

# NIKE-K™

## Flying Model Rocket

- Scale-like ground-to-air missile reaches altitudes over 700 feet.
- Molded one-piece fin unit and plastic nose cone make assembly quick and easy.
- Decals and detailing enhance authentic appearance.
- Includes Quest's advanced design features: Kevlar™ Shock Cord System, Easy Lock Motor Mount, and Grippers™ recovery system (see back panel).
- Revolutionary Tuff-Chute™ parachute assures dependable deployment and gentle recovery.

Estimated Maximum Altitude: 700 feet  
Recommended Rocket Motors:  
B6-4 (first flight), C6-5  
Length: 24.25" (61.6 cm)  
Body Diameter: 1.378" (35 mm)  
Weight: 2.44 oz. (69 g)

**Surface-to-air  
interceptor  
stands over  
2 feet tall!**



12" Recovery Parachute

UNITED STATES

This model kit requires assembly. White glue, plastic cement, finishing supplies, launch system and rocket motors for launching are not included.

### SKILL LEVEL



Recommended for the Experienced Modeler

Assembled In Mexico

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#2002**

# NIKE-K ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Things You'll Need To Assemble this Kit:

Hobby Knife and Pencil



Sandpaper (220 or 320 Grit)



White Glue

Aliphatic Resin glues work best such as TITEBOND or ELMER'S CARPENTER'S WOOD GLUE - ELMER'S WHITE SCHOOL GLUE also works but dries slower.



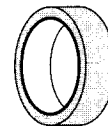
Plastic Cement

Use TESTORS TUBE Plastic Cement, PACTRA LIQUID CEMENT or other comparable brands. DO NOT use cyanoacrylate glue.



Tape

Scotch Magic Tape or Paper Masking Tape

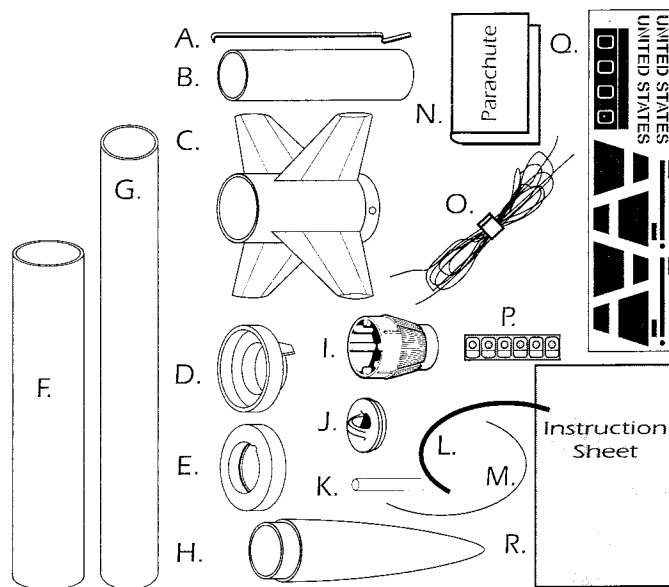


**BEFORE STARTING ASSEMBLY READ THROUGH THESE INSTRUCTIONS. IT IS BEST TO TEST FIT ALL PARTS BEFORE APPLYING ANY GLUE. READ AND FOLLOW THE NAR MODEL ROCKET SAFETY CODE.**

## PARTS LIST

- A. 49000 Motor Clip
- B. 10301 Yellow Motor Mount Tube
- C. 21558 Plastic fin Unit
- D. 21559 Forward Ring
- E. 21560 Aft Ring (Rear)
- F. 11500 8.5 inch Body Tube
- G. 11303 9 inch Payload Tube
- H. 20104 Plastic Nose Cone
- I. 21064 Plastic Reducer
- J. 21065 Reducer Base
- K. 10001 2 inch Launch Lug
- L. 50011 18 inch Yellow Kevlar\* Shock Cord
- M. 50012 24 inch White Elastic Shock cord
- N. 28102 12 inch Parachute
- O. 50100 Pack of 3-26 inch Shroud Lines
- P. 28001 Strip of 6 Gripper Tabs
- Q. 91008 Decal
- R. 90058 Instruction Sheet

