

# **ASSEMBLY MANUAL AND USER GUIDE**



## **REPUBLIC P-47 D THUNDERBOLT**

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## OVERVIEW:

This replica of the Republic P-47 Thunderbolt is designed for quick and easy construction and printed using light weight PLA (LW-PLA). For best results the canopy should be printed with clear PLA The motor mount and propeller assembly in regular PLA. A semi scale propeller is included in the plans designed to suit the 2804 2300kv outrunner (6x4.5) in 2 or 4 blade configuration. Utilising full 4 channel controls; aileron, elevator, rudder and throttle, this model performs extremely well given its small size and lightweight. Links to components used can be found on the last page of the user guide.

This model has taken many hours of hard work and testing in order to provide a nice flying aircraft. Please do not share it. Please show your appreciation by directing interested parties to the link below.

<https://cults3d.com/en/3d-model/various/vought-f4u-1d-corsair>

## GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

WINGSPAN:	600mm
PRINT TIME:	46 hrs
PRINT WEIGHT:	170g
FLYING WEIGHT:	285g - 300g (with landing gear)
CENTER OF GRAVITY	41mm aft of L.E at wing root. (Marked with indentation)

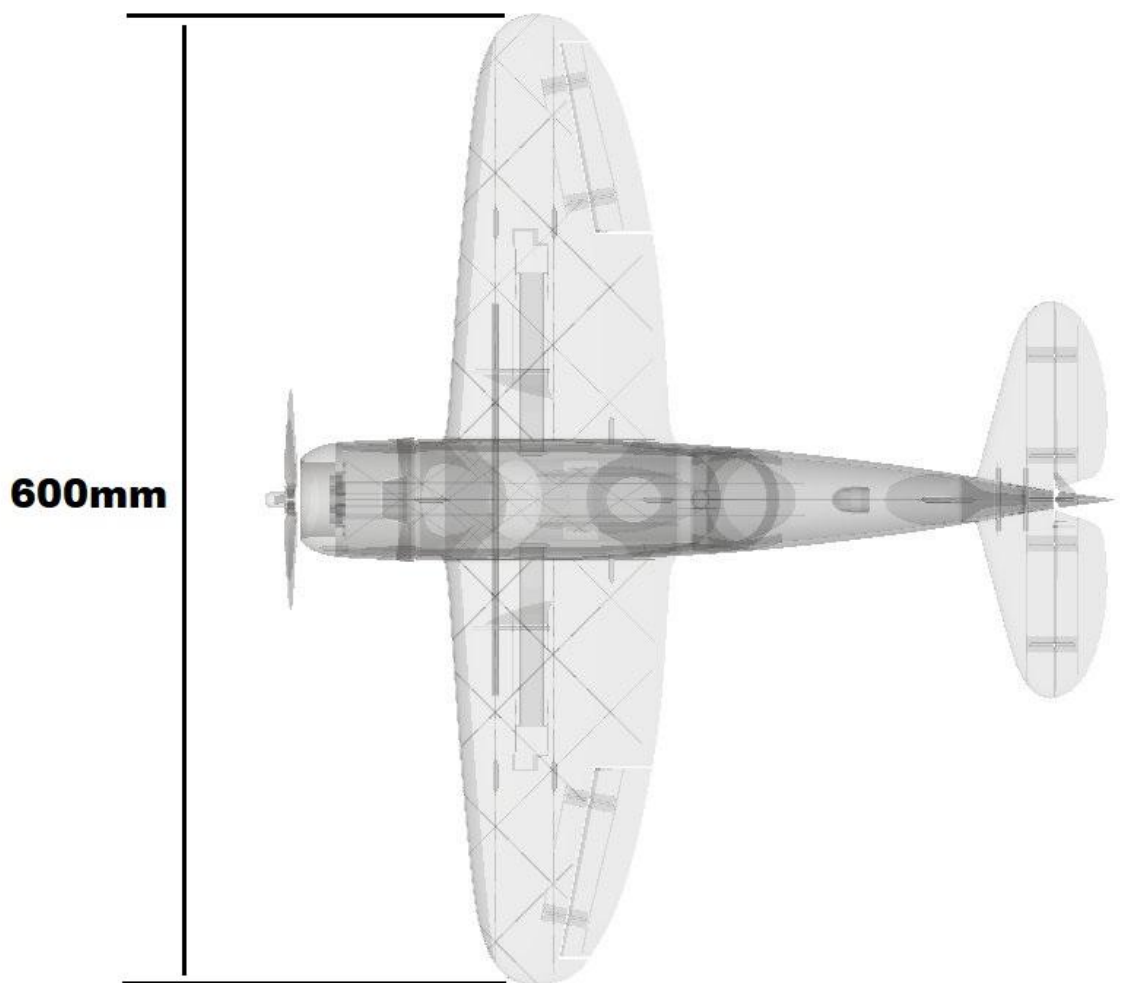
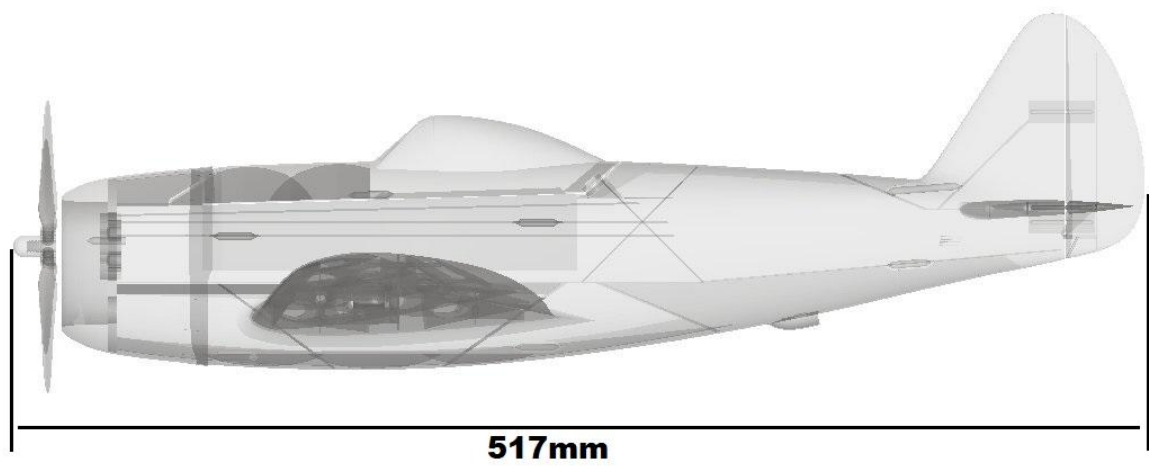
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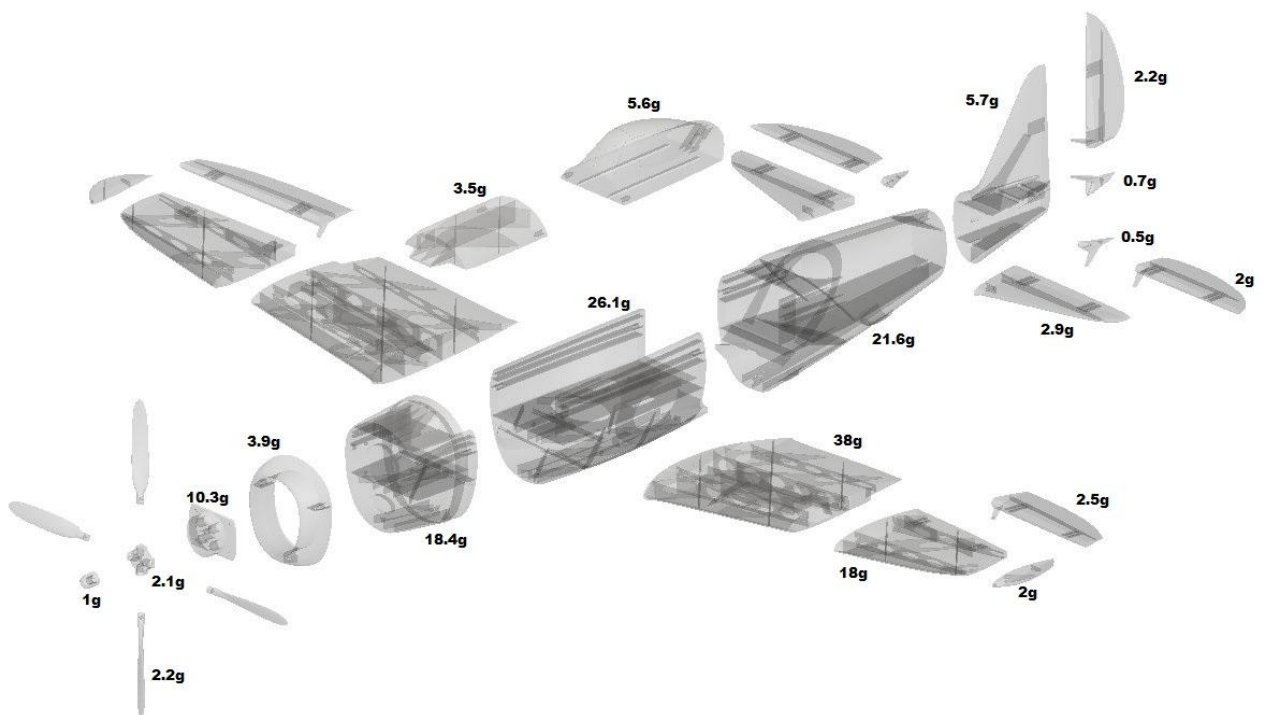
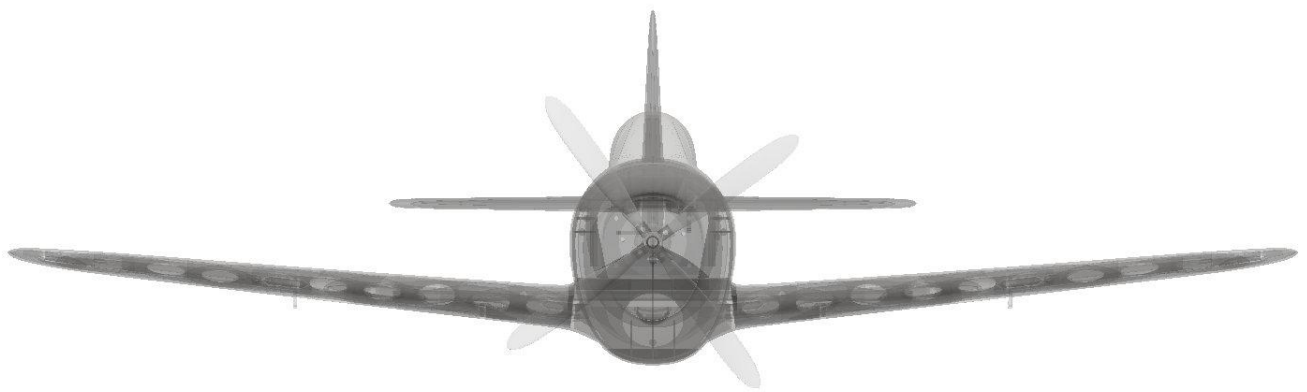
MOTOR:	2804 2300KV
ESC:	12amp (min) 20amp (recommended)
SERVOS:	3.7g MICRO
BATTERY:	950MAH 2S (or similar)

