

Recycled Beer Cans Become Runway Markers

The Alaska Division of Aviation has found a new way to recycle beer cans.

The cans, wrapped with red and white reflective tape, are used for runway markers.

Included in a recent shipment to Dillingham's airport manager

Harvey Samuelson are 126 wooden stakes, two rolls of reflective tape, a tool for punching a square hole in a beer can and instructions on how to make the reflectors.

A square hole is punched in one end of the — presumably

empty — beer can.

The can then is wrapped with the reflective tape and mounted on the wooden stake. A nail driven through the top of the can into the stake holds the reflector in place.

The beer can reflectors are

spaced approximately every 200 feet along the runway boundaries.

The directions to Samuelson do not indicate how the beer cans are to be acquired. Apparently this is no problem.