

New Source for Small Glue Bottles

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A Georgia company called A-West has been a long time source of small glue bottles with blunt small gauge wire nozzles. I haven't found the bottles anywhere other than in model train shops—and even there, they are rare. Tim Goldstein at 13096 W. Cross Drive, Littleton, CO 80127 has located an even better source. He's now selling small bottles in 1/4 ounce and 1/2 ounce sizes; he has two sizes of aluminum screw-on cap/nozzles for them. One is 25 gauge (too fine for glue, but just great for oiling small bearings), and the other is 20 gauge—which will work just fine for thinned Ambroid, Duco or Testor's cement. The individual bottles and nozzles are cheap—70 cents or 90 cents a bottle depending upon size, and \$1.90 or \$2.10 for the individual nozzles. There is a shipping charge. I've also found what appears to be the same kind of bottle in a fly fishing store. I think that they're used by guys who tie their own flies. The screw on aluminum cap has one great advantage over the A-West bottle. Despite my best efforts, the nozzle/needle gets clogged once in a while. I've tried the brute force solution, i.e. squeeze the bottle harder. The A-West bottle has a press in cap—and I've wound up dumping a whole bottle of thinned glue over my work when the cap pops out. Bummer. The screw on aluminum cap eliminates that problem.