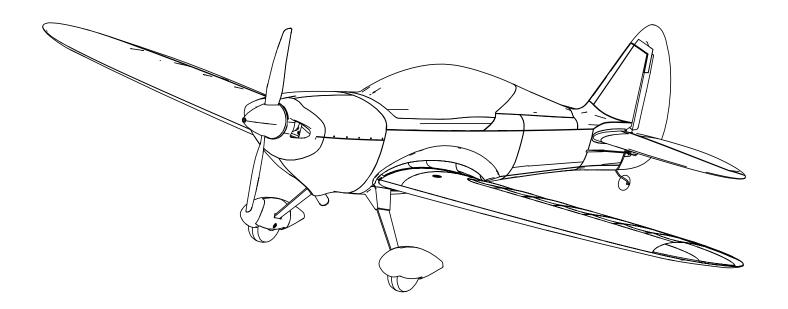


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- Always keep a safe distance in all directions around your model to avoid collisions or injury. This model is controlled by a radio signal subject to interference from many sources outside your control. Interference can cause momentary loss of control.
- Always operate your model in open spaces away from full-size vehicles, traffic and people.
- Always carefully follow the directions and warnings for this and any optional support equipment (chargers, rechargeable battery packs, etc.).
- Always keep all chemicals, small parts and anything electrical out of the reach of children.
- Always avoid water exposure to all equipment not specifically designed and protected for this purpose. Moisture causes damage to electronics.
- Never place any portion of the model in your mouth as it could cause serious injury or even death.

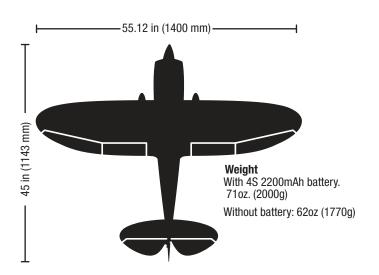
- · Never operate your model with low transmitter batteries.
- Always keep aircraft in sight and under control.
- · Always use fully charged batteries.
- Always keep transmitter powered on while aircraft is powered.
- · Always remove batteries before disassembly.
- · Always keep moving parts clean.
- · Always keep parts dry.
- · Always let parts cool after use before touching.
- · Always remove batteries after use.
- · Always ensure failsafe is properly set before flying.
- · Never operate aircraft with damaged wiring.
- · Never touch moving parts.

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# Included / Recommended Equipment

	BNF	PLUG-N-PLAY
<b>Motor:</b> 3720-800Kv Brushless Outrunner Motor, 14 pole (SPMXAM2500)	Included	Included
ESC: Avian 45 Amp Brushless ESC 3-4S (SPMXAE45A)	Installed	Installed
Servos: Aileron, Rudder, Elevator, Flaps: A332 9g Sub-Micro MG Servo; (240mm Lead).	Installed	Installed
Receiver: Spektrum™ AR631 6-Channel AS3X/SAFE Telemetry Receiver (SPMAR631)	Installed	Required
Recommended Battery: 4S 2200mAh LiPo	Required	Required
Recommended Battery Charger: 3-4-cell Li-Po battery balancing charger	Required	Required
Recommended Transmitter: Full range 6-channel 2.4GHz with Spektrum DSMX® technology with adjustable Dual Rates.	Required	Required

# **Specifications**



If you own this product, you may be required to register with the FAA. For up-to-date information on how to register with the FAA, please visit https://registermyuas.faa gov/. For additional assistance on regulations and guidance on UAS usage, visit knowbeforeyoufly.org/.

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### **Transmitter Setup**



**WARNING**: If your transmitter allows it, enable the throttle cut feature. Always engage throttle cut before approaching the aircraft.

**IMPORTANT:** After you set up your model, always rebind the transmitter and receiver to set the desired failsafe positions.

**IMPORTANT:** The included receiver has been programmed specifically for operation in this aircraft.

The FLAP Channel (CH 6) controls the flaps.

- ‡ For DX6e, DX6, NX6 and DX7 setups, The FLAP Channel (CH 6) can be used to toggle SAFE Select. With the values listed in the radio setup table, it will turn SAFE ON for half and full flap positions and AS3X will be ON for no flaps position. To use the flap channel for SAFE Select, the switch values must be set to +100 and -100 and the speed set to 0 temporarily to assign the SAFE switch in the flap system menu. Then change the flap system values back to the listing in the TX setup. See the SAFE Select Switch Designation section of this manual to assign the switch for SAFE Select.
- <sup>†</sup> Some of the terminology and function locations used in the iX12 and iX20 programming may be slightly different than other Spektrum AirWare™ radios. The names given in parentheses correspond to the iX12 and iX20 programming terminology. Consult your transmitter manual for specific information about programming your transmitter.

#### **Pre-Programmed Transmitter Setup Files**

To save time when setting up your transmitter for this model, visit www. SpektrumRC.com to download the latest pre-programmed transmitter setup files. The files are found under "SETUPS/UPDATES" and the "AIR TRANSMITTER SETUPS" link. Select your radio/transmitter, then on the corresponding page under "SETUPS" & DOWNLOADS" click the "DOWNLOAD SETUPS" button to view the available files in the drop down list. Locate the file for this model using the item number. Download the correct model file to and install it in your transmitter using an SD card.

#### **Dual Rates**

Low rate is recommended for the initial flights.

**NOTICE:** To ensure AS3X® technology functions properly, do not lower rate values below 50%. If lower rates are desired, manually adjust the position of the pushrods on the servo arm.

**NOTICE:** If oscillation occurs at high speed, refer to the Troubleshooting Guide for more information.

#### **Exponential**

After first flights, you may adjust exponential in your transmitter.

#### **Transmitter Telemetry Setup**

If the transmitter that you intend to use with this aircraft is not displaying telemetry data, visit www.SpektrumRC.com and update your firmware. With the latest firmware installed on your transmitter the telemetry option should now be functional on your transmitter.

