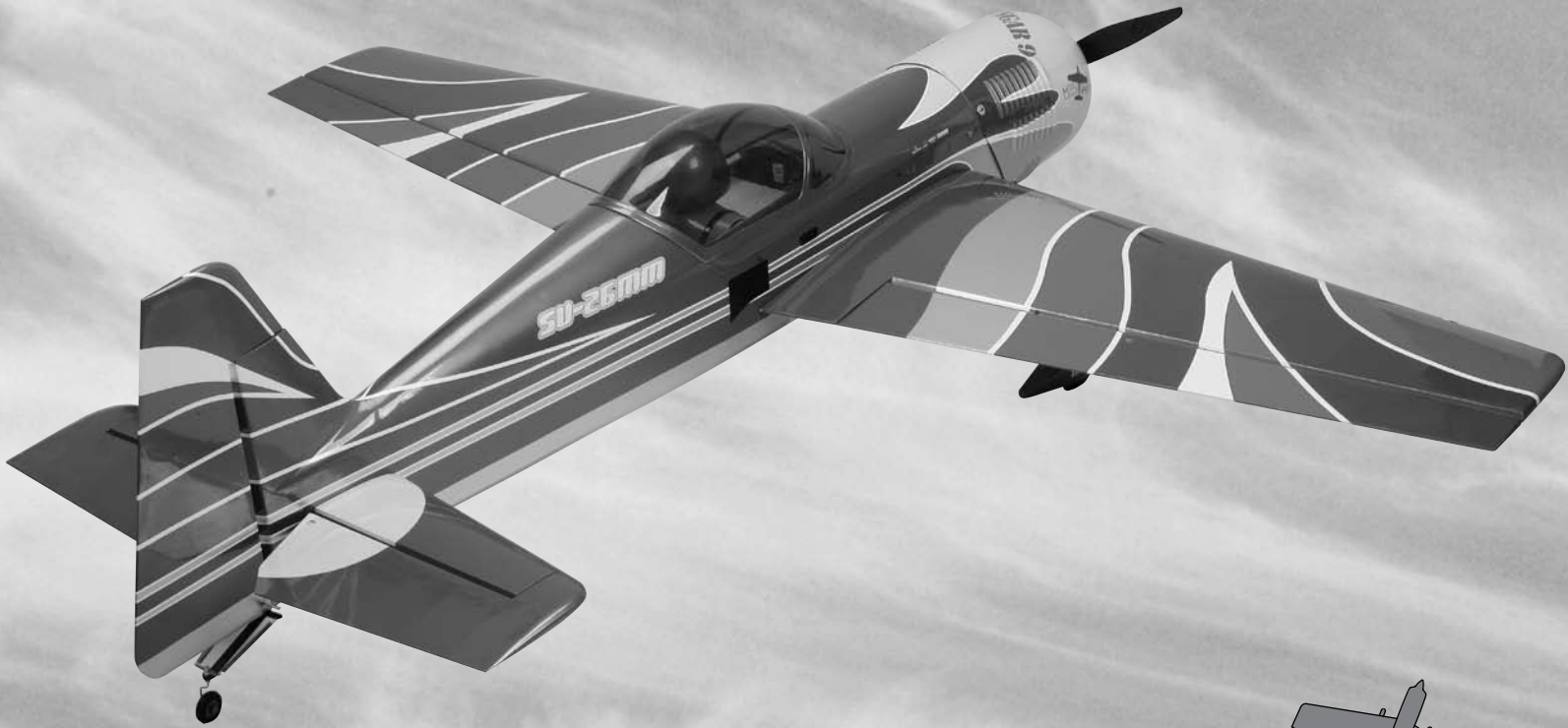




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# 85cc Sukhoi SU-26MM

## ASSEMBLY MANUAL



### Specifications

Wingspan.....97 in (2464mm)  
 Overall Length..... 91 1/8 in (2315mm) with spinner  
 Wing Area ..... 1762 sq in (114 sq dm)  
 Flying Weight..... 21.5–24 lb (9.75–10.89 kg)

Engine Size ..... 58–85cc gas  
 Radio..... 7-channel or more  
 Servos..... 6 servos  
 (7 if using two rudder servos instead of one)  
 Spinner Size..... 4 1/4-inch  
 Hardware Included ..... Yes

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# 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 box (☐) are performed once, while steps with two boxes (☐ ☐) 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.

## Required Tools and Adhesives

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### Tools

- Rotary tool (Dremel)
- Pliers
- T-pins
- Solder
- Solder gun
- Tape
- Phillips screwdriver
- Felt-tipped pen
- Hex wrench: 5/64-inch, 3/32-inch, 7/64-inch, 1/8-inch
- Drill bit: 1/16-inch (1.5mm), 5/64-inch (2mm), 5/32-inch (4mm), 3/16-inch (4.5mm)
- Hobby scissors
- Clamp
- Crimping tool/vice grips
- String
- 1/4-inch (6mm) foam
- Hobby knife
- Drill
- Nut driver: 1/4-inch
- Angle Pro Incidence Meter (HAN192)

### Adhesives

- Thin CA (PAAPT08)
- 30-Minute Epoxy (HAN8002)
- CA Remover/Debonder (PAAPT16)
- Medium CA (PAAPT02)
- Formula 560 Canopy Glue (PAAPT56)
- Pacer Z-42 Threadlock (PAAPT42)

## UltraCote Covering Colors

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- White (HANU870)
- True Red (HANU866)
- Bright Yellow (HANU872)
- Pearl Blue (HANU845)

## Before Starting Assembly

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Before beginning the assembly of the 85cc Sukhoi SU-26MM, remove each part from its bag for inspection. Closely inspect the fuselage, wing panels, rudder, and stabilizer for damage. If you find any damaged or missing parts, contact the place of purchase.

If you find any wrinkles in the covering, use a heat gun or sealing iron to remove them. Use caution while working around areas where the colors overlap to prevent separating the colors.



**HAN101 – Sealing Iron**

**HAN141 – Sealing Iron  
Sock**



**HAN100 – Heat Gun**

**HAN150 – Covering Glove**

# Radio and Power Systems Requirements

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- 48-inch extension (JRPA104) (2)
- 12-inch extension (JRPA098) (5)
- 36-inch Servo Lead Extension (JRPA103)
- 7-channel computer radio system (minimum) w/receiver
- 4 1/4-inch Spinner (TRU4252M)
- Y-harness (JRPA135) for receiver batteries.  
An additional Y-harness is necessary when using two rudder servos
- Large Servo Arms (JRPA236) (5, 6 if using two rudder servos)
- JR 8611A or 8711 Metal-Geared High Torque Servo (5) or equivalent

**Caution:** Only metal-geared servos of 180 oz/in torque or greater should be used on the control surfaces.

- 2700mAh or larger for receiver (2) (A minimum of 3000mAh is required when using super high-torque servos)
- 1500mAh 4.8V battery or larger for ignition

## Notes regarding selecting servos:

The elevator will require two servos and mixing through the radio or two servos and a JR® MatchBox™ (JRPA0900)

The rudder, when using two rudder servos, will require a JR MatchBox (JRPA0900)

# Recommended JR, JRSPORT and Spektrum Systems

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- JR® 10X
- JR XP9303
- JR X9303 2.4
- JR XP7202
- Spektrum™ DX-7



JR X9303 2.4



Spektrum DX7



JR 10X

# Recommended Engine Setup

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## DA-85

- Pitts muffler
- or
- MTW 100 canister with header
  - 27 x 10 propeller

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# Safety, Precautions, and Warnings

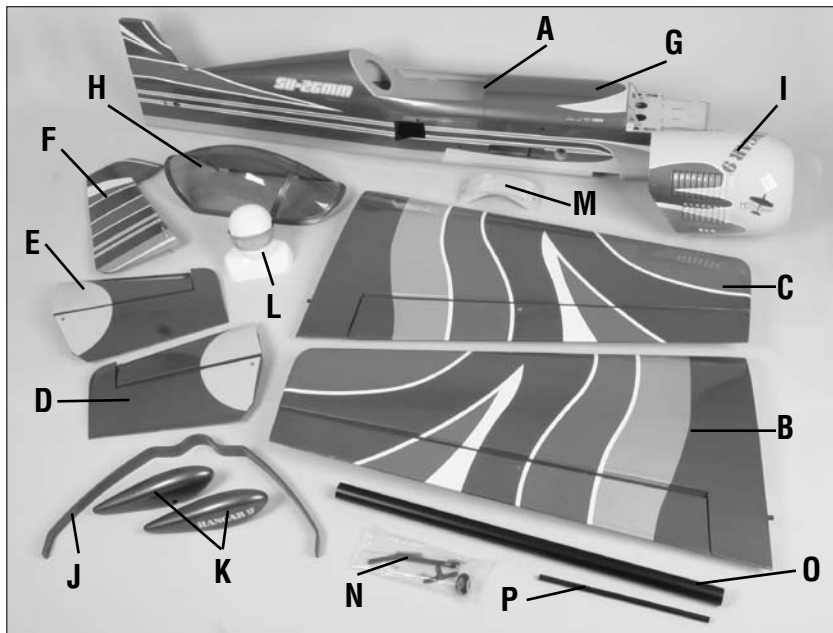
This model is controlled by a radio signal that is subject to interference from many sources outside your control. This interference can cause momentary loss of control so it is advisable to always keep a safe distance in all directions around your model, as this margin will help to avoid collisions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

## Contents of Kit

### Replacement Parts

A. HAN1226	Fuselage w/Hatch	L. HAN363	Pilot Figure
B. HAN1227	Left Wing Panel w/Aileron	M. HAN1238	Landing Gear Hatch
C. HAN1228	Right Wing Panel w/Aileron	N. HAN331	Tail Wheel
D. HAN1229	Left Stabilizer w/Elevator	O. HAN1240	Anodized Wing Tube
E. HAN1230	Right Stabilizer w/Elevator	P. HAN1241	Anodized Stab Tubes
F. HAN1231	Rudder	Q. HAN1242	Decal Sheet
G. HAN1232	Cockpit Hatch w/o Canopy		
H. HAN1233	Canopy	HAN308	3 1/2-inch Prolite Wheels
I. HAN1234	Fiberglass Painted Cowl	HAN3609	Extended Swivel Horns, 10-32
J. HAN1235	Landing Gear w/o Wheels	HAN3616	4-40 Ball Links
K. HAN1236	Wheel Pants		



# Aileron Servo Installation

## Required Parts

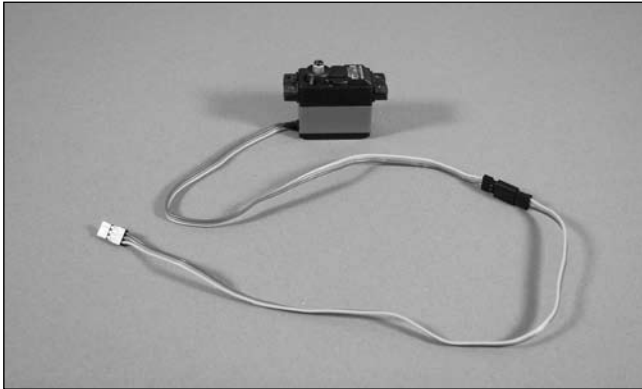
- Wing panel (left and right)
- 4-40 x 4-40 ball end w/hardware (2)
- Control horn (2)
- 3-inch (76mm) linkage (2)

## Required Tools and Adhesives

- Phillips screwdriver
- Ruler
- Hex wrench: 3/32-inch
- Servo extension, 24-inch (610mm) (2)
- 1 1/2-inch Single Side Alum Adj. Spline Servo Arm (2)
- Nut driver: 1/4-inch
- String w/weight

### Step 1

Attach a 24-inch (610mm) servo extension to the aileron servo. Secure the extension using a commercially available connector, heat shrink tubing or string so it will not unplug inside the wing.



