

# Assembly Manual For

# Skyline 182



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Note: some photos in this manual is not for skyline182. but it is the same way

to install.

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# Front Landing Gear Installation





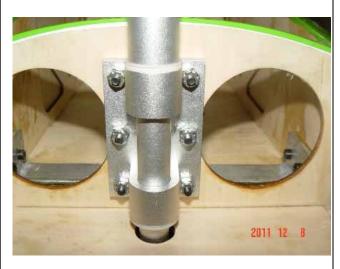
- 1, there are 6 holes in the bottom of the engine box which are for the front landing gear.
- 3. Inside view of mounting front landing gear.



2. Mount the front landing gear to the fuselage with 6 bolts.



4 Outside view of mounting front landing gear.







5. Install the servo for front landing gear. Put the servo to the servo bay which is on the back of the firewall.



6. Put the fiber glass arm on the top of the front landing gear. put the plastic washer on the top of the arm. Then install the circlips.



7. Adjust the rod length to make the front wheel in the middle place.



8. Finished view.





9. Take off this bolt.



10. Take off the bottom part of the landing gear .



11. Install the tire into the front landing gear with the circlips outside.







#### Install the front wheel pants:

Note: the front wheel pants are different shape from the rear wheel pants.



1. There is a hole on the top of the front wheel pants.



2. Put the pants into the front landing gear .



3. Screw two side bolt to fit the wheel pants.





# Rear Landing Gear Assembly

- 1. Install the landing gear with the bolts and locking nuts. Do not over tighten the hardware.
- 3. Install the landing gear axles with lock nut.





- 2. Put two plastic parts for the landing gear into the landing gear before you install the wheel to the landing gear. But do not glue it to the fuselage and wheel pant.
- 4. Make the flat sides of the axle bolt vertical with grond .Then tighten the lock nut against the landing gear strut





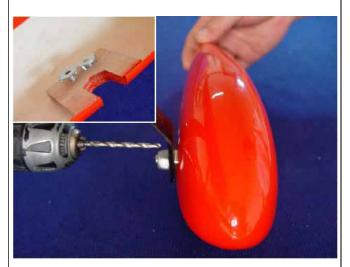


# Rear Landing Gear Assembly

5. Install wheels and wheel collars using **Blue Loctite** on the set screws.



6. Drill the holes for the mounting bolts and install the blind nuts.



7. Finish the wheel pants mounting with the bolts.



8. Glue the plastic part for the landing gear to the fuselage. Or screw it to the fuselage with the bolt.





# Rear Landing Gear Assembly

9. Glue the plastic part to the wheel pants.



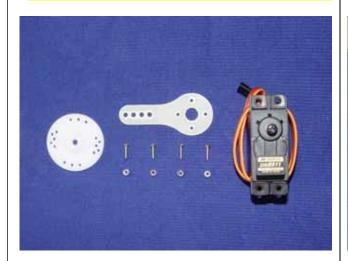


# Wing Servo Assembly

### Wing Servo Assembly

### Servo Arm Installation

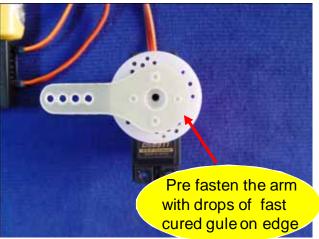
Minimum Request Servo: 15+ kg.cm / Metal Gear



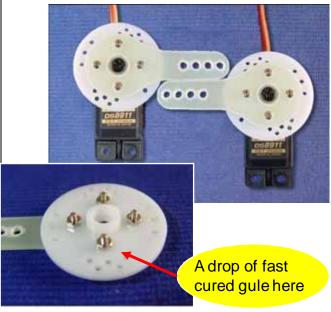
1. Turn on your transmitter and plug the servo into receiver. Ensure every channel is neutral