**INCLUDED:**

STL FILES OF ALL COMPONENTS (scale to 1000% if not using S3D)

FACTORY FILES FOR (S3D) SIMPLIFY 3D FOR PRINTERS: 200X200X200





## **REQUIRED TOOLS:**

KNIFE

LIGHTER

SANDPAPER (MEDIUM GRIT)

PLIERS

CA GLUE

SCREW DRIVERS

FILE OR RASP

## **REQUIRED COMPONENTS:**

X1 2804 2300KV MOTOR (or similar)

X1 12AMP or 20AMP ESC

X1 950MAH 2S LIPO OR SIMILAR

X4 3.7G MICRO SERVO

BAMBOO SKEWERS 3MM

HEAT SHRINK TUBE 3mm

X2 10mm X 10mm X 2mm MAGNET (ROUND)

X10 MICRO HINGES (OPTIONAL)

VELCRO

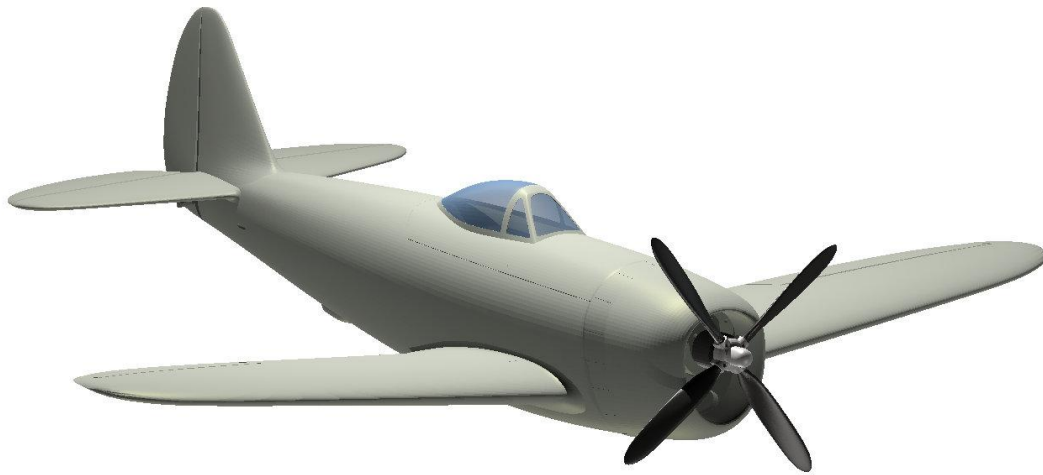
X2 x 200mm CARBON STRIP 3mm x 0.6mm (OPTIONAL)

M2 x10mm SCREWS

1mm PIANO WIRE

M2 PUSH ROD (200mm MINIMUM LENGTH)

**\*\* This model comes with the option for fixed style landing gear. The wings and fuselage sections have alternate parts which accommodate 2mm struts for the main gear and 1mm wire for the tailwheel. It is advised that the geared option only be used for tarmac or concrete surfaces. Grass runways should be avoided when using the fixed gear.**



## **ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS**

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After all parts have been printed, some may require to be cleaned as LW-PLA is prone to stringing. Do this by gently sanding back the rough sections with a file, sandpaper or blade until the surface is smooth.

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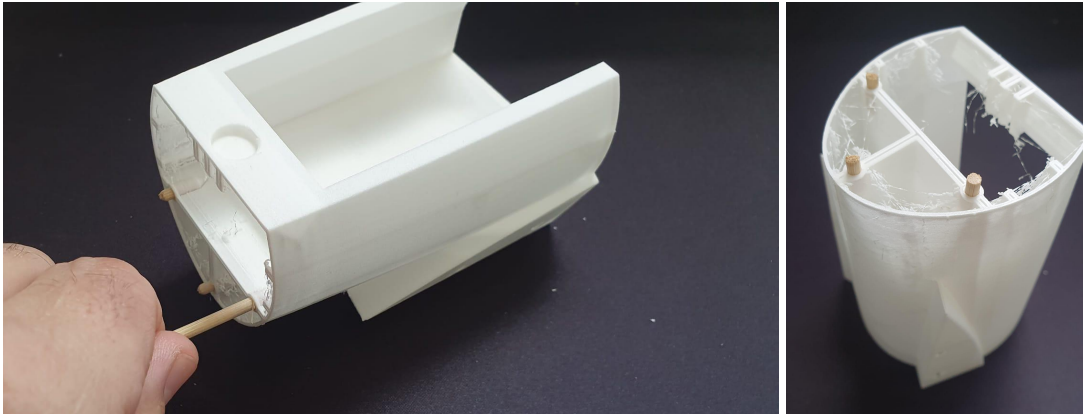
All faces which are to be glued to other parts need to be given a light sanding (scuff the surface) to assist with glue adhesion.

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Cut 15mm sections of skewer and place into alignment holes in the fuselage sections.

**NOTE** - It may be required to open up the holes a small amount if the fit is too tight. Do this by using a 3mm drill bit. Gently spin it in reverse as you insert it into the hole. This will ensure the bit does not tear the print.

Test fit the sections of the fuse before gluing to ensure a clean fit.

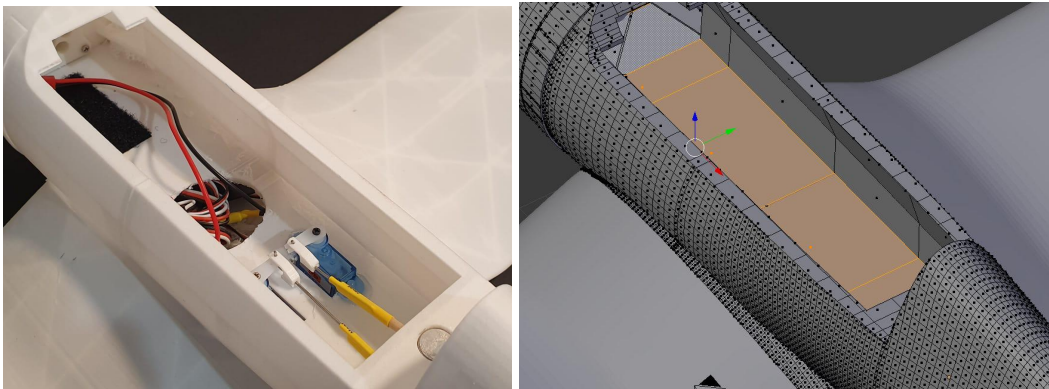


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Glue all sections of the fuse together except fuse 1. This will be glued on last in order to allow for cg balancing.

