

ZODIAC CH 601 Series Kit Aircraft

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REAR FUSELAGE ASSEMBLY WORK REPORT

| Step # | Check | Parts Inventory | Qty. |
|--------|-------|--|---------|
| 1 | [] | 6F2-1 Front H.T. Frame .032 | 1 |
| 1 | [] | 6F2-2 Angle .032 | 1 |
| 2 | [] | N66 Plastic Bearing (Fairlead) Material t=.125 | 1 |
| 3 | [] | 6F2-3 Rear H.T. Frame .032 | 1 |
| 3 | [] | 6F2-4 Angle .032 | 1 |
| 4 | [] | 6F2-6 Rear Panel .025 | 1 |
| 5 | [] | 6F1-1 Rear Bottom Skin .016 | 1 |
| | | PRE-DRILLED FOR L ANGLES AND | |
| | | SIDE LONGERONS. | |
| 5 | [] | L Angles | 6 |
| 6 | [] | 6F1-2 Rear Bottom End Skin .025 | 1 |
| 7 | [] | 6F3-2B Lower Rudder Hinge (Bottom) .063 | 1 |
| 9 | [] | SHIM 20mm t= .040 | 1 |
| 9 | [] | SHIM 20×92 t= .063 | 1 |
| 13 | [] | 6F1-5 Lower Middle Longeron .040 | 1L & 1R |
| 14 | [] | 6F1-3 Rear Longerons .040 | 4 |
| 15 | [] | 6F1-4 Lower Longeron Doubler .040 | 2 |
| 16 | [] | 6F1-6 Cross Stiffener .025 | 1 |
| 17 | [] | 6F3-3 Rear Middle Side Skins .016 | 2 |
| | | PRE-DRILLED FOR L ANGLES AND | |
| | | BOTTOM LONGERONS. | |
| 21 | [] | 6F2-7 H.T. Attachment Bracket (Rear) .063 | 1 |
| 22 | [] | 6F2-8 H.T. Attachment Bracket (Front) .063 | 2 |
| 23 | [] | L Angles | 5 |
| 23 | [] | Gussets .016 | 5 |
| 24 | [] | 6F3-1 Upper Rudder Hinge .125 | 1 |
| 25 | [] | 6F3-2A Lower Rudder Hinge (top) .063 | 1 |
| 26 | [] | 6F4-1 Cable Outlet Fairing .016 | 2 |

| SIGNATURES: | Builder | date |
|-------------|-----------|------|
| | Inspector | date |

- Cleco the Angle 6F2-2 at the bottom of the <u>Front</u> H. T. Frame 6F2-1 **REFERENCE**: 6-F-2 **CLAMP**: 6F2-2 to 6F2-1 *CHECK*: a) The height is 376; measured from outside to outside between 6F2-2 and 6F2-1
 - b) With a square, check that the Bottom Angle 6F2-2 is at 90 degrees with the sides flanges of 6F1-2
 - c) The Angle is centered on the aircraft center line (the Angle is centered left and right on the Frame).

RIVET LINE: The rivet line is located as the split middle of the overlap of flange 6F2-2 over the web 6F2-1 (midway between the bottom edge of 6F2-1 and the top edge of 6F2-2). **PITCH**: A5 pitch 20

CUT: On the bottom flange, taper the ends of the Angle 6F2-2 to match the Bottom Fuselage Skin.

TIP: Draw a center line on the four flanges of the assembly.

SUGGESTION: Drill a #40 hole on the aircraft center line (longitudinal axis) in the bottom flange; this will help center the assembly to the Bottom Skin.

- Cable Fairlead (1/8" plastic material), contour (file) the Fairlead to match the curvature of the lightning hole on the Front H. T Frame 6F2-1 **REFERENCE**: Top left diagram on 6-F-2 **MATERIAL**: 1/8" plastic: Nylon or Teflon. **RIVET**: 2A4
- 3. Cleco the Angle 6F2-4 at the bottom of the <u>Rear</u> H.T. Frame 6F2-3 **REFERENCE**: 6-F-2 **CLAMP**: 6F2-4 to 6F2-3

CHECK: a) The height is 360; measure from outside to outside between 6F2-3 and 6F2-4 b) With a square, check that the Bottom Angle 6F2-4 is at 90 degrees with the sides flanges of 6F2-3

Wait to drill the center hole in the bottom flange of the Angle 6F2-4, the 30mm flange is too wide!

4. Cut the opening in the Rear Panel (top) 6F2-6 **REFERENCE**: 6-F-2

CUT: Use a hole saw or fly cutter set for diameter = 60mm to cut the two outside holes. Connect the two holes on by their tangent lines, cut on the line with hand snips. File to a smooth finish.



