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**Flying Model Rocket Catalog**

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**America's  
newest  
spaceship!**

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FLYING SAUCER**

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**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS  
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THIS CATALOG  
INCLUDES:

- ROCKET TIMES Magazine
- 5 Exciting CONTESTS
- AEROSPACE TEAM News
- 8-Page FLIGHT MANUAL

# NASA SPACE SHUTTLE COLUMBIA

Centuri

You can fly your Columbia model rocket right along with NASA's first space shuttle launch in 1980. This fun Centuri kit is a sport-scale model designed to get your own shuttle "Space Program" going the quickest and least expensive route. The kit is engineered with the real shuttle's shapes simplified for fast assembly and reliable flights, just like our popular Fighter Fleet rocket-jets!

Build the COLUMBIA kit from its all pre-shaped parts, including sturdy die-cut fibre-fins, molded plastic nose cone, cockpit and display nozzles. You easily assemble with white glue and plastic cement, then spray-paint it white. Apply the handsome red, blue, black & gray decals from the huge stick-on sheet supplied. Your flight features include an engine lock and big 16" chute for bringing COLUMBIA back gently, posed in realistic horizontal position. Your kit also includes Tech Data and photos of the real COLUMBIA, plus realistic triple engine nozzles for displaying her between missions.

Start this new decade of model rocketry with your model of COLUMBIA... America's first spaceship of the 1980's!

Prod. No. 5343 \$5.50

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length: 11.3" (28.7cm)  
Body Diam.: 1.64" (4.2cm)  
Net Wt.: 2.45oz (69.6g)

Skill Level 1

**R&D Tip**  
Also is available as an outfit, see back cover.

- FEATURES:**
- Single Engine Reliability
  - 16" Chute
  - Tech Data
  - 4-Color Decals
  - Pre-Shaped Parts
  - Display Nozzles



**NEW**

RECOMMENDED ENGINES LISTED ON PAGE 38

## America's Newest Spaceship!

**CENTURI**  
FLYING MODEL ROCKETS  
CENTURI ENGINEERING CO., INC. • BOX 1988 • PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85001

OUR 19th YEAR  
OF SERVING  
ROCKETEERS.

See page 57  
Help support the  
World Space Modeling  
Championships



## Welcome... TO THE MOST EXCITING HOBBY IN THE WORLD!

1980—A brand new decade and another exciting year for Centuri model rocketry. If you've never flown a model rocket before, you're about to join the most incredible action hobby ever—Model Rocketry.

Imagine the thrill of watching the rocket YOU built now on the launch pad. After a dramatic countdown, the engine roars to life, and your model soars a thousand feet skyward. You wait anxiously... and then you see the brightly colored parachute blossom and gracefully bring your rocket safely back to Earth for another flight!

NASA enters the 80's by launching the Space Shuttle "Columbia"—and so do we. Our new "Columbia" kit and outfit enables you to fly the Shuttle even before NASA! Our new powerful Magnum-D's join the reliable Centuri engine line to send your rockets higher and faster than ever before. The big "Magnum Jayhawk" and "Magnum Hornet" join our new Thunder line of long, lean rockets... one to fit every rocket budget. "Viking" is Centuri's new creative solution for bargain-priced school and group rocketry. The new "Club Guide" book by Jeff Flygare helps get your rocket club going strong.

Other new things to look for include the unique "D-Convertible" kits, 5 new contests, the C.A.T. expanded to include membership for clubs and the World Space Modeling Championship patch offer.

Come fly with us!

Grant Boyd



Centuri

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Model rocketry is a nationally recognized hobby with a safety record of over 100 million successful launches.

Centuri Enerjet model rocket engines are tested and certified by:  
 • National Association of Rocketry • Truesdell Laboratories, Inc.  
 • Canadian Association of Rocketry • Canada Dept. of Energy  
 Centuri complies with model rocketry standards established by:  
 • U.S. Health, Education & Welfare • U.S. Dept. of Transportation  
 • Consumer Product Safety Commission • Federal Aviation Admin.  
 • National Fire Protection Association • U.S. Postal Service  
 Model rocketry is endorsed as a safe & rewarding activity by:  
 • N.A.S.A. • Boy Scouts of America • U.S.A.F.

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Box 1988, Phoenix, Arizona 85001

# HOW TO GET STARTED WITH Centuri

## Start with an outfit

### Outfits

Centuri outfits and starter sets have everything you need to fly—kit, launcher, engines, and flight supplies, plus easy-to-follow instructions. All you need is a battery, some simple modeling tools and you're ready to begin. Look over the outfit section on the next several pages and get started now!



### Kits

There are over 60 to select from including beginner's rockets, multi-stage rockets, military tactical missiles, science fiction, scale models, jet fighters, space ships, boost gliders, payload carriers, and others. Kits do not include engines, glue, paint or launcher.

### Engines and Flight Supplies

24 different N.A.R. approved Centuri rocket engines are available plus igniters, chute wadding, shock cords, parachutes and more. Our Magnum-D line of rocket engines are unmatched for high power dependability.

### Launchers

Launch systems (in all outfits) are also available separately for when you're ready to move up.

### Parts

Centuri has the largest selection available including custom assortments for both the beginner and the advanced rocketeer. With these parts you can build rockets of your own design.

## Age and Skill Level

| SKILL LEVEL |              |   |   |          |
|-------------|--------------|---|---|----------|
| 1           | 2            | 3 | 4 | 5        |
| Beginner    | Intermediate |   |   | Advanced |

The Skill Levels and symbol are shown on all kit pages.

Model rockets are recommended for age 10 and up. Younger children should have adult supervision for both building and flying. Check the skill level number on most kits.

1. Simple To Build—For the beginner with no previous model rocket experience.
2. Easy To Build—Experience in other modeling hobbies—built and flown Level 1.
3. Average Challenge—Built and flown both Levels 1 and 2.
4. Above Average Challenge—Staging, boost glider or scale model rocket experience.
5. Advanced Challenge—A continued and solid background in model rocketry.

## USING THIS CATALOG:

**Name** → Boldest word/s.

**Kit Features Information** → Details of flight, performance, building and finishing.

**Kit Number** → Product number, usually 4 digits.

**Price** → Subject to change without notice.

**Physical Specs** → Specifications of length, diameter and weight without an engine.

**Skill Level** → Numbers from 1 to 5 which show degree of challenge.

**Engine Info** → Choose your kit, then see the chart on page 38 for recommended engines.

## What is a model rocket?

They have different shapes... a typical rocket is shown.



**Nose Cone:** Plastic or balsa. Guides air around rocket.

**Body Tube:** Special strong paper tubing; the "airframe."

**Recovery System:** Usually a parachute, for safe descent.

**Wadding:** Flame proof material protects chute when ejection charge ignites.

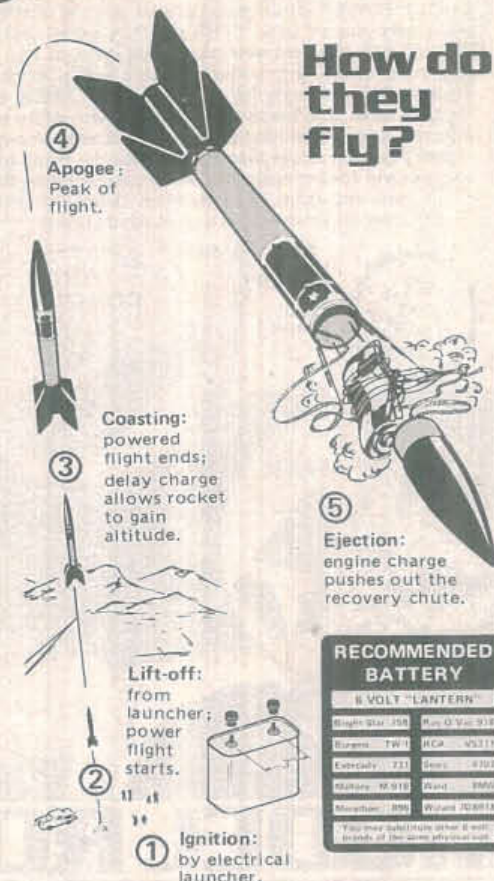
**Launch Lug:** Small tube guides rocket off launcher.

**Fins:** Balsa, fibre or plastic. Fins keep the rocket going straight up.

**Engine Mount:** Holds the engine in place.

**Rocket Engine:** Safe, non-reusable device. A new engine needed for each flight.

## How do they fly?



④ **Apogee:** Peak of flight.

③ **Coasting:** powered flight ends; delay charge allows rocket to gain altitude.

② **Lift-off:** from launcher; power flight starts.

① **Ignition:** by electrical launcher.

⑤ **Ejection:** engine charge pushes out the recovery chute.

| RECOMMENDED BATTERY |               |  |  |
|---------------------|---------------|--|--|
| 6 VOLT "LANTERN"    |               |  |  |
| Brigh Star 250      | Ray O Vac 910 |  |  |
| Burgess TW-1        | RCA 45311     |  |  |
| Extracell 221       | Secs. 4703    |  |  |
| Magnum 10 910       | West 8800     |  |  |
| Novaflex 890        | Wozart 108915 |  |  |

⑥ **Descent:** Gentle recovery. Can be flown again.

## A typical Centuri kit

Centuri kits, like those of flying model planes, are made from a wide variety of materials. These may be balsa, plastic or paper. Each is chosen for light weight for high altitudes and ease of assembly. For best appearance some painting is required. All kits include a recovery system, and almost all have decals. Tools, engines, paint, glue and launchers are not included. Centuri kits are recognized for high quality, clear instructions, innovative parts design and handsome styling.



**FULL ONE YEAR Warranty**  
Centuri assures your satisfaction with our products. See page 63

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## Special Items

Certain Centuri products are too specialized for retail stores, and are available only factory-direct, from Centuri. Some examples in this catalog include fin units and certain literature in the Publication chart; all are marked "Special Items." To order, include \$1.00 for postage and handling, send to Centuri Dept. 305B.

**Centuri**

# The best way to start!

EAGLE POWER is our most popular starting outfit and really gets you off to a "flying start" in model rocketry. The big box contains everything you need to fly. All you need is a 6 volt lantern battery and a modeling knife and you're ready for the launch pad! Attach the ignition wires, and prepare for countdown—safety key inserted, your Screaming Eagle rocket streaks skyward—then listen for chute ejection, and see the chute blossom as your rocket begins its descent for another flight. Fly it again and again, and any other Centuri rocket too. You're now on your way as a Centuri rocketeer!

Prod. No. 5404

\$14.95

Skill Level 1

**YOU CONTROL!**



**FAST!**



**R&D Tip**  
Screaming Eagle kit sold separately. See page 10.

## EAGLE POWER™

THE FAST & EASY WAY TO FLY!



**INCLUDES:**

- Screaming Eagle Kit
- Powr-Pad Launcher
- 2 Engines & Igniters
- Glue & Supplies
- Mini-Manual

1 2 3 4 5

**R&D Tip**

Powr-Pad launcher featured in most outfits is also available separately.



**IT'S EASY TO START**

## MODEL ROCKET OUTFITS

### Two Big Rockets!

This fantastic starter outfit contains the same equipment you get in the Eagle Power outfit PLUS one of our tallest rockets—EXCALIBUR—a long slim "performer" standing over two feet high. Also included is our Rocketeers Guidebook containing everything from A to Z in model rocketry and many photos and illustrations. The almost-ready-to-fly Screaming Eagle Rocket is also included plus the POWR-PAD launch system and four engines. With Big Shot, you have two rockets that you can fly again

and again, plus a professional launching system that really gets you established in model rocketry.

Prod. No. 5406

\$19.95

Skill Level 1

**INCLUDES:**

- Excalibur Kit
- Screaming Eagle Kit
- Powr-Pad Launcher
- 4 Engines & Igniters
- Glue & Supplies
- Rocketeer's Guidebook

## BIG SHOT™

\$27.17  
VALUE  
You Save  
\$7.22

THE DELUXE EAGLE POWER OUTFIT!



# Centuri ALIEN SCOUTSHIP FLYING SAUCER OUTFIT

**FANTASTIC! A ROCKET-POWERED UFO  
THAT YOU CAN FLY AGAIN AND AGAIN!**

UFO's are here! Think about the thrill and excitement of walking up to the launch pad with your rocket-powered flying saucer that really flies! Countdown over, the powerful Super-C engine thrusts your Alien Scoutship skyward to a surprising height. As the thrust phase ends, you watch as your saucer rolls smoothly over to begin its landing descent. And what a beautiful recovery it is—floating down on air, just like the real thing to land gently on its tripod antennas—spectacular!

Construction is easy—no tools required, just white glue. "Space-glow" decals including alien emblem let your saucer glow in the dark. Embossed pre-cut fibre surfaces provide authentic realism and ultra-detail for display. Everything needed to fly (excluding glue and a 6 Volt lantern battery) is contained in this revolutionary outfit including mini-manual and our special UFO Tech Report. There ARE flying saucers and this outfit is the beginning!

Prod. No. 5205  
\$16.95  
Skill Level 2

Tracks straight up  
with unique center  
fin "core-tube"  
stabilization system

## INCLUDES:

- Flying Saucer
- Power-Pad Launcher
- 3 Engines + Igniters
- Mini-Manual
- UFO Tech Report

Touches down  
on sturdy tripod  
antenna legs!

\$21.80  
VALUE  
You Save  
\$4.85

**R&D TIP**  
Flying Saucer  
Kit also avail-  
able separately.  
See page 18

(Battery not included)

FROM THE  
UFO  
FLEET™

Realistic "no-parachute"  
floating recovery using  
aerodynamic braking  
principles!

# "BUCK ROGERS"

JOIN  
US IN THE  
25th  
CENTURY

Launch this authorized  
replica of the missile used  
by the Earth's 25th  
Century Interceptor  
Squadron!

## R&D Tip

See page 31 for more  
"Buck" kits.

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## EARTH FORCES LASER LANCE

An easy to build kit that makes a beautiful model, the Laser Lance features pre-colored body tube and plastic nose cone, pre-cut fibre fins and press-on decals in the official Earth Forces colors: royal blue and gold! This sleek model streaks to impressive altitudes with a variety of engine types, then pops a parachute for gentle recovery.

Prod. No.  
5334

\$14.95

Skill Level 1

LASER  
LANCE

## STARTER OUTFIT

Now you can build and fly an authentic model of Buck Rogers 25th Century Homing Missile. Complete outfit gives you everything you need (less battery) to get started in model rocketry. The Laser Lance kit is all pre-colored with no painting required just like a Kwik-Kit. It's a bird you'll be proud to fly and display in your Buck Rogers collection.

Prod. No. 5202 \$3.75

Skill Level 1

\$18.61  
VALUE  
You Save  
\$3.66

## INCLUDES:

- Laser Lance Kit
- Power-Pad Launcher
- 2 Engines + Igniters
- Glue & Supplies
- Mini-Manual
- Tech Data

**SPECIFICATIONS:**  
Length: 14" (35.6cm)  
Body Diam: 1.04" (2.6cm)  
Net Wt: 1.6oz (45.4g)

See your Laser Lance streak from its launch pad and almost disappear from sight—then listen for the recovery chute's opening "snap" and watch as the colorful parachute lowers your missile for a safe landing.

# KWIK KITS<sup>TM</sup>

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## THESE 3 KITS ALL FEATURE:

- No sanding or sealing
- Pre-colored parts
- Molded single unit fins
- White body tubes
- Colorful stick-on decals
- All you need is white glue, scissors, and pencil

## ALMOST READY TO FLY!

RECOMMENDED ENGINES LISTED ON PAGE 38

## Screaming Eagle

### THE WINNER!

Our easiest-to-build, and most popular rocket, "EAGLE," comes with all parts pre-formed and pre-colored including shiny chrome stick-on decals. It's a real performer, too, with flights to over 1,200 feet, using "C" engines. Includes complete plastic tail and fin section, colored body wrapper, plastic nose cone, engine lock and colorful recovery chute. Ideal for the beginner or group projects.

Prod. No. 5173 \$3.75

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length: 18.4" (46.8cm)  
Body Diam.: 0.91" (2.3cm)  
Net Wt.: 1.6oz (45.4g)  
Skill Level 1

**SPECIAL ITEMS:**  
Phoenix Bird replacement parts.  
#5466 PNC-136 cone \$1.50  
#5467 F-413L fin unit \$1.50

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length: 26.3" (66.8cm)  
Body Diam.: 1.34" (3.4cm)  
Net Wt.: 3.4oz (96.4g)

## Phoenix Bird

### OVER 2 FEET LONG!

The perfect big kit for the beginning rocketeer. Simple, quick construction gets Phoenix Bird to the launch pad in a hurry. Over two feet long, everything about Phoenix Bird is BIG including its 20" recovery chute. Watch a lift-off that is slow and spectacular followed by a high flight and gentle recovery. Great for demos and displays.

Prod. No. 5407 \$8.00

Skill Level 1

### 2 BIG PARACHUTES!

Research rocket styled after the Air Force X-17. Two different plastic nose cones and dual recovery chutes make this rocket an exciting beginners' kit. Pre-colored parts and colorful decals give Argus a scale-like appearance. Over 28" tall, Argus streaks smoothly skyward and recovers ever so gently with two big parachutes. Extra-easy to assemble with molded one-piece plastic tail cone and fins. No tools or measuring—just glue together and be in the air in less than an hour.

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length: 28.5" (72.4cm)  
Body Diam.: 1.34" (3.4cm)  
Net Wt.: 3.0oz (85.1g)  
Skill Level 2

## Argus

Prod. No. 5039 \$8.00

**R&D Tip**  
Keep a Kwik Kit handy to build for flight demos.

# IT'S EASY TO GET STARTED WITH **Centuri** BEGINNER KITS

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RECOMMENDED ENGINES LISTED ON PAGE 38

## Astro 1

### IDEAL BEGINNER'S KIT!

Quickly assembled and easily flown, Astro-1 is our ideal beginners' rocket. An extremely clean design, this classic rocket is stable and fully capable of high altitude flights. Watch Astro zoom smoothly off the launch pad and return softly under its bright parachute canopy. Pre-cut fins, a rugged plastic nose cone, colorful decals, quick-change engine lock included.

