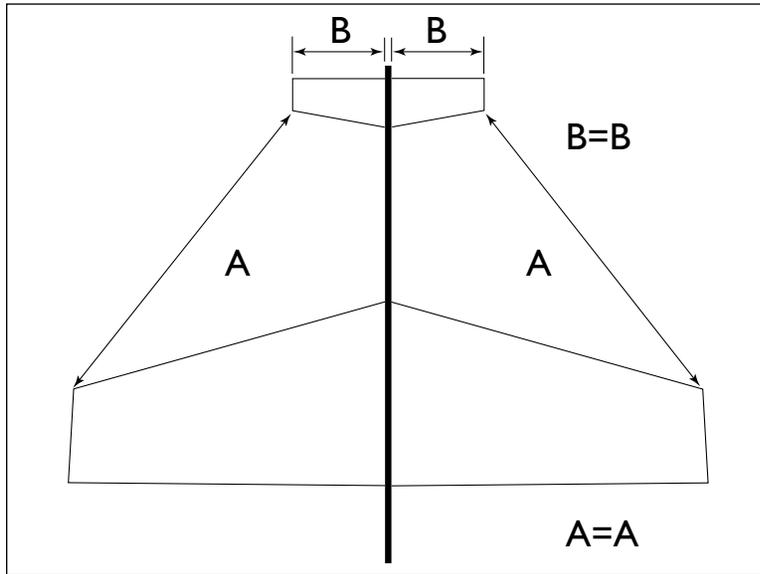


- ○ 5. Wick thin CA into the joint between the wing and fuselage. Make sure to apply CA to left, right, top and bottom to guarantee the wing is glued securely.

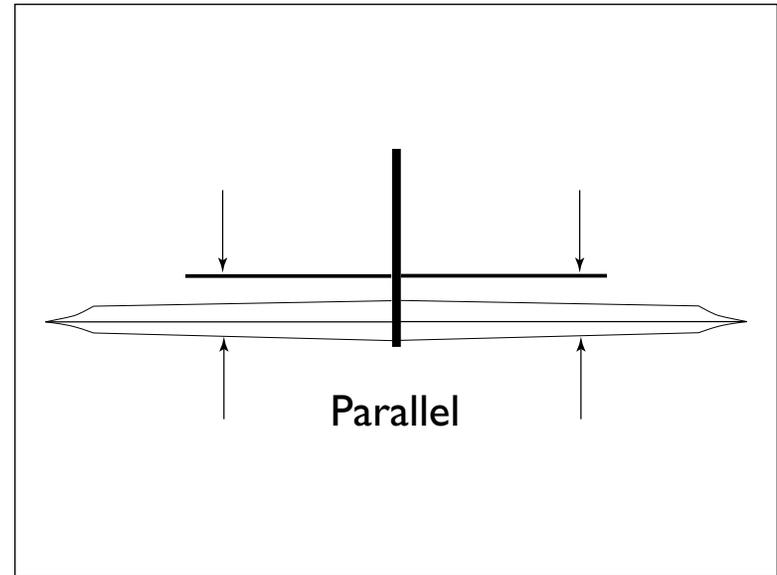


**Note:** Avoid using a CA accelerator to allow the CA to wick well into the wood of the fuselage and wing. This will provide the best bond between the two items.

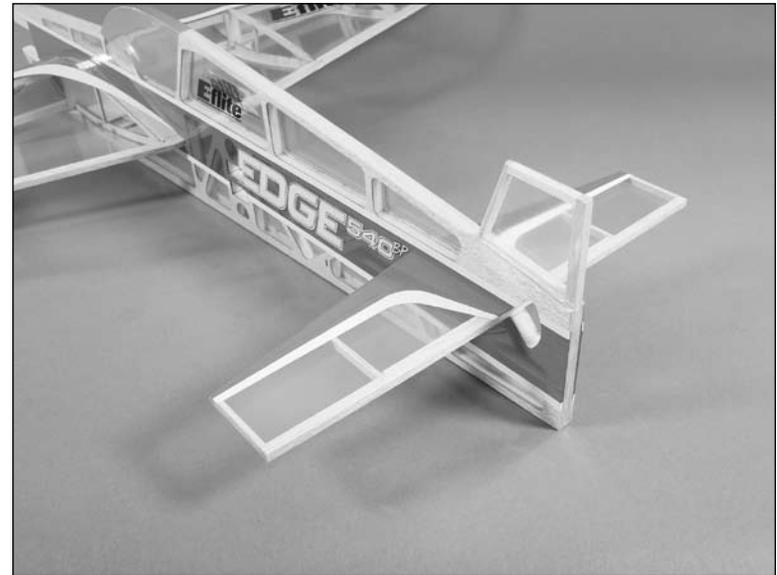
- 6. Slide the stabilizer into position in the fuselage. Check that it has been centered using the drawing as a reference.



- 7. Check that the stabilizer and wing are parallel to each other. Lightly sand the opening in the fuselage to correct any alignment problems.



- 8. Follow Steps 2, 3 and 5 to prepare and glue the stabilizer to the fuselage.



# Hinging

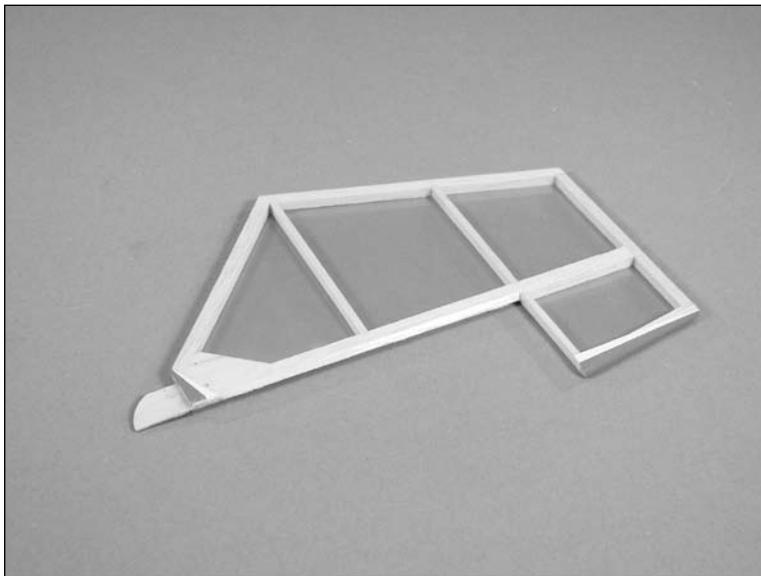
## Required Parts

Airframe  
CA hinges (17)  
Elevator (left and right)  
Aileron (left and right)  
Rudder  
Plywood elevator joiner