\* Kevlar is a registered trademark of Dupont

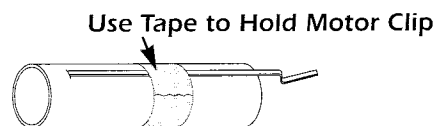
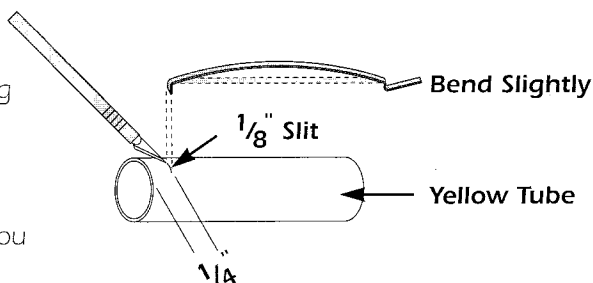


## STEP 1

A. Use a hobby knife to make a 1/8 inch long slit 1/4 inch from one end of the Yellow motor mount tube.

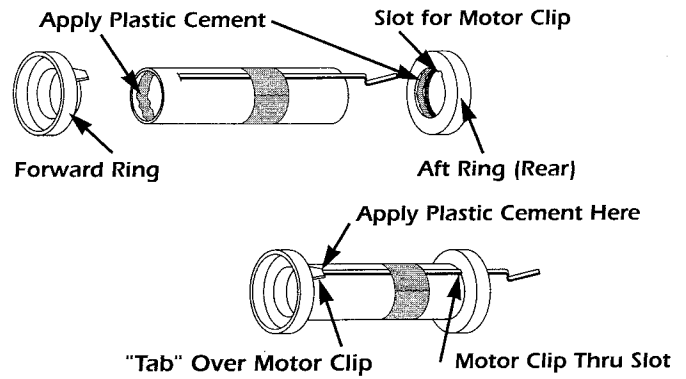
B. Make a slight bend in the motor clip as shown. Insert the motor clip into the slit you made in the Yellow motor mount tube.

C. Wrap a piece of tape all the way around the Yellow motor mount tube to hold the motor clip in place.



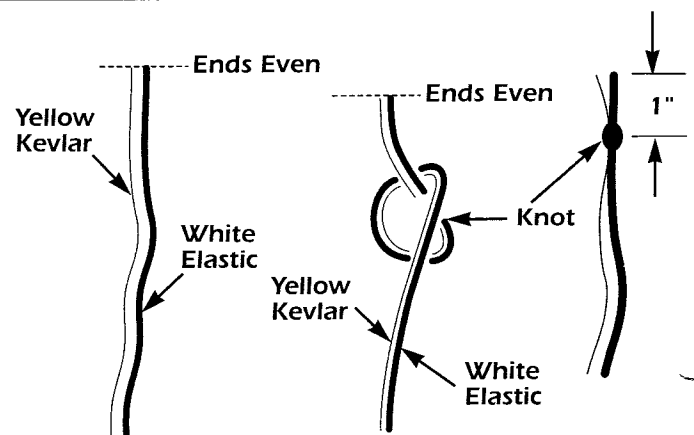
## STEP 2

- Apply plastic cement around inside edge of Yellow motor mount tube as shown.
- Insert the forward molded centering ring into the Yellow motor mount tube and position it so the molded "tab" is over the motor clip.
- Apply plastic cement around inside edge of the aft molded centering ring.
- The aft molded centering ring has a slot for the motor clip. Be sure to slide the ring onto the Yellow motor mount tube so that the slot fits over the motor clip.
- Apply additional plastic cement to the forward ring/motor/clip/yellow motor mount tube joint as shown.



