



NOTE: There is a close out tab on the two E-1001A Top Skins and the two E-1001B Bottom Skins that must be bent prior to assembling the elevators. At this point, the top skins are identical and the bottom skins are identical. However, once the tabs are bent in the direction shown in Figure 1, the skins become dedicated left or right. The tabs will make it easier to identify the inside surface of the skins throughout the building process; they are directed toward the inside of the elevators.







shown in Figure 3.





<u>Step 1:</u> Cleco the E-1008 Ribs (the rib halves should still be clecoed together) and the E-905 Root Rib to the E-1002 Front Spar and to the E-1001B Bottom Skin as shown in Figure 1. Note that, except for the root ribs, the flanges of all the ribs are directed outboard on both elevators. The holes in the front spar used to attach the root ribs are 3/32" while the holes for the other ribs are 1/8". This is intentional, so don't be tempted to drill them to match the rest.

Step 2: Cleco the E-1007 Rear Spar to the E-1008 and E-905 Ribs and E-1001B Bottom Skin.

<u>Step 3:</u> Final-Drill the two holes at the outboard end of the E-1007 Rear Spar (the holes that don't match with a rib) using a #30 drill. Final-Drill the holes common to the E-1008 Ribs and the E-1002 and E-1007 Spars using a #30 drill. Final-Drill the holes common to the root rib and spars using a #40 drill.

<u>Step 4:</u> Cleco an E-1022 Shear Clip to the E-1007 Rear Spar and to the E-1008 Rib shown in Figure 1. The longer flange of the shear clip is positioned inboard of the tab in the E-1001B Skin (see Page 9-7, Figure 1). The clecos attaching the shear clip to the rib and spar need to be installed from the inside of the elevator to keep the holes in the longer flange of the shear clip accessible for drilling later. (Remember to do this to the right elevator as well.)

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FIGURE 1: CLECOING THE RIBS AND REAR SPAR



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Step 3: Cleco the E-921 Elevator Gusset to the E-905 Root Rib and the E-1007 Rear Spar as shown in Figure 2. Adjust the angle of the gusset, if necessary, to fit the angle made by the rib and spar.



Step 5: Cleco an E-1022 Shear Clip to the E-1007 Rear Spar as shown in Figure 3.

Step 6: Cleco the tip rib assembly (made up of the E-903 Outboard Tip Rib, the E-904 Inboard Tip Rib, and the E-913 Counterbalance Skin) to the E-1022 Shear Clip, the E-1002 Front Spar, and the E-1001B Bottom Skin. There are four holes which are used to attach the tip rib assembly to the front spar; two on the web of the outboard tip rib and two on the aft flange of the inboard tip rib.

Final-Drill the holes common to the tip rib assembly and shear clip, and the tip rib assembly and front spar using a #30 drill.









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Step 1: Rivet the E-1007 Rear Spar to the E-1001B Bottom Skin on the right elevator (see Page 9-11 for part reference) using the rivets called out on Page 9-21, Figure 2. The portion of the rear spar along the trim tab cut-out (the area that doesn't have the skin hanging beyond the spar) can easily be riveted with a rivet squeezer. Riveting the rest of the spar requires some set-up work. Turn the elevator over on a work bench, align the edge of the rear spar flange with the edge of the bench, then spring clamp the spar flange to the work bench (see Figure 1). You can then reach under the skin with a bucking bar and rivet the spar.

Step 2: Similarly, on the left elevator, rivet the E-1007 Rear Spar to the E-1001A Top Skin using the rivets called out on Page 9-21, Figure 1. Here, however, don't install the squeezed rivets along the spar in the area of the trim tab cut-out. This is the portion of the spar to which the trim tab hinge is attached later.







FIGURE 1: RIVETING THE RIGHT ELEVATOR REAR SPAR TO SKIN

NOTE: Riveting the second skin to the elevator rear spar (Steps 3-5) requires making a special bucking bar. If you prefer not to make the bucking bar, it is acceptable to substitute MK-319 blind rivets for the solid rivets. The blind rivets are not supplied in the kit, but can be purchased through Van's Aircraft.

