**ALIEN INVADER™**

**FLYING MODEL ROCKET KIT INSTRUCTIONS**

**KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**

**ASSEMBLY TIP:**
Read all instructions before beginning work on your model. Make sure you have all parts and supplies.

**IMPORTANT:** Your Estes product is marked with a four digit lot code or codes. The code is two digits, a space, and two more digits representing the week and year of manufacture, respectively. Lot codes can be found on the product package, decal, launch controller, launch pad and/or fuel deflector. Please record the lot code found on the decal and keep for future reference. Lot code: [Lot Code]

**NOTE:** Test fit all parts together before applying glue. If parts don’t fit properly, sand as required for precision assembly.

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**COUNTDOWN AND LAUNCH**

**KEY ALWAYS OUT UNTIL FINAL COUNTDOWN!**

1...

8/203 mm

Masking Tape

2...

LAUNCH SUPPLIES (See Separately)
- Porta Pad II Launch Pad
- Escape Ball® Launch Controller
- Recovery Wadding
- Igniter (with Core)
- Igniter Plugs (with Engines)
- Recommended Estes® Engine: A6-3, B6-4 (1st Right), B6-4, CS-5

3...

4...

5...

4...3...2...1...

**INSERT KEY. PUSH DOWN HARD. BULB WILL LIGHT.**

WHILE HOLDING KEY DOWN FIRMLY, PRESS LAUNCH BUTTON UNTIL LIFTOFF!

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**PRECAUTIONS**

**NAR Safety Code**

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NO DRY GRASS OR WEEDS

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**PRE-LAUNCH CHECK**

For safety, never launch a damaged rocket. Check the rocket’s body, nose cone and fins. Also, check the engine mount, recovery system and launch rack. Repair any damage before launching the rocket.

**FLYING YOUR ROCKET**

Choose a large field (500 ft. | 152 m) square free of dry weeds and brown grass. The larger the launch area, the better your chance of recovering your rocket. Football fields and playgrounds are great. Launch only with wind or no wind and good visibility.

Always follow the enclosed National Association of Recovery (NAR) SAFETY CODE:

**MISFIRE**

TAKE THE KEY OUT OF THE CONTROLLER, WAIT ONE MINUTE BEFORE GOING NEAR THE ROCKET! Disconnect the igniter clips and remove the engine. Take the plug and igniter out of the engine. If the igniter has burned, it worked but did not ignite the engine because it was not touching the propellant inside the engine. Put a new igniter all the way inside the engine without bending it. Push the plug in place. Repeat the steps under Countdown and Launch.

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**SUPPLIES**

In addition to the parts included in the kit you will also need:

- [Part] [Quantity] [Description] [Part Number]
- A 1 Engine Mount Tube (Blue) 005270
- A 1 Engine Hook 005251
- B 1 Apogee Ring 005165
- C 1 Engine Block 005274
- C 1 Butane Tube 005266
- D 1 Wing Tip Tubes 005282
- E 1 Laser Cut Fins 006173
- F 1 Laser Cut Fins 006174
- G 1 Laser Cut Top and Lower Fins 005272
- H 1 Launch Rod 006175
- I 1 Wood Dowel 006154
- J 1 Sandpaper (1st Right) 005815
- K 1 Metal Sheets (50 w/ 125) 006173
- L 1 Wax Paper (Wax) 065114
- M 1 Tissue Paper (Box) 065114
- N 1 Marking Guides (Wing Pattern Shape) 065114
- O 1 Wax Paper (Wax) 065114
- P 1 Wax Paper (Wax) 065114
- Q 1 Paper Towel (150 w/ 125) 065114
- R 1 Paper Towel (150 w/ 125) 065114
FIN PREPARATION

1. Sand both sides of balsa sheet with fine sandpaper (#320 or #400 grit).
2. Cut fins from sheet.
4. Round leading edge of [ ] and [ ] DO NOT sand root edges round. Do not sand the leading edge of [ ] and [ ] round at this time.

MAIN WING ASSEMBLY

1. Cut wing assembly pattern from tube marking guide on [ ].
2. Lay wing assembly pattern on a flat surface. Cover with wax paper.
3. Position [ ] as shown. Hold in place with small weight.
4. Apply glue to edge of [ ] and position next to [ ]. Hold in place with small weight. Let dry.
5. Apply glue to edge of [ ] and position as shown. Hold in place with small weight. Let dry.
6. After wing assembly is dry, sand both sides smooth.
7. Place wing assembly back on pattern. Hold in place with small weight.
8. Apply glue to edge of [ ] and position on wing assembly. Glue other [ ] in place. Let dry.
9. Remove wing assembly from pattern. Repeat for other wing assembly using unused pattern. When both wing assemblies are completely dry, sand leading edge of each wing assembly round and sand root edge FLAT.

NOTE: Do not round root edge of wing assembly.

LEADING EDGE

TRAILING EDGE

FLIGHT RECOVERY PREPARATION

NOTE: Only Extra Recovery Wadding (SD270) recommended.

1. Pull shock cord taut when inserting wadding.
2. Insert 3 - 4 loosely crumpled squares recovery wadding. Push below shock cord attachment.
3. Spike.
4. Fold.
5. Roll.
6. Wrap lines loosely around parachute. Insert parachute and shock cord into body tube.

ENGINE PREPARATION

WARNING: FLAMMABLE

To avoid serious injury, read instructions & NAR Safety Code included with engine. PREPARE ENGINE ONLY WHEN YOU ARE OUTSIDE AT THE LAUNCH SITE PREPARING TO LAUNCH!
If you do not use your prepared engine, remove the igniter before storing engine.