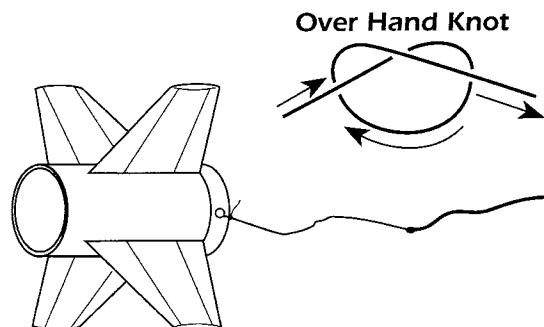
## STEP 3

- Hold the Yellow Kevlar Shock Cord and the White Elastic Shock Cord side by side. Pull one end of each cord so that they are even with each other. While holding the two cords together, tie a single parallel overhand knot approximately one inch in from the even ends as shown.
  - Gently pull on both cords to set the knot and prevent it from slipping.
  - Apply a small amount of white glue on the ends of both cords to prevent them from fraying.
- NOTE: THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT STEP. IF YOU TIE A DIFFERENT TYPE OF KNOT THE SHOCK CORDS MAY SEPARATE DURING FLIGHT.**



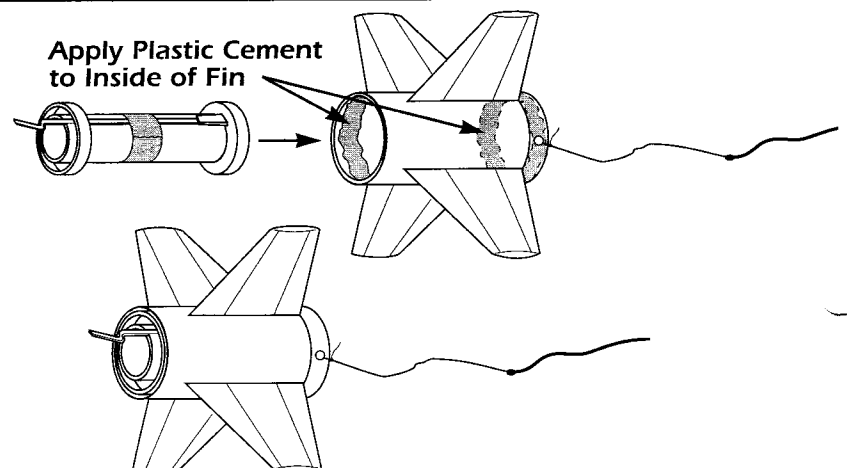
## STEP 4

- Use two overhand knots to tie the Kevlar shock cord onto the molded plastic fin unit as shown.
- Trim any plastic "flash" from the fin unit with a sharp hobby knife.



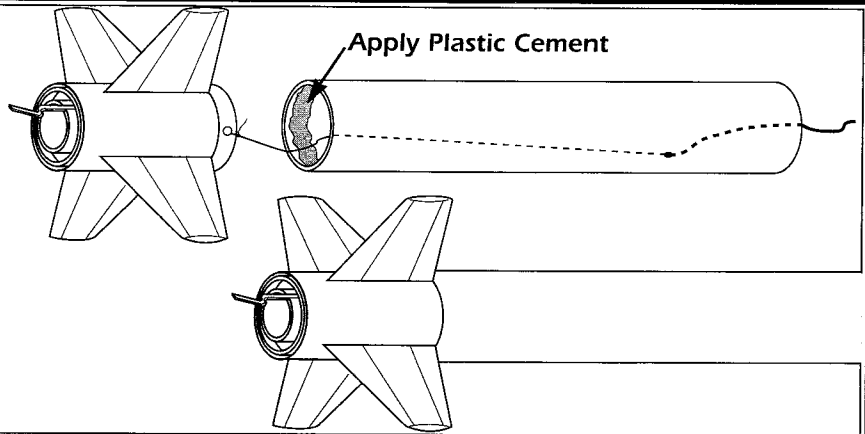
## STEP 5

- Apply plastic cement around inside edge of both ends of the molded plastic fin unit.
  - With motor clip facing the rear, slide the motor mount assembly into the molded plastic fin unit as shown. Wipe away any excess glue.
- NOTE: Be sure motor mount assembly is oriented with the motor clip facing the rear as shown.**