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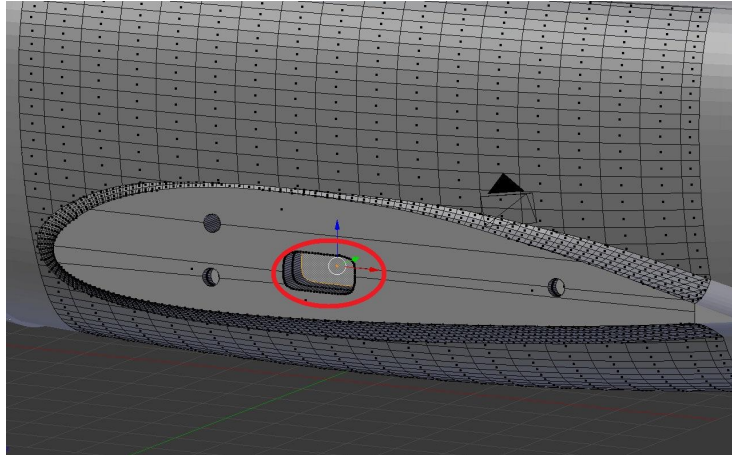
Once glued, with a sharp knife, remove the false floor of the battery hatch. (see pic/ highlighted faces) **NOTE:** The removed sections of LW-PLA that is the false floor will be used as hinge pieces later. Do not throw away.





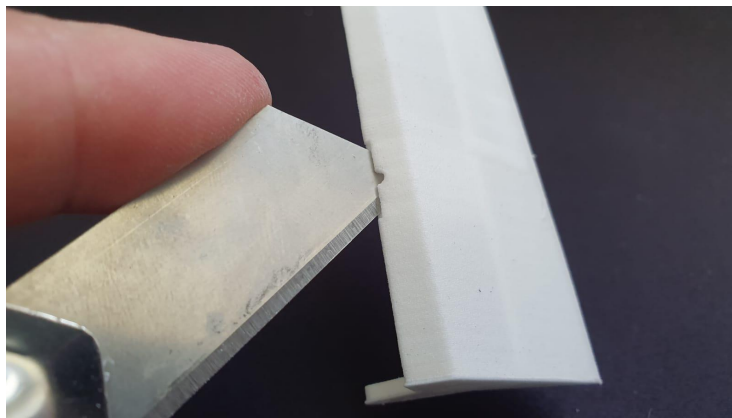
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From part “fuse 3” remove the inner section of the lead tunnel with a knife or heated metal rod to allow the servo lead for the aileron to pass through. (refer image)



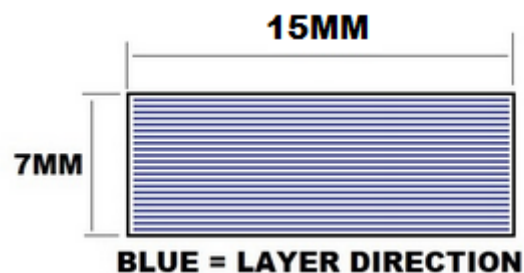
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Test fit the hinges in the hinge slots for each control surface and its parent part, this will make gluing the control surface easier when the time comes. **NOTE**- Do not force the hinge if it is too tight. Loosen the slot by gently inserting a stanley knife.



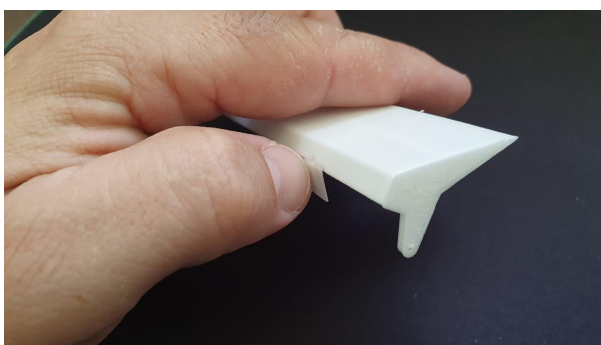
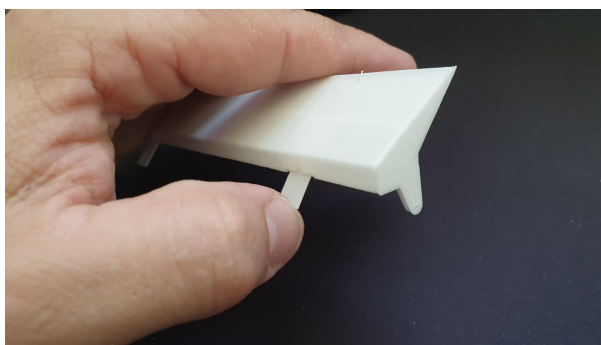
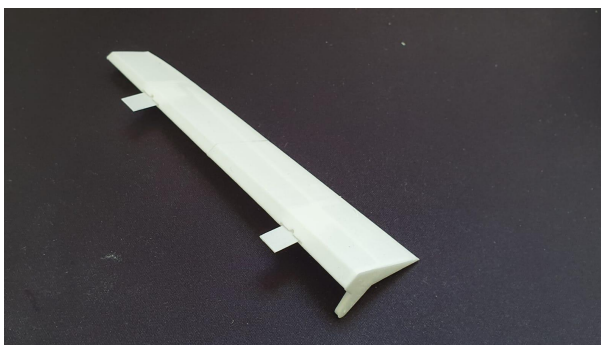
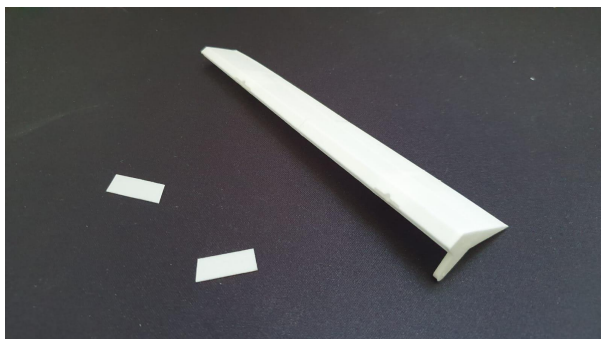
Using the LW-PLA as a hinge:

From the off-cuts from the fuselage false floor, cut small sections of 15mm x 7mm with the 7mm side being against the grain of the layers. Test fit the pieces into the hinge slots of the control surface and stabiliser or wing.

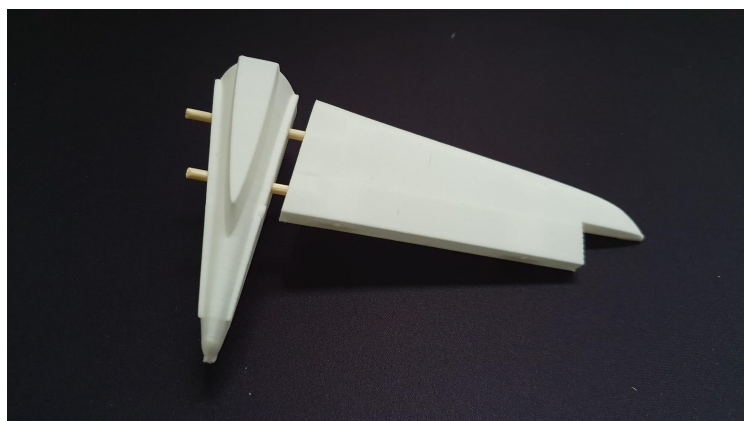
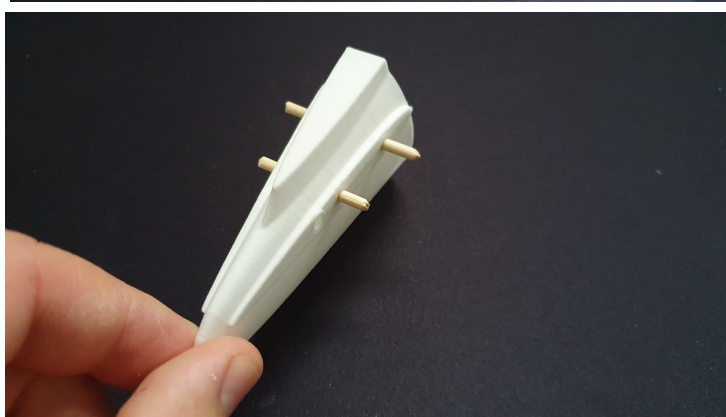
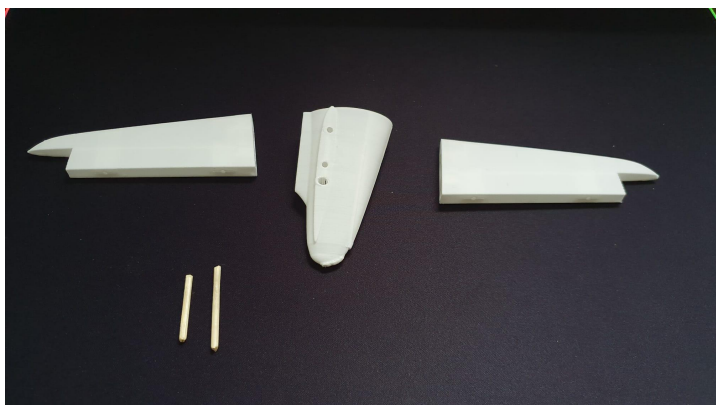




