

Hints for the Use and Care of MonoKote

If you have an ARF covered with MonoKote, please read [How to Tighten Covering on ARF Models \(PDF\)](#)

1. Your final covering results will be greatly improved if you take the time to sand the wood surfaces as smooth as possible before you begin. Small bumps or imperfections in the surface could become more noticeable after the covering is applied.
2. For best results, clean MonoKote-covered models with a covering cleaner/polish, or Detergent (dishwashing liquid, glass cleaner, etc.) can also be used.
3. Dents in MonoKote, as a result of any accident, can be removed simply by applying heat over the affected area. For more severe dents, cutaway the covering, apply a lightweight wood filler, let it dry, sand smooth and reapply covering.
4. A puncture can be repaired at the field by covering the area with a patch of pressure-sensitive MonoKote Trim. Later at home, remove the field patch and iron on a clean patch of MonoKote.
5. Avoid any possible scratching of the MonoKote surface by covering your iron with the Top Flite [Hot Sock Iron Cover](#). Use the Top Flite [Hot Glove](#) or Cool Hand with the Top Flite [Heat Gun](#) to assure positive adhesion of MonoKote to the model.
6. As you cover, remember: (A) Heat and pull for wing tips; (B) pull covering tight and tack before attempting to shrink covering; and (C) cover smaller fuselage areas first before working on larger areas.
7. When applying trim colors, avoid putting a second layer on top of the first whenever possible. Instead, put trim color over bare surfaces with 1/8 inch to 1/4 inch (3-6 mm) overlap to save weight and avoid air bubbles.