DRILLING THE STIFFENERS, POSITION THE RUDDER HINGE ASSEMBLY F-5

The Rear Lower Longerons are positioned <u>after</u> the Front and Rear H. T. Frames are Clecoed to the bottom skins.

5. Back-drill the L Angles Stiffeners to the Bottom Skin 6F1-1

REFERENCE: Bottom diagram on 6-F-1

SUGGESTION: Work with the Skin upside down.

LAYOUT: Mark the L Angle center line on the outside flange.

CLECO & BACK-DRILL: Position the L Angle over the side of a 1 x 2 board and slide it underneath the Skin. Center the line over the pre-drilled hole, drill and hole & Cleco a couple of holes , drill the remaining holes.

CUT: Trace the edge of the Skin on the L Angles, remove, and cut. The length the Angles are flush with the edge of the Skin (cut the vertical flange perpendicular to the bottom).

- 6. Cleco the Front and Rear Horizontal Tail Frames (6F2-1 and 6F2-3) to the End Skin 6F1-2
 - **REFERENCE**: a) Top & bottom diagram on 6-F-1
 - b) Rivet pattern of 6F3-2A
 - c) Top right diagram on 6-F-4

NOTE: The distance between the H. T. Frames is 320mm measured along the aircraft center line as shown on the top right diagram on 6-F-4

LAYOUT a) Mark a 10mm off-set line parallel to the front edge (for the rivet line through 7F1-1 and 6F2-2).

b) The aft rivet line is also at 10mm from the edge for 6F3-2A. Check that the distance between the front and rear rivet lines is 320mm

c) Mark the aircraft center line, check that the lines are at 90 degrees to the center line.

- **PRE-DRILL**: The Intersection holes on the aircraft center line with #40 pilot holes.
- 7. Position the Lower Rudder Hinge 6F3-2A on the End Skin 6F1-2
 - **REFERENCE**: 6-F-3 top middle diagram.

RIVET LINE: Mark the rivet line as the split middle of the 20mm flange.

DRILL: Locate the middle of the part and drill a #40 pilot hole.

CLECO: Cleco the parts 6F3-2A to 6F1-2 with one Cleco through the aircraft center line.

CLAMP: Clamp the Lower Rudder Hinge on the aircraft centerline.

DRILL: Drill the two end holes for the 3/16" bolts at 10mm from the ends with a #40 pilot hole. The two middle holes are spaced approximately 16mm from the center line for a 10mm edge distance on the .040 Shim.

- Remove 6F3-2A to Cleco the Lower Rudder Hinge 6F3-2B through the center hole.
 CLAMP: Clamp the Lower Rudder Hinge on the aircraft center line, back drill the holes in 6F1-2 <u>RIVET LINE</u>: Layout and drill the rear rivet line for 4A5
- Drill the two Shims (the .040 is the lower Shim to fit between the Longerons, the upper is .063).
 DRILL: Clamp the two 20mm wide Shims flush to the aft edge of the End Skin 6F1-2 and back drill the rivet line.
- 10. Drill the rivet line in the Angle 6F2-4 (first remove the Angle form the H.T. Frame 6F2-3).
 CLAMP: Clamp the 20mm wide .063 Shim on the bottom flange of the Angle 6F2-4 with the rear of the Shim on the BEND TANGENT LINE OF THE RADIUS. Center the shim on the aircraft center line and back drill the hole. Trim the front of the Angle flush with the aft edge of the Shim.
 NOTE: A bottom flange of 30mm is too wide and is trimmed flush with the aft edge of the End Skin 6F1-2, check the width of the bottom flange before cutting!



POSITION THE END SKIN & THE LOWER MIDDLE LONGERONS

When connecting the rear fuselage to the wing center section, the Lower Middle Longerons 6F1-5 will overlap on top of the Rear Zee 6V7-1 with the Bottom Skin inbetween Rear Zee and the Bottom Skin 6V11-2. To allow the Bottom Skin 6F1-1 to overlap the full width of the Rear Zee flange, the Lower Middle Longeron 6F1-5 is moved back to avoid interference with the bend radius of the lower Flange.

