



## Day 2 of

# "5 Tips for Flying Model Airplanes Safely and Smartly!"

## The Test Glide

In this, the second instalment of the "5 Tips for Flying Model Airplanes Safely and Smartly!" mini-course, we are going to discuss: "The Test Glide"

### Test Glide

A test glide can be very useful for gliders, airplanes without undercarriages and smaller models that can be hand launched. The test glide is designed to assess the glide characteristics of the plane, so you know what to expect if the engine should unexpectedly run down. If your model is suitable then you should certainly perform a test glide when you first complete the construction and whenever you have made any changes – particularly to the CG. If your model is too large or you may damage an undercarriage for example, then building a straight ahead, hands off, flight period into a cautious first test flight will achieve the same objective. To carry out a test glide, work over a long area of grass, so if something happens, your model will not be seriously damaged.

For the pre-flight check, turn the transmitter on first, followed by the receiver switch. Then, pull the transmitter antenna out so that it's completely extended. Next, make sure the rudder or elevator is working properly, moving in the correct way then centre it in a neutral position. No need to start the engine, remember you're checking the gliding characteristics.

Now hold your airplane facing away from you, at head level and into the wind. Very gently launch the plane from your hand, making sure it is level or pointed slightly downwards. If the plane is right and ready to fly, it will gently glide to the ground after a short, smooth flight.

Again, thank you for signing up for this special mini-course and I hope this instalment has been informative for you! Your next instalment will arrive shortly.

Sincerely,

**Bruce Bird**

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