

# GERMAN V-2

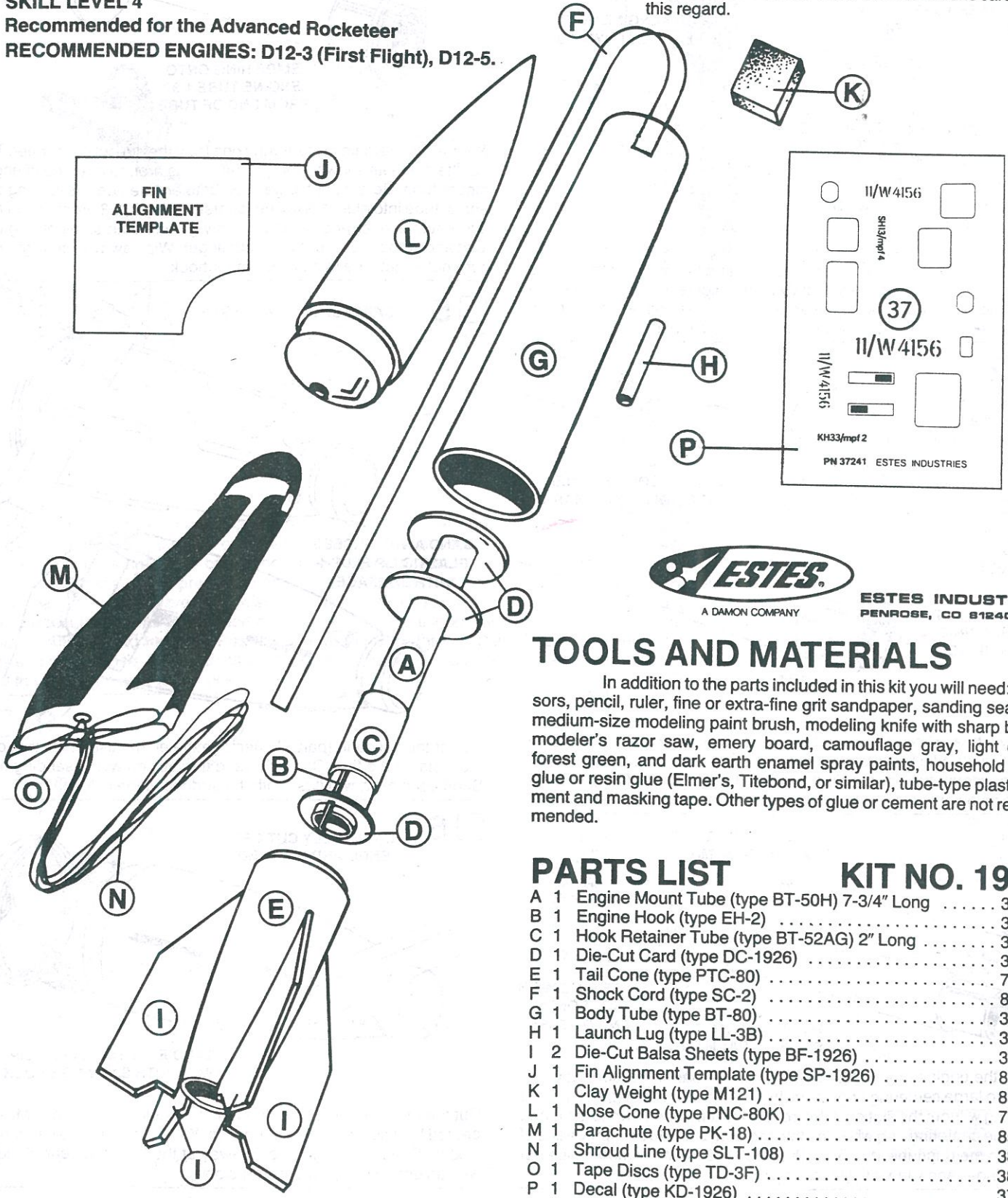
## BEFORE YOU START

Read each step and study the accompanying drawings before doing any of the work called for in that step. Make sure you have all parts and materials. Check off each step as you complete it. Always test-fit parts together before applying glue. It will sometimes be necessary to sand edges of rings, tubes, etc. to obtain proper fit. If you are in doubt about the relative size or location of some parts, refer back to this exploded view drawing for clarification. Adequate glue joints are very important for a flying model rocket. Follow the instructions carefully in this regard.

**SKILL LEVEL 4**

Recommended for the Advanced Rocketeer

RECOMMENDED ENGINES: D12-3 (First Flight), D12-5.



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## TOOLS AND MATERIALS

In addition to the parts included in this kit you will need: Scissors, pencil, ruler, fine or extra-fine grit sandpaper, sanding sealer, a medium-size modeling paint brush, modeling knife with sharp blade, modeler's razor saw, emery board, camouflage gray, light earth, forest green, and dark earth enamel spray paints, household white glue or resin glue (Elmer's, Titebond, or similar), tube-type plastic cement and masking tape. Other types of glue or cement are not recommended.

