

# HIGH-POWER RMS-PLUS™ Assembly and Operation Instructions

## READ THIS BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Study the illustrations and sequence of assembly. **THE SEQUENCE OF ASSEMBLY IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USE. USE RMS™ MOTORS AND RELOAD KITS ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL INSTRUCTIONS.** Review the parts list and become familiar with all parts before assembly. **IF ANY PARTS ARE MISSING OR DAMAGED, CONTACT RCS AT 1-435-865-7100.**
- **DO NOT USE ANY PARTS OF THE RMS™ SYSTEM THAT ARE DAMAGED IN ANY WAY.** If in doubt, contact RCS at the number above for assistance.
- **DO NOT MODIFY THE MOTOR IN ANY WAY.** Modification of the motor or the reload kit parts could result in motor failure, lead to the destruction of both your rocket and motor and may cause personal injury, death and/or property damage. Modification of the motor or reload kit in any way will invalidate your motor warranty.
- **USE ONLY AEROTECH/RCS RMS™ RELOAD KITS AND MOTOR PARTS TO REFURBISH YOUR RMS™ MOTOR.** The AeroTech/RCS reload kits have been designed specifically for use in your particular AeroTech/RCS RMS™ motor. Use of imitation components may destroy your motor, rocket and payload and will invalidate your motor warranty. Only use AeroTech/RCS RMS™ reload kits intended for your specific AeroTech/RCS RMS™ motor. **DO NOT INTERCHANGE PARTS!** Do not use AeroTech/RCS RMS™ reload kits or motor components for any other purpose than to refurbish an AeroTech/RCS RMS™ motor.
- **DO NOT REUSE ANY OF THE DISPOSABLE PARTS OF THE RMS™ RELOAD KIT.** This includes the liner, nozzle and o-rings. These components have been designed for one use only and must be discarded after firing. Reuse can result in motor failure during subsequent operation and will invalidate your motor warranty.
- Motors are hot after firing. Although the RMS™ operates at a lower temperature than most disposable motors, the higher thermal conductivity of the aluminum motor parts may make it seem otherwise. If necessary to handle a motor before it has cooled down, use a rag or similar article.
- Read and follow the safety code of the Tripoli Rocketry Association (TRA) and comply with all federal, state and local laws in all activities involving high power rockets.

**DO NOT OPEN RELOAD KIT UNTIL READY TO USE.**

## PARTS:

### RMS™ HARDWARE

38mm enlarged aft closure (I364FJ)	1
38mm std. or enlarged aft closure (I225FJ, I305FJ)	1
38/480 case (I225FJ)	1
38/600 case (I305FJ)	1
38/720 case (I364FJ)	1
38mm std. or plugged forward closure	1
38mm forward seal ring	1

### RELOAD KIT

Nozzle (black plastic part)	1
Liner (1-3/8" O.D. black plastic tube)	1
Propellant grains	4, 5 or 6
Aft o-ring (3/16" thick X 1-3/8" O.D.)	1
Forward o-ring (1/8" thick X 1-3/8" O.D.)	1
Fwd seal ring o-ring (1/16" thick X 1-5/16" O.D.)	1
Aft insulator (1-3/8" O.D. fiber washer)	1
Ejection charge cap (adhesive paper disk)	1
FirstFire™ igniter	1
Ejection charge container (5/8" O.D. red plastic cap)	1
Nozzle cap for I330FJ (13/16" O.D. red plastic cap)	1
RMS-Plus™ delay element (short solid part)	1
Delay insulator (13/16" O.D. tube)	1
Delay o-ring (3/32" thick X 13/16" O.D.)	1
Aft delay spacer (short colored paper ring)	1
Forward delay spacer (13/16" O.D. neoprene washer)	1

