



## Specifications

Length:	25.6 in (650mm)
Height:	9.0 in (228mm)
Main Rotor Diameter:	27.6 in (700mm)
Tail Rotor Diameter:	5.9 in (150mm)
Flying Weight:	22–24 oz (620–680 g)
Main Drive Gear:	150T
Motor Pinion Gears:	11T/13T/15T
Main Gear Ratios:	13.6:1/11.5:1/10:1
Main Tail Drive Gear:	106T
Tail Drive Gear:	25T
Tail Gear Ratio:	4.2:1

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## Introduction



Welcome to the world of high-performance, electric powered mini helicopters, and thank you for choosing the T-REX 450SA ARF.

The T-REX 450SA ARF is based on the proven design and performance of T-REX 450XL and 450SE helicopter models. And through its use of tough, lightweight aluminum and updated composite parts, it offers an excellent blend of performance, durability and reliability of both.

For intermediate and advanced pilots, the T-REX 450SA ARF offers performance that rivals even the most capable 90-size glow powered helicopters. Its rapid cyclic response and incredible power loading (when using the recommended power systems) allow it to perform even the most aggressive 3D aerobatics, as well as basic sport and aerobatic flying, with ease. And because the T-REX 450SA ARF is a high-performance, 3D capable model, it is not intended for first- or low-time helicopter pilots.

Although the T-REX 450SA ARF arrives 95% factory assembled, please take the time to read through this manual completely before beginning assembly of your model. By carefully following all of the steps outlined here, you can have your 450SA ready to fly in just one or two evenings.



## **T-REX 450SA ARF Contents**



Before beginning assembly of your T-REX 450SA ARF, carefully remove the airframe, canopy, windshield, decal sheet and bags from the box for inspection. Closely inspect the airframe and parts. If you find any damaged or missing parts, now or during assembly of your model, please contact the place of purchase, email productsupport@horizonhobby.com, or call 1-877-504-0233 toll free to speak to a product support representative.



T-REX 450SA Airframe



Canopy and Windshield



Decal Sheet



Cable/Zip Tie and Canopy Mounting Grommet Parts Bag



Motor Pinion Gear Parts Bag



Motor Mounting Hardware Parts Bag



Linkage Parts Bag



Servo Mounting Hardware Parts Bag



Spare Hardware Parts Bag

\*Actual contents may vary slightly from photos shown



Hex Wrench and Screw Driver Tool Bag





Threadlock and Battery Strap Bag

## **Electronics Required to Complete**

- 6-channel (or greater) transmitter with helicopter and 120-degree CCPM programming
- 6-channel (or greater) FM, PCM or Spektrum<sup>®</sup> DSM<sup>®</sup> (for use with Spektrum transmitters only) equipped micro receiver
- Three sub-micro servos (with at least 17 oz/in of torque) for swashplate (CCPM) control
- One sub-micro, micro or mini servo (with a .12 sec/60° or faster transit speed) for tail control
- Heading/Tail Lock gyro
- 430-class 3150-3550Kv brushless motor
- 25-amp (or greater) brushless ESC
- 3-cell (11.1V) 2000-2200mAh Li-Po battery pack, capable of 12C (for sport flying only) to 15C (minimum for 3D flying) or greater discharge rates
- 3-cell Li-Po battery charger



#### **Recommended Radio Systems**



**Spektrum DX6 DSM 6-Channel 2.4GHz Park Flyer System** (SPM2460: includes Spektrum AR6000 DSM 6-channel micro receiver and four S75 sub-micro servos)



JR® 7202 Synthesized 7-Channel PCM Micro/Mini Heli System (JRP7642: includes JR 790 Synthesized 7-channel PCM micro receiver and three 285 digital sub-micro servos)



#### Recommended Setup for Sport and Mild 3D Flying (Longest Durations)



E-flite/Spektrum 7.5 Gram Sub-Micro S75 Servo (EFLRS75; four required)



Align 500X Head Lock Gyro (AGNRG500X)



Align 430L Brushless Motor, 3150Kv (AGNM4360)



Align 25-Amp Brushless ESC w/5V BEC (AGNE25G)



Align 2100mAh 3S 11.1V Li-Po Battery Pack AGNB21003S)

