

A Source For Fuse Lighters

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After being in this game for 12 years without ever using a fuse to trip my dethermalizer, I finally tried one. Indeed they are reliable and accurate and have been around for years. On the flip side, they require a lot more more “fiddling” than does a simple button timer. Although the button timer is not as accurate as the fuse, the button timer has been good enough for me.

Having gotten that rant off my chest, I let my friends talk me into installing fuses in two models. I light them with the Altoid Box Fuse lighter that was featured in the May 2013 issue of this exciting rag. No sooner had I figured that I had the latest and greatest lighter, than Dan Gee upstages me with an electronic one he purchased from the local Bubba's Tobacco Shop. Pictured below, this little device is charged via a USB port, and works like a charm. Just push a button and touch it to the fuse and you're off and running. It has an LED light at the top to show a low battery warning. Since Dan doesn't remember the brand name of his, I went to Bubba's to find one. Bubba told me that he was waiting for a shipment from China, where the lighter is made by (who else) the famous People's Liberation Army. I decided to look on Google for “flameless cigarette lighters, and found a large number of them, most ranging in price between \$5 and \$20. Reviews for the cheaper ones were not that great, but one called “Pilot Flameless cigarette Lighter Pink CL-04” for about \$12 seemed to have decent reviews. The pink color will help you to show your feminine side!!

If you insist on flying with a fuse, and don't want to build an Altoid Box Fuse lighter, this looks like the way to go for simplicity, and it should be a lot more reliable than the things powered by AA flashlight batteries.

