

# Amazing Model Planes on Show

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LONDON, August 10. — Radio-controlled model aeroplanes, gliders and even a flying saucer are attracting great interest at the model engineering exhibition.

Radio - controlled model planes have been flying in Britain for two years. They vary in size from 30 inches to 10 feet wing span.

The initial cost of the smallest models is about £10 (stg.) and of the largest about £70 (stg.).

At the exhibition there are models of a British "Ambassador" airliner and an American "Dakota I."

The "Ambassador" has an 11-foot wing span and is powered by two American-made Ohlsson 10 c.c. engines. It has had taxi-ing trials, but has not yet flown.

The two-engined Dakota of the same wing span weighs 11 lbs.

In tests it has reached an altitude of 200 feet and carried out steep turns, a roll and a loop.

Control is effective up to a range of four miles from the twin transmitters.

The flying saucer was made by 15-year-old Jeremy P. Coles, of Harpenden. It is 18 inches in circumference and weighs only five ounces because

it is made of balsa wood, covered with tissue paper.

It is powered by a tiny "Elfin" diesel engine and operated from the ground by 50-foot long steel lines controlling elevators.

A two-wheeled undercarriage drops out after the take-off and the flying saucer remains in the air for 10 minutes.