## PARTS LIST

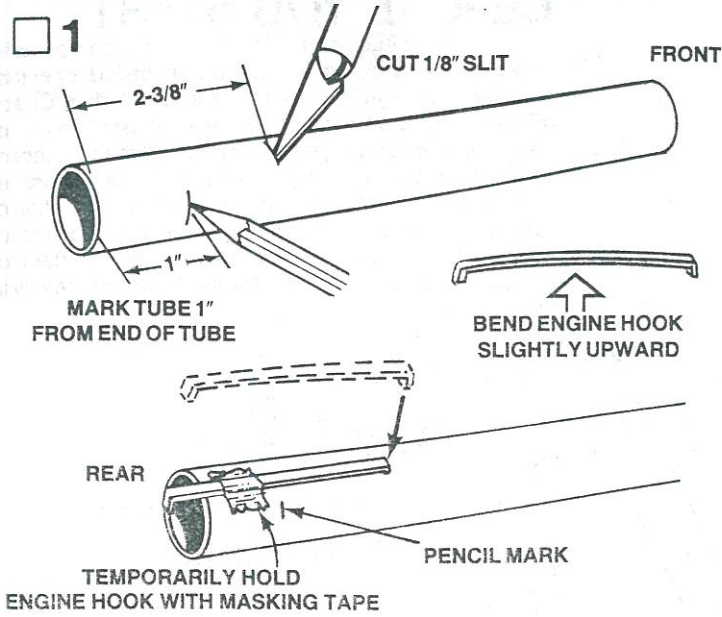
## KIT NO. 1926

A	1	Engine Mount Tube (type BT-50H) 7-3/4" Long	30360
B	1	Engine Hook (type EH-2)	35025
C	1	Hook Retainer Tube (type BT-52AG) 2" Long	30378
D	1	Die-Cut Card (type DC-1926)	32441
E	1	Tail Cone (type PTC-80)	71033
F	1	Shock Cord (type SC-2)	85736
G	1	Body Tube (type BT-80)	30432
H	1	Launch Lug (type LL-3B)	38166
I	2	Die-Cut Balsa Sheets (type BF-1926)	32626
J	1	Fin Alignment Template (type SP-1926)	83698
K	1	Clay Weight (type M121)	85264
L	1	Nose Cone (type PNC-80K)	71035
M	1	Parachute (type PK-18)	85566
N	1	Shroud Line (type SLT-108)	38239
O	1	Tape Discs (type TD-3F)	38406
P	1	Decal (type KD-1926)	37241



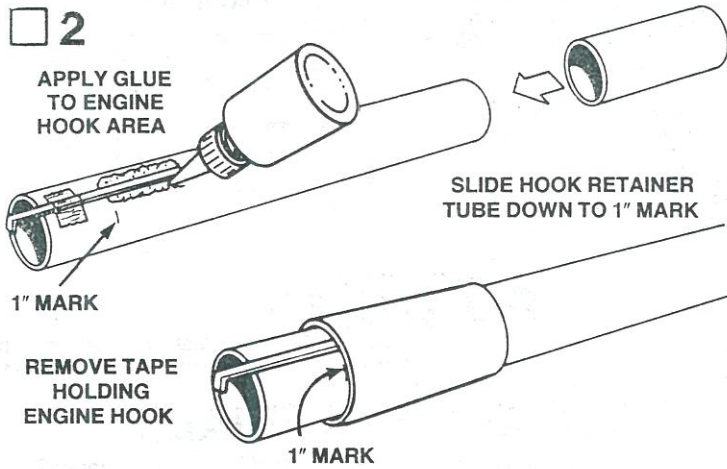
# ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

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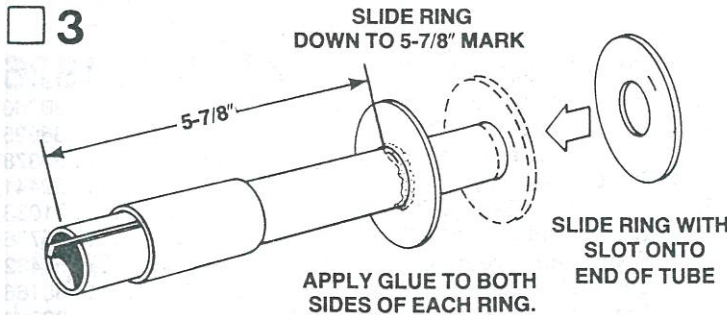
Mark the engine mount tube (part A) at 1" and 2-3/8" from one end. Cut a 1/8" long slit at the 2-3/8" mark. Gently bend the engine hook (part B) so that it bows upward very slightly in the middle. (Study the drawing. Don't bend the wrong way.) Insert one end of the engine hook into the slit in the tube. Temporarily tape engine hook in place.

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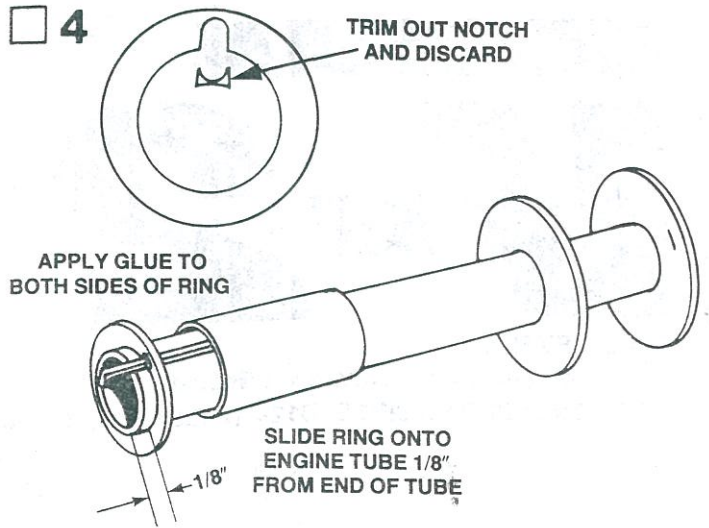
Apply a heavy line of glue on the engine hook rearward from the slit to the 1" mark. Slip hook retainer tube (part C) down onto forward end of engine mount tube and slide it back over engine hook to the 1" mark. Wipe away any excess glue and remove tape from engine hook.