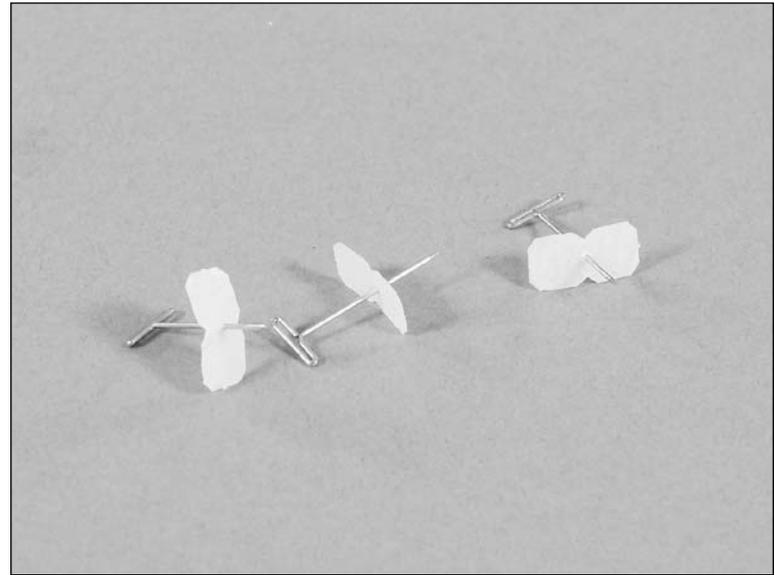
## Required Tools and Adhesives

Thin CA  
T-pins  
Straight edge

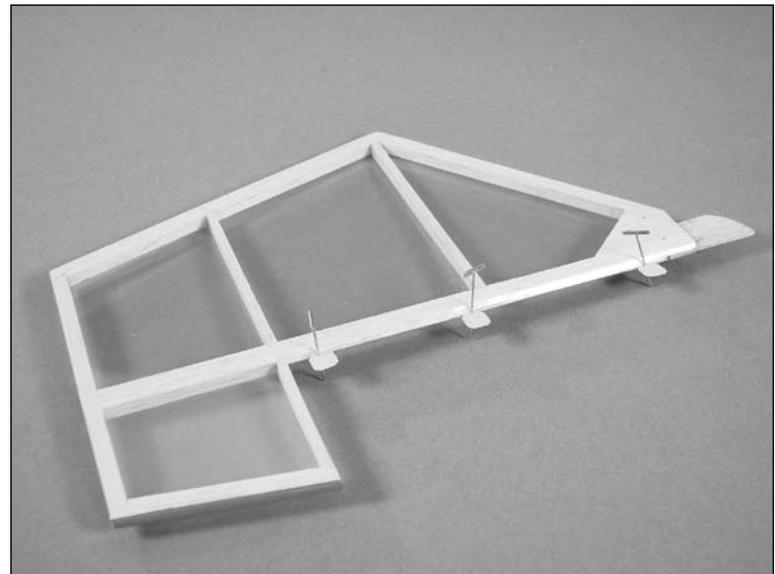
- 1. Remove the covering from one elevator to expose the slot for the plywood elevator joiner. Slide the joiner into position and check it is aligned with the front edge of the elevator using a straight edge. Wick thin CA into the joint between the joiner and elevator to secure the joiner in position.



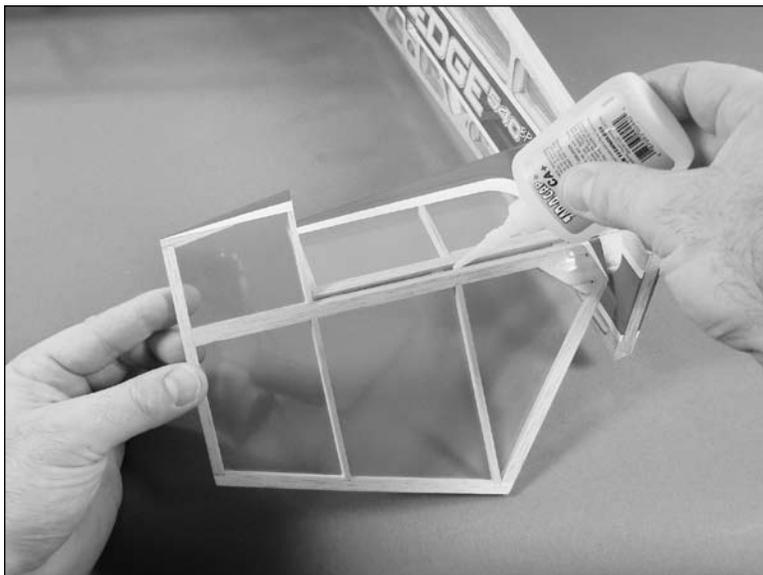
- ○ 2. Trim three hinges from the hinge sheet. Place a T-pin in the center of each hinge.



- ○ 3. Slide the hinges into the pre-cut slots of the elevator.



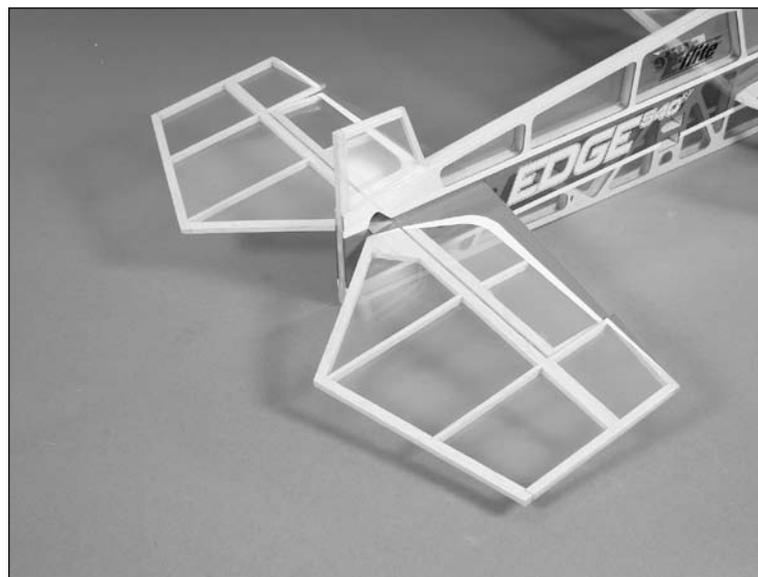
- ○ 4. Slide the hinges and elevator into position on the stabilizer. Align the end of the elevator with the end of the stabilizer. Remove the T-pins to position the elevator as close to the stabilizer as possible while maintaining proper hinge gap for adequate throw. Saturate each hinge, top and bottom, with thin CA.