Prod. No. 5047 \$4.50

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length: 10" (25.4cm)  
Body Diam.: 1.04" (2.6cm)  
Net Wt.: 1.1oz (31.2g)  
Skill Level 1

**R&D Tip**  
A good first model for chute duration.

### R&D Tip

Also see VIKING on page 35 for Centuri's lowest priced kit.

## Micron

### FLIGHTS TO 1,500 FEET!

Micron is extra-easy to build and has big single-stage performance due to its light weight. Colorful streamer recovery gives a soft, safe landing. Printed fins and a plastic nose cone plus roll pattern decals make Micron a standout on the launch pad. A great first or second kit that promises real excitement and fun.

Prod. No. 5005 \$3.00

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length: 8.5" (21.6cm)  
Body Diam.: 0.76" (1.9cm)  
Net Wt.: 0.4oz (11.4g)  
Skill Level 1

## Sky Devil

### CUSTOMIZED FIN!

You can select from 8 exotic fin shapes to customize this high performer—Aero Bee-Hi, Raked Delta, Swept Delta, Bastille, Swept-Subsonic or Elliptical. Clean low-drag design plus low weight makes for terrific performance with flights up to 1,800 feet! Comes with plastic nose cone, tail fin pattern sheet and colorful recovery chute.

Prod. No. 5040 \$2.50  
**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length: 12" to 14" (30.5 to 35.6cm)  
Body Diam.: 0.76" (1.9cm)  
Net Wt.: 0.8oz (22.7g)

Skill Level 2



Alternate Style

## Moonraker

### SEPARATION AT APOGEE!

This moving rocket has lots of action. It's two ships in one that are separated by rocket retro into two parts in the sky that tumble safely to earth. You can also change fin rakes forward to back as you desire. Fibre fins, rugged plastic nose cone and quick assembly and performance makes Moonraker a favorite with beginning fliers.

Prod. No. 5041 \$2.00

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 5.5" (14cm)  
Body Diam. 0.76" (1.9cm)  
Net Wt. 0.3oz (8.5g)

Skill Level 1

## Groove Tube

### UNUSUAL FIN DESIGN!

A standout at the launch pad, this different-looking bird flies straight and true, stabilized by a cluster of six "tube-type" fins! It's a large rocket, too, standing over 1½ feet tall. No balsa to sand, just glue the fin cluster to the body tube, install engine lock and parachute, paint, apply custom decals and she's ready to launch. Keep ahead of your friends with this one.

Prod. No. 5011 \$4.50

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 18.25" (46.4cm)  
Body Diam. 0.91" (2.3cm)  
Net Wt. 1.75oz (49.6g)

Skill Level 1

## Javelin

### POPULAR BEGINNER'S KIT!

Especially designed for the beginning rocketeer, Javelin is a real high flyer that is ultra-easy to assemble. On lift-off, the Javelin streaks skyward hundreds of feet—almost out of sight! Kit includes body roll-pattern and fin decals, a brightly colored parachute, pre-cut balsa fins and quick-change engine lock. Great for first-time altitude flights.

Prod. No. 5091  
\$3.50

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 12.5" (31.8cm)  
Body Diam. 0.76" (1.9cm)  
Net Wt. 0.6oz (17g)

Skill Level 1

## Lil' Herc

### FEATHER WEIGHT TUMBLE RECOVERY!

Learn all about basic rocket flying principles with this easy-to-build rocket that ejects its engine after apogee and tumbles softly to earth ready for another flight! It has die-cut fins, a smooth plastic nose cone and there is no recovery system to pack. Super performance flight after flight!

Prod. No. 5001 \$2.00

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 6.5" (16.5cm)  
Body Diam. 0.76" (1.9cm)  
Net Wt. 0.3oz (8.5g)

Skill Level 1

### AWARD WINNING!

This sleek performer set a chute duration record at the First International Rocket Championship Meet in Czechoslovakia. Starfire is designed to fly fast to extreme altitudes then float down very slowly on its big 20" chute. Or you can snap-on the 12" chute for regular flights. Comes with a special low-drag plastic nose cone, laminar flow boat tail, pre-cut fins and decals. Here's a real winner you'll want to add to your fleet.

Prod. No. 5072  
\$5.00

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 16" (40.6cm)  
Body Diam. 0.91" (2.3cm)  
Net Wt. 1oz (28.4g)  
Skill Level 2

2 PARACHUTES

### R&D Tip

Use the smaller chute for smaller launch sites.

### R&D Tip

Use shorter delay engines when flying heavier payloads.

## Snipe Hunter

### SEE-THROUGH PAYLOAD CAPSULE!

Move up to payload rockets with this fantastic performer. Now you can launch insects or inert loads and observe the effects of high acceleration. The payload section is big and a special body reducer is used to keep the power section slim. Kit comes complete with colorful decals, a see-through clear plastic payload section, plastic nose cone, plus a large chute for soft recoveries.

Prod. No. 5043 \$4.00

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 12.5" (31.8cm)  
Body Diam. 0.76" (1.9cm)  
Capsule Diam. 0.91" (2.3cm)  
Net Wt. 0.85oz (24.1g)

Skill Level 2

## Payloader II

### STUDY ACCELERATION EFFECTS!

Sleek single-stage rocket for lofting heavier payloads. A transparent section carries the cargo to higher and higher altitudes as you increase the engine thrust. Stands over 1½ feet high. Assembles quickly with pre-cut balsa fins, plastic nose cone, clear cargo compartment and custom decals. Colorful parachute returns sealed capsule and rocket to earth safely.

Prod. No. 5080 \$4.50

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 18.5" (47cm)  
Body Diam. 1.0" (2.5cm)  
Net Wt. 1.2oz (34g)

Skill Level 2

## Bandito

### WINDING OR SEALING!

his slim hot performer to  
leef for almost-out-of-sight  
! The unique wedge-shaped  
ins (die-cut fibre) help Bandito  
maximum velocity in a hurry!  
return is via a colorful streamer.  
chrome trim and custom decals,  
change engine lock and plastic nose  
cone complete this  
high performance  
kit.

Prod. No. 5007  
\$4.00

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 15.5" (39.4cm)  
Body Diam. 0.76" (1.9cm)  
Net Wt. 1.5oz (42.6g)

Skill Level 2

## Twister

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 11" (27.9cm)  
Body Diam. 0.91" (2.3cm)  
Net Wt. 0.9oz (25.5g)

### STABILIZED!

ne of our excitingly  
"beginners' rockets"  
flies to over 1,000 feet!  
way up, you'll see spin-  
tion in action as Twister  
straight and true. The canted  
specially designed to give  
a rapid rotation. High in the sky  
e the colored parachute "pop" free to  
er swing slowly back to earth. Paint Twister  
colors and watch the colors blend and change  
ites upward. A real "fun" rocket for the beginner.

Prod. No. 5002 \$3.50

Skill Level 1

## LONG, LONGER, LONGEST!

THEY LOOK SIMILAR, BUT ARE LOADED  
WITH DIFFERENCES! CHOOSE FROM:

- 3 Sizes • 3 Recovery Systems
- 3 Skills • 3 Engine Mounts

All include big decals & pre-cut balsa fins.

## Thunder Hawk

### CENTURI'S LONGEST BEGINNER KIT!

A great performer, this sleek long Thunder Hawk is easy to build and impressive in the air with flights to 1,000 feet. Streamer recovery slows the model's descent to a gentle landing. The Thunder Hawk is ideal for beginners and a super quick kit for more advanced rocketeers.

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 21.5" (54.6cm)  
Body Diam. .76" (1.9cm)  
Net Wt. 1oz (28g)

Prod. No. 5338

\$2.50

Skill Level 1

NEARLY  
**2**  
FEET LONG!

## Thunder Bird

### BIG, EASY & IMPRESSIVE!

A great demo bird, the long, thin Thunder Bird is recovered by a large 20" parachute. Two-piece body assembles quickly and easily. Add this big bird to your fleet today!

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 41.75" (106cm)  
Body Diam. 1.0" (2.5cm)  
Net Wt. 2.7oz (77g)

Skill Level 2

Prod. No. 5339

\$5.00

A FULL  
**3½**  
FEET LONG!

## Thunder Roc

### THE ULTIMATE LONG ROCKET!

Biggest kit in the Centuri line, Thunder Roc lumbers off the pad under Super-C power. Or, remove the convertible engine mount and fly it with a D engine! Two 16" parachutes bring the big bird back for another exciting flight.

Prod. No. 5340 \$7.50

Skill Level 3

**SPECIFICATION**  
Length 61.5" (156.2cm)  
Body Diam. 1.64" (4.2cm)  
Net Wt. 6.6oz (187g)

**CONVERTIBLE**  
&  
**MAGNUM-D**  
See Engine  
Section

OVER  
**5**  
FEET LONG!

TM  
**NEW**



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# SUPER KITS™

Definitely different. Super Kits are out of this world both in appearance and size. These are BIG rockets with special missions. EACH KIT INCLUDES—

- Big 6" x 12" 4-color super detailed decal
- Baffle/chute ejection system\*
- Rocket Rack display stand
- Dual-chute recovery
- Pre-shaped fins
- Engine Lock

\*U.S. Pat. No. 3,719,145



## S.S.V. SATELLITE REPAIRSHIP Scorpion

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 29.7" (75.4cm)  
Net Wt. 5.7oz (161.6g)  
Fin Span 8.6" (21.9cm)  
Diam. 2.0" (5.1cm)

Skill Level 3

This exotic ship's job is to recover, repair and launch earth-circling solar energy collecting satellites. Cruising at over 15,000 mph, Scorpion collects satellites using a magnetic stinger-shaped rudder and stows them in special hull slots for later repair. A member of the Satellite Service Vehicle (S.S.V.) fleet, Scorpion performs a vital role in conserving the natural resources of earth in the 21st century.

Prod. No. 5307 \$11.50



Exotic Hull Details



## E.S.S. RAVEN SCIENCE FLAGSHIP

Raven is the flagship of the Earth Science Service (E.S.S.), an international organization devoted to sampling and testing the earth's ozone layer. Designed to fly to the limits of the atmosphere and return for a winged landing, Raven's dual bottom scoop takes in air samples for onboard computer analysis. Sleek and fast, Raven employs the recently announced faster-than-light propulsion system.

Prod. No. 5312 \$11.50

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 30.5" (77.5cm)  
Net Wt. 5.3oz (150g)  
Fin Span 10.5" (26.7cm)  
Diam. 1.6" (4.1cm)

Skill Level 3



Collector Scoop Details

BIG ON SIZE & PERFORMANCE  
& FANTASTICALLY DETAILED

## SUPER KITS™



## U.S.S. AMERICA PRESIDENTIAL COMMAND POST

Thundering aloft for the first time in 1988, U.S.S. America serves as a Presidential Command Post and operational center. Able to operate in outer space or within the earth's atmosphere, America helps maintain peace on earth as well as in space. Three large nuclear engines plus six ramjets power this advanced technology giant.

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 25" (63.5cm)  
Net Wt. 5.5oz (155.9g)  
Fin Span 12" (30.5cm)  
Diam. 1.6" (4.1cm)

Skill Level 3

Prod. No. 5310 \$11.50



## U.F.O. INVADER SUBMARINE SPACESHIP

This alien ship was first sighted in 1985 and has since been tracked electronically and observed by countless eye witnesses. It's a submarine as well as a spaceship, cruising on either the ocean's surface or plunging to deep depths to escape detection. Its circular wing-plan has sometimes been mistaken for a flying saucer and rumors are that it employs a fuel-less magnetic drive force as yet unknown to us.

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 30" (76.2cm)  
Net Wt. 4.7oz (133g)  
Fin Span 9.3" (23.6cm)  
Diam. 1.34" (3.4cm)

Skill Level 3

Prod. No. 5308 \$11.50

2 BIG  
CHUTES  
INCLUDED  
IN EVERY  
SUPER KIT!



Disc and Pod Detail

### R&D Tip

The Rocket Rack: Included in every Super Kit is also available separately for displaying your other models. See parts section.



Realistic Ramjet Detail

Centuri

# SCIENCE FICTION KITS IN YOUR FUTURE

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ALIEN SCOUTSHIP!

## Flying Saucer

This model UFO really flies! Design based on reported sightings. Watch it rise smoothly off the launch pad and streak to surprising altitudes. As coast phase ends, saucer rolls over and starts an eerie descent, floating softly down on a cushion of air. Lands on sturdy outspread aerial/tripod legs! No chute to back, just re-engineered to go again! Be the first in your neighborhood to fly this amazing performer. Great for display, too!

Prod. No. 5035

\$6.50

FROM THE  
UFO  
FLEET

- No tools required—just white glue!
- Space-glow alien emblem decals "glow" in the dark!
- High-detail embossed surfaces!
- All parts pre-colored & pre-shaped!
- Fits any launcher!
- Sturdy lightweight fibre construction!

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Diam. 8.125" (23.2cm)  
Height 3.5" (8.9cm)  
Net Wt. 2.4oz (68g)  
Skill Level 2

Prod. No. 5034  
\$10.95

## Sky-Lab

**Laser X**  
Prod. No. 5110 \$6.50



EXOTIC ALIEN!

## Vector V

Deep space scanners have discovered a strange new armada of alien ships called Vectors. Over 12 variations have been reported. Now you can build and launch your own version using Centuri's detailed plans and an illustrated science-fiction story sheet. Pre-cut fibre fins, plastic nose cone, alien markings decal sheet, large chute and super-detailing makes Vector V a must for your star-ship fleet.

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 12.5" (31.75cm)  
Max. Diam. 1.34" (3.4cm)  
Net Wt. 0.9oz (25.5g)  
Skill Level 3

Prod. No. 5032  
\$4.00



Just three of many possible configurations

**R&D Tip**  
Forward area doubles as payload section.

## Taurus

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 23.3" (59.2cm)  
Body Diam. 1.34" (3.4cm)  
Net Wt. 2.6oz (73.7g)  
Skill Level 3

Prod. No. 5033  
\$7.00

2 FOOT LONG DEEP-SPACE CRUISER!

This interstellar visitor has the look of the future. It is one of our most popular detailed kits that you will be proud to fly or display. Taurus stands over 2 feet tall on the launch pad and thunders aloft to recover gently under a large parachute. Here's what you get: Plastic body reducers, extra-large molded nose cone, simulated cluster boosters, shiny chrome trim, pre-cut fins, Taurian decals, and illustrated science-fiction story sheet and chute baffle ejection.

U.S. Pat. No. 3,719,145

INSPIRED BY NASA'S SPACE STATION!

Suspended in the blackness of space, moving thousands of miles per hour and rotating slowly, Sky-Lab monitors important Earth resources. The space exploration age is here with NASA's flying laboratory. Every detail is included in this spectacular kit. Shiny solar panels, ultra-detailed plastic parts, body wrapper, huge decal sheet, plastic cones and more. Watch the slow lift-off as your Sky-Lab thunders skyward to return gently, suspended by an extra-large chute. For a rewarding project, Sky-Lab is the ultimate trip.

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 24.5" (62.2cm)  
Body Diam. 2.04" (5.2cm)  
Net Wt. 3.4oz (96.4g)  
Skill Level 4

**R&D Tip**  
Requires contact cement.

RECOMMENDED ENGINES LISTED ON PAGE 38

SPACE PRO

LASER-X is based on a space station and is designed to simulate space technology. Atop the large cylindrical booster section sits a slim rocket body aimed at the stars. Ultra-stable due to extra-large booster fins, LASER-X moves smoothly off the launch pad to soaring heights. Pre-cut fins, large chute, body reducer and a big decal sheet loaded with customizing ideas are all included.

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 21.5" (54.6cm)  
Body Diam. 1.34" (3.4cm)  
Net Wt. 1.75oz (49.6g)  
Skill Level 3

**Centuri**

# SPORT-SCALE KITS

**THESE LOOK LIKE  
THE REAL THING!**

1 2 3 4 5

**R&D Tip**

Paint pattern is good practice for working up to Mercury Redstone Kit.

## MX-774

**HISTORY MAKER IN 1/37 SCALE!**

A true scale model of America's first supersonic rocket and one of our highest flyers. This sleek Convair design features a streamlined boat-tail section, special payload cone, recovery chute and an illustrated scale data sheet. Get in on history, fly high with MX-774!

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 11" (27.9cm)  
Body Diam. 0.91" (2.3cm)  
Net Wt. 1.1oz (31.2g)  
Skill Level 3

**Prod. No. 5003 \$3.50****SUPER DETAILED!**

## Nomad

Looks just as authentic as a U.S. Navy missile. This kit has everything you need to detail it right down to the access hatches—even the launch attachment lugs resemble a real missile's. Very impressive on the launch pad, Nomad streaks to high altitude and recovers by parachute. Die-cut fins and body vanes, shiny chrome bands, a big-2 color decal sheet, and engine lock make Nomad a knock-out.

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 18.0" (45.7cm)  
Body Diam. 1.0" (2.5cm)  
Net Wt. 1.75oz (49.6g)  
Skill Level 3

**Prod. No. 5035 \$5.50**

## Excalibur

**OVER 2 FEET LONG! SLEEK AND QUICK!**

Excellent big rocket for the beginner! Over 2 feet long! Excalibur has the sleek lines of a real research rocket yet goes together fast and easy. Features plastic nose cone and body reducer, die-cut smooth fibre fins and the option to customize the upper portion as a payload carrier. Bright reflective chrome trim, large custom decal and big recovery chute finish off this spectacular hi-flier!

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 26.5" (67.3cm)  
Body Diam. 0.91" (2.3cm)  
Net Wt. 1.60oz (45.4g)  
Skill Level 1

**Prod. No. 5008 \$5.50**

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## Scram-Jet

**1½ FEET LONG! STABILIZING TUBES!**

Unique off-center fins highlight this military-styled kit. Scram-Jet has a definite scale missile look. It moves up fast to altitudes of over ¼ mile—then "pops" a big recovery chute for a gentle recovery. Pre-cut balsa fins, plastic nose cone, big 2-color decal sheet, and engine lock complete this handsome performer.