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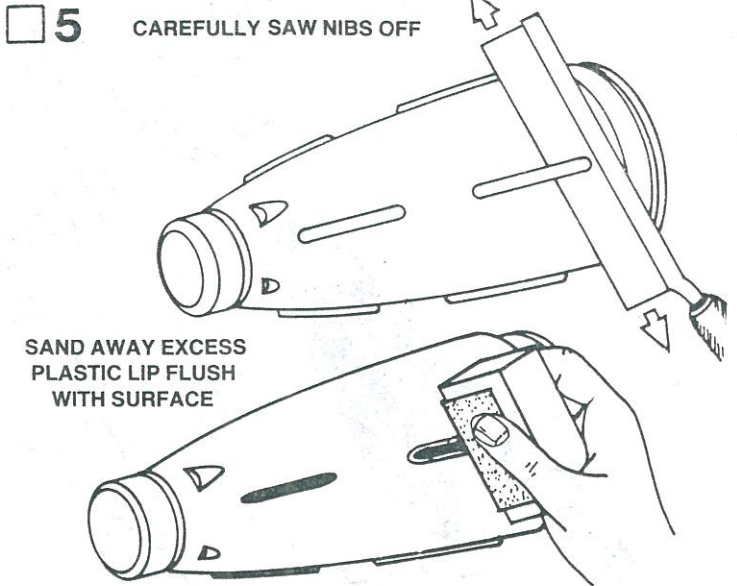
Mark the engine mount tube 5-7/8" from the rear of the tube. Remove the two large centering rings from the die-cut card sheet (part D). Slide the ring without the slot over the front of the tube and down to the mark. Slip the centering ring with slot onto the front of the tube. Apply a line of glue to the ring/tube joint on both sides of each ring. Smooth glue out with finger and wipe away excess glue.

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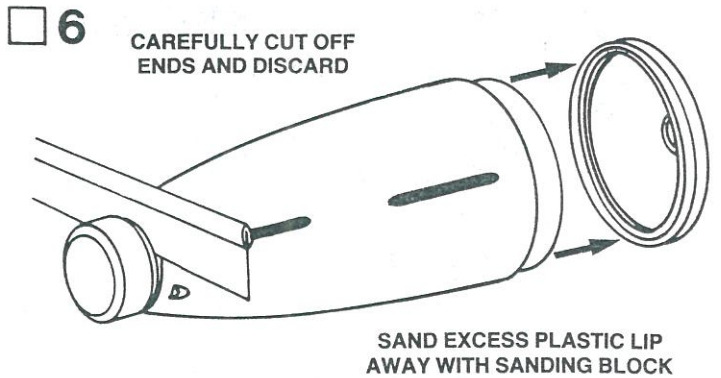
Remove the remaining centering ring from the die-cut card sheet. Trim out the notch as shown. Apply a line of glue around rear end of engine mount tube. Be sure not to get glue onto engine hook. Slide ring over end of tube into glue. Make sure centering ring is 1/8" from end of tube and notch is over engine hook. Apply glue to both sides of ring/tube joint and smooth glue out with your finger. Wipe away excess glue. Be sure not to get glue in notch or under hook.

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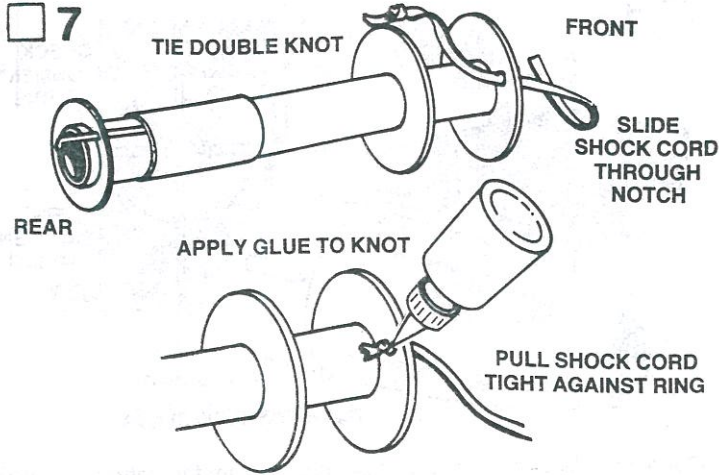
Select the tail cone (part E). Remove the eight raised nibs that cover the slots for the fins. Carefully sand the nibs off with a sanding block. Sand each nib down flush with the surface of the tailcone.

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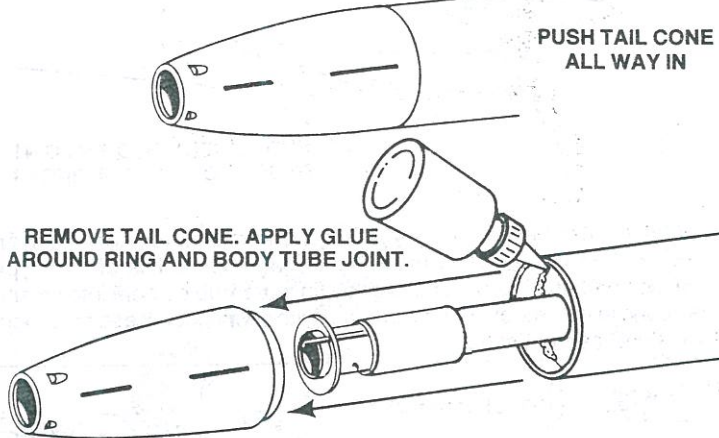
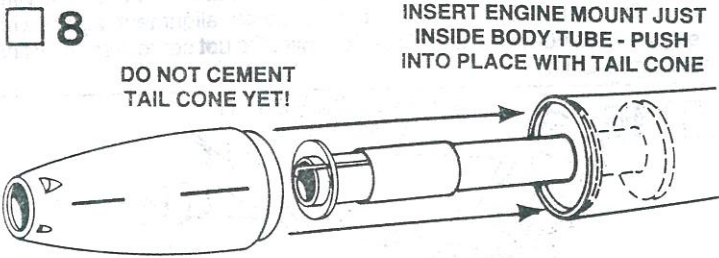


Cut the ends from the tail cone with a modeler's razor saw. Make repeated light cuts around the grooves. Work slowly to avoid tearing the plastic. Sand excess plastic lip away at the front and rear of the part with an emery board or sanding block.

