

New Source for Blast Tubes.

From the February 2006 issue of the Southern California Ignition Flyers Flightplug newsletter, Mike Myers, editor, comes a source for blast tubes at Wal-Mart. Here's what he says:

"Another tip from SAM Talk and the Internet. Dave Andreski of Florida discovered a "golf ball retriever" at Wal-Mart, which consists of a series of nesting thin walled aluminum tubes. Here's what he was able to make out of one golf ball retriever: The pole, after some 'butchering' yielded 6 (six) lengths of Thin Wall- .028", tubing. These pieces varied in O.D. from 3/8" to 15/16", the Lengths varying from - 17 3/4" - 19". There is some slop/clearance between the telescoping lengths but, several good blast tubes can be made from this item. Remember that the tubing is telescoping, and, the individual lengths can be made up into 'custom' /longer lengths by inserting a small amount of either size into one another and, securing with anything that makes you comfortable. My item tag reads "Athletic Works", 9 ft. compact ball retriever. The bar code stock number is RH-02.!(FlightPlug Editor's Note: I stopped at a Wal-Mart in Riverside on Sunday on my way back from the SCAMPS contest and found this golf ball retriever on the rack for \$12.96 plus tax. Not bad, since it is sometimes hard to find tubing in these diameters.)