	Computerized Transmitter Setup			
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Set Dual Hates	10	Tildii io	0 70	MID 70%
		LOW 709	%	LOW 50%
Set Servo Trav	el to	100%		
Set Throttle Cu	Set Throttle Cut to		-100%	
DX6e ‡	1. Go to th	e SYSTEM SETUP (Model Utilities)†		
DX6 <sup>‡</sup> (Gen2)	2. Set MOI	DEL TYPE:	AIRPLANE	
DX7 <sup>‡</sup> (Gen2) NX6 <sup>‡</sup>	3. Set AIRO	CRAFT TYPE: (Model Setup, Aircraft Type)†:		
DX8e		WING: 1 A	AIL 1 FLAP	
DX8 (Gen2)	5. Go to th	e FUNCTIO	ON LIST (Model A	djust)†
DX9				
DX10t	6. Select F	LAP SYST	EM: Set Switch;	SWITCH D
DX18			100% FLAP	0% Elevator
DX20			0% FLAP	4% Elevator
iX12 †		Pos 2: Switch: S	-100% FLAP	6% Elevator
iX20 †		Speed: 2.		
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# **PNP Receiver Selection and Installation**

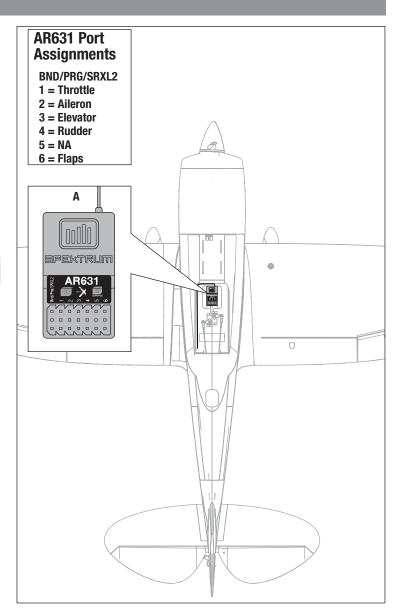
The recommended receiver for this aircraft is the Spektrum AR631. If you choose to install a different receiver, ensure that it is at least a 6-channel full range receiver. Refer to the manual of your chosen receiver for correct installation and operation instructions.

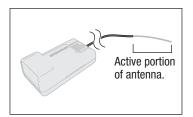
#### **AR631 Installation**

- Remove the canopy hatch by pulling up on the back of the hatch to expose the receiver compartment.
- Connect the control surface servos to the their respective ports on the receiver using the table at the right.
- 3. Using double-sided servo tape (not included) mount the receiver to the flat area of the receiver compartment, as shown. The receiver (A) should be mounted in the orientation shown, parallel to the length of the fuselage, with the label facing up and the servo ports facing the rear of the aircraft. The orientation of the receiver is critical for all AS3X® and SAFE® technology setups.
- 4. Route the antenna to the left side and to the rear of the fuselage as shown.

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**CAUTION:** Incorrect installation of the receiver could cause a crash.





### **Battery Installation and ESC Arming**

#### **Battery Selection**

We recommend the Spektrum 2200mAh 14.8V 4S 30C Li-Po battery (SPMX22004S30). Refer to the Optional Parts List for other recommended batteries. If using a battery other than those listed, the battery should be within the range of capacity, dimensions and weight of the Spektrum Li-Po battery packs to fit in the fuselage. Be sure the model balances at the recommended CG.

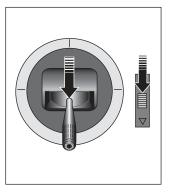


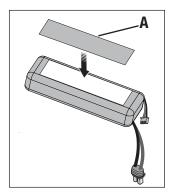
**CAUTION:** Always keep hands away from the propeller. When armed, the motor will turn the propeller in response to any throttle movement.

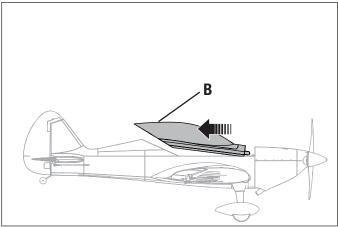
- Lower the throttle and throttle trim to the lowest settings. Power on the Transmitter, then wait 5 seconds.
- 2. It is recommended to apply hook and loop tape (A) to the bottom of your battery.
- 3. Carefully lift the battery hatch (B) to remove.
- 4. Install the fully charged battery **(C)** all the way forward in the battery compartment as shown. Secure using the hook and loop strap **(D)**. See the Adjusting the Center of Gravity instructions for more information.
- 5. Make sure the flight battery is secured using the hook and loop straps.
- 6. Connect the battery to the ESC.
- 7. Keep the aircraft on its wheels, immobile and away from wind or the system will not initialize.

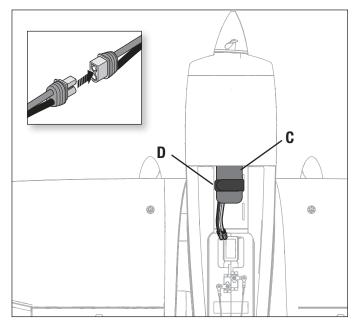
#### Once armed:

- The ESC will sound a series of tones (number of tones will match the battery cell count).
- The control surfaces will cycle once for AS3X, or twice for SAFE technology if it is turned ON.
- An LED will light on the receiver.
- 8. Reinstall the battery hatch.

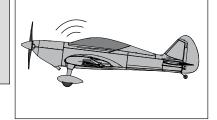








CAUTION: Always keep hands away from the propeller. When armed, the motor will turn the propeller in response to any throttle movement.



# **Binding**

#### **General Binding Tips and Failsafe**

- The included receiver has been specifically programmed for operation of this aircraft. Refer to the receiver manual for correct setup if the receiver is replaced.
- · Keep away from large metal objects while binding.
- Do not point the transmitter's antenna directly at the receiver while binding.
- The orange LED on the receiver will flash rapidly when the receiver enters bind mode.