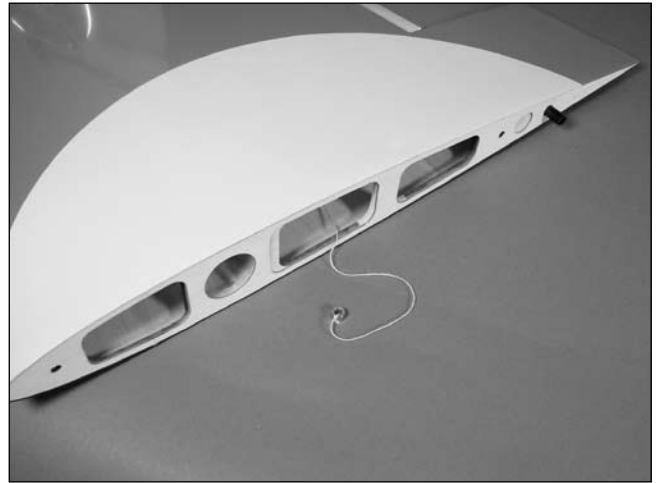
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Tie a weight to a piece of string. Lower the weight into the opening for the aileron servo.



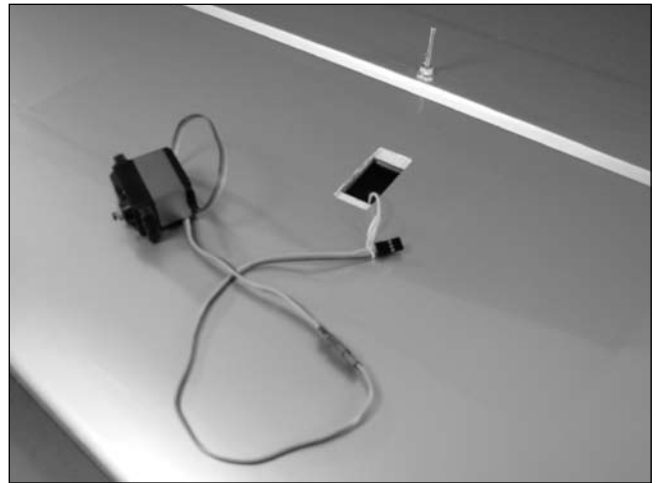
### Step 3

Tip the wing so the root is facing down and lower the weight through the wing.



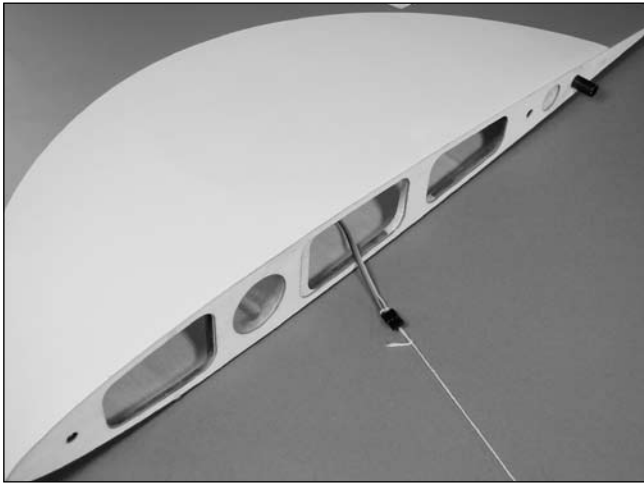
### Step 4

Tie the string to the servo extension.



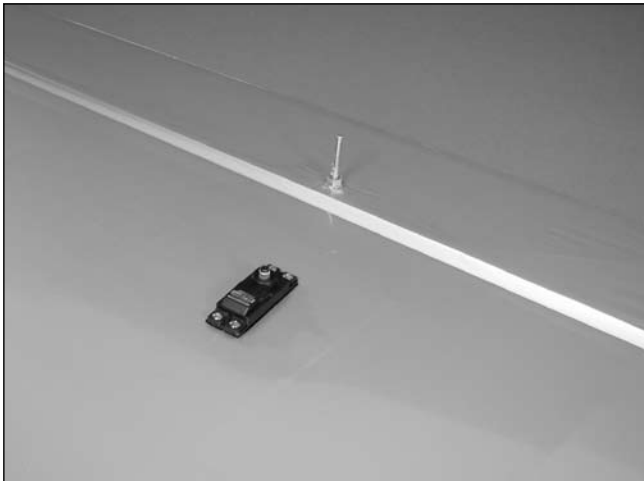
**Step 5**

Use the string to pull the extension through the wing. Tape the extension so it will not fall back into the wing.



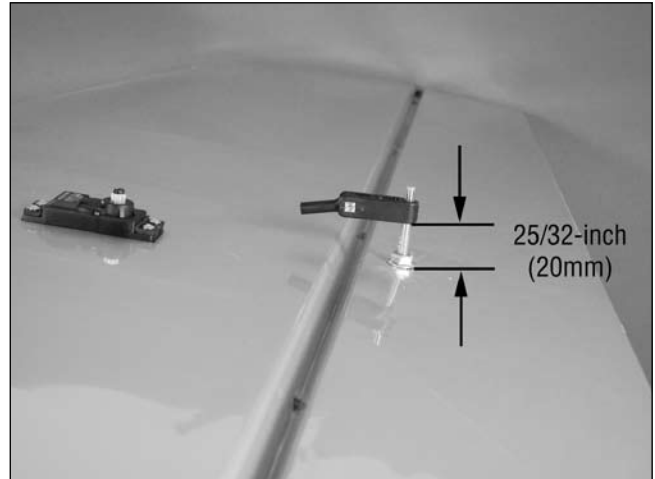
**Step 6**

Secure the servo using the hardware provided with the servo. The output of the servo faces the trailing edge. Make sure to harden the holes for the servo mounting screws using thin CA to prevent them from vibrating loose.



**Step 7**

Thread the control horn onto the control horn screw so the bottom of the horn is 25/32 inch (20mm) from the surface of the aileron.

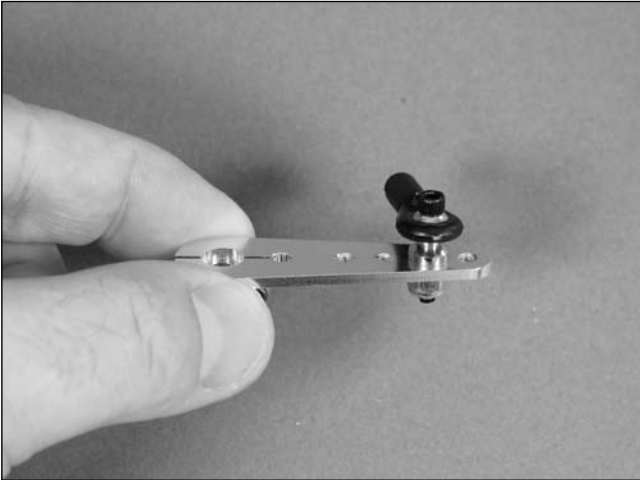


**Step 8**

Plug the aileron servo into the receiver. Center the aileron trim and stick to center the aileron servo. Also make sure any sub-trims have been set to zero in the radio memory. Check the operation of the servo at this time.

### □ □ Step 9

Attach the ball end to the top side of the servo arm using the ball end hardware, including the cone washer between the servo arm and ball end. The hole used will be  $1\frac{1}{4}$ -inch (32mm) from the center of the servo arm.



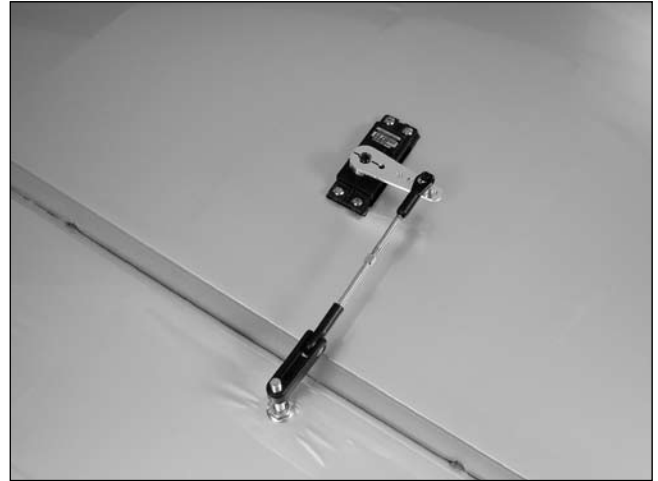
### □ □ Step 10

With the servo at the neutral position and radio on, attach the servo arm to the servo. Place it on the spline that sets the arm closest to parallel with the hinge line. (This will be fine-tuned later.) Turn off the receiver and manually turn the arm so it is parallel with the hinge line.



### □ □ Step 11

Temporarily remove the setscrew from the control horn and remove the clevis. Thread the clevis onto the 3-inch (76mm) linkage and adjust the length to center the aileron. Remember to keep the aileron servo arm parallel to the hinge line while adjusting the linkage. Reinstall the set screw to attach the clevis to the control horn.



**Note:** A small amount of threadlock is recommended to keep the set-screw secure.

### □ □ Step 12

Turn on the radio and adjust the sub-trim in the transmitter until the aileron is at the neutral position. Deflect the stick to full right aileron and adjust the travel adjust so the deflection is 40 degrees. Repeat this for full left deflection and adjust for 40 degrees.

### □ Step 13

Repeat steps 1 through 12 for the remaining wing panel.

# Elevator Servo Installation

## Required Parts

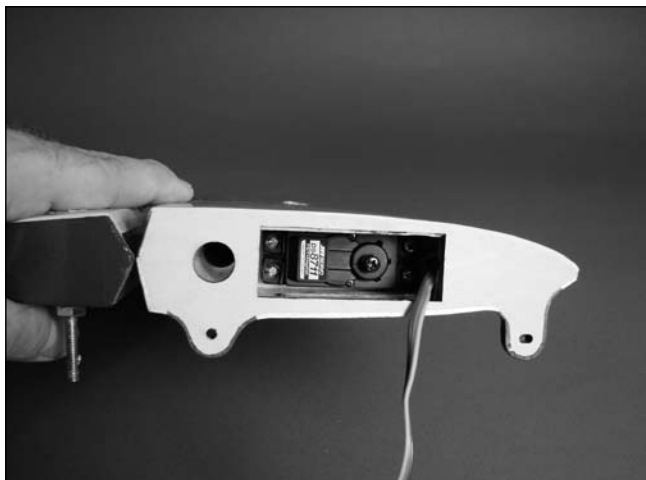
- 4-40 x 4-40 ball end w/hardware (2)
- Control horn (2)
- Stabilizer/elevator (left and right)
- 1 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-inch (45mm) linkage (2)

## Required Tools and Adhesives

- Hex wrench: 3/32-inch
- Nut driver: 1/4-inch
- 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-inch Single Side Alum Adj. Spline Servo Arm (2)

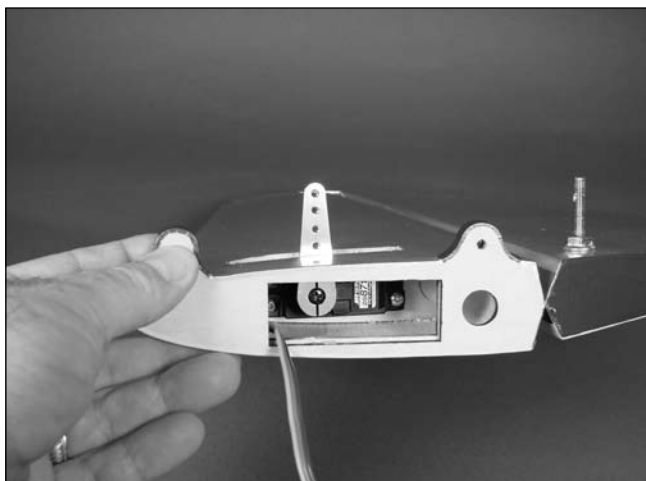
### □ □ Step 1

Install the elevator servo into the stabilizer. Make sure to pull the servo lead through the opening toward the leading edge before placing the servo.



