

16. Fig-9: Using scissors or a hobby knife, cut a corner off the closed end of the nozzle cap to create a vent hole about

1/16" wide. Push the nozzle cap over the nozzle to hold the igniter in place.

PREPARATION FOR FLIGHT

1. Install RMS motor into the rockets motor mount tube. Secure the motor into the rocket and prevent it from being ejected at the time of ejection charge firing by using a motor hook, friction fit, or wrapping tape around the junction where the motor meets the end of the rocket motor tube. If using a motor hook, be sure to hold the hook away from the motor during insertion into the motor tube to prevent the hook from scraping the motor casing. Position the hook tab into the slotted recess in the aft closure.
2. Prepare the rocket's recovery system and then launch the rocket by electrical means in the normal manner or as recommended by the rocket manufacturer.
3. **MISFIRES:** If a misfire occurs and a loaded AeroTech/RCS RMS motor does not ignite for any reason within

five seconds of pressing the launch button, release the launch button and remove the safety key from the electrical launch controller. **WAIT ONE MINUTE** before approaching or allowing anyone else to approach the rocket. Keep your fingers and hands out from underneath the rocket and away from the possible path of the motor exhaust jet. Do not place any part of your body over the launch pad. Disconnect the igniter clip from the COPPERHEAD™ igniter. Carefully remove the rocket from the launch pad. Keeping the motor nozzle pointed away from your face and body - and away from any other person's face or body - remove the red plastic nozzle cap and repeat the motor preparation and launching process.

POST-RECOVERY CLEANUP

NOTE: Perform RMS motor cleanup as soon as possible after motor firing. Propellant and delay residues become difficult to remove 24 hours after motor firing. These residues can lead to corrosion of the metal parts. **DISPENSE OF SPENT MOTOR COMPONENTS PROPERLY.**

1. After the motor has cooled down, remove the forward and aft closures. Using a wet wipe or damp paper towel, remove all delay, propellant and ejection charge residue from the closures.
WARNING: FAILURE TO COMPLETELY REMOVE DELAY RESIDUE FROM THE INSIDE OF THE FORWARD CLOSURE CAN LEAD TO GAS LEAKAGE AROUND

THE FORWARD O-RING ON A SUBSEQUENT FLIGHT AND DAMAGE TO YOUR RMS MOTOR FORWARD CLOSURE AND ROCKET VEHICLE.

2. Remove the liner assembly and forward o-ring by pushing on the nozzle and discard. Remove the aft o-ring and discard.
3. Using a wet wipe or a damp paper towel, wipe the inside of the casing to remove all propellant residue.
4. Apply a light coat of grease to all threads and the inside of the motor case. Reassemble parts and store in a dry place.

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, delay or ejection charge, induce vomiting and see a physician as quickly as possible. The AeroTech/RCS composite rocket propellant consists of ammonium perchlorate and a rubber like plastic elastomer.

DISPOSAL

Damaged or defective reloads should be returned to RCS.

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FIRE SAFETY

Tests show that composite propellant 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 fires in which AeroTech/RCS composite propellant RMS reload kits may become involved: direct the water at the AeroTech/RCS RMS reload kits to keep them below their 550°F autoignition temperature. Foam and carbon dioxide fire extinguishers will NOT extinguish burning propellant of the type used in AeroTech/RCS composite propellant RMS reload kits.

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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RMS™ - 18/20

Fits All Kits Designed for
Black Powder "A" - "C" Motors

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

RELOADABLE MOTOR SYSTEM™

** = Tripoli Certified **THIS PACKAGE CONTAINS:** * = NAR Certified Delay times

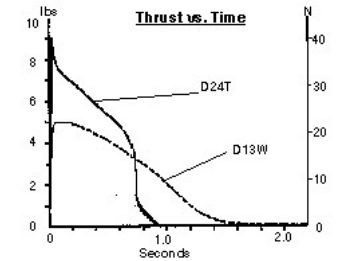
- RMS-18/20 Motor (18mm dia.)
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The reload kits shown above are **ONLY** for use in AeroTech/RCS RMS-18/20 motors.

