

#### Parts List

Quantity		Description	Part #		Quantity	Description	Part #
A B C D E	1 1 2 2 4	Body Chassis Front Wheel Rear Wheel Wheel Hub	33075 33051 33057 33058 33059	K M N	400 44	Self-Tapping Screw Fuel Valve Fuel Hose Engine Hold-Down Band	45131 35313 35330 44060
F G H	1 2	Main Airfoil Fin Engine	33062 33064 80364	0 P Q	1 1 2	Line Lug Decal Front Tire	35369 37561 45405
J	- Andrews	Front Axle Rear Axle	45400 45401	R S	2 1	Rear Tire Blast Deflector	45406 37607

RECOMMENDED TOOLS AND SUPPLIES: Razor saw (optional); sharp modeling knife; emery board (available at cosmetic counters); ruler or straight edge; masking tape; liquid plastic cement; a flat working surface; 8-1/2" X 11" sandpaper [100 grit and extra fine (available at hardware stores)]; block for sanding; spray paint (Must be compatible with plastics. If in doubt, tryout on pieces of scrap plastic after cutting out body.)

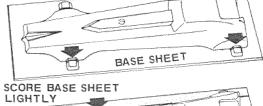
WORK CAREFULLY - DO NOT HURRY - THE QUALITY OF YOUR FINISHED MODEL DEPENDS ON YOUR WORK.

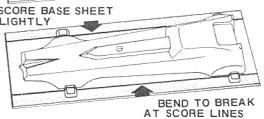
### **Body Trimming**

CUT THROUGH AXLE CARRIER HOUSING
TO BASE SHEET

Use razor saw to cut through axle carrier housings 1/16" from body. Cut down to base sheet. If you do not have a razor saw, use a sharp modeling knife. Work very carefully to avoid splitting the plastic body.

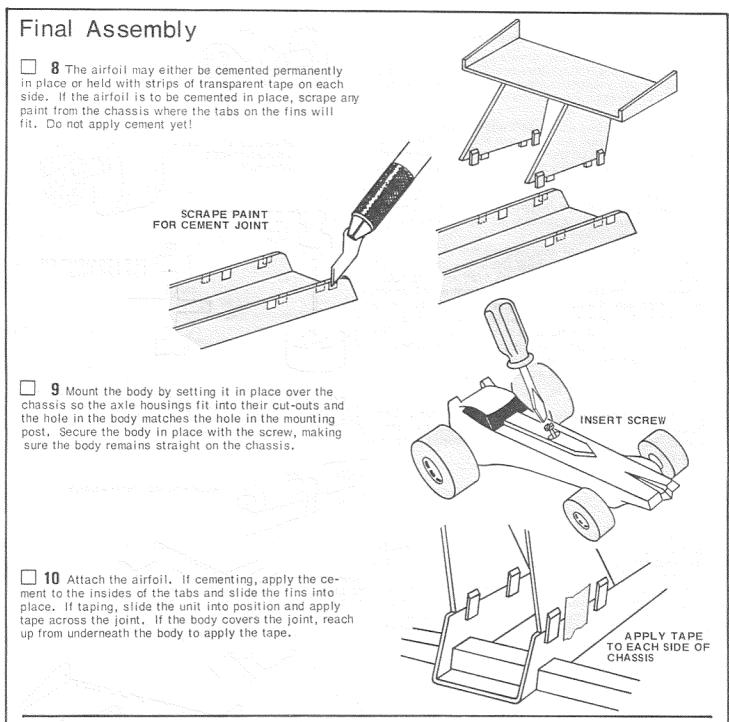
2 Use modeling knife to lightly score (cut partially through) base sheet as shown. Do not try to cut completely through base sheet. Bend base sheet back and forth (gently) at scored lines to break excess off cleanly. Save scrap plastic for possible future repairs or reinforcing use.