**Prod. No. 5174 \$4.50**

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 18.8" (47.8cm)  
Body Diam. .78" (1.9cm)  
Net Wt. 1.3oz (36.9g)  
Skill Level 3

**R&D Tip**

Our easiest kit which features off-center fin stabilization.

**R&D Tip**

See the Magnum Jayhawk on page 33 for the big scale kit of the Jayhawk.

## Jayhawk

**TARGET DRONE ACTION!**

Looks and flies just like the U.S. Navy's AQM-37A missile target drone! High detailing with our big 3-color decal sheet really sets Jayhawk apart. Includes pre-cut fibre "wing," "rudder" and forward "canard" fins plus molded plastic nose cone, parachute, and boat tail. Add decal, and Jayhawk is ready for duty.

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 12.6" (32cm)  
Body Diam. 0.91" (2.3cm)  
Net Wt. 1oz (28.4g)  
Skill Level 2

**Prod. No. 5171 \$4.00**

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# SUPER SCALE KITS

**EXCITING SCALE** 1 2 3 4 5  
**REALISM THAT FLIES!**

RECOMMENDED ENGINES LISTED ON PAGE 38

## Saturn 1B

**1/100 SCALE OF FIRST APOLLO MANNED MISSION VEHICLE**

Apollo 7 rose off the launch pad at 11:03 A.M., October 11, 1968, carrying three astronauts first into blue Florida skies and then the blackness of space. The 10-day flight paved the way for the first moon-circling flight.

Unbelievable details right down to the space capsule plus corrugated body wrapper panels, rocket engine nozzles, and the exact markings of the real ship makes Centuri's Saturn 1B a flying scale masterpiece of man's first reach toward the stars. The model is over 2 feet tall and lifts off beautifully on a 2-engine cluster for a dual chute return. Historical booklet and many pre-molded parts make this one a "must" for every rocketeer.

**Prod. No. 5140**  
**\$17.95**

Skill Level 5

- Clustering Report
- Historical Brochure
- Engine Locks

**Removable Display Nozzles**

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 26.8" (68.1cm)  
Body Diam. 2.62" (6.65cm)  
Net Wt. 4.4oz (124.7g)

**DUAL ENGINES!**  
**OVER 2 FEET LONG!****SUPER DETAIL!**  
**NEARLY 2½ FEET!**

## Mercury Redstone

\*U.S. Pat. No.  
3,719,145**FIRST U.S. MANNED SPACE FLIGHT ROCKET**

In 1961, NASA's Freedom 7 with Alan Shepard at the controls flew higher and faster than any American before—116 miles up at over 5,000 mph! Shepard's flight was 15 minutes in duration and covered 303 miles—a "first in space" for the U.S.A.! Centuri's model of this historical flight is a true 1/36th scale, with absolutely accurate details including the Mercury capsule and escape tower molded of tough styrene plastic. Big, slow lift-off looks just like the real thing. Die-cut fins, big 3-color decal sheet, historical data brochure, dual-chute recovery plus high altitude flights make this historical event come alive again on your launch pad!

**Prod. No. 5131**  
**\$11.95**

Skill Level 5

- Engine Lock
- Baffle Ejection\*
- Pull Away Lugs

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 29" (73.7cm)  
Body Diam. 2.04" (5.2cm)  
Net Wt. 3.7oz (104.9g)

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 23.7" (60.2cm)  
Body Diam. 1.64" (4.2cm)  
Net Wt. 2.3oz (65.2g)

**SPECIAL ITEMS:**  
Replacement parts.  
Mercury Capsule #5477 \$2.50  
Apollo Capsule #34090 \$1.50

**R&D Tip**  
Easiest way to go into Super Scale.

**ACCURATE 1/10 SCALE!**  
**2 FEET LONG!**

## Nike Smoke

**REPLICA OF NASA WEATHER RESEARCH ROCKET**

A very high flyer and easy to build, this perfectly scaled model stands almost 2 feet tall with a long tapered plastic nose cone. Features unique baffle ejection\* system, large parachute, authentic markings decal sheet, pre-cut balsa fins and technical data sheet. Build and fly the same day!

**Prod. No. 5145**  
**\$6.00**

Skill Level 2

- Lug Mounts
- Engine Lock

America went interplanetary with the flight of Apollo 8 when the big Saturn-5 thundered off the launch pad on December 21, 1968. This famous Centuri model rocket is acknowledged as the world's most detailed flying replica of the historic "man to the moon" rocket. This 3½ ft. giant performs as beautifully as it looks, using 3-engine cluster power, coasting upward to apogee to deploy 2 chutes for body recovery and one large chute for an ever-so-gentle return of its space capsule. Scaled in detail from NASA blueprints, including numerous plastic detailed parts, Saturn 5 is truly a collectors item that every serious rocketeer will want to own.

**R&D Tip**

Use "Super-C" engines (C5-3S) for best flights. See Flight Manual F-10.

Requires 12V Ignition and heavy duty launcher (such as Power-Control & Power Tower).

**Prod. No. 5142**  
**\$29.95**  
Skill Level 5

- Engine Locks
- Accurate Decals
- Clay Weight
- Painting Tips
- Hollow Fins

**THREE-ENGINE LAUNCH!**  
Tech report included on clustering. Super C engines put the big bird higher than ever!

F-1 Engine  
Nozzle Bells  
Are Removable  
For Flight

All-Plastic  
Apollo  
Capsule  
and Tower

Pre-formed  
Exact-scale  
Corrugated  
Body Panels

**SPECTACULAR!**

12 page historical brochure with many photos included with both Saturns.

## Apollo Saturn V

Skill Level 5

**SCALE SPACE GIANT!**

THE "ULTIMATE ADVENTURE" IN SCALE FLYING ROCKETRY FOR ALL AGES!

**OVER 3½ FEET LONG!**

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 43.6" (110.7cm)  
Body Diam. 3.96" (10.1cm)  
Net Wt. 9.2oz (260.8g)



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# STRIKE FORCE KITS FROM TODAY'S HEADLINES

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CAMOUFLAGE PARACHUTE  
Featured in: Gabriel, Sam-3, Sea Killer

## Israeli Gabriel

TACTICAL MISSILE

A surface-to-surface missile, Centuri's Gabriel is a realistic flying model rocket of the real ship-launched missile from pointed nose to boxy guidance fins. Authentic Israeli military insignia and markings plus super body detail decals make Gabriel impressive on the launch pad and a great display model. Balsa nose cone, pre-cut balsa fins, easy-to-follow instructions, and a missile technical data folder complete the package. Launch to altitudes of over 1,000' using the Big "C" engine and watch the big 14" camouflage parachute blossom for a safe return.

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length: 14.25" (36.2cm)  
Body Diam.: .908" (2.3cm)  
Net Wt.: 1.4oz (39.7g)

Prod. No. 5333 \$5.00

Skill Level 3

## STRIKE FORCE

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Get into international rockets with Centuri's "Strike Force" kits... military missiles from around the world. The Cruise Missile is a highly accurate scale model. The others are Tactical Missiles of near-scale realism, modified for model rocketry.

Each Tactical Missile features

- Camouflage Chute
- 2-color Decals
- Body Detailing Strips
- Balsa Fins
- Data Sheet
- Balsa Cone

### R&D Tip

One of our most detailed models, yet fairly easy assembly.



## Russian Sam-3

TACTICAL MISSILE

A modified scale version of the famous Russian Surface-to-Surface Missile normally used against aircraft. Booster tail section looks authentic in detail yet flight requires only a single C engine for altitudes of over 1,000 feet! Camouflage the missile in dull greys and blues, then detail it with insignia plus authentic markings and you have a beautiful scale-like high flyer that recovers on its own camouflaged parachute. Round out your tactical missile fleet with SAM3!

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length: 13.5" (34.3cm)  
Body Diam.: 1.04" (2.6cm)  
Net Wt.: 1.2oz (34g)

Prod. No. 5332 \$5.00

Skill Level 3

## Boeing A.L.C.M. Cruise Missile

Now you can fly a rocket-powered model of America's most potent strategic weapon! The Boeing Cruise Missile is aircraft launched and streaks thousands of miles deep into enemy territory, flying at tree-top level. The real missile is jet-powered, flies on thin swept wings, and is radar-guided with pin-point target accuracy. Imagine the thrill of launching this very realistic model. Poised on the launch pad with its wings folded, it streaks straight up to unbelievable heights and floats gently back to earth, swinging from a big 16" chute. Easy-to-assemble with a rugged blow-molded plastic body, die-cut plastic wings and fins.

Big 4-color highly detailed decal sheet included. Great for display on the colorful fibre stand included.

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length: 12.3" (31.2cm)  
Net Wt.: 2.6oz (73.7g)  
Skill Level 3

Prod. No. 5330 \$8.00



## Italian Sea Killer

TACTICAL MISSILE

Styled after Italy's 28-mile range surface-to-surface ship-launched homing missile, the Sea Killer model rocket looks just like the real thing. Authentic military markings and insignia included plus balsa nose cone, pre-cut fins and new camouflaged parachute. Add the Sea Killer to your flying rocket tactical missile force today.

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length: 14" (35.6cm)  
Body Diam.: .908" (2.3cm)  
Net Wt.: 1.2oz (34g)

Prod. No. 5331 \$5.00

Skill Level 3



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# FIGHTER FLEET™

These are realistic jet fighter aircraft models you'll be proud to display and fly! All have a near-scale appearance, yet launch vertically as rockets to return safely via parachute. Clean lines, super detail, and authentic markings make Fighter Fleet a must for every rocketeer!

**EACH KIT INCLUDES—**

- Clear plastic canopy and detailed cockpit decals.
- Simulated missiles & mounts.
- Simulated fuel tanks with finlets.
- Pre-cut fibre tail, wings, and intake parts.
- Huge decal sheet with authentic markings.
- Horizontal chute recovery system.
- Detailed data sheet with all specs.
- Scale info on real fighter.
- Quick-change engine lock.

## F-15 Eagle

The USAF Air Superiority dual-engine fighter that slices through the air at two and one-half times the speed of sound! During flight tests, the F-15 broke all existing world climbing records. It's a large fighter but comparatively light in weight due to new ultra-light space-age metals. All markings are authentic right down to the refueling hatches. Get airborne with this top performer.

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 15.7" (39.9cm)  
Body Diam. 1" (2.5cm)  
Span 7.7" (19.6cm)  
Net Wt. 2.1oz (59.5g)

Skill Level 3

SPIRIT OF ENTEBBE

## 5J Israeli Mirage

A French-built Dassault aircraft, the delta-winged Mirage is the mainstay of the Israeli Air Force performing a variety of missions as a fighter/interceptor and close air support missions. Light and fast (Mach 2), the 5J can haul a wide variety of ordnance including missiles, bombs, and rockets. Camouflage yours to match the desert and watch it streak almost out-of-sight to return softly by chute.

## F-16 Fighter

Prod. No. 5317 \$6.00

Skill Level 2

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 15" (38.1cm)  
Body Diam. 1" (2.5cm)  
Span 7" (17.8cm)  
Net Wt. 2.0oz (56.7g)

## F-4 Phantom

One of the most versatile fighters in the world, the F-4 is used by the Navy, Marines, and Air Force plus Canada and Great Britain. Extremely fast at Mach 2.2, the F-4 flies as a fighter or bomber and can carry up to 16,000 lbs. of bombs plus "Sidewinder" and Sparrow missiles. Put this one on the pad and get ready for action!

Prod. No. 5319 \$6.00

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 14.6" (36.8cm)  
Body Diam. 1" (2.5cm)  
Span 8.5" (21.6cm)  
Net Wt. 2.3oz (65.2g)

Skill Level 3

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 14.1" (35.8cm)  
Body Diam. 1" (2.5cm)  
Span 6.9" (17.5cm)  
Net Wt. 2.3oz (65.2g)

Prod. No. 5321 \$6.00

RECOMMENDED ENGINES

# KITS ROCKET-JETS THAT FLY!

The USAF basic Air Combat fighter of the 1980's, F-16, flies over the twice the speed of sound. It's armed with two AIM-9 missiles + 20mm cannon. The model comes with official USAF markings and quick-change engine lock. Ventral fins provide smooth vertical flights. An easy fly-in-one-after-noon project.

U.S. AIR FORCE

USAF

## F-104 Starfighter

Currently in NATO service, the Lockheed F-104 is the world's first operational fighter to sustain a speed on Mach 2. Extremely small and razor-thin wings carry two heat-seeking "Sidewinder" missiles. The actual wing span of the real fighter is only 22 feet! Comes with authentic German Air Force markings.

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 15.0" (38.1cm)  
Body Diam. 1" (2.5cm)  
Span 6.7" (17cm)  
Net Wt. 2.0oz (56.7g)

Prod. No. 5320

\$6.00

Skill Level 3

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EXTRA-HI FLYING

# MULTI-STAGE KITS

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## Arrow 300

**BIG 3-STAGE ACTION!**  
This slim multi-stager measures over 3 feet long! An ultra-high performer, Arrow 300 streaks to altitudes of over 1/2 mile. Single, dual, or three-stage flights are possible. Large "United States" decal and 1-2-3 fin decals detail this big bird. Comes with long nose cone, pre-cut fibre fins, 12" recovery chute, and a payload section. Here's real action for the experienced rocketeer!

Prod. No. 5037  
**\$8.50**

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 37.7" (95.8cm)  
Body Diam. 0.91" (2.3cm)  
Net Wt. 2.5oz (70.9g)  
Skill Level 4

**R&D Tip**  
Centuri's highest flier when launched with C's.

JOIN THE HIGH FLYING FUN—GO MULTI-STAGE!

## Long Tom

**3 FEET LONG!**  
Get up high with this one! Poised skyward on the launch pad this long, slender rocket flies as fast as it looks. Colored plastic body reducer and nose cone, big decal sheet, exclusive baffle/chute ejection\* (no chute wadding required) and parachute recovery makes Long Tom extra easy to build and fun to fly.

Prod. No. 5064  
**\$8.50**

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 35.5" (90.2cm)  
Body Diam. 1.34" (3.4cm)  
Net Wt. 3oz (85g)  
Skill Level 4

**ACTION GALORE!** Watch Centuri's exclusive pass-port staging\* in action on all multi-stagers. The next stage is ignited as the expended stage is smoothly released to tumble safely to earth.

\* U.S. Pat. No. 3,721,193

## Excalibur 2

**LONG & EASY!**

A favorite 2-stager with a military look. Forward dorsal fins add stability and flight realism. Complete with body decal sheet, molded cone end and body reducer and a large chute. Watch two smooth stages of thrust push Excalibur 2 high into the blue.

Prod. No. 5175 **\$6.50**

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 29.5" (72.4cm)  
Max. Diam. 0.91" (2.3cm)  
Net Wt. 2.1oz (59.5g)  
Skill Level 3

## Stiletto

**THE HIGHER FLYER!**

Long and extremely thin with sharply swept body fins, Stiletto slices upward to reach altitudes of over 1,800 feet! A colorful drogue streamer recovery system helps keep Stiletto "visual" on the long way down as the big booster tumbles safely to earth. Die-cut fins, custom decal, and detailed staging technical report completes this hi-flying package of excitement.

Prod. No. 5031 **\$5.00**

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 18.25" (46.4cm)  
Body Diam. 0.76" (1.9cm)  
Net Wt. 1.1oz (31.2g)  
Skill Level 3

## Black Widow

**THE BOOSTER GLIDES!**

A good one to get started in staging and a hi-flier too—over 1,600 feet! Unique booster has extra-large fins, for a sweeping glide recovery. Comes with plastic nose cone, special decals, pass-port staging system, and large chute.

Prod. No. 5036

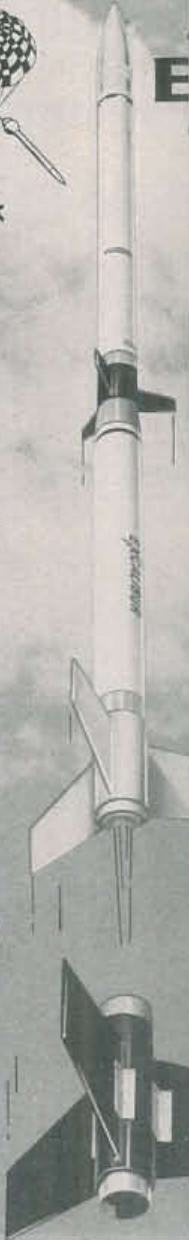
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**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 15" (38cm)  
Body Diam. 0.76" (1.9cm)  
Net Wt. 1.2oz (34g)

**R&D Tip**

Top stages of all Centuri multi-stagers may be flown alone as regular model rockets.

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# BOOST GLIDER KITS

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Based on old  
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Shuttles!

## Space Shuttle

FLY NASA'S ORIGINAL CONCEPT!

One of Centuri's most spectacular kits! Both booster ship and piggyback shuttle glide back to earth after separating at apogee while the rocket booster pod returns separately by streamer. Detailed decal sheet with authentic markings, plastic cones, pre-cut balsa wings and fins plus spec sheet on the real ship make "Shuttle" a space-age project you'll not want to miss!

Prod. No. 5066 \$9.95

### SPECIFICATIONS

|            | Booster Ship  | Shuttle Ship  |
|------------|---------------|---------------|
| Length     | 15" (38cm)    | 9.5" (24cm)   |
| Body Diam. | 1.64" (4.2cm) | 1.34" (3.4cm) |
| Net Wt.    | 2.20oz (62g)  | .85oz (24g)   |

Skill Level 5

### R&D Tip

This is our most challenging B/G: has 2 gliding vehicles & recoverable mount.

## SST Shuttle

### BIG DUAL SHIP ACTION!

Watch this long bird lift-off smoothly and streak high in the air. At apogee the glider detaches and begins a long flight back to earth. Meanwhile, the slender SST deploys a large chute for a soft horizontal recovery. Kit includes a big decal sheet and many pre-formed plastic parts for ultra-realism. SST is a challenging project loaded with detailed instructions including "SST Concepts Report". Fly it with the new Super-C engines for "extra high" adventure!