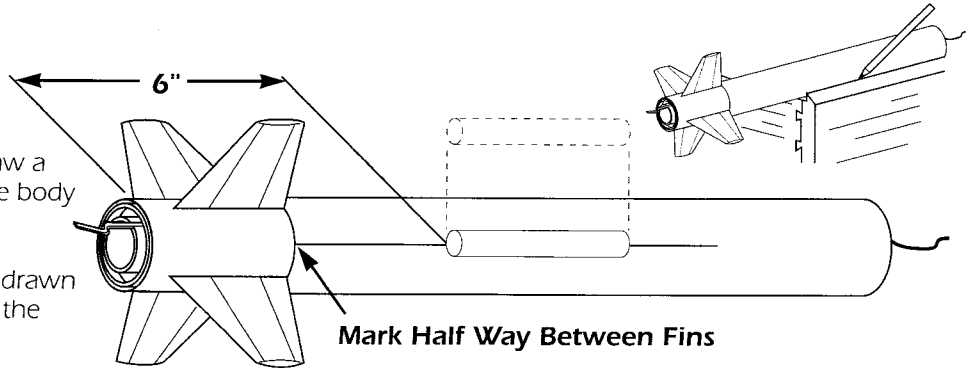
## STEP 6

- "Feed" the shock cord into the White body tube until the cord comes out the other end.
- Apply plastic cement around the inside of the White body tube.
- Insert the molded plastic fin unit/motor mount assembly into the White body tube. Pull shock cord all the way through the body tube. Wipe away any excess glue.



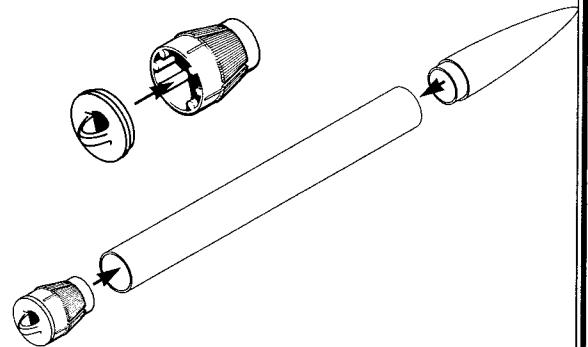
## STEP 7

- Make a pencil mark on the body tube half-way between two fins.
- Use a drawer edge as a guide and draw a light pencil line down the length of the body tube.
- Make a pencil mark on the line you've drawn on the white body tube 6 inches from the aft end of the rocket as shown.
- Apply white glue to the launch lug and place the launch lug along the pencil line with one end even with the mark 6 inches from the aft end of the rocket as shown.  
NOTE: Be sure launch lug is lined up straight along the white body tube.



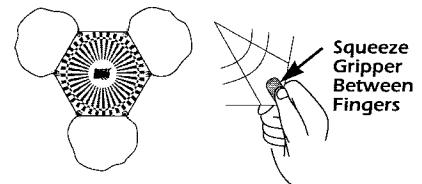
## STEP 8

- Apply plastic model cement (not white glue) around the inside edge of the plastic reducer. Push the base into the reducer. Set aside to dry.
  - Wrap a piece of paper masking tape around the upper shoulder of the plastic reducer and the shoulder of the nose cone.
- NOTE:** If you wish to paint the payload tube, paint it before gluing reducer and nose cone.
- Apply plastic cement into both ends of the payload tube as shown. Insert the nose cone into one end of the payload tube and the reducer into the other end of the payload tube.



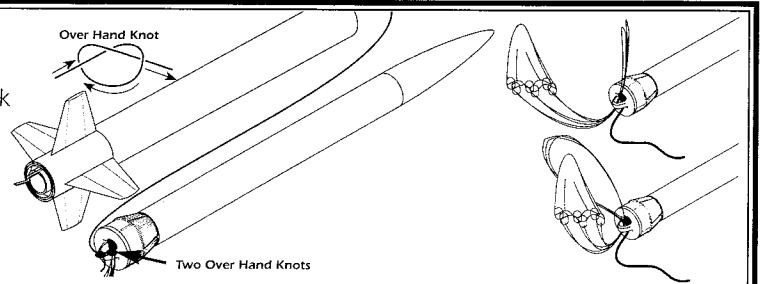
## STEP 9

- Assemble the parachute according to the instructions printed on it.
- Firmly squeeze each gripper tab and parachute between your fingers.