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Align 2100mAh 3S 11.1V Li-Po Battery Pack (AGNB21003S)



Align 430L Brushless Motor, 3550Kv (AGNM4365)



Align 35-Amp Brushless ESC w/5V BEC (AGNE35G)



## **Recommended Setup for Precision and Aggressive 3D Flying**



JR 285 Digital Sub-Micro Servo (JRPS285: Three Required)



JR 3400G Digital Mini Gyro Servo (JRPS3400G)



JR G500T Tail Lock Ring Gyro (JRPG500T)



Align 430L Brushless Motor, 3550Kv (AGNM4365)



Align 35-Amp Brushless ESC w/5V BEC (AGNE35G) or 6V BEC (AGNE35X)



Align 2100mAh 3S 11.1V Li-Po Battery Pack (AGNB21003S)

## **Additional Items and Tools Required for Assembly**

- Adhesive-Backed Hook and Loop Tape (EFL2135)
- Double-Sided Servo Tape (EFL2135)
- Clear tape (Optional)
- Lightweight Oil (TRI4026)
- Isopropyl alcohol
- Hobby Knife (EXL16001)
- Scissors (DYN2511)
- Metric Ruler (MPTH710)
- Metric calipers (Optional)
- Drill and 1/16" drill bit (Optional)

- #1 Phillips Screwdriver (Optional; EFLA258)
- #0 Phillips Screwdriver (Optional; EFLA257)
- Vise grips (Optional)
- Needle-Nose Pliers (EXL55560)
- Ball Link Pliers (Optional; KSJ673)
- Ball Link Sizing Tool (Optional; JRP960219)
- Soldering Iron (Optional; WELSP40L)
- Solder (Optional; WSD2020)
- Pitch Gauge (AGNH1000)
- Blade Balancer (KSJ1470)
- 1.5, 2.0 and 2.5mm Hardened Tip Hex Wrenches (Optional; DYN2904)

## Warning



An RC aircraft is not a toy! If misused, it can cause serious bodily harm and damage to property. Fly only in open areas, preferably at AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics) approved flying sites, following all instructions included with your radio.

Keep loose items that can get entangled in the rotor blades away for the main and tail blades, including loose clothing, or other objects such as pencils and screwdrivers. Especially keep your hands away from the rotor blades.

## **Note on Lithium Polymer Batteries**



Lithium Polymer batteries are significantly more volatile than alkaline or Ni-Cd/Ni-MH batteries used in RC applications. All manufacturer's instructions and warnings must be followed closely. Mishandling of Li-Po batteries can result in fire. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when disposing of Lithium Polymer batteries.

## **Using the Manual**

This manual is divided into sections to help make final assembly and preparing for flight easier to understand, and to provide breaks between each major section.

Remember to take your time and follow all directions.

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The product manual contains instructions for safety, operation and maintenance. It is essential to read and follow all the instructions and warnings in the manual, prior to assembly, setup or use, in order to operate correctly and avoid damage or injury.

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Should your repair not be covered by warranty and the expense exceeds 50% of the retail purchase cost, you will be provided with an estimate advising you of your options. You will be billed for any return freight for non-warranty repairs. Please advise us of your preferred method of payment. Horizon Hobby accepts money orders and cashiers checks, as well as Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover cards. If you choose to pay by credit card, please include your credit card number and expiration date. Any repair left unpaid or unclaimed after 90 days will be considered abandoned and will be disposed of accordingly.

## Safety, Precautions, and Warnings

As the user of this product, you are solely responsible for operating it in a manner that does not endanger yourself and others or result in damage to the product or the property of others.

This model is controlled by a radio signal that is subject to interference from many sources outside your control. This interference can cause momentary loss of control so it is advisable to always keep a safe distance in all directions around your model, as this margin will help to avoid collisions or injury.

- Never operate your model with low transmitter batteries.
- Always operate your model in an open area away from cars, traffic, or people.
- Avoid operating your model in the street where injury or damage can occur.
- Never operate the model out into the street or populated areas for any reason.
- Carefully follow the directions and warnings for this and any optional support equipment (chargers, rechargeable battery packs, etc.) that you use.
- Keep all chemicals, small parts and anything electrical out of the reach of children.
- Moisture causes damage to electronics. Avoid water exposure to all equipment not specifically designed and protected for this purpose.
- Never lick or place any portion of your model in your mouth as it could cause serious injury or even death

## 1.0 Swashplate Servo Installation



Three sub-micro servos (with at least 17 oz/in of torque) are required for swashplate (CCPM) control.