11. Back-drill the Rear Bottom Skin 6F1-1 to the End Skin 6F1-2 **REFERENCE**: 6-F-1, 6-F-4 **NOTE:** At the overlap the sides bow in approximately 8mm from the straight line connecting the front and aft corners of the fuselage. **CLAMP**: 6F1-1 overlaps on top of 6F1-2 **CHECK**: a) The overall length = 2544 (measure along the center line). b) Check that the End Skin is centered on the aircraft center line! **BACK-DRILL**: with #40 pilot holes. 12. Cleco the Front H. T. Frame assembly 6F2-2 to the Bottom Skin 6F1-2 **REFERENCE**: 6-F-4 **CLECO:** Take the H.T. Frame apart and Cleco the Angle 6F2-2 to End Skin 6F1-2 through their common center hole. **CLAMP**: The Angle is parallel with the front edge. BACK-DRILL: a) With #30 b) Open up the aft rivet line in 6F1-1 with #30 holes. 13. Back drill the Lower Middle Longeron 6F1-5 to the Bottom Skin 6F1-1 **REFERENCE**: 6-F-1, 6-F-6, 6-F-10 **CUT**: a) Trace and snip the bottom flange to match the front corner the Skin 6F1-1 b) Snip the side flange at 79 degrees (inside angle). See top right diagram on 6V7 **NOTE**: The angle between the rear fuselage section and the center wing section is determined by the angle of the bottom flange of the Rear Zee 6V7-1 EDGE DISTANCE: The pre-drill rivet lines in the sides of the Bottom Skin are at 3/8" from the edge. LAYOUT: Mark a 3mm off-set line along the front edge of the Skin 6F1-1 **DRILLING TIP:** Place the Longeron underneath the Bottom Skin and back-drill from the top through the pre-drilled Skin. (the overlap order is reversed to simplify drilling by working from the top). **CLAMP**: The front edge of the Longeron on the 3 mm off-set line. **CHECK**: a) The distance across the Longerons 6F1-5 is 1055mm measured from outside to outside to fit inside the Rear Pick Up Channels 6F6-3 as shown on drawing 6-F-6 b) The first L Angle at STA 594 overlaps on top of the Longeron **BACK-DRILL**: With #40 Wait to drill the front and inside rivet line: The front rivet line is riveted through the Rear

Zee and the inside rivet line into the Lower Front Longeron 6F5-4 as shown on drawing 6F10. The side flange is drilled later through the Side Skins.

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REAR LONGERONS & LONGERONS DOUBLERS

The Rear Longerons are positioned butt to butt with the Longerons Doublers and Clamped to the side flange of the Front and Rear H.T. Frames.

14. The Rear Longerons 6F1-3 are installed with the H.T. Frame assembly Clecoed to the Fuselage Bottom Skins 6F1-1 and 6F1-2 **REFERENCE**: 6-F-1. 6-F-3 RIVET: The Angles to the H.T Frame assemblies: 6F2-1 to 6F2-2 and 6F2-3 to 6F2-4 CLECO: The Front and Rear Horizontal Tail Frames to the Bottom Skins 6F1-1and 6F1-2 **DRILLING TIP:** Place the Longeron underneath the Bottom Skin and back-drill from the top through the pre-drilled Skin. (the overlap order is reversed to simplify drilling by working from the top). CLAMP: a) Butt the Longerons 6F1-3 and 6F1-5 end to end. b) Clamp the Longerons 6F1-3 to the HT frames and to the End Skin. **CHECK**: The Skin stops at the Longeron bend tangent line, see bottom right diagram on 6-F-3 (edge distance of 3/8"). **BACK-DRILL** : With #30 CUT: The end of the Longerons 6F1-3 flush with the End Skin 6F1-2 15. Position the Lower Longeron Doubler 6F1-4 to overlap on top of 6F1-5 and 6F1-3 **REFERENCE**: 6-F-1 **POSITION:** a) 6F1-4 overlaps on top of 6F1-5 & 6F1-3 b) the front the Doubler is set back 100mm from the front edge of the Bottom Skin **CLAMP**: a) 6F1-4 to 6F1-3 along the side flange. b) 6F1-4 to 6F1-5

c) 6F1-5 to 6F1-1 along the bottom flange.

PITCH: a) 5A5 in 6F1-3, 3A5 pitch 15 at front ends of 6F1-3 and at the rear end of 6F1-5, A5 pitch 30 in-between.

b) Remember the L angle!

- 16. Position the Cross Stiffener 6F1-6**REFERENCE**: 6-F-1**PITCH**: 3A5 into the Lower Middle Longerons 6F1-5
- **TIP: Wait to rivet 6F1-4 through 6F1-5**, it is riveted later together with the Fuselage-Wing Fairing 6E1-1. The side flange is drilled later through the Side Skin 6F3-3.

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THE REAR MIDDLE SIDE SKINS

Use the pre-drilled holes for the H.T. Frame to reference the Side Skins on the fuselage assembly.

