CHAPTER 8

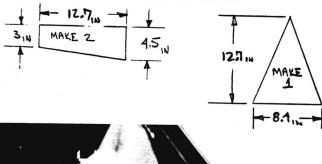
ROLL-OVER - STRUCTURE & SEAT BELTS

OVERVIEW: In this chapter you will fabricate and install the map case/head rest/roll over structure which mounts on the forward seat back bulkhead. This structure is fabricated from medium density foam sheets which are glassed inside and out with local inserts and buildups for the shoulder harness mount points and the attachment of a cable that will later be installed to keep the canopy from opening too far. Large holes are then cut in the sides and back for access to the interior to be used as a map case. This chapter is a one-man job, involving approximately six hours work.

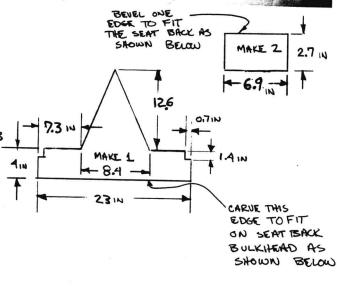
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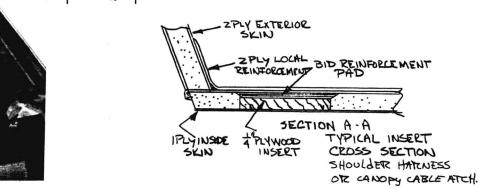
CARVING THE FOAM PIECES

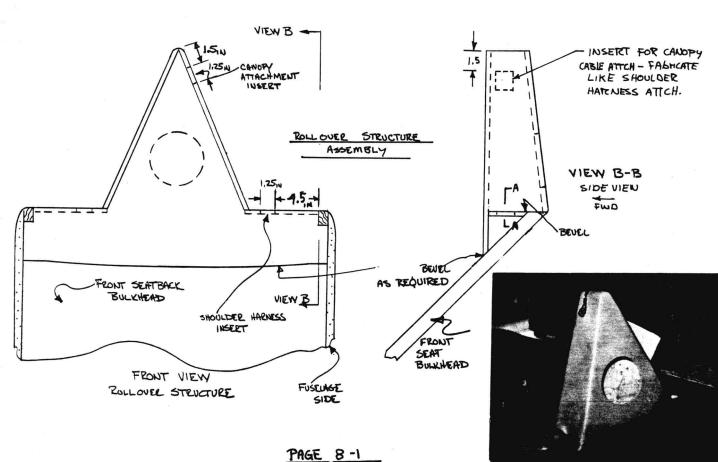
Cut the foam pieces shown from .35" thick TYPE R45 PV CCRE foam (DARK BLUE). See pq. 2-3 Trial fit these pieces together (use nails) on the seat back. Chamfer the edges and trim as required to mate as shown.











STEP 2

LOCATING THE SHOULDER HARNESS AND CANOPY ATTACHMENT INSERTS AND GLASSING THE INSIDE SURFACES FOR WET ASSEMBLY

Disassemble the foam roll over box pieces, cut the three plywood inserts shown, and locate them, as shown, flush with the inside foam surfaces. Lay up one ply BID over all the inside foam surfaces. Let this layup cure to knife trim, trim the FORM pieces, mix wet MICTO and reassemble the roll-over box on the fuselage with nails holding it in place. Use MICTO on all joining surfaces. Be sure to sand the cured glass surfaces of the seat back and cured glass surfaces of the seat back and fuselage sides before bonding. Clean off excess MKro and cure.

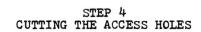
STEP 3

GLASSING THE OUTSIDE OF THE ROLL-OVER STRUCTURE

Sand a radius on the roll over peak and round all corners for glassing. Contour the foam around the inserts as shown. Contour

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Sand the seat back and fuselage sides
dull where the roll over structure glass
laps over cured glass surfaces. Lay up
the local buildups over the inserts. The 12 plies locally provide the
required bearing strength for the harness
and canopy stop bolts. Lay up two plies
BID over all of the outside surfaces.
These plies should overlap the adjoining
seat and fuselage skins one inch. Lay
up three additional plies over the peak
AND TWO ADDITIONAL OVER THE Shoulder HATCHESS PADS AS SHOWN.



The access holes shown, can be cut after step 3 has cured. They allow the roll-over structure to be used as a handy map case. Sectional maps inserted in the side slot are easily reached by the pilot.

