

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR ASSEMBLING AND MOUNTING  
BAGGAGE PODS  
FOR THE  
VARIEZE, LONG-EZ, & COZY**

**ASSEMBLING THE PODS**

1. The two tail cones marked 1 and 2 go together.
2. Sand the finish dull in the recessed seam area on the outside of each half of the pods and the tail cones. Also, sand 2" in from the edge on the inside of each half of the pods and the tail cones, and on the pylons 2" from the front and rear edges, both inside and outside. You must cut bid on a 45° for outside pylon T-edge.
3. Cut the edges of the tail cones to the trim line for length after they're together.
4. When putting the halves of the pods and tail cones together, duct tape the outside and bondo to hold the halves together while doing the layup on the inside. Hot glue also works very well.
5. Assemble the tail cones first, and with the pods duct taped together, trail fit the tail cones to the pods.
6. Lay up 2-ply BID cloth inside and 3 plies outside of each seam of the pods, tail cones and pylons (use peel ply).
7. "C" clamp two pieces of thin plywood to hold the pylons in shape when they are filled with foam.
8. Duct tape a piece of poster board over the opening of the pylon inside of the pod.
9. Mix approximately 1/2 cup (?) each of A and B portions of 40X foam and pour into the pylons. Hold the poster board on top while the foam cures.
10. After the foam has hardened, remove the poster board from inside and top of the pylons, sand the foam flush with the inside of the pods, sand the glass dull around the foam, micro the foam and lay up 2 plies BID lapping over 1" onto the pod's glass. Peel ply the lay-up.
11. Fit the tail cones to the pods lining up the top and bottom seams. Be sure the tail cone is mounted properly to maintain the airfoil. Drill three 3/16" holes in the 2, 6 and 10 o'clock positions for mounting camloc fasteners. Use a #4 camloc in the 2 and the 10 o'clock positions, and a #7 camloc in the 6 o'clock position.

1. Put plumb lines on the nose and on the center of the prop hub.
2. Run a line on the floor from the nose plumb to the prop hub plumb.
3. Underneath each wing, measure out 50" for the VARIEZE and 61" for the LONG-EZ and COZY, 74" for the COZY Mark IV from the nose/prop hub plumb line and draw a line that extends beyond the leading and trailing edges of each wing.
4. Run plumb lines from the leading and trailing edges of each wing to line up with the lines on the floor that are 50" or 61" out from the nose/prop hub line.
5. Put duct tape 8" to 10" each side on the bottom of the wings (and ailerons EZ only) and lap the tape up over the wing leading edges 6".
6. Draw a line on the duct tape from the front to the rear plumb lines.
7. Lay up 7 plys BID 7" wide, long enough to extend from 1/2" on the front of the aileron (EZ only) up and over the leading edge by 3" to form the mounting strip. Wet the 7 plys of BID and roll it up. Unroll the wet BID starting at the leading edge. After about 6" of the BID has been unrolled, use duct tape to hold the 7 plys in place and continue to unroll the BID to the back, centering the BID over the plumb line on the duct tape. As the BID comes up over the leading edge, it will have a tendency to follow the flow of the wing and should be pulled to line up with the plumb line on the top of the wing. On the LONG-EZ, you can put in two more inserts per pod and shorten the 7 ply BID strap to 5" behind the back of the pylon. About 29" long lay up.
8. Construct a cradle to hold one pod up to the wing on the plumb line. Hang plumb lines down from leading and trailing edges of pod.
9. Mount the leading edge of the pylons at the leading edges of the wings.
10. Using a Sears degree finder attached to a fuselage longeron, determine how many degrees up the nose of your plane is in level flight. On the ground, raise the nose of the plane to match the flight degrees. Most are 1-1/2 degrees.
11. Locate the water line on the pods running a line from the tip of the tail cone to the nose of the pod. You must hold a string out from the pod and look from the side to do this. Bondo a small block of wood on the water line and sit the degree finder on the wood block. Position the pod in the cradle so that the nose is 1/2 degree nose high.
12. With a marking pencil and a block of wood the thickness of the gap between the front top edge of the pylon and the 7" mounting strip, mark a line on each side of the pylons from the front to the back. This will mark the curve that needs to be cut in the top of the pylon to fit the mounting strip. Trial fit the pylon to make sure the pod's pitch is correct. Then cut 1/2" more off the first pylon. This will give you a little leeway on the next one.
13. Bondo all around the pylon to the mounting strip with a small radius and sand, then lay up three plys BID, lapping 2" onto the pylon and onto the mounting strip. Sand the pylon and the mounting strip dull where the BID overlaps and peel ply.

14. After mounting the first pod, run a piece of 1/4" clear plastic tubing from its nose to the nose of the second pod. Fill the tube with water and adjust the second pod until the water is level. Repeat the process on the tail cones. The wings must be level when mounting second pod.
15. With the mounting strip in place, drill six 3/16" holes through each mounting strip and wing: two on top of the wing 1-3/4" back from the leading edge, 2" on either side of the center line; two on the bottom of the wing in front of the spar-cap and two 1/2" in front of the trailing edge (where fiber nut plates are to be mounted in the aileron cavity - EZ only) 4-5" behind the pylon on LONG-EZ and COZY.
16. Remove the pod from the wing, using paint stir sticks so that the paint job is not ruined. Trim the 7 ply mounting strip to a 6" width and feather the edges smooth.
17. Fabricate 8 aluminum inserts for EZ and 12 for LONG-EZ and COZY for 3/16" screws. DO NOT drill the hole all the way through the insert. (Shown below)
18. Drill the two holes on the top of the wing and the four holes two in front and two behind the spar-cap up to 3/8. Use a spot facer 1/2 or 5/8 with a 3/8 pilot and go 1-1/8 deep into the wing. Take a wire shown below and clean out foam inside each hole. Put a piece of duct tape over the hold and cut out the tape over the hole. Put a piece of tape on a larger washer and mount to insert. Put slow flox into the hole (be careful not to put too much flox into the hole or it will push out the insert - air will do this also). Weight or tape the inserts in place and let cure. When the flox has cured, remove the tape and washer.
19. The pod can now be mounted permanently. If the pods are removed, the screws can be inserted into the inserts and the heads will show or the screws can be left out and the 3/16" holes will show.