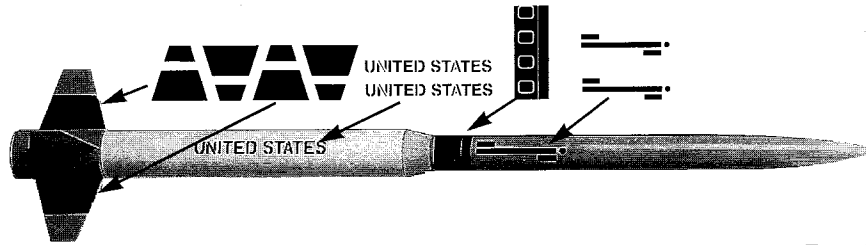
## STEP 10

- Use two overhand knots to tie the loose end of the shock cord onto the eyelet in the reducer.
- Pass the shroud line loops of the parachute through the eyelet on the reducer. Pass the parachute through the loop ends and pull lines tightly against the eyelet.



**STEP 10** USE THESE PICTURES AS YOUR GUIDE FOR PLACEMENT AND FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO APPLY THE DECALS

- A. Use your hobby knife to cut out the decals. Make a smooth continuous cut all the way through the backing sheet. Cut out names and words as a block. Small knicks can cause the decal to tear as you peel it off the backing sheet
- B. Carefully peel off each decal (hold small decals with a pair of tweezers). Dip decals into a bowl of warm water containing a drop of dish wash detergent. Position the decal on the rocket. Use a tissue to gently press air bubbles out from under the decal. After all decals are positioned and have dried, spray the entire rocket with a coat of clear gloss.



## FLYING YOUR NIKE-K ROCKET

### WHAT ELSE YOU WILL NEED:

To successfully fly your rocket you will need the following items:

- QUEST Launch Pad (No. 7600)
- QUEST Launch Controller (No. 7500)
- QUEST Parachute Recovery Wadding (No. 7020)
- QUEST Rocket Motors, Type B6-4 C6-5
- Use a B6-4 Motor for your first flights.

### ESTIMATED ALTITUDES

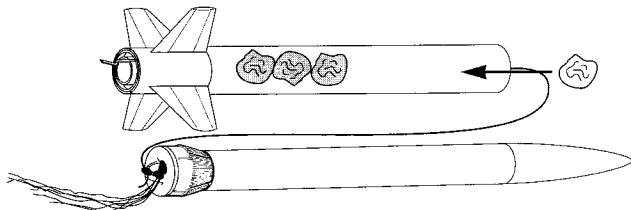
The following is a guide to assist you in determining which motor to use based on the wind conditions and size of flying field available.

MOTOR	ESTIMATED ALTITUDE
B6-4	250 FEET
C6-5	650 FEET

### PREPPING YOUR ROCKET FOR FLIGHT

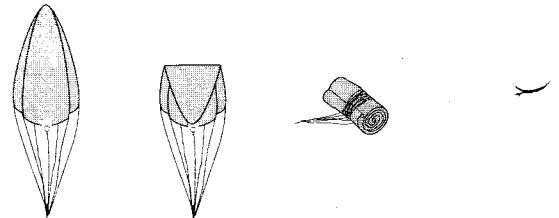
#### STEP 1

Pull the shock cord all the way out of the body tube. Crumple four sheets of recovery wadding and insert one by one into the body tube making sure that the Knot between the Kevlar and white elastic shock cord is on the nose cone side of the wadding. Wadding should fit loosely in the tube but tight enough to form a good seal against the wall of the body tube.



#### STEP 2

- A. Grab the parachute at its center and allow the rocket to hang from it. The weight of the rocket will pull the parachute into several triangular shapes.
- B. Gather the triangles together into one flat triangle.
- C. Fold the top of the parachute down over itself once.
- D. Now continue to roll the parachute over itself and roll the shroud lines around it.