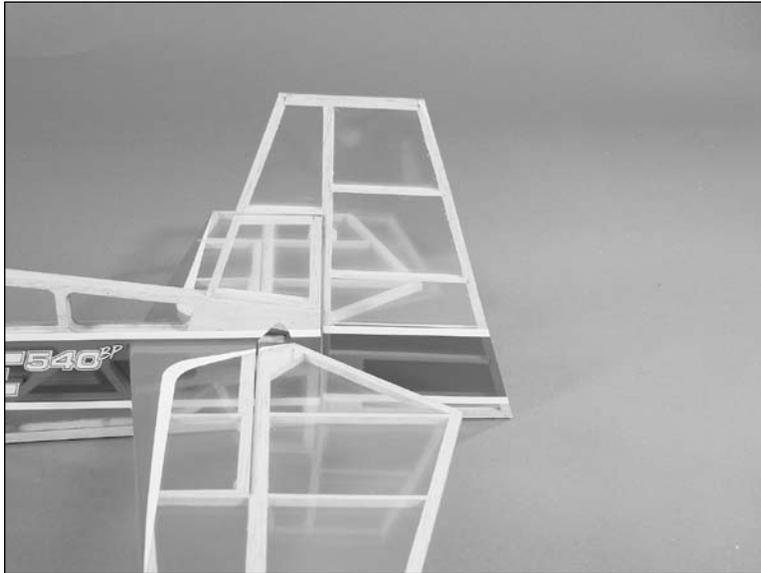
**Note:** Do not use CA accelerator on the hinges. The CA must be allowed to soak into the hinges and surrounding wood to provide the best bond.

**Important:** Make sure the balance tab of the elevator clears the end of the stabilizer before applying CA to the hinges.

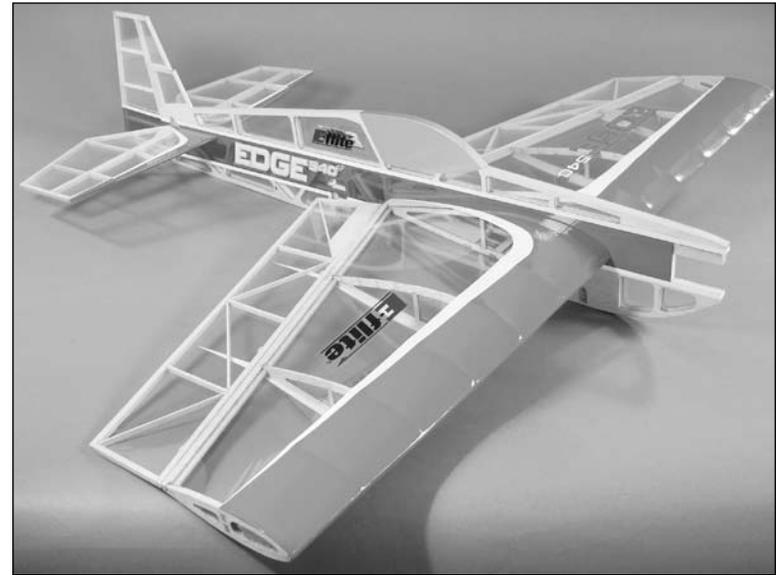
- 5. Repeat Steps 2 through 4 to install the remaining elevator. Apply thin CA to the elevator joiner as well as the hinges.



- 6. Hinging the rudder follows the same procedure as the elevators, except you don't have to worry about the elevator joiner. Use three CA hinges when attaching the rudder to the fin/fuselage.



- ○ 7. The last step is to hinge the ailerons to the wing. Each aileron uses four hinges to attach it to the wing.



# Landing Gear Installation

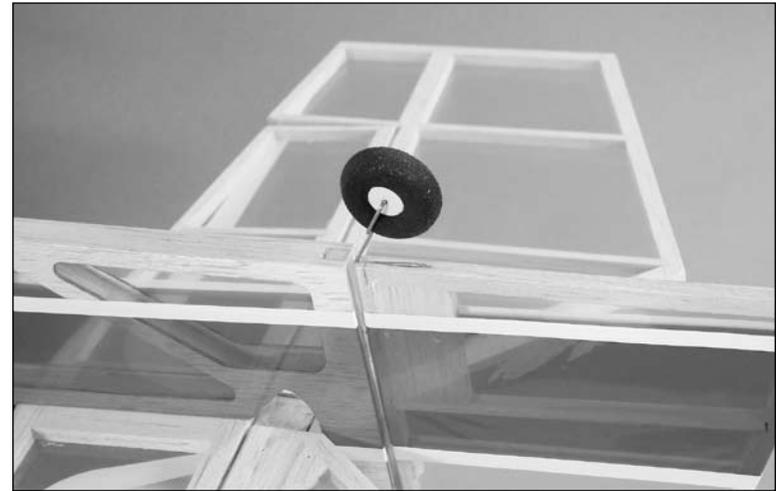
## Required Parts

Assembled airframe  
Tail gear assembly  
Main gear strut (2)  
Main wheel, 1 7/8-inch (48mm) (2)  
10mm plastic wheel spacer (2)  
4-40 nut (2)  
4-40 lock nut (2)  
4-40 x 1-inch socket head screw (2)  
2mm x 15mm machine screw (2)  
2mm nut (2)

## Required Tools and Adhesives

Pliers  
Phillips screwdriver (small)  
Hex wrench: 3/32-inch  
Thin CA  
6-minute epoxy  
Threadlock

1. Locate the tail gear wire. Use 6-minute epoxy to glue the wire into the slot in the bottom of the rudder.



2. Attach the main gear to the fuselage using two 2mm x 15mm machine screws and the two 2mm nuts. Use a drop of thin CA or threadlock on the nuts to prevent them from vibrating loose.



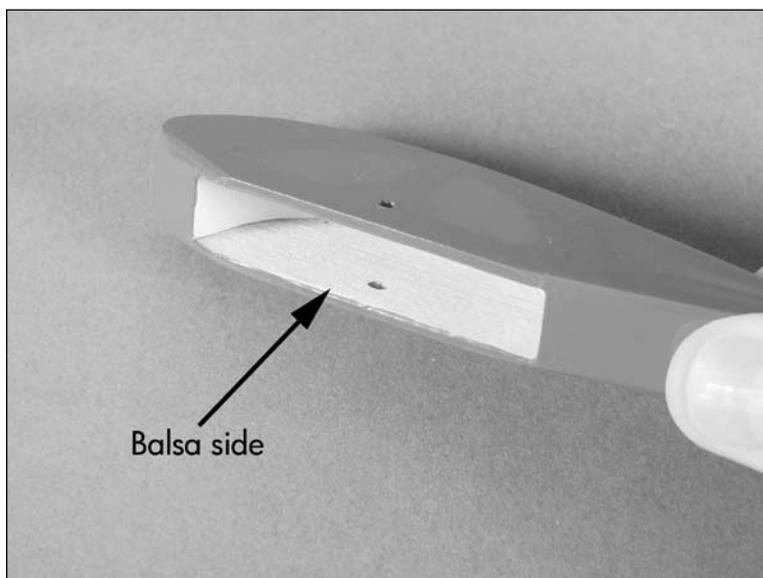
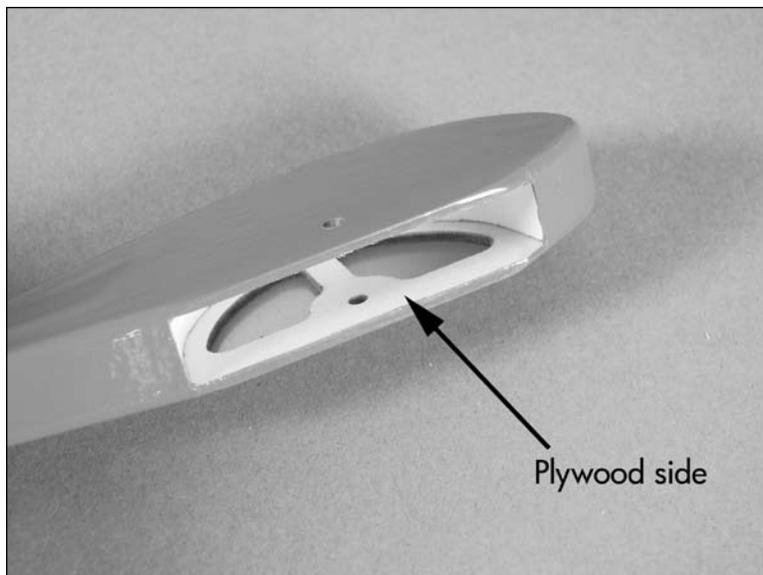
- ○ 3. Locate one of the main wheels and the  $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch (10mm) spacer. Slide the spacer into the wheel.



