

VINTAGE MODEL COMPANY SE5A

Stuart Marsden reviews a larger 24" (609mm) wingspan version of the popular VMC SE5A specifically designed for electric/RC

WHAT IS IN THAT BOX?

This is without any doubt, the most complete model aircraft kit I have ever seen. You may gasp at the initial cost, but the overall package includes just about everything you will need less a receiver, flight battery and transmitter. Above all it is the experience of receiving and unpacking the timber presentation box and its contents, best compared to the most memorable of all childhood Christmas presents.

Make no mistake this is a builder's model; all of the elements are to be

assembled including the Lewis machine gun. As well as every glue you may need, everything is laser cut to the highest standard (the best I have witnessed), and there is the most comprehensive instruction book along with beautifully prepared full-size plans.

One final point needs to be made here relating to who may purchase and build this model. The instructions are so complete, I am confident that with patience a 14-year-old would work their way through this and gain experience and new skills in the process. The more

experienced aeromodeller would find this a brilliant step into scale model building.

FUSELAGE PART 1

We begin by setting up the radio gear and binding to your transmitter. As the receiver is buried in the nose area, it makes sense to leave a fly lead in the bind plug should you ever change transmitters.

The step by step instructions are so clear, with photographs at every stage. The first part of construction includes: motor, servos, linkages and receiver all secured into the now built fuselage. The