- Once bound, the receiver will retain its bind settings for that transmitter until you re-bind.
- If the receiver loses transmitter communication, the failsafe will activate.
   Failsafe moves the throttle channel to low throttle. Pitch and roll channels move to actively stabilize the aircraft in a descending turn.
- If problems occur, refer to the troubleshooting guide or if needed, contact the appropriate Horizon Product Support office.

#### **Transmitter and Receiver Binding / Enabling SAFE Select**

The BNF Basic version of this airplane includes SAFE Select technology, enabling you to choose the level of flight protection. SAFE mode includes angle limits and automatic self leveling. AS3X mode provides the pilot with a direct response to the control sticks. SAFE Select is enabled or disabled during the bind process.

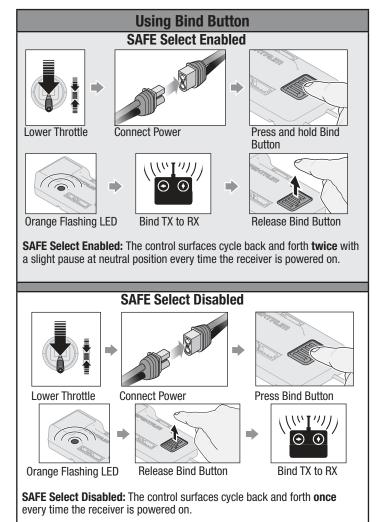
With SAFE Select disabled the aircraft is always in AS3X mode. With SAFE Select enabled the aircraft will be in SAFE Select mode all the time, or you can assign a switch to toggle between SAFE Select and AS3X modes.

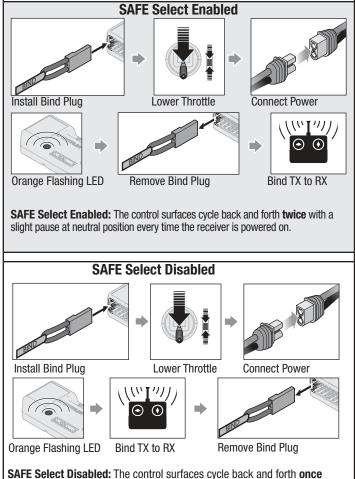
**IMPORTANT:** Before binding, read the transmitter setup section in this manual and complete the transmitter setup table to ensure your transmitter is properly programmed for this aircraft.

**IMPORTANT:** Move the transmitter flight controls (rudder, elevators, and ailerons) and the throttle trims to neutral. Move the throttle to low before and during binding.

You can use either the bind button on the receiver or the conventional bind plug to complete the binding process.

A bind plug extension has been provided in BNF Basic version models. It will be labeled and located in the battery or radio compartment for easy access.





every time the receiver is powered on.

**Using Bind Plug** 

SAFE Select can also be activated via Forward Programming in compatible transmitters.

# **SAFE® Select Switch Designation** *BNF*

#### **Stick Inputs**

Once SAFE Select is enabled, you can choose to fly in SAFE mode full-time, or assign a switch. Any switch on any channel between 5 and 9 can be used on your transmitter.

If the aircraft is bound with SAFE Select disabled, the aircraft will be in AS3X mode exclusively.



**CAUTION:** Keep all body parts well clear of the propeller and keep the aircraft securely restrained in case of accidental throttle activation.

**IMPORTANT:** To be able to assign a switch, first verify:

- The aircraft was bound with SAFE Select enabled.
- Your choice for the SAFE Select switch is assigned to a channel between 5 and 9 (Gear, Aux1-4), and travel is set at 100% in each direction.
- The aileron, elevator, rudder and throttle direction are set to normal, not reverse.
- The aileron, elevator, rudder and throttle are set to 100% travel. If dual rates are in use, the switches need to be in the 100% position.

See your transmitter manual for more information about assigning a switch to a channel.

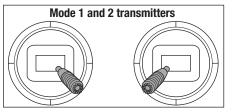
**TIP:** If a SAFE Select switch is desired for your 6-function aircraft, and you are using a 6 channel transmitter, the SAFE Select switch channel will have to be shared with either channel 5 or 6 of the transmitter.

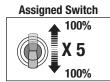
#### **Assigning a Switch**

- 1. Power on the transmitter.
- 2. Power on the aircraft.
- 3. Hold both transmitter sticks to the inside bottom corners, and toggle the desired switch 5 times guickly (1 toggle = full up and down).
- The control surfaces of the aircraft will move, indicating the switch has been selected

Repeat the process to assign a different switch or to deactivate the current switch.

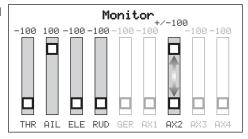
#### **SAFE Select Switch Assignment Stick Positions**





TIP: Use the channel monitor to verify channel movement.

This example of the channel monitor shows the stick positions for assigning a switch, the switch selection on Aux2, and +/- 100% travel on the switch.



#### **Forward Programming**

Assign the SAFE Select channel through forward programming on your compatible Spektrum transmitter.



For more information about setting SAFE Select and using Forward Programming, please refer to the following link for a detailed video:

https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=o-46P066cik

#### Forward Programming SAFE Select Setup

- 1. Begin with the transmitter bound to the receiver.
- 2. Power ON the transmitter.
- 3. Assign a switch for SAFE Select that is not already in use for another function. Use any open channel between 5 and 9 (Gear, Aux1-4).

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- 4. Set switch H (throttle cut) to prevent accidental motor operation.
- Power ON the aircraft. A signal bar appears on your transmitter's main screen when the telemetry information is being received.
- 6. Go to the FUNCTION LIST (Model Setup)
- 7. Select Forward Programming; Select Gyro Settings, Choose SAFE Select to enter the menu.
- 8. Set SAFE Select Ch: To the channel you have chosen for SAFE Select.
- 9. Set AS3X and SAFE On or Off as desired for each switch position.

