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# SKY HAWKER™

READY TO FLY MODEL ROCKET INSTRUCTIONS

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**ASSEMBLY TIP:** Read all instructions before beginning work on your model. Make sure you have all parts and supplies.

## 1. PARACHUTE ATTACHMENT

**A.** Form a loop with the parachute shroud lines.

**B.** Lay snock cord over loop.

**C.** Pass parachute through loop.

**D.** Pull tight so parachute is attached about 3/4" (19 mm) from nose cone.

## 2. PREPARE PARACHUTE FOR FLIGHT

**A.** Insert 3-4 squares of loosely crumpled recovery wadding into rocket.

**B.** Spike parachute.

**C.** Fold.

**D.** Roll.

**IMPORTANT:** Parachute should slide easily into body. If fit is too tight, unfold and repack again.

**IMPORTANT:** Wadding must be in place and slide freely for rocket to work properly.

**NOTE:** Only Estes Wadding (302274) Recommended.

**E.** Wrap lines loosely. Insert chute, shock cord and nose cone into body tube.

**HELPFUL HINT: IF NOSE CONE FIT IS...**

<p><b>TOO LOOSE</b></p> <p>ADD MASKING TAPE.</p>	<p><b>TOO TIGHT</b></p> <p>SAND FOR FIT.</p>
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## 3. ENGINE PREP

**⚠ WARNING: FLAMMABLE**

To avoid serious injury, read instructions & NAR Safety Code included with engines.

**PREPARE ENGINE ONLY WHEN YOU ARE OUTSIDE AT THE LAUNCH SITE PREPARING TO LAUNCH!**

If you do not use your prepared engine, remove the igniter before storing engine.

**A.** Separate igniter and plug.

**B.** Insert igniter.

**C.** Insert igniter plug. Firmly push all the way in!

**D.** Push down.

**E.** Gently bend igniters to form leads as shown.

**F.** Insert engine into rocket.

**IGNITER TIP MUST TOUCH PROPELLANT!**

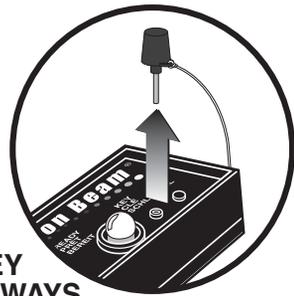
# COUNTDOWN AND LAUNCH

## ESTES LAUNCH SUPPLIES

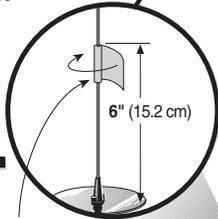
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- Porta Pad® II Launch Pad
- Electron Beam® Launch Controller
- Recovery Wadding (included with some engines)
- Igniters (with engines)
- Igniter Plugs (with engines)
- Recommended Engines: A8-3, B4-4, B6-4, C6-5, C6-7

**KEY ALWAYS OUT UNTIL FINAL COUNTDOWN!**



**1...**

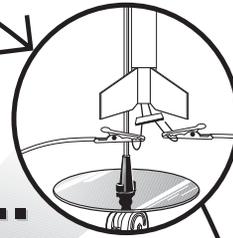


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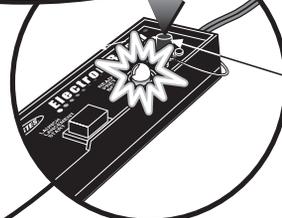
**2...**



**3...**



**4...**



KEY

**INSERT KEY. PUSH DOWN FIRMLY AND HOLD.**

**5...**



4... 3... 2... 1...

**HOLD KEY DOWN AND PRESS LAUNCH BUTTON UNTIL LIFTOFF!**

## PRECAUTIONS

NAR Safety Code



**NO DRY GRASS OR WEEDS**

**PRE-LAUNCH CHECK** For safety, never launch a damaged rocket. Check the rocket's body, nose cone and fins. Also, check the engine mount, recovery system and launch lug(s). Repair any damage before launching the rocket.

## FLYING YOUR ROCKET

Choose a large field (1000 ft. [305 m] square) free of dry weeds and brown grass. The larger the launch area, the better your chance of recovering your rocket. Football fields and playgrounds are great. Launch only with little or no wind and good visibility. Always follow the National Association of Rocketry (NAR) SAFETY CODE.

## MISFIRES

**TAKE THE KEY OUT OF THE CONTROLLER. WAIT ONE MINUTE BEFORE GOING NEAR THE ROCKET!** Disconnect the igniter clips and remove engine. Take the plug and igniter out of the engine. If the igniter has burned, it worked but did not ignite the engine because it was not touching the propellant inside the engine. Put a new igniter all the way inside the engine without bending it. Push the plug in place. Repeat the steps under Countdown and Launch.