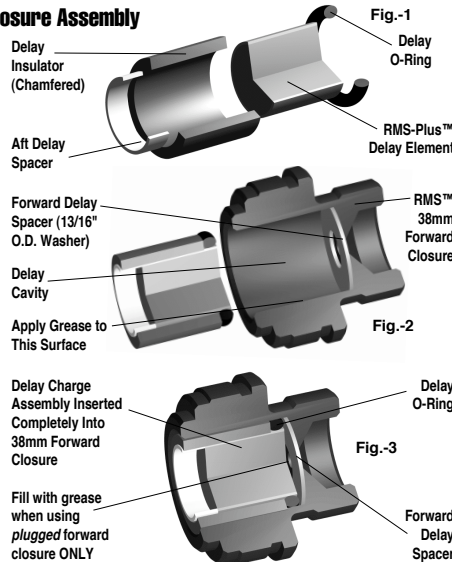
## ITEMS NEEDED FOR USE:

- Synco™ Super Lube™ or other grease
- Hobby knife
- Wet wipes or damp paper towels

**SAVE THE RELOAD KIT PLASTIC BAG FOR THE USED RELOAD PARTS. DISPOSE OF BAG AND PARTS PROPERLY.**

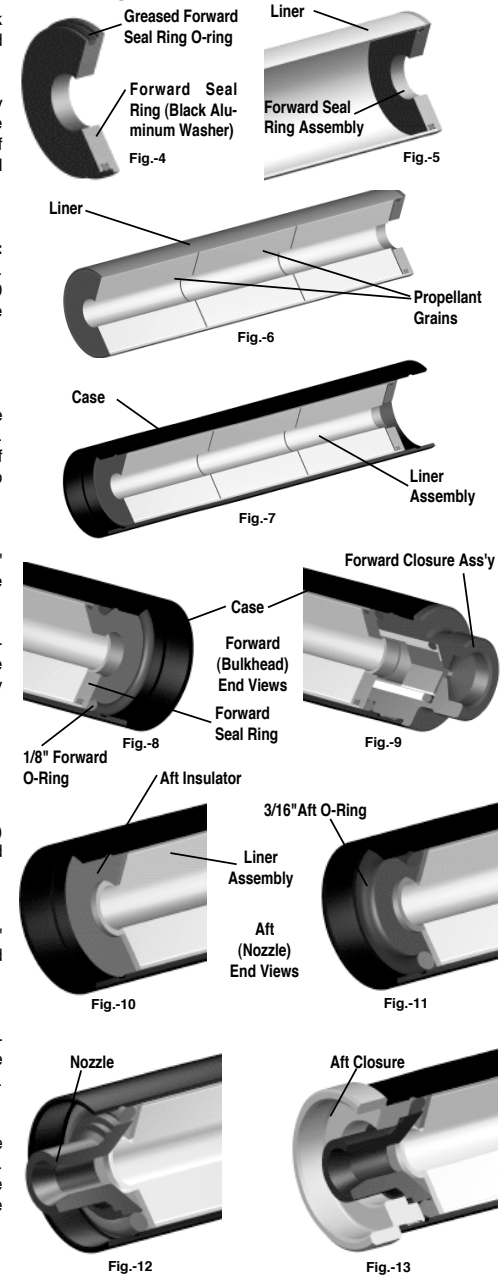
## Chapter 1. Forward Closure Assembly

- 1-1. Apply a light coat of Synco™ Super Lube™ or other grease to all threads and all 4 o-rings. This will facilitate assembly and prevents the threads from seizing.
- 1-2. **Fig.-1:** Chamfer both inner edges of the delay insulator with your fingernail. Assemble the RMS-Plus delay element, delay insulator, aft delay spacer and delay o-ring as shown. **NOTE:** It is **not** necessary to tape the delay element or delay insulator, the hot gas seal is provided by the delay o-ring alone.
- 1-3. **Fig.-2:** Insert the forward delay spacer (13/16" O.D. neoprene washer) into the delay cavity until it is seated against the forward end of the cavity. Apply a **light film** of grease to the inner circumference of the delay cavity (but **not** the forward end of the cavity).
- 1-4. **Fig.-3:** Insert the delay charge assembly shown in Fig.-1 into the delay cavity, o-ring end first, until it is seated against the forward delay spacer. **NOTE:** When using a **plugged** forward closure **ONLY**, fill the opening in the forward delay spacer with grease prior to installing the delay charge assembly.