# **Integrated ESC Telemetry**

**BNF:** This aircraft includes telemetry between the ESC and receiver, which can provide information including RPM, voltage, motor current, throttle setting (%), and FET (speed controller) temperature.

**PNP:** The ESC in this aircraft is capable of delivering telemetry information over the throttle connection when paired with a Smart compatible Spektrum telemetry receiver. It will function with a normal PWM servo signal for common radio control systems.

For more information about compatible transmitters, firmware updates, and how to use the telemetry technology on your transmitter, visit www.SpektrumRC.com.

#### Telemetry Setup

- 1. Begin with the transmitter bound to the receiver.
- 2. Power ON the transmitter.
- 3. Set switch H (throttle cut) to prevent accidental motor operation.
- 4. Power ON the aircraft. A signal bar appears on your transmitter's main screen when the telemetry information is being received.
- 5. Go to the FUNCTION LIST (Model Setup)
- 6. Select TELEMETRY; Smart ESC
- 7. Set Total Cells: 4
- 8. Set LVC Alarm: 3.4V Set Alarm; Voice/Vibe
- 9. Set pole count; 14 pole

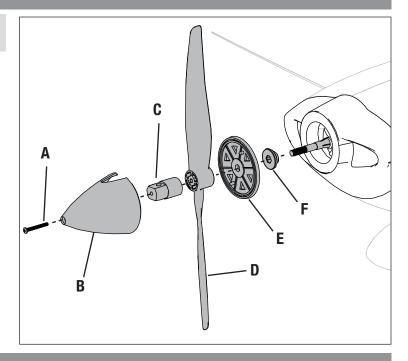
# Factory Installed Propeller Removal



**CAUTION:** Before connecting a flight battery and binding to a transmitter, remove the factory installed propeller.

- 1. Remove the spinner screw (M3 x 30mm) (A) and spinner (B). Put the shaft of a tool (for example, a screw driver) in the hole in the side of the spinner nut (C). Turn the spinner nut counter clockwise to loosen and remove.
- 2. Slide the propeller (D), spinner backplate (E) and the hub (F) off the propeller shaft.

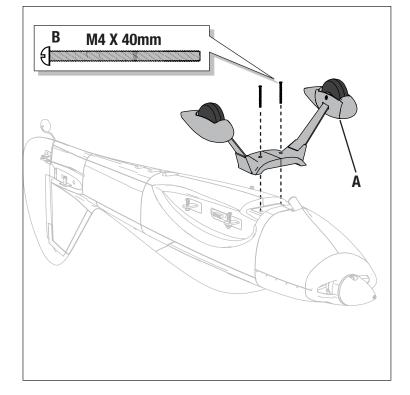
Keep the removed parts in a safe place as they will need to be reinstalled at the end of the model assembly process.



# **Model Assembly**

## **Landing Gear Installation**

- 1. Install the landing gear assembly (A) into the pocket located at the bottom of the fuselage as shown.
- 2. Secure the landing gear into place with the 2 included screws (B) (M4 x 40mm screws) as shown, using a Phillips screwdriver. Disassemble in reverse order.

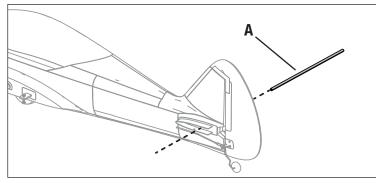


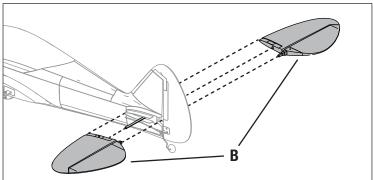
#### **Horizontal Tail Installation**

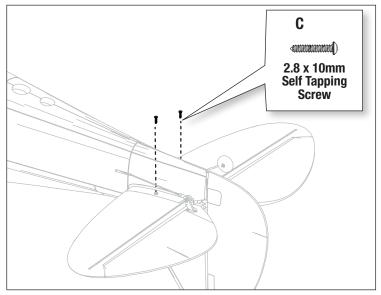
- 1. Slide the horizontal stabilizer joiner tube (A) into the hole in the fuselage.
- 2. Slide the left and right horizontal tail halves **(B)** over the joiner tube and into place in the fuselage. Ensure the control horn faces down.
- 3. Secure the horizontal tail halves in place using the included 2 self-tapping screws (2.8 x 10mm) **(C)**. Use caution to avoid over-tightening the screw

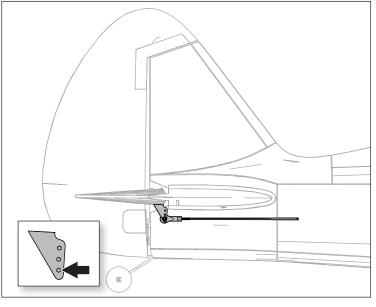
Tip: Use ball link pliers (BLH100) to remove or install a link on a control horn

Disassemble in reverse order.







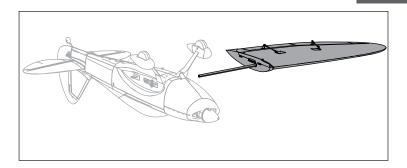


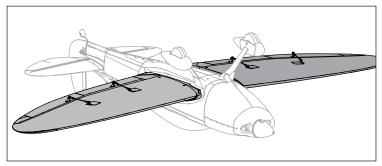
#### Wing Installation

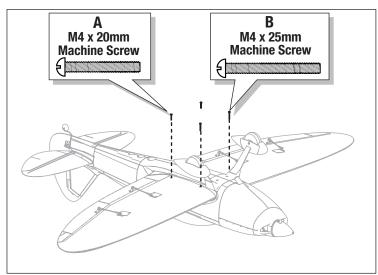
**IMPORTANT:** Integrated servo connectors are in the wing and fuselage. Ensure that they slide together correctly.