17. Back-drill the H.T frames through the pre-drilled pilot holes in the Rear Middle Side Skins 6F3-3

REFERENCE: 6-F-3, 6-F-4, 6-F-15

- **NOTE**: a) The H. T. Frames are set at 90degress to the top edge of the Skin.
 - b) The L Angles stations are given along the bottom edge.
 - c) The L Angles are at 90 degrees to the top edge of the Skin.
- **CLAMP**: a) The Side Skin to the Front and Rear H. T. Frames.
 - b) The bottom edge of the Skin stops at the bent tangent line of the Longeron.
 - c) The aft edge of the Skin is flush with the End Skin 61-2

SUGGESTION: To support the Side Skins at the front, clamp them to a temporary wood frame or large cardboard box. Work with one Side Skin at a time!

- **CHECK**: i.) The center line of the H.T. Frames is visible through the pre-drilled holes in the skin.
 - ii.) The bottom of the Skin stops at the bent tangent line of the Longeron.
 - iii.) The aft edge of the Skin is flush with the aft edge of the End Skin (the front bottom corner also lines up with the front of the fuselage skin).

BACK-DRILL & CLECO: Start at the rear with #30

COMMENT: The Rudder Stop overlaps the Side Skins and is riveted to the Rear H.T. Frame. Plan for a "no rivet zone" at the bottom, see 6-F-15

18. Add the diagonal L angles between the two H.T. frames.

TACK RIVETING:

This is the same technique used to hold the Rear Top Skin 6V8-1 to the Main spar. On the Fuselage the tack rivets hold the Longeron 6F1-3 to the Side Skin. The rivet line through the Longeron is drilled later through the Rear Top Skin 6F14-1



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REAR PANEL & REAR LONGERONS

The Rear Longerons are held in place with tack (flush countersunk) riveted to the Side Skin. The Longeron rivet line is drilled later through the Rear Top Skin 6F14-1

19. Cleco the Rear Top Panel 6F2-6 on top of the H.T. Frame assemblies.

REFERENCE: 6-F-4

LAYOUT: Mark and extend flange center line of the H.T. Frame on the inside of the Side Skins; this is to locate the flange center line when the Rear Top Panels are dropped in place. **POSITION**: Position the end of the Top Panel flush with the end of the Side Skins.

Transfer the H.T Frame center line previously marked on the Side Skin to the Top Panel. Connect the left and right mark with a straight line to mark the flange center line of the H.T. Frame.

CHECK: 320mm between center lines.

DRILL & CLECO: The intersection hole of the aircraft center line with the H.T. Frame with #30

20. Position the upper Rear Longerons 6F1-3 on the Top Panel 6F2-6

REFERENCE: 6-F-4, tack rivets.

CUT: Position the inner corner of the bottom flange of the Longeron flush with the aft edge of the Top Plate. Trim the side flange to fit the Side Skin without reducing the overall length of the Longeron.

CLAMP: a) The Longerons to the Side Skins.

b) Clamp the Top Panel to the Longerons through the middle cutout.

CHECK FOR TWIST: With a digital level (protractor) it is easy to see if the sides are parallel. If a large carpenter square is used, hold it in the same position on both sides of the fuselage. Readjust the clamps if necessary!

- **CLECO:** a) Flush tack rivets are used where the Top Skin will overlap the Side Skin. Start at 600 from the end and pitch of 300, see bottom right diagram on 6-F-4
 - b) Drill and Cleco the Side Skins to the Longerons on the distance inbetween the H.T. Attachment Brackets 7F2-7 and 6F2-8 with #30. Remember the "no rivet zone" for 6F2-7 & 6F2-8 (The Rear Top Skin will extend approximately 100mm aft of the Bulkhead 6F11-1).



H.T. BRACKETS, SIDE STIFFENERS & GUSSET

The vertical rivet line of the H.T. Attachment Brackets Rivet on the flange center line of the H.T. Frame and the horizontal rivet line into Longeron.

- 21. Cleco the Rear H.T. Attachment Brackets 6F2-7 to the fuselage assembly. **REFERENCE**: 6-F-2, 6-F-4, 6-F-15 **PRE-DRILL**: Layout and pre-drill the Brackets with #40 pilot holes (the horizontal rivet line through the Longeron is 35mm from the top of the Bracket. **CLAMP**: The Brackets to the Fuselage with the pre-drilled holes on the flange center line. **BACK-DRILL & CLECO**: With #20
 22 Cleco the two parallel L. Angles flush with the sides of the cutout on the Rear Top Panel
- 22. Cleco the two parallel L Angles flush with the sides of the cutout on the Rear Top Panel 6F2-6 with an end-hole in each H.T. Frame.
 - **REFERENCE**: 6-F-4

NOTE: The length of the L Angle is cut long enough to overlap the Front and Rear H.T. Frames.

