Performance Specifications

Motor Type: F42-8T  
Delay: 8 sec.  
Dimensions: 1.125” x 3.283” (29 x 83 mm)  
Motor Weight: 2.7 oz. (77 gms.)  
Propellant Weight: 0.9 oz. (27 gms.)  
Propellant Type: Blue Thunder™  
Propellant Effect: Blue-Violet Flame, Low Smoke  
Total Impulse: 12.4 lb-sec. (55.0 N-sec.)  
Peak Thrust: 14.0 lbs. (62.3 N)  
Average Thrust: 9.4 lbs. (42 N)  
Burn Time: 1.3 sec.  
Max. Rec. Lift-off Wgt: 16 oz. (454 gms.)

Recommended Motor Matrix

Econojet F42-4T  
Initiator, HV Arcas, Strong Arm, Wart-Hog  
Econojet F42-8T  
Mustang, Arreaux, IQSY Tomahawk, Cheetah, Barracuda

Read and Follow All Instructions Before and During Use!

Use these model rocket motors only in accordance with these instructions. Econojet Composite Model Rocket Motors are NOT toys! Handle all model rocket motors with care and respect. AeroTech strongly recommends the Interlock launch controller (or a comparable 12 volt system) be used with all Copperhead igniters.

General Information

Econojet composite model rocket motors are the most technically advanced model rocket motors in the world. Econojet motors use the same propellant as America’s space boosters. Pound for pound, this propellant delivers nearly 3 times the power of black powder used in other model rocket motors. Econojet composite model rocket motors allow you to fly larger rockets, heavier payloads, and achieve higher altitudes than ever before!

Motor Classification

Each Econojet composite model rocket motor is marked with a code (e.g. F20-4W) which gives important information about the motor’s performance. The letter indicates the total impulse (in Newton-seconds) produced by the motor. Each succeeding letter indicates a power level up to twice that indicated by the previous letter. For example, an “E” motor can be twice as powerful as an “F” motor. The number following the time delay code shows the time delay in seconds between propellant burn-out and the firing of the ejection charge. The letter following the time delay code shows the type of propellant formulation used in the motor. “W” for White Lightning™, “T” for Blue Thunder™, and “FJ” for BlackMax™.

Storage and Handling

Store Econojet composite model rocket motors in a dry place where the temperature will remain between 45°F and 100°F. Do not cut, saw, attempt to alter the size, attempt to disassemble, attempt to modify, or drop an Econojet composite model rocket motor. Do not use an Econojet composite model rocket motor that you believe has been damaged or may be defective in any way. Do not ignite an Econojet composite model rocket motor indoors. Do not breathe fumes from the rocket motor exhaust.

First Aid

For a minor burn, apply 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 Econojet composite model rocket motor contains a propellant that consists of ammonium perchlorate and a rubber-like plastic elastomer.

Disposal

Damaged, defective, or unwanted motors should be disposed of in the following manner. Pack the motor firmly in the ground, with just the nozzle showing, away from buildings, people, animals, and flammable materials. Be sure the nozzle is pointing straight up and is clear. Ignite electrically, per ignition instructions, from a distance of 30 feet or more. Propellant, delay, and ejection charge will burn until consumed. Do not approach for at least five minutes after the firing. Do not put any part of your body over the motor during the process. Dispose of spent motor in inert trash. WARNING: Remember that the motor will be very hot after firing. Allow time for it to cool down!

Fire Safety

Controlled tests show that composite propellant model rocket motors will not explode in fires and normally will not ignite if subjected to intense, sustained fires for two minutes or less. Use water to fight fires in which Econojet composite model rocket motors may become involved; direct the water at the Econojet composite model rocket motors 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 Econojet.
Instructions for Use

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY
IGNITION AND LAUNCHING

1. Select and carefully straighten the FirstFire Jr.™ initiator provided.

FirstFire Jr.™ initiator

2. Fig. 1 Holding the initiator between thumb and forefinger, insert the black-coated end through the nozzle and into the core of the propellant grain.

Core

3. Fig. 1 Once the initiator has entered the propellant grain core, continue inserting it until contact is made with the delay element at the forward end of the motor. Failure to insert the initiator as described may result in low-thrust ignition of the motor.

Delay Element

4. Fig. 2 Gently bend the end of the initiator that protrudes from the nozzle into an "S." Use the supplied yellow elastic band to secure the initiator to the side of the nozzle.

5. Fig. 2 Insert the Econojet model rocket motor into the rocket. If your rocket does not have a motor mount with a motor hook or other motor retainer, wrap a layer of masking tape around the motor tube/motor junction to secure the motor in the rocket and to prevent motor ejection when the ejection charge fires. "Friction fitting" an AeroTech composite model rocket motor into the motor mount is NOT recommended.

6. Prepare the recovery system of your rocket. Make sure that all elements of the recovery system are in good working order.

7. Slide the rocket onto the rod or rail of your launch pad. Model rockets powered by Econojet composite model rocket motors must be flown from a launch pad having a launch rod or rail at least 36 inches long or two-thirds the combined length of the rocket body and nose cone, whichever is greater. Do not launch a model rocket powered by an Econojet composite model rocket motor from any launch rod or rail shorter than that specified in the rocket kit assembly and use instructions.

8. Make sure the electrical launch controller is disarmed and then attach the initiator clips to the initiator. Test the electrical launch controller for proper safe operation before each flying session.

9. Stand at least 30 feet from the launch pad when flying a model rocket powered by an Econojet composite model rocket motor. Do not allow spectators to stand less than 30 feet from the launch pad. After arming the electrical launch controller give a loud, audible five second countdown before pressing the launch button.

10. Read and follow the Model Rocket Safety Code of the National Association of Rocketry (NAR) and comply with all federal, state and local laws in all activities with model rockets. MISFIRES

If a misfire occurs and an Econojet composite model rocket 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 launch controller. WAIT ONE MINUTE before approaching or allowing anyone else to approach the model rocket. Keep your fingers and hands out from underneath the model rocket and away from the possible path of the exhaust jet. Do not place any part of your body over the launch pad. Disconnect the initiator clips from the initiator. Carefully remove the model 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 initiator, and repeat the motor preparation and launching process with a new initiator.

STATEMENT OF WARRANTY

Limitation of Liability: 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 Rocket Motor Components (RCS), Inc. 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 Econojet/RCS products on these conditions. No warranty either expressed or implied is made regarding Econojet/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.

Single-Use Motors: Covered 1 year with a copy of your paid invoice or other proof of purchase: Case rupture, failure of delay to light or to remain lit (i.e., partial remaining unburned delay element), failure of ejection charge to function (must have intact ejection cap or no charing of bulkhead), case or bulkhead burn-through. Not covered: Failure to ignite, any failure of recovery system deployment (provided ejection charge functions). Econojet, the Econojet logo and the RCS Rocket Motor Components logo are trademarks of RCS Rocket Motor Components, Inc.