- 1. Insert the wing joiner tube (10mm x 585mm) into one of the wings and slide into the hole in the fuselage.
- 2. Slide the other wing half onto the wing joiner tube and secure the wing halves into position using a Phillips screwdriver and the included 4 screws. Use the screws (M4 x 20mm) (A) for rear holes and screws (M4 x 25mm) (B) for the front holes.

Disassemble in reverse order.







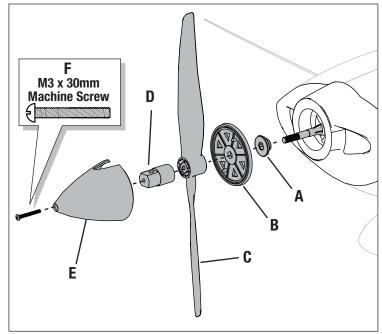
# **Install the Propeller**

**CAUTION:** Before connecting a flight battery and binding to a transmitter, remove the factory installed propeller.

- 1. Slide the hub (A), spinner backplate (B) and propeller (C) on the propeller shaft.
- 2. Install the spinner nut (D). Use a tool (for example, a screw driver) in the hole in the side of the spinner nut and turn the spinner nut clockwise to tighten.
- 3. Install the spinner (E) and secure in place with the spinner screw (M3 x 30mm) (F).

#### **Propeller Usage**

- 12 x 6E propeller for use with 4S battery (included)
- 13 x 8E propeller for use with 3S battery (sold separately)



# **Control Direction Test**

Switch on the transmitter and connect the battery. Use the transmitter to operate the aileron, elevator and rudder controls. View the aircraft from the rear when checking the control directions.

The BNF Basic version of this model has a built in aileron to rudder mix, when the ailerons are deflected the rudder will move.

#### **Elevator**

- 1. Pull the elevator stick back. The elevator should move up, which will cause the aircraft to pitch up.
- Push the elevator stick forward. The elevator should move down, which will cause the aircraft to pitch down.

#### **Ailerons**

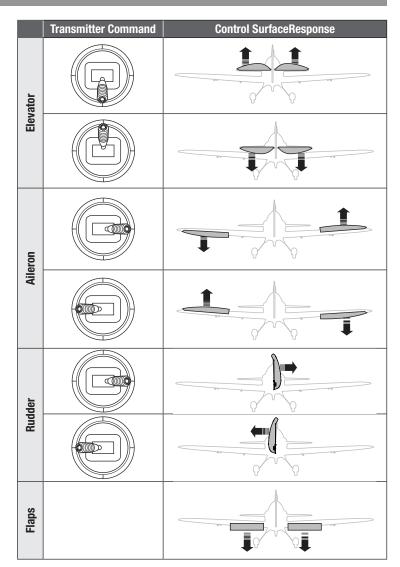
- Move the aileron stick to the right. The right aileron should move up and the left aileron down, which will cause the aircraft to bank right.
- 2. Move the aileron stick to the left. The left aileron should move up and the right aileron down, which will cause the aircraft to bank left.

#### **Rudders**

- 1. Move the rudder stick to the right. The rudder should move to the right, which will cause the aircraft to yaw right.
- 2. Move the rudder stick to the left. The rudder should move to the left, which will cause the aircraft to yaw left.

#### **Flaps**

- 1. Move your flap control switch to the half flaps position.
- 2. Confirm that the flaps move down.
- 3. Move flap control switch to the full flaps position.
- 4. Confirm the flaps move farther down than in step two.



# **AS3X Response Test**

This test ensures that the AS3X® control system is functioning properly. Assemble the aircraft and bind your transmitter to the receiver before performing this test.

1. Raise the throttle just above 25%, then lower the throttle to activate AS3X.

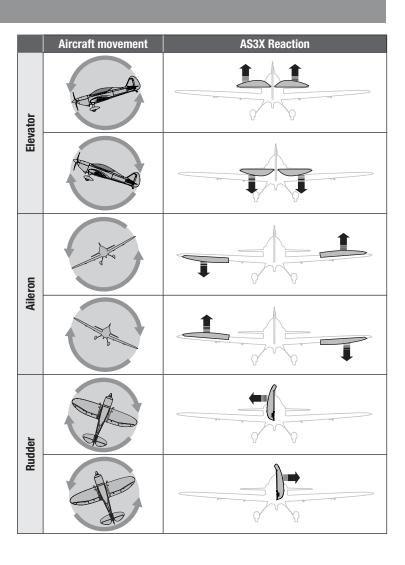


**CAUTION:** Keep all body parts, hair and loose clothing away from a moving propeller, as these items could become entangled.

Move the entire aircraft as shown and ensure the control surfaces move in the direction indicated in the graphic. If the control surfaces do not respond as shown, do not fly the aircraft. Refer to the receiver manual for more information.

Once the AS3X system is active, control surfaces may move rapidly. This is normal. AS3X remains active until the battery is disconnected.

Due to different effects of torque, lift, and drag some aircraft require trim changes with different speeds and throttle settings. Mixes are pre-loaded into the receiver to compensate for these changes. The mixes become active the first time the throttle is raised above 25%. The control surfaces may be offset slightly at different throttle settings after the first time throttle is raised. Trimming the plane in flight should be done at 80-100% throttle for best results.



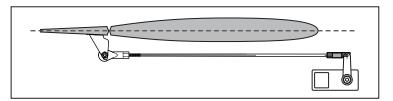
# **Control Surface Centering and Adjusting a Ball Link**

**IMPORTANT:** Perform the Control Direction Test before performing control surface centering.

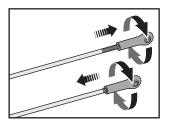
While SAFE is inactive, mechanically center the control surfaces.

**IMPORTANT:** Correct operation of the SAFE system requires sub-trim and trim at 0.

After binding a transmitter to the receiver, set the trims and sub-trims to 0, ensure the servo arms are in the correct positions, then adjust the linkages to center the control surfaces.

