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Step 1: Read Section 5 and preview all assembly steps prior to construction.

NOTE: Step 2 through Step 4 refer to Figure 1. In these steps you will fabricate a wedge tool that will assist you when blind riveting in locations where you are unable to align the tool and the rivet. The wedge tool(s) will be placed between the rivet and the riveting tool enabling the riveting tool to pull the rivet from an angle, yet still achieve a properly seated manufactured head. For an example of how to use this tool refer to Section 5D.

Step 2: Trim both of the 'ears' off of the AEX Wedge.

Step 3: Beginning 1/4 inch from either end of the AEX Wedge, drill a hole every 1/2 inch using a #40 drill bit.

Step 4: Cut the AEX Wedge between each of the holes drilled in Step 3. You will now have multiple wedge tools to aid riveting, when applicable.

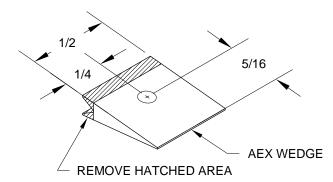


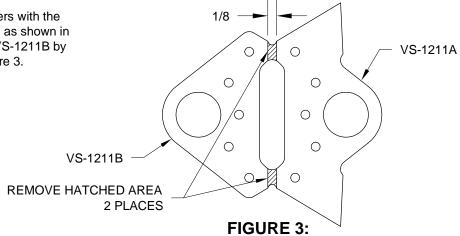
FIGURE 1: WEDGE TOOL FABRICATION

Step 5: Final-Drill #12 the 3/16 holes in the flange of the VS-1210 Hinge Brackets called out in Figure 2.

Step 6: Separate the VS-1210 Hinge Brackets by removing the material called out in Figure 2. Separation is best done by cutting through the joining material and finishing the edge with a file. 0 0 0 FINAL-DRILL. 8 PLACES 0 0 VS-1210 REMOVE AREA SHOWN HATCHED, 0 3 PLACES

FIGURE 2: HINGE BRACKET PREPARATION

Step 7: Mark the VS-1211 Hinge Spacers with the VS-1211A and VS-1211B part numbers as shown in Figure 3. Separate the VS-1211A and VS-1211B by removing the material called out in Figure 3.



HINGE SPACER SEPARATION

Step 8: Cleco the VS-1211A Hinge Spacer between two of the VS-1210 Hinge Brackets. Final-Drill #30 the 1/8 inch holes.

Repeat Step 8 with the VS-1211B Hinge Spacer and the remaining two hinge brackets.

Mark the parts (Section 5C), to return them to the same position as drilled. Then remove the clecoes and deburr (Section 5B) the edges and holes of all four hinge brackets and both hinge spacers.

Step 9: Insert the called out bearing into the largest hole in the VS-1211A Hinge Spacer. Re-cleco, then rivet the hinge spacer between the two VS-1210 Hinge Brackets in the same position as drilled per call-outs in Figure 4.

Refer to this assembly as the Lower Hinge Assembly.

Step 10: Insert the called out bearing into the largest hole in the VS-1211B Hinge Spacer. Re-cleco, then rivet the hinge spacer between the two VS-1210 Hinge Brackets in the same position as drilled per call-outs in Figure 5.

Refer to this assembly as the Upper Hinge Assembly.

