

Hello, everybody. Here's a quick note on an important new item we now carry and use in our kits.

PML has responded to concerns about elastic shock cords by phasing in Tubular Nylon over the last two months in our kits. We are now shipping our kits with 1/2" or 3/4" Tubular Nylon Recovery Cord in place of the quality elastic we've used in the past. The 1/2" Tubular Nylon is rated at 1000#, and the 3/4" at 3100#. All our kits up to 4" diameter will use 1/2" TN, and our 6 and 7 inch kits will use 3/4" TN. We also have it available separately for scratchbuild projects, or if you want to replace the elastic in your existing kits. The 1/2" is \$1.35/yard, and the 3/4" is \$1.75/yard. As a general guideline, consider using 1/2" TN as a replacement for our 3/4" and 1" elastic, and 3/4" as a replacement for 1-1/2" elastic. We also have shock cord selection guidelines in the FAQ on our website to help you with your scratchbuild projects. We ship a brief instruction sheet on how to tie TN with all our kits; you can also find an animated demo of the Bowline Knot, the one we recommend to use, at <http://www.mistral.co.uk/42brghtn/knots/42ktbowl.html>. The TN is available to order in our webstore under the Components/Recovery button, or of course you can always call us direct at 810-468-1748 9-5pm EST, or 888-PUBLICM (orders only, please...tech or other questions use the other number).

We've also added 18" lengths of phenolic tubing to our site at user request. Many people have asked for our 1.145" (29mm), 1.525" (38mm), and 2.152" (54mm) phenolic tubing available in less-than-full-length (36") sections. We now have these available on the Components/Airframe Tubing section of the site. These tubes are good for motor mounts of course, but can also be handy sizes for any utility uses you have for your projects such as housing electronics and the like.

Another announcement that should help newer subscribers to this PML News service is that we now have all our PML Newsletters online at our website under a button called Newsletters. Click on that button and you'll be presented with a page showing you a quick description of the content of the newsletter and a clickable link to view the PDF document. Now you can catch up on "back issues" if you're new or refer back to a newsletter you want to review again.

You'll note another new button on the site called Popups. As you know, we occasionally use pop-up windows to inform you of special new information when you visit our site. However, we know you don't want the darn things popping up every time you visit the site if you've already seen it. We've set up the popups to only appear once the first time you come to the site after the popup's been added (you do have to have cookies enabled in your browser to see them). There may be times, though, where you want to take a look at a recent popup again. The Popups button now lets you do that. Clicking on the Popups button will bring up the current popup windows that have appeared on the site lately. For example, right now it'll show you the information about our Christmas Sale (last day for the sale is today! Get 'em while they're hot!) and about our full-length coupler tubes and pre-glassed phenolic tubing. Should be handy for you from time to time.

We at PML would also like to say thanks to all our great customers for your support in 1999. We really appreciate your business, and hope 2000 brings more great flying for you, and a great year for you and yours. We're always trying to come up with better products, new kits, and good ways to keep you informed of what we're doing, and you can expect to see some exciting new products from PML next year. Thanks again, and have a great holiday season!