2. Ensure the servo arm is 90 degrees with servo as shown. Then mark and drill holes with 2mm bit



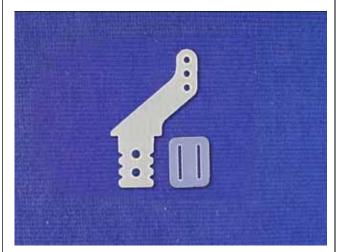
3. Mounting screws and nuts



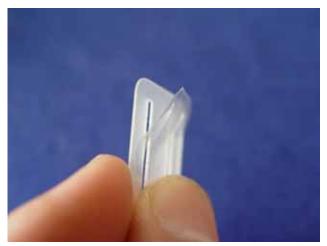




### Aileron Control Horns



1. Tear off the cover on the horns and locking plates



2. Trace around the locking plate with kinfe and cut off the cover below. Then the pre-cut slots appear



3. Scuff the horns with a piece of sand paper for good glue bond. Then clean up the surface







4. Apply the 30 minutes epoxy inside the pre-cut slot for horn ,and coat the horn with epoxy as shown



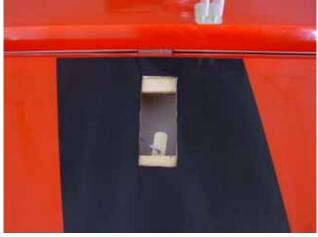
5. Slide the horn into slot slightly and Mount the locking plate in place. Wipe away excess epoxy with rubbing alcohol



### Servo Installation



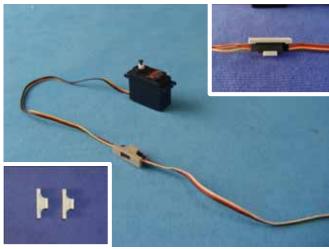
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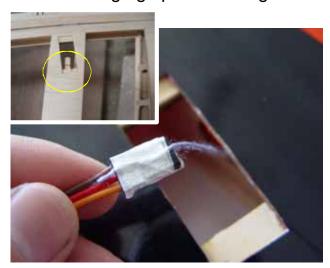
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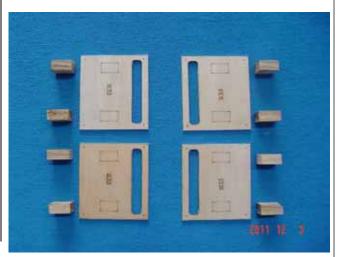
- 2. Lock the connector with the provided safety clip against vibration and loosened tension as shown
- 4. Then put the extention lead through the root of wing



3. Cut out the cover for servo location carefully .Tape the lead to pull-string tightly. In order to ensure the servo wire can be pulled out without hanging up inside wing





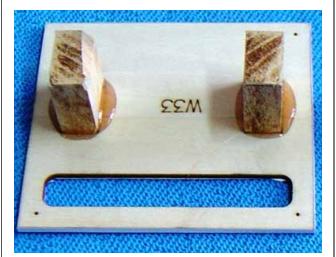




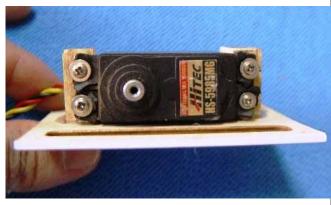


6. Glue two piece of wood to the servo mounting plate as shown

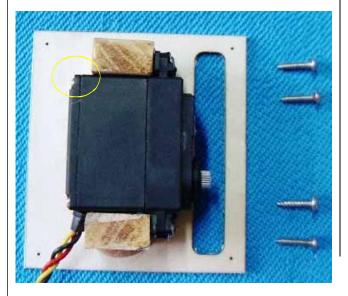
Note: Be sure to glue it strong enough.

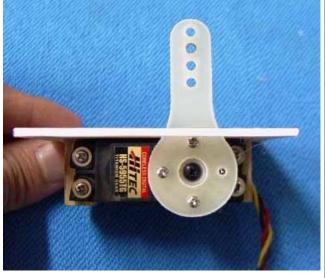


7. Use 1mm bit to drill the mounting holes. Then screw four bolts to fix the servo to the servo mounting.



8. Install servo arm.







# Wing Servo Assembly

6. Install the servo arms facing toward the wing edge and adjust pushrod in proper length to keep the aileron panel on the neutral position



7. Repeat all the step above for the flap .



# Rudder Assemby

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### Rudder Control Horn



1. The hinges on the rudder does not glue yet. So take off the hinges from the rudder. Then glue it to the vertical fin at the first. Mustl glue the hinges to the vertical fin at the first.



2. Open the cover plate on the bottom of the rear of the fuselage.



3. Put the rudder steel axle into the hole which is near the vertical fin.







4. Turn on your radio to keep the servo neutral. install the horn for the rudder steel axle and servo as the photos show.