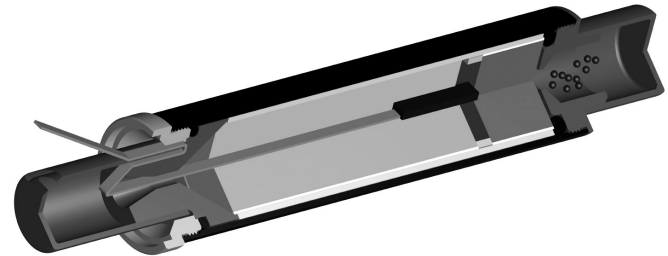
NOTE: SALE TO PERSONS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW. WARNING: FLAMMABLE: Read Instructions Before Use. KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN. DO NOT SMOKE when loading these motors or use in the vicinity of open flames. FOR SAFE DISPOSAL READ INSTRUCTIONS.

TYPICAL TIME - THRUST CURVES:

Motor Type	Propellant Weight		Total Impulse		Average Thrust		Loaded Motor Weight	
	oz	gms	lb-sec	N-sec	lbs	N	oz	gms
D13W	0.35	9.8	4.5	20.0	2.9	13.0	1.2	33
D24T	0.31	8.7	4.5	20.0	5.4	24.0	1.1	31



W = White Lightning Propellant
T = Blue Thunder Propellant



REQUIRES 12 VOLT LAUNCH SYSTEM

RMS™ 18/20 Assembly and Operation Instructions

BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- * Study the illustrations and sequence of assembly. **THE SEQUENCE OF ASSEMBLY IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. 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 or email at: warranty@aerotech-rocketry.com**
- * **DO NOT USE ANY PART 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 INTER-CHANGE PARTS!** Do not use AeroTech/RCS RMS™ reload kits or motor components for any other purpose than to refurbish an AeroTech/RCS 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 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 codes of the National Association of Rocketry (NAR) and the Tripoli Rocketry Association and comply with all federal, state and local laws in all activities with hobby rockets.

PARTS:

RMS-18/20 MOTOR

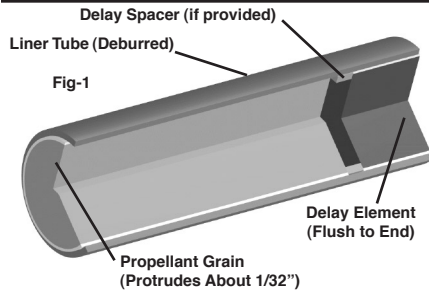
18mm Aft closure	1
18mm Case	1
18mm Forward closure	1
Grease	1 tube

RELOAD KIT (3-Pak)

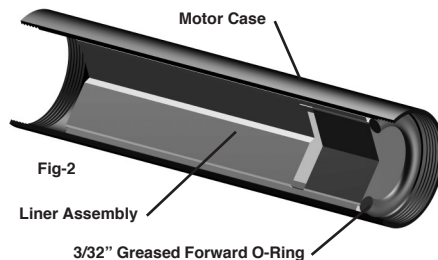
Liner (5/8" O.D. tube)	3
Propellant grain (long slotted part)	3
Delay Grain (short solid part)	3
Delay spacer (9/16" O.D. washer, O-ring or tube)	0 or 3
Aft O-ring (1/16" x 5/8" O.D.)	3
Forward O-ring (3/32" x 5/8" O.D.)	3
Nozzle (Black plastic part)	3
COPPERHEAD™ igniter	3
Ejection charge container/nozzle cap	3

ITEMS NEEDED FOR USE:

Wet wipes or damp paper towels
Hobby knife or scissors



1. Select one each of the reload parts and reclose the reload kit package securely to prevent loss of parts.
2. Apply a light coat of grease to the forward and aft O-rings and all threaded surfaces. This will facilitate assembly and prevent the threads from seizing. **NOTE:** When all the grease that comes with the motor has been consumed, use petroleum jelly or similar grease.
3. **Fig-1:** Using your fingernail or a blunt object, remove the burr (rough raised edge) from both inside ends of the liner tube by pressing or scraping and rotating the tube at the same time.
4. **Fig-1:** If supplied with the reload kit, press the delay



5. **Fig-1:** Press the delay element into the same end of the liner tube as the delay spacer until it is flush with the liner.
6. **Fig-1:** Insert the propellant grain into the other end of the liner tube until it stops. The propellant grain should protrude above the liner about 1/32". **WARNING: FAILURE TO INSTALL THE DELAY ELEMENT, DELAY SPACER AND PROPELLANT GRAIN CORRECTLY MAY RESULT IN THE EJECTION CHARGE FUNCTIONING AT THE TIME OF IGNITION OF THE MOTOR, POSSIBLY DAMAGING YOUR MOTOR AND ROCKET.**