Prod. No. 5077 \$9.95

### SPECIFICATIONS

|            | SST            | GLIDER        |
|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Length     | 22.5" (57.2cm) | 8.5" (21.6cm) |
| Body Diam. | 1.04" (26cm)   | 0.76" (1.9cm) |
| Net Wt.    | 2oz (56.7g)    | .6oz (17g)    |

Skill Level 5

RECOMMENDED ENGINES LISTED ON PAGE 38

# "BUCK ROGERS"

JOIN  
US IN THE  
25th  
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Launch these authorized replicas of machines flown on Earth's battle with the Draconian empire. All kits feature scale realism modified for standard vertical model rocket flights.



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### SPECIFICATIONS

|            |               |
|------------|---------------|
| Length     | 15" (38.1cm)  |
| Body Diam. | 0.91" (2.3cm) |
| Net Wt.    | 2.6oz (73.7g) |

Prod. No. 5336

\$6.00

Skill Level 2

## DRACONIAN MARAUDER

Fly the long, exotic Marauder fighter used by Draconian pirates. This needle-nosed intruder features baffled multi-wing system, skull insignia, pre-cut fibre parts and super decal sheet. It leaps smoothly skyward in vertical flight to return gently by colorful chute. A stunning display model.

Display nose-skid  
removes for flight.

R&D Tip

Also see  
page 9  
for kit  
& outfit.

BONUS  
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TECH DATA SHEET  
ABOUT THE 25th  
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Skill Level 3

## EARTH FORCES STARFIGHTER

Now a flying rocket-powered model of Buck's sleek 25th Century Interceptor. Details galore with authentic insignia and markings make it a super display model. Launches vertically to surprising altitudes, then unique rear-ejection system pops both engine pod and chute from the tail for safe recovery.

Display nose-skid  
removes for flight.

Prod. No. 5335 \$6.00

## MAGNUM-D™ Hornet SLEEK & SWIFT FLYER!

You and your friends will marvel at how fast the sleek Hornet moves off the pad under Magnum D power! Easy to build, the Hornet makes excellent first "D" kit. Plastic nose cone, snappy decal, pre-cut balsa fins and long 90" streamer recovery make Hornet fun to build and fly.

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 19.8" (50.3cm)  
Body Diam. 1.325" (33.7cm)  
Net Wt. 1.76oz (49.28g)

**R&D Tip**  
This kit is a D-convertible. See engine information section.

Insert the easily assembled D-convertible mount and fly it with regular Enerjet engines too! Get into D's today with the Hornet.

Prod. No. 5341

Skill Level 2

\$4.00



Centuri's Magnum-D engines open new opportunities to the model rocketeer. This powerful engine permits the design of larger rockets, without clustering or staging.

## Centuri™ MAGNUM-D KITS

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Spectacular 1/5 scale model of the U.S. Navy's AQM-37A target drone, probably the prettiest U.S. missile ever. This massive rocket is over 30 inches long... It's impressive on the pad and in the air. Fantastically detailed, a challenge for all modelers. Special features include molded plastic nose cone, huge pre-cut balsa sheets and 112 sq. inch decal sheet (almost a square foot!) printed in five bold colors. Magnum D power gives it quite a ride, and two 20 inch parachutes brings it safely to earth, ready for another flight. Designed for the advanced model rocketeer, this kit is a model you'll be extra proud to display and fly.

Prod. No. 5342 \$14.95

Skill Level 5

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
Length 30.4" (77.22cm)  
Body Diam. 2.6" (66.04cm)  
Net Wt. 9.21oz (257.9g)

The Centuri JAYHAWK was developed with the help of two leading NAR rocketeers: Chris Pocock (left) and Doug Frost (right). Chris and Doug are widely regarded as the country's most expert Jayhawk scale modelers, having won many regional and national rocketry awards. Their research, scale data and field-testing helped our engineers make this great kit even better.



### R&D Tip

A smaller and simpler sport-scale Jayhawk is also available. See page 21

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**ATTENTION, GROUP LEADERS:** For volume purchasing info and sample Leader's Guide, write on your organizations letterhead to: Centuri/Viking, Dept. 2178, Box 1988, Phoenix, AZ 85001

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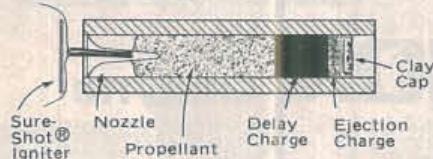
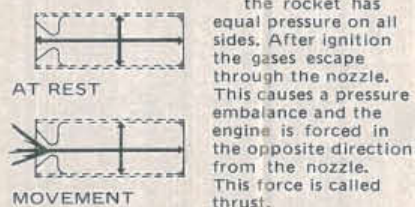
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# Centuri MODEL ROCKET

All Centuri ENERJET and MAGNUM-D engines are manufactured by automatic equipment to exacting standards. Designed for one-time use; not reloadable or reusable. The N.A.R. emblem on every engine means they are regularly tested and meet all safety standards. We test 3 out of every 100 engines. We strive to provide the highest quality engines available.



## HOW A ROCKET ENGINE WORKS



## IGNITION TO EJECTION

Battery-operated launch system heats igniter in engine nozzle—propellant starts almost instantly.



Propellant consumed to develop maximum thrust. Reaction principle causes lift-off & acceleration to coast phase.



Rocket coasts upward after propellant expended. Delay charge continues until rocket reaches peak altitude.



At end of delay, the ejection charge is ignited and gases activate the recovery system. Normally the expended engine returns with the rocket.



## ENGINE CLASSIFICATIONS

All Centuri engines are coded so the model rocketeer can easily determine which engine should be used in the rocket. The code consists of three parts as described in next column.

## ENGINE CODE EXPLANATION

The letter is total impulse.\* A higher class letter means more power; B is double the power of A and C is double the power of B, etc.

The first number is average thrust. This indicates how the average power is delivered. The higher the number, the higher the average thrust.

The last number is the delay code in seconds. This is the time duration from the end of thrust to the activation of the ejection charge.

$\frac{1}{2}$ A6-4



## LABEL COLOR

- GREEN:** Best delay for most single-stage rockets.
- PURPLE:** A longer delay usually for multi-stage or high flying lightweight single-stage rockets.
- RED:** Has no delay (0). For lower stages of multi-stage rockets. Never use a booster engine in single-stage rocket except in kits where specified.

## \*TOTAL IMPULSE CHART

| Engine Type     | Total Impulse in Newton-Seconds | Total Impulse in Pound-Seconds |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| $\frac{1}{2}$ A | 0.626 to 1.25                   | 0.15 to 0.28                   |
| A               | 1.26 to 2.50                    | 0.29 to 0.56                   |
| B               | 2.51 to 5.00                    | 0.57 to 1.12                   |
| C               | 5.01 to 10.00                   | 1.13 to 2.24                   |
| D               | 10.01 to 20.00                  | 2.25 to 5.00                   |

## ENGINE SIZE

Centuri's Enerjet and Super-C engines are standard size; they fit most rockets. Magnum-D are larger in diameter and only fit rockets with D-size engine mounts. Using D engines requires extra precautions: glue-reinforced engine mount and fin joints, minimum balsa fin thickness of 3/32", and extra large launch area.



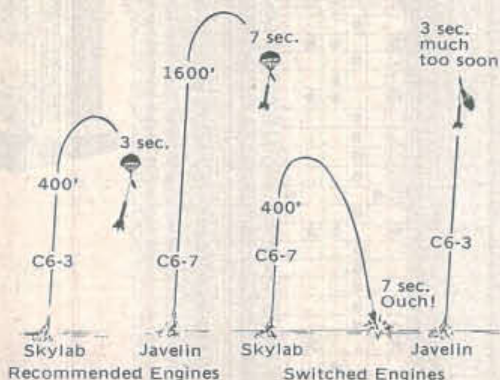
**CONVERTIBLE**

Several Centuri kits include this handy "Plug 'n Go" mount for switching from standard-size to D-size, and back.

# ENERJET® MAGNUM-D™

## SELECTING ENGINES

Big rockets need much more thrust to get them off the pad, and a shorter time delay. The drawing below compares a large and a small rocket with different time delays.

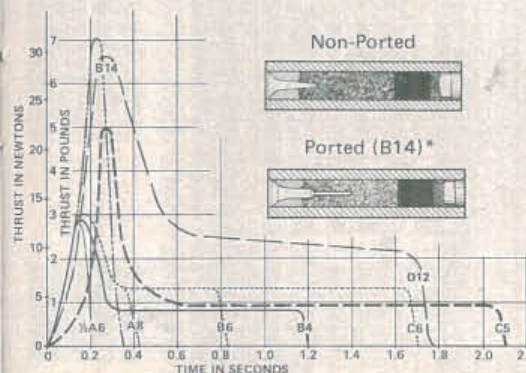


When flying rockets built from Centuri kits, always select engines listed in the Recommended Engine chart on the next page. These have been chosen to give a variety of power while keeping delay times correct for reliable performance.

When choosing the engine for your rocket, consider the launch field size. The greater the power the higher the bird will go and the greater the chance that you will lose it.

In general, small rockets use engines with long time delays and big rockets use short delays. For rockets of your own design find a similar Centuri kit and use the engine recommended for it.

## THRUST-TIME CURVE

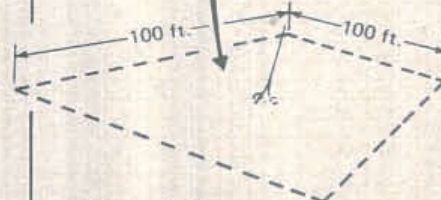


The thrust builds to a high level quickly and drops off to a sustaining thrust. The high thrust lifts the rocket off. The sustaining thrust allows the rocket to gradually speed up.

\*Ported engines have deeper nozzles and produce higher initial thrust for heavy models.

SEE NEXT PAGE  
for engine specs & prices

The best launch site is one with side dimensions of at least one-quarter the estimated peak altitude of your rocket. Pace off the area to make sure! And don't forget to allow for wind-drift by locating up-wind a ways.



## COMMON SENSE RULES FOR EXCITING FLIGHTS

1. Launch in areas where you're sure there is no hazard to persons or property. This includes crops or grass that could burn if exposed to hot exhaust gases.
2. Do not fly near power or telephone lines, highways, hi-rise buildings or other obstacles such as radio towers or air fields. Watch out for "Rocket Eating" trees!
3. Pay attention during your launches to people, aircraft, cars or equipment moving into the launch/recovery area.
4. Make a short count-down prior to each launch, to alert spectators.
5. Do not fire your rocket at an angle of more than 30 degrees from the vertical.
6. Keep a clear circle at least 20 feet in diameter around your launch pad.
7. Do not hook up or disconnect the ignition leads until you have removed the safety key. Always keep the key with you so that launching is totally under YOUR control!

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★ Star indicates this is a BOOSTER engine (no ejection charge).

C indicates this kit may be converted to this size engine with a mount you install yourself.

**CONVERTIBLE** indicates this kit includes parts for flying with standard size or with big engines.



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Dispenser  Twelve boxes of  
Box same type are sold in  
dispenser packs. Prices shown  
below are for one box.



ENGINES SHOWN ACTUAL SIZE



| Prod. Number                                                                                                                                              | Type   | Prices 3 For | Total Impulse N-sec. | Average Thrust Newtons | Thrust Duration Seconds | Delay Time $\pm 15\%$ Seconds | Engine Weight Ounces | Recom. Max. Lift-Off Wt. (with engine) Ounces | Single Stage | Booster | Label Color |
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| <b>STANDARD SIZE ENGINES</b> —Centuri's reliable engine designed to fit all regular model rockets. Size is 2.75" long (6.99cm) and 0.690" diam. (1.75cm). |        |              |                      |                        |                         |                               |                      |                                               |              |         |             |
| 5550                                                                                                                                                      | %A6-2  | \$1.95       | 1.25                 | 6.23                   | .20                     | 2                             | .53                  | 2.5                                           | X            |         | Green       |
| 5552                                                                                                                                                      | %A6-4  | \$1.95       | 1.25                 | 6.23                   | .20                     | 4                             | .54                  | 1.5                                           | X            |         | Purple      |
| 5558                                                                                                                                                      | A8-0   | \$2.05       | 2.50                 | 7.81                   | .32                     | 0                             | .51                  | 4.5                                           |              | X       | Red         |
| 5560                                                                                                                                                      | A8-3   | \$2.05       | 2.50                 | 7.81                   | .32                     | 3                             | .57                  | 5.0                                           | X            |         | Green       |
| 5562                                                                                                                                                      | A8-5   | \$2.05       | 2.50                 | 7.81                   | .32                     | 5                             | .62                  | 2.5                                           | X            |         | Purple      |
| 5564                                                                                                                                                      | B4-2   | \$2.15       | 5.00                 | 4.15                   | 1.20                    | 2                             | .70                  | 5.0                                           | X            |         | Green       |
| 5566                                                                                                                                                      | B4-4   | \$2.15       | 5.00                 | 4.15                   | 1.20                    | 4                             | .74                  | 4.5                                           | X            |         | Green       |
| 5568                                                                                                                                                      | B4-6   | \$2.15       | 5.00                 | 4.15                   | 1.20                    | 6                             | .78                  | 4.0                                           | X            |         | Purple      |
| 5570                                                                                                                                                      | B6-0*  | \$2.15       | 5.00                 | 6.00                   | .83                     | 0                             | .58                  | 5.5                                           |              | X       | Red         |
| 5572                                                                                                                                                      | B6-4*  | \$2.15       | 5.00                 | 6.00                   | .83                     | 4                             | .78                  | 5.5                                           | X            |         | Green       |
| 5574                                                                                                                                                      | B6-6*  | \$2.15       | 5.00                 | 6.00                   | .83                     | 6                             | .71                  | 3.5                                           | X            |         | Purple      |
| 5576                                                                                                                                                      | B14-0* | \$2.25       | 5.00                 | 14.23                  | .35                     | 0                             | .61                  | 6.5                                           |              | X       | Red         |
| 5578                                                                                                                                                      | B14-5* | \$2.25       | 5.00                 | 14.23                  | .35                     | 5                             | .69                  | 6.5                                           | X            |         | Green       |
| 5580                                                                                                                                                      | B14-7* | \$2.25       | 5.00                 | 14.23                  | .35                     | 7                             | .73                  | 4.0                                           | X            |         | Purple      |
| 5582                                                                                                                                                      | C6-0   | \$2.35       | 10.00                | 5.86                   | 1.70                    | 0                             | .80                  | 6.0                                           |              | X       | Red         |
| 5584                                                                                                                                                      | C6-3   | \$2.35       | 10.00                | 5.86                   | 1.70                    | 3                             | .88                  | 6.0                                           | X            |         | Green       |
| 5586                                                                                                                                                      | C6-5   | \$2.35       | 10.00                | 5.86                   | 1.70                    | 5                             | .91                  | 5.0                                           | X            |         | Green       |
| 5588                                                                                                                                                      | C6-7   | \$2.35       | 10.00                | 5.86                   | 1.70                    | 7                             | .95                  | 4.0                                           | X            |         | Purple      |
| 5590                                                                                                                                                      | C5-0S† | \$2.35       | 10.00                | 4.76                   | 2.10                    | 0                             | .82                  | 8.0                                           | X            | X       | Red         |
| 5592                                                                                                                                                      | C5-3S† | \$2.35       | 10.00                | 4.76                   | 2.10                    | 3                             | .90                  | 8.0                                           | X            |         | Green       |

\*These are ported. †These are "Super-C" engines

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Powerful engines recommended for experienced rocketeers.  
Size is 2.75" long (6.99cm) and 0.945" diam. (2.4cm).

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|------|-------|--------|-------|-------|------|---|------|------|---|---|--------|
| 5596 | D12-0 | \$4.25 | 20.00 | 11.76 | 1.70 | 0 | 1.44 | 14.0 |   | X | Red    |
| 5597 | D12-3 | \$4.25 | 20.00 | 11.76 | 1.70 | 3 | 1.49 | 14.0 | X |   | Green  |
| 5598 | D12-5 | \$4.25 | 20.00 | 11.76 | 1.70 | 5 | 1.52 | 10.0 | X |   | Green  |
| 5599 | D12-7 | \$4.25 | 20.00 | 11.76 | 1.70 | 7 | 1.55 | 8.0  | X |   | Purple |

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RELIABLE "SURE-SHOT"®

**Igniters** Reg. T.M. Century

Get accurate ignition everytime!  
Easy to use with all Centuri engines.  
Set of one dozen with complete instructions.

Prod. No. 5836 (Kit of 12) \$1.50



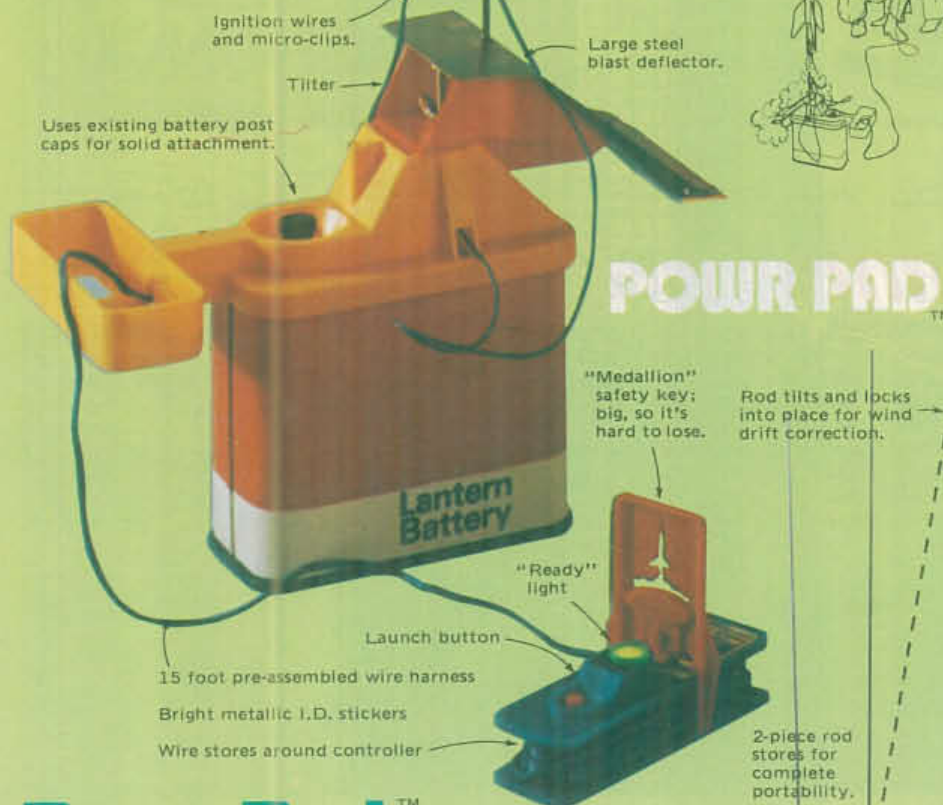
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# LAUNCH EQUIPMENT

**SAFETY  
ENGINEERED!**

## Practical, Portable & Compact

Handles all types of single-engine  
ignition plus multi-stage rockets.



