



Johnny Astro - Landing Carriages Notes

You've just obtained a reproduction set of Topper Johnny Astro Landing Carriages and the parts have been shipped to you along with a reproduction set of the original toy instructions. Depending on your order, reproduction balloons may also be included in your shipment. Even though great care has been exercised in making these parts, and a high quality plastic has been used – there are some items to note so please read on.

First off, unless you ordered a complete Johnny Astro replication or some of the other (larger) replication parts I make – odds are that your shipment is going to arrive in a flat envelope. The landing carriages are interleaved between two or three pieces of heavier paper that taped together and inserted into the shipping envelope. When you receive the shipment, carefully open up the envelope and slide out the contents. Then proceed to carefully remove the pieces of masking tape in order to separate the interleaved sections. Once you remove the pieces of masking tape on the pieces of heavier paper you can simply lift out your landing carriages. That is all there is to it. Follow the instructions contained in the envelope and perform the assembly and attachment to the balloon per the instructions. (Note that a copy of the original instructions is available on my website for viewing and downloading.)

The landing carriages have to be both light and strong to work properly. If left on the balloon for long periods of time and in a position with the balloon upright – the life span of the landing carriage will be greatly reduced. In order to preserve the life of your landing carriages it is recommended that that balloon/landing carriage combination be stored with the balloon upside down when not in use. You might have to be a little creative to accomplish that, people have stored them in unused baskets or appropriately sized boxes – just to keep the weight of the balloon off the landing carriage when not in use. I have been working on a paper cutout of sorts which would be able to be downloaded from my website, printed out, cut and formed to make a paper bowl of sorts that would adequately contain a balloon in an upside down orientation.

Good luck with the parts.