

Carl Bakay's Hints & Tips

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While working with small electric models, I have had a hard time finding suitable wire for building battery packs and wiring harnesses. You would like something that is both light and multi-stranded for flexibility. The smallest hookup wire I could find at an electronics store was 22 gauge, which is too thick and stiff. Finally I ordered some wire from FMA Direct that is great. It is called Microlite Servo Wire (no. 200LFJ). The package contains 8 ft. of red, black and white wire for \$9.00. Each wire has 65 hair-like strands of tinned no. 44 wire for an effective gauge of 26.

A New Source of Teflon Thrust Washers

Tim Goldstein at www.FID.biz is offering precision die cut 0.070" OD x 0.018" ID x 0.010" thick Teflon Prop washers. They are \$5.50 for a bag of 50. They are made on automated equipment so the hole is always perfectly centered. He also sells 3-inch lengths of 1/16" OD Teflon tube with two hole sizes, 0.015 and 0.020", for those who want to save and cut their own, for \$1.50 each.

A Better Rubber Lube?

Jerry Combs from Wyandotte, OK, tells us the Kansas City boys have turned him on to a hair care lotion available at Wal-Mart stores by Citre, called Shine Anti-Frizz, which gives an extra 100 turns in your rubber motor. Now, that is worth something!