## Power Pad™

Power Pad gives you everything you need for launching any single-engine rocket. Designed to attach firmly to any standard 6 volt lantern battery\*, it includes tilter, steel blast deflector, handy carrying handle, 1/8" 2-piece launch rod, plus launch controller and associated wiring. Launch support platform is made of tough heat-resistant plastic. Assembles in minutes for a permanent launch pad system that you can count on shot after shot!

Prod. No. 5609 \$12.95

Skill Level 1

\*Battery not included.

(Rocket not included)



## POWER PAD™

"Medallion" safety key; big, so it's hard to lose.

Rod tilts and locks into place for wind drift correction.

"Ready" light

Launch button

15 foot pre-assembled wire harness

Bright metallic I.D. stickers

Wire stores around controller

2-piece rod stores for complete portability.

Launch controller is stored here in "carrying handle."



Storage configuration

## Accessories & Replacement Parts

### DEFLECTOR

All steel 4" x 6" designed to protect fins & nearby foliage from hot rocket gases. Use on all launch systems.

ID-65 Deflector  
Prod. No. 5806  
\$1.25 each



### LAUNCH ROD

2-piece 1/8" steel. Use for your own "home-built" launch system or as a replacement part for POWER-PAD or POWER TOWER or others.

LR-125 Launch Rod  
Prod. No. 5800  
\$1.00 each



### MICRO-CLIPS

Great for replacement or "own design" launchers, spring-grip all igniters, 1-1/8" long.

EMC-34 Clips Prod. No. 5812  
2 for \$1.00



### HEAVY DUTY BATTERY CLIPS

These copper clips will connect to any battery. Jaws open to 1-1/8". Colored handles to identify polarity.

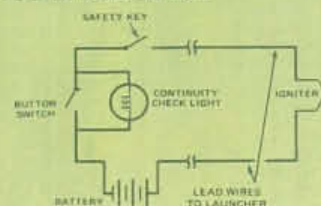
EMC-46 Clips Prod. No. 5818  
2 for \$2.00



## Launcher R&D

All Centuri launch systems and other recommended designs include:

- Ignition Switch/Button which returns to off when released.
- Deflector to protect launcher & foliage from exhaust.
- Minimum 10 feet from controller to launch stand.
- Check Light to indicate complete circuit.
- Safety Key to prevent early ignition.
- 2-foot Launch Rod to shove (T)-off.



## Power Tower™

Prod. No. 5601  
\$7.00

Metallic "Spec-Plate" Launch Check-List

Skill Level 1

A heavy duty plastic tripod launcher with authentic detailing. Universal design lets you launch all sizes and types of rockets from minis to large cluster-types. Features removable legs, tiltable launch rod, big blast deflector and 2-piece 1/8" launch rod. Assembles in minutes. Great for rocket storage and display, too!

\*Requires a Launch Controller such as POWER-CONTROL below.

**power tower™**

## Power-Control

Power-Control is the perfect controller for the Power Tower launcher or can be used with any launch stand. Contains 16 feet of igniter line and 5 feet of heavy-duty jumper cable with large color-coded battery clips. Controller contains recessed launch button, continuity light and safety key. Fly the C-powered and cluster rockets with this one!

**POWER-CONTROL™** \$8.00  
Prod. No. 5623

Skill Level 2



Typical power hook-up using auto battery

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# RECOVERY DEVICES BRING 'EM BACK SOFTLY

EVERY CHUTE KIT CONTAINS:



Plastic Canopy



Tape Discs



Shroud Line

Shock Cord Fastener



Tape Disc

Shroud Line

Chute Wadding

Snap Swivel

Screw Eye

Shock Cord

## Chute kits

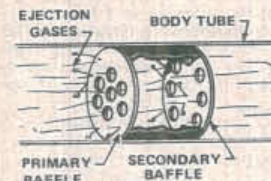
Parachute recovery is a high point of any rocket flight. After the "coasting" phase, you'll hear the chute assembly "pop" free, followed by a crisp "snap" as the canopy fills with air and your rocket starts its descent. Each chute kit comes complete with a tough plastic 2-color canopy, heavy duty shroud line, super stick tape discs, and instructions for assembly. Check the net weight of your rocket and specify correct canopy size.

| Desc. | Prod. No. | Dia. | Max. Net Wt. | Each |
|-------|-----------|------|--------------|------|
| CP-12 | (5854)    | 12"  | 2 oz.        | .85  |
| CP-16 | (5860)    | 16"  | 4 oz.        | 1.00 |
| CP-20 | (5866)    | 20"  | 6 oz.        | 1.10 |
| CP-24 | (5872)    | 24"  | 8 oz.        | 1.35 |

### R&D Tip

Find screw eyes and snap swivels at any hardware store. See Flight Manual F:2F and F:5B.

## Ejection Baffles



U.S. Pat. No. 3,719,145

For large diameter designs, the Centuri baffle/ejection system gives added chute protection from heat. Installed permanently. Locate at least 4 inches ahead of engine mount.

| Desc. | Prod. No. | Fits |      |
|-------|-----------|------|------|
| EB-13 | (6090)    | #13  | .85  |
| EB-16 | (6094)    | #16  | .90  |
| EB-20 | (6098)    | #20  | 1.10 |

## Shock Cord Fasteners

Made of special foil-woven nylon, Centuri's shock cord fastener attaches permanently to any body tube without glue! It's simple, just pull the backing off the fastener, slip the shock cord thru & press into place for a heat-resistant installation. Check before each launch for permanent bond!



SCF-1 Fasteners, Prod. No. 5908, 6 for .95

## Shock Cord

R&D Tip  
See Flight Manual F:2E

This super strong elastic cord connects recovery chute or streamer to the rocket body. Use SC-18 cord with birds powered by 1/2A thru "C" engines.

SC-18 Shock Cord, Prod. No. 5894, 3 for .95

## Tape Discs

Attach streamer or parachute shroud lines permanently with these super-stick discs! 36 discs per sheet.



TD-35 Discs, Prod. No. 5890, .80 per sheet

## Chute Wadding

### CREPE-TYPE:

Most flame-resistant: All purpose, easy to use; just count number of sheets. Enough for 25 #7 rockets.

SPW-19 Crepe Wadding, Prod. No. 5846, 1.25

### COTTON TYPE

Flame-resistant and soft! Also recommended for Rocket diameters above 2 inches, enough for 20 flights in #7 rockets.

PW-19 Cotton Wadding, Prod. No. 5842, 1.50

## Parachute Powder

Special Shaker Can

Keep that chute "POPPING" SMOOTHLY with Centuri's special chute powder lubricant. Sprinkle it on during folding and look for a small dust cloud at apogee. It really works!

PDR-17 Chute Powder, Prod. No. 5880 1.75  
2 oz. shaker can

R&D Tip See Flight Manual F:5B

## Plastic Drag Streamer

For soft-recovery of rockets weighing up to one oz. A bright day-glo orange, these streamers are over 1" wide & 36" long! They eject the same as a chute and are highly visible for those almost-out-of-sight flights! Includes tape discs plus instructions. Net weight is .09 oz.

RS-20 Streamers, Prod. No. 5914, 3 for .95

R&D Tip See Flight Manual F:5A

# Centuri CUSTOM MODEL

## Selecting Parts

For simplicity, all parts numbers are based on seven body diameters. That is, a No. 8 body tube fits a No. 8 nose cone, No. 8 engine mount, No. 8 connector, etc. Use the body tube guide circles at left to determine what sizes you need. A rocket fin guide (4 or 3 fin configuration) template is also included. Illustrations of the parts are not necessarily to scale. More information on designing and building your own rocket is contained in the Flight Manual section of this catalog. Always order parts by product number, number and description. Example: 6002 ST-518

### DIAMETERS

|            | Inside | Outside |
|------------|--------|---------|
| #5 SERIES  | .515"  | .543"   |
| #7 SERIES  | .715"  | .759"   |
| #8 SERIES  | .865"  | .908"   |
| #10 SERIES | 1.000" | 1.040"  |
| #13 SERIES | 1.300" | 1.340"  |
| #16 SERIES | 1.600" | 1.640"  |
| #20 SERIES | 2.000" | 2.040"  |

## Airframe Parts

### BODY TUBES

This is the tubing that forms the rocket body. Use the fin and body tube guide above to determine the correct sizing.

- Heat-welded
- Strong
- Lightweight
- Smooth

| Prod. No. | Desc.   | Size | Length | Price |
|-----------|---------|------|--------|-------|
| 6002      | ST-518  | #5   | 18"    | .70   |
| 6004      | ST-718  | #7   | 18"    | .75   |
| 6006      | ST-818  | #8   | 18"    | .90   |
| 6008      | ST-1018 | #10  | 18"    | 1.00  |
| 6010      | ST-1318 | #13  | 18"    | 1.10  |
| 6012      | ST-1618 | #16  | 18"    | 1.30  |
| 6014      | ST-2018 | #20  | 18"    | 2.00  |

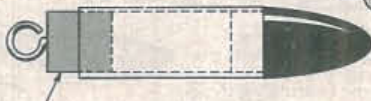
### CLEAR PLASTIC TUBES

ENLARGED PAYLOAD COMPARTMENT

| Prod. No. | Desc.   | Size | Length | Price |
|-----------|---------|------|--------|-------|
| 6110      | CPT-72  | #7   | 2.75"  | .35   |
| 6112      | CPT-83  | #8   | 3.5"   | .40   |
| 6114      | CPT-103 | #10  | 3.5"   | .45   |

### BALSA TUBE CONNECTORS

Solid balsa plugs for connecting payload sections to body tubes when a solid wall is needed.



TUBE CONNECTOR

| Prod. No. | Desc.  | Size | Length | Price |
|-----------|--------|------|--------|-------|
| 6270      | BTC-7  | #7   | 1"     | .55   |
| 6272      | BTC-8  | #8   | 1"     | .65   |
| 6274      | BTC-10 | #10  | 1 1/4" | .75   |
| 6276      | BTC-13 | #13  | 1 1/2" | .85   |
| 6278      | BTC-16 | #16  | 1 3/4" | .95   |

### HOLLOW TUBE COUPLERS

Great for multi-staging connections & cutting guides for body tubing. Joins equal diameter tubes. Extremely strong.

U.S. Pat. No. 3,721,193



STANDARD TUBING COUPLER USAGE

PART NO. HTC-7CDH\* IS OUTSIDE COUPLER

| Prod. No. | Desc.     | Size               | Length | Price |
|-----------|-----------|--------------------|--------|-------|
| 6420      | HTC-5     | #5                 | 3/4"   | .45   |
| 6422      | HTC-7A    | #7                 | 1"     | .45   |
| 6426      | *HTC-7CDH | #7 Staging Coupler |        | .50   |
| 6428      | HTC-8     | #8                 | 1"     | .50   |
| 6430      | HTC-10    | #10                | 1"     | .55   |
| 6434      | HTC-13    | #13                | 1.5"   | .55   |
| 6438      | HTC-16    | #16                | 1.75"  | .65   |
| 6440      | HTC-20    | #20                | 1.75"  | .75   |

# ROCKET PARTS

## Nose Cones

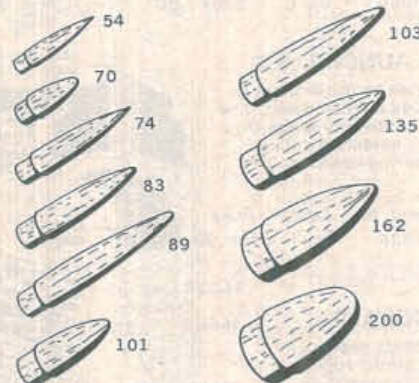
R&D Tip  
See Flight Manual F:2D

### BALSA NOSE CONES



Balsa nose cones are machined from high grade light-weight balsa lumber. They require "sand-n-seal" finishing before painting, and a screw eye (not included) for shock cord attachment.

| Prod. No. | Desc.  | Size | Length | Price |
|-----------|--------|------|--------|-------|
| 6130      | BC-54  | #5   | 2.4"   | .75   |
| 6134      | BC-70  | #7   | 1.6"   | .75   |
| 6136      | BC-74  | #7   | 3.5"   | .85   |
| 6140      | BC-83  | #8   | 3.2"   | 1.00  |
| 6144      | BC-89  | #8   | 4.8"   | 1.60  |
| 6148      | BC-101 | #10  | 2.0"   | .95   |
| 6150      | BC-103 | #10  | 3.9"   | 1.10  |
| 6156      | BC-135 | #13  | 3.9"   | 1.35  |
| 6160      | BC-162 | #16  | 3.4"   | 1.50  |
| 6164      | BC-200 | #20  | 2.5"   | 2.00  |



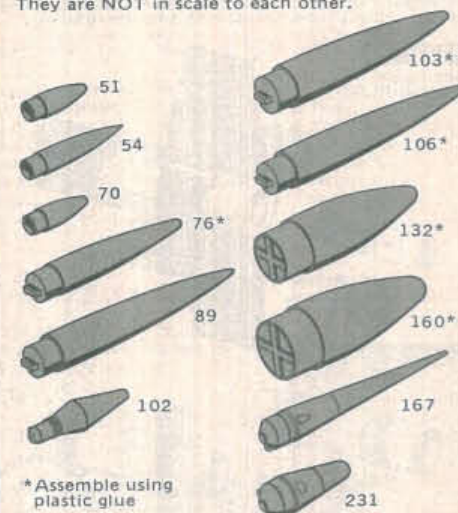
### PLASTIC NOSE CONES



Plastic nose cones are precision-molded in a wide variety of shapes and sizes. Most have bases with lugs (or eyelets) for attaching shock cords. Plastic cones are ready-to-use in bright colors. May be painted with enamel.

| Prod. No. | Desc.   | Size | Length | Price |
|-----------|---------|------|--------|-------|
| 6202      | PNC-51  | #5   | 1.0"   | .45   |
| 6204      | PNC-54  | #5   | 2.2"   | .55   |
| 6210      | PNC-70  | #7   | 1.5"   | .45   |
| 6214      | PNC-76  | #7   | 3.0"   | .60   |
| 6220      | PNC-89  | #8   | 4.6"   | 1.00  |
| 6226      | PNC-102 | #10  | 4.3"   | 1.35  |
| 6227      | PNC-103 | #10  | 4.1"   | 1.00  |
| 6228      | PNC-106 | #10  | 4.5"   | 1.00  |
| 6232      | PNC-132 | #13  | 2.7"   | .90   |
| 6236      | PNC-160 | #16  | 2.5"   | 1.10  |
| 6240      | PNC-167 | #16  | 9.3"   | 1.40  |
| 6244      | PNC-231 | #20  | 3.2"   | 1.40  |

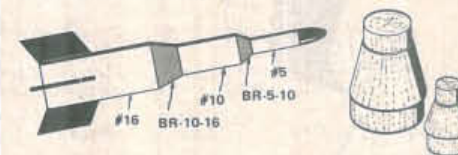
Illustrations are for shape comparison only. They are NOT in scale to each other.



\* Assemble using plastic glue

## Reducers

Reducers connect body tubes of different diameters. They can be solid (balsa) or hollow (plastic—paper). You would want a hollow reducer where ejection gases must pass through to activate the recovery system.



### BALSA REDUCERS

| Prod. No. | Desc.   | Fits     | Price |
|-----------|---------|----------|-------|
| 6352      | BR-58   | 5 to 8   | .75   |
| 6354      | BR-510  | 5 to 10  | .80   |
| 6358      | BR-710  | 7 to 10  | .70   |
| 6360      | BR-713  | 7 to 13  | 1.00  |
| 6362      | BR-810  | 8 to 10  | 1.25  |
| 6364      | BR-816  | 8 to 16  | 1.30  |
| 6366      | BR-1013 | 10 to 13 | 1.10  |
| 6368      | BR-1016 | 10 to 16 | 1.25  |
| 6370      | BR-1316 | 13 to 16 | 1.25  |

### PLASTIC REDUCERS

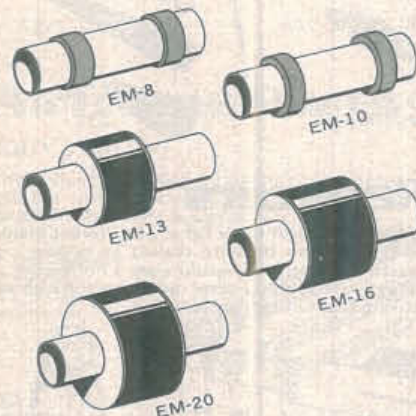
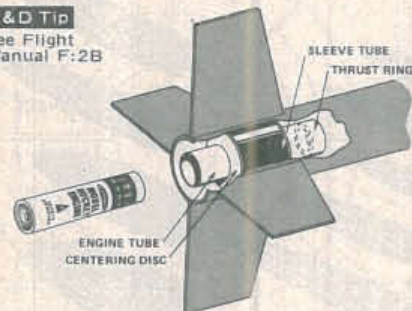


| Prod. No. | Desc.    | Fits     | Price |
|-----------|----------|----------|-------|
| 6386      | PSR-78   | 7 to 8   | .60   |
| 6388      | PSR-813  | 8 to 13  | .80   |
| 6390      | PSR-1620 | 16 to 20 | .95   |

## Engine Mounts

These mounts hold and center the rocket engine in the "Airframe" body tube. They can be adapted to #8, 10, 13, 16 & 20 body tube sizes. You get everything you need including centering discs, engine mount tube, thrust ring and sleeve tube.