Place a drop of CA in the hinge slot of the control surface and insert the hinge. Be sure that the hinge is perpendicular to the control surface. Then bend the hinges to 90deg back and forward a few times to make sure they are appropriately loose. (the outer aileron and elevator hinge may need to be trimmed). **See below**

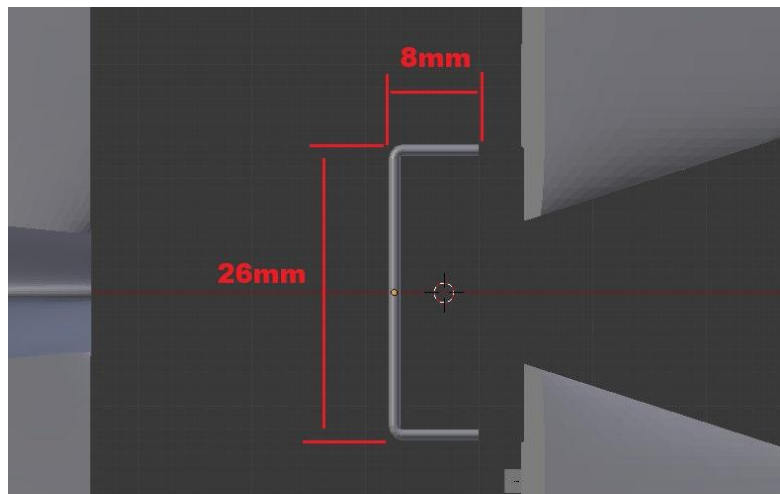


Fit the horizontal stabilisers to the fuselage using small sections of 3mm bbq skewers to align the stabilisers and glue with CA.

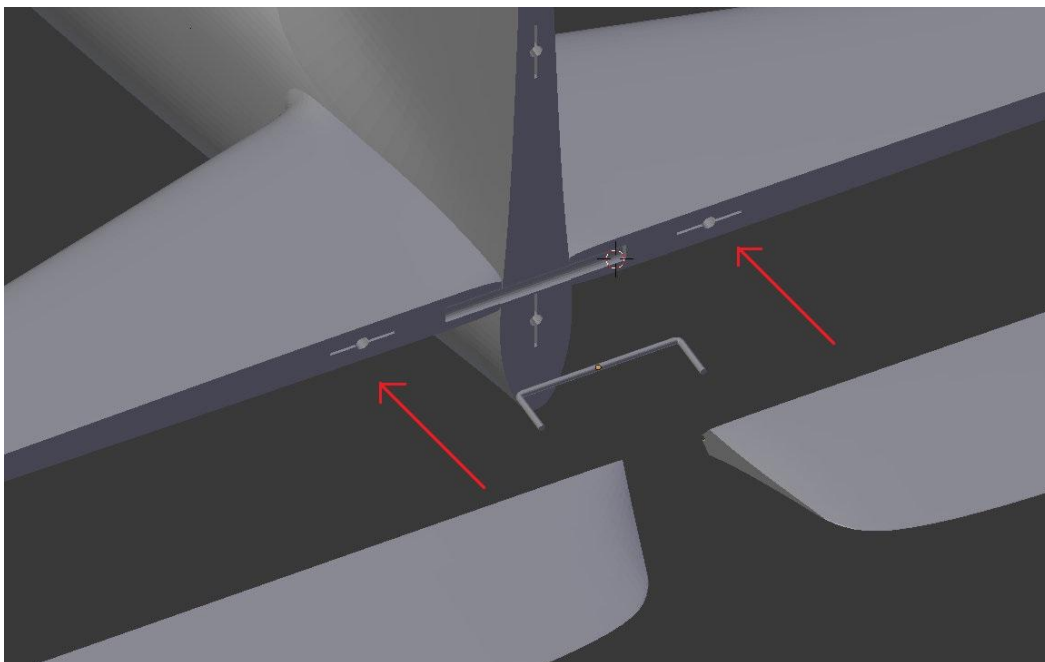


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Bend a section of 1mm steel wire to connect the elevators together.



Test fit the wire and the elevators connection to the horizontal stabilisers before gluing the wire to the elevators, or the elevators to the tail plane. There should be un-obstructed travel.



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Glue the rudder, elevators and ailerons in place. Make sure each control surface has full and free movement.

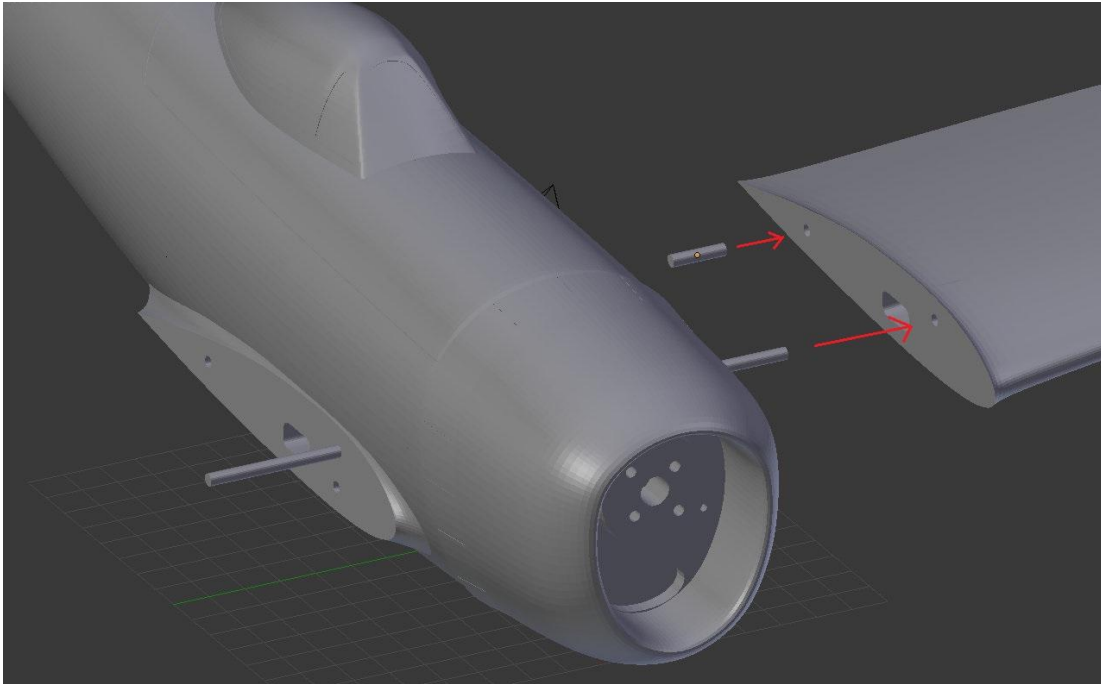
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Glue the wingtips and tail cone in place (if required).

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Cut one 210mm section and two (1 per wing) 15mm sections of skewer. Insert the 15mm sections into the wings and the 100mm section through the fuselage. This is a makeshift spar to assist supporting the landing gear. (not required if not using the gear)

NOTE- If using the wing without the gear slot, a second alignment hole directly under the through hole is provided to save the weight of not using the cross skewer/spar whilst still allowing to align the wings.



Glue the wings to the fuselage **NOTE** – if using 3mm x 0.6mm carbon strip, now is the time to install it. Simply slide the carbon strip into the slot and cut it so it does not protrude out of the wing (circled in red, see image). The cross structure of the fuselage spreads the load of the wings at the root which negates the need of a connecting spar in the fuselage.

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Run a string through the aileron servo wire tube from the mount hole for the aileron servo to the wing root. Leave enough length so that you will be able to feed the string through the fuse later.

