WINDSHIELD ATTACHMENT TECHNIQUE

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Trying to fit a transparent windshield neatly in place has always been a nerve wracking job for me. But I have used this trick several times now, and it helps a lot. To use the arrangement your fuselage must have sheet balsa or foam covering in the windshield area.

With a long, sharp blade held against the windshield frame in the plane of the "glass," cut two slots in the sheeting. As you shape the pattern for your windshield, leave two projecting tabs on the lower edge. The pattern can then be accurately positioned and repositioned while the fitting and trimming is in progress and when final gluing is done.

I have also used this system, with slight variations, on the round fuselage of a Vega and the frameless windshields of an open cockpit Fairchild 22.