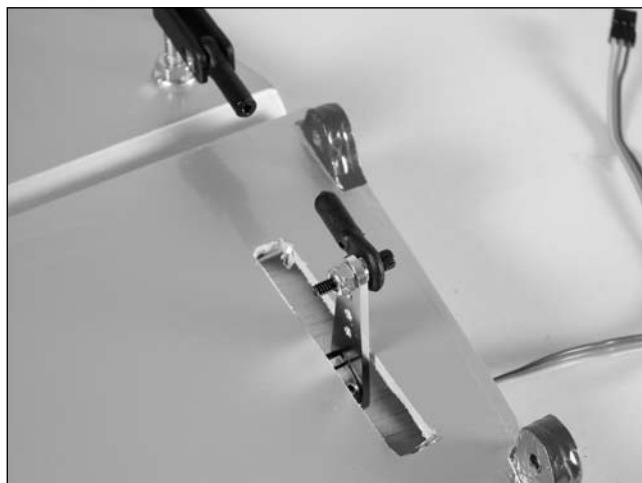
### □ □ Step 2

Install the servo arm onto the elevator servo. Use the radio system to center the servo beforehand.



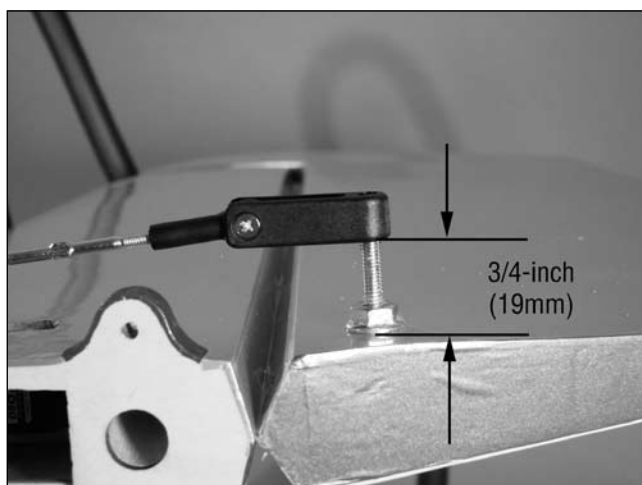
### □ □ Step 3

Attach the ball end on the side of the servo arm that is closest to the root of the stabilizer using the ball end hardware. The hole used will be 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-inch (32mm) from the center of the servo arm. Do not use the supplied cone washer when attaching the ball link to the elevator servo horn.



### □ □ Step 4

Assemble the linkage for the elevator using a ball end, control horn and a 1 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-inch (45mm) linkage. Thread the horn onto the screw so the bottom of the horn is 3/4-inch (19mm) from the surface of the elevator.



**Step 5**

Attach the ball end to the servo horn using the hardware provided with the ball end. The attachment point will be  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch (38mm) from the center of the servo horn. Adjust the linkage to center the elevator. Remember to keep the servo arm 90 degrees to the servo while adjusting the length of the linkage.



**Step 6**

Repeat Steps 1 through 5 for the remaining elevator servo and linkage.

# Rudder and Rudder Servo Installation

## Required Parts

- Control horn (2)
- Rudder
- Removable hinge pin
- Tail wheel assembly
- 4-40 x 4-40 ball end w/hardware (2)
- 4 1/2-inch (114mm) linkage
- #6 x 5/8-inch socket head sheet metal screws (2)
- #4 x 1/2-inch socket head sheet metal screws (2)
- Steering spring (2)
- Fuselage
- Tiller arm

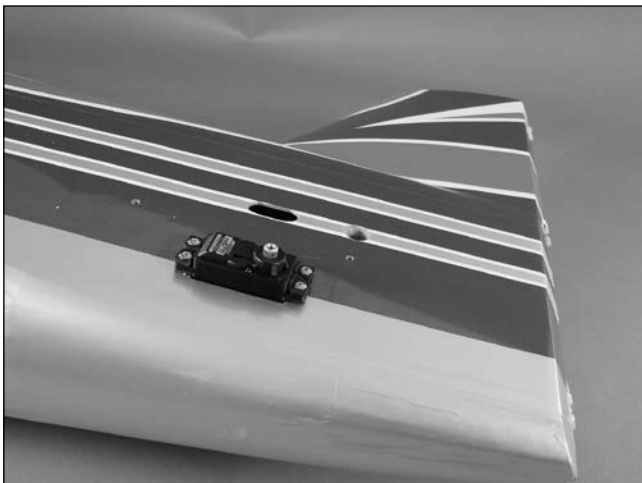
## Required Tools and Adhesives

- Thin CA
- Drill
- Drill bit: 5/64-inch (2mm), 3/32-inch (2.5mm)
- Hex wrench: 3/32-inch, 7/64-inch
- Nut driver: 1/4-inch
- 1 1/2-inch Single Side Alum Adj. Spline Servo Arm

**Note:** When using a servo with less than 300 oz/in of torque, it is highly recommended to use two rudder servos and link them together using a JR MatchBox™. An additional servo location on the opposite side of the fuselage will require the removal of the covering to install your second servo.

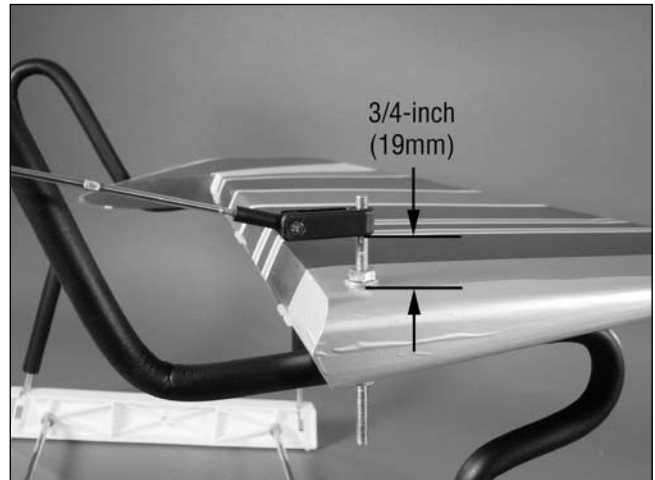
## □ Step 1

Attach a 36-inch (915mm) servo extension to the rudder servo. Secure the extension using a commercially available connector, heat shrink tubing or string so it will not unplug inside the fuselage.



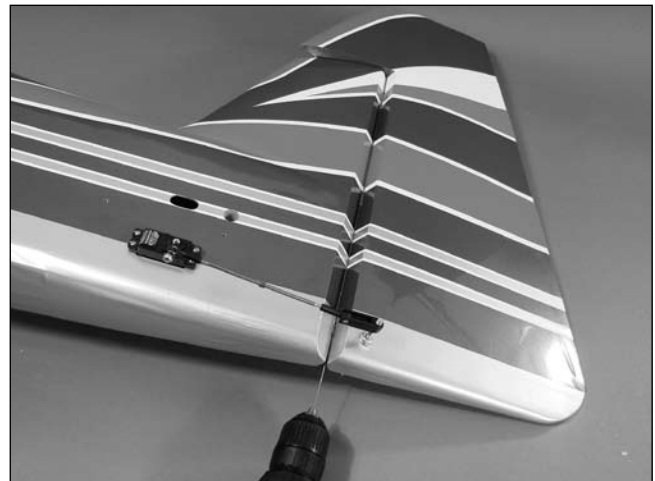
## □ Step 2

Assemble the rudder linkage using a 4 1/2-inch (114mm) linkage, ball end and control horn. The control horn is then threaded on the control horn screw so the bottom of the horn is 5/8-inch (16mm) from the control surface.



## □ Step 3

Attach the rudder to the fin/fuselage using the hinge pin located in the hinges.



**Hint:** Use a drill to aid in installing the hinge wire. This will help guide the wire through each of the hinges

**Note:** The tail gear will keep the rudder hinge in position. You will need to trim the removable hinge pin so it is 1/4-inch (4mm) above the tail gear when it has been installed.

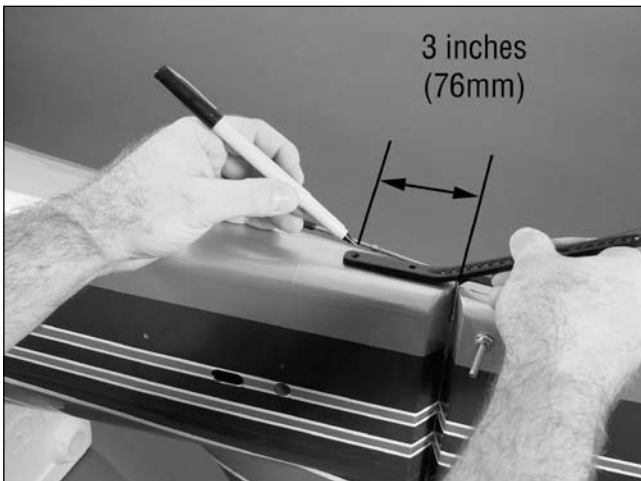
#### □ Step 4

Attach the ball end to the servo horn using the hardware provided with the ball end. The attachment point will be  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch (38mm) from the center of the servo horn. When installing the ball end, make sure to place the supplied cone washer between the ball end and servo arm.



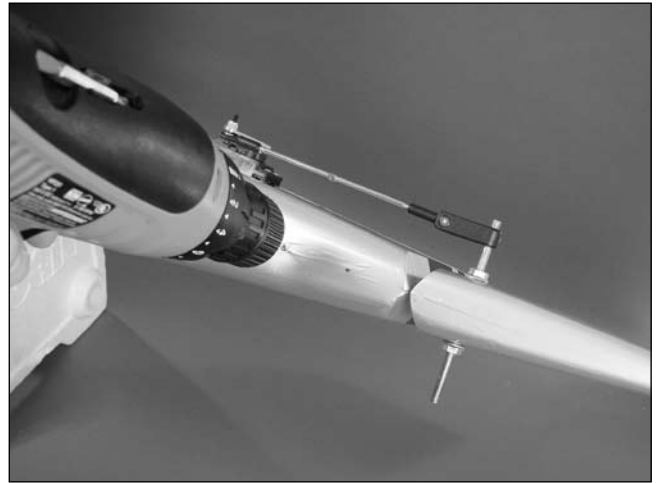
#### □ Step 5

Position the tail gear assembly on the bottom of the fuselage. Use a felt-tipped pen to mark the locations for the two screws. The forward hole is 3 inches (76mm) forward of the rudder hinge pin.



