

My Addiction

Got my first Precision Aerobatics Addiction in August 2008 and it was the last one in the LHS.

Purple it is! Not my favourite I must say, although some say it is the colour of the royals...

I used it as a trainer, setting the triple rates for low rates, mid rates, and high rates for my Master Yoda Radio Rookie with ZERO "0" expo!

This was my 3rd airplane having started with the Easystar in May 2008 with about 22 flights on her. Next was the Fledgling, a balsa high wing trainer with 11 flights on her only; RR found it stressful to fly her after being so used to the massive throws on his PA airplanes.

Personally, if only I had the chance to fly other people's Addiction, I would have gone straight to this bird after the ES.

It's a simple and astonishingly awesome, agile and sweet airplane; for flyers who have mastered the basics of R/C flying (orientation, take-offs and landings), this is one fantastic trainer.

Dances like a ballerina on low rates and breakdance like crazy on high rates with the wild, crazy, out of this world 3D flying. Just simply amazing!

Anyway, I love my Addiction and FiberFusion®, what can I say but I just love carbon fibre.

The airplane is strong and light and most surprising of all, it's a very fixable airplane.

Let's see...the number of crashes to throwing it into the bin = 50:0!

There's something about the Addiction that makes me want to repair, resurrect (as Burger Thing would say) and to see her flying again.

Numerous on-field minor repairs with trusty ole CA and landing gear parts and she's flying again in no time, much to the amazement of many at the field.

Definitely a big grin on my face, if only they can see it, when flies into the sky again.

For me, the joy of building model planes is a long standing one, but to build and see her fly is such a rush.

A good mate, BT, was kind enough to donate his Blue Addiction which met with an unfortunate mid-air collision and gave me the first opportunity to strip her down and rebuilt her up again, like the Bionic Woman.

I thought that I would experiment with her airframe a little, cut away part of the aileron (at the wing root area) and added a permanent structure as shown in diagram 1.



Diagram 1.

To quote BT:

"The Addiction can be flown aggressively and THAT look is the colour scheme to match. Deep and yet shiny reflective black with bright orange flames. An R/C Hardcore modeller's wet dream!"

To quote RR:

"on the 6th day, God made the Addiction for all Dudekind! Amen!"

How true, buds!

The AUW with a PA 2200 mah lipo came up to 870 grams; 120 grams more than the recommended AUW and it's all because of the solid covering used. Hmm...if only I could have done it with the CF look.

What's the difference with this design – it handles better as BT would say but because of its extra weight, it's slowest is faster than its stock set-up.

Recently I decided to give my purple/pink Addiction some TLC

and I thought that it was time for her to get a new skin!

After many patches (she broke into 2 at one stage) and fixes on her fuselage, wings and coverings, cellophane tape was even used to hold up the coverings as well...sheesh! Yikes! Well, I used it because the dudes at the field would tell you that I do a pretty fast job of fixing her up and fly her again in a matter of minutes.

Cellophane tape + CA = Best Bud!

Here she is before her surgery.



Strip down version.

As you can see, she pretty beaten up; ice-cream sticks to CF to balsa and CA generously used, have aged my purple/pink Addiction beyond her years.

So, after cleaning her up as best as I could and giving her some new clothes, here her new look.

Resurrected, Born Again Addiction!



I always wanted the Blue Addiction; hence, I bought the transparent blue covering film.

I told myself that I was going to do everything by the book with **NO** modifications this time!

I should have known better; I wanted to give the turtle deck a darker shade of blue, perhaps navy blue.

I had actually bought a roll of blue earlier on and didn't realise that it was a transparent film.

When I did the vertical stab, boy, it was gorgeous and I decided to use the darker blue covering instead.

By then, I had done the tail fins in lighter blue.

What the heck, decided that all moving surface areas will be light blue and the rest dark blue, except for the light blue that is on top of the main flame; this was courtesy of BT's blue Addiction covering on the left wing that I had kept.

Peeled the rest of the stickers off the purple and added some new ones – Mad Dog Pilot by the Malaysian RC Mafia.

Here's what I added by laser printing it in monochrome tone on a piece of sticker paper.



I just love it! BT, these stickers are simple awesome, mate!

I just realised that her maiden will be on Sunday (12 April 2009), the 3rd day after when Jesus rose from the dead!

Coincidence?

Well, it wasn't intended to be so, but now I know why suddenly I had the urge to give her a new look!

Enough said, now back to flying and she's just so...

Amazingly Addictive – My Addiction!

...and this is dedicated to all at PA, The Malaysian RC Mafia and all fellow flyers around the globe!

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