**R&D Tip**  
See Flight Manual F:2B



| Prod. No. | Desc.  | Fits | Price |
|-----------|--------|------|-------|
| 6052      | EM-8   | #8   | .85   |
| 6060      | EM-10A | #10  | .95   |
| 6064      | EM-13  | #13  | 1.00  |
| 6068      | EM-16  | #16  | 1.10  |
| 6072      | EM-20  | #20  | 1.40  |

## ROCKET RACK

6500 \$1.50  
This simple-to-build rocket display can be used for display or storage of your rocket. It's super-easy to assemble using pre-cut colored fibre parts and white glue. Fits nearly all rockets.

**R&D Tip**  
See Super Kit section to see Rack in use.

## Miscellaneous

### THRUST RINGS

These featherweight fibre rings are 3/8" long. Used as forward engine stop when glued into any #7 series body tube.

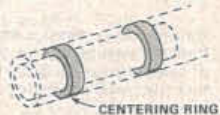
| Prod. No. | Desc. | Price     |
|-----------|-------|-----------|
| 5966      | TR-7  | 6 for .95 |



### CENTERING RINGS

These rings center the engine tube (#7) in #8 & #10 body tubes.

| Prod. No. | Desc. | Fits | Price     |
|-----------|-------|------|-----------|
| 5970      | CR-8  | #8   | 6 for .85 |
| 5974      | CR-10 | #10  | 6 for .85 |



### ENGINE LOCKS

**R&D Tip** See Flight Manual F:2C  
Includes mylar holding ring and steel lock strip. Keeps engine firmly in place in flight & during ejection thrust.

| Prod. No. | Desc. | Price      |
|-----------|-------|------------|
| 5980      | EL-1  | 3 for 1.00 |



### LAUNCH LUGS

Slender tube glued to side of the rocket. The launch rod passes thru to guide the rocket during lift-off.

| Prod. No. | Desc. | Price     |
|-----------|-------|-----------|
| 5928      | LL-3  | 6 for .60 |



### DECALS

While nearly all Centuri rocket kits have their own decals, these below are ideal for taking your kit one step further. The sheets are large (approx. 4" x 10") and made in two, three and four rich colors.

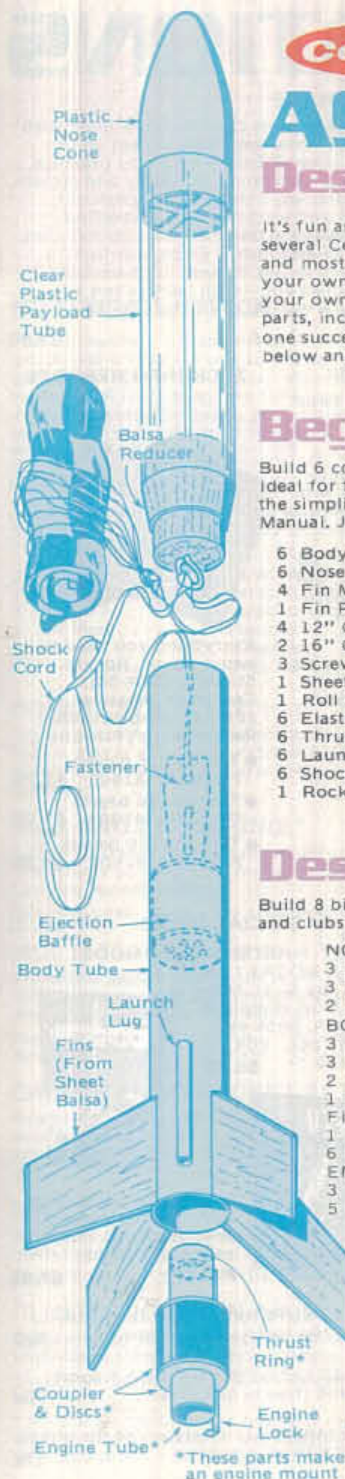
M-314 Centuri Emblems  
36603 .85

DC-3 Military Insignias  
36607 1.00

DC-4 Missile Markings  
36608 1.00

DC-35 U.S. Flags  
36629 1.00

All parts on this page include illustrated instructions for their use. Look for packages like these.



# Centuri PARTS ASSORTMENTS

Design your own rockets!

It's fun and easy, especially after getting some "basic flight time" building several Centuri kits. Centuri model rockets behave just like real rockets and most of the flight principles are the same. Imagine the thrill of seeing your own design liftoff and streak skyward. Centuri makes it easy to fly your own designs with two custom parts assortments that are loaded with parts, including our design manual that takes you step-by-step through one successful flight experience after another. Check out the assortments below and get some exciting and rewarding flights.

## Beginner's Special

Prod. No. 5454  
\$11.95  
Build 6 complete single-stage rockets with these parts! Ideal for the beginning designer, and it's made easy by the simplified instructions in the Designer's Manual. Just look at what you get—

- 6 Body Tubes (No. 7)
- 6 Nose Cones (Balsa & Plastic)
- 4 Fin Material Sheets
- 1 Fin Pattern Sheet
- 4 12" Chutes
- 2 16" Chutes
- 3 Screw Eyes
- 1 Sheet Tape Discs
- 1 Roll Shroud Line
- 6 Elastic Shock Cords
- 6 Thrust Rings
- 6 Launch Lugs
- 6 Shock Cord Fasteners
- 1 Rocket Designer's Manual

\$18.15  
VALUE  
You Save  
\$6.20

OVER 50 PARTS!



## Designer's Special

Prod. No. 5458  
\$16.95  
Build 8 big rockets with this fantastic assortment of parts. Great for groups and clubs or the serious designer who wants to go higher and faster.

- NOSE CONES:**
  - 3 No. 7 Assorted
  - 3 No. 8 balsa &
  - 2 No. 10 Plastic
- BODY TUBES:**
  - 3 No. 7 Tubes
  - 3 No. 8 Tubes
  - 2 No. 10 Tubes
  - 1 Plastic Capsule
- FINS:**
  - 1 Fin Pattern Sheet
  - 6 Balsa Fin Sheets
- ENGINE SECTION:**
  - 3 Thrust Rings
  - 5 Engine Mounts

- PARACHUTES:**
  - 3 12" Chutes
  - 3 16" Chutes
  - 2 20" Chutes
- MISC:**
  - 1 No. 8 Connector
  - 2 Sheets Tape Discs
  - 1 Roll Shroud Line
  - 6 Elastic Shock Cords
  - 8 Shock Cord Fasteners
  - 8 Launch Lugs
  - 1 Flag Decal Sheet
  - 3 Screw Eyes
  - 1 Rocket Designer's Manual

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OVER 90 PARTS!



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- COMPLETE!
- 28 PAGES!
- 40 PHOTOS!
- MANY TIPS!
- VERY USEFUL!



## CLUB GUIDE

The new Centuri Club Guide is filled with useful information about rocket clubs. Topics covered include: how to organize, running a club range, publicity and growth, club activities, publishing a newsletter, funding and working with authorities. Rocketeers starting their own rocket club, as well as established clubs, will find solid help in this manual. Indispensable for teachers and youth leaders and all club libraries. Get your copy today.

Prod. No. 81896

\$1.00

YOUR OFFICIAL  
MODEL ROCKETRY GUIDE

# FLIGHT MANUAL

AN 8-PAGE BONUS!

This publication is filled with basic info to get you started off on the right foot in your own model rocketry program. The "F" numbers in the publication

chart of your catalog are references. Your catalog had many R&D tips which refer you to an "F" number within this FLIGHT MANUAL.

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## INTRODUCTION

The following is a planned rocketry program which will introduce you to the varied aspects of this exciting hobby. Each step adds new skills and activities. By the time you complete each step of the program, you will be an experienced rocketeer in all the major areas of model rocketry.

## BASIC SINGLE STAGE KITS: \*

Build and launch several single-stage kits to learn basic rocket construction and recovery devices. These are good choices:

- 1 Screaming Eagle . . . Parachute
- 2 Astro-1, Javelin . . . Parachute, balsa parts
- 3 P.S. X-7 . . . Parachute, balsa parts
- 4 Lil' Herc . . . Tumble
- 5 Micron . . . Streamer
- 6 Flying Saucer . . . Drag Recovery

## ROCKET STABILITY: (F:7)

Read Centuri's TIR-30 technical report to learn "What makes a rocket fly straight," "What is the Center of Pressure," and "How to test for stability."

## PAYLOAD LAUNCHING: \*

Launch a standard payload weight to determine the effects of weight on model rocket flight. Use payload models such as:

Snipe Hunter Payloader II Power System X-16

## MULTI-STAGING: \* (F:8)

Build and launch one of the multi-stage kits to learn techniques of stage coupling, separation and and upper-stage ignition, such as:

Black Widow Excalibur Power System X-7  
Arrow 300 Long Tom Stiletto

## CALCULATING ROCKET ALTITUDE:

Read Centuri TIR-100 technical report to learn how to figure the altitude of your models before you fly them. Learn how to select the proper delay time for different models.

## BOOST GLIDERS: (F:9)

Build and fly one of the following models to learn the basics of rocket gliders:

Space Shuttle SST Shuttle Mini Dactyl

## CLUSTER IGNITION: \* (F:10)

Build and fly multiple-engine rockets to learn the techniques involved in flying cluster models.

Saturn V Saturn 1B Power System X-16

\*All the elements of the program marked with an asterisk can be found in the Centuri Rocketry Exploration Power System Outfit.

## POWER SYSTEM HANDBOOK



Seven exciting rocket projects with historical info, flight procedures, engines and construction. 200 illustrations. 24 pages.

Prod. No. 81527  
\$1.00 Included In Power System Outfit

## ROCKETEER'S GUIDEBOOK



The good basic reference for all rocketeers. Info from "A to Z." Richly illustrated with charts & photos. 36 pages.

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## SPECIAL ITEMS (see pg. 5)

### HANDBOOK OF MODEL ROCKETRY

by G. H. Stine  
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**Balsa:** Balsa is used to make nose cones, transition sections and fins. Balsa grain needs to be filled with an appropriate filler, such as Hobby Poxy or Fillercoat.

**Plastic:** Plastic parts may include nose cones, fins and even the entire body of the rocket. Plastic is lightweight, strong and easily cut and shaped.

**Fibre:** Fibre-board, a kind of thick cardboard can be used to make fins. Almost as strong as balsa, it does not need to be finished because it has a smooth surface which can be painted as is. Edges may need a glue seal.

## F:2 CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES

### A. FINS

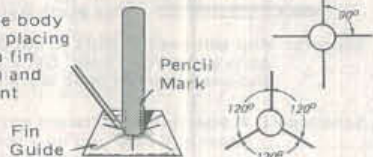
Select a fin shape and draw it on to a piece of card stock to make a fin template. Cut out the template and trace the pattern on to the balsa sheet, making certain the grain in the balsa runs toward the side of the fin which will be glued to the rocket (root edge).

Balsa is soft and easy to cut, but a few basic rules must be followed to get consistently good results. Always use a metal straight edge as a cutting guide and always use a sharp knife. Hold the knife straight and cut in several light passes. This results in a neater cut with less dulling of the blade. Hold knife as shown for best results.



Before attaching fins to the rocket, sand all fins to the proper shape. Place them together and even up the edges with a sanding block or by running them over a sheet of sandpaper held flat on your work surface. Lightly sand the surface of the fins and round the leading and trailing edges.

Mark the body tube by placing it over a fin location and alignment guide.



Extend the lines parallel with the long axis of the body tube by placing the tube against a door jamb, the lip of a drawer, or other material which has parallel sides and a thickness of at least 1/2 the body diameter. Extend the lines you marked on the tube the full length of the tube with a pencil.

When gluing fins to the body tube, whether they are balsa or fibre, it is a good idea to get a good strong glue joint. This is done by using a technique called "pre-gluing." Apply a line of glue to the root edge of a fin and place it on the tube, aligning it properly. Now remove the fin from the tube and allow the glue to dry slightly,

until it is "tacky." Apply another line of glue and replace the fin on the body tube. Allow the glue to dry and you'll find you have a very strong and durable joint.

Always check the alignment of the fins as they are drying to be sure you don't glue the fins on crooked. Once all the fins have been glued in place and the glue has dried, you should add glue fillets to all joints to make them extra strong. Apply glue along the joint between the body tube and the fin, on each side of the fin, and smooth into a fillet with your finger, as shown at right. Support the rocket so the glue won't run while it dries.



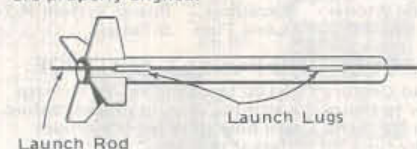
### B. ENGINE MOUNTS

There are basically two types of engine mounts, shown below. One uses two solid rings which hold the engine tube in place, while the other uses two thinner cardboard rings supported by a stage coupler tube. Both are effective engine mounts. It is usually a good idea to use an engine lock wherever possible because this means you can change engines quickly without taping for a tight fit. You can add an engine lock to any engine mount used in a size 10 tube or larger by simply cutting a small slot in the engine tube below the thrust ring to accommodate the engine lock. Also cut a slit in the lower ring. The upper ring will serve to hold the lock in place. You may want to use a mylar locking ring for the purpose as shown. These are supplied in Centuri engine lock packages.



### C. LAUNCH LUGS

It is important that launch lugs be glued on correctly because they help to guide the rocket for the first three feet of its flight. Always check the alignment of your launch lugs carefully, especially if there is more than one lug. You can use a spare launch rod to be certain the lugs are properly aligned.



### D. NOSE CONES

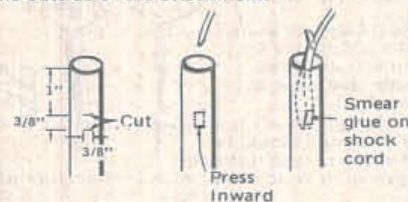
Sometimes it is necessary to correct the fit of cones and payload sections because they are too tight or too loose in the body tube. For a balsa nose cone, sand the base of the nose cone slightly if the fit is too tight. If the nose cone is plastic, peel away the first inner layers of paper inside the body tube. If the nose cone is too loose, add a wrapping or two of masking tape to the base of the cone. It should fit snugly but not so tight that it will fail to come off when the ejection charge is activated.

### E. SHOCK CORDS

Shock cords absorb the shock of ejection and also link the body of the rocket with the nose cone and recovery device. There are many ways to attach shock cords but here are two easy and effective ways:

#### TUBE-SLIT METHOD:

Cut two slits clear through the tube far enough down the tube so the shock cord attachment won't interfere with the nose cone. Slip the shock cord through these slits as shown and push the paper back in place. Apply glue to the outside of the attachment.



#### PAPER TAB METHOD

Cut a regular piece of card stock and tie the shock cord around it. Form it to the inside of the tube and glue in place, far enough down inside the tube so the nose cone can still be placed into the top of the tube.



### F. PARACHUTE ATTACHMENT

Parachutes may be attached in a number of ways. The shroud lines may be tied to the screw eye or nose cone lug, or they may be tied to the eye of a snap swivel. The snap swivel can then be attached to the nose cone. The snap swivel not only keeps the shroud lines from becoming tangled, but allows quick changing of parachutes from different models.

Another technique is to tie the cord through the eyelet, and then tie its free end around the shroud line loop.



### G. HOME-MADE PAPER REDUCERS

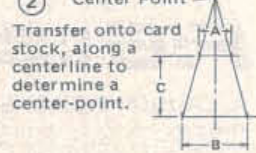
Making your own paper reducers (or shroud) requires drafting tools, practice and lots of precision!

① You must know dimensions



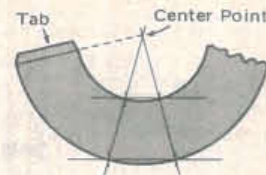
② Center Point

Transfer onto card stock, along a centerline to determine a center-point.



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Draw arcs thru all four intersection sections using a compass.



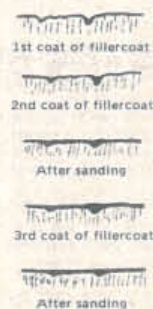
## F:3 FINISHING TECHNIQUES

A model rocket that has a good finish on it and is impressively painted will become a show piece. A good finish is easy to create, and only takes a little practice. The techniques listed below will help you get a good finish every time.

### A. FINISHING BALSA

All balsa parts have wood grain which must be filled with a specially prepared filler before painting. If this is not done, unsightly grain will appear through the paint.

Lightly sand the balsa surfaces with fine sandpaper. Apply two coats of sanding sealer or balsa fillercoat (available at most hobby shops) and allow to dry about 45 minutes. Sand the balsa surfaces thoroughly and apply another coat. Allow to dry and sand again. Continue this process until the desired surface is obtained. You will find it doesn't take very many coats to get a glass-smooth finish.



### B. PAINTING

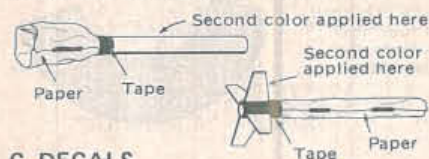
You can use either enamel spray paint or butyrate dope to paint model rockets, although the spray will produce a quicker, tougher and better looking finish. Also, you may apply enamel over completely dry butyrate dope, but NEVER apply dope over enamel, as it will completely ruin the finish.

We recommend that you use a good quality enamel spray paint. Spray painting properly requires a bit of patience and practice. Always hold the spray can about 12 inches away from the rocket and spray with even passes of the can. Don't try to paint the rocket in one coat; use two or three light coats to prevent sags, and then apply a final "wet" coat.

If you wish to use more than one color, apply the lightest color first and allow this coat to dry thoroughly—at least 24 hours. Then mask off the areas you want to stay that color and apply the next lightest color. Continue the process until you have applied all colors to your rocket, then remove the tape carefully.

Masking is an art in itself, but it is not difficult once you try it a few times. Use a good quality masking tape and apply it carefully. You can

mask large areas by using typing paper held down along the edges with masking tape.



