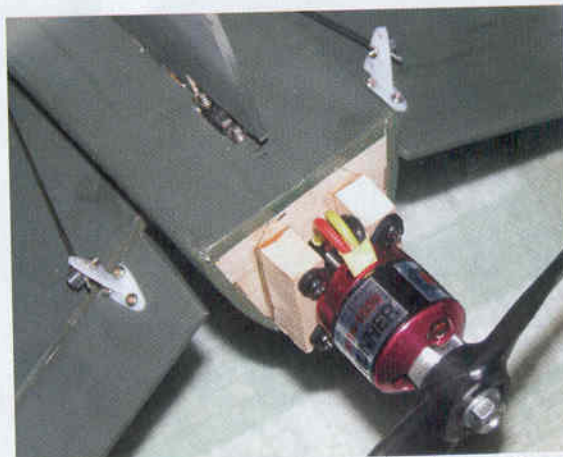


The kit comes with all the components built. You add the radio gear, motor and propeller. The wings, fuselage and V-tail pieces are beautifully covered, and the pieces in my kit all fit together perfectly without any modifications. The landing gear, control-surface hinges, pushrods and control horns are all included in the kit. The illustrated instructions are a good guide for assembling the plane, but you're on your own as far as radio setup goes.

Everything in the kit is of high quality. The fuselage is very sturdy, and the strong landing gear can withstand hard landings. The foam wheels are dense enough to give a good roll but soft enough to absorb shock. Decals are included, and you can add those all-important markings to finish the plane.

UNIQUE FEATURES

The Predator is a very unusual plane with a number of attractive features that make it stand out. The first thing you notice is the wingspan, which is very long in relation to the fuselage. The ample ailerons are at the outside of the wings. The distinctive V-tail is another eye-catching feature that really makes the plane noticeable. The pusher prop and downward-pointing rear vertical stabilizer not only add to stability in the air, but they also contribute to the Predator's distinctive look. The bulbous front cockpit is unique in the world of RC planes and provides lots of room for battery and radio gear.

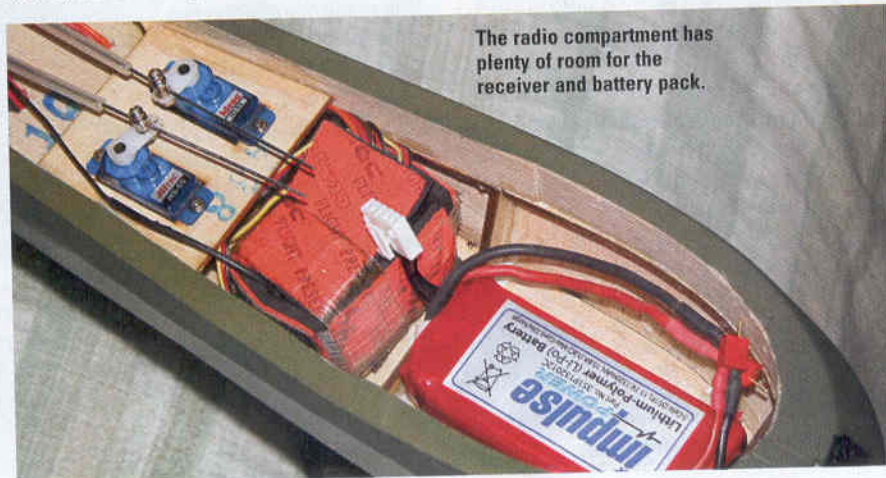


I had to move the motor out about 12mm to be able to position the motor in the cowl properly. The V-tail push rod channels come installed from the factory and are easy to align with the control horns.

The V-tail and ailerons are hinged with special paper and CA that's simply installed in the pre-cut slots. The ailerons are actuated by servos mounted in each wing and joined by a Y-connector and servo extension cords. The long wings are given additional support by a carbon-fiber rod that passes through the fuselage and goes well into each wing. The V-tails are mounted on the fuselage with epoxy and steel rods.

The decals are U.S. military style and they go on the wings and fuselage. To make it easy on myself, I put them on before I assembled the plane. The supplied hardware is metric and everything you need to complete the plane is included.

The motor I selected accepts only a short-shaft prop adapter, so I had to add a couple of small blocks to the rear firewall to offset the motor enough to allow the shaft to protrude far enough outside the cowl to accept the prop. I paid a small price for this modification in that I had to add a couple of ounces of lead to the nose,



The radio compartment has plenty of room for the receiver and battery pack.

SPECIFICATIONS

- MODEL** Electric Predator B UAV
- MANUFACTURER** Nitro Models
- DISTRIBUTOR** Nitro Models
- TYPE** Electric sport scale
- SMALLEST FLYING AREA** Outfield
- IDEAL FOR** Intermediate or advanced
- WINGSPAN** 63 in.
- WING AREA** 372 sq. in.
- READY-TO-FLY WEIGHT** 31.9 oz.
- WING LOADING** 12.35 oz./sq. ft.
- LENGTH** 36 in.
- FLIGHT DURATION** 8 to 10 min.
- PRICE** \$90

SCOREBOARD

- 👍 Outstanding scale appearance
- 👍 Very stable in the air
- 👎 Instructions inadequate for inexperienced modelers

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