5. There is a hole on the rudder for the rudder axle.



6. Glue the hinge to the rudder. Push the rudder axle into the hole on the rudder when glue the hinge to the rudder.



7. Install the push rod and adjust it.

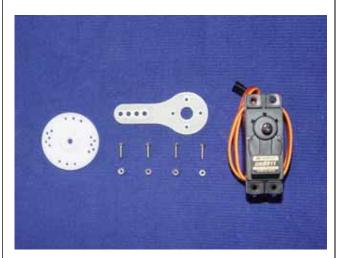




### **Elevator Servo Assembly**

### Servo Arm Installation

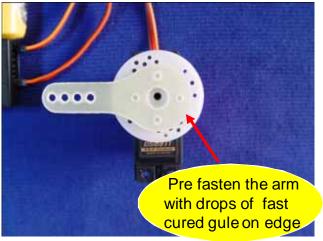
Minimum Request Servo: 180 in.zo / Metal Gear / Digital



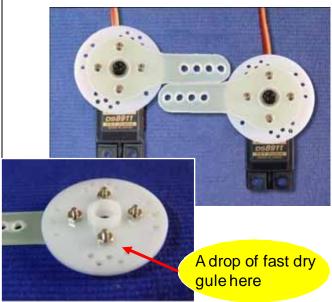
1. Turn on your transmitter and plug the servo into receiver. Ensure every channel is neutral



2. Ensure the servo arm is 90 degrees with servo as shown. Then mark and drill holes with 2mm bit



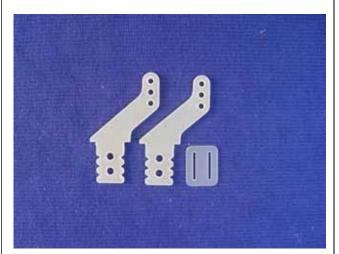
3. Mounting screws and nuts



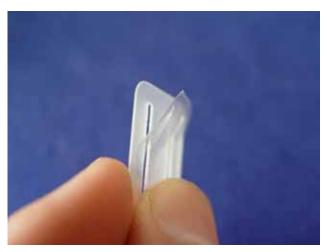


# Elevator Servo Assembly

#### **Elevator Control Horns**



1. Tear off the cover on the horns and locking plates



2. Trace around the locking plate with kinfe and cut off the cover below. Then the pre-cut slots appear



3. Scuff the horns with a piece of sand paper for good glue bond. Then clean up the surface







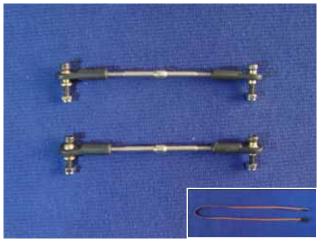
4. Apply the 30 minutes epoxy inside the pre-cut slots, and coat the horn with epoxy as shown



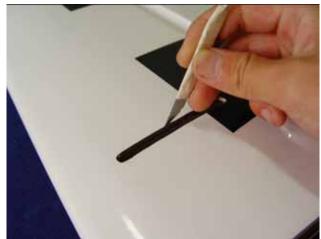
5. Slide the horns into slots slightly and Mount the locking plate in place. Align the right and left sides before epoxy has cured. Wipe away excess epoxy with rubbing alcohol



# Servo Installation



1. Cut off the cover on the pre-cut slot



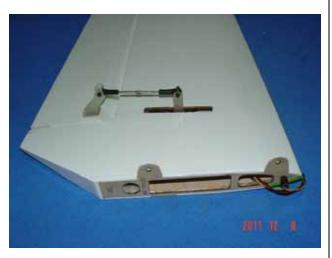


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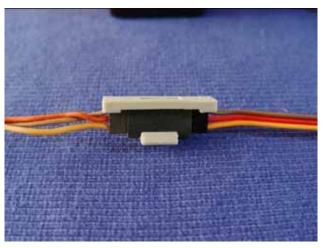
2. Install servos with mounting screws. Face the brand toward the rear of fuse.



