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Flight Report

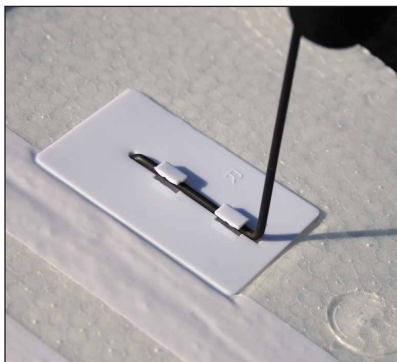
ParkZone Navy T-28 Trojan RTF

This ready-to-fly Navy trainer looks convincing on the ground and in the air.

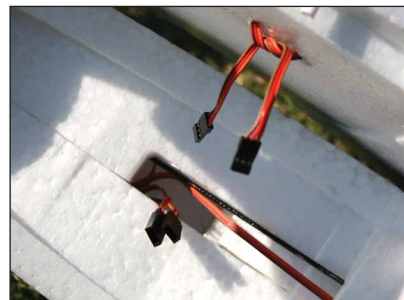
ParkZone scores again, this time with a great match for their line of ready-to-fly World War II fighters. The North American T-28 Trojan was a post-war aircraft, and a standout trainer for the Navy. Although it was introduced after the Second World War, this fine aircraft was still responsible for sharpening the skills of thousands of American pilots in military theaters across the world. Like the full-scale airplane, ParkZone's Trojan is a rock-solid and very predictable flyer.

The ParkZone T-28 is a ready-to-fly model, but does require a few moments to get ready for flight. There's no building involved, but a few items had to be left to the pilot so the model would fit into a reasonably sized carton.

The stabilizer slides through the slot in the fuselage, and is retained by four die-cut strips of clear tape (2 minutes). The main landing gear legs insert into the plastic carriers in the wing, then lock with the built-in clip tabs (1 minute). The nose gear is inserted into the



required. Aileron servo leads connect to jacks from the receiver that pass through a fuselage stiffening component and into the wing saddle area.



Main landing gear legs snap into wing fittings with no hardware or fasteners

bearing block and secured with a set screw, accessed from a port in the Trojan's dummy radial engine (1 minute). Plug the aileron servos into the connectors in the wing saddle (30 seconds), secure the wing with a Phillips screw (30 seconds), connect the elevator clevis (30 seconds) and the battery (30 seconds), and the model is ready to fly.

Other than charging the included 3S 1800mAh LiPo pack with the included DC balance charger, I had a total of less than 7 minutes invested in getting my Trojan totally ready for flight. You'd really have to stretch to call that work.

The T-28 comes with ParkZone's new ZX10 FM radio system. Unlike the all-in-one board systems used in many entry-level RTF's, this is a standard-type, three-wire RC system with separate servos and a receiver. It's got reliable range, a solid FM signal and really smooth gimbals.



Specifications

- Wingspan: 44 inches
- Length: 36 inches
- Weight: 30 ounces
- RC: ZX10 5-channel FM
- Motor: 480 960Kv outrunner
- Battery: 3S 1800mAh LiPo
- ESC: E-flite 25-amp brushless

RTF Model Features

- Light and rugged foam construction
- Factory-assembled aircraft
- Factory-installed RC system
- Factory-installed motor system
- 3S 1800mAh LiPo pack and charger
- Tricycle landing gear
- 16-page instruction manual



ParkZone's T-28 Trojan performs smooth ROG (rise off ground) with grace and authority, even from a mowed grass runway.

The T-28 is a first class airplane package, so it comes with a first class power system. The PKZ 480 brushless outrunner motor makes plenty of power, and the E-flite 25-amp electronic speed control is a lightweight and consistent unit with time-proved reliability. A 3S 1800mAh LiPo battery powers the model, and ParkZone provides a DC balance charger to top it off correctly and safely. The charger has a switch and two different balance ports, so the same charger can handle 2S or 3S LiPo packs.

I really like the Trojan for quality and easy setup, but the model truly shines in the air. Takeoff is smooth and easy, even from our local grass runway, and the climbout is solid without a wiggle. No trim was needed anywhere.



The T-28 spans 44 inches, yet delivers the visual impression and rock-solid flight performance of a far larger RC aircraft.

Once airborne, the Trojan displays amazingly realistic characteristics. Low and slow passes give the impression of a much larger airplane. There's no hint of the foam construction, and the scale details — outline, markings, dummy radial engine, pilot and canopy — have the right wow factor. The model flies through appropriate T-28 maneuvers realistically, and lands with the very best.

For more information about the T-28 Trojan RTE, see the ads on pages 5 and 19, visit www.horizonhobby.com on the Web, or call Horizon Hobby at 800-535-5551. **HM**



With great looks, solid handling and predictable performance, ParkZone's T-28 Trojan does full justice to the U.S. Navy training aircraft.