

OLD TIME AIRCRAFT AXLE MOUNTING

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The figure shows two simple ways to mount an axle. The first one is to wrap the axle in the center of the spreader bar, ala Sopwith, letting the wheels move upward in a landing. The second method for either gas or rubber models is to wrap small rubber bands (Cut from surgical tubing or if you know someone in orthodontia) as shown for shock mounting.

I prefer this type of set-up. Most modeling planes do not go into much detail as far as gear installation is concerned. There is more to a gear than meets the eye. It is also an area where a wealth of detail could be added. However, too often it isn't treated that way!

