



ROCKET LAB™

N.A.R.* MODEL ROCKET SAFETY CODE

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1. MATERIALS. I will use only lightweight, non-metal parts for the nose, body, and fins of my rocket.

2. MOTORS. I will use only certified, commercially-made model rocket motors, and will not tamper with these motors or use them for any purposes except those recommended by the manufacturer.

3. IGNITION SYSTEM. I will launch my rockets with an electrical launch system and electrical motor igniters. My launch system will have a safety interlock in series with the launch switch, and will use a launch switch that returns to the "off" position when released.

4. MISFIRES. If my rocket does not launch when I press the button of my electrical launch system, I will remove the launcher's safety interlock or disconnect its battery, and will wait 60 seconds after the last launch attempt before allowing anyone to approach the rocket.

5. LAUNCH SAFETY. I will use a countdown before launch, and will ensure that everyone is paying attention and is a safe distance of at least 15 feet (4.6 m) away when I launch rockets with D motors or smaller, and 30 feet (9 m) when I launch larger rockets. If I am uncertain about the safety or stability of an untested rocket, I will check the stability before flight and will fly it only after warning spectators and clearing them away to a safe distance.

6. LAUNCHER. I will launch my rocket from a launch rod, tower, or rail that is pointed to within 30 degrees of vertical to ensure that the rocket flies nearly straight up, and I will use a blast deflector to prevent the motor's exhaust from hitting the ground. To prevent accidental eye injury, I will place the launcher so that the end of the launch rod is above eye level or will cap the end of the rod when it is not in use.

7. SIZE. My model rocket will not weigh more than 53 ounces (1500 grams) at liftoff and will

not contain more than 4.4 ounces (125 grams) of propellant or 71.9 pound-seconds (320 N-sec) of total impulse. If my model rocket weighs more than one pound (453 grams) at liftoff or has more than 4 ounces (113 grams) of propellant, I will check and comply with Federal Aviation Administration regulations before flying.

8. FLIGHT SAFETY. I will not launch my rocket at targets, into clouds, or near airplanes, and will not put any flammable or explosive payload in my rocket.

9. LAUNCH SITE. I will launch my rocket outdoors, in an open area at least as large as shown in the accompanying table, and in safe weather conditions with wind speeds no greater than 20 miles per hour (32 km/h). I will ensure that there is no dry grass close to the launch pad, and that the launch site does not present risk of grass fires.

LAUNCH SITE DIMENSIONS

Installed Total Impulse (N-sec)	Equivalent Motor Type	Minimum Site Dimensions	
		Feet	Meters
.00 - 1.25	1/4A, 1/2A	50	15
1.26 - 2.50	A	100	30
2.51 - 5.00	B	200	60
5.01 - 10.00	C	400	120
10.01 - 20.00	D	500	150
20.01 - 40.00	E	1,000	300
40.01 - 80.00	F	1,000	300
80.01 - 160.00	G	1,000	300
160.01 - 320.00	Two G's	1,500	450

10. RECOVERY SYSTEM. I will use a recovery system such as a streamer or parachute in my rocket so that it returns safely and undamaged and can be flown again, and I will use only flame-resistant or fireproof recovery system wadding in my rocket.

11. RECOVERY SAFETY. I will not attempt to recover my rocket from power lines, tall trees, or other dangerous places.

As a member of the Estes Model Rocketry Program, I promise to faithfully follow all rules of safe conduct as established in the above code.

Signature _____



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Important Note: 'G' engines must be sold to and used by adults (18 and up) only. To launch large model rockets weighing more than one lb. (453 g) including propellant or rockets containing more than 4 oz. (113 g) but no more than 4.4 oz. (125 g) of propellant (net weight), you must notify and perhaps obtain authorization from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Check your telephone directory for the office nearest you or contact Estes Industries for further information.

*National Association of Rocketry