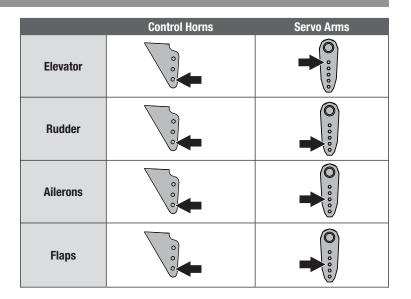


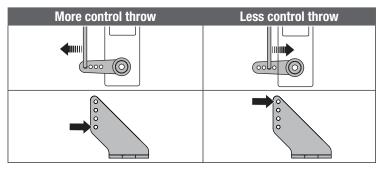
- Turn the linkage clockwise or counterclockwise until the control surface is centered.
- Attach the linkage to the servo arm or control horn after adjustment.



# **Control Horn and Servo Arm Factory Settings**

The table to the right shows the factory settings for the control horns and servo arms. Fly the aircraft at factory settings before making changes.





## **Dual Rates and Control Throws**

Program your transmitter to set the rates and control throws to the values given. These values have been tested and are a good starting point to achieve successful flight.

After flying, you may choose to adjust the values for the desired control response.

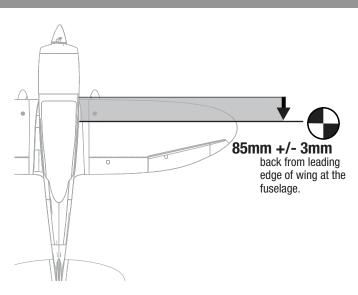
	High Rate	Low Rate
Aileron	▲ = 25mm	▲ = 18mm
Alleiuli	<b>▼</b> = 25mm	<b>▼</b> = 18mm
Elevator	▲ = 20mm	▲ = 15mm
Elevator	<b>▼</b> = 20mm	<b>▼</b> = 15mm
Rudder	► = 50mm	► = 40mm
nuuuei	<b>⋖</b> = 50mm	<b>⋖</b> = 40mm
Flaps	Partial	Full
	<b>▼</b> = 20mm	<b>▼</b> = 40mm

# **Center of Gravity (CG)**

The CG location is measured from the leading edge of the wing at the root. This CG location has been determined with the recommended 4S 2200mAh LiPo Battery (SPMX22004S30).

Tip: Measure the CG with the aircraft inverted.

**CAUTION:** Install but do not connect the battery while checking the CG. Personal injury may result.



## **SAFE Select Flying Tips** *BNF*

When flying in SAFE Select mode the aircraft will return to level flight any time the aileron and elevator controls are at neutral. Applying aileron or elevator control will cause the airplane to bank, climb or dive. The amount the stick is moved will determine the attitude the airplane flies. Holding full control will push the aircraft to the pre-determined bank and roll limits, but it will not go past those angles.

When flying with SAFE Select, it is normal to hold the control stick deflected with moderate aileron input when flying through a turn. To fly smoothly with SAFE Select, avoid making frequent control changes and don't attempt to correct for minor deviations. Holding deliberate control inputs will command the aircraft to fly at a specific angle, and the model will make all corrections to maintain that flight attitude.

When flying with SAFE Select, throttle will make the aircraft climb or descend. Full throttle will cause the aircraft to pitch up and climb slightly. Mid throttle will keep the airplane flying level. Low throttle will cause the airplane to descend slightly nose-down.

Return the elevator and aileron controls to neutral before switching from SAFE Select mode to AS3X mode. If you do not neutralize controls when switching into AS3X mode, the control inputs used for SAFE Select mode will be excessive for AS3X mode and the aircraft will react immediately.

#### **Differences between SAFE Select and AS3X modes**

This section is generally accurate but does not take into account flight speed, battery charge status, and other limiting factors.

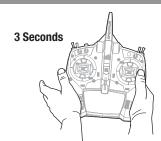
		SAFE Select	AS3X
	Control stick is neutralized	Aircraft will self level	Aircraft will continue to fly at its present attitude
Input	Holding a small amount of control	Aircraft will bank or pitch to a moderate angle and maintain the attitude	Aircraft will continue to pitch or roll slowly
Control Input	Holding full control	Aircraft will bank or pitch to the predetermined limits and maintain the attitude	Aircraft will continue to roll or pitch rapidly
	Throttle	Full throttle: Climb Neutral: Level flight Low throttle: Descend	Throttle will not affect flight response.

### **In-Flight Trimming**

During your first flight, trim the aircraft for level flight at 80-100% throttle. Make small trim adjustments with your transmitter's trim switches to achieve straight and level flight. Trim only in AS3X mode.

After adjusting trim do not touch the control sticks for 3 seconds. This allows the receiver to learn the correct settings to optimize AS3X performance.

Failure to do so could affect flight performance.



# **Post Flight**

- 1. Disconnect the flight battery from the ESC (Required for safety and battery life).
- 2. Power OFF the transmitter.
- 3. Remove the flight battery from the aircraft.
- 4. Recharge the flight battery.

- 5. Repair or replace all damaged parts.
- 6. Store the flight battery apart from the aircraft and monitor the battery charge.
- 7. Make note of the flight conditions and flight plan results, planning for future flights.

## **Motor Service**

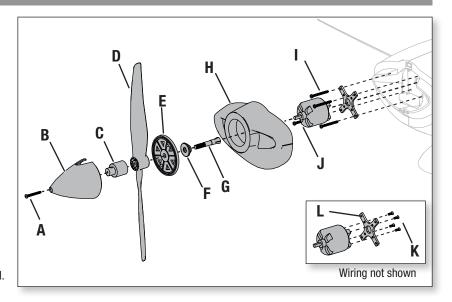
**CAUTION:** Always disconnect the flight battery before performing motor service.