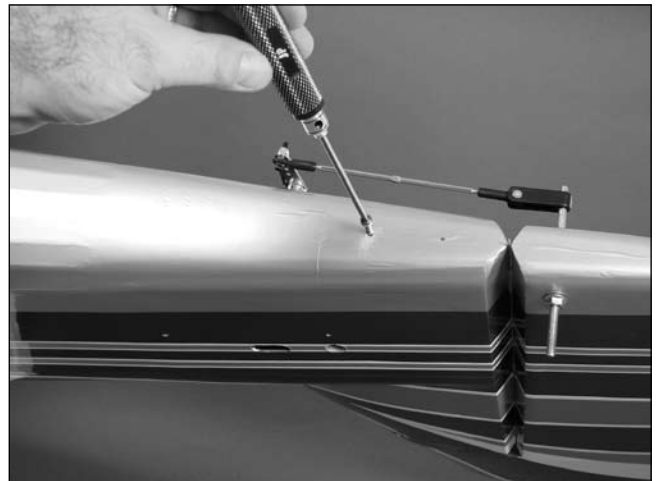
#### □ Step 6

Drill each of the locations using a drill and  $3/32$ -inch (2.5mm) drill bit.



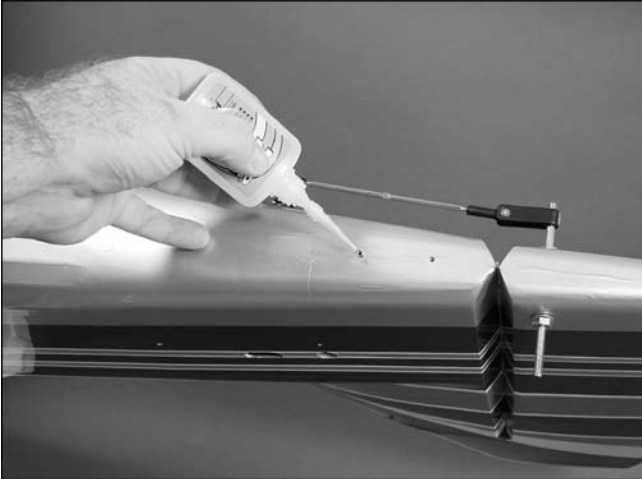
#### □ Step 7

Thread a #6 x  $3/4$ -inch socket head sheet metal screw into the holes, then remove the screw.



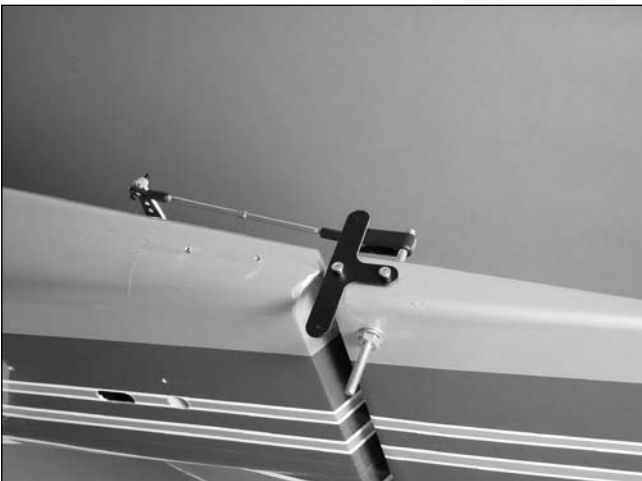
**□ Step 8**

Apply a few drops of thin CA into each of the two holes to harden the wood. This will help in preventing the screws from vibrating loose.



**□ Step 9**

Follow Steps 5 through 8 to attach the tiller arm to the bottom of the rudder with two #4 x 1/2-inch socket head sheet metal screws.



**□ Step 10**

Attach the tail gear assembly to the bottom of the fuselage using two #6 x 5/8-inch socket head sheet metal screws.



**□ Step 11**

Complete the rudder installation by connecting the tail wheel to the tiller arm with two steering springs.



# Landing Gear Installation

## Required Parts

- Fuselage assembly
- #8 washer (4)
- Axle w/nut (2)
- 4-40 blind nut (4)
- 8-32 x 3/4-inch socket head screw (4)
- 4 1/2-inch (114mm) wheel (2)
- 4-40 x 1/2-inch socket head screw (4)
- 5/32-inch wheel collar w/setscrews (4)
- Main landing gear
- 8-32 locknut (4)
- #4 washer (4)

## Required Tools and Adhesives

- Threadlock
- Adjustable wrench (2)
- Drill bit: 9/64-inch (3.5mm)
- Hex wrench: .050-inch, 3/32-inch
- Drill

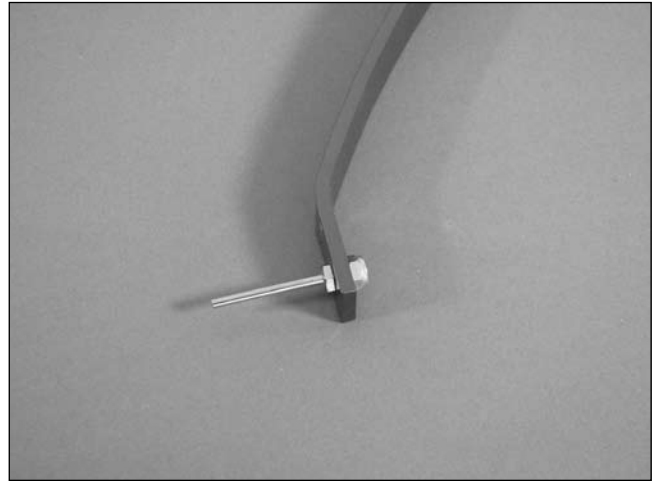
### □ □ Step 1

Remove the landing gear fairing by loosening the two 4-40 bolts with a 3/32-inch ball wrench.



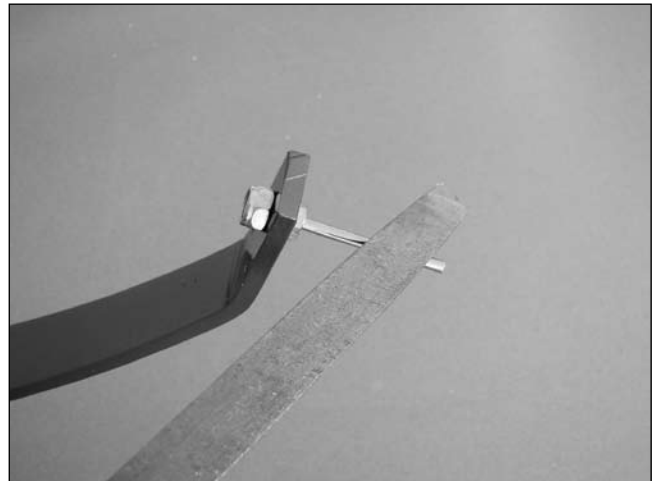
### □ □ Step 2

Secure the axle to the main landing gear.



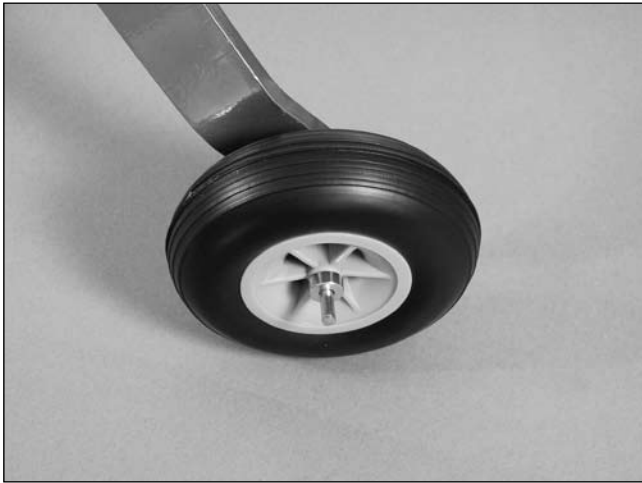
### □ □ Step 3

Use a file to create a flat on the axle for the setscrews in the collars to tighten onto. This will help in preventing them from loosening in flight.



#### □□ Step 4

Attach the wheel to the axle using two 5/32-inch wheel collars. The collars are placed on either side of the wheel.



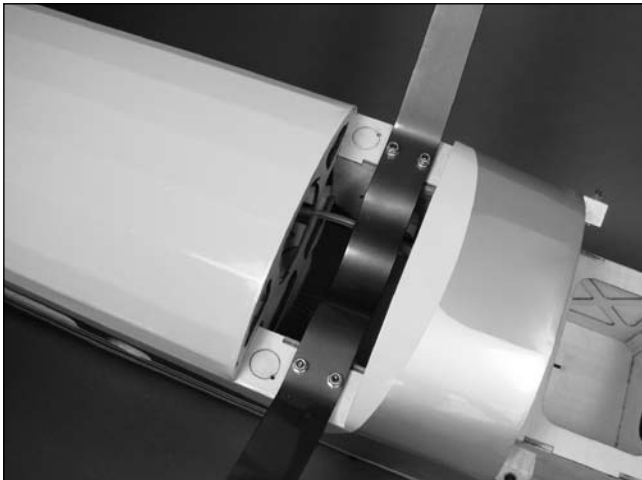
**Note:** Always use threadlock on metal-to-metal fasteners to prevent them from vibrating loose.

#### □ Step 5

Repeat Steps 2 through 4 for the remaining wheel.

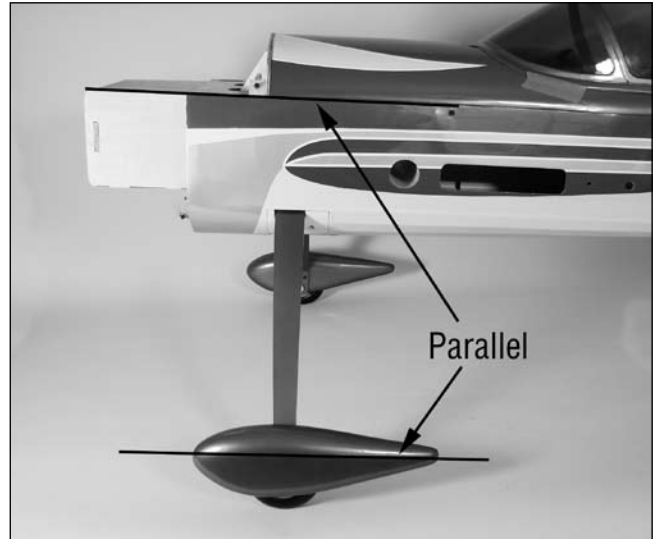
#### □ Step 6

Attach the landing gear to the fuselage using four 8-32 x 3/4-inch socket head screws, four #8 washers and four 8-32 lock nuts. The washers will be between the landing gear and lock nuts on the outside of the fuselage.



#### □□ Step 7

Place the fuselage on a level surface. Slide the wheel pant into position. The pant must be positioned so it is parallel with the fuselage as shown.



#### □□ Step 8

Mark the location for the two screws through the landing gear and onto the wheel pant using a felt-tipped pen.



### □□ Step 9

Drill the locations marked in the previous step using a drill and 9/64-inch (3.5mm) drill bit.