<b>3</b> Use modeling knife to lightly score base sheet around body. Break at score lines by gently bending back and forth.	SCORE BASE SHEET AROUND BODY
4 Tape the 100 grit sandpaper, rough side up, to a flat surface as shown.	
5 Lightly sand body bottom to remove excess "flanges". You may need to push or pull the body in one direction until the lower surface of body is smooth enough to use a light back and forth motion. Stop often and examine body edges. Lightly sand off excess plastic as it flares out from edges. As you sand, less and less will flare out. This seems slow, but will result in a professional appearance for your model if done correctly. Continue sanding until you are satisfied with the appearance of the body.	BODY AFTER BREAKING OFF EXCESS  8½" x 11" 100 GRIT SANDPAPER  LIGHT BACK AND LIGHT STROKES FORTH STROKES
<b>6</b> Cut 3/16" wide strips from scrap plastic and cement inside body as shown. This will give added strength to rear of body. Let dry overnight.	CEMENT 3/16" WIDE STRIPS OF SCRAP PLASTIC INSIDE BODY
7 Use sharp modeling knife to lightly score plastic inside the depressed area at rear of body. Go over these lines repeatedly to cut out depressed area. Be very careful; do not try to cut through the plastic with only one or two cuts.	SCORE LIGHTLY INSIDE DEPRESSED AREA AT REAR
8 Use emery boards and sandpaper to smooth edges and to do final shaping of cut out area at rear of body.	USE EMERY BOARDS AND SAND PAPER TO SMOOTH EDGES OF CUT OUT AREA
<b>9</b> Place block inside body at axle carrier locations and sand flush (or nearly so) with body. The block is used to support body while sanding.	SANDING BLOCK TO SUPPORT INSIDE
10 Twirl point of knife in center of screw recess to form small hole (about 3/32" diameter) for mounting screw.	
TWIRL KNIFE TO FORM 3/32" HOLE IN SCREW RECESS	SAND LIP FLUSH (OR NEARLY SO) WITH BODY!
11 Examine body carefully and touch up edges with extra fine sandpaper.	DOWEL TAPED INSIDE BODY FOR
☐ 12 Tape body to dowel or stick for painting.	PAINTING HOOD DECAL
paint to body and allow to dry overnight.	RIM CLEAR ERIAL FROM OOD AND WINDOW DECAL
14 Apply decals to body as shown. Do not place hood decal on body until body is attached to chassis. Save remaining decals for use on airfoil assembly.	APPLY OPPOSITE SIDE DECALS IN SAME LOCATIONS

#### Chassis Construction KEEP PAINT FROM THESE AREAS 1 Prepare chassis and wheels by removing any excess plastic with a file or emery board. If desired, paint the chassis and wheel components at this time. Do not get paint in the joint areas of the wheels. HUB 2 The front tires and wheels are smaller than the rear tires and wheels. All four inner hubs are the same. SQUEEZE TIRE BACK Sort these parts into matching sets: One tire, one wheel TO JOIN WHEEL and one inner hub. Slide a tire onto an inner hub. Apply AND HUB. plastic cement to the inside mating surface of the appropriate wheel and, squeezing the tire out of the way, join wheel and hub. Hold parts together for several seconds while the cement sets. Assemble all four sets this way. LIGHT TAP STRAIGHT DOWN $oldsymbol{3}$ Insert the shorter axle into the hub of one front wheel. Tap lightly on the end of the axle with the wheel, TAP STRAIGHT ON flat on the table until the axle seats 1/2" into the hub. CENTER HUB. Slide the axle through the holes in the front axle housing. Check to be sure the axle turns freely. If it binds, remove plastic from the bearing by carefully scraping with a sharp knife blade. With the axle in place, slide the other front wheel onto the axle and tap into position. Mount the rear wheels in the same way. LOOP BAND 4 Slide a pencil into the engine compartment. Loop AROUND TABS IN FRAME the engine hold-down band around the tabs and over the pencil. Pull the pencil up to stretch the looped band and slide the engine into place. SLIP ENGINE INTO PLACE 5 Decide whether your car will be run free (large open space such as a parking lot required) or on a guide line (best for sidewalk, etc.; necessary for drag racing). If your car will be operated only on the guide line, the TAPE PENNIES airfoil is not necessary. If you plan on running the car TO CHASSIS free, the airfoil is essential. Stability in free-running FLOOR cars can be improved even more by taping two or three pennies to the inside floor of the chassis just ahead of the body mounting post. 6 Cement the fins to the airfoil. Make sure both fins are facing the correct direction and that they project CEMENT FINS AT RIGHT ANGLE TO straight from the airfoil. Let the cement dry thoroughly AIR FOIL before handling. 7 Apply small pieces of masking tape to the insides of the tabs on the bottoms of the fins. Paint the airfoil MASKING TAPE and fins. After the paint is dry, remove tape and apply ON THE EIGHT decals. AIR FOIL TABS



#### **Important**

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RP-100 ColdPower Propellant Safety Hints:

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- c. Keep RP-100 away from open flame.
- d. Do not breathe propellant. Although non-toxic, heavy gas may temporarily prevent adequate respiration.
- e. Keep out of reach of children under ten years of age.