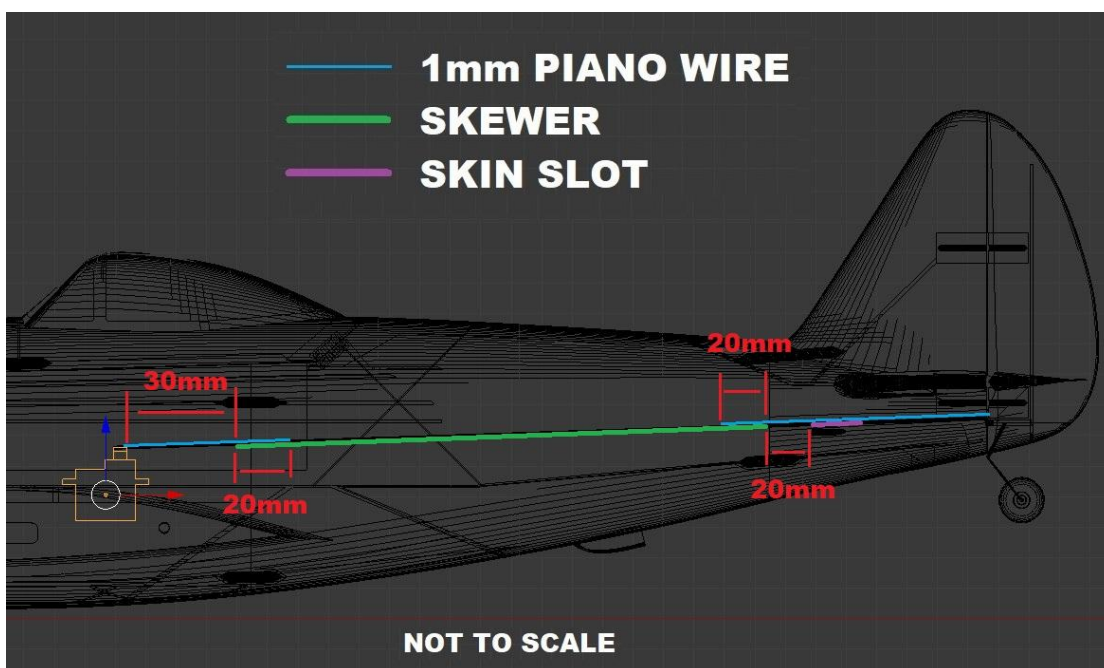
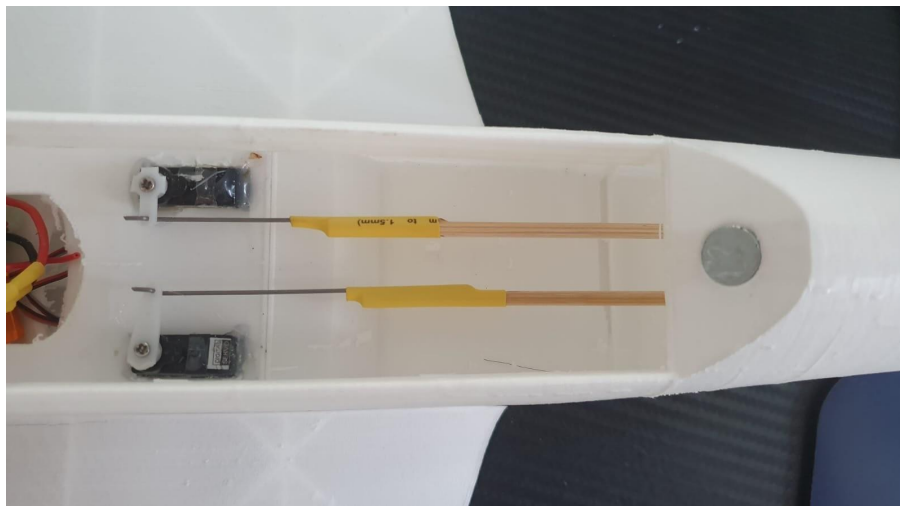
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Install all servos using a small amount of hot glue to secure it in place. The aileron servos mounting tabs will need to be trimmed. Connect the ailerons to the servos using 1mm wire and the printed linkage locks.

Using an appropriate length of skewer with 1mm steel wire on each end covered in heat shrink tubing, connect the elevator and rudder to their relative servo.

Elevator = left side

Rudder = right side

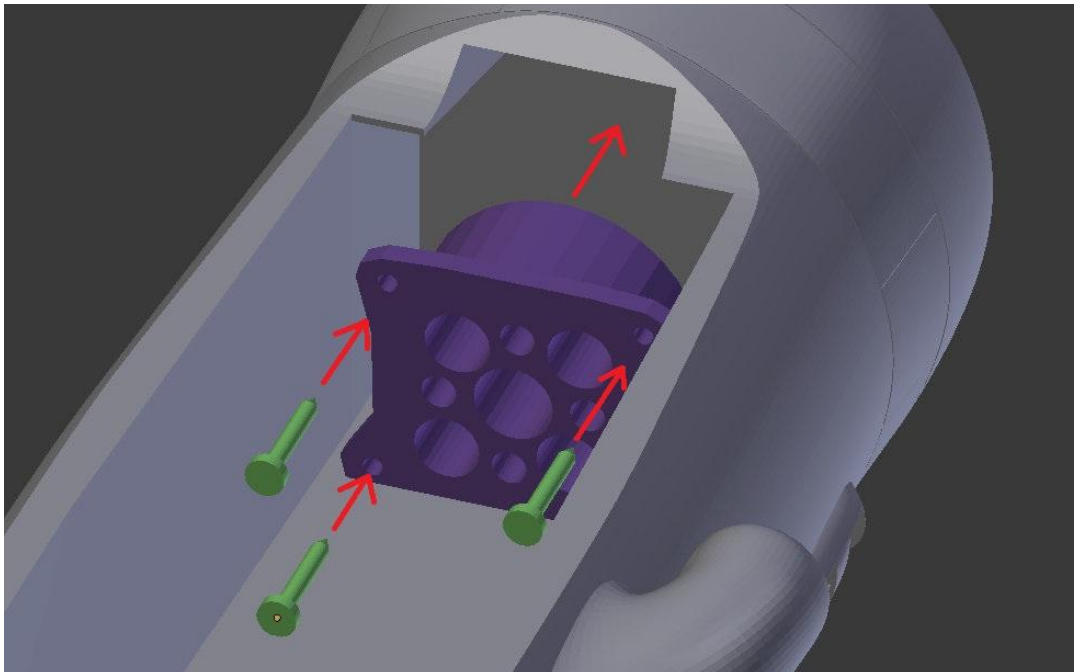


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Install the magnets to both the fuselage and the canopy using CA.

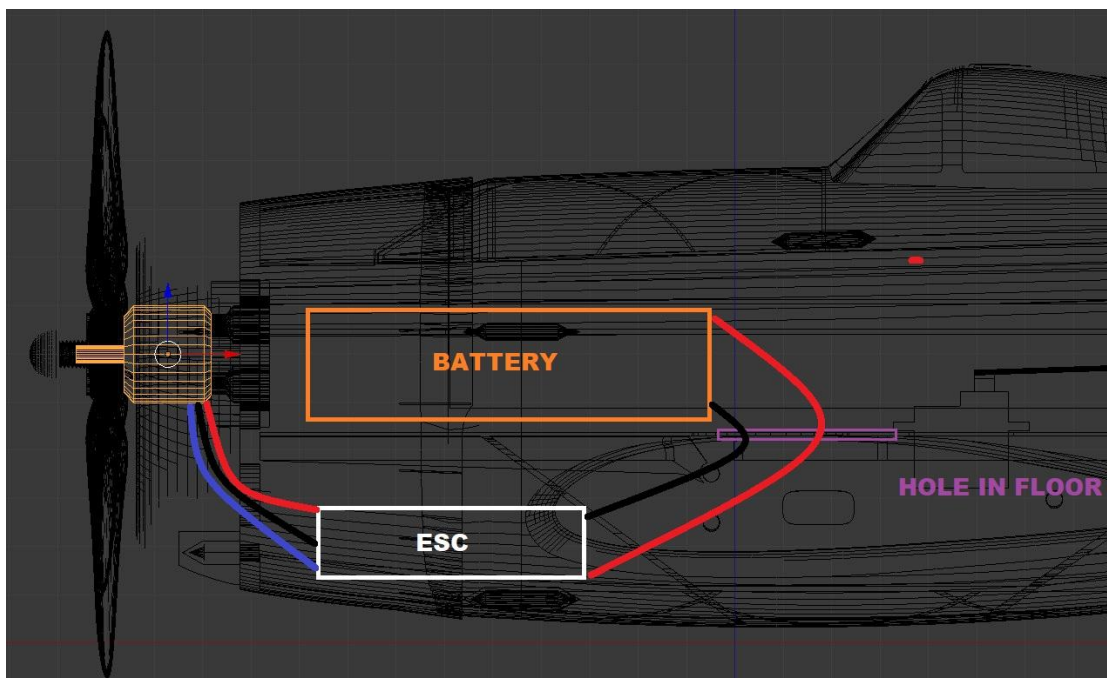
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Install the desired motor mount to the fuselage using m2 screws. The mount holes may need to be pre-drilled with a 2mm drill bit.



