

Just go to the lumber yard and get some new or used nylon plastic banding about 1/2" wide (7500 feet costs \$60.00, enough for 6 Ospreys).

Staple through the banding, then when the glue is dry zip the banding off with a low angle pull of a pair of pliers. If both legs of the staples do not pull out, at least one will and the remainder will remove easily. Try it, you'll like it!! P.S. I use a duo-fast air stapler for the work.

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Trying to figure out a place where I could heat the 30 x 42" acrylic for the windshield, I thought of my neighbor and his funeral home. They cremate people and people are bigger than the form for the window, right? Won't work, cause the flame blows directly on the contents of the furnace. But we did get to discussing other big ovens. He suggested the local big time bakery. A good idea, but the ovens are the continuous track type. BUT, the local catering service has a 5' wide oven with a carousel rack into which I could put the form with the sheet of plastic layed on. The little window in the door let me see when the plastic was softened properly (about 15 minutes at 340°). I had a distortion spot and tried to heat it with a heat gun, but that didn't work, only tended to flatten the spot more. I just put the whole window back into the oven for another heating and it came out perfect, no problem.

So next time you have a wedding, birthday, circumcision or divorce party, make it part of the deal that the caterer will let you form your windows in his oven!

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BUILDER'S QUESTIONS!!!!

If you are flying your Osprey and have insurance coverage, perhaps you would let the rest of us in on where you obtained it.

Avemco would cover Homebuilds, but not amphibians. They cover amphibians if the pilot has over 500 hours TT, but not Ospreys.

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Why is it necessary to taper the top longeron from Sta 103 aft. Why can't dimension remain uniform --- since weight savings is minimal and would eliminate angle cutting for uprights?



A NOTE FROM AUSTRALIA

"I am in the middle of constructing an Osprey, along with four or five others, most of whom are further along than I am. In fact one by Dr. Peter Crooke has been flying for some time.

Peter was kind enough to take me along with him to the last National Fly-In, up at Maroochydore, Queensland, a distance of 1,000 miles each way.

The flight path was inland, following the Newell Highway, except the last hop over high bush country, locally called "Tiger Country".

Each part of the trip was planned for both distance and fuel mostly about 2-2 1/2 hours with an overnight stop in the early part to allow a good check of the engine as well as aircraft, as it was the first cross country trip for the small bird.

I found the trip quite exciting, never having travelled so far in a light aircraft, being so close to the ground for so long.

On the way back we travelled closer to the coast over the high country between Toowoomba and Tamworth, the view through some of the passes was unbelievable.

I found the Osprey very comfortable to fly and view from the aircraft, although restricted below, was excellent.

Having completed the trip has given me a lot more confidence to fly my own aircraft when finished, and certainly has not changed my mind as regards the choice of aircraft."

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