#### **Disassembly**

- 1. Remove the spinner screw (M3 x 30mm) (A) and the spinner (B).
- Use a tool to remove the spinner nut (C), and then remove the propeller (D), spinner backplate (E), hub (F), and collet (G), from the motor shaft.
- 3. Pull to remove the magnetically attached cowl (H) from the fuselage.
- 4. Remove the 4 screws (M3 x 35mm) (I) and the motor (J) with the X-mount from the fuselage.
- 5. Disconnect the motor wires from the ESC wires.
- Remove the 4 screws (M3 x 6mm) (K) and motor from the X-mount (L).

#### **Assembly**

- 7. Assemble in reverse order.
  - Correctly align and connect the motor wire colors with the ESC wires.
  - Install the propeller with the size numbers (12 x 6E) facing forward.
  - Tighten the spinner nut to secure the propeller into place.



# **Servo Service**

Control Surface	Replacement Servo	Description	Replacement Adhesive
Aileron			
Elevator	CDMCAGO	On Oak Misus MO Osma	Del a Maladala Franco Grand (DI MADO 4)
Rudder	- SPMSA332	9g Sub-Micro MG Servo	Deluxe Materials Foam 2 Foam (DLMAD34)
Flaps			

# Troubleshooting Guide AS3X

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
	Damaged propeller or spinner	Replace propeller or spinner
	Imbalanced propeller	Balance the propeller.
	Motor vibration	Replace parts or correctly align all parts and tighten fasteners as needed
Oscillation	Loose receiver	Align and secure receiver in fuselage
	Loose aircraft controls	Tighten or otherwise secure parts (servo, arm, clevis, horn and control surface)
Worn parts		Replace worn parts (especially propeller, spinner or servo)
Irregular servo movement		Replace servo
	Trim is not at neutral	If you adjust trim more than 8 clicks, adjust the clevis to remove trim
Inconsistent flight	Sub-Trim is not at neutral	No Sub-Trim is allowed. Adjust the servo linkage
performance	Aircraft was not kept immobile for 5 seconds after battery connection	With the throttle stick in lowest position. Disconnect battery, then reconnect battery and keep the aircraft still for 5 seconds
Incorrect response to the AS3X Control Direction Test	Incorrect direction settings in the receiver, which can cause a crash	DO NOT fly. Correct the direction settings (refer to the receiver manual), then fly

# **Troubleshooting Guide**

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
	Throttle not at idle and/or throttle trim too high	Reset controls with throttle stick and throttle trim at lowest setting
Aircraft will not respond	Throttle servo travel is lower than 100%	Make sure throttle servo travel is 100% or greater
to throttle but responds to other controls	Throttle channel is reversed	Reverse throttle channel on transmitter
	Motor disconnected from ESC	Make sure motor is connected to the ESC
E 1	Damaged propeller and spinner, collet or motor	Replace damaged parts
Extra propeller noise or extra vibration	Propeller is out of balance	Balance or replace propeller
GALIA VIDIALIOII	Prop nut is too loose	Tighten the prop nut
	Flight battery charge is low	Completely recharge flight battery
Ded and Water Parent	Propeller installed backwards	Install propeller with numbers facing forward
Reduced flight time or aircraft underpowered	Flight battery damaged	Replace flight battery and follow flight battery instructions
anciait unuerpowereu	Flight conditions may be too cold	Make sure battery is warm before use
	Battery capacity too low for flight conditions	Replace battery or use a larger capacity battery
	Transmitter too near aircraft during binding process	Move powered transmitter a few feet from aircraft, disconnect and reconnect flight battery to aircraft
Aircraft will not Bind (during	Aircraft or transmitter is too close to large metal object, wireless source or another transmitter	Move aircraft and transmitter to another location and attempt binding again
binding) to transmitter	The bind plug is not installed correctly in the bind port	Install bind plug in bind port and bind the aircraft to the transmitter
	Flight battery/transmitter battery charge is too low	Replace/recharge batteries
	Bind switch or button not held long enough during bind process	Power off transmitter and repeat bind process. Hold transmitter bind button or switch until receiver is bound
	Transmitter too near aircraft during connecting process	Move powered transmitter a few feet from aircraft, disconnect and reconnect flight battery to aircraft
	Aircraft or transmitter is too close to large metal object, wireless source or another transmitter	Move aircraft and transmitter to another location and attempt connecting again
Aircraft will not connect	Bind plug left installed in bind port	Rebind transmitter to the aircraft and remove the bind plug before cycling power
(after binding) to transmitter	Aircraft bound to different model memory (ModelMatch™ radios only)	Select correct model memory on transmitter
	Flight battery/Transmitter battery charge is too low	Replace/recharge batteries
	Transmitter may have been bound to a different aircraft using different DSM protocol	Bind aircraft to transmitter
	Control surface, control horn, linkage or servo damage	Replace or repair damaged parts and adjust controls
Control surface does not move	Wire damaged or connections loose	Do a check of wires and connections, connect or replace as needed
	Transmitter is not bound correctly or the incorrect airplanes was selected	Re-bind or select correct airplanes in transmitter
	Flight battery charge is low	Fully recharge flight battery
	BEC (Battery Elimination Circuit) of the ESC is damaged	Replace ESC
	Transmitter settings are reversed	Perform the Control Direction Test and adjust the controls on transmitter appropriately

# **Troubleshooting Guide Continued**

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
	ESC uses default soft Low Voltage Cutoff (LVC)	Recharge flight battery or replace battery that is no longer performing
Motor power pulses then	Weather conditions might be too cold	Postpone flight until weather is warmer
motor loses power	Battery is old, worn out, or damaged	Replace battery
	Battery C rating might be too low	Use recommended battery