#### STEP 3

- A. Pack the parachute into the body tube. **THE PARACHUTE MUST SLIDE EASILY INTO THE TUBE.** If it is a tight fit, remove and re-fold the parachute.  
**TIP:** LIGHTLY DUST YOUR PARACHUTE WITH TALCUM OR BABY POWDER TO KEEP IT FROM DEVELOPING A SET SHAPE. THIS TECHNIQUE IS ESPECIALLY EFFECTIVE IF THE WEATHER IS HOT AND HUMID OR VERY COLD.
- B. Push the shock cord into the tube and re-fit the nose cone onto the rocket. **BE CAREFUL NOT TO CATCH ANY OF THE SHOCK CORD BETWEEN THE SHOULDER OF THE NOSE CONE AND THE BODY TUBE.**

**READ AND FOLLOW THE ENCLOSED LAUNCHING PROCEDURES SHEET**

**READ AND FOLLOW THE N.A.R. SAFETY CODE DURING ALL YOUR MODEL ROCKETRY ACTIVITIES.**



#### IRONCLAD GUARANTEE

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## LAUNCHING PROCEDURES

This sheet covers basic Launching Procedures for single stage model rockets with parachute or streamer recovery systems. Review your kit instructions for additional information about your model rocket. Specific details for launching multi-stage models, glider recovery vehicles or other different types of model rockets are featured in the instructions of specific kits.

### TIGERTAIL IGNITER INSTALLATION

Launch your model rockets by electrical means only. Use a Quest Launch Controller and TigerTail Igniters. Install TigerTail Igniter carefully, following these instructions.

#### STEP 1 Remove Black Die-Cut Dots as Shown

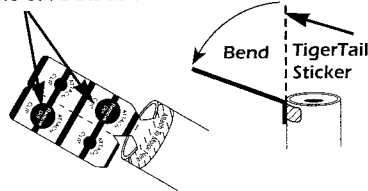
**A)** Carefully remove self-adhesive TigerTail sticker from its backing sheet.

**B)** Remove the two die-cut black dots from the TigerTail sticker.

**C)** Wrap the "T" shaped end of the TigerTail sticker around the nozzle end of the rocket motor.

**D)** Bend sticker to the side away from the rocket motor.

**E)** Place the coated end of the copper igniter wire into the rocket motor nozzle, as far as it will go.



#### STEP 2

**A)** Using your finger to hold the igniter in place, bend the copper igniter wire onto the adhesive surface of the TigerTail sticker, centered over the hole as shown.

**B)** Fold TigerTail sticker over and onto the copper igniter wire. Be sure the copper igniter wire is centered and visible through both holes in the TigerTail sticker.

#### STEP 3

**A)** Using your finger to hold copper igniter wire against motor nozzle, straighten the TigerTail Igniter as shown.

**B)** Place rocket motor with TigerTail Igniter into the motor mount of the rocket.

**C)** For best results **DO NOT** place motor mount clip over TigerTail Igniter.

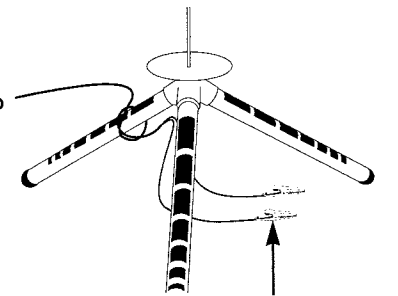
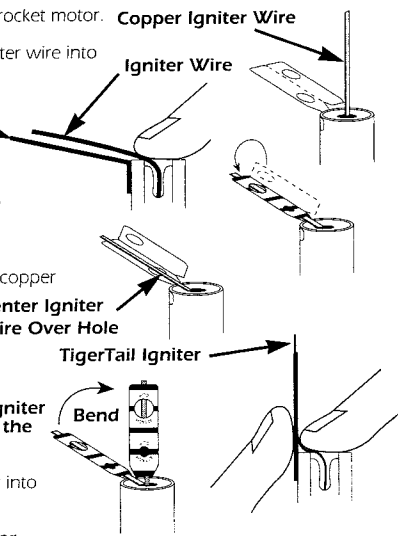
#### STEP 4

**A)** ANCHOR THE LAUNCH CONTROLLER'S MICRO-CLIP LEADS TO THE LAUNCH PAD BY ATTACHING THEM TO A LAUNCH PAD LEG USING A SINGLE OVERHAND KNOT. This prevents micro-clip leads from easily pulling away from the launch pad.