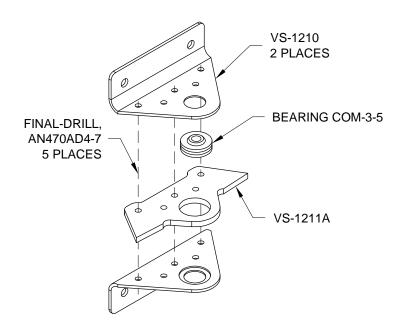


FIGURE 4: LOWER HINGE ASSEMBLY

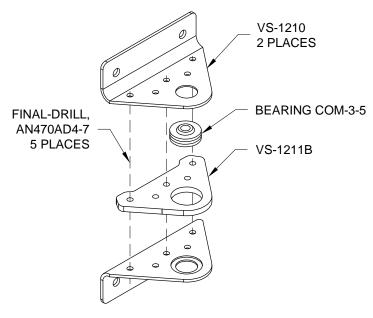
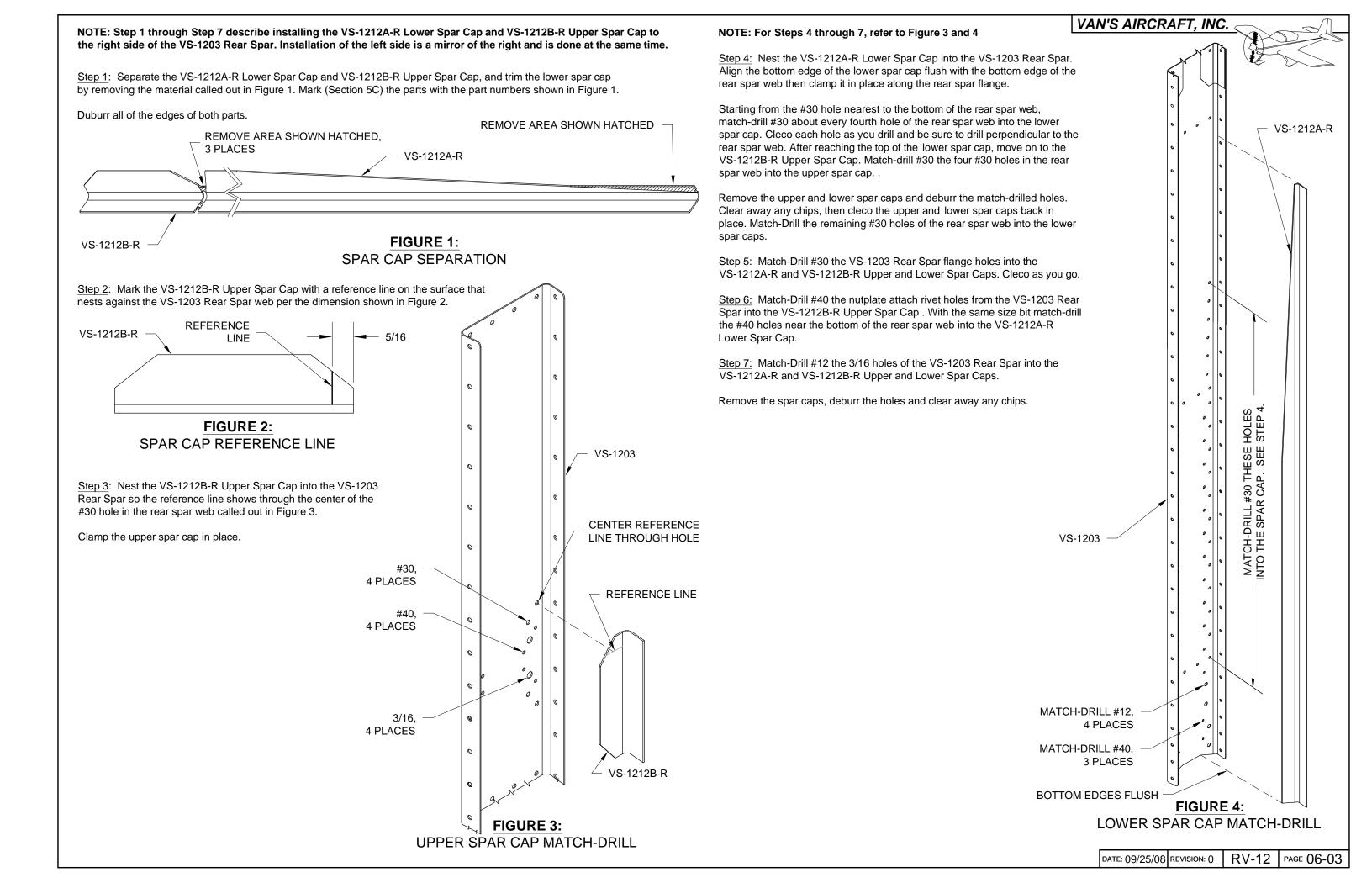