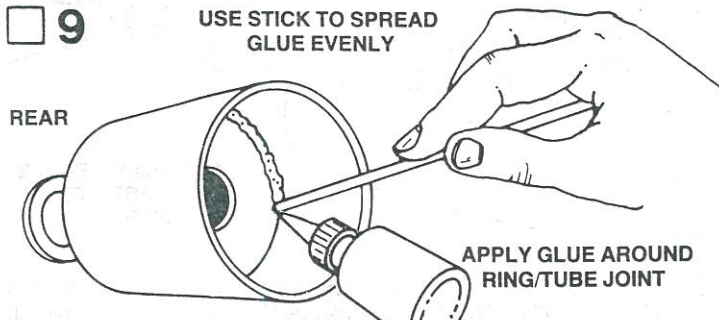




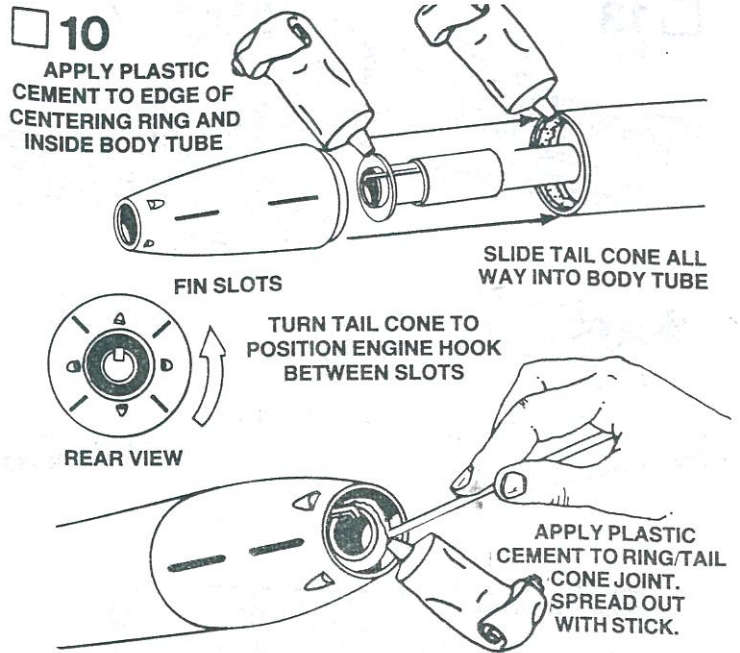
Pass end of shock cord (part F) through slot in front centering ring. Tie a double knot as shown. Pull knot tight against backside of centering ring. Apply a small amount of glue to each side of slot.



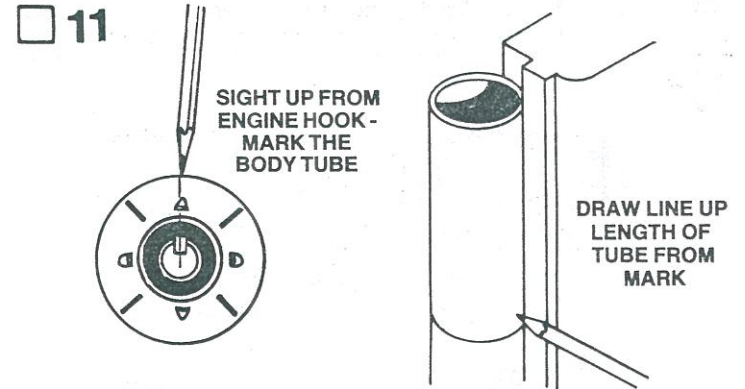
Temporarily stuff shock cord inside engine mount tube. Slide engine mount into rear of the rocket body tube (part G) so it's just inside body tube as shown. Insert the tail cone into the body tube and push it into the tube along with the engine mount tube until tail cone shoulder is against the end of the tube. Carefully remove the tail cone. Do not disturb the position of the engine mount. Apply a narrow line of white glue around the rear ring where it meets the body tube as shown. Stand the tube upright and allow to dry for several minutes.



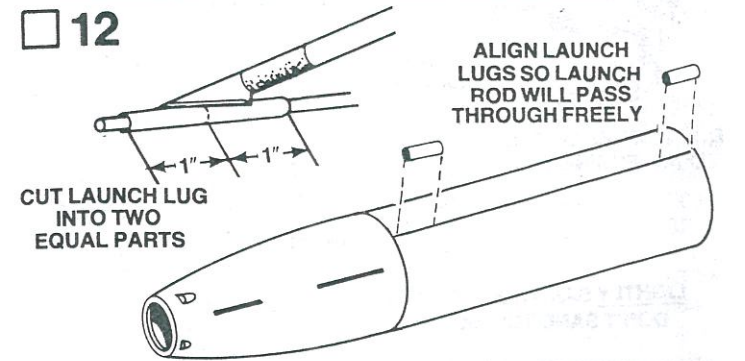
Apply a line of white glue around the forward centering ring where it meets the body tube. Stand the tube upright while glue dries. Check to be sure that there are no gaps or holes in the glue joint when dry. Apply more glue if necessary.



