



## **Johnny Astro – Notes on Changing the Batteries**

The toy must be flipped over to change the batteries, so similar problems can occur as detailed out in the “Propulsion Unit Notes” document. So work on a soft, cushioned environment. It is optional if the propulsion unit is first removed or this operation is done with the propulsion unit kept on. I prefer to keep the propulsion unit on and put the toy upside down on top of a few pillows placed on the floor.

*For units equipped with a DC Power Jack:* In order to prevent the fan motor from turning on inadvertently, plug the AC converter into the toy jack – but don’t plug the converter into the wall outlet! (The jack contains a bypass switch that is activated when the converter is plugged into the toy, so this way the batteries are bypassed and the fan motor won’t come on during the operation if the throttle is engaged.)

*For units NOT equipped with a DC Power Jack:* In order to prevent the fan motor from turning on inadvertently, simply make sure that the Throttle remains in the “off” position for the duration of this activity.

Unscrew the battery compartment cover carefully, remove the existing batteries and replace them. Slide the battery compartment cover back on by putting the two tabs through the openings first, and gently snapping the perimeter of the cover into the cavity that holds the batteries in. The mold replication detail for the battery compartment cover is exact. As with many original Johnny Astro toys - it is possibly required to “flex” the battery compartment cover a bit to insert it into the perimeter section of the compartment that holds the batteries, this is OK and it will snap in just fine. Then put the screw in being careful not to over tighten. It should be noted that the type of screw provided is a function of the control center base: for a replication control center base – it would be a machine screw; for an original control center base – it would either be an original threaded screw from 40 years ago, or be a pan head self tapping screw. Just use the same screw provided with your unit, and there should be no problem.