3. Install the servo arm with mounting screw and make it vertical with ground. Adjust pushrod in proper length to keep the aileron panel on the neutral position



4. Lock the connector with the provided safety clip against vibration and loosened tension as shown



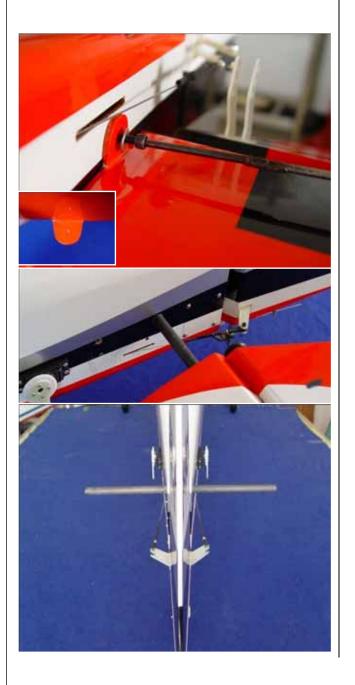
5. Then put the extention lead through fuselarge





# Elevator Servo Assembly

6. Install the stab with mounting bolts and washers



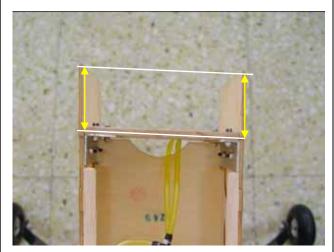
7. Repeat all the step above for the other stabilizer



# **Engine Uint**

### Firewall Assembly

Note: The 3 degree **RIGHT** thrust and 2 degree **DOWN** thrust have been built, just keep the firewall same distance from the edge



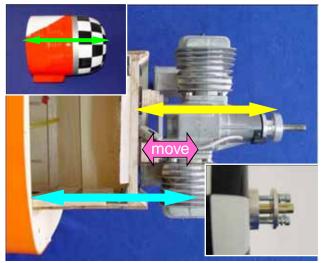
Note: There are the maked line for correct right thrust and down thrust on two side of the engine box.



Note: The cowl is already pre-build for right thrust and down thrust. The center of the engine axle will be in the exact center of the cowl.



1. Measure the length of the engine (from the firewall to the prop thrust washer), the cowl and the engine box for the proper distance allowing 1/4"to 1/2" from the edge of the cowl .Then mark the location

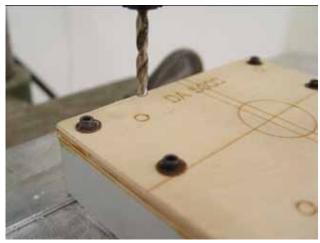


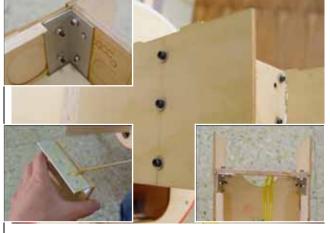
The excess plywood has been cut away





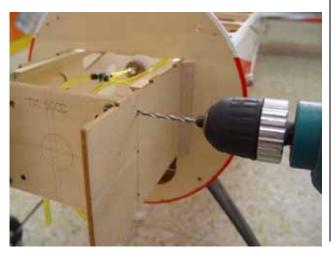
- 2. Drill the firewall according pre-set laser holes for DA-100. Otherwise measure your engine's mounting location.
- 4. Epoxy the firewall with 30 minutes epoxy and use the mounting screws and locker nut to fasten it immediately as shown





3. Drill the screw mounting holes aligning the line you have drawn both side as shown with the firewall taped or glued slightly in place(3mm bit)

Note: Epoxy the triangular hardwood supports for reinforce.100cc firewall needs to cut off the center hole for air exit





