

# **SOURCE OF BLAST TUBE MATERIAL**

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Several years ago I got tired of scrambling about to find the right size blast tube for the various size models I build. I found a solution at a website which marketed rigid clear plastic tubing made by a company called Penn Plax for use in aquariums. I looked again recently and found that site no longer carries that tubing. However, I've found a new website which does carry Penn Plax clear plastic tubing,. The stuff is wonderful for use as blast tubes. The tubing comes in outside diameter sizes ranging from 1-3/8", 1", 3/4", 9/16", 1/2" and even smaller. I've found the sizes smaller than 1/2" OD not to be practical. All the tubing is 3 feet long. Prices range between \$2 to \$5 depending upon size, per tube. This tubing is very light but awkward to ship, so shipping costs will be pretty much the same regardless of quantity you order. The smart move would be to order more than you think you'll need, and/or perhaps share an order with someone else.

Go to the website <http://www.arcatapet.com/index.cfm> and in the left hand column in the space for searching for a product, enter the words "rigid tubing." The entire array will appear.