

## Estimating Altitude

Here's a rather interesting (some might say attractive) method of approximating the altitude of your model.

The stripes are mounted on the bottom of the wing, and they should be of a color which will contrast directly with that surface. In the air, simply see how many stripes are evident and look up the relative altitude range in the accompanying table.

Stripe width and the spaces between the stripes are somewhat critical. Any change from the measurements shown will of course adversely affect altitude estimates.

Smaller models may not have room for the largest stripe, but using the remaining five stripes will give a good estimate of lower altitudes. Just be sure to adjust the table accordingly.

We've managed to keep this material in our files long enough that we don't remember the source. Hopefully *RC Soaring Digest* readers will find it useful.

STRIPES VISIBLE	ALTITUDE
6	below 200'
5	200 - 400'
4	400 - 800'
3	800 - 1200'
2	1200 - 1700'
1	1700 - 2500'
0	over 2500'

