

A SUGGESTED PROTOTYPE FOR AN ELECTRIC DUCTED FAN MODEL

may be worthwhile as Balsa Loc is rarely found in hobby shops. Try thinned DUCO or similar cements.

Very deep coloring can be accomplished with Rit Dye (available at supermarkets, K-mart, etc.). You must put the film on a frame-if you just plop it in the hot dye you will end up with a sloppy tie-dye effect. I use a large disposable party tray and can dye one piece in it that is just big enough for a small peanut size model. Getting 2 or more pieces dyed to the same intensity will require some careful timing and monitoring of dye temperature.

I heat up a quart of dye mixture in the microwave until it starts to steam then dump it into the tray. Slosh the frame around a bit to prevent uneven distribution of color. Be careful, the dye will also stain clothing and other things. After dyeing, rinse thoroughly to remove all residue.

Application of stripes, numbers, etc. hasn't been tried yet; no info available. Try spray painting one side of the material and apply paint side down for a super shiny opaque finish-metal flake might be interesting. GOOD LUCK.

This stuff will not sag or droop in cool evening air like tissue and is 100% waterproof. The major downside is the static cling. If the film comes into contact with itself as on a thin tail plane section, it is difficult to persuade it to separate. Try a blast from the heat gun. This same effect causes dust to gather very quickly. Clean with a damp paper towel-avoid soaps and cleaners as they may mar the surface or leave residue.

If you try this film on a rubber job, you must lubricate lightly and use a rubber tensioning device or else the inside of the film will get slobbered up.

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R/C OnLine MAGAZINE

Reviewed by Paul Tarling - from E.F.U.K. same issue noted earlier.

Over the past few years, the Internet and CompuServe have become widely popular with a variety of people. Now, there are well over a million people hooked onto the Internet and CompuServe, and a number of those people are modellers.

Many different magazines, World Wide Web pages and CompuServe forums have appeared boasting massive coverage of the modelling world. RC Online is a relatively new addition to the Net. It is available through a variety of places but, unfortunately, has to be downloaded. RC Online currently has no World Wide Web page, but it's coming. Until then, we modellers will have to suffer the DOS version.

RC Online is presented as a series of CompuServe .GIF files. These files tend to be large in size, so the magazine comes compressed. The size of the

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selfextracting compressed file tends to be rather large, so it is best if you download it at BT's weekend rates in order to save a few bob!

When I first started up RC Online, I was greeted by a very friendly help page. This page told me all the controls I needed to navigate through the magazine. The layout was very friendly, and I easily found my way through it.

The first article I came across was about the IMMA meeting in May. As I walked through the article, I was amazed at some of the photographs that had been added. Unlike any magazine you can buy in the shops, they were of extremely high quality.

I was glad to find later on in the magazine, that every type of modelling was covered, from Aeroplanes to radio controlled cars. There was also a classified adverts section, slope soaring section and many product reviews. Dedicated Electrics coverage is somewhat weak at the moment, but I am reliably informed that this will shortly be rectified.

R/C Online is available from the following locations:
Internet: [FTP://ftp.gate.net](ftp://ftp.gate.net) in the pub/users/rconline directory



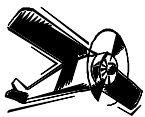
Nov 5 Midwest R/C swap meet Northville - Herb Judd (810) 477-0349

Dec 31 DAM annual red eye fun fly - Rich Vukmirovich (313) 537-2546

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