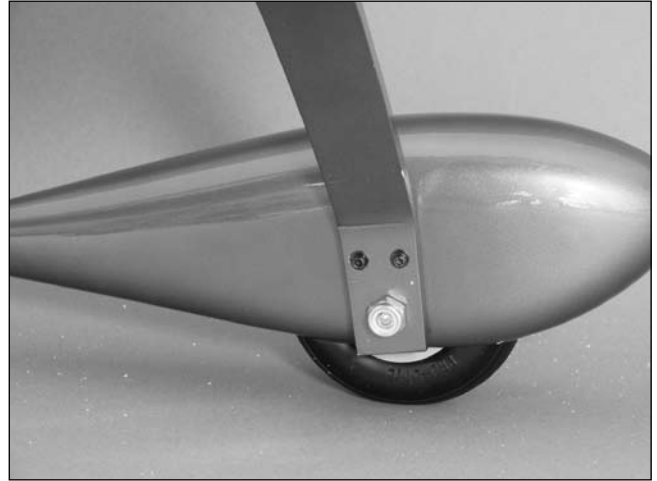
### □□ Step 10

Use pliers to install the two 4-40 blind nuts in the wheel pant as shown.



### □□ Step 11

Secure the wheel pant to the landing gear using two 4-40 x 1/2-inch socket head screws and two #4 washers.



**Note:** Always use threadlock on metal-to-metal fasteners to prevent them from vibrating loose.

### □ Step 12

Repeat Steps 7 through 11 for the remaining wheel pant.

### □ Step 13

Attach the landing gear fairing back on the fuselage.



**Note:** If you are installing a canister muffler system, leave the cover off until after installing the canister.

# Stabilizer Installation

## Required Parts

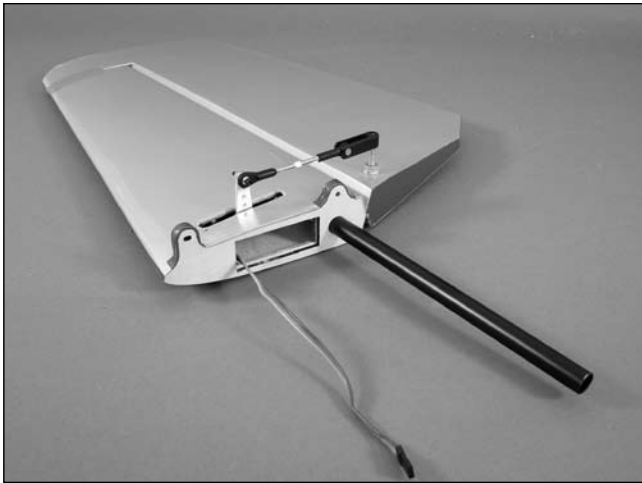
- Fuselage assembly
- Stabilizer/elevator (2)
- Stabilizer tube
- #4 washer (4)
- #4 lock washer (4)
- 4-40 x 1/2-inch socket head screw(4)

## Required Tools and Adhesives

- Threadlock
- Hobby knife
- Hex wrench: 3/32-inch
- Drill
- Drill bit: 1/16-inch (1.5mm), 1/8-inch (3mm)
- 48-inch (1220mm) servo extension (2)

### □ Step 1

Slide the stabilizer tube into one of the stabilizer halves.



### □ □ Step 2

Attach a 48-inch (1220mm) servo extension to the elevator servo. Secure the extension using a commercially available connector, heat shrink tubing or string so it will not unplug inside the fuselage. Pass the extension into the fuselage, then slide the tube into the fuselage.



### □ □ Step 3

Use two 4-40 x 1/2-inch socket head screws, two #4 lock washers and two #4 washers to secure the stabilizer to the fuselage.



**Note:** Always use threadlock on metal-to-metal fasteners to prevent them from vibrating loose.

### □ Step 4

Repeat Steps 2 through 3 for the remaining stabilizer.

# Engine Installation (DA85)

## Required Parts

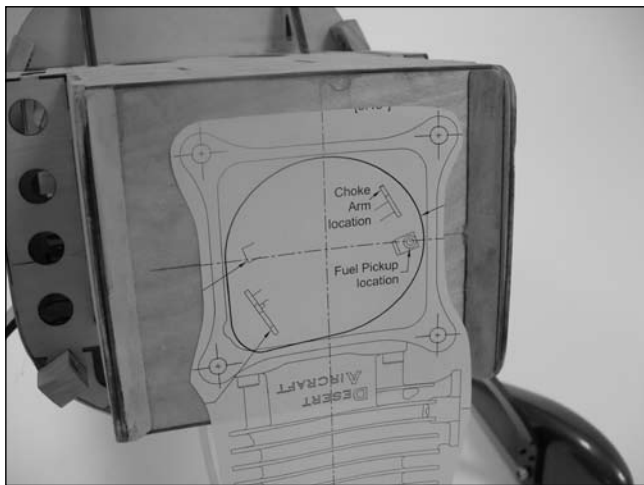
- Fuselage assembly
- 90-degree snap link
- 1/4-inch lock washer (4)
- 1/4-20 blind nut (4)
- 2mm lock nut
- 2mm x 10mm socket head screw
- 2mm x 4-40 ball end w/hardware
- Pushrod wire, 18<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-inch (470mm)
- 1/4-20 x 3/4-inch socket head bolt (4)

## Required Tools and Adhesives

- Threadlock
- Drill
- Pin drill
- Felt-tipped pen
- Tape or spray adhesive
- Hobby knife
- Rotary tool
- Sanding drum
- Cut-off wheel
- Fuel dot
- Drill bit: 1/16-inch (1.5mm), 3/32-inch (2.5mm), 5/16-inch (8mm), 3/8-inch (9.5mm)

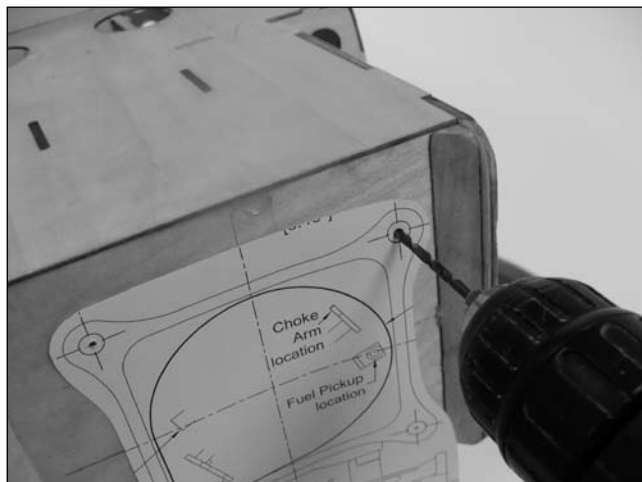
### □ Step 1

Secure the template for the DA85 to the firewall using tape or 3M spray adhesive. Make sure to align the horizontal and vertical centerlines on the template with those on the firewall.



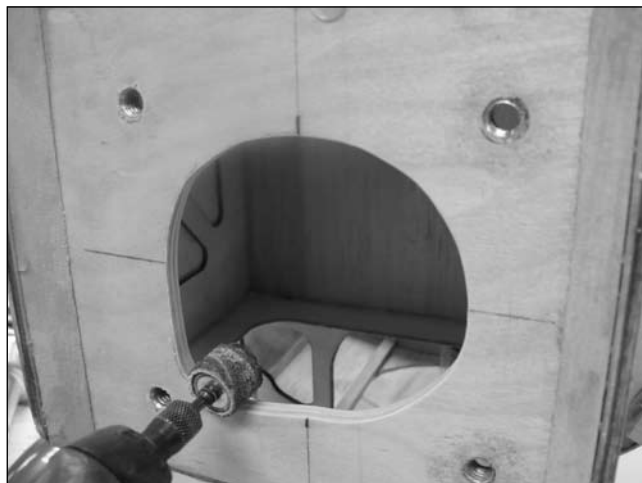
### □ Step 2

Use a drill and 3/32-inch (2.5mm) drill bit to drill the four locations for mounting the engine.



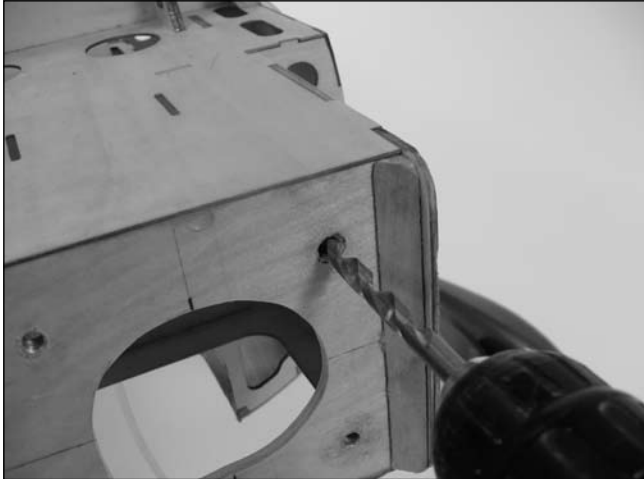
### □ Step 3

Use the template to remove the area of the firewall to allow the carburetor to extend into the engine box.



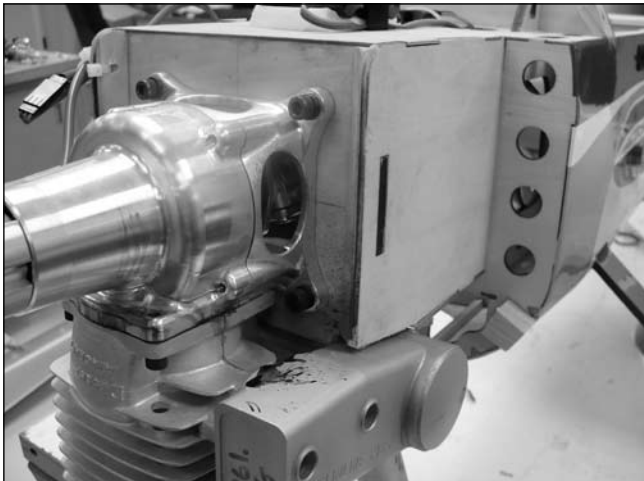
#### □ Step 4

Drill the four locations using a drill and 5/16-inch (8mm) drill bit. The blind nuts are then installed into the backside of the firewall.



#### □ Step 5

Mount the engine to the firewall using four 1/4-20 x 3/4-inch socket head bolts and four 1/4-inch lock washers. Make sure to use threadlock on the bolts as well as the lock washers to help keep them from vibrating loose.



#### □ Step 6

Position the throttle servo into the opening next to the fuel tank. The output of the servo faces toward the front of the fuselage. Use a felt-tipped pen to mark the mounting locations for the servo.



#### □ Step 7

Use a pin drill and 1/16-inch (1.5mm) drill bit to drill the locations for the servo mounting screws.



### □ Step 8

Attach the throttle linkage to the carburetor using a 2mm x 4-40 ball link 2mm x 10mm socket head screw and 2mm lock nut.



### □ Step 9

With the throttle servo and linkage in the closed position, use a felt-tipped pen to mark the linkage where it crosses the outer hole on the servo arm.



### □ Step 10

Bend the pushrod wire 90-degrees at the mark made in the previous step. Use a pin drill and 3/32-inch (2.5mm) drill bit to enlarge the outer hole of the servo arm.



### □ Step 11

Secure the pushrod wire to the servo arm using a pushrod connector. Snap the connector on the pushrod wire to secure.