1.1 Using a 1.5mm hex wrench, remove the aluminum frame joiner located just above the forward servo mount holes as shown. This will allow the pitch and aileron servo to be installed more easily.



1.2 Remove the servo arm and screw from each servo and set them aside.



1.3 Install the pitch servo inside the lower forward hole in the right-hand frame as shown. Note that the output shaft of the servo must be oriented toward the rear of the helicopter.





1.4 Using the hardware included in the Servo Mounting Hardware Parts Bag, fasten the servo in place with two screws and two servo mounting plates. Note that the servo mounting plates have an extended portion on one side. When using JR servos, the extended portion of the servo mounting plate fits inside the servo's mounting tab to help precisely center the servo in the frame. When using other types of servos, the flat side of the servo mounting plate rests against the servo mounting tab.







1.5 Next, install the aileron servo inside the upper forward hole in the left-hand frame as shown. Note that the output shaft of the servo must be oriented toward the rear of the helicopter. Use two screws and two servo mounting plates to fasten the aileron servo in place.



1.6 The elevator servo mounts outside of the rear hole in the left-hand frame. The output shaft must be facing inside the frame, oriented toward the rear of the helicopter. Note that the elevator servo's lead must pass though the frame, in the notch provided just below the servo, before the servo is installed.





1.7 Use two screws and two servo mounting plates to fasten the elevator servo in place. The screws are installed from inside the frame, with the servo mounting plate on the outside of the servo mounting tab.







1.8 Reinstall the aluminum frame joiner using the green colored R48 threadlock provided.



1.9 Carefully route the servo wire leads down the inside of the upper right main frame and out the rear of the model just ahead of the tail boom mount. Secure them to the frame using cable/zip ties and the slots found just behind the pitch servo and ahead of the tail boom mount.

## 2.0 Tail Servo Installation



One sub-micro, micro or mini servo (with a .12 sec/60° or faster transit speed) is required for tail control.

2.1 Install the tail rotor servo on the tail boom servo mounts using two of the remaining servo mounting screws. If you are installing the JR 3400G servo, be sure to also use two of the blue anodized aluminum cap washers from the Spare Hardware Parts Bag. Note that the output shaft of the servo must be oriented toward the rear of the helicopter.





2.2 Leave the tail boom servo mounts loose on the boom at this time, as the servo and mount positions will be adjusted later on.

## 3.0 Gyro Installation



A heading/tail lock gyro is required for the best possible tail holding performance.

We recommend that the gyro be mounted on the main frame base plate, just ahead of the motor mounting area and below the battery mounting plate. This position offers good crash protection for the gyro, and helps to better balance the helicopter.

## Note: If you are using the Align 500X gyro, a short (approximately 3-6") servo extension may be required when connecting the tail servo to the gyro in this location.





Another option for mounting the gyro is to secure the gyro on top of the tail boom holder, near the rear of the upper main frame.

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- 3.1 Thoroughly clean the base of the gyro and the area that the gyro will be mounted on with isopropyl alcohol.
- 3.2 Using the double-sided tape provided with the gyro, or servo tape, mount the gyro in your chosen position.

# 4.0 Receiver Installation and Connection



A 6-channel (or greater) micro receiver is required.

We recommend the use of a PCM receiver (like the JR 790) if using a 72MHz transmitter. However, for the ultimate in glitch-free performance, we strongly recommend the use of a DSM (Digital Spectrum Modulation) equipped receiver (like the Spektrum AR6000) and transmitter on 2.4GHz.

The Spektrum DX6 transmitter and AR6000 receiver system has become a favorite among T-REX 450 pilots due to its robust and reliable RF link that makes glitching and range impairment from motor, ESC, servo and mechanical RF "noise" a thing of the past. It also eliminates any issues related to operating on 72MHz, as you will no longer need to worry about securing an open channel, or having someone accidentally "turn on" on your channel while flying, potentially causing loss of control and a crash.