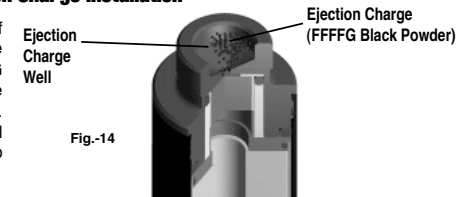
## Chapter 2. Case Assembly

- 2-1. **Fig.-4:** Place the greased forward seal ring (1/16" thick X 1-5/16" O.D.) o-ring into the groove in the forward seal ring.
- 2-2. **Fig.-5:** Using a hobby knife or similar tool, gently remove the burr (rough, raised edge) from both inside ends of the liner tube. Insert the smaller (o-ring) end of the seal ring into one end of the liner tube until the seal ring flange is seated against the end of the liner.
- 2-3. **Fig.-6:** Install the propellant grains into the liner. **NOTE:** Only three grains are shown in all illustrations for clarity. RMS-38/480 motors use four (4) grains, RMS-38/600 motors use five (5) grains and RMS-38/720 motors use six (6) grains.
- 2-4. **Fig.-7:** Push the liner assembly into the motor case until it is equally recessed from both ends of the case. **NOTE:** A light coat of grease on the outside surface of the liner will facilitate installation and casing cleanup after motor firing.
- 2-5. **Fig.-8:** Place the greased forward (1/8" thick X 1-3/8" O.D.) o-ring into the forward (bulkhead) end of the case until it is seated against the forward seal ring.
- 2-6. **Fig.-9:** With the motor case held in a horizontal position, thread the previously assembled forward closure assembly into the forward end of the motor case by hand until it is seated against the case.
- 2-7. **Fig.-10:** Place the aft insulator (1-3/8" O.D. fiber washer) into the aft (nozzle) end of the motor case, seated against the liner assembly.
- 2-8. **Fig.-11:** Place the greased aft (3/16" thick X 1-3/8" O.D.) o-ring into the aft end of the motor case, seated against the aft insulator.
- 2-9. **Fig.-12:** Push the larger end of the nozzle into the aft o-ring and against the aft insulator. **NOTE:** Your nozzle may look slightly different than that shown in illustrations. The nozzle will be a snug fit in the o-ring.
- 2-10. **Fig.-13:** Thread the aft (gold) closure into the aft end of the motor case by hand until it is seated against the case. **NOTES:** There will be some resistance to threading in the closure during the last 1/32" to 1/16" of travel. It is normal if the grains rattle slightly inside the liner after tightening.



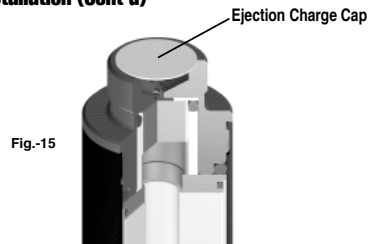
## Chapter 3. Ejection Charge Installation

- 3-1. **Fig.-14:** Thoroughly clean the outside of the motor of any grease or other residue. Open the ejection charge container and dispense enough ejection charge (FFFFG black powder) into the ejection charge well of the forward closure to fill the well approximately 3/4 full. **NOTE:** For 4" and larger diameter rockets, fill the well **completely**. Save the cap for use as the nozzle cap igniter holder for the I225FJ and I282FJ reloads.

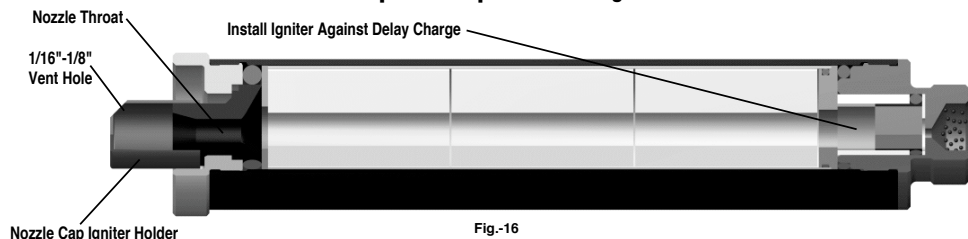


### Chapter 3. Ejection Charge Installation (Cont'd)

- 3-2. **Fig.-15:** Apply the ejection charge cap (adhesive paper disk) to the center of the end of the forward closure. With the motor held in a **NOZZLE DOWN** position, gently shake the motor to settle the ejection charge into the cavity above the delay element.