# Replacement Parts

Part #	Description
EFL14821	Fuselage: Commander mPd
EFL14822	Wing Set: Commander mPd
EFL14823	Horizontal Tail Set: Commander mPd
EFL14824	Hatch: Commander mPd
EFL14825	Landing Gear: Commander mPd
EFL14826	Pushrod Set: Commander mPd
EFL14827	Decal sheet: Commander mPd
EFL14828	Rudder: Commander mPd
EFL14829	Spinner: Commander mPd
EFL14830	Cowl: Commander mPd
EFL14831	Hardware: Commander mPd
EFL14832	Wing/Tail Tubes: Commander mPd
EFL14833	Prop Adapter: Commander mPd
EFL14834	Wheel Pants: Commander mPd
EFL14835	Wheels: Commander mPd
EFL14836	Servo Plug Set: Commander mPd
SPMXAM2500	3720-800Kv Brushless Outrunner Motor, 14 pole: Commander mPd
EFLP12060E2	Propeller 12X6: Commander mPd
SPMSA332	9g Sub-Micro MG Servo
SPMXAE45A	Avian 45 Amp Brushless Smart Lite ESC, 3S-4S

# Recommended Items

Part #	Description
SPMR6775	NX6 6 Ch Transmitter Only
SPMXC1080	Smart S1100 AC Charger, 1x100W
SPMX22004S30	14.8V 2200mAh 4S 30C Smart LiPo Battery: IC3

# **Optional Parts**

Part #	Description		
APC12060E	Electric Propeller, 12 x 6E		
APC13080E	Electric Propeller, 13 x 8E		
SPMR8200	NX8 8 Ch DSMX Transmitter Only		
SPMR10100	NX10 10 Ch Transmitter Only		
SPMX323S30	3200mAh 3S 11.1V Smart G2 30C IC3		
SPMX224330	2200mAh 4S 14.8V Smart G2 30C IC3		
SPMX324S50	3200mAh 4S 14.8V Smart G2 50C IC3		
SPMX223S50	2200mAh 3S 11.1V Smart G2 50C IC3		
SPMX224S50	2200mAh 4S 14.8V Smart G2 50C IC3		
SPMXC1010	Smart S2100 AC Charger, 2X100W		
SPMXC1080	Smart S1100 AC Charger, 1x100W		
SPMXC2020	Smart S1200 G2 AC Charger; 1x200W		
SPMXPSA4	Smart PowerStage Air Bundle: 4S		

# **Important Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Information**

Use the QR code below to learn more about the **Recreational UAS Safety Test** (**TRUST**), as was introduced by the 2018 FAA Reauthorization Bill. This free test is required by the FAA for all recreational flyers in the United States. The completed certificate must be presented upon request by any FAA or law enforcement official.

If your model aircraft weights more than .55lbs or 250 grams, you are required by the FAA to register as a recreational flyer and apply your registration number to the outside of your aircraft. To learn more about registering with the FAA, use the QR code below.





### **AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code**

### Academy of Model Aeronautics National Model Aircraft Safety Code

#### Effective January 1, 2018

A model aircraft is a non-human-carrying device capable of sustained flight within visual line of sight of the pilot or spotter(s). It may not exceed limitations of this code and is intended exclusively for sport, recreation, education and/or competition. All model flights must be conducted in accordance with this safety code and related AMA guidelines, any additional rules specific to the flying site, as well as all applicable laws and regulations.

As an AMA member I agree:

- I will not fly a model aircraft in a careless or reckless manner.
- I will not interfere with and will yield the right of way to all human-carrying aircraftusing AMA's See and Avoid Guidance and a spotter when appropriate.
- I will not operate any model aircraft while I am under the influence of alcohol or any drug that could adversely affect my ability to safely control the model.
- I will avoid flying directly over unprotected people, moving vehicles, and occupied structures.
- I will fly Free Flight (FF) and Control Line (CL) models in compliance with AMA's safety programming.
- I will maintain visual contact of an RC model aircraft without enhancement other than corrective lenses prescribed to me. When using an advanced flight system,
- such as an autopilot, or flying First-Person View (FPV), I will comply with AMA's Advanced Flight System programming.
- I will only fly models weighing more than 55 pounds, including fuel, if certified through AMA's Large Model Airplane Program.
- I will only fly a turbine-powered model aircraft in compliance with AMA's Gas Turbine Program.
- I will not fly a powered model outdoors closer than 25 feet to any individual, except for myself or my helper(s) located at the flightline, unless I am taking off and landing, or as otherwise provided in AMA's Competition Regulation.
- I will use an established safety line to separate all model aircraft operations from spectators and bystanders.

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#### **What this Warranty Covers**

Horizon Hobby, LLC, (Horizon) warrants to the original purchaser that the product purchased (the "Product") will be free from defects in materials and workmanship at the date of purchase.

#### **What is Not Covered**

This warranty is not transferable and does not cover (i) cosmetic damage, (ii) damage due to acts of God, accident, misuse, abuse, negligence, commercial use, or due to improper use, installation, operation or maintenance, (iii) modification of or to any part of the Product, (iv) attempted service by anyone other than a Horizon Hobby authorized service center, (v) Product not purchased from an authorized Horizon dealer, (vi) Product not compliant with applicable technical regulations, or (vii) use that violates any applicable laws, rules, or regulations.

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Your local hobby store and/or place of purchase cannot provide warranty support or service. Once assembly, setup or use of the Product has been started, you must contact your local distributor or Horizon directly. This will enable Horizon to better answer your questions and service you in the event that you may need any assistance. For questions or assistance, please visit our website at www.horizonhobby.com, submit a Product Support Inquiry, or call the toll free telephone number referenced in the Warranty and Service Contact Information section to speak with a Product Support representative.

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#### **FCC Information**

#### FCC ID:BRWSPMSR6200A

#### **Supplier's Declaration of Conformity**

EFL Commander mPd 1.4M BNF Basic and PNP (EFL14850/EFL14875)

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.



**CAUTION:** Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

**NOTE:** This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

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- This device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

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Wireless Frequency Range and Wireless Output Power:

2404-2476MHz 5.58dBm

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#### **EU Manufacturer of Record:**

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