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“Circulus 2” Instructions



“Circulus 2” Parts List

- 1- 9.5" Weighted Plastic Nose Cone
- 1- 10" X 2.26" Body Tube
- 1- 5" X 29MM Motor Tube
- 2- Plywood Centering Rings
- 6- 1/8" x 3/16" Basswood Strips
- 3- 3/16" Plywood Fins
- 1 - 6.25" dia. x 1.75" Tail Ring
- 1- 1/4" x 3" Launch Lug
- 1 - Nose Cone Bulkhead w/Stop
- 1 - 3/16" x 1.5" Eyebolt/Nut

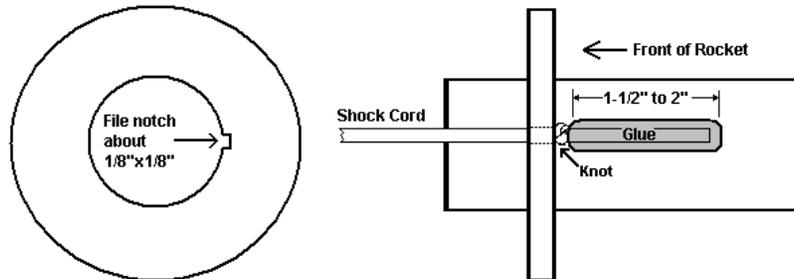
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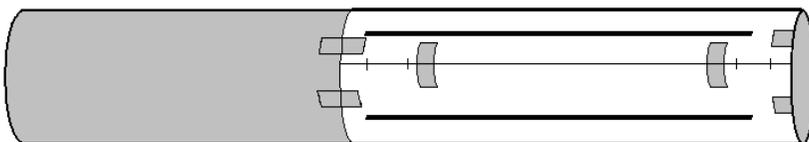
Step 1

Optional Shock Cord Attachment: File a 1/8 in. x 1/8 in. notch in one of the centering rings. Place the centering ring in position. (See step 3) **Do not glue ring to motor tube yet.** Next tie a knot about 2-1/4 in. from the end of the shock cord. The knot should be larger than the notch to keep cord from pulling through. Rough up area on motor tube to be glued to with coarse sand paper. Glue 1-1/2 in. to 2 in. of the cord end to the motor tube as shown. (**Tip: Epoxy works best.**) Set aside to dry.



Step 2

Cut out fin slot template guide. Tape slot guide around body tube lining it up with the small guide lines and end of body tube. Next tape down fin guide at the end of body tube and at top of fin guide. **Make sure template can not move while cutting or marking tube.** The slots can be cut out a couple of different ways. 1) Cut out paper slots and trace slots on to body tube with pencil or poke holes at each corner point, connect pin dots with straight edge and carefully cut out slots with a hobby knife freehand or with a straight edge. 2) Cut slots out using a dremel type tool. After cutting slots sand or trim slots so fins slide through easily but snugly.



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Recommended 29MM Motors for first flight :

<u>Aerotech Single Use</u>	<u>Aerotech Reloads</u>	<u>CTI Reloads</u>
F26-6	F37-6	F36-5
F20-7	F62-6	F29-6
	F26-6	F59-7
	F50-7	
	F25-6	

Due to motor mount length

DO NOT EXCEED A 128mm LONG MOTOR!!

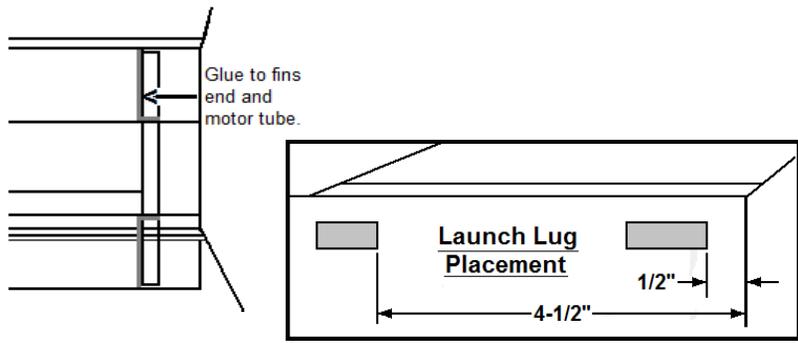
24MM Reloadables will work also! With adapter.