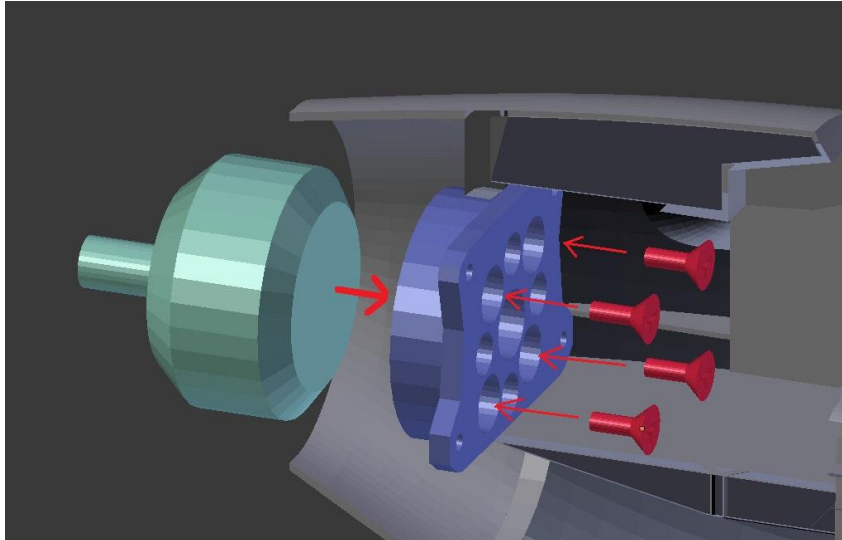
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Wire up the ESC to the motor. The esc is intended to sit below the battery floor with the wires connecting to the battery through the hole in the mid section of the fuselage floor.





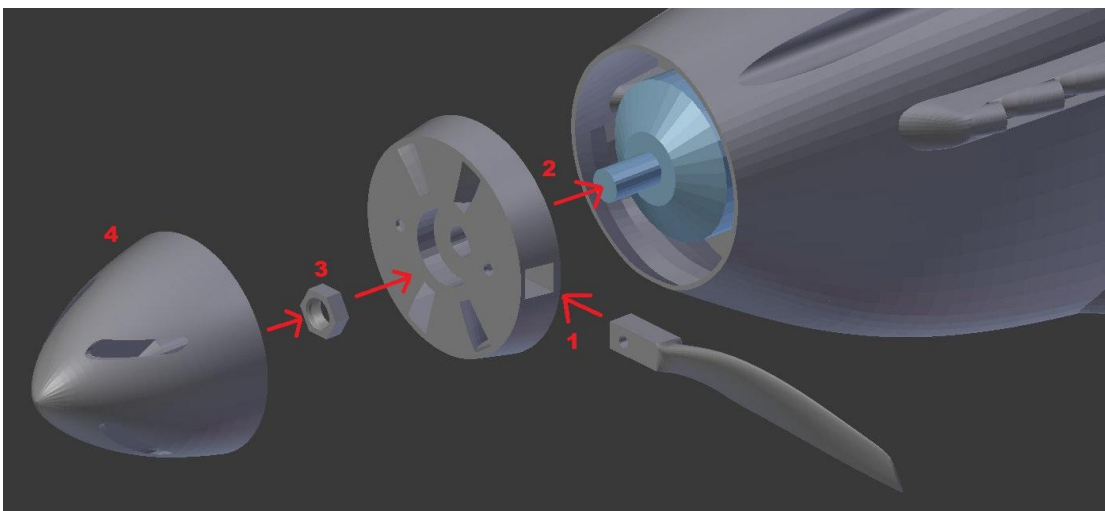
Install the motor to the motor mount. The motor mount holes may need to be pre-drilled with a 3mm drill bit.



Fit the propeller hub to the motor and screw in the blades using m2 x 10mm screws. Then secure the spinner to the hub. The propeller blades will need to be pre-drilled with a 2mm drill bit for ease of fitment.

### **Installing the propeller:**

- Install the blade to the hub and secure it with an m2 x 10mm screw. (screw direction towards the back of the hub)
- Install the hub to the motor.
- Secure with either metal nut provided or printed nut.
- Install the spinner. The spinner is designed with an m5 thread to suit most small motors with a regular cw thread.

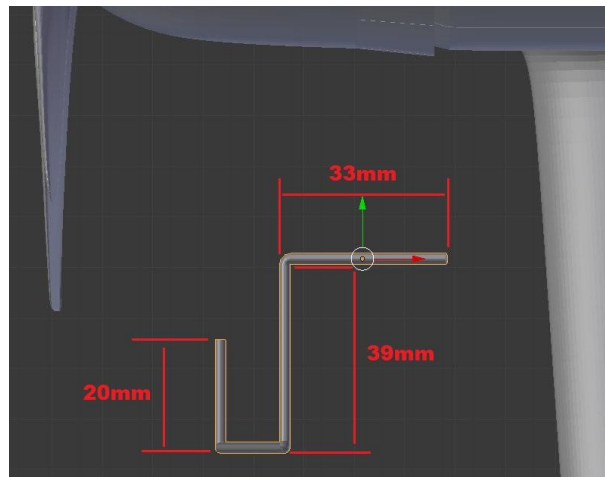




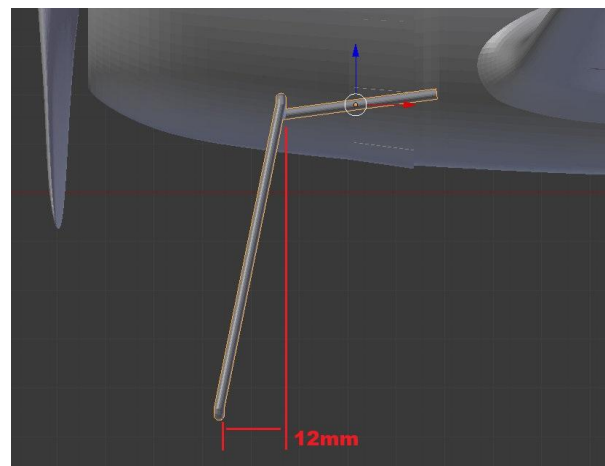
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Bend up the 2mm section of piano wire according to the diagram below.

**TOP VIEW**

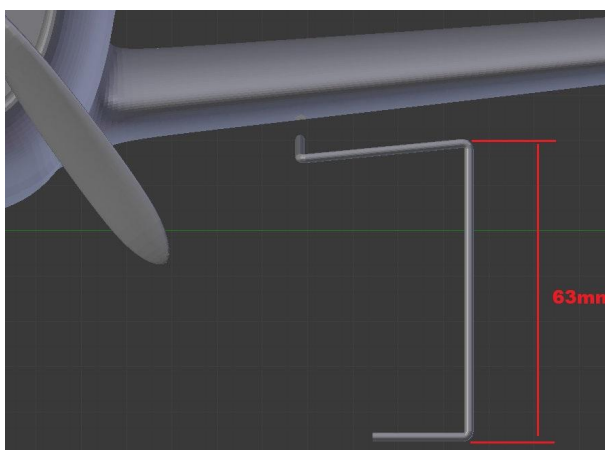


**SIDE VIEW**

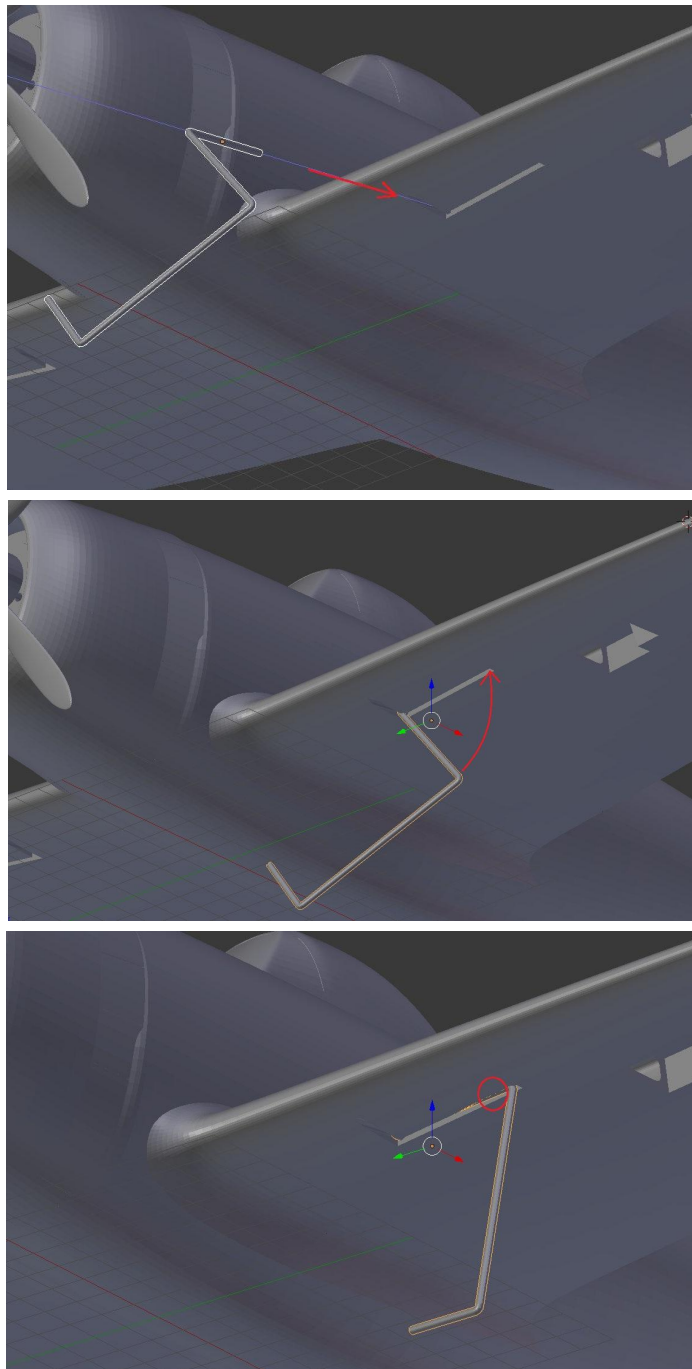


The test wheel was a 45mm diameter x 17mm wide foam wheel.