Step 3: Make the bucking bar shown in Figure 2. It should be at least one inch wide.



FIGURE 3: RIVETING THE REAR SPARS TO THE SKINS

<u>Step 1:</u> Cut a 12 inch segment of AT0-035X3/8 (or similar) aluminum tube. On one end of the tube, bend the last 1" to 2" to 45°. Attach the long end of the tube to a fuel tank sealant container/dispenser, such as the nozzle of an MC-236-B1/2 Flamemaster Integral Fuel Tank Sealant injection kit, using a strong tape and/or adhesive.

Deburr and radius the outer edge of the opening on the bent end of the aluminum tube, to minimize the chance of the tube edge scratching the surfaces during Step 2.

<u>Step 2:</u> Apply fuel tank sealant to the upper and lower corners where the E-1007-1 Rear Spar meets the E-1001A Top Skin and E-1001B Bottom Skin using the 3/8" aluminum tube.

Use the bend at the tip to keep the end of the tube approximately parallel to the surface of the skins and to the rear spar.

As sealant is released from the end of the tube, slide the dispenser and tube so as to push the tube towards its opening, towards the bead of sealant being released. This causes the edge of the tube opening to form a radius fillet of sealant in the corner between the rear spar and the skin. See Figure 1.

It is recommended that sealant be applied to one half of a rib bay while pushing the tube from one direction, then applied to the other half while pushing the tube from the other direction. See Figure 2.

It is not necessary to apply sealant in the area within 1/2" of the E-1008A&B rib halves.

NOTE: Minimize the application of excess fuel tank sealant. Squeeze out sealant slowly, so that the bead ahead of the tube is only slightly wider than the tube itself. See Figure 1.

<u>Step 3:</u> Trim the end of a wooden rod to a sharp, flat, spatula-like wedge. Use it to scrape off excess sealant which might have been applied beyond the fillet. See Figure 1.

NOTE: Wait for the sealant to cure before performing Step 4.

<u>Step 4:</u> Rivet the E-1008A&B Rib halves together, with blind rivets, through the four holes common to each rib set as shown in Figure 3. If you have very large hands you may find installing the aft two rivets in each rib set challenging. You can either enlist a helper that has smaller hands, or use tubes or pipes slipped on the rivet tool's handles to extend them. Occasionally the rivet doesn't fully set with one stroke of the handles. Because it is very difficult to reposition the tool when setting the aft two rivets, you can use a small tool made from .063 scrap, shown in Figure 4, as a spacer. To finish setting the rivet, release the handles, slip the tool between the rivet puller and the rivet's head, and finish squeezing.



FIGURE 3: RIVETING THE RIB HALVES







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Step 1: Cleco the left and right front spar assemblies to the E-1008 Ribs and E-1001 Skins as shown in Figure 1.

Step 2: Rivet the E-1002 Front Spar to the forward E-1008 Rib flanges using the rivets called out in the figure.

<u>Step 3:</u> Place the elevators on a flat work surface with the clecos securing the E-1001 Skins to the E-1002 Front Spars hanging over the edge. Rivet the skins to the spars using the rivets shown on Page 9-21, Figures 1 & 2. For the time being, however, leave out the rivets in the spar flanges outboard of the outboard most E-1008 Rib and inboard of the inboard most rib. Not installing these rivets leaves the outboard and inboard sections of the elevators accessible for riveting the E-903 and E-904 Tip Ribs and the E-921 Elevator Gusset.

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DO NOT RIVET FLANGES TO SKINS IN THIS AREA TOP OR BOTTOM



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in the E-917 & -918 Trim Tab Horns.

smooth surface for mounting the trim tab hinge.





FIGURE 2: MATCH-DRILLING THE TRIM TAB HINGE FROM THE ELEVATOR

the trim tab on top of the hinge as shown in Figure 3.

Adjust the trim tab so that it's even with the rest of the hinge, then match-drill the holes of the trim tab into the hinge in the same way the hinge was drilled from the elevator.





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