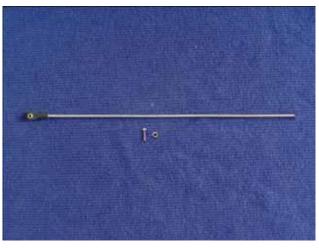


# **Engine Installation**

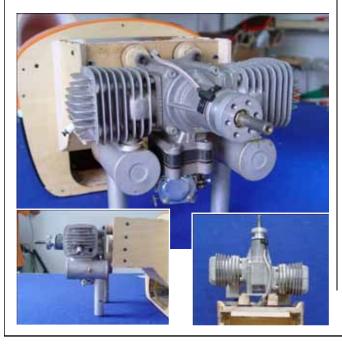
### Throttle servo Installation



Remember: Use Bue Loctite on all engine mounting screws



1. Install the engine throttle arm witn a little Blue Loctite

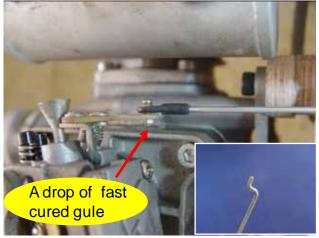




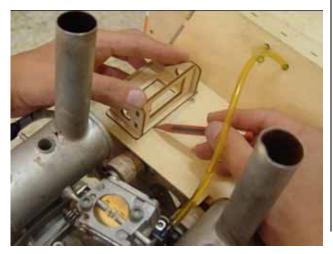


### Throttle servo Installation

- 2. Measure and cut the extra wire Mount the throttle pushrod to engine.
- Then bend to a sharp of "z" as shown



3. Determine where the throttle servo mounting tray is going to be mounted on the engine box to get the straight and precise throttle linkage connection then make a mark



4. Epoxy the mounting tray in place and secure with self-tapping screws



5. Finish the servo installation with mounting screws



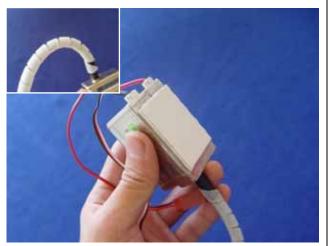




### Ignition Module



1. Tape foam rubber on bottom of ignition and attach to safety cover surplied as shown



2. Position the ignition outside the engine box to allow the spark plug leads to connect the engine without excess tension .Drill for Nylon tie



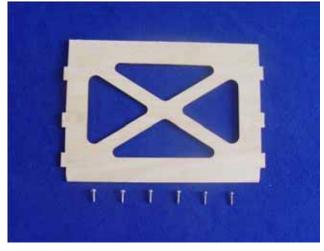
3. Lock the connectors with the provided safety clip against vibration and loosened tension as shown





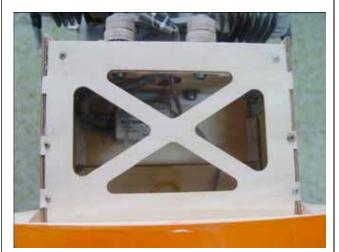
### Hatch And Fule Tank

# **Engine Box Hatch**

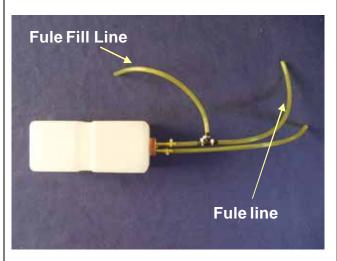


Epoxy the hatch in place and secure

with self-tapping screws



Fule Tank and Dot



Fule tank and fule dot have been installed. Just tighten the velcro ties







### **Crowl Assembly**



1. Make a pattern of the exhaust with a paper to hold its shape. Trial fit to make sure there is a minimum of 3/8" around the engine cooling.



2. Use a fiber cutting tool to rough cut the cowl and finish with a round sander



3. Ensue all the corner are rounded and not sharp 90 degrees against splitting under vibration. Trial fit till the cowl is right





# Canister Assembly

# **Canister Assembly**

1. Put the canister to the mounting.



2. Glue the mounting to the canister room.





3. Install the headers.











# **Canister Assembly**

4. Cut the covering on the canister room cover. This is very important because it will cool the engine.

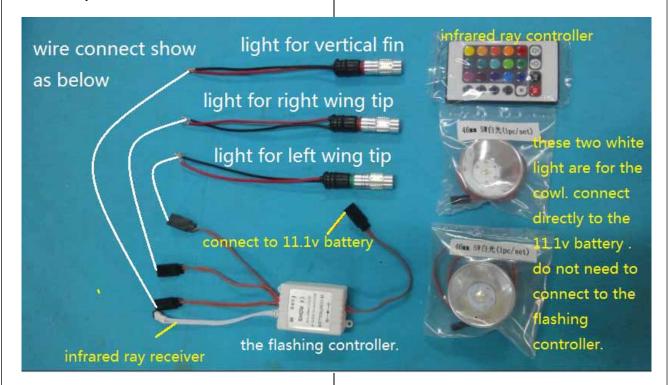




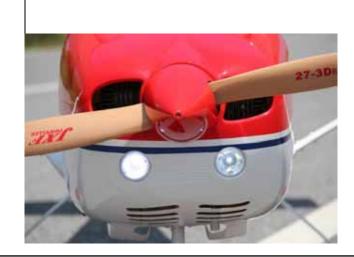


### Light system Assembly

1, All light already pre-install in the factory. You only need to connect the wire to the flashing controller. The lampstand for wing tip and rudder are pre-installed. You only need to put the light to the lampstand.