Apply a line of tube-type plastic cement around the inside of the body tube rear and on the edge of the small centering ring. Slide tail cone into body tube. Looking at the rear of the rocket, position the tail cone so that the engine hook is centered between two slots in tail cone as shown. Push cone into the tube until shoulder of cone is evenly against the tube end. Wipe away any excess cement from around the outside of the tube. Apply cement to ring/tail cone joint.



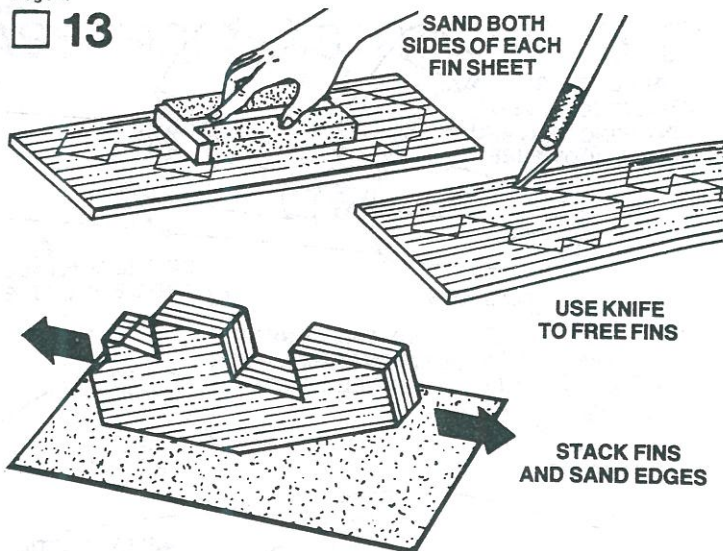
Looking at the rear of the rocket, sight up from the engine hook as shown. Make a mark on the body tube in line with the engine hook. Draw a straight line up the tube on the mark. A door frame inside edge can be used as a guide as shown. Extend the line the length of the tube.



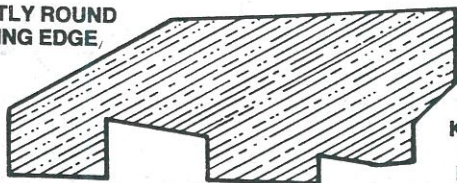
Cut two 1" lengths from the launch lug (part H). Use a dowel or stick for internal support when cutting to prevent crushing the lug. Glue lugs to body on alignment line, even with tube ends as shown. Sight-align lugs carefully to be sure that the launch rod will slide freely through them.



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SLIGHTLY ROUND LEADING EDGE



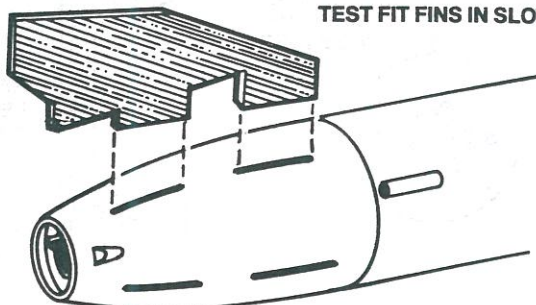
ROOT EDGES

KEEP ALL EDGES EXCEPT LEADING EDGE SQUARE

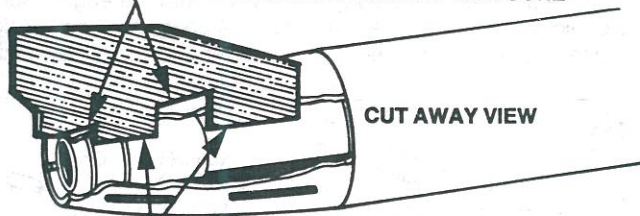
Fine-sand the balsa die-cut sheets (part I). Free the fin edges with a sharp knife, then carefully remove the die-cut fins from the sheet. Stack fins together and lightly sand edges square and straight. Sand leading edge of each fin round. Leave all other edges square.

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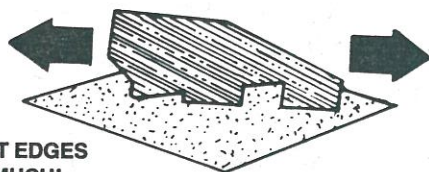
TEST FIT FIN S IN SLOTS



ROOT EDGES TOUCH OUTSIDE SURFACE OF TAIL CONE



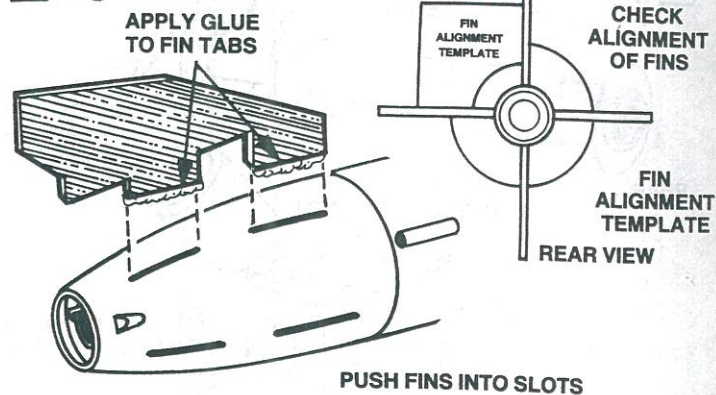
ROOT EDGES OF TABS TOUCH ENGINE TUBE



LIGHTLY SAND ROOT EDGES DON'T SAND TOO MUCH!

Using a scrap piece of balsa sheet as a gauge, sand slots in tail cone with emery board or piece of sandpaper to enlarge slots, if necessary, to have a good fit. Test-fit each fin in its slot. Make sure the fin root edges touch the engine tube inside the tail cone and the outside surface of the tail cone. If the fin does not fit properly, lightly sand the end tabs of the fins until you get a good fit.