### Chapter 4. Preparation For Flight



- 4-1. **Fig.-16:** Using a hobby knife, cut a corner off the red nozzle cap (5/8" or 13/16" O.D. red plastic cap) to create a small (1/16"-1/8") vent hole. Set the nozzle cap igniter holder aside.
- 4-2. **Fig.-16:** Insert the coated end of the FirstFire™ or other igniter through the nozzle throat until it stops against the delay element or forward seal ring.
- 4-3. Push the vented nozzle cap igniter holder over the igniter lead(s) and nozzle until it stops.
- 4-4. Install the motor into the rocket's motor mount tube. Ensure that the motor is securely retained in the rocket by using positive mechanical means to prevent it from being ejected at the time of ejection charge firing.
- 4-5. Prepare the rocket's recovery system and then launch the rocket in accordance with the Tripoli Rocketry Association (TRA) Safety Code and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Code 1127.

### Chapter 5. Post-Recovery Cleanup

**NOTE:** Perform motor clean-up as soon as possible after motor firing. Propellant and delay residues become difficult to remove after 24 hours and can lead to corrosion of the metal parts. Place the spent motor components in the reload kit plastic bag and dispose of properly.

- 5-1. After the motor has cooled down, remove the forward and aft closures.
- 5-2. Remove the delay insulator, delay o-ring and forward delay spacer from the forward closure and discard. Remove and discard the nozzle and the forward and aft o-rings. Using wet wipes or damp paper towels, remove all delay and propellant residue from the closures. **WARNING: FAILURE TO COMPLETELY REMOVE DELAY RESIDUE FROM THE INSIDE OF THE FORWARD CLOSURE CAN LEAD TO GAS LEAKAGE ON A SUBSEQUENT FLIGHT AND DAMAGE TO YOUR RMS MOTOR FORWARD CLOSURE AND ROCKET VEHICLE.**
- 5-3. Remove the liner from the casing by pushing on either end. Remove the forward seal ring from the liner. Discard the liner and forward seal ring o-ring **ONLY**. Using wet wipes or damp paper towels, wipe the inside of the casing and the forward seal ring to remove all propellant residue. **DO NOT** discard the forward seal ring!

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- 5-4. Apply a light coat of grease to all threads and the inside of the motor case. Reassemble metal parts and store motor in a dry place.

### Chapter 6. First Aid

For a minor burn, apply a burn ointment. For a severe burn, immerse the burned area in ice water at once and see a physician as quickly as possible. In the unlikely event of oral ingestion of the propellant, induce vomiting and see a physician as quickly as possible. The AeroTech/RCS composite propellant consists primarily of ammonium perchlorate and a rubber-like plastic elastomer.

### Chapter 7. Disposal

Damaged or defective reload kits should be returned to RCS.

### Chapter 8. Fire Safety

Tests show that the pyrotechnic components of RMS™ reload kits will not explode in fires and normally will not ignite unless subjected to direct flame and then will burn slowly. Use water to fight any fires in which AeroTech/RCS RMS™ reload kit pyrotechnic components may become involved: Direct the water at the AeroTech/RCS RMS™ reload kit pyrotechnic components to keep them below their 550 deg. F autoignition temperature. Foam and carbon dioxide fire extinguishers will NOT extinguish burning propellants of the type used in RMS™ reload kit pyrotechnic components. Keep reload kit pyrotechnic components away from flames, sources of heat and flammable materials.