**B)** Micro-clip lead wire should also be pulled apart so each individual micro-clip lead is 6" to 8" long.

**C)** Attach one micro-clip lead from the launch controller to each hole, where the copper igniter wire is exposed, on the TigerTail Igniter. For best results bring one micro-clip lead around each side of the Launch Rod Stand-Off tube before hooking up to TigerTail Igniter.

**D)** Be sure TigerTail Igniter points straight down under rocket motor nozzle when micro-clip leads are attached. Micro-clips should be positioned on opposite sides of the TigerTail Igniter.



TIE MICRO-CLIP LEADS TO LAUNCH PAD

**LAUNCH SITE SELECTION:** Select a large area away from tall trees, power lines and low flying aircraft. Parks, playgrounds, soccer and football fields make great launch sites. **DO NOT LAUNCH ROCKETS IN AREAS WITH BROWN GRASS, DRY WEEDS, OBSTRUCTIONS OR ANY HIGHLY FLAMMABLE MATERIALS.** The larger the launch site the easier it will be to recover your rocket. See the N.A.R. Safety Code for additional information.

Motor Type	Minimum Site Dimensions (feet)
A	100
B	200
C	400

**LAUNCH PREPARATIONS:** (1) Parachute Recovery Wadding should be positioned between the rocket motor and the recovery system to prevent scorching of the parachute or streamer. The wadding should loosely fill the body tube for a depth of approximately two body tube diameters. Crumble the wadding loosely to get maximum bulk and a good seal against the wall of the body tube. See Recovery Wadding instructions for more information.

(2) Recheck the recovery system of your model to be sure it has been prepped and packed per its instructions. Your parachute or streamer should fit loosely inside the rocket's body tube so it can deploy easily. Lightly dust your parachute with baby or talcum powder to keep it from developing a set shape inside your rocket body tube. This technique is especially effective if the weather is hot and humid or is very cold.

(3) Check the nose cone fit to be sure it's snug, but not too tight. If it's too loose add a small piece of tape to the shoulder of the nose cone. If it's too tight lightly sand the shoulder of the nose cone and/or stretch the end of the body tube slightly by inserting the pointed end of the nose cone into the body tube and gently twist it back and forth a few times.

(4) To select the correct rocket motor consult the current Quest Catalog, product packaging or instruction sheet for recommended rocket motors to use in your model. Follow all igniter and rocket motor installation procedures.

(5) Install the TigerTail Igniter into the rocket motor per the TigerTail Igniter instructions.

(6) When placing the rocket motor into the easy-lock motor mount be sure the motor mount clip is securely positioned over the end of the rocket motor. **For best results DO NOT place the motor mount clip over the tigertail igniter.**

(7) Unwind the wire leads from your Launch Controller and place the controller the full length of the wire leads away from the launch pad (at least 15 feet). Be sure the launch controller is disarmed and is in good working condition. Micro-clips must be clean. **ATTACH THE CONTROLLER'S MICRO-CLIP LEADS TO THE LAUNCH PAD BY TYING THEM TO ONE OF THE LAUNCH PAD LEGS WITH A SINGLE OVER HAND KNOT.** Micro-clip lead wire should be pulled apart so each individual micro-clip lead is 6 inches to 8 inches long.

(8) ALWAYS USE CAUTION WHEN BENDING OVER YOUR LAUNCH PAD TO AVOID EYE INJURY. Remove the launch rod safety cap and lower the rocket onto the launch pad positioning it on the Launch Rod Stand-Off several inches above the blast deflector. The launch lug on the rocket's body tube should glide easily over the launch rod. **Be sure there are no rough surfaces or obstructions on the launch rod which could hinder the lift-off of the model.** For eye safety keep the tip of the launch rod covered with the Launch Rod Safety Cap until you are just ready to begin the countdown.