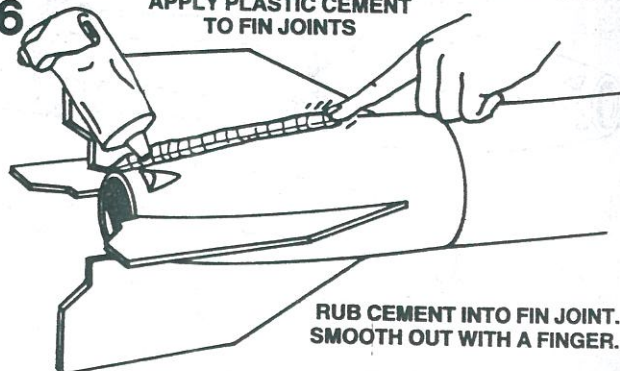
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Cut out the fin alignment template (part J) from the pattern sheet on the back of the panel. Coat the fin tabs with generous amounts of white glue. Push each fin all the way into its slot until it touches the engine tube and seats against the outside surface of the tail cone. Check alignment with fin alignment template. Repeat this procedure with each fin. After all fins are in place, check alignment again with template. Stand rocket body upside down. Do not set rocket on its fins while glue sets.

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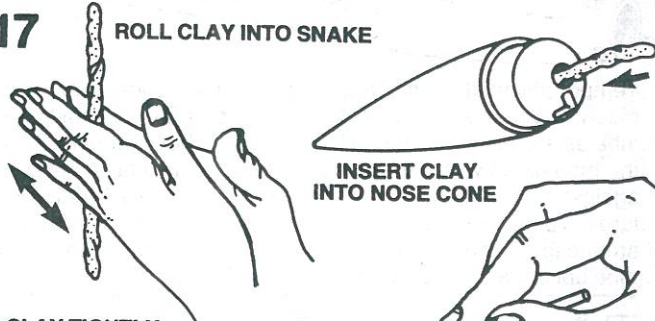
APPLY PLASTIC CEMENT TO FIN JOINTS



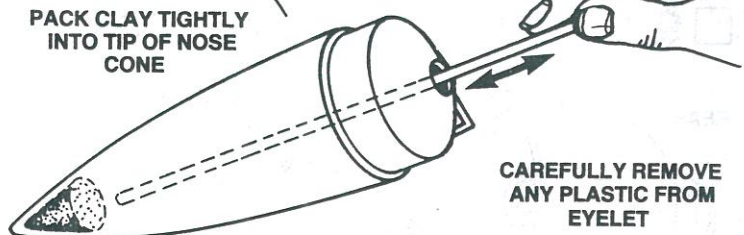
When fins have dried, apply a plastic cement reinforcement along fin and tail cone joints. Hold model level and apply a line of tube-type plastic cement to both sides of each fin joint. Rub cement into fin and tail cone joint. Smooth out the cement with your finger. Keep the model level until cement dries.