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Step 9

Glue in the rear ring to the rear edge of the fins and motor tube. Attach the launch lugs at your desired locations. I suggest a 1 in. lug at a 1/2 in. and a 3/4 in. lug at 4-1/2 in. from rear of body tube.

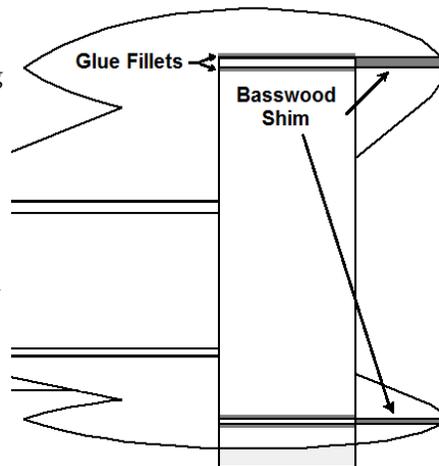
(Tip: Adding lug standoffs made with scrap wood will protect your body tube paint job from the launch rod scratching it.)



Step 10

1) After fins are good and dry, slide tail ring into notches on the fins. Some light sanding of the fin notch may be needed to get a snug fit. Glue tail ring in notches and apply thin fillets to all ring/fin connections. 2) After ring is dry, glue in supplied basswood shims. After shims are dry sand and smooth them till flush with fins. Attach a retainer, parachute and most importantly...

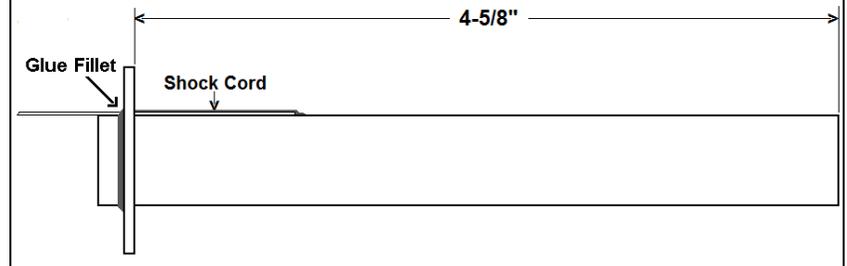
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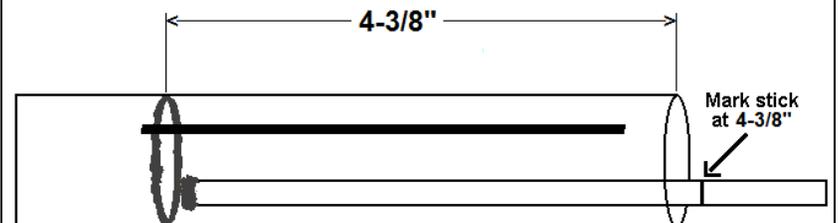
Step 3

(Tip: Dry fit fins, centering ring, motor tube and tail ring before assembly to insure all parts line up correctly. Some slight sanding or trimming may be needed.) Glue forward centering ring to motor tube 4 -5/8 in. from bottom of tube as shown. Apply a few layers of fillet glue at the top of forward ring. Let each fillet layer of glue dry before applying next layer. **Do not glue rear centering in place at this time.** Allow this assembly to dry thoroughly before gluing in main tube!



Step 4

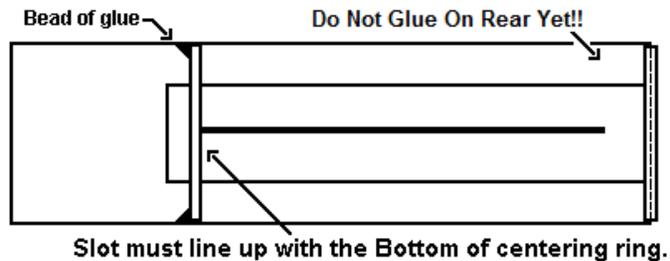
(Tip: Sanding the slot on the inside of the tube keeps the centering rings from binding when inserting motor tube assembly.) Find a scrap piece of stick that's about 8 in. to 10 in. long and mark the scrap piece at 4 -3/8 in. Apply a generous ring of glue inside the main body tube at the 4 -3/8 in. mark as shown.