**FRONT VIEW**



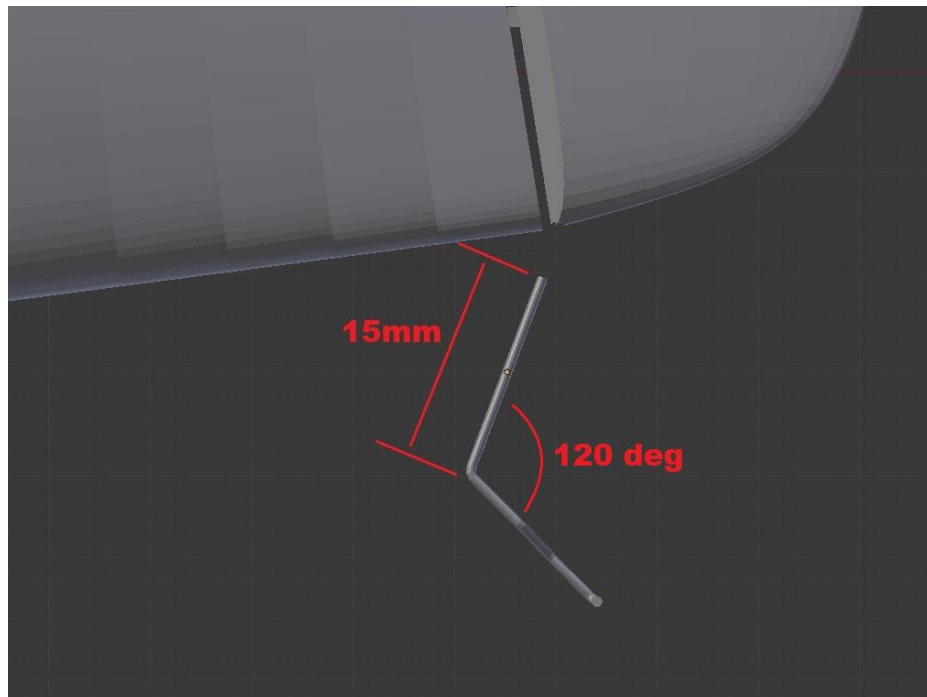
Insert the gear leg into the wing as pictured below.



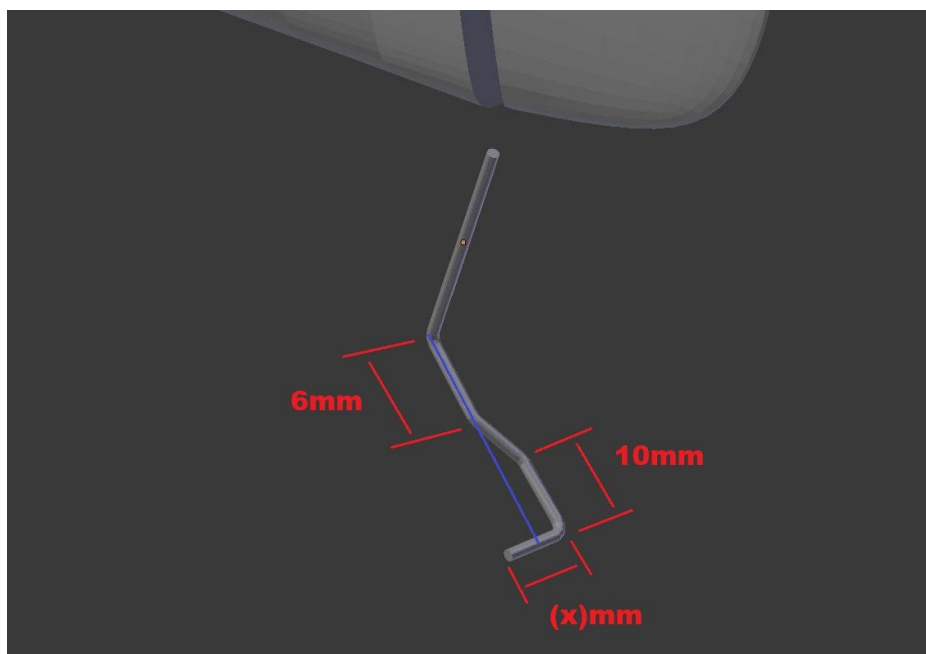
Apply a small amount of hot glue to the outer bend of the leg (red circle on image above). This will hold it in place but also allow it to be removed if desired. Fit the wheel and secure it with a shaft collar.

Bend up the tailwheel link from 1mm piano wire as pictured below.

### SIDE VIEW



### ISO VIEW

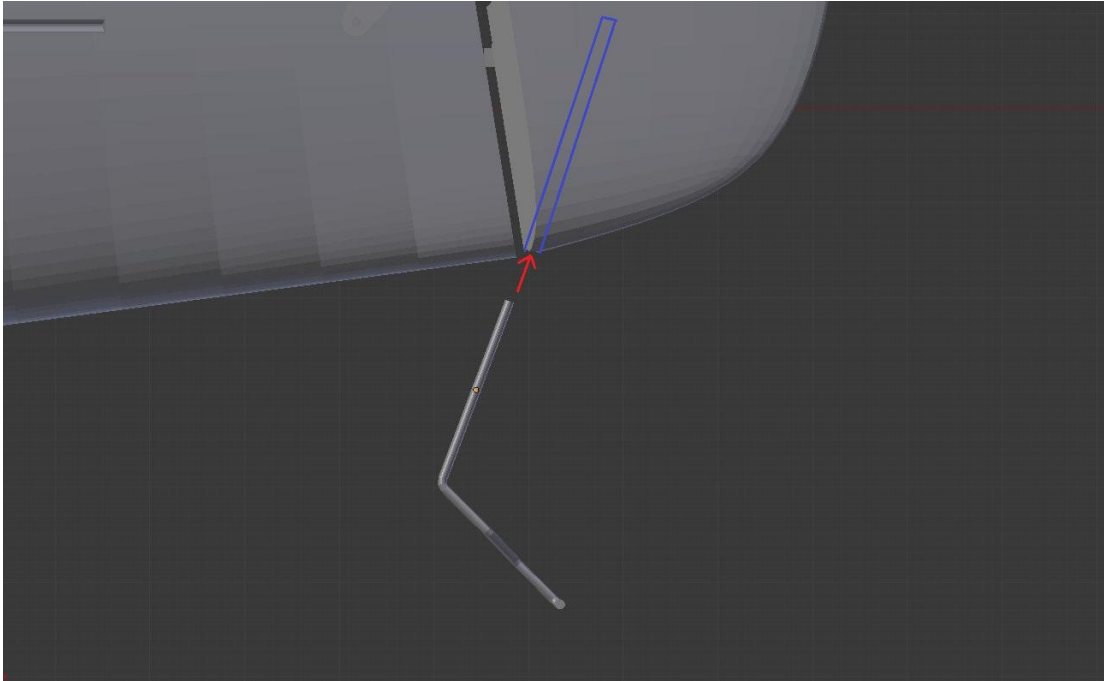


(X)mm refers to the distance required to fit the wheel and wheel lock of your choice to the axel. Test wheel was a 20mm diameter x 5mm wide printed. 2mm should protrude from the wheel collar once fitted to allow crimping of the wire.

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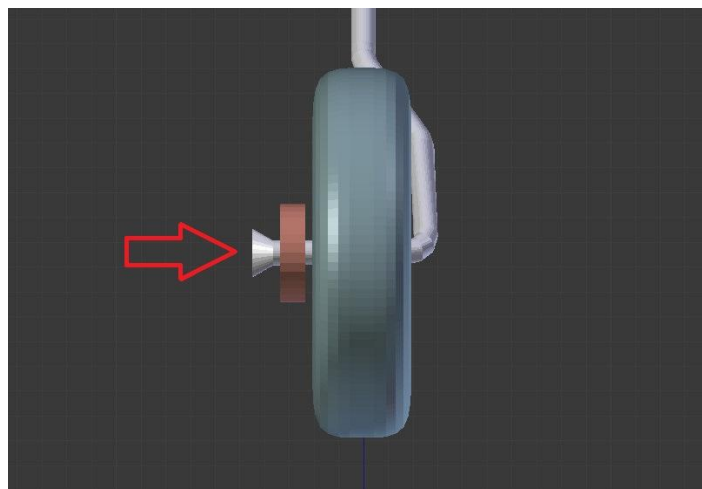
Insert the tail wheel assembly into the rudder as pictured.