4.1 Mount the receiver on top of the main frame base plate, near the rear of the lower main frames. Use double-sided tape and a cable/zip tie to fasten it in position.







4.2 If using a Spektrum AR6000 receiver, route the antennas down the inside of each rear landing gear strut and secure them in place with clear tape. If using a 72MHz receiver, route the antenna out the side of the model, then into and out of the antenna tube installed in the landing gear strut holders. It is extremely important to be sure that the antenna does not pass near any electronic components, and that it is secured to prevent it from coming into contact with any moving parts (especially the rotor blades).





If using a 72MHz receiver, you may also choose to install a base-loaded antenna to help reduce the length of the antenna required for proper operation. We suggest using a Revolution Base-Loaded Whip Antenna (RVO1010) as it can easily be mounted securely in the landing gear strut holders.





4.3 Once you have completed installation of the receiver and antenna, it will be necessary to connect the gyro and servos to the receiver for radio system setup later on. Please see the lists and illustrations below, while also referring to the manuals for your transmitter and gyro, for proper connections.

#### For JR and Spektrum Transmitters/Receivers

Channel 1 (THRO)ESC 'throttle' lead (will be connected later on)Channel 2 (AILE)Left-hand forward 'aileron' servo leadChannel 3 (ELEV)Rear 'elevator' servo leadChannel 4 (RUDD)Gyro 'rudder' leadChannel 5 (GEAR)Gyro 'auxiliary' lead (optional)Channel 6 (AUX1)Right-hand forward 'pitch' servo lead





#### For Futaba and Hitec Transmitters/Receivers

- Channel 1 (AILE) Left-hand forward 'aileron' servo lead
- Channel 2 (ELEV) Rear 'elevator' servo lead
- Channel 3 (THRO) ESC 'throttle' lead (will be connected later on)
- Channel 4 (RUDD) Gyro 'rudder' lead
- Channel 5 (GEAR) Gyro 'auxiliary' lead (optional)
- Channel 6 (AUX1) Right-hand forward 'pitch' servo lead
  - Aileron (CH1)
     Image: Channel Receiver Connections

     Elevator (CH2)
     Image: Channel Receiver

     Throttle (CH3)
     ESC

     Rudder (CH4)
     Image: Channel Receiver

     Pitch
     Image: Channel Receiver

#### 5.0 Preparing the Motor and Electronic Speed Control for Installation

A 430-class 3150–3550Kv brushless motor and 25-amp (or greater) brushless electronic speed control (ESC) are required for the best performance.

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Depending on the motor and ESC you have chosen to use, it may be necessary for you to install connectors for connecting the motor to the ESC, and the battery to the ESC. Please check to see if your motor and ESC include connectors. If they do not, we recommend use of the following:

#### For Connecting the Motor to the ESC:

Align Gold Bullet Connector/Terminal Set, 3.0mm (AGNA240)\*

E-flite Gold Bullet Connector Set, 3.5mm (EFLA241)

\*Typically included with Align 430L brushless motors

#### For Connecting the Battery to the ESC:

E-flite EC3 DEVice Connector, Male (2) (EFLAEC301)\*

E-flite EC3 BATTery Connector, Female (2) (EFLAEC302)\*\*

E-flite EC3 DEVice & BATTery Connector, Male/Female (EFLAEC303)

\*Typically included with Align brushless ESCs

\*\*Typically included with Align Li-Po battery packs

5.1 If your motor and ESC do not include installed connectors, use a soldering iron and solder to install them per the manufacturer's recommendations. Be sure to insulate the connectors properly using shrink tubing (if required) to prevent shorting.

## 6.0 Motor Installation

Your kit includes 11-tooth (one each with 2.3mm and 3.17mm inner diameters), 13-tooth (3.17mm ID) and 15-tooth (3.17mm ID) motor pinion gears. If using the Align 430L 3150Kv or 3550Kv motor, we recommend use of the 13-tooth pinion for the best overall power and duration. If another motor will be used, please consult the manual and/or manufacturer of the motor to find the recommended pinion gear tooth count to use.

6.1 Install the pinion gear on the motor shaft using the setscrew included in the Motor Pinion Gear Parts Bag and a small amount of green colored R48 threadlock. Only lightly tighten the setscrew at this time, as the final position of the pinion on the shaft will be adjusted after the motor is installed.