### C. DECALS

Decals should be applied with care so that they will last the lifetime of the rocket. Make sure the surface is clean and the paint is dry. The smoother the surface the better. Follow the decal instructions for soaking the decal, and avoid touching it with your fingers when applying it, as the oil on your fingers may interfere with the decal sticking properly. Blot the decal carefully to remove all air bubbles and allow to dry overnight. Then cover with a clear enamel spray to protect the decal.

## F:4 ENGINE INFORMATION

See your Centuri catalog's engine section.

## F:5 RECOVERY TECHNIQUES

The recovery system is one of the most important parts of a model rocket because it returns the rocket safely to the ground, ready for another flight. Few modelers like spending many hours on a model, only to see it damaged by improper recovery on its first flight. In this section we will describe the major types of recovery systems and give you some tips on how to use them.

### A. TYPES OF RECOVERY SYSTEMS

**Parachute:** Parachute recovery is perhaps the most common form of model rocket recovery. At ejection, the parachute fills with air and opens over the rocket, slowing the descent to a soft landing.

**Streamer:** A streamer is a long, narrow piece of crepe paper, plastic or mylar which unfurls at ejection and creates drag as the wind passes by it. It slows the rocket down for a safe recovery. Streamers work well in small diameter lightweight models.

**Tumble:** Tumble recovery is used on very light models. The engine is ejected, changing the stability of the model and causing it to tumble safely back to earth.

**Boost-glide recovery:** A boost glider returns to earth by glide recovery, usually ejecting the engine along with a power pod that is recovered by parachute or streamer.



**Drag Recovery:** In drag recovery the model is lightweight, but large enough to create its own drag and slow itself down as it returns to the ground.



### B. PACKING PARACHUTES

There are as many ways to pack parachutes as there are model rocketeers. The best and most reliable way we've found is illustrated here.

Hold the canopy at its center and flatten out the pleats. Fold the canopy and lines as shown.

The parachute should be folded and packed just prior to launch, to avoid remaining folded in descent.



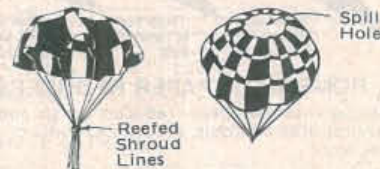
A streamer is simply formed into a roll and inserted into the body tube. At ejection it will unroll and deploy. Be sure to pack it just before launch though, as it will not fully unroll if it is left in the body tube too long.

If you fly in extremely cold weather, you may have to treat your plastic recovery devices to keep them from "setting." Plastic which is left in a cold temperature has a tendency to stick together. You can solve this problem by rubbing chute powder on the parachute. This will make the surface very smooth, will lubricate it and prevent it from sticking.

The amount of wadding used in your rocket is important too. Follow the directions on the package for your first few flights. Soon, you will get a "feel" for how much to use. Remember that the amount of wadding is less important than the volume it fills up. It should be loosely packed but still protect the recovery device.

If your model does not come down fast enough with the parachute you are using, there are several ways to change the descent rate.

1. Use a smaller parachute.
2. "Reef" the shroud lines with masking tape.
3. Cut a "spill hole" in the center of the chute.



## F:6 FLIGHT PREPPING

### A. LAUNCH SITE CHECKLIST

These are items you should bring with you every time you go to fly model rockets.

Launcher  
Firing system  
Well-charged battery  
Engines  
Igniters  
Wadding  
Masking tape

Scissors  
Knife  
Screw driver  
Glue  
Centuri catalog (to check with engines you should use)

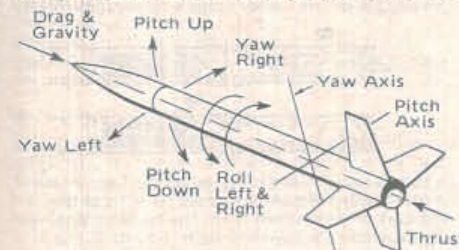
### B. PRE-FLIGHT CHECKLIST

1. Pack the recovery wadding into the body tube so the recovery device will be protected.
2. Fold and pack the recovery device, insert shroud line and shock cord, seat the nose cone in place.
3. Select the proper engine and insert it, checking that it fits properly.
4. Make and install a Sure-Shot igniter.
5. Place the rocket on the launcher, clean and attach the micro-clips.
6. Clear the area. Check for low-flying aircraft in the vicinity.
7. Arm the launch controller.
8. Countdown.
9. Launch your rocket!

## F:7 STABILITY & PERFORMANCE

### A. FORCES ACTING ON A MODEL ROCKET

A model rocket flying through the air has many forces which act upon it. See the diagram below.



The forces of thrust (produced by the rocket engine), drag (from the air moving across the rocket) and gravity all act on the rocket along its longitudinal (long) axis and are called linear forces. The rocket also is subject to rotational forces (pitch, yaw, and roll) which act about rotational axes.

The point on the rocket where all these axes meet is called the Center of Gravity (CG). It is the point where the rocket balances.

There is also a point on the rocket where all aerodynamic forces can be considered to be acting. This is known as the Center of Pressure (CP). It is not as easy to find as the CG. Centuri's TIR-33 gives a detailed mathematical analysis of the method of finding the CP of a model rocket—but you don't have to do that to find out if the rocket is stable.

### B. BASIC RULE OF STABILITY

All you need to know about stability is when your rocket is in flight, it must always have the Center of Gravity (CG) ahead of the Center of Pressure (CP).

### STABILITY TEST

An easy way to test for stability is the "swing test." Get a six foot long piece of fairly substantial string and tie it around the balance point of your fully loaded (with engine) rocket. Go out into your back yard or other open area and swing the rocket around your head, watching it as it passes. If the rocket points straight in the direction of flight, it is stable. If it doesn't, don't fly it until you have made at least one of the following corrections:

1. Add weight to the nose (moves the CG forward, ahead of the CP)
2. Add larger fins at the back (moves the CP back, behind the CG)

Once you have made your corrections, test your model again to see if it is stable. If it still isn't stable, make further corrections.

The swing-test sometimes causes rockets to be "over-stabilized." Some Centuri kits won't quite pass the test, yet all are very stable in flight.

### C. PERFORMANCE

While there are many factors acting on a model rocket in flight, few of them can be controlled in order to increase performance. Rotational forces (pitch, yaw and roll) are the result of air acting on the rocket and (except for roll) cannot be controlled. Gravity is the same no matter where we fly on the Earth, so that leaves us with thrust and drag. Thrust can be changed by using a more powerful engine, but to increase the performance of the model itself we can only change the drag on the model.

How can we change drag? What are the factors which affect drag? The drag on a model rocket can be expressed as follows:  $D = \frac{1}{2} C_d \rho V^2 A$

Where  $D$  = Drag on Rocket  
 $A$  = Frontal Area  
 $V$  = Velocity of Rocket  
 $\rho$  = Density of Air  
 $C_d$  = Drag Coefficient

This looks more difficult than it is. All this equation says is that drag is affected by the frontal area of the model, the speed at which it is traveling and the density of the air through which it travels. What's more, it tells us that the velocity of the model is the most important factor; as velocity goes from 100 feet per second to 200 feet per second, drag goes from 10,000 units to 40,000 units (the square of the velocity).

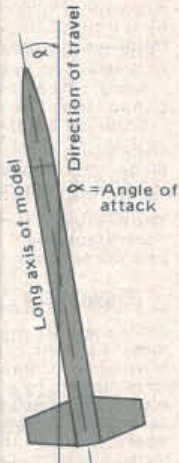
Of all these factors, only two are easily controlled. Air density is fairly constant, and velocity depends on the size of the engine, the weight of the model and other factors. This leaves us with frontal area and the drag coefficient.

Drag increase or decrease directly with frontal area. If we decrease frontal area, we decrease drag. There are a number of ways to decrease frontal area: use a smaller body tube size, use no transition sections, reduce the number and size of fins. However, we must always be careful when changing parts on a rocket that we keep it stable in flight. To get the best performance from your rocket, a good general rule is to use the smallest diameter body tube and smallest size fins THAT WILL GIVE YOU ADEQUATE STABILITY!

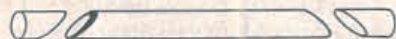


Another way to reduce frontal area on your model rocket is to give it a smooth finish. Finishes that have bumps and chips in the paint, rough edges or grain showing through on balsa surfaces present a great deal more surface area to the on-coming air and therefore have more drag. Strive to get a super-slick finish on your model by following the tips in the section on finishing in this manual.

One particular type of drag that can be greatly reduced by the modeler is called induced drag. Induced drag is the drag which results from the altitude at which the model "attacks" the air or by objects on the surface of the model which directly cause the production of drag. One type of induced drag is caused by high angles of attack (see diagram). If the model is not pointing in the direction of the flight it presents a much greater surface area to the air and drag increases. High angles of attack occur when a model wobbles through the air. You can reduce this problem by making the model more stable—add more nose weight or increase fin size.

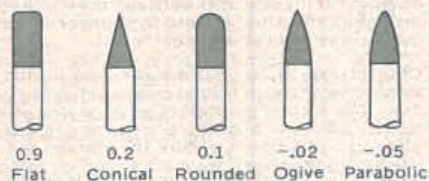


The rocket's launch lug can also be a major source of drag. In fact, studies have shown that it can account for up to 30% of the total drag on the model. You can help reduce this drag by trimming the launch lugs to a streamlined slope as shown below.



One of the most important ways to help cut drag is by using the proper shapes. While sharp angles and pointy shapes may look like they give better performance, studies have shown that at the speeds at which model rockets fly, rounded shapes have the lowest drag. This brings us back to the last factor in the drag equation—the drag coefficient.

The drag coefficient ( $C_d$ ) is a dimensionless factor that brings into the equation some knowledge about the shape of the model. The less streamlined the model is, the higher the drag coefficient. Every part of the model rocket has a drag coefficient of its own, even nose cones.



Here you can see the parabolic shape has the lowest drag coefficient and the least drag. Notice that it is rounded; there should never be any sharp angles on your rocket if you want to have the best performance possible.

The idea of using rounded shapes applies to fins, too. Fin cross-sections should be shaped to a streamlined "fish outline" (rounded in the front and drawn to a point in the back). Also, use the fin shapes which are rounded (such as an elliptical shape) which help to reduce drag.

Keeping these factors in mind will help you increase the performance of your rockets.

## F:8 MULTI-STAGING

### A. WHY MULTI-STAGE?

Using more than one stage on a model rocket can greatly increase altitude. Two engines which fire in succession will often carry your rocket higher than if you clustered them in a single stage. It is important to understand how multi-staging works before trying this complex model rocketry technique.

### B. HOW PASS-PORT\* STAGING WORKS

\*U.S. Patent No. 3,721,193

The lower stage of the rocket contains a booster engine which has no delay or ejection charge (that's why the designation of the delay charge is "0.0." Example: A8-0, B14-0, etc.)

As the engine fires, the propellant burns until a very thin wall of propellant remains in the booster engine. When this thin wall breaks, hot particles of propellant are thrown forward into the nozzle of the upper stage engine, igniting it.



In the Centuri Pass-Port Staging System, some of the rapidly expanding gases which contain particles of propellant from the booster engine are allowed to escape through 2 ports in the coupler joining the stages. This allows just a split second to ignite the next stage before the first stage drops off.



The first stage alone is an aerodynamically unstable body that will tumble or glide safely to Earth. Meanwhile, the second stage climbs, with the thrust of a second stage engine adding a boost to the power of the first stage.

### C. CHOOSING THE RIGHT ENGINES

When flying a multi-staged model, ALWAYS use only a booster engine in all but the uppermost stage. Generally, it is not wise to fly a rocket with more than three operable stages, as the safety factor of 4 or more staged rockets goes down dramatically. The upperstage engine should be of the standard type, with a delay and ejection charge to activate the recovery system. In most cases, the delay charge should be of greater duration than with a single stage rocket, since the velocity of multi-staged models is much greater and they therefore need more time to

coast to peak altitude. Booster engines are almost never used in non-staged rockets, except in special cases such as the Centuri Flying Saucer and X-24 Bug kits.

### D. DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

When mounting engines in multi-staged rockets, follow the example shown here. Each stage must be coupled by the special "Pass-Port" coupler (HTC-7CDH) in order for each stage to work properly. In rockets with larger body tubes than a number 7 each stage should be coupled with a stage coupler for that size tube. Best performance will be obtained using a number 10 tube.

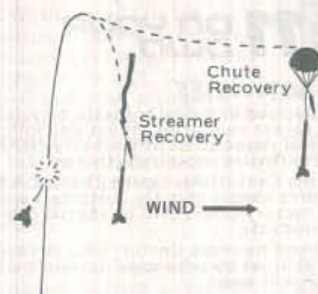


### E. STABILITY

Multi-staged rockets need to be stable just like single-stage rockets. The extra weight in the rear of the model means you will need greater fin area. Check each section of the rocket separately, starting by doing the "swing test" for uppermost stage, then adding each stage one at a time and checking stability.

### F. RECOVERY

Because multi-staged rockets fly to very high altitudes, then have a greater tendency to drift. Try using a streamer or parachute with a spill hole to reduce drift. Never fly multi-staged rockets in high winds as they have a tendency to fly into the wind and may end up a long way from the launch site.



### G. SPECIAL FLYING PRECAUTIONS

1. Be sure to use booster type engines in each booster stage.
2. Use an engine with a delay and ejection in the uppermost stage.
3. Never use a standard engine in the booster as this will almost certainly cause a crash.
4. Be sure all engines have their nozzles pointing rearward.

5. When fully prepped, stages must couple together smoothly and snugly. Fit should be tight enough so that boosters do not fall out of upper stage by their own weight.
6. Fly over soft dirt or grass to minimize damage to the tumbling booster as it lands.

## F:9 BOOST GLIDERS

One of the most exciting aspects of model rocketry involves launching gliders with model rocket engines. There are various kinds of boost gliders, but in each case the rocketeer must solve the problem of launching a glider (designed to fly at low speeds) by means of a rocket engine (designed to fly at high speeds).

### A. TYPES OF GLIDERS

Many designs have been used to solve these problems. The varied designs of boost-glider vehicles include the forward engine B/G, the rear engine B/G, the pop-pod and the parasite. Of these four types, the most common today are the last two.

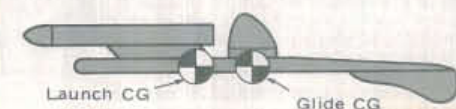
In a pop-pod boost glider, the rocket engine is enclosed in a "pod" made up of a body tube, nose cone, thrust ring, recovery system and a balsa (or other type of wood) pylon which attaches the pod to the glider. There are several methods of pod attachment, the most common being the "piece x" attachment, in which a small piece in the shape shown below is cut out of the body of the glider and attached to the pylon.



A parasite glider is one which is carried aloft on a larger very stable rocket booster. A good example of this is the SST Shuttle kit. In the case of both the pop-pod and the parasite, the glider is boosted to peak altitude by the addition of a rocket which makes the glider stable during boost. After boost, this rocket portion is ejected and the glider returns to earth in a normal aerodynamic glide.

### B. GLIDER FLIGHT

Making your B/G fly properly in both the boost and glide phase can be a difficult problem. When a glider glides through the air, its aerodynamic surfaces (wing, horizontal stabilizer and rudder) provide the lift to sustain flight at low airspeeds. The center of gravity for gliding should be in a specific location on the wing. However, during boost, the wing should not act to create lift. It is necessary to move the center of gravity forward so it is substantially in front of the wing. The addition of a pop-pod, with the weight in the front, accomplishes this.



## C. DESIGNING A GLIDER

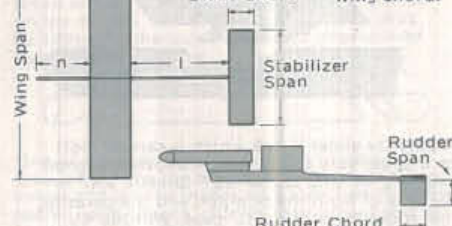
You can design your own pop-pod boost glider using the parameters give below. When designing any glider, start by selecting the area of the wing. From there, the other dimensions will fall into place. The chart below will give you a rough idea of how much wing area to use for any power engine.

| ENGINE TYPE | WING AREA  |
|-------------|------------|
| 1/2 A       | 20 sq. in. |
| A           | 30 sq. in. |
| B           | 45 sq. in. |
| C           | 60 sq. in. |

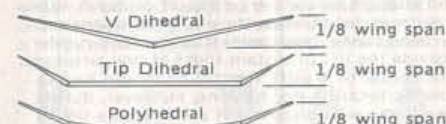
The area of a rectangular wing is equal to the length (span) times the width (chord). Choose a dimension for one side, plug it into the formula and it will give you the dimension for the other side. (Ex: for 1/2 A gliders, A = 20 sq. inches. If the wing is 2 inches wide, then it is 10 inches long).

From these dimensions we can get the other dimensions of the glider. The area of the horizontal stabilizer is equal to 1/3 to 1/4 of the wing area. The rudder should be 1/10 the wing area. Determine the dimensions of the span and chord of each of these pieces as you did with the wing, by choosing a dimension for either span or chord and plugging it into the formula to get the other dimension.

Now we have dimensions for all the surfaces of the glider. The body length is determined by finding the remaining two portions we still don't know (see diagram). "l" is equal to 1/2 the wing span. "n" is equal to 2 times the wing chord.



Finally, we need to determine dihedral, which is the angle between wing panels. This is equal to 1/8 of the wing span for each side. As you can see, there are a number of ways to form dihedral. The small V type is the easiest to make, but try different kinds.



The last step is to make a pod. The pylon should be large enough to keep engine exhaust off of the wing. This should be at least 1/2 to 3/4". Make sure the pod will come off smoothly at ejection, but isn't so loose it falls off before launch.

Make sure you trim your glider before launch. Small bits of clay can be added to correct for stalls and to make the glider turn left or right.

## F:10 CLUSTERED ENGINES

Sometimes a single engine is not enough to launch a large heavy model. Clusters of several engines are used to accomplish this task. Remember that when engines are clustered they should be close to each other and should be balanced around the counterline of the rocket.