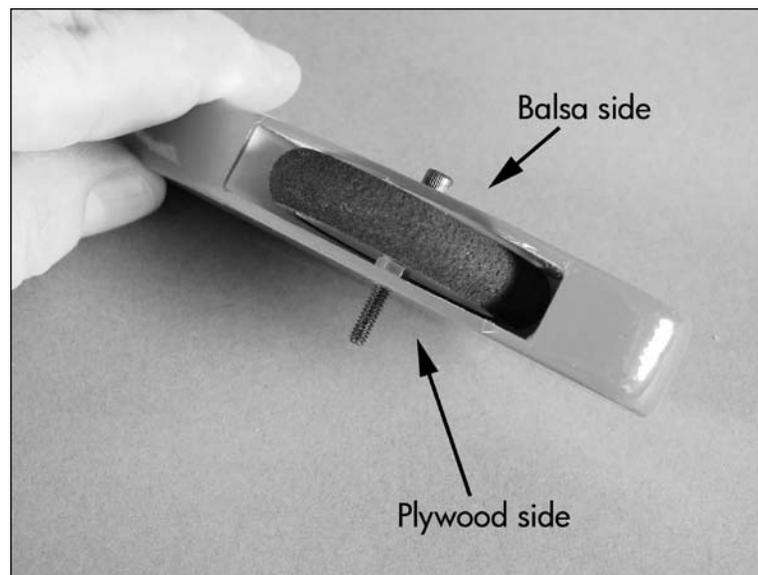
- ○ 4. Position the spacer in the wheel so it is offset to one side. The spacer will measure  $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch (5mm) on one side,  $\frac{1}{16}$ -inch (1.5mm) on the other. Use thin CA to glue the spacer on to the wheel once you have the correct offset.



- ○ 5. Before installing the wheel, note the orientation of the wheel pant for the following steps. The plywood side has the lightning holes, while the balsa side is solid.



- ○ 6. Slide the wheel into the wheel pant. The  $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch (5mm) offset on the spacer will be on the balsa side of the wheel pant. Pass the 4-40 x 1-inch socket head screw through the pant and into the spacer. Use pliers to hold the 4-40 nut inside the wheel pant on the plywood side and thread the screw into the nut.



- ○ 7. Slide the screw through the landing gear. Secure the wheel pant to the gear using a 4-40 lock nut. Tighten the 4-40 screw on to the locknut until the assembly is almost tight. At this point the wheel pant should still be able to rotate. Using pliers, hold the 4-40 nut inside the wheel pant and rotate the 4-40 socket head screw counterclockwise while positioning the wheel pant at the correct angle. This will tighten the wheel pant assembly between the two nuts.



**Note:** The two 4-40 nuts will hold the wheel pant in position against the landing gear. You can apply a drop of thin CA between the lock nut and the gear to keep it from coming loose over time if necessary.

- 8. Repeat Steps 2 through 7 for the remaining wheel.

# Radio Installation

## Required Parts

Assembled airframe  
Carbon linkage w/nylon clevis (rudder), 13-inch (330mm)  
Carbon linkage w/nylon clevis (elevator) 11-inch (282mm)  
Carbon linkage w/nylon clevis (aileron) (2) 5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>-inch (133mm)  
Control horn w/backplate (4)  
Pushrod screw lock connector w/hardware (4)  
Servos w/hardware (4)  
3D length servo arms (4)  
Radio system w/receiver

## Required Tools and Adhesives

Phillips screwdriver (small)  
Felt-tipped pen  
Thick CA  
Drill  
Drill bit: 1/16-inch (1.5mm)  
Hook and loop tape  
Hobby knife (#11 blade)

1. Remove the arms from your four servos. Install two servos into the openings on the bottom of the wing using the hardware provided with the servos. Make sure to position the output of the servo toward the rear of the plane, and to have the servo leads accessible from the bottom of the airplane. Pre-drill the holes for the servo mounting screws using a drill and 1/16-inch (1.5mm) drill bit.



**Hint:** Pass both servo leads to the same side of the fuselage for a cleaner radio installation.

- 2. The elevator servo is installed in the upper hole in the fuselage using the hardware provided with your servo. Pre-drill the holes for the servo mounting screws using a drill and  $\frac{1}{16}$ -inch (1.5mm) drill bit. The output of the servo will be on the left side facing the rear of the plane.

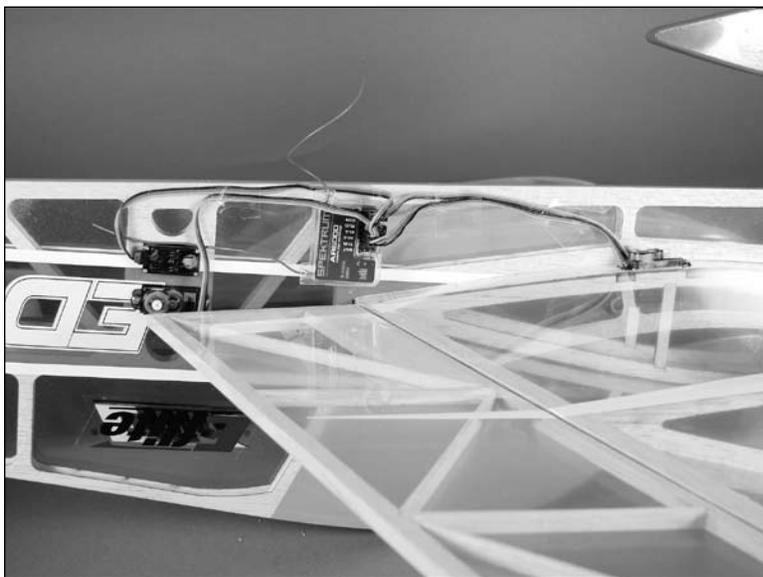


**Note:** Notch the fuselage so you can pass the elevator servo lead to the same side of the fuselage as the aileron servo leads.