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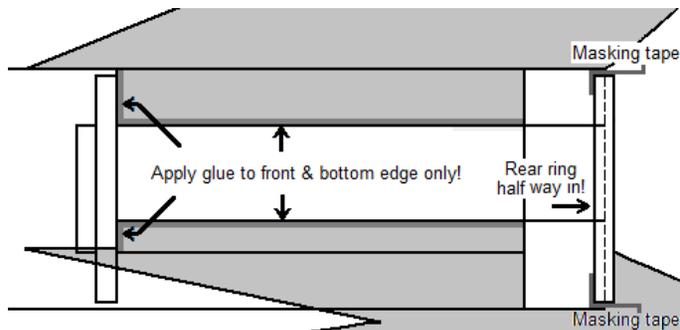
Step 5

Insert the motor tube assembly into the main tube till the bottom of the top centering ring is at the top of the fin slot. Motor tube should be flush with end of main tube. Place lower centering ring on partially to align motor tube but **do not glue ring to motor tube yet**. Stand up the completed assembly with the motor tube end down until the glue dries. Look down into the top of the body tube and check to make sure you have a good bead of glue around the edge of the centering ring. (**TIP: Placing pieces of masking tape on lower ring helps to pull it out after assembly is dry. See step 6**)



Step 6

Apply masking tape to the rear centering ring so you can pull ring out and apply optional internal fillets after gluing on fins. **Insert rear ring in half way only!** Apply glue to the **front and bottom edges** of the fin only as shown and carefully slide in slot until fin touches motor tube. Allow each fin to dry before gluing next one. Using the supplied fin angle template will keep fins at the right angle. (**INTERNAL FILLET TIP: Use thinned wood glue or thinned epoxy dripped at the end of the internal fin/motor tube connection and allow glue to flow all the way down the connection. This method greatly increases the internal connections.**)

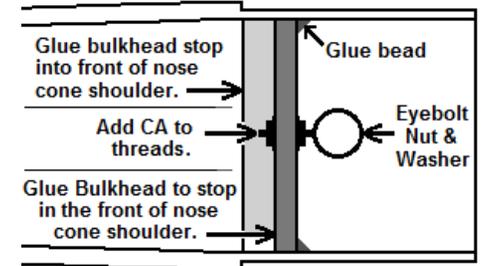


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Step 7

(1) Insert eyebolt, washer and nut thru bulkhead. Attach inside washer and nut then finger tighten. Add a few drops of CA to the end of the eyebolt threads. (2) Sand inside the nose cone shoulder where the bulkhead stop and bulkhead are going to go with **coarse** paper. (Some sanding of bulkhead edges and inner shoulder may be needed to get a good snug fit. (3) Apply epoxy to the front area of the inner shoulder and insert bulkhead stop all the way into the nose cone shoulder and allow to dry. (4) Glue the plywood bulkhead to bulkhead stop and to nose cone shoulder. Allow to dry thoroughly. (5) Apply epoxy bead around the outer edge of the bulkhead to hold in place, as shown.

DO NOT REMOVE NOSE CONE FILLING MATERIAL!! (It is 1 oz. of stability weight.)



Step 8

1) Apply a thin fillet of glue to the outer fin/body tube connection to fill in the gaps and to reinforce the fins. Be sure to clean off all the excess glue so the trim will lay flat. Using your little finger works well removing glue. Let dry before adding trim. 2) Lay basswood trim along fin and body tube and mark length and angle to cut on trim. I found that it is easier to rough cutting trim at front, glue on trim and then sand to correct angle. Use a light beads of glue when attaching trim because the glue will flow out and make a mess. (**Tip: Sanding bottom edge of trim at a slight angle makes a tighter fit along body tube.**)