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ROLL CLAY INTO SNAKE

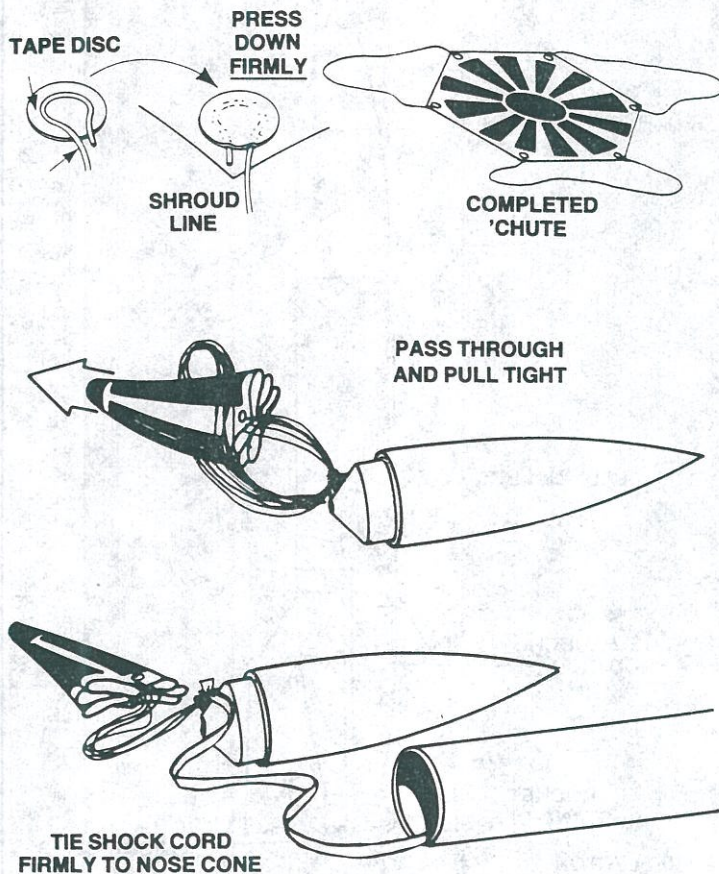


PACK CLAY TIGHTLY INTO TIP OF NOSE CONE

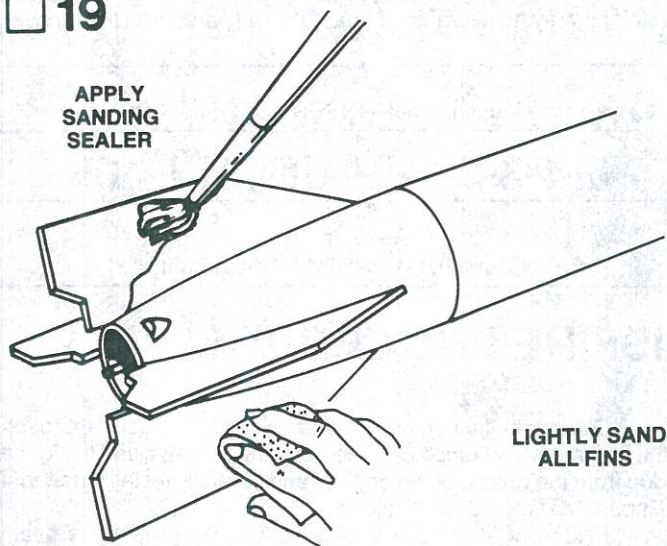


Roll clay weight (part K) into a thin "snake". Cut into 1" sections and drop through hole in rear of nose cone (part L). Pack the clay firmly into the nose using a small dowel or stick. Use all the clay. Trim and sand all excess plastic from the nose cone. Carefully open the molded eyelet at the rear of the nose cone. Wash all outside surfaces of nose cone with lukewarm, soapy water, rinse, and thoroughly dry.



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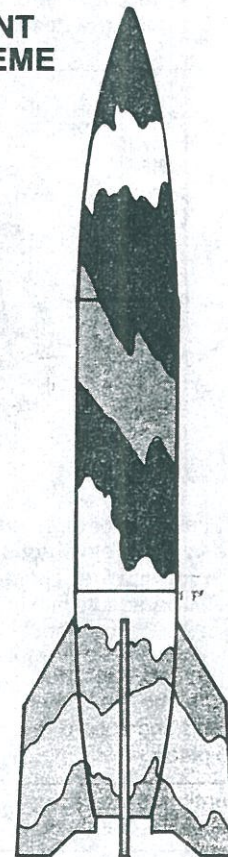
Cut out the parachute (part M) on its edge lines. Cut three equal lengths of shroud line (part N). Form a small loop in the end of a shroud line. Holding the loop, gently center loop inside tape disc (part O) on sticky side. Then carefully press tape disc onto top side of parachute in its proper place. Firmly press the disc into place until both tape disc and parachute material are molded around the shroud line loop. Repeat for other shroud line ends. Pass the shroud line loops through the eyelet on nose cone. Pass parachute through the line loop ends and pull the lines tight against the nose cone.

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Apply a coat of sanding sealer to all balsa wood parts. When sealer is dry, lightly sand all the sealed surfaces. Repeat sealing and sanding process until balsa grain is filled and smooth.

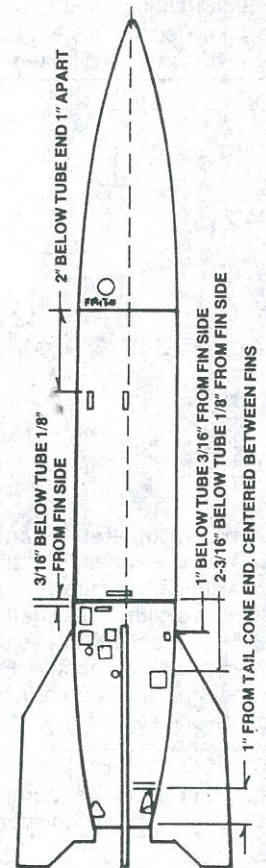
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### PAINT SCHEME



A single color, green paint scheme is the simplest for the V-2. Pactra flat forest green or flat olive drab spray enamel is recommended. If you prefer a camouflage paint scheme, paint entire rocket with a base coat of camouflage gray spray paint. The following Pactra flat enamel spray colors are recommended for the camouflage pattern: light earth, forest green, and dark earth enamel spray paints. Follow the camouflage pattern drawing.

### DECAL PLACEMENT


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Apply the decals (part P) as shown in decal placement drawing. (A) Cut decals apart. (B) Dip one decal at a time in lukewarm water for 10-20 seconds. Hold until it starts to uncurl. (C) Slip decal from backing paper onto model. (D) Move decal into exact position. If decal sticks before you have it in position, apply water to the decal so it can be moved. (E) Carefully blot away excess water with soft cloth. Smooth out all wrinkles and air bubbles before decal dries. We recommend that the completed model be sprayed with clear flat to protect the model's finish.

## LAUNCHING COMPONENTS

To launch your rocket you will need the following items:

- An Estes model rocket launching system
  - Flame resistant recovery wadding (Estes Cat. No. 2274)
  - Estes D12-3 or D12-5 model rocket engines.
- Use a D12-3 engine for your first flight.

Be sure to follow the HIAA-NAR\* Model Rocket Safety Code when carrying out your model rocket activities.

\*HIAA—Hobby Industry of America

\*NAR—National Association of Rocketry

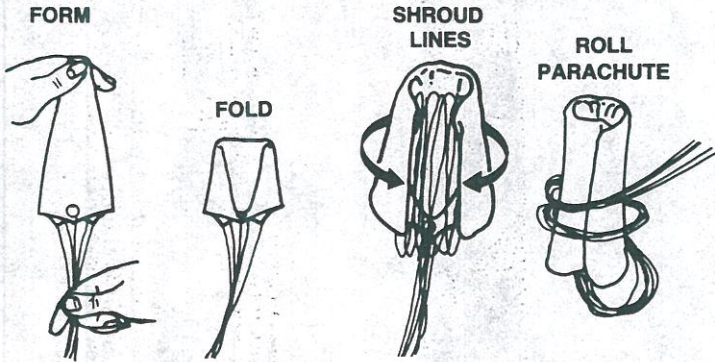


# COUNTDOWN CHECKLIST

## T-13

Pack 8 or 10 squares of loosely crumpled recovery wadding into the body tube. Usually this will fill the body tube for a distance equal to about 1-1/2 times its diameter.