- 3. The rudder servo is installed in the lower hole using the hardware provided with your servo. Pre-drill the holes for the servo mounting screws using a drill and  $\frac{1}{16}$ -inch (1.5mm) drill bit. The output for the rudder servo will be opposite the elevator servo facing the rear of the plane.



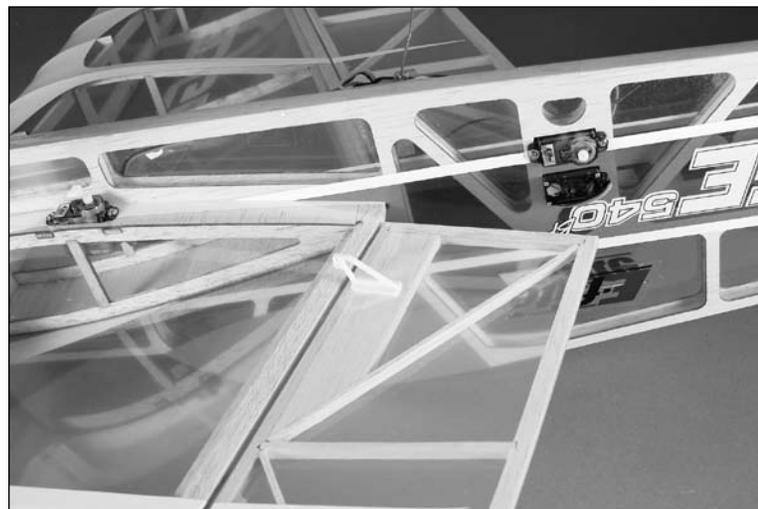
- 4. Secure the receiver to the fuselage under the wing using hook and loop tape. Route the antenna wires according to the manual provided with your radio system. Plug the servos into the appropriate positions in the receiver.



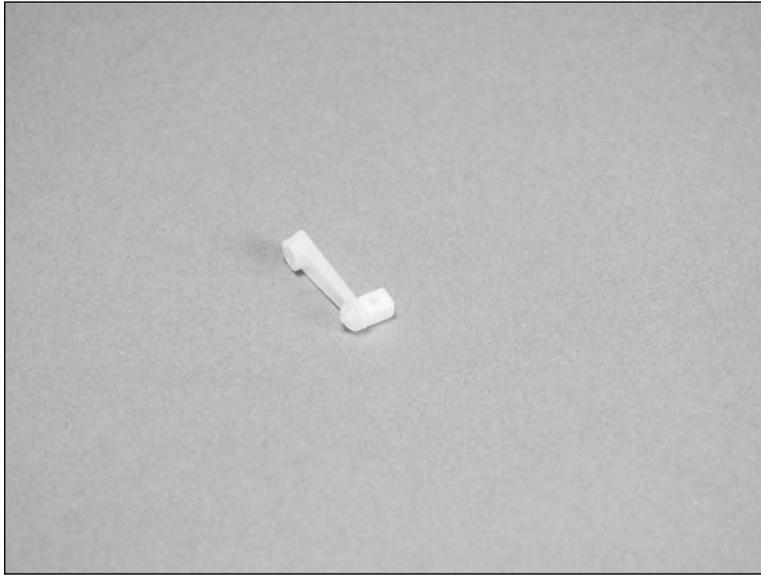
**Note:** Make sure all the wires are neatly taped to the fuselage to prevent them from getting entangled with the linkages.

**Hint:** With all the servo leads on the same side of the fuselage the radio installation will look neat and tidy.

- ○ 5. Apply thick CA to the bottom plate of the control horn and slide the control horn into the holes from the bottom of the aileron. Apply a few drops of thin CA to the posts from the top of the aileron. Apply thick CA to the bottom of the control horn backplate and slide the control horn backplate into position, making sure the horn is solidly secured. Apply a couple drops of thin CA where the posts protrude through the backplate.



- ○ 6. Enlarge the outer hole in the servo arm using a  $\frac{1}{16}$ -inch (1.5mm) drill bit. Attach a pushrod control connector to a long 3D servo horn. Remove the remaining arm using a hobby knife or side cutters.



- ○ 7. Turn the radio system on and center all the trims and sticks. Also make sure you are starting with a clean program if using a programmable radio. Check the operation of the servos at this time.
- ○ 8. With the radio system on, attach the servo horn to the aileron servo. Position the servo arm parallel to the aileron hinge line.



- ○ 9. Attach the 5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>-inch (133mm) pushrod to the outer hole of the control horn.



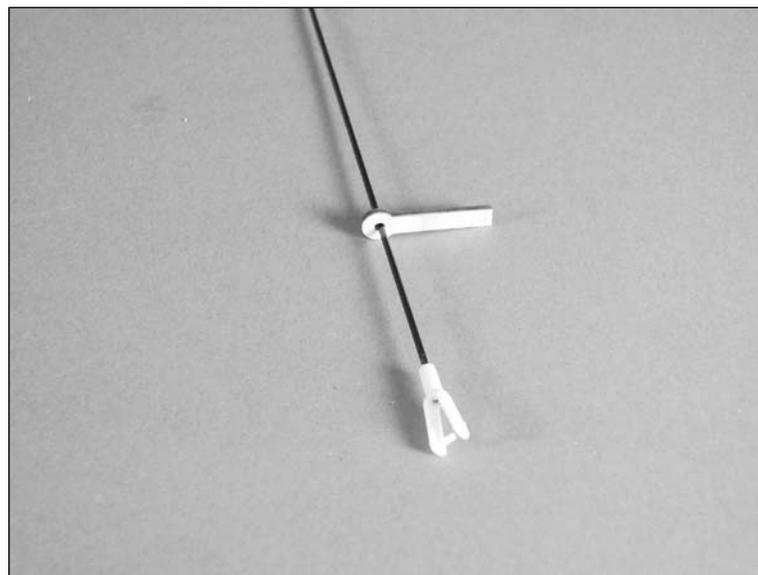
- ○ 10. With the radio system still on, physically center the aileron. Use the screw from the pushrod control connector to secure the pushrod to the connector.