1. Separate igniter and igniter plug.
2. Insert igniter.
3. Insert plug.
4. Push down.
5. Gently bend igniters to form leads as shown.

RECOVERY SYSTEM ATTACHMENT

1. Form loop with shroud lines.
2. Insert loop through [ ].
3. Pass parachute through loop.
4. Pull lines tight.
5. Taper end of [ ].
6. Tie [ ] to [ ] with double knot.

NOTE: Recovery wadding and parachute must slide easily into body tube. If too tight, redo.
ROCKET FINISHING

NOTE: We have found Testors spray primers (Testors #2948 White Primer), Testors One Coat Lacquer spray paints (color of your choice), Testors Model Master spray paints (color of your choice) and Testors Gloss Lacquer (#1961) to be excellent for providing a long lasting and durable finish on your rocket. Always be sure to spray your models outside or in a well ventilated area.

STEPS TO A QUALITY FINISH
1. Insert shock cord into body tube and hold in place with paper.
2. Lightly sand body tube, fins and nose cone with fine sandpaper (#320 or #400 grit).
3. Apply glue fillets to fins and launch lug.
   a. Allow glue to dry overnight.
4. Use a stick inserted into engine mount of the rocket for painting.
5. Insert a stick into nose cone to hold for painting. Cover shoulder with masking tape.
6. Apply 1-2 light coats of white primer to rocket body and nose cone, lightly sanding with fine sandpaper (#320 or #400 grit) between coats.
7. Apply gloss yellow paint to the top portion of the rocket body to forward fins.
   a. Let paint dry overnight (24 hours is best)
8. Apply masking tape and protective cover over yellow.
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10. Remove masking tape and protective cover.
11. Apply waterslide decals where shown.
   a. Cut decals to be applied from decal sheet, trimming close to the decal edge.
   b. Place decal in bowl of warm water until decal begins to curl.
   c. Remove decal, position in place and slide decal off of backing material and onto the model as close to final position as possible.
   d. Gently blot out excess water with a clean paper towel.
   e. Allow decals to set overnight before applying protective clear coat.
12. When decals are dry, spray entire rocket (body and nose cone separately) with a light coat of Testors Gloss Lacquer (#1961). This will provide added protection and shine to your Alien Invader rocket!

ENGINE MOUNT ASSEMBLY
1. Measure and mark [A].
2. Cut small slit at mark.
4. Slide [C] to mark. Apply ring of glue to both sides of [C].

BODY TUBE MARKING
1. Cut body tube marking guide from [E].
2. Tape body tube marking guide around [E]. Mark wing lines W, top fin TF, lower fin LF and both launch lug lines LL.
3. Remove guide. Connect and extend all lines full length of [E]. Use door frame as a straight edge.
4. Measure and mark LL for [F].

WING ATTACHMENT
1. Apply glue to root edge of wing assembly. Let dry 1 minute. Apply 2nd layer of glue. Attach to [E] even with end of tube.
2. Check wing alignment with guide. Let dry.
3. Repeat for other assembly. Check wing alignment with alignment guide. Let dry.

WING ALIGNMENT GUIDE

RAM TUBE MARKING
1. Cut ram tube marking guide from [F].
2. Tape ram tube marking guide around [F]. Mark wing mounts WM, angled fins AF, dowel lines D.
3. Remove guide. Connect and extend all lines full length of [F]. Repeat for other [F]. Use door frame as a straight edge.
4. Measure and mark WM as shown.
5. Repeat for other [F].
**RAM TUBE ATTACHMENT**

1. Apply glue to edge of wing. Let dry 1 minute. Apply 2nd layer of glue. Position centered between WM lines and forward of 1" (25 mm) mark. Let dry.

2. Repeat for other. Let dry.

**ANGLED FIN ATTACHMENT**

1. Apply glue to edge of. Let dry 1 minute. Apply 2nd layer of glue. Position on AF line centered on. Let dry.

2. Repeat for second on. Let dry.

3. Repeat steps for opposite wing assembly.

**TOP FIN ATTACHMENT**


2. Make sure is 90 degrees to wing. Let dry.

**LOWER FIN ATTACHMENT**

1. Apply glue to root edge remaining. Let dry 1 minute. Apply 2nd layer of glue. Position L centered on LF at end of. Let dry.

2. Make sure is 90 degrees to wing. Let dry.

**FORWARD FIN ATTACHMENT**

1. Measure and mark 1/4" (6 mm) forward of. Let dry 1 minute. Apply 2nd layer of glue.


4. Repeat for other. Let dry.

**DOWEL ATTACHMENT**

1. Measure and mark at 2" (51 mm) and 3 3/4" (95 mm). Cut at the 3 3/4" (95 mm) mark. Repeat to make 2 equal pieces.

2. Apply glue as shown. Let dry.

3. Attached glued area centered on D line on. Let dry.

4. Repeat for other. Let dry.

**LAUNCH LUG ATTACHMENT**

1. Sand with fine sandpaper.

2. Apply glue as shown on.

3. Glue one forward of mark on LL. Let dry. Repeat for other.

**ENGINE MOUNT INSTALLATION**

1. Apply ring of glue 1" (25 mm) inside.

2. Slide engine mount assembly into until tube ends are even. Make sure is centered on LF. Let dry.

**NOSE CONE ASSEMBLY**

1. Remove excess flash and clean eyelet of.

2. Test fit in. Sand as required for smooth fit.

**SHOCK CORD INSTALLATION**