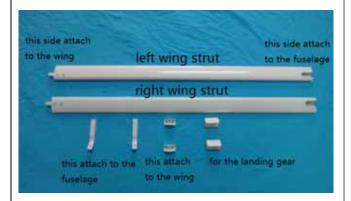




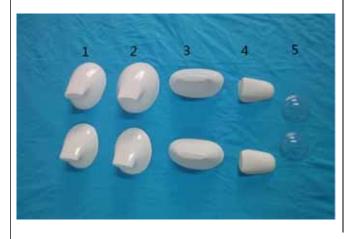
### **Accessories Assembly**

- 1. The plastic accessories as show below:
- 1: for the wing strut which attach to the wing.
- 2: for the wing strut which attach to the fuselage. It is similar to the No.1 part. You need to put to the wing or fuselage so you will know which it is.
- 3: for the landing gear which attach to the fuselage.
- 4: for the wheel pants.
- 5: for the light on the cowl.

2. The aluminium parts show as below.



3. Put two aluminium parts at the same straight line. Drill two 3mm diameter holes.









4, lock the aluminium part to the fuselage with the bolt and the nut.



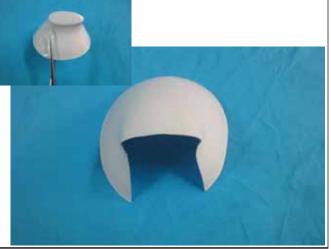
5, put the plastic part to the place. Glue it to the fuselage or screw to the fuselage with the bolts.



6, screw the aluminium part to the wing with the bolt. The wing has preinstalled blind nut. Then connect the wing strut to the wing.



6, cut one side hole of the No.1 plastic part which attach to the wing for the wing strut. So you can close the wing strut when you do not fly.





### **Accessories Assembly**

7, Glue the plastic part to the wing or screw to the wing with the bolts.







the wing strut can close like the left photo show. 8. There is a pre-dirll hole on the mid of the landing gear.



9. Screw the aluminium part to the landing gear with the bolt and the nut.





### **CG And Control Throws**

### **Center Of Gravity**

The center of gravity is marked inside the fuselage. Near to the wing tube as shown.



### The First Flight set up

Throttle: Adjust idle -full

Elevator: 30 Degrees on High rate

12 Degrees on Low rate

Aileron: 30 Degrees on High rate

12 Degrees on Low rate

Rudder: 30 Degrees on High rate

20 Degrees on Low rate

After you set the given control throws up and have a few flights under you belt, you can change the amounts as well as moving the CG as you like.

Learn to use exponential of about 40 percent on your elevator to make great landings and not over control as highly aerobatic plane. Use 70 percent exponential on High Rate!



# **Flight Preperation**

Make sure you have the right model programmed into your transmitter

Check the direction of each control surface for correct operation before you take off .

Remember nothing wrong on the ground ever improves in the air

Check the air plane with the engine running and do a range check with as per your radio manufactures instructions your body should be between you and the plane at 150 feet.

Check your battery voltage after each flight in case one servo is draining your battery

Recheck all screws, horns and linkages for slop after your maiden fight and check for damage if you made a bad landing your first time

Have an experienced pilot fly it for the first time if you have any doubts in your mind about the maiden flight

Take a break after you first flight and let the adrenaline burn off by bragging to your fellow members how good it flies

Fly low and at a medium speed on your first few flights

Listen to your engine run and have an observer with you to remember what you talked about during the flight or if you get into trouble. Always balance your props, vibration is a killer.

Remember nose heavy airplanes fly all the time, tail heavy airplanes fly only once. Be sure about the CG!

Fly 3D maneuvers high in the beginning and not close to people, planes or runways. Being a center of the runway hog does not endear you to other modelers.