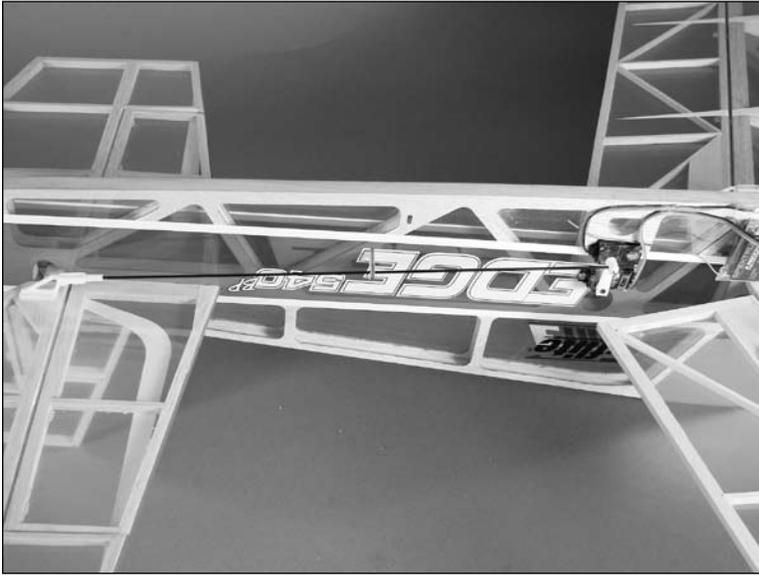
- 11. Repeat Steps 5 through 12 for the remaining aileron servo.



- 12. Slide the plywood pushrod support on the 11-inch (282mm) elevator linkage.



- 14. The installation of the elevator linkage follows the same procedure as the aileron linkage. Remove the covering for the pushrod guide only on the side that the guide inserts from. Position the guide so the linkage can move freely. Use thin CA to glue the guide to the fuselage.



- 15. The last linkage to install is for operating the rudder. The long 13-inch (330mm) carbon pushrod is used for the rudder. Follow the same procedure as the elevator pushrod, including the installation of the pushrod guide.



# Power System Installation

## Required Parts

- Assembled airframe
- Motor offset shim (2)
- Stick mount w/hardware
- Brushless motor
- 20-Amp Brushless ESC (EFLA311B)
- 910–1320mAh 3-Cell 11.1V Li-Po (THP13203SPL or THP9103SJPL)
- Propeller
- EC3 Device & Battery Connector, Male/Female (EFLAEC303)

## Required Tools and Adhesives

- Razor saw
- Medium CA
- Ruler
- Hook and loop tape
- Drill
- Drill bit: 1/16-inch (1.5mm)

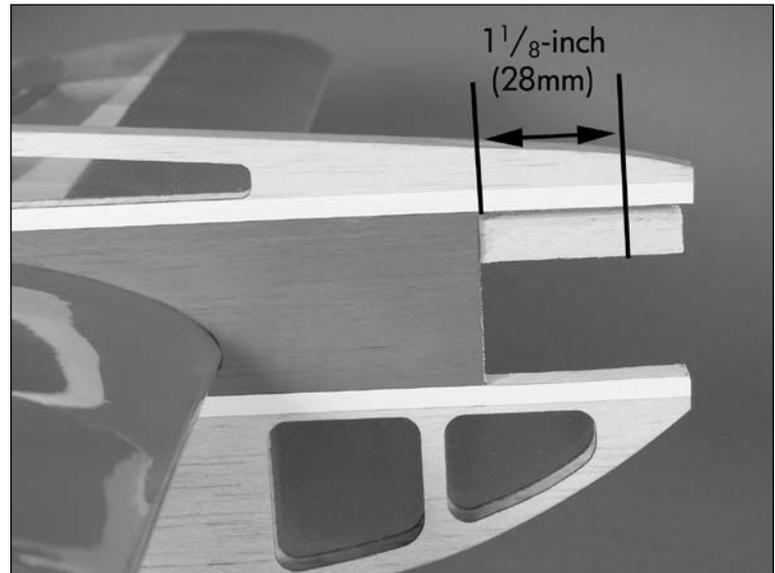
**Note:** The following steps show the installation procedures using our E-flite Outrunner BL motor. You can use an Inrunner motor with a gearbox as an alternative setup.

- 1. Mount your particular motor to the stick type mount using the hardware provided with the mount.



**Note:** Use the included spacers when installing the Park 450 motor.

- 2. Cut the Motor Stick to a length of 1 1/8-inch (28mm) as shown when using a Park 400 motor. When using a Park 450 motor, cut the motor stick to a length of 7/8-inch (22mm).

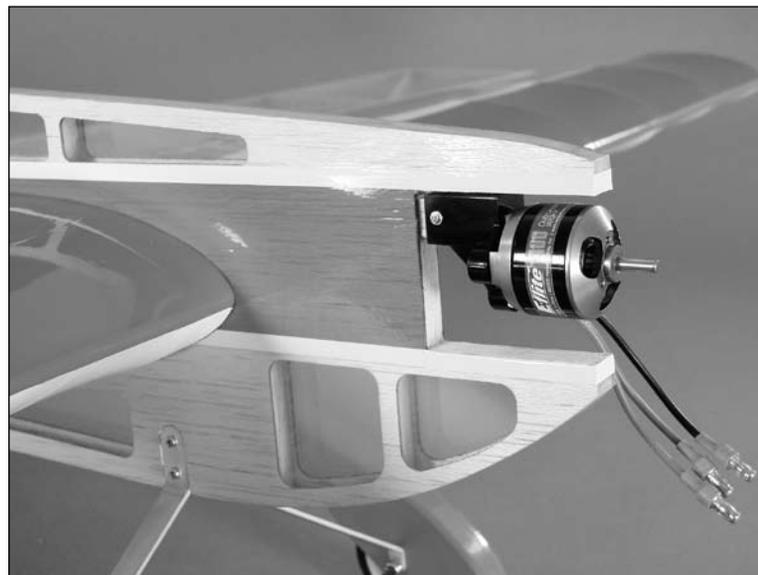


- 3. Use medium CA to glue the two motor offset shims to the sides of the motor stick. This is necessary to provide the correct thrust angle for the motor. Make sure the thin end on the left shim is towards the front, and the shim on the right has the thick end of the shim towards the front.



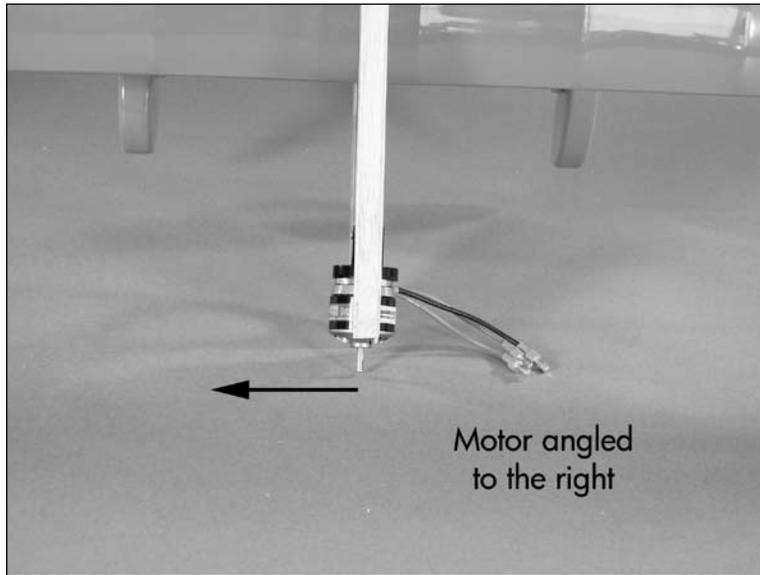
**Note:** The left and right of the aircraft are as viewed while sitting in the pilot seat. The photo above shows a view of the right side of the fuselage.