2 engine mount in #16 tube

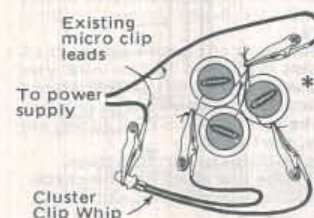


3 engine mount in #16 tube



4 engine mount in #20 tube

When igniting a clustered model you should always use a 12 volt car battery to ensure sufficient current to ignite all the engines. You should always use Sure-Shot\* igniters and a cluster clip-whip. A clip whip can be made from regular 18 gauge wire and micro clips. Each clip should have as many leads as you have engines to ignite. Clip one lead from each clip whip to each igniter and make sure none of the clips touch each other.



Before packing the engines into your rocket, place a small amount of recovery wadding in the front end of each engine. This will prevent the damage to your model if one engine does not fire. Many times the ejection charge from one engine can start another engine burning from the ejection charge end.

## F:11 ON YOUR OWN

### MORE ACTIVITIES

- Get involved in model rocketry by joining a local rocket club. You should also join the National Association of Rocketry (NAR) for more extensive rocketry activities.
- Join the Centuri Aerospace Team (CAT)—Centuri's special club for customers who want factory-direct info on special offers and products.
- Build and fly more Centuri kits, increasing your abilities by advancing upward through higher skill levels.
- Design your own rocket—Centuri's Design Manual can help you here.
- Take part in local, regional and national model rocket contests sponsored by the NAR.
- Tell your teacher about Centuri rockets and to write to us for free information on using model rocketry in the classroom.

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## "Olympics" of model rocketry

The United States will host the 1980 World Space Modeling Championships on September 7-12 in Lakehurst, N.J., at the Naval Air Engineering Center. This WSMC, the ultimate test of model rocketry skills, is the first ever held in the U.S. The earlier three were in Eastern Europe.

The WSMC is run like the Olympics with non-professional contestants and no government funding for the U.S. Team. Centuri and other aerospace companies are helping the NAR sponsor the meet. You can help by buying a team patch. All net proceeds are donated to U.S. team and meet expenses.

Team members were selected last August to allow a year for training. This is by far the most important model rocket competition ever held in the U.S. Please help to make it the best ever. Everyone is welcome to attend. Centuri will be there... see you in Lakehurst?



Jerry Irvine & Astrobee-D

## NARAM 21

The National Association of Rocketry held the 21st U.S. Model Rocket Championships from August 5-10, 1979 at the Johnson Space Center in Houston Texas. Model rocketeers from all over the United States gathered for the activities, which included competition, displays by manufacturers, tours of the NASA facility and the usual model rocketry fun. NARAM is held each year in different locations in the U.S. Anyone who belongs to the NAR can participate in this important model rocketry event. For more information about the NAR and next year's NARAM, contact NAR Headquarters, Dept. C-80, Box 725, New Providence, NJ 07974.



Guppy Youngren, Americas 1st WSMC World Champion, won the Eagle Boost Glide at the 3rd WSMC in Bulgaria, 1978.



Contestants check the launch rack at NARAM 21 (note Sat. V).

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# Design Contest

HERE ARE THIS ISSUE'S WINNING ENTRIES!

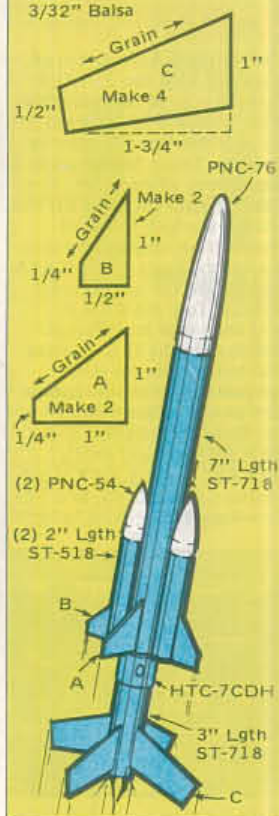
## COMET

Assembled & designed by  
HENRY WIECZOREK,  
Bayonne, NJ

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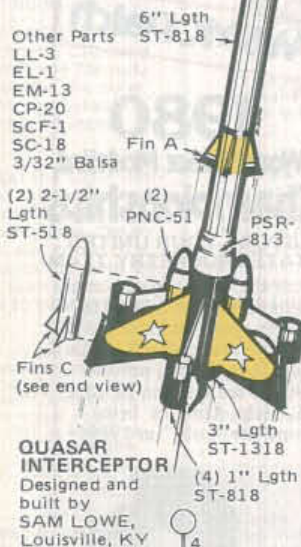
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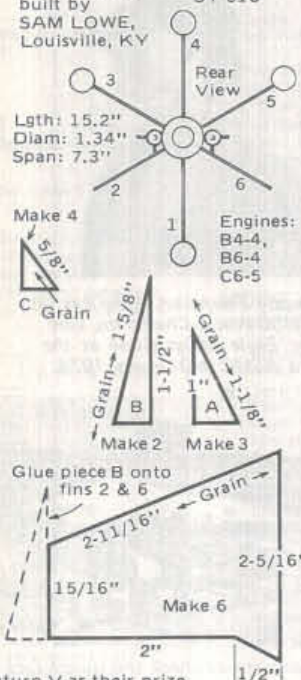


Sam & Henry both chose the Saturn V as their prize.

PNC-89



**QUASAR INTERCEPTOR**  
Designed and  
built by  
SAM LOWE,  
Louisville, KY



You could be a winner in  
Centuri's Design Contest.  
Build your own imaginative  
rocket from Centuri parts.

## CONTEST RULES

1. Entries must consist of a photograph of the model and a drawing which includes a parts list and your name and address.
2. Entries must be flight worthy and not copies of kit designs produced by model rocket manufacturing companies or other published designs.
3. Entries become the property of Centuri and can not be returned.
4. Employees of model rocket companies and their families are not eligible.
5. Entries judged on originality, neatness and completeness.
6. Do not send the actual model.
7. Send as many DIFFERENT entries as you like, but no duplicates.
8. There is no deadline. A winner is selected twice yearly and notified by mail.
9. Specify which prize you want.

## PRIZE

The winner will receive a prize of his or her choice... any ONE product from the current Centuri catalog! It can be any model rocket product we have... right up to the fantastic Saturn V kit or Power System Outfit!

## TIPS

- Choose from available parts.
- Avoid large forward fins.
- Use your imagination.
- Make your entry clear and readable.
- Take your time and do a good job.



Don't forget the Photo!

## Photo Contest



TIM PRENICE of Akron, Ohio is the winner of the Photo Contest. His carefully done photo depicts a Centuri U.S.S. America in a seeming fly-by of one of Jupiter's moons.

You can enter this ongoing Photo Contest and try for the prize, a \$10 Centuri Merchandise certificate. A winner is picked for each year's issue of Rocket Times. Send in your best photo about model rocketry addressed to: Photo Contest, in care of Centuri Rocket Times. Try for good contrast and sharp focus. Remember that people in the picture make it more interesting for our readers.

## Cartoon Contest



This issue's Cartoon Contest winner is CHARLES POOLE, Jr., from Muskegon, Michigan. Charles' "Mystery Prize" is a giant full color NASA poster of the Viking mission; now a collector's item.

Want to see your cartoon published? Just draw a funny cartoon about model rocketry and send it to Cartoon Contest, in care of Centuri Rocket Times. Each issue we pick the one most suitable for publication and award a different "Mystery Prize."

## TELEVISION SPACESHIP Contest

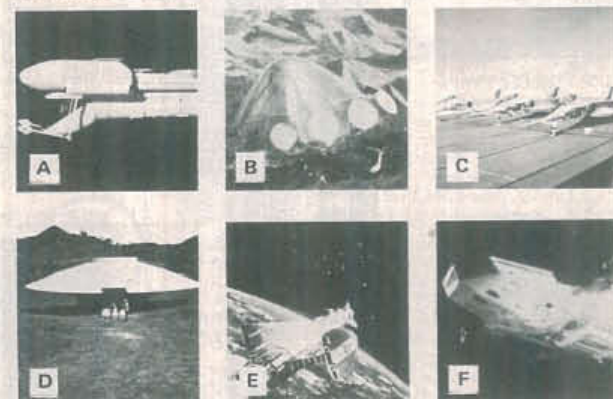
MAYBE YOU WILL WIN A "BUCK ROGERS" KIT!

Here's your chance to become a contest winner and receive a valuable prize. Just follow the rules and match each photo with the correct TV show title on the form below. The first 20 correct entries will receive their choice of Centuri's Buck Rogers kits!

## 20 PRIZES!

1. Entries must use coupon below (or facsimile). Blacken one square in each row across.
2. Entries cannot be accepted after December 1, 1980.
3. Prizes awarded to the first 20 people to correctly identify all photos.
4. One entry allowed per person. Entries become the property of Centuri and cannot be returned.
5. Employees of model rocket companies are not eligible.
6. Winners will be notified by mail within 60 days after deadline. Names will be published in next Rocket Times.

Photos courtesy TV Chariot, Box 234 Dept. C80, Mesa, AZ 85201. Their huge 3F slide catalog costs \$1.25.



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| Captain Scarlet | ITC | A | B | C | D | E | F |
| Quark           | NBC | A | B | C | D | E | F |
| Space 1999      | ITC | A | B | C | D | E | F |

## MOVIE FLYING SAUCER CONTEST

The 20 winners in our Movie Flying Saucer Contest are listed below. Each identified the Flying Saucers correctly as:

Earth vs the F.S.—D  
Starship Invasions—E  
Lost in Space—B  
This Island Earth—C  
Bamboo Saucer—F  
The Invaders—A

Each winner received a Centuri Flying Saucer Outfit.

Lee Morehead, Ocala, GA  
Bobby Langlois, Morgantown, LA  
Sean Sussigart, Hershey, PA  
Paul Johnson, Louisville, KY  
Alice Amarello, Fall River, MA  
Jon French, Canton, OH  
Douglas Seifert, N. Palm Beach, FL  
Hank Petrich, Tualatin, OR  
Randy Cornelius, Nova Scotia  
Douglas Yuen, San Francisco, CA  
Kyle Phillips, Montezuma, WA  
Mark Chans, Winnipeg, Canada  
Joseph Tackas, Las Vegas, NV  
Richard Handlon, Indianapolis, IN  
Rob Dunne, Rochester, NY  
George Scarfo, Clifton, NJ  
Leslie Hamilton, Baudette, MN  
Marko Mychaskin, Colo. Spgs., CO  
Mark Boeder, Omaha, NE  
William Shay, Tucuman, NM

Box 1988  
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## Television Spaceship Contest

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Kit Preference ☐ Marauder ☐ Starfighter

# Join us on the Centuri Aerospace Team

You can have your photo here too. Just fill out the Data Form included in your CAT membership packet and send it in with a clear photo of yourself (preferably black & white). Maybe you'll appear in the next Centuri catalog!



**TOM HUNT:** Tom's launched a lot in his first year of rocketry in DeWitt, MI. He's 16 and wants to be an electrical engineer.



**KEITH McBRIDE**  
Keith has been flying rockets for almost 2 years in Scottsboro, Alabama. At 14 he plans his future to include becoming a lawyer and having the world's largest rocket collection.



**NICKY GARCIA:** 13 year old Nicky, from Selma, CA, especially likes Centuri's Fighter Fleet because of his interest in airplanes. He also builds models of the SR-71 and the Concorde.



**MARK IRVIN:** Mark is a 2 year model rocketry veteran from Sterling, OH. At 15 he has plans to become a space scientist. Mark's dream project is to make a large radio-controlled space shuttle.



**JIMMY LUMIBAO:**  
Jimmy is 14 and lives in Guam. In the past 2 years he has performed experiments using insect payloads. He would like to be an astronaut.



**STEVE DUBUS:**  
Steve, 17, is from Daly City, CA. He's been an active rocketeer for 2 years. His dream is to be a space shuttle pilot and participate in a NARAM.



**RON PATTEN:** Ron, 43, hails from Bronx, NY. He's been flying Centuri for over 2 years and is interested in architecture and sculpture. His dream job is to be a photojournalist.

**TAMMY JANE ROBINSON:**  
Douglasville, GA's top rocketeer is Tammy Jane. She's 15 and has been flying for over 2 years. Aside from her rocketry, she likes music and sports.



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## C.A.T. NEWS

### "ROC" CONTEST 20 BIG PRIZES!

We invite members to enter our newest C.A.T. contest; it's fun and easy! Our new "Thunder Roc" kit is named after the Roc, a giant fierce bird from Arabian mythology. Just draw a picture of what you think the bird might have looked like. The 20 entrants with the most original and the meanest looking Roc's will each be awarded a Centuri "Thunder Roc" kit.

### THUNDER ROC

Enter as many times as you like. The deadline is December 1, 1980. Send to: "ROC" CONTEST care of Centuri C.A.T. Director.

### "U.F.O. EMBLEM" CONTEST CONTEST WINNERS

Thanks to the many C.A.T. members who sent in entries to last issue's "U.F.O. Emblem" Contest. The 20 winners listed below each received a Centuri Flying Saucer kit.

Tom Ellason, Minneapolis, MN  
Steven Trout, Westland, MI  
David Denbow, Beech Bottom, WV  
Darren Davis, Ogden, UT  
Michael Bjornson, Highland, IL  
Matthew Check, Mt. Home AFB, ID  
Peter Brown, Suissa, CA  
Frank Berran, St. Louis, MO  
Mike Hudson, Waco, GA  
Bill Morgan, 1000 Oaks, CA  
Williams Vasquez, Miami, FL  
Ed Martin, Scottsdale, AZ  
Eddie Copton, Yucca Valley, CA  
Bobby Boulware, Elmore, AL  
Donald Store, Omaha, NE  
Andy Berrios, Colorado Spgs., CO  
Alan G. Bottom, Winthrop, MA  
Jeff Branch, Warren, MI  
K. Seki, Culver City, CA  
Darl J. Smolatz, Rego Park, NY

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Centuri model rocketry products are intended for hobbyists and experimental and educational use. Model rocketry has one of the best safety records of any action hobby or outdoor recreation. However, it is still important that the utmost care be exercised in the use of our model products and that all storage and operating instructions are followed. Centuri model rocketry products are recommended for ages 10 to adult. Adult supervision is suggested for those under 12 years of age. It is also important that you use your model rocketry products in accordance with your local applicable laws.

## Safety Code

- 1. CONSTRUCTION** — My model rockets will be made of lightweight materials such as paper, wood, plastic, and rubber without any metal as structural parts.
- 2. ENGINES** — I will use only pre-loaded factory made model rocket engines in the manner recommended by the manufacturer. I will not change in any way nor attempt to reload these engines.
- 3. RECOVERY** — I will always use a recovery system in my model rockets that will return them safely to the ground so that they may be flown again.
- 4. WEIGHT LIMITS** — My model rocket will weigh no more than 453 grams (16 oz.) at lift-off, and the engines will contain no more than 133 grams (4 oz.) of propellant.
- 5. STABILITY** — I will check the stability of my model rocket before its first flight, except when launching models of already proven stability.
- 6. LAUNCHING SYSTEM** — The system I use to launch my model rockets must be remotely-controlled and electrically operated and will contain a switch that will turn to "off" when released. I will remain at least 15 feet from any rocket that is being launched.
- 7. LAUNCH SAFETY** — I will not let anyone approach a model rocket on a launcher until I have made sure that either the safety interlock key has been removed or the battery has been disconnected from my launcher.
- 8. FLYING CONDITIONS** — I will not launch my model rocket in high winds, near buildings, power lines, tall trees, low flying aircraft or under any conditions which might be dangerous to people or property.
- 9. LAUNCH AREA** — My model rockets will always be launched from a cleared area free of any easy to burn materials, and I will only use non-flammable recovery wadding in my rockets.
- 10. JET DEFLECTOR** — My launcher will have a jet deflector device to prevent the engine exhaust from hitting the ground directly.
- 11. LAUNCH ROD** — To prevent accidental eye injury I will always place the launcher so the end of the rod is above eye level or cap the end of the rod with my hand when approaching it. I will never place my head or body over the launching rod. When my launcher is not in use I will always store it so that the launch rod is not in an upright position.
- 12. POWER LINES** — I will never attempt to recover my rocket from a power line or other dangerous places.
- 13. LAUNCH TARGETS & ANGLES** — I will not launch rockets so their flight path will carry them against targets on the ground, and will never use an explosive warhead, nor a payload that is intended to be flammable. My launching device will always be pointed within 30 degrees of vertical.
- 14. PRE-LAUNCH TEST** — When conducting research activities with unproven designs or methods, I will when possible determine their reliability through pre-launch tests. I will conduct launchings of unproven designs in complete isolation from persons not participating in the actual launching.

## ROCKET ACTIVITIES

Everyday we receive letters from rocketeers asking how they can join a nearby club. Here are our recommendations.

### Schools & Clubs

1. These are some of the organizations which have model rocketry programs. Check in your community.

|         |               |             |                     |
|---------|---------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Schools | Youth Centers | Museums     | Park Departments    |
| 4-H     | Church groups | Jay-Cee's   | Vocational Training |
| Camps   | YMCA/YWCA     | Kiwanis     | Observatories       |
| Scouts  | Lion's Clubs  | Boy's Clubs | Civil Air Patrol    |

2. Ask your local rocket dealers. Look in the yellow pages under "Hobby and Model Construction Supplies".
3. Ask at nearby schools. Many clubs are school affiliated.
4. Form your own club following the Centuri Club Guide.
5. Join the N.A.R. As a member you may ask for a list of N.A.R. sections (clubs) and members in your area.



The National Association of Rocketry is THE official nonprofit organization for model rocketry. Open to all serious rocketeers, membership includes competition book, license, insurance decals and monthly magazine. The NAR establishes safety rules, certifies records, publishes technical materials, and promotes model rocketry. See address below (other addresses are of similar organizations outside U.S.).

National Association of Rocketry  
P.O. Box 725, Dept. C-80  
New Providence  
New Jersey 07974

Canadian Association of Rocketry  
Dept. C-80, Suite 302  
151 Slater St.  
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5H3, Canada

New Zealand Spaceflight Association  
P.O. Box 2945, Dept. C-80  
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New Zealand

Conseil de la Jeunesse Scientifique  
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