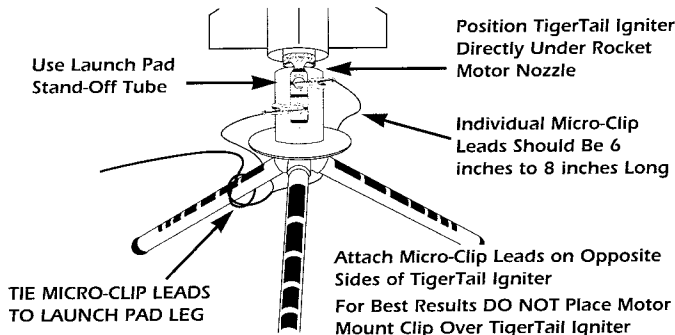
(9) Be sure the Safety Key is with you before hooking up the micro-clips to the TigerTail Igniter. Attach one micro-clip lead to each hole in the TigerTail Igniter where the copper wire is exposed. The micro-clips **MUST NOT** touch each other or the blast deflector. Use the Launch Rod Stand-Off, an empty motor casing or piece of tape wrapped around the launch rod to position the rocket several inches above the blast deflector to keep the micro-clips from touching it and shorting out. For best results bring one micro-clip lead around each side of the Launch Rod Stand-Off and the hook up to TigerTail Igniter.

**COUNT DOWN PROCEDURE:** (1) When your rocket is ready to launch be sure you and all spectators are standing at least 15 feet away from the launch pad. (2) Make sure the sky is clear of low flying aircraft. Wind conditions should be gentle. Be sure you have the attention of all individuals in the launching and recovery areas. (3) Arm your Launch Controller with the Safety Key. The arming light should go on. If arming light does not go on check battery power, electrical connections and igniter installation. Clean micro-clips with sand paper if necessary. (4) With rocket armed announce to the spectators in a loud voice, "the rocket is armed, and counting...5...4...3...2...1...Lift-Off!" (5) Push the launch button down momentarily until the rocket motor begins thrusting, then release it. The rocket should lift-off from the launch pad almost instantly. (6) **BE SURE AND REMOVE THE SAFETY KEY FROM THE LAUNCH CONTROLLER AS SOON AS THE ROCKET LIFTS-OFF. KEEP THE SAFETY KEY WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES.** (7) **REPLACE THE LAUNCH ROD SAFETY CAP IN BETWEEN LAUNCHINGS.**

**RECOVERY PROCEDURE:** (1) Track the flight of your rocket until the recovery system is deployed and the rocket is returning gently back to Earth. (2) If the rocket appears to be drifting away from the launch area keep your eyes on it until it touches down. (3) If the recovery system malfunctions be prepared to alert the spectators that the rocket is returning to Earth faster than normal and to be "heads-up" and aware of the area where the rocket is falling to.

**MISFIRE PROCEDURE:** (1) Occasionally, at the end of the countdown the rocket will fail to lift-off because the rocket motor did not ignite. This usually occurs because the igniter was not making the proper contact with the surface of the rocket motor's propellant. (2) Disarm the launch controller, wait one minute, then remove the model from the launch pad. (3) Remove the TigerTail sticker from the end of the motor casing, clean the micro-clips and install a new TigerTail Igniter. (4) Repeat the countdown procedure again. (5) **IF TIGERTAIL IGNITER TEARS APART, DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REPAIR. REPLACE WITH A NEW TIGERTAIL IGNITER.**

**BATTERY TEST:** If batteries are weak replace them. Battery strength can be tested by attaching both micro-clips together and inserting the Safety Key. The arming light should glow brightly. Batteries are weak if light is dim. **Be sure to use alkaline type batteries for best results.**



Use Launch Pad Stand-Off Tube

Position TigerTail Igniter Directly Under Rocket Motor Nozzle

Individual Micro-Clip Leads Should Be 6 inches to 8 inches Long

Attach Micro-Clip Leads on Opposite Sides of TigerTail Igniter For Best Results **DO NOT** Place Motor Mount Clip Over TigerTail Igniter

TIE MICRO-CLIP LEADS TO LAUNCH PAD LEG

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