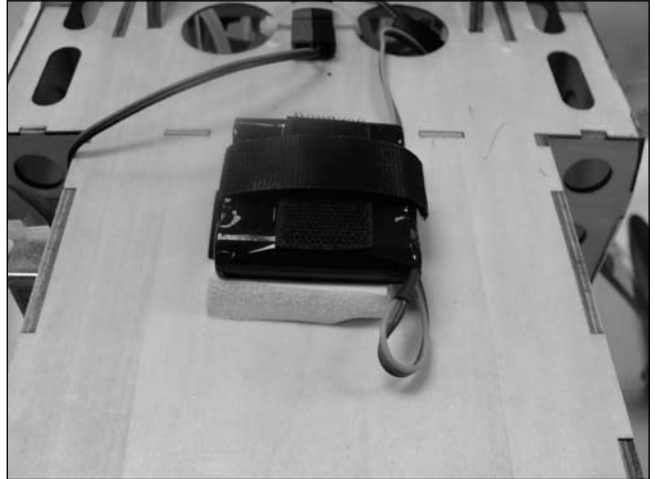
**□ Step 12**

Drill a 3/8-inch (9.5mm) hole in the side of the fuselage to mount the fuel dot to refill your model without having to remove the fuselage hatch.



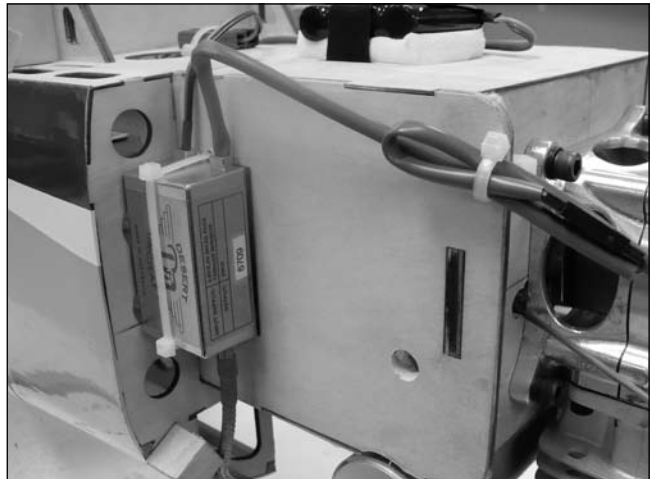
**□ Step 13**

Attach the battery to power the ignition system on the top of the engine box. Use foam between the engine box and battery to protect it from vibration damage.



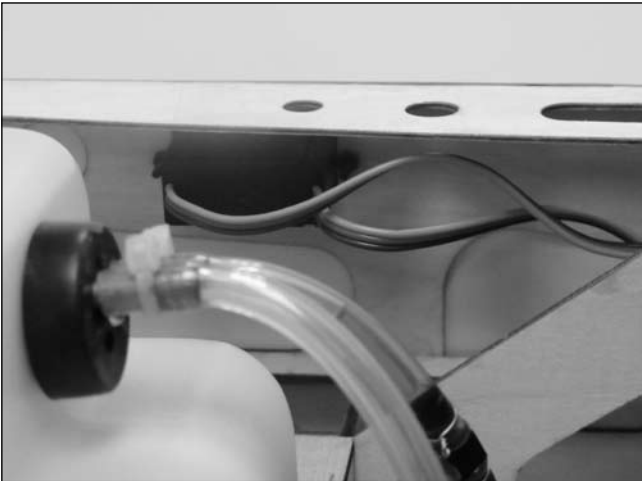
**□ Step 14**

Secure the ignition module to the engine box and aft firewall. Route the wires neatly and secure them with tie wraps to prevent them from coming in contact with the engine.



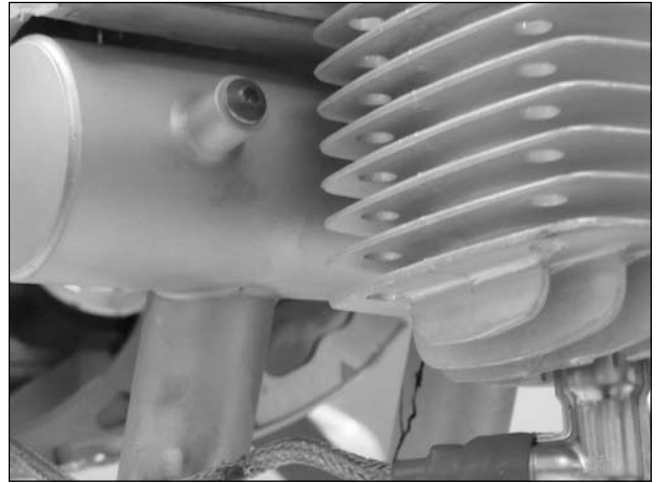
**Step 15**

Mount the switch for the ignition system on the side of the fuselage as shown.



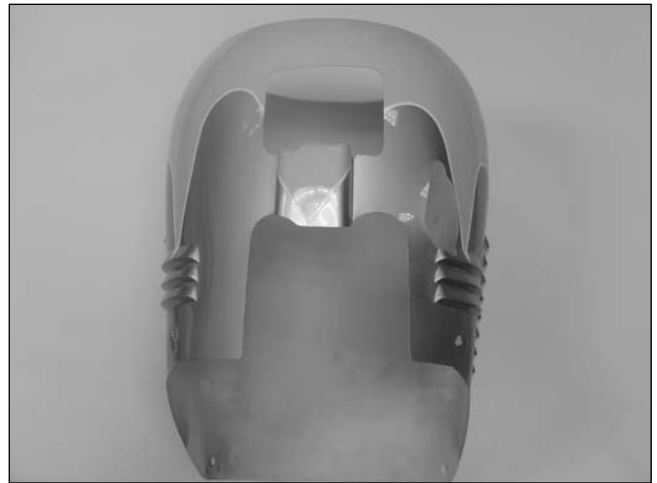
**Step 16**

Attach the Pitts-style muffler to the engine at this time.



**Step 17**

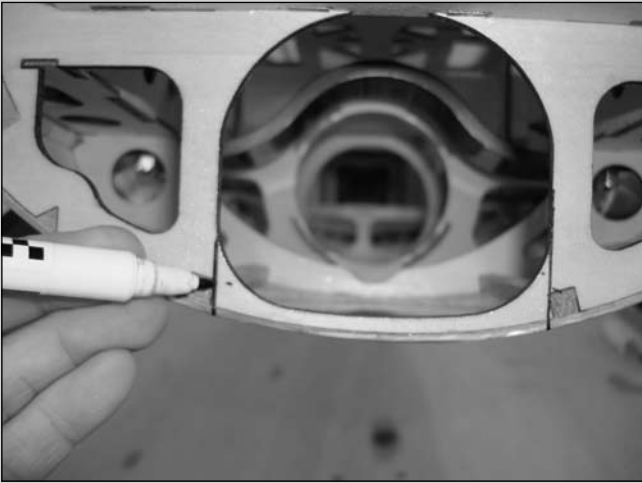
Remove the material from the cowling to clear the exhaust system and to provide cooling air to pass over the engine.



## Installing the MTW 110 Canister and Header (Available from Desert Aircraft)

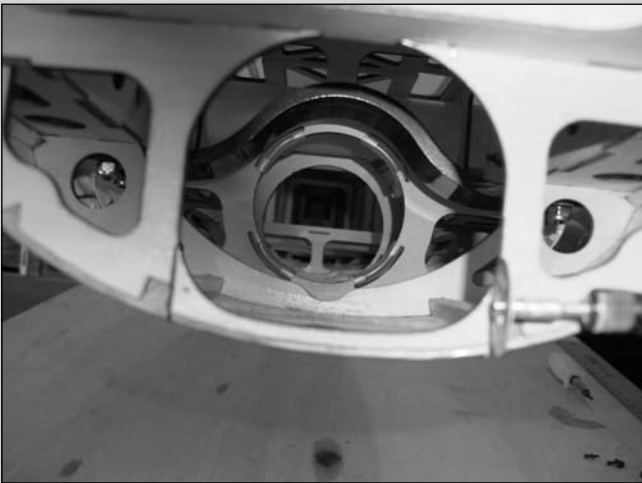
### □ Step A

Use a felt-tipped pen to draw lines vertically that connect the bottom of the fuselage to the sides of the opening.



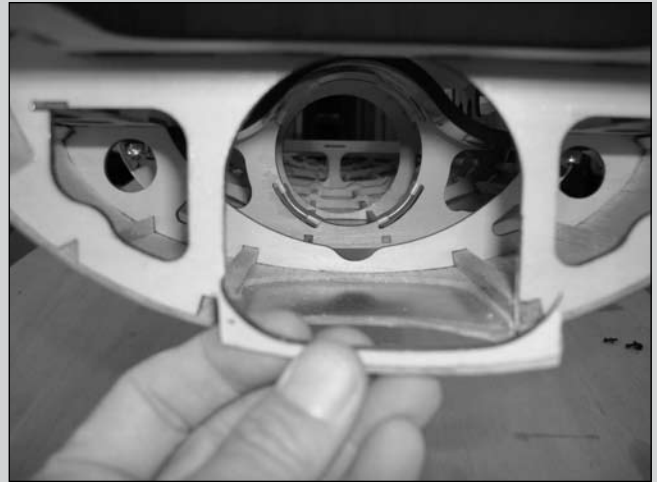
### □ Step B

Use a rotary tool and cut-off wheel to cut the former along the lines made in the previous step.



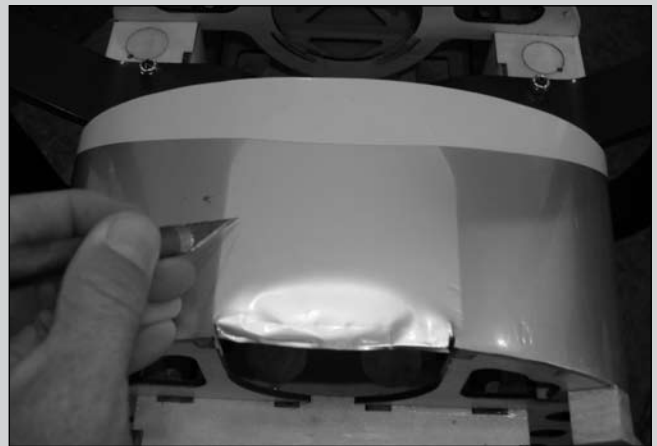
### □ Step C

Carefully remove the section from the fuselage.



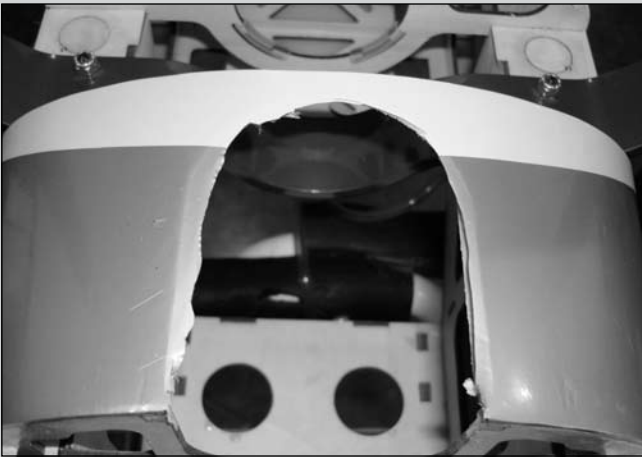
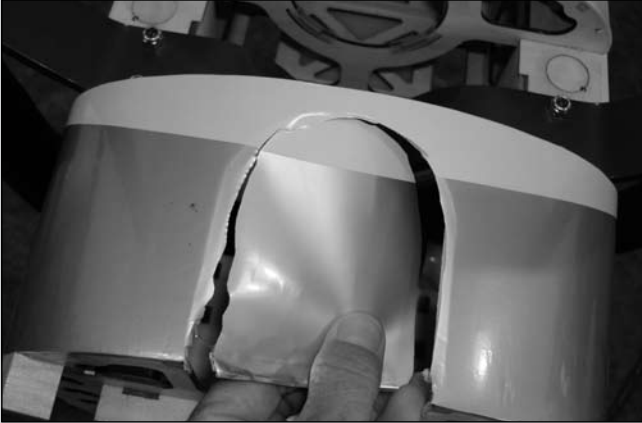
### □ Step D

Use a hobby knife to trim the covering 1/8-inch (3mm) away from the edges of the opening. The excess material will be sealed back into position to fuel-proof the area and make a clean installation of the opening.