7. **Fig-2:** Insert the liner assembly into the motor case until it is recessed equally from both ends of the case. Hold the liner assembly in place with your finger.
8. **Fig-2:** Place the greased forward O-ring (3/32" thick) against the **DELAY END** of the liner assembly.
9. **Fig-3:** Thread the forward (black) closure into the delay end of the motor case by hand until it stops against the end of the case.
10. **Fig-4:** Insert the black coated end of the COPPERHEAD Igniter into the slot in the propellant grain until it stops against the delay element. **NOTE:** It is necessary to install the igniter at this time due to the small throat size of the nozzle.
11. **Fig-5:** Using the point of a pencil, remove any plastic "flashing" that may remain in the nozzle throat. Insert the nozzle into the open end of the case, with the igniter lead threaded through the nozzle throat, until the nozzle is seated against the liner.
12. **Fig-6:** Place the greased aft O-ring (1/16" thick) into the groove between the nozzle and case.
13. **Fig-7:** Thread the aft (gold) closure into the motor by hand until it stops against the end of the case. A rag or paper towel may be used to get a better grip on the closure.
14. **Fig-8:** Hold the ejection charge container/nozzle cap assembly with the nozzle cap (the long plastic cap) pointing up. **CAREFULLY** remove the nozzle cap from the ejection charge container. Holding the motor in a vertical position with the **FORWARD** (black) closure pointing down, snap the ejection charge container over the matching end of the **FORWARD** closure. **WARNING: DO NOT LOOSEN THE FORWARD CLOSURE ONCE THE EJECTION CHARGE CONTAINER HAS BEEN SNAPPED INTO POSITION.** Loosening the forward closure will cause ejection charge to leak under the forward o-ring and may lead to seal failure.
15. With the motor held in a **NOZZLE DOWN** position, gently shake the motor several times to settle the ejection charge into the cavity above the delay element.

NOTE: If it becomes necessary to remove the **AFT** (gold) closure to replace the igniter due to a misfire, hold the motor in a nozzle-up position and avoid moving the liner assembly in the case during the operation.

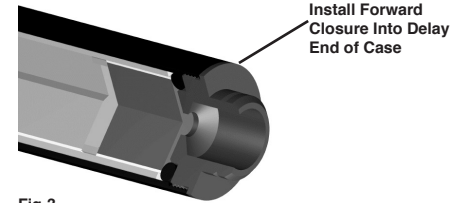


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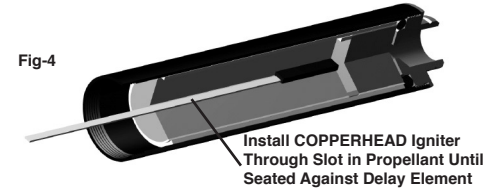


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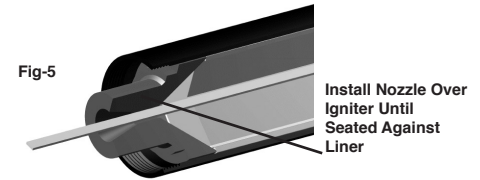


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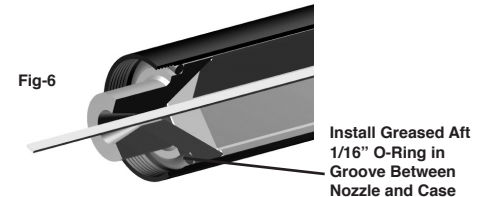


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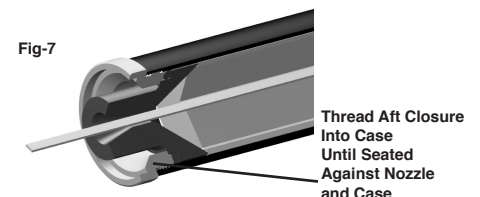


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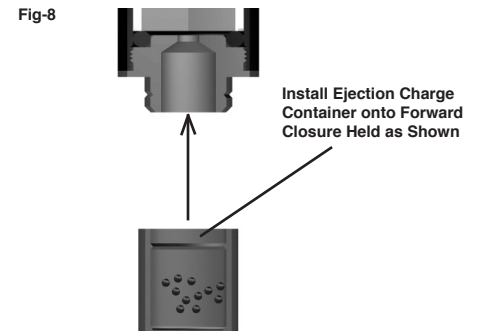


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