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## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

### Race Track or Salt Flat

Choose the site for running your car. With a full fuel charge, you'll need a space at least 50 yards long. (With a parachute, you can run in spaces as short as 25 yards.) The surface must be smooth; avoid areas with loose gravel.

Going to drag race? A 4' wide sidewalk is fine. Want allout Salt Flat free-running performance? Better find a big, clear paved parking lot. Remember, the smoother the surface, the better your car will perform. You'll be able to successfully run on a rougher surface with a guide line than with a freerunning car.

For a guide line, use the high strength line supplied in the Estes Land Rocket Race Kit. Other suitable line is Estes' SLT-1 shroud line or heavy-duty waxed carpet thread. Use a line at least 50 yards long, anchored securely at both ends.

On smooth, clean surfaces such as hardwood, tile, and polished concrete, a strip of masking tape makes a good line anchor. On an asphalt paved parking lot, a masonry nail pounded into the pavement at each end will do fine. Be sure to remove the nails when you're through! Otherwise, tie the ends of the line to bricks or other heavy objects for anchors. Stretch the line so it is under slight tension.

If you're drag racing, use two lines spaced 18" to 24" apart. Mark a starting line about 4' from the anchor, Your finish line can be anywhere along the line, but 30' to 40' from the start generally seems to be a good distance.

### Fueling Around

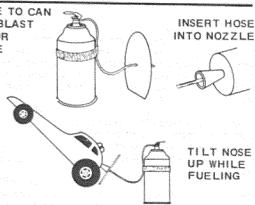


TAPE HOSE TO CAN AND SLIP BLAST DEFLECTOR **ONTO HOSE** 

Get ready to fuel your engine. Insert fuel hose into hole in valve. Install valve on can. Tape hose to can. Slip blast deflector onto hose.

With your car on the line, ready to go, insert the hose into the nozzle, pressing in tightly for a good seal. Slip the blast deflector up against the nozzle. Tilt the nose of the car up at a 45° angle and press the valve on the fuel can to begin filling.

The engine has a vent in its front end. As you fill, you will be able to hear gas escaping through the vent. When the sound changes and the vent starts spitting liquid (usually after about 10 to 20 seconds), your engine is full.



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#### Blast Off

PRESS ON DEFLECTOR WHILE PULLING WITH FINGERS

With the engine fueled, rest your car on its wheels and slip the blast deflector up against the engine. Grasping the fuel hose between thumb and forefinger just behind the blast deflector, pull the hose from the nozzle while pushing on the blast deflector. Your car will take off!

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### ESTES LAND ROCKET SAFETY CODE

1. Engine: I will use only factory made cold propellant rocket engines. I will follow all instructions. I will use engines are cars only in a manner recommended by the manufacturer.

2. Propellant: I will re-load cold propellant rocket engines only with propellant rocommended by the manufacturer. As engine exhaust is very cold, I will not allow it to hit me or anyone else directly.

3. Operation: I will always check my car before each run to be sure that it is in safe running condition. I will use a blast delfector between my hand and the engine's nozzle to protect me from engine exhaust. I will not launch my car into the air in a manner creating a hazard to myself or others.

4. Construction: I will use only safe hobby materials in the construction of my rocket cars. I will not design or build any verifice which might create. hicle which might create a hazard to myself or

others. My cars will not have sharp edges or points.

5. Running Surfaces: I will run my car only in places and on surfaces which do not create a hazard to myself or others. I will not run my car in the street or busy parking lots.

6. Racing: Before starting, I will be sure that the racing area is clear of spectators and other objects. I will always give a verbal countdown or starting sequence to alert spectators before releasing my car. When using a guide line, I will make sure the line is securely anchored at both ends before releasing my car.