### Disclaimer and Warranty

**NOTICE:** As we cannot control the storage and use of our products, once sold we cannot assume any responsibility for product storage, transportation or usage. RCS shall not be held responsible for any personal injury or property damage resulting from the handling, storage or use of our product. The buyer assumes all risks and liabilities therefrom and accepts and uses AeroTech/RCS products on these conditions. No warranty either expressed or implied is made regarding AeroTech/RCS products, except for replacement or repair, at RCS's option, of those products which are proven to be defective in manufacture within one year from the date of original purchase. For repair or replacement under this warranty, please contact RCS. Proof of purchase will be required. Note: Your state may provide additional rights not covered by this warranty.

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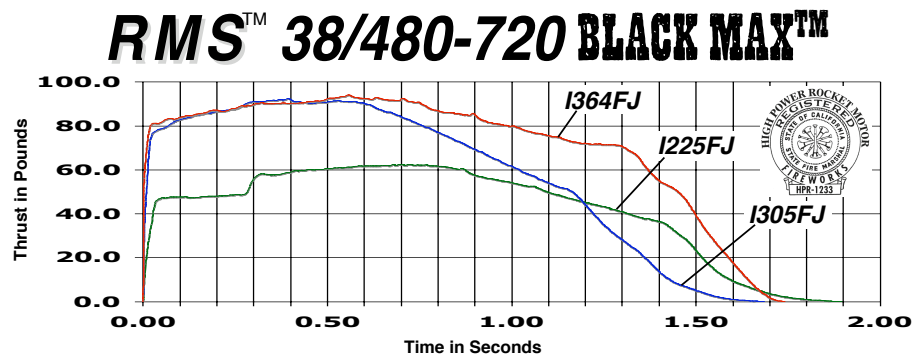
## Reloadable Motor System

With **RMS PLUS™** Advanced Delay Sealing System

**Typical Time-Thrust Curves:**

Certified By the Tripoli Rocketry Association

**DO NOT OPEN  
RELOAD KIT  
UNTIL READY  
TO USE**



### THIS PACKAGE CONTAINS ONE RMS-PLUS™ RELOAD KIT:

- I225FJ-M (38/480)     I305FJ-M (38/600)     I364FJ-M (38/720)

**NOTE: MEDIUM DELAY CHARGE COMPONENTS INCLUDED.** For other delay times, use one of the appropriate AeroTech Reload Delay Kits (RDK's) for the delay time desired. Please refer to the RDK cross-reference list on back of the reload kit header card for proper RDK selection.

FJ = Black Max™    Short = approx. 6 sec, Medium = approx. 10 sec., Long = approx. 14 sec.

The reload kits shown above are **ONLY** for use in AEROTECH RMS-38 high-power motors.

### RMS-38/480-720 BLACK MAX RELOAD KIT DATA

Hardware Desig.	Performance Desig.	Total Impulse (Max.)	Propellant Wt.	Loaded Motor Wt.
RMS™-38/480	I225FJ	360 N-sec	241.7 g (0.532 lb)	486 g (1.07 lb)
RMS™-38/600	I305FJ	450 N-sec	302.1 g (0.665 lb)	581 g (1.28 lb)
RMS™-38/720	I364FJ	560 N-sec	362.5 g (0.798 lb)	678 g (1.49 lb)

### RMS-38/480-720 HARDWARE DATA

Hardware Designation	Motor Diameter	Motor Length	Hardware Weight	Reload Used
RMS™-38/480	1.500" (38mm)	9.82"	168.5 g (0.371 lb)	I225FJ
RMS™-38/600	1.500" (38mm)	11.70"	190.4 g (0.419 lb)	I305FJ
RMS™-38/720	1.500" (38mm)	13.57"	212.3 g (0.468 lb)	I364FJ

**NOTE:** Total impulse shown is optimum. Motor lengths are measured from end of aft closure to end of forward closure. I364FJ reloads require enlarged 38mm aft closure for use; AeroTech part number 38AC2

**NOTE: SALE OF PROPELLANT RELOAD KITS TO PERSONS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW. WARNING-FLAMMABLE: Read Instructions Before Use. KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN. FOR USE ONLY BY CERTIFIED HIGH-POWER USERS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER. DO NOT SMOKE when loading these motors or use in the vicinity of open flames.**