FIGURE 5: **UPPER HINGE ASSEMBLY**

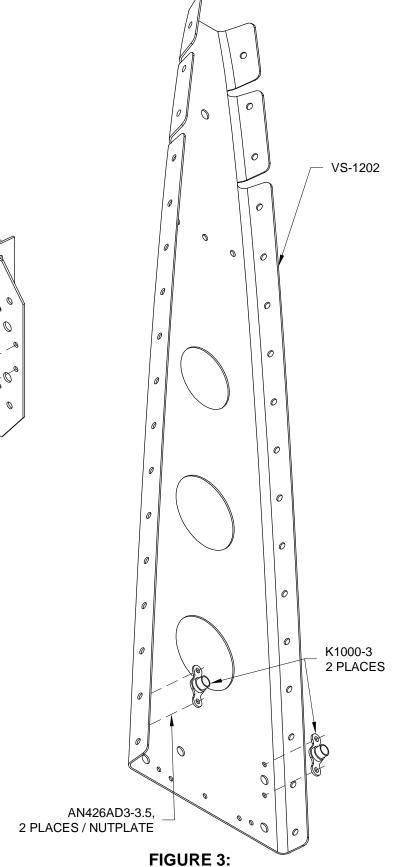


NOTE: Refer to Figure 1 for Step 1 through Step 4. Step 1: Final-Drill #12 the 3/16 holes in the web of the VS-1202 Front Spar. Step 2: Machine countersink (Section 5E) the six #40 holes in the web of the VS-1203 Rear Spar flush for 3/32 rivets. Step 3: Machine countersink the four #40 holes in the VS-1212B-R & -L Upper Spar Caps flush for 3/32 rivets. Step 4: Machine countersink the #40 holes in the web of the VS-1202 Front Spar flush for 3/32 rivets.

NOTE: The blind rivets for the VS-1203 Rear Spar should be set with the manufactured head on the spar cap side of the rear spar web since they will be visible on the finished assembly.

Step 5: Rivet the VS-1212B-R Upper Spar Cap to the VS-1203 Rear Spar as shown in Figure 2. Leave open the spar flange rivets for this step. Install the VS-1212B-L Upper Spar Cap as a mirror of the right. (The rivet wedge tool fabricated at the beginning of this section may be useful here for the rivets closest to the rear spar flange.)

Step 6: Rivet the nutplates to the VS-1203 Rear Spar and VS-1212B-R & -L Upper Spar Caps as shown in Figure 2.



NUTPLATE INSTALLATION

Step 7: Rivet the nutplates to the VS-1202

Front Spar per call-out in Figure 3.

VS-1203 VS-1202 MACHINE COUNTERSINK FLUSH THIS SIDE, 4 PLACES / SPAR CAP VS-1212B-R FINAL-DRILL 4 PLACES MACHINE COUNTERSINK FLUSH THIS SIDE, MACHINE COUNTERSINK 9 PLACES FLUSH THIS SIDE, 6 PLACES