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7. Loaded Engine: I will never store or leave a loaded cold propellant rocket engine unattended, I will always keep a loaded engine firmly restrained whether in or out of a car. I promise to faithfully follow all rules of safe conduct as established in the above code.

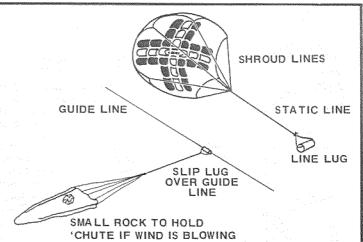
Signed ... Be safe! Be smart!! Follow the Safety Code!!!

#### Whoa!

If your track is long enough, your car can roll until it stops of its own accord. When space is limited, though, you'll need to stop your car short of the 120' to 140' it normally travels. A drag 'chute is the way to go on short tracks.

A suitable 'chute is included in the Estes Land Rocket Race Kit. Cut three 20'' lengths of guide line to use as shroud lines. Assemble the 'chute according to the instructions printed on the plastic sheet. If you do not have the Race Kit, use an 8'' or 10'' model rocket parachute. Cut a 15'' static line from one end of the guide line. Tie the shroud lines to one end of the static line. Tie the other end of the static line to the line lug.

When setting up to race, slide the line lug over the guide line. The lug must slide freely on the line. Position the lug at least 50 feet from your start line. Lay out the parachute and static line as shown. Leave at least 15' of line beyond the 'chute position to allow the car to stop.



### Beat Your Buddy

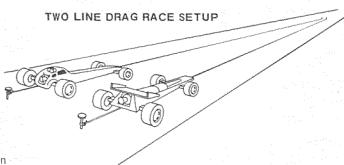
The most popular competition for rocket cars is the drag race. To run a drag race, you'll need an extra person to signal the start and watch the finish line. Lay out guide lines and anchor them in place. Mark start and finish lines 35' apart.

With cars fueled and ready at the line, the judge signals the start. First car across the finish line wins. Run an elimination to see who's the real champion in your group.

Another popular contest is the distance drag. Winner in this event is the car that goes the farthest. Cars can be run one at a time, marking each stopping point on the pavement before running the next car. Another way to run this event is by sending the cars off in heats of as many as 5 or 10 at a time. There's lots of excitement as the cars take off in a cloud of jet exhaust, scream through maximum acceleration, and finally strain for the last possible inch.

When you get to know your car and its performance, you may want to run a predicted distance event. In this contest each competitor marks a spot where he thinks his own car will stop (at least 60' from the starting point). The racer coming closest to his predicted spot wins. No parachutes are allowed in this event.

Predicted distance contests can be run with cars on the guide line or, where space permits, with free-running cars. A fun variation, when running free, is to mark one spot, and have everyone pick his own starting point and shoot for that spot. Each car is left where it stops; a few collisions (at low speed) can add to the excitement. Draw straws or numbered pieces of paper to decide the starting order. A complete Land Rocket Competition Guide is included in the Race Kit or can be obtained directly from Estes. Just fill out the enclosed coupon to receive your copy.





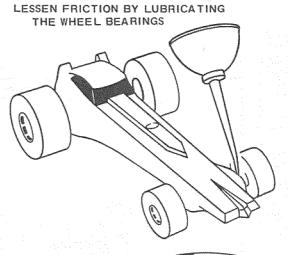
### Performance Mods

Regular drag racing is a pure acceleration contest. The car that wins will be the one with the lowest weight, best aerodynamics, and least energy loss through wheels and wheel bearings. Modifications to improve performance have to be aimed at these areas. Removing weight from the chassis and lubricating the bearings are the best ways to start hopping up your car.

In a maximum distance event, aerodynamics and low wheel and bearing losses are still important, but instead of keeping weight at a minimum, it becomes important to find an "optimum" weight. If the car is too light, aerodynamic drag and friction will slow it down too soon (How far can you throw a feather?). If the car is too heavy, the engine won't be able to accelerate it to a high enough speed to allow any significant distance gain during coasting.

When trying to stop on a particular spot with a free-running car, directional stability becomes very important. Stability can be improved by adding weight to the nose of the car. Airfoil and fin alignment are also important.

Good luck and great racing!





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