- 4. Slide the motor mount onto the motor stick. Use a drill and  $\frac{1}{16}$ -inch (1.5mm) drill bit to drill a pilot hole for the screw into the motor stick. Use the 1.5mm x 10mm screw to secure the mount to the motor stick.



**Note:** You can also drill an extra screw in to the opposite side of the mount forward of the one shown to help reduce wear on the motor stick.

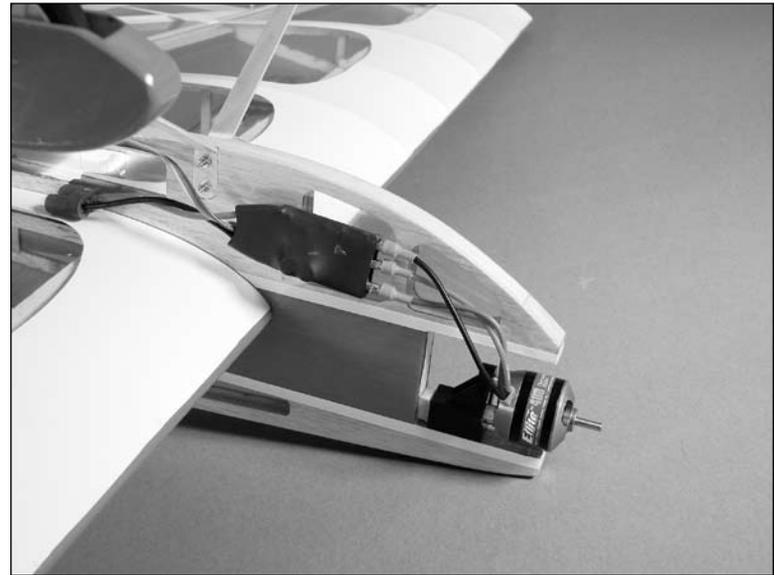
**Note:** Check that your motor has right thrust. The motor will be angled towards the right when viewed from the top of the aircraft as shown.



### ***Important Information About Your Brushless ESC***

Make sure your ESC brake is programmed to Off. Also, be sure to use an ESC with the proper 9V cutoff when using 3-cell Li-Po packs, or 6V cutoff when using 2-cell Li-Po packs.

- 5. Solder any necessary connectors onto the speed control for the motor and battery. Plug the motor into the speed control. Attach the speed control to the fuselage using hook and loop tape. Plug the speed control into the throttle port of your receiver.



- 6. Attach the battery to the side of the fuselage using hook and loop tape. The exact position of the battery can be changed forward or back, depending on what is necessary to achieve the correct center of gravity. Turn on the radio system and plug the battery into the speed control. Use the throttle to check that the motor rotates counterclockwise when viewed from the front. If not, follow the directions included with your speed control to change the direction of the motor rotation.



**Note:** Never check the motor rotation on the bench with the propeller installed. The plane could move and cause serious injury. Always check the motor without the propeller to avoid injury.

### **Important Information About Your Propeller**

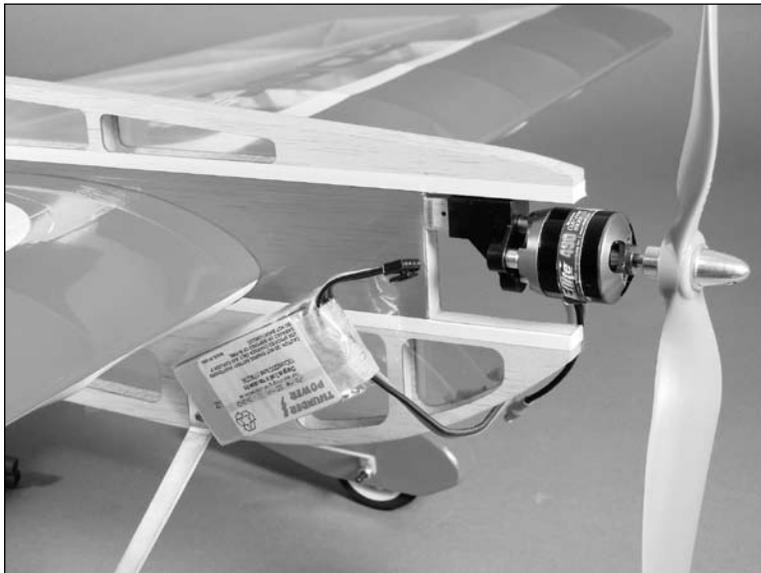
It is also very important to check to be sure the propeller is balanced before installing onto the shaft. An unbalanced propeller may strip the gears or cause poor flight characteristics.

**Note:** If it is necessary to enlarge the hole in the propeller, make sure to check the balance of the propeller afterwards.

- 7. Attach the propeller using the adapter included with the motor.



**Note:** The following image shows the installation of the Park 450 motor with correct spacers between the motor and mount.



## Control Throws

- 1. Turn on the transmitter and receiver of your Edge 540 BP. Check the movement of the rudder using the transmitter. When the stick is moved right, the rudder should also move right. Reverse the direction of the servo at the transmitter if necessary.
- 2. Check the movement of the elevator with the radio system. Moving the elevator stick down will make the airplane elevator move up.
- 3. Use a ruler to adjust the throw of the elevator, ailerons and rudder. Adjust the position of the pushrod at the control horn to achieve the following measurements when moving the sticks to their endpoints.

**Note:** Measurements are taken at the widest point on the surface.

### **Ailerons**

Low Rate: 1-inch (25mm) with 20% Expo (Up/Down)

High Rate: 2-inch (50mm) with 40% Expo (Up/Down)

### **Elevator**

Low Rate: 2-inch (50mm) with 20% Expo (Up/Down)

High Rate: 2 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-inch (70mm) with 45% Expo (Up/Down)

### **Rudder**

3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-inch (89mm) (Left/Right)

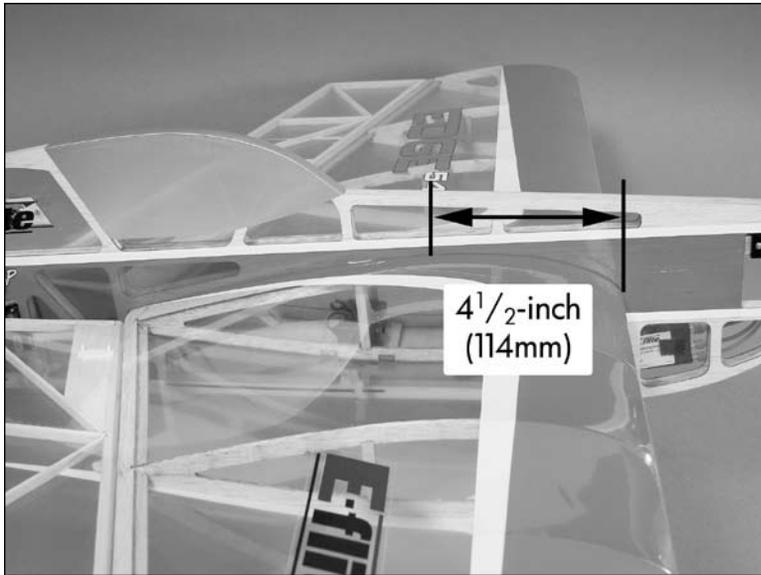
These are general guidelines measured from our own flight tests. You can experiment with higher rates to match your preferred style of flying.