CUT: The L angle overlaps on top of Longeron, taper the aft bottom flange of the L Angles to position the Angles flush with the sides the cutout.

CLAMP: The L Angles to overlap on top of the Longerons; they should be 60mm apart. **DRILL & CLECO**: With #30

23. Drill the Longerons to the Top Panel 6F2-6

PITCH: A4 pitch 20, (with a rivet in the front H.T. Frame) Rivet the Longeron before riveting the two L Angles to avoid interference of the rivet head with the side of the L angle. **NOTE**: Wait to drill the front end hole through the Panel. This is drilled later through the Bulkhead B6 positioned along the front edge of the Panel as shown on drawings 6-F-4 and 6-F-11

- 24. Drill the front and rear rivet lines in the top flange of the H. T Frames in the middle and between the L angles and the Longerons. A4 PITCH 20
- 25. Add the L Stiffeners on the Side Skin, the Gussets at the top of the L Angles slide underneath the L Angles and the Longeron.

CUT: Cut the length of 3 L Angles to overlap the bottom Longerons and to fit underneath the Top Longerons.

CUT: The top of the 2 forward L angles is $\frac{3}{4}$ " below the bottom flange of the Top Longeron to allow clearance for Extrusion 6F1-3 installed later.

POSITION: Slide the .016 Gusset underneath the L angle and the Longeron.

PITCH IN GUSSET: 2 holes in the L angle, 3 holes in the Longerons (see F-14).

RUDDER HINGE BUSHING:

The S.25x.028" 4130 steel bushing is held in place by the AN3 bolt through 6F3-2A and 6F3-2B, a similar arrangement is used on the two Upper Bearing 6T4-3 riveted to the Rudder. The Upper Rudder Hinge 6F3-1 and the Vertical Tail Horn 6T5-3 as both drilled with a ¹/₄" hole to turn around the steel bushing. A self locking nylon nut is used to secure the bolt (and the bushing) to prevent them from turning or spinning in the holes. Only the parts 6F3-1 and 6T5-3 turn around the bushing.



UPPER RUDDER HINGE, CABLE FAIRLEAD

The straight line connecting the upper and lower hinges is parallel with the aft edge of the Side Skins.

26. Drill a 1/8" pilot hole in the Lower Rudder Hinges 6F3-2A and 6F3-2B checking for a minimum of 8mm edge distance to the sides of the Hinges. Center punch the hole for better accuracy before drilling!

CLECO: The Lower Rudder Hinges to the fuselage.

27. Position the Upper Rudder Hinge 6F3-1

NOTE: The Rudder Spar 6T3-4 is installed parallel with the end of the Side Skins 6F3-4. When the Top Longeron is level the bottom hinge is offset by 100mm from a vertical plum line through top hinge.

LAYOUT: Drill the hinge pivot for a hole #40 pilot hole.

POSITION: a) Feed a long steel welding rod (straight wire) through the top and bottom hinge plates. Clamp the Upper Rudder Hinge at the 100mm off-set using a large square reference on the top of the Side Skins.

b) Stand back, looking at the fuselage from the rear, and check that the rod is vertical .

DRILL: The 5 holes (with good edge distance in 6F1-3 underneath). The two rear holes are drilled for an AN3 bolt

28. Position the Cable Outlet Fairings 6F4-1 on the Fuselage Sides 6F3-3

REFERENCE: Bottom right diagrams on 6-F-4

CUT: The slot in the Side Skin 6F3-3

TRIM: Position the Fairing level with the top edge of the Side skin and trace the underside of the fuselage to trim any access material off the Fairing.

DRILL & CLECO: The Cable Outlet Fairing over the slot (slide the Fairing between the Longeron and the Skin to back drill through the existing holes in the Longeron – the fore and aft positions of the Fairing can be moved to adjust the edge distance of the end holes). **BEARING MATERIAL**: Remove the Cable Outlet Fairing , position the plastic Fairlead

material on the inside of the fuselage against the Side Skin and back drill the top and bottom rivet line. In the middle of the slot drill a 1/8" for the rudder cable.

Remove the Plastic Fairlead and elongate the 1/8" hole to align with the actual path of the rudder cable: insert the drill in the 1/8" hole and with the drill at high speed slowly bring the drill from a vertical position to a diagonal position, (as close as the chuck will allow you before touching the Fairlead!). By exaggerating the elongation the cable will choose its own path with the least resistance or change of angular deflection.

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