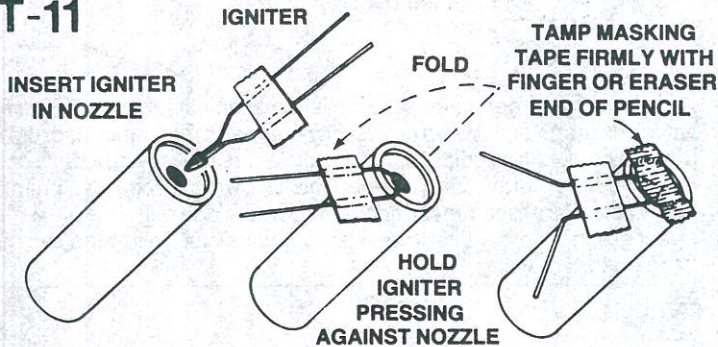
## T-12



Hold the parachute at its center and pass the other hand down it to form a "spike" shape. Fold this spike in half. Fold shroud lines back along parachute and then back down to lower edge of parachute to reduce length of shroud line "left over". Roll parachute into tube shape to fit easily into body. Any remaining shroud line should be loosely wrapped around parachute. Pack 'chute into the body tube on top of the wadding. Pack the shroud lines and shock cord in on top of the parachute and slip the nose cone into place.

**NOTE: DO NOT** pack parachute until you are actually ready to launch. For maximum parachute reliability, lightly dust the 'chute with ordinary talcum powder before each flight, especially in cold weather.

## T-11

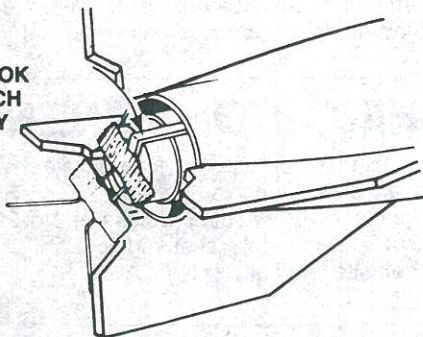


Select an engine and install an igniter as directed in the engine instructions. The engines recommended for use with this rocket are the D12-3, and D12-5 made by Estes.

Use a D12-3 engine for your first flight.

## T-10

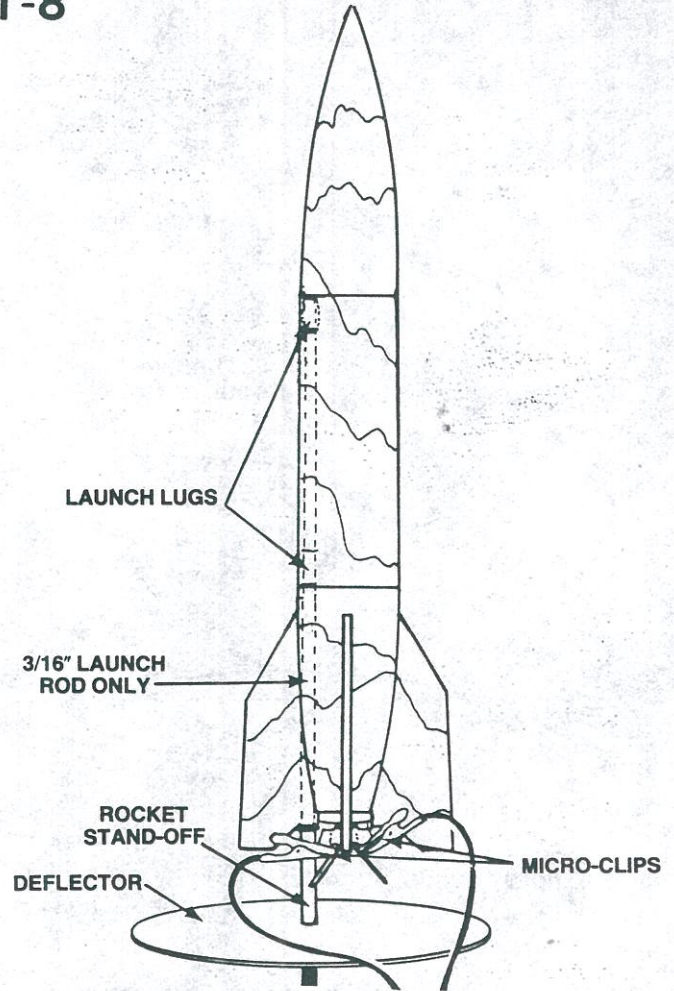
**ENGINE HOOK MUST LATCH SECURELY**



Insert engine into rocket engine mount. Engine hook must latch securely over end of the engine.

**T-9** Disarm the launch panel—REMOVE SAFETY KEY!

## T-8



Slide the launch rod (A 3/16" diameter launch rod must be used) through rocket launch lugs and place rocket on launch pad. Make sure the rocket slides freely on the launch rod. Clean the micro-clips and attach them to the igniter wires. Arrange the clips so they do not touch each other or the metal blast deflector. Attach clips as close to protective tape on igniter as possible.

**T-7** Clear the launch area. Alert recovery crew and trackers. Check for low flying aircraft and unauthorized persons in the recovery area.

**T-6** Arm the launch panel—INSERT SAFETY KEY!

# 5-4-3-2-1-LAUNCH!!

Repeat Countdown Checklist for each flight.

## MISFIRE PROCEDURE

Disarm the launch panel. Wait one minute before approaching the rocket on the launch pad. Remove the rocket, clean the igniter residue from the nozzle of the engine, and carefully install a new igniter. Repeat the Countdown Checklist.

Failure of the rocket engine to function properly is nearly always caused by a failure to install the igniter correctly. This failure permits the igniter to heat and burn into two pieces without igniting the engine.