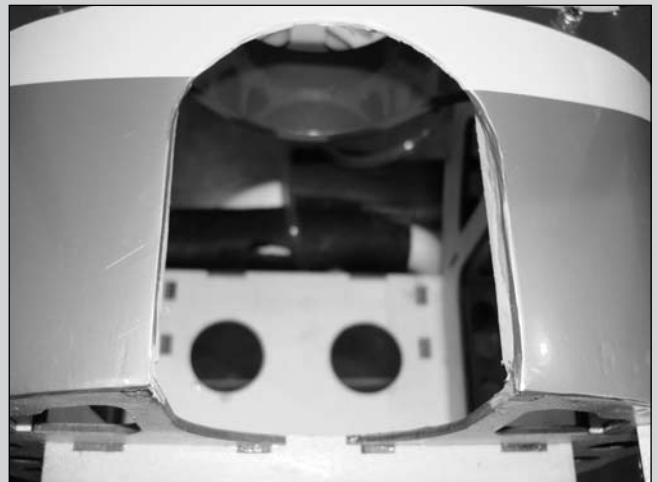
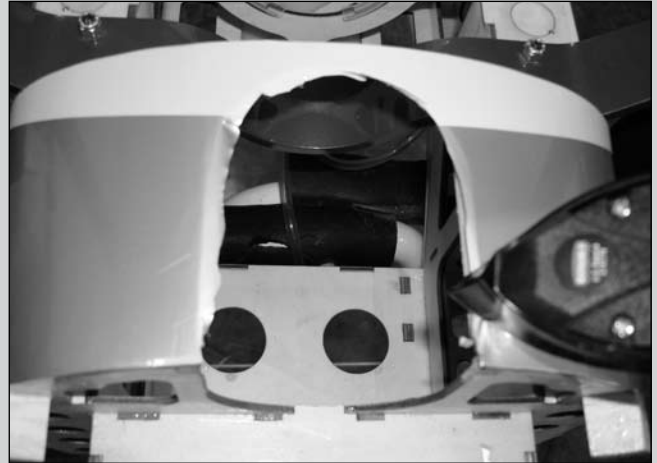
**Step E**

Remove the covering from the bottom of the fuselage. You may want to save the covering in case it is needed for small repairs.



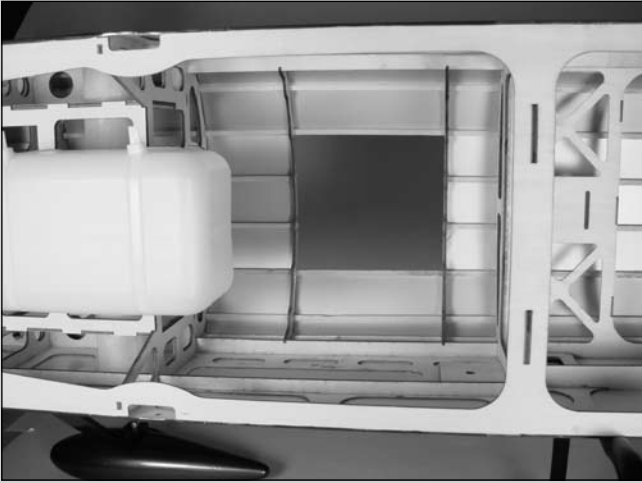
**Step F**

Use a covering iron to seal the edges of the covering inside the fuselage.



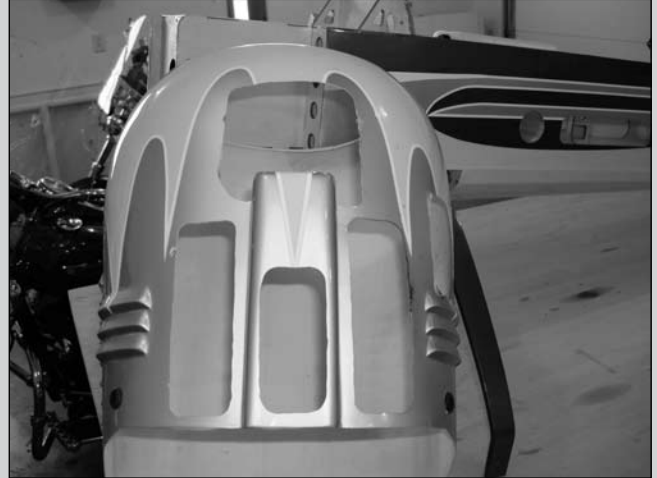
**Step G**

Remove the covering from the bottom of the fuselage and cut the stringers as shown. Repeat Steps D through F to seal the covering around the opening. This is necessary to allow cooling air to pass through the fuselage to cool the canister muffler.



**Step H**

Remove the material from the cowling to clear the exhaust system and to provide cooling air to pass over the engine.



# Radio System Installation

## Required Parts

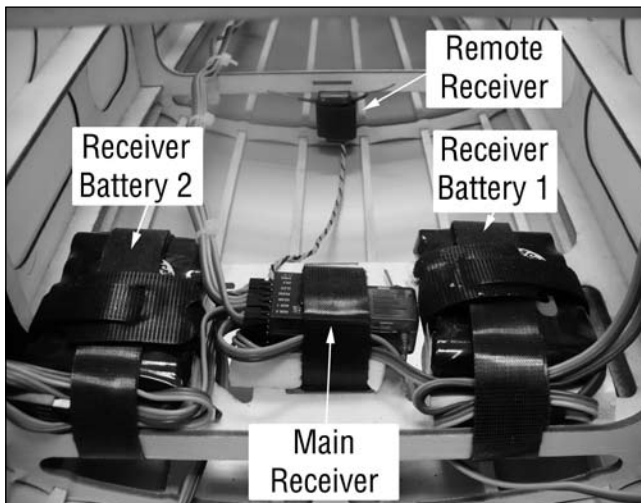
- Fuselage assembly
- Receiver
- Receiver battery
- Foam
- Tie wraps

## Required Tools and Adhesives

- Hobby knife
- Y-harness

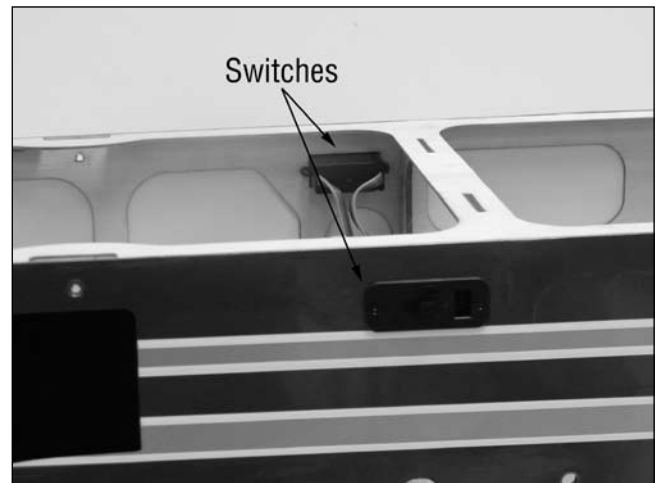
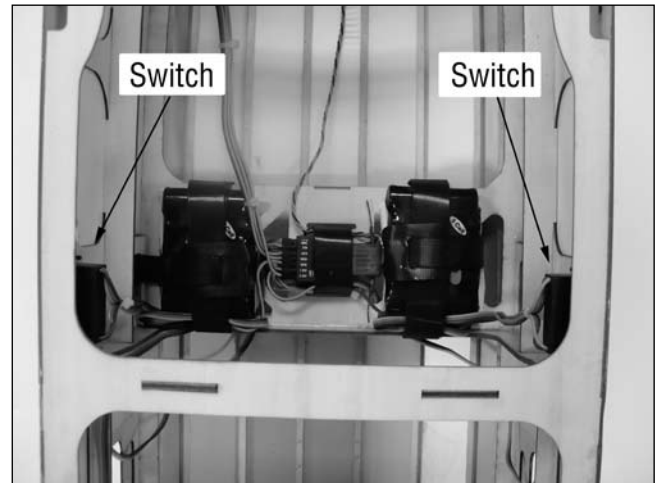
### □ Step 1

Mount the radio system inside the fuselage. Make sure the radio is protected from vibrations from the fuselage by using foam at any contact points between the radio system and fuselage.



### □ Step 2

Mount radio switch (or switches) in the rear switch holes and the ignition switch in one of the front switch holes.



**Note:** There are three switches on the plane. The ignition is right behind the firewall and the other two are above the receiver. We used dual batteries so there are two switches for the radio system. We plugged one switch into the battery port on the receiver then used a Y-harness off of any other channel and plugged the other switch into the Y-harness.

# Canopy Installation

## Required Parts

- Fuselage assembly
- Pilot bust
- Canopy

## Required Tools and Adhesives

- Canopy glue
- Felt-tipped pen
- Painter's tape
- Waxed paper
- 30-minute epoxy
- Sandpaper
- Rubbing alcohol
- Paper towel

### □ Step 1

Be sure the visor screws are tight. It is recommended to remove the screws and use a drop of threadlock on them to prevent vibrations from causing them to vibrate loose.



### □ Step 2

Use 30-minute epoxy to secure the pilot bust to the canopy hatch.



### □ Step 3

Trim the instrument panel from the decal sheet. Apply the decal in position in the cockpit.

### □ Step 4

Position the canopy onto the hatch. Use a felt-tipped pen to trace the outline of the canopy onto the hatch.



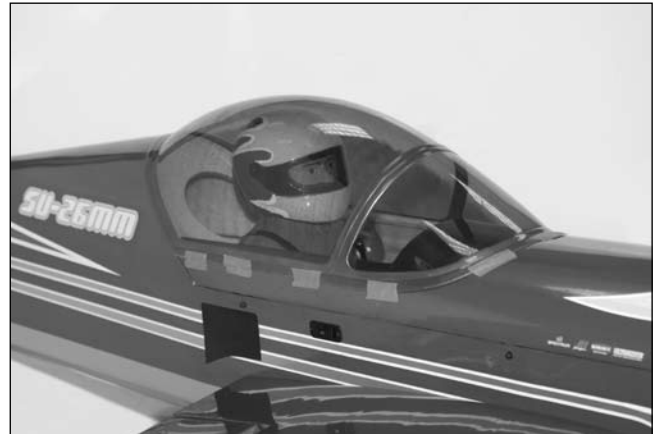
### □ Step 5

Sand the hatch and canopy where they contact each other using sandpaper. Clean the area using rubbing alcohol and a paper towel.



### □ Step 6

Slip a piece of waxed paper between the hatch and fuselage and install the canopy hatch onto the fuselage and bolt in place. Use canopy glue to attach the canopy to the canopy hatch. Use painter's tape to keep the canopy in position until the glue fully cures.



## Radio Setup

A 7-channel or greater computer radio is highly recommended. This allows the following features:

- Mixing the right aileron to the left aileron (flaperon mix)
- Electronically adjustable aileron differential
- Mixing the right elevator to the left elevator (dual elevator mixing)
- Independent travel and trim adjustments for each elevator half

When using a 7-channel or greater computer radio, each servo is plugged into its own separate channel. Consult your radio manual for specific details on hookup and programming.