## Center of Gravity

An important part of preparing the aircraft for flight is properly balancing the model.

**Caution: Do not inadvertently skip this step!**

The recommended Center of Gravity (CG) location for the Edge 540 BP is 4 1/2-inch (114mm) behind the leading edge of the wing against the fuselage.



After the first flights, the CG position can be adjusted for your personal preference.

## Range Test Your Radio

- 1. Before each flying session, be sure to range check your radio. This is accomplished by turning on your transmitter with the antenna collapsed. Turn on the receiver in your airplane. With your airplane on the ground and the engine running, you should be able to walk 30 paces (approximately 100 feet) away from your airplane and still have complete control of all functions.

If not, don't attempt to fly! Have your radio equipment checked out by the manufacturer.

- 2. Double-check that all controls (aileron, elevator, rudder and throttle) move in the correct direction.
- 3. Be sure that your transmitter batteries are fully charged, per the instructions included with your radio.

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### **Check Your Radio**

Before going to the field, be sure that your batteries are fully charged per the instructions included with your radio. Charge both the transmitter and receiver pack for your airplane. Use the recommended charger supplied with your particular radio system, following the instructions provided with the radio. In most cases, the radio should be charged the night before going out flying.

Before each flying session, be sure to range check your radio. See your radio manual for the recommended range and instructions for your radio system. Each radio manufacturer specifies different procedures for their radio systems. Next, start the motor. With the model securely anchored, check the range again. The range test should not be significantly affected. If it is, don't attempt to fly! Have your radio equipment checked out by the manufacturer.

**Note:** Keep loose items that can get entangled in the propeller away from the prop. These include loose clothing, or other objects such as pencils and screwdrivers. Especially keep your hands away from the propeller.

Double-check that all controls (aileron, elevator, rudder and throttle) move in the correct direction.

Check the radio installation and make sure all the control surfaces are moving correctly (i.e. the correct direction and with the recommended throws). Test run the motor and make sure it transitions smoothly from off to full throttle and back. Also ensure the engine is installed according to the manufacturer's instructions, and it will operate consistently.

Check all the control horns, servo horns, and clevises to make sure they are secure and in good condition. Replace any items that would be considered questionable. Failure of any of these components in flight would mean the loss of your aircraft.

## Flying Your Edge 540 BP

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Flying the Edge 540 BP is about as fun as it can get at the park. A very light wing loading and extreme control throws make for some exciting 3D flying. Verify that your CG is at the correct location as per the manual and that you have your rates set up to your liking. Verify all control throws are in the correct direction and the motor spins in the correct direction as well.

Point the model into the wind and add some throttle trim until the motor begins to turn. This will be your flight idle. Now, apply power slowly. You will find the model will become airborne very quickly and at a low speed. This model excels at flying slow and easy as well as slow and extreme. Trim the model for level flight at half throttle. Only use full throttle for maneuvering. Do not fly this model fast or at full throttle in level flight. Doing this will result in the flight controls fluttering and a potential catastrophic failure of the airframe.

You will find you can adjust the CG to your liking by moving the battery pack fore or aft on the fuselage. Also keep the battery on the fuselage mounted high (at least at wing centerline or above) to help in hovering maneuvers and harriers.

To land the Edge 540 BP just reduce the throttle to idle and feed in up elevator until the model settles into a slightly nose-high attitude. Gently fly the model down to the landing spot with a final flair at touchdown. You will find the model will have a very short roll out. We hope you enjoy the Edge 540 BP as much as we do.

Happy landings.

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## GENERAL

- 1) I will not fly my model aircraft in sanctioned events, air shows or model flying demonstrations until it has been proven to be airworthy by having been previously, successfully flight tested.
- 2) I will not fly my model higher than approximately 400 feet within 3 miles of an airport without notifying the airport operator. I will give right-of-way and avoid flying in the proximity of full-scale aircraft. Where necessary, an observer shall be utilized to supervise flying to avoid having models fly in the proximity of full-scale aircraft.
- 3) Where established, I will abide by the safety rules for the flying site I use, and I will not willfully or deliberately fly my models in a careless, reckless and/or dangerous manner.
- 4) The maximum takeoff weight of a model is 55 pounds, except models flown under Experimental Aircraft rules.
- 5) I will not fly my model unless it is identified with my name and address or AMA number on or in the model. (This does not apply to models while being flown indoors.)
- 6) I will not operate models with metal-bladed propellers or with gaseous boosts, in which gases other than air enter their internal combustion engine(s); nor will I operate models with extremely hazardous fuels such as those containing tetranitromethane or hydrazine.

## RADIO CONTROL

- 1) I will have completed a successful radio equipment ground range check before the first flight of a new or repaired model.
- 2) I will not fly my model aircraft in the presence of spectators until I become a qualified flier, unless assisted by an experienced helper.
- 3) At all flying sites a straight or curved line(s) must be established in front of which all flying takes place with the other side for spectators. Only personnel involved with flying the aircraft are allowed at or in front of the flight line. Intentional flying behind the flight line is prohibited.

- 4) I will operate my model using only radio control frequencies currently allowed by the Federal Communications Commission. (Only properly licensed Amateurs are authorized to operate equipment on Amateur Band frequencies.)
- 5) Flying sites separated by three miles or more are considered safe from site-to-site interference, even when both sites use the same frequencies. Any circumstances under three miles separation require a frequency management arrangement, which may be either an allocation of specific frequencies for each site or testing to determine that freedom from interference exists. Allocation plans or interference test reports shall be signed by the parties involved and provided to AMA Headquarters.

Documents of agreement and reports may exist between (1) two or more AMA Chartered Clubs, (2) AMA clubs and individual AMA members not associated with AMA Clubs, or (3) two or more individual AMA members.

- 6) For Combat, distance between combat engagement line and spectator line will be 500 feet per cubic inch of engine displacement. (Example: .40 engine = 200 feet.); electric motors will be based on equivalent combustion engine size. Additional safety requirements will be per the RC Combat section of the current Competition Regulations.
- 7) At air shows or model flying demonstrations, a single straight line must be established, one side of which is for flying, with the other side for spectators.
- 8) With the exception of events flown under AMA Competition rules, after launch, except for pilots or helpers being used, no powered model may be flown closer than 25 feet to any person.
- 9) Under no circumstances may a pilot or other person touch a powered model in flight.



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