FIGURE 1: PART PREPARATION

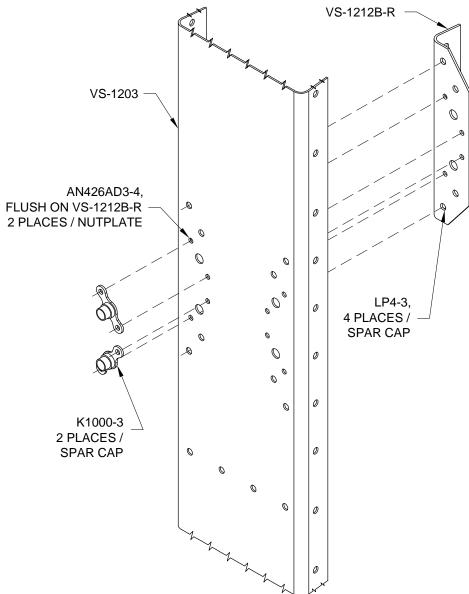
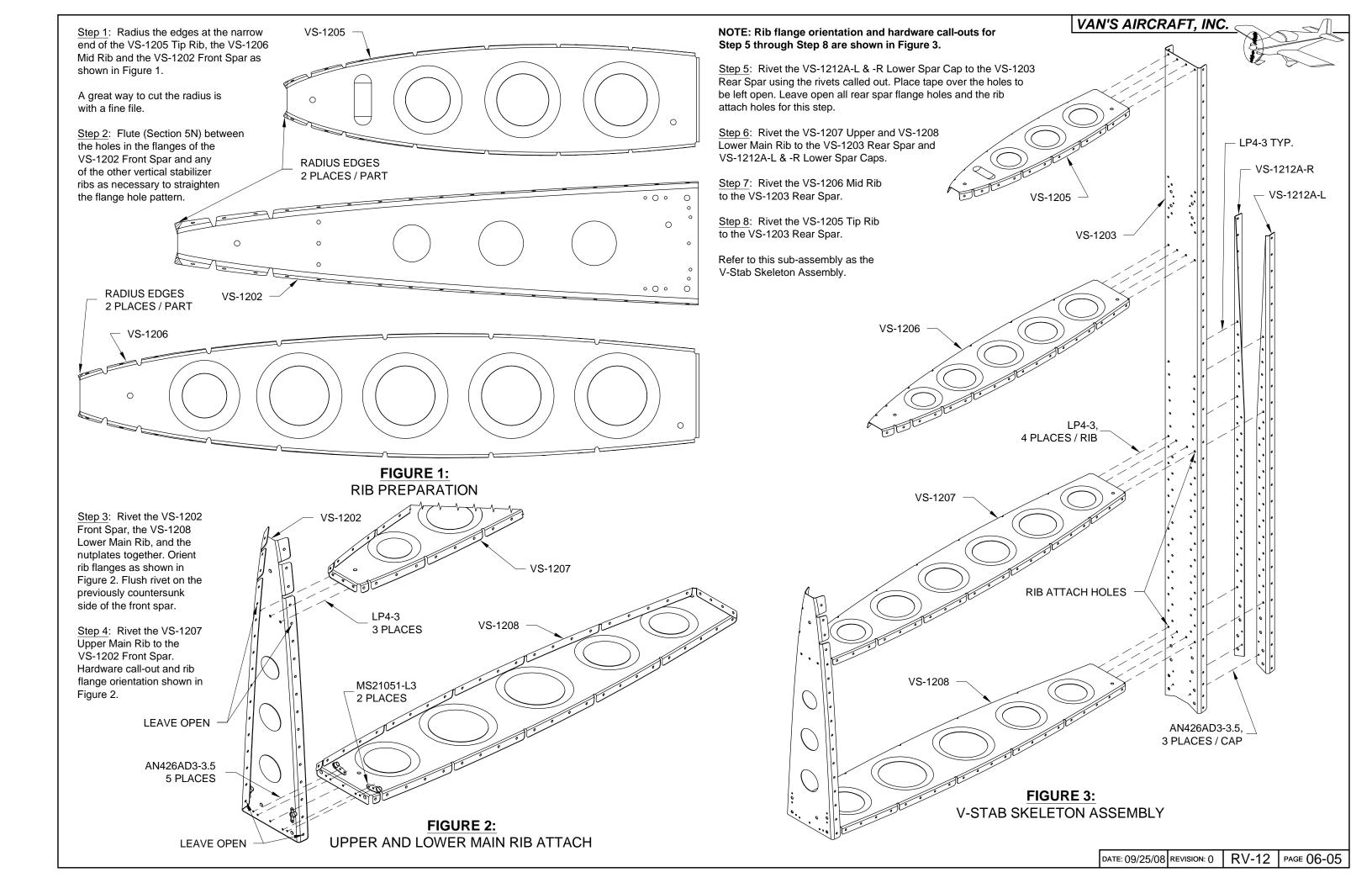
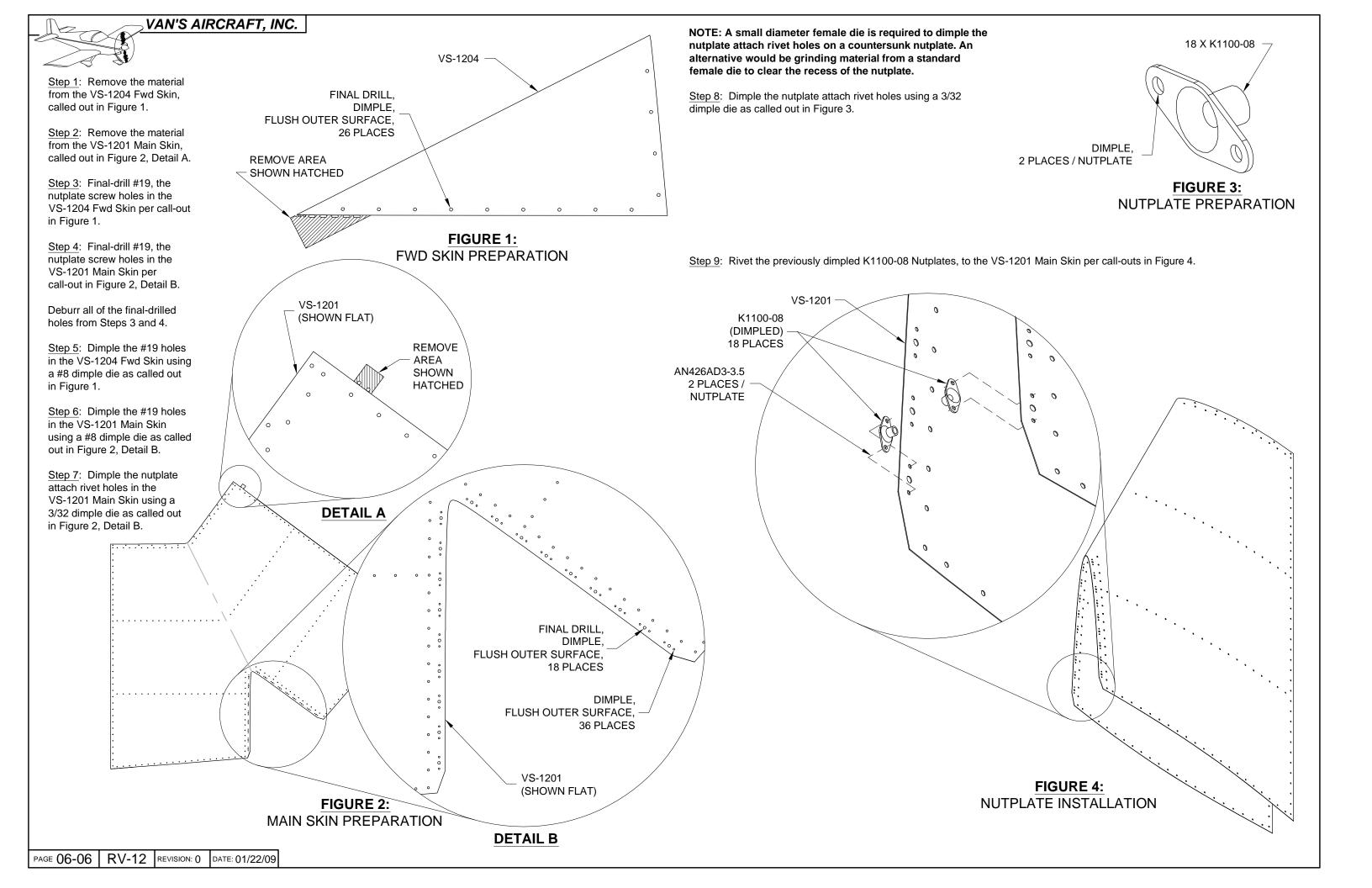


