

FUSE BURNING DT BANDS

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When it comes to how dethermalizers are activated, free flight flyers are almost as divided as the U.S. Congress; the difference being that we still like and are polite to each other. There are those “real” free flight modelers of the “old school” who claim that the smell of a burning fuse provides an offering to HUNG, the god of thermals. The followers of this religion consider the use of “button” timers to be not only risking HUNGs wrath, but to be also much less predictable than a good old burning fuse, and used only by wimps. The button sect, worries about setting the field on fire and having the battery in their fuse lighter crap out at an inopportune time, and believes buttons are just simpler to deal with, especially if you can remember to set them (ask me how I know about the latter problem).

Now that I've got the religious aspects out of the way, I can tell the story of Paul Grabski's recent hunt for the right type of rubber band to use for the fuse type DT. Paul has found the #8 rubber band to be the ideal size for use with fuses. He's also experienced some difficulty finding that size of late. But, the other day while he was patronizing the emporium of the common man, WalMart, he discovered just what he needed. He was perusing the section of the hair care products department which caters to black folks, and lo and behold, he found the bands shown in the photo. They are almost exactly the same size as the tan colored #8 band, but instead they are black. Being a man who greatly admires a bargaing when he sees one, he parted with only 83¢ of his hard earned money for 250 of those rascals. He tested them out and found they work fine. In fact they have a bit more stretch capacity than the tan ones. If you're a guy who's into the aroma of burning fuses, and who also appreciates a bargain, you might want to pay a visit to your nearest friendly WalMart.

