

Flying Toys Micro Aeromodelling

RCMW takes a closer look at just a few of the new range of flying R/C micro models for 2009 from Silverlit and Jamara



Increasing The Range

Flying Toys are probably one of the UK's most recognised distributors of small micro R/C models for the introduction of model flying to all ages. Company Director David Rawlins has been producing and selling models for beginners along with his wife Janine for over 30 years, and the couple have enjoyed introducing youngsters to this great hobby since the mid 1970s, and indeed seen many of them progress to the country's top display pilots and Championship winners.

The Press Release from Flying Toys (see Take Off page 8 of this issue) announcing that Flying Toys will be the UK distributors of a selected range of Jamara Models is welcome news to many as Jamara have been producing some fine small models in Germany for the European market for many years, and the ongoing trend has encouraged them to now increase their range to include some really interesting small indoor and outdoor models. The range of models will be a natural extension to the range already provided by Flying Toys, and most welcomed by the model shop owners and retailers for sure, and of course the modeller who wants something that is a little bigger than the range already available.

The interest in micro models is growing rapidly as newcomers to our hobby find their way mainly with micro helicopters as a first point of introduction, and these are simple to fly indoors and the choice is ample and, important to many, they are not that expensive to buy. The technology of such models has permitted miniaturisation of the mechanics and electronics into fully proportional 3 and 4-channel machines and combined with the use of modern plastics and foams to produce RTF models that weigh less than this magazine in your hands.

An introduction to model flying with a simple-to-fly model like this will encourage even more enthusiasts to move onwards to greater things within the hobby, but they must start somewhere. To further the interest of youngsters away from computer games consoles is not a bad thing, and flying small models indoors is in many cases the next best thing to doing it with a computer game. Established modellers can also enjoy the tiny models too with some indoor flying fun when flying outdoors is not possible due to inclement weather conditions, a very topical subject at this time.

A recent visit to the Nuremberg Toy Fair in Germany (see page 40 for a full report) saw a substantial increase in models of this type by many manufacturers, proving that they are here to stay. Space in the above mentioned report does not permit every model to be shown, but here we can offer you a small selection of the types to be available soon from Flying Toys that include the new Silverlit range and of course Jamara. **RCMW**

Jamara's moulded foam SU27 Jet spans 590 mm and two micro motors for power



Silverlit 'Heli Mission' combo set is the ultimate big boy's toy; the futuristic truck is controlled radio control and when a switch on the Tx is selected this transforms the control - truck door opens and a lift brings your helicopter up and you are ready for 3-channel helicopter flight



Jamara Bellanca Decathlon is the next stage up from simple 2-channel models; it has a wingspan of 1020 mm and weighs just 610 g and is operated by the 4-channel 35 MHz radio included



Silverlit's Picoo Z 'Air Slide' is a 3-channel micro heli and will make a smooth sliding lift off from a smooth surface



This Bell 222 from Jamara features a coaxial rotor system spanning 165 mm diameter and is 3-channel operation



The Silverlit Alouette II 'Rescue Team' is another body styling for the popular 2-channel Picoo Z



The Silverlit 'Atom' is one of the smallest and lightest infrared micro helis at 112.5 mm long and weighs just 8 g; can be conveniently stored in its own transmitter case



Jamara's ASW28 EPP is a 2 metre ARTF electric glider; weight 520 g and comes with 4-channel 35 MHz Tx with radio installed and includes 2-cell 1000 mAh LiPo flight pack



Tiny 3-channel infrared Picoo Z 'Pluto' from Silverlit features the Turbo Forwards button for faster flying indoors



'Alvis' is an easy to fly 3-channel coaxial infrared micro heli by Jamara with a 180 mm rotorspan and weighs just 20 g

The 'C-17E Staggerwing' from Jamara is a pre decorated polystyrene model with a wingspan of 505 mm and weighs just 116 g which makes it ideal for indoor flying with the 27 MHz transmitter included



Designer of the Silverlit Picoo Z range, Alexander van de Rostyne holds the prototype 3-channel double-size Picoo Z-XL 'Vortex' ready for flight; the model features a Piezo Gyro System for stability indoors and outdoors in calm conditions



ABOVE: Silverlit X-Twin Classic Series 'Sopwith Camel' biplane will be a popular choice for beginners and experienced alike; features include 2-channel radio

RIGHT: 'Sky Auto' from Silverlit is a unique design allowing you to drive or fly using 3-channel infrared radio control



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