FIGURE 2:

SPAR CAP INSTALLATION





CAUTION: Do not force fit the VS-1201 Main Skin. Align holes by adjusting the ribs of the V-Stab Skeleton.

Step 1: Cleco the VS-1201 Main Skin to the V-Stab Skeleton Assembly as shown in Figure 1. First cleco one side of the skin, then check that the narrow end of the VS-1202 Front Spar, VS-1205 Tip Rib, and VS-1206 Mid Rib will not deform the leading edge of the main skin. If any of the ribs deform the leading edge of the main skin, radius the narrow ends of the ribs (See Page 6-05, Step 1). Next, check the main skin hole alignment with the ribs on the side not yet clecoed. If holes do not align, remove the skin and adjust the ribs by additional fluting or lessening existing flutes (Section 5N) until the rib holes align with the skin holes. When all of the holes align, cleco the rest of the the main skin.

Step 2: Starting nearest to the leading edge of the VS-1201 Main Skin, remove one cleco and rivet that hole before moving on to the next hole. Continue until all of the main skin holes are riveted to the corresponding holes in the V-Stab Skeleton Assembly per call-out in Figure 1.

<u>Step 3</u>: Rivet the remaining open holes of the flange at the lower end of the V-Stab Skeleton Assembly per call-out in Figure 1.

Hereafter refer to this assembly as the V-Stab Assembly.

Step 4: Screw the VS-1204 Fwd Skin to the nutplates at the front of the V-Stab Assembly using the hardware called out in Figure 1. The bottom eight holes in the fwd skin are left open until the V-Stab Assembly is installed to the Tailcone Assembly.

<u>Step 5</u>: Bolt the Upper Hinge Assembly to the V-Stab Assembly using the hardware called out in Figure 1.

Step 6: Tie the Lower Hinge Assembly to the V-Stab Assembly through the bolt holes that will be used to attach the Lower Hinge Assembly and tape a bag of the hinge hardware to the tie. The Lower Hinge Assembly will be installed when the V-Stab Assembly is installed to the Tailcone Assembly.

NOTE: The Vertical Stabilizer fiberglass fairing installation instructions are included in Section 12: Emp Fairings.