The slot should not be drilled out so as to maintain friction and stop the wheel from rotating in the slot. A drop of CA can be applied to the link once in place if desired however this will make removal later on much more difficult. Ensure the link is aligned with the rudder so that the wheel will track straight when taxiing.



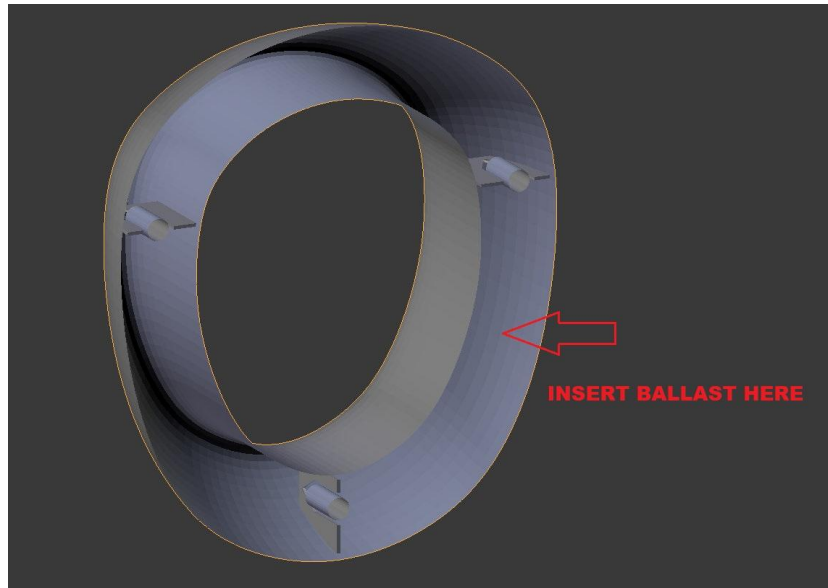
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Install the wheel and secure it with the printed collar. Crimp the end of the wire with a pair of vice grips so that the collar will not slip off. A drop of CA can also be added to ensure the collar does not spin with the wheel.



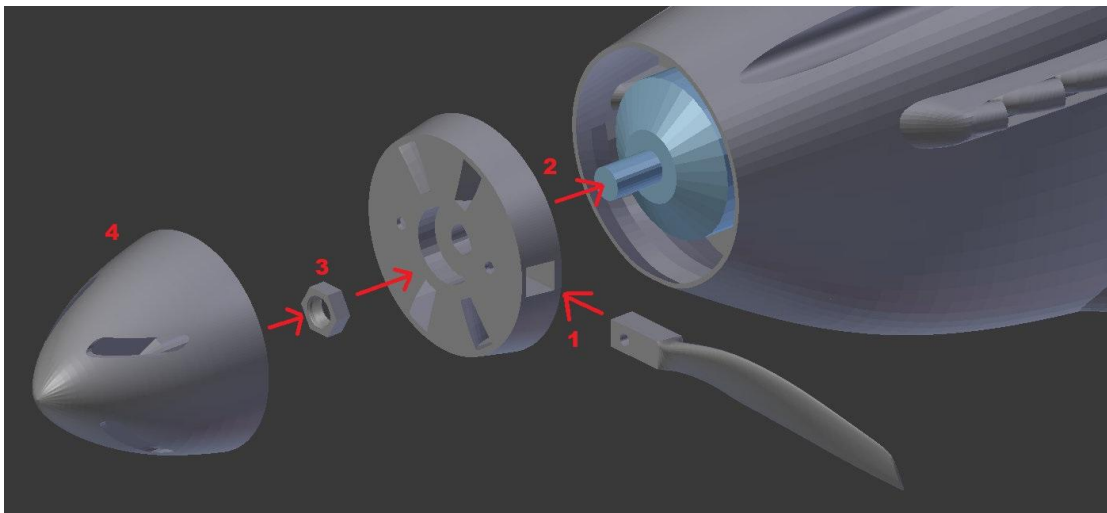
## **BALANCING AND CG**

The ballast lead required should be placed in the hollow section of fuse 1. **NOTE!** Balancing needs to be done with the propeller attached. See *below*



### **Installing the propeller:**

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- Install the hub to the motor.
- Secure with either metal nut provided or printed nut.
- Install the spinner. The spinner is designed with an m5 thread to suit most small motors with a regular cw thread.



Once balanced appropriately, glue Fuse 1 in place with ca.

Fit the battery using Velcro as required and balance the aircraft inverted on the CG marking points located **41mm aft of the leading edge at the wing root.**

**NOTE:** The 4 blade configuration provides a nice scale appearance, however it was observed during testing that the increased number of blades lead to an increased torque roll effect and subsequent rudder trim input required to maintain straight and level flight. It is advised that the aircraft be flown in the 2 blade configuration for the first flight. A second, less scale propeller assembly is also included which is designed to sacrifice scale appearance for increased strength power.

## **RANGE OF TRAVEL:**

### **NORMAL FLIGHT:**

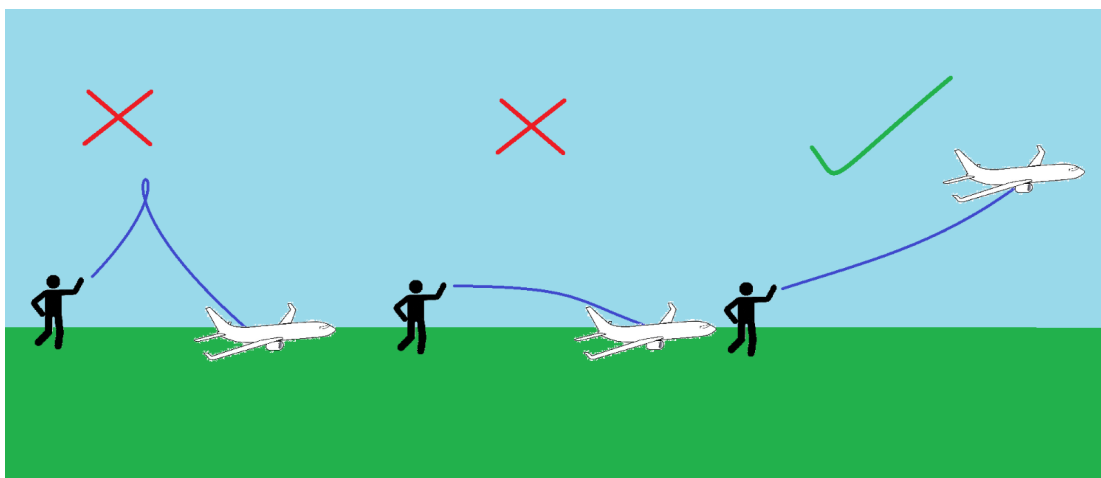
Elevator	+/- 5mm
Rudder	+/- 6mm
Aileron	+/- 5mm

### **AEROBATIC:**

Elevator	+/- 10mm
Rudder	+/- 15mm
Aileron	+/- 10mm

### **LAUNCHING:**

It was found that the safest and most successful launch technique for this model was the under-arm style. The aircraft should be launched at approximately 20deg nose up at 50% to 75% power. Too steep and the aircraft will stall, too shallow and it will contact the ground.



## **PARTS LINKS:**

X1 2804 2300KV MOTOR

[https://de.aliexpress.com/item/32880887286.html?spm=a2g0o.productlist.0.0.138a29f3Y7bXF4&algo\\_pvid=95040ddc-7eca-4d17-b061-ba5ed52d7eac&algo\\_exp\\_id=95040ddc-7eca-4d17-b061-ba5ed52d7eac-3](https://de.aliexpress.com/item/32880887286.html?spm=a2g0o.productlist.0.0.138a29f3Y7bXF4&algo_pvid=95040ddc-7eca-4d17-b061-ba5ed52d7eac&algo_exp_id=95040ddc-7eca-4d17-b061-ba5ed52d7eac-3)

X1 20AMP ESC

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X2 BAMBOO FOOD SKEWERS (3mm diameter)

HEAT SHRINK TUBE 3mm

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X4 10mm X 10mm X 2mm MAGNET (ROUND)

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X10 MICRO HINGES

[https://hobbyking.com/en\\_us/super-light-pivot-round-hinges-d2xw8xl24mm-12pcs.html](https://hobbyking.com/en_us/super-light-pivot-round-hinges-d2xw8xl24mm-12pcs.html)

VELCRO – (local hardware store)

X2 x 200mm carbon strip 3mm x 0.6mm (optional)

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m2 x10mm screws

<https://www.ebay.com.au/itm/400PCS-M2-M2-6-Pan-Head-Self-Tapping-Screws-Assorted-Kit-Stainless-Steel-Black/254399626404?hash=item3b3b663ca4:g:CLEAAOSwQLZdsqkd&frcectupt=true>

Thank you for supporting us! We hope you enjoy many hours of flying your micro P-47. If you have any questions regarding the build process or set-up of your model, please contact us at:

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