

Cool New Products

Carbon Fiber Rods and Strips

Searching for some Carbon pushrods or spars? Well your prayers may be answered now that Midwest Products is selling a rather large selection of carbon fiber materials.

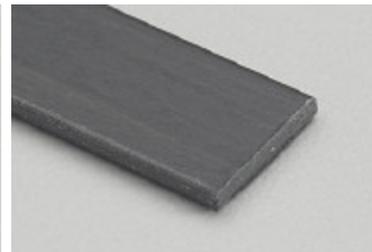
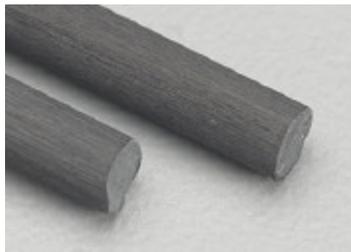
They have solid carbon rods in sizes from .020 diameter up to .125 diameter all 24" long. Their carbon tubes range from an outside diameter of .125 up to an outside diameter of .210. They also have carbon fiber strips from .019 x .118 up to .092 thick.

These will come in very handy as pushrods, booms, spars or even leading edges. The prices are pretty good too. The smaller pieces are sold in packs of two and most are around \$5 or \$6. The larger pieces are sold as singles and they are \$4 to \$6 each.

You can buy the rods direct from Midwest Products or from larger hobby outfits. I have seen them on the Tower Hobbies website

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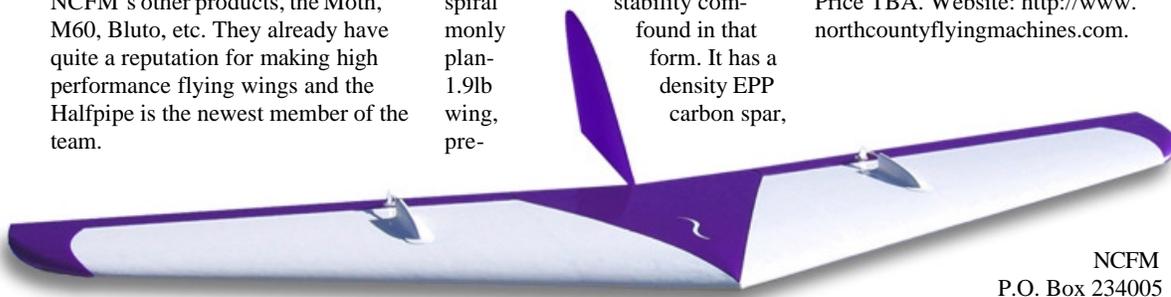
NCFM Halfpipe

New in '05 from NCFM (North County Flying Machines) is a new unique 48" flying wing they call the "Halfpipe". Never heard of NCFM, well you're probably familiar with NCFM's other products, the Moth, M60, Bluto, etc. They already have quite a reputation for making high performance flying wings and the Halfpipe is the newest member of the team.

It has a subtly swept wing with no pod or fuselage to destroy its clean looks. It's designed to be a slightly easier build than the standard plank yet achieve the energy, speeds, and spiral stability commonly found in that form. It has a density EPP carbon spar,

is scheduled for release in late February or early March. Which means they should be on the slopes by the time you read this!

Price TBA. Website: <http://www.northcountyflyingmachines.com>.



The Halfpipe looks nothing like anything currently on the market. (what a nice change that is!).

installed lead balance weight, and a central, rotating, carbon fin boom. It

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Dremel Lithium Ion Cordless

This is a tool every slopehead should have in their tool box or at the very least their shop. The new 10.8V cordless Dremel rocks.

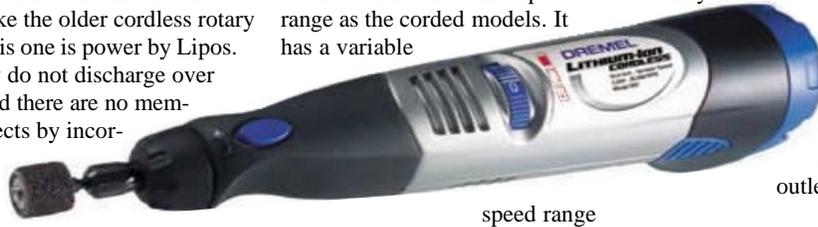
Unlike the older cordless rotary tools this one is power by Lipos. So they do not discharge over time and there are no memory effects by incorrect charging. You can leave it in your tool box for 6 months and it will still have a charge when you need it. There is a gauge on it to tell you how much juice is left in

the batteries. Charging the battery on the supplied charger takes only 3 hours.

The tool has the same speed range as the corded models. It has a variable

a charger. The tool has a 2 year warranty.

I got mine at the AMA show but they are sold at Home Depot and a multitude of other places. The kit sells for about \$70 at most retail outlets.



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For specific info on the Dremel Cordless you can go the company website at dremel.com



The Cordless kit also comes with a charger, battery and a 60 piece bit set.