# Rates and Expos

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Use Expo to soften the feel of the model. On high 3D rates, use quite a bit of expo. The goal on 3D rates is to get the model to feel the same around neutral as it does on low rates.

Use low rate settings for all flying except for 3D aerobatics. For precision flying or general sport hot-dogging, the low rate throws are perfect, even for snap rolls. The only exception is rudder rates. Use 3D rudder rate when doing stall turns and rolling circles, since the more rudder the better for these. When doing 3D aerobatics, flip to 3D rates just before the maneuver. As soon as the maneuver is done, flip back down to low rate to avoid over-controlling the model.

## Control Throws

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Setting the control throws for your Sukhoi does require some attention to detail. To correctly set the throws, it is highly suggested to use the following procedure to achieve the greatest mechanical advantage from your servos.

### Step 1

Determine the maximum amount of control surface throw from the throws listed. Use the high rate throws listed to set the maximum amount of throw, then use your computer radio for the lower rate listed.

### Step 2

Set the Travel Adjust (ATV on a Futaba transmitter) to about 15% under the max. (On a JR transmitter, that is 135%.) Make sure to set both directions during this process.

### Step 3

Adjust the position of the clevis on the control horn and position of the ball link on the servo arm to achieve the throw decided in Step 1. It is highly recommended not to change the position on the servo arm unless absolutely necessary. Use Travel Adjust (ATV) to finalize the throws. That is why we left a little margin in the percentages back in Step 2.

### Step 4

If setting a dual elevator or aileron, match the linkage locations used back in Step 3. Increase or decrease the Travel Adjust (ATV) a few points as necessary to fine-tune the throws to match up left and right sides and up and down throws so all is symmetrical.

This is all necessary to tune the mechanical advantage as good as possible. When setting up a model for 3D, the mechanical advantage will be less because of the large throws, and thus the servo will work harder and wear faster. Using an insufficient servo for the job, or trying to get too much throw, will cause something to give, probably the servo.

There isn't an exact geometry to the linkage, as it depends on how much throw each individual modeler requires. The linkage geometry should always be maximized so the servo isn't working any harder than it has to.

### **Aileron:**

High Rate: 40 Degrees up, 55% Exponential  
40 Degrees down, 55% Exponential  
Low Rate: 21 Degrees up, 40% Exponential  
21 Degrees down, 40% Exponential

### **Elevator:**

High Rate: 42 Degrees up, 75% Exponential  
42 Degrees down, 75% Exponential  
Low Rate: 10.5 Degrees up, 45% Exponential  
10.5 Degrees down, 45% Exponential

### **Rudder:**

High Rate: 39 Degrees left, 50% Exponential  
39 Degrees right, 50% Exponential  
Low Rate: 23 Degrees left, 40% Exponential  
23 Degrees right, 40% Exponential

# Computer Radio Enhancements

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A computer radio will allow you to do quite a bit of fine-tuning to the feel of the Sukhoi, which will make aerobatics even easier.

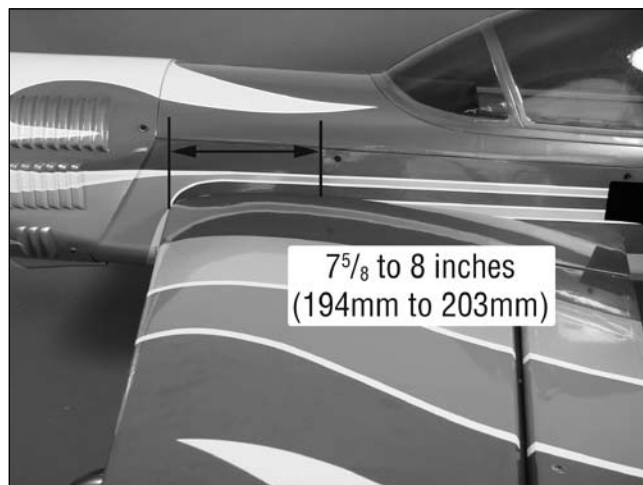
## Recommended Center of Gravity (CG)

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An important part of preparing the aircraft for flight is properly balancing the model. This is especially important when various engines are mounted.

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

The recommended Center of Gravity (CG) location for your model is:  $7\frac{5}{8}$  to 8 inches (194 to 203mm) back from leading edge of wing at the wing root. Mark the location of the CG onto the bottom of the wing using a felt-tipped pen. With a helper, lift the aircraft with your index finger at the location marked on the wing. Make sure the aircraft is upright when checking the CG. If the nose of your aircraft hangs low, add weight to the rear of the aircraft. If the tail hangs low, add weight to the nose of the aircraft. Stick-on weights are available at your local hobby store and work well for this purpose.



## Instructions for Disposal of WEEE by Users in the European Union

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This product must not be disposed of with other waste. Instead, it is the user's responsibility to dispose of their waste equipment by handing it over to a designated collection point for the recycling of waste electrical and electronic equipment. The separate collection and recycling of your waste equipment at the time of disposal

will help to conserve natural resources and ensure that it is recycled in a manner that protects human health and the environment. For more information about where you can drop off your waste equipment for recycling, please contact your local city office, your household waste disposal service or where you purchased the product.



# Preflight

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For those of you who are veterans of large models, this is old news. But to you newcomers to the world of large models, this is very important information.

While many smaller models are not critical of proper battery use, and are tolerant of improper control linkage setups and flying techniques, large models are not. Don't let that scare you away from large models; they are truly one of the best flying experiences in RC that money can buy. However, please pay particular attention to the following areas.

## **Maintain the proper mechanical advantage on all control surface linkages.**

Just as with unsealed hinge gaps, mechanical advantage is often another cause of flutter. Please follow the control horn and servo arm lengths recommended in this manual. Shorter arms on the servo or longer control horns on the elevator and ailerons are fine, but do not try to go the other way to increase throw. It can cause flutter or servo failure on the Sukhoi. The recommended linkage setups are more than adequate to achieve full 3D throws.

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 engine and make sure it transitions smoothly from idle to full throttle and back. Also ensure the engine is tuned according to the manufacturer's instructions, and it will run consistently and constantly at full throttle when adjusted.

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.

## **Never attempt to make full throttle dives!**

Large models perform much more like full-size aircraft than small models. If the airframe goes too fast, such as in a high throttle dive, it may fail. The Sukhoi should be flown like a full-scale Sukhoi. Throttle management is absolutely necessary.

## **Hardware checks**

Double-check the setscrews in all control horns to be sure they are very tight. Periodically check these to be sure they have not loosened over time. Always use threadlock on metal-to-metal fasteners.

## **Receiver Battery Selection**

Be sure adequate batteries are used to power the receiver. It is **STRONGLY** recommended that two identical 6-volt receiver packs are used. Each pack must have a minimum of 2700mAh capacity. Use packs of 3000mAh when super high torque servos are used.

## **Servo selection**

Be sure all servos used on elevator, aileron and rudder are metal geared type and have at least 188 oz/in of torque. Failure to do this will very likely result in a failure and loss of the model.

## **Range check**

Always range check the radio system per the manufacturer's instructions before the initial test flight and periodically afterward.

## **Check the voltage of the on-board packs**

**ALWAYS** use an ESV with a 1-amp load to check the receiver battery packs and the ignition pack before each and every flight. If there is any doubt that the packs are questionable, **DO NOT FLY** until the packs are recharged.

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## GENERAL

1. A model aircraft shall be defined as a non-human-carrying device capable of sustained flight in the atmosphere. It shall not exceed limitations established in this code and is intended to be used exclusively for recreational or competition activity.
2. The maximum takeoff weight of a model aircraft, including fuel, is 55 pounds, except for those flown under the AMA Experimental Aircraft Rules.
3. I will abide by this Safety Code and all rules established for the flying site I use. I will not willfully fly my model aircraft in a reckless and/or dangerous manner.
4. I will not fly my model aircraft in sanctioned events, air shows, or model demonstrations until it has been proven airworthy.
5. I will not fly my model aircraft higher than approximately 400 feet above ground level, when within three (3) miles of an airport without notifying the airport operator. I will yield the right-of-way and avoid flying in the proximity of full-scale aircraft, utilizing a spotter when appropriate.
6. I will not fly my model aircraft unless it is identified with my name and address, or AMA number, inside or affixed to the outside of the model aircraft. This does not apply to model aircraft flown indoors.
7. I will not operate model aircraft with metal-blade propellers or with gaseous boosts (other than air), nor will I operate model aircraft with fuels containing tetranitromethane or hydrazine.
8. I will not operate model aircraft carrying pyrotechnic devices which explode burn, or propel a projectile of any kind. Exceptions include Free Flight fuses or devices that burn producing smoke and are securely attached to the model aircraft during flight. Rocket motors up to a G-series size may be used, provided they remain firmly attached to the model aircraft during flight. Model rockets may be flown in accordance with the National Model Rocketry Safety Code; however, they may not be launched from model aircraft. Officially designated AMA Air Show Teams (AST) are authorized to use devices and practices as defined within the Air Show Advisory Committee Document.
9. I will not operate my model aircraft while under the influence of alcohol or within eight (8) hours of having consumed alcohol.
10. I will not operate my model aircraft while using any drug which could adversely affect my ability to safely control my model aircraft.
11. Children under six (6) years old are only allowed on a flightline or in a flight area as a pilot or while under flight instruction.
12. When and where required by rule, helmets must be properly worn and fastened. They must be OSHA, DOT, ANSI, SNELL or NOCSAE approved or comply with comparable standards.

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## Radio Control

1. All model flying shall be conducted in a manner to avoid over flight of unprotected people.
2. I will have completed a successful radio equipment ground-range check before the first flight of a new or repaired model aircraft.
3. I will not fly my model aircraft in the presence of spectators until I become a proficient flier, unless I am assisted by an experienced pilot.
4. At all flying sites a line must be established, in front of which all flying takes place. Only personnel associated with flying the model aircraft are allowed at or in front of the line. In the case of airshows demonstrations straight line must be established. An area away from the line must be maintained for spectators. Intentional flying behind the line is prohibited.
5. I will operate my model aircraft using only radio-control frequencies currently allowed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Only individuals properly licensed by the FCC are authorized to operate equipment on Amateur Band frequencies.
6. I will not knowingly operate my model aircraft within three (3) miles of any preexisting flying site without a frequency-management agreement. A frequency-management agreement may be an allocation of frequencies for each site, a day-use agreement between sites, or testing which determines that no interference exists. A frequency-management agreement may exist between two or more AMA chartered clubs, AMA clubs and individual AMA members, or individual AMA members. Frequency-management agreements, including an interference test report if the agreement indicates no interference exists, will be signed by all parties and copies provided to AMA Headquarters.
7. With the exception of events flown under official AMA rules, no powered model may be flown outdoors closer than 25 feet to any individual, except for the pilot and located at the flight line.
8. Under no circumstances may a pilot or other person touch a model aircraft in flight while it is still under power, except to divert it from striking an individual.
9. Radio-controlled night flying is limited to low-performance model aircraft (less than 100 mph). The model aircraft must be equipped with a lighting system which clearly defines the aircraft's attitude and direction at all times.
10. The operator of a radio-controlled model aircraft shall control it during the entire flight, maintaining visual contact without enhancement other than by corrective lenses that are prescribed for the pilot. No model aircraft shall be equipped with devices which allow it to be flown to a selected location which is beyond the visual range of the pilot.



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