8 SIDE VIEW STEP 5

INSTALLING THE SHOULDER HARNESS ATTACHMENTS

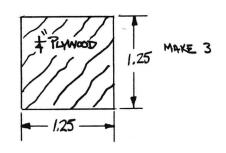
The seat belt/shoulder harness assembly made to fit your long-EZ and complete with adjustments, is available from

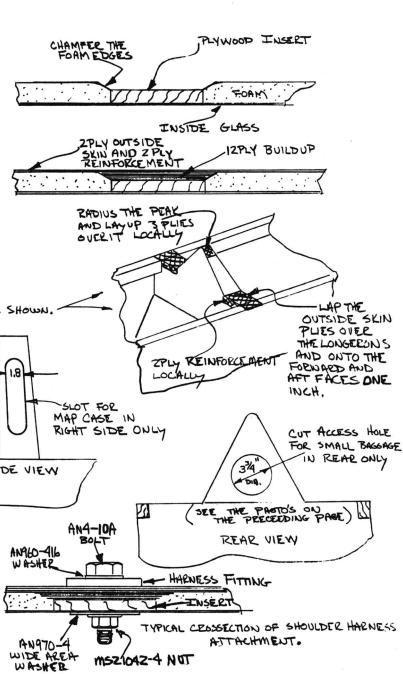
the distributors.

Drill a 1/4" hole through the center of the inserts in the roll-over structure and attach the front seat shoulder harness

using the hardware shown.

Refer to chapter 14. Bolt the aft shoulder harness to the tabs provided on the center section spar (uset» AN4-6A bolt).





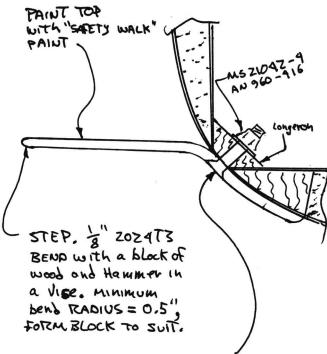
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STEP 6 - Installing the seat belt attachments and external step.

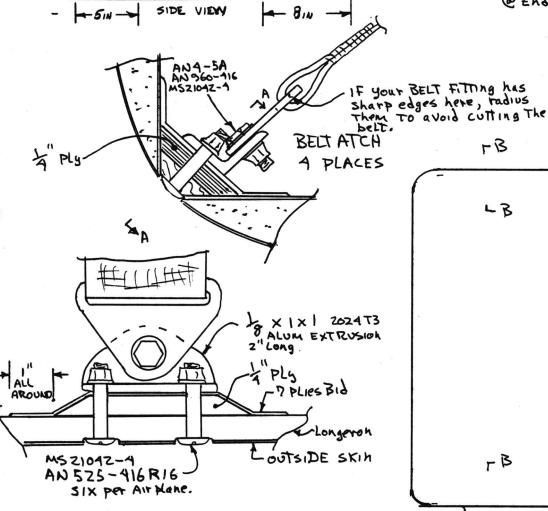
Refer to the 2-view shown of the seat belt attachments. These are installed in four places (each side of both cockpits). The plywood insert does not have to be carved accurately to fit. Just rough it out to approximate shape, install with sufficient wet flox to fill voids, and immediately layup the 7 plies of BID. After cure, hold the extrusion angles in place and drill through with 'A' bit. Use a counter bore or your dremmel to flush the screw heads and install the AN525 bolts and angles wet with flox. Do not counter bore the left forward position. These bolts are used to attach the fixed step to allow short and medium pilots to enter the cockpit with the nose gear extended. A retractable step is not worth the trouble, since the aerodynamic drag of this step, when rounded as shown, slows the airplane by only 0.2 knots!

Fabricate the 1.8 x 4.5 x 4.5 2024T3 aluminum step. Mount with the four fasteners shown (two go through the seat belt attach).

You will now probably want to remove the AN4 bolts so you can remove the harness assembly to store it in a clean place, until after the cockpit has been painted.



ANSO9-916 R18 Two places@ seat belt ANSO9-916 R19 Two places @ Ends.



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STEP - FULL SIZE DRILL & PLACES 1/4" AND CSK. BEND PER ABOVE TO FIT.

NOTE: STEP IS AVAILABLE PREFAB.