6.2 Locate the Motor Mounting Hardware Parts Bag. Note that two sizes of screws and washers are included in the bag (hex and Phillips head 2.5mm, and Phillips head 3.0mm). Also note that there are two sizes of mounting holes in the Align 430L motor, allowing either 2.5 or 3.0mm screws to be used. We recommend using the 2.5mm screws, as they will not require you to widen the slots in the motor mount.

If using a motor other than the Align 430L, be sure to choose the size of screw that fits the motor's mounting holes correctly. It is typically best to consult the manual and/or manufacturer of the motor to find the correct size.

6.3 Place the motor in position and align the mounting holes you have chosen to use with the slots in the motor mount. Install the screws and washers and tighten them lightly to allow the gear mesh to be adjusted. Do not work to set the gear mesh correctly at this time as the pinion gear location on the motor shaft must be set properly first.





6.4 Viewing the model from the side, note the height of the pinion gear on the motor shaft in relationship to the main gear. The top of the pinion gear should be set slightly (about 1/32") above the main gear. Loosen the pinion's setscrew and adjust the pinion height as necessary until it is correct. Then, securely tighten the setscrew.



6.5 Loosen the motor mounting screws just enough to allow adjustment of the pinion gear/main gear mesh by moving the motor fore and aft on the motor mount. When the gear mesh is adjusted correctly, there should be a very slight amount of play present between the gears. Once you have set the gear mesh correctly, tighten the motor mounting screws securely.

Note: It is very important to set the gear mesh so that it is smooth with no binding. Be certain to check the mesh at multiple points on the main gear in order to find the position in which to secure the motor for the best gear mesh overall. Remember, if the gear mesh is set too loose or too tight, it may strip the gear and/or cause significant loss in power.

## 7.0 Electronic Speed Control Installation

Depending on the receiver and electronic speed control (ESC) you have chosen to use, there are several possible locations for the ESC on your model.

If using a 72MHz receiver, we recommend mounting the ESC on the bottom of the main frame base plate with the heat sink or power FETs (if no heat sink is used) facing downward. This helps to keep the ESC farther away from the receiver to help prevent possible interference it may cause.



If using a 2.4GHz Spektrum AR6000 receiver, we recommend mounting the ESC on top of the main frame base plate, below the main gear, with the heat sink facing upward. Note, this may require you to adjust the position of the receiver so that it can rest partially on the end of the ESC where the motor wire leads exit. Because the main and tail drive gears are designed to act as cooling fans, they can move additional air across the ESC's heat sink for cooler operation when in this location. And, because the AR6000 receiver is being used, there is no need to worry of possible interference the ESC may cause when mounted this close to 72MHz receivers.





- 7.1 After choosing a position for mounting the ESC, fasten it in place using double-sided servo tape and cable/zip ties. Note that slots are located in the base plate to allow the cable/zip tie to neatly fasten the ESC in position.
- 7.2 Secure the battery power input and motor power output wire leads exiting the ESC to prevent them from coming into contact with any moving parts.



- 7.3 Connect the ESC's throttle channel servo lead to the throttle channel on your receiver. Be sure to secure this lead so that it cannot come into contact with any moving parts.
- 7.4 **Do not** connect the ESC's motor power output wire leads/connectors to the motor at this time as it will be necessary to set up the servos by using the ESC for power. This is only safe to accomplish with the motor disconnected.

## 8.0 Initial Transmitter Setup and Adjustment



Before proceeding with servo arm setup and installation, it is important to ensure that the initial transmitter settings are correct so that the servos are responding properly to control inputs and adjustments. The following are required settings for all JR and Spektrum transmitters. These settings will also be similar for other brands of transmitters.

#### **Type Select**

Helicopter

#### Servo Reversing for E-flite<sup>®</sup>/Spektrum S75 Servos

Normal	(Reversed for Futaba or Hitec transmitter)
Normal	(Reversed for JR or Hitec servo)
Normal	(Normal for JR or Hitec servo)
Normal	(Reversed for JR or Hitec servo)
Normal	
Reversed	(Normal for JR or Hitec servo)
	Normal Normal Normal Normal Reversed

#### CCPM Setting and Travel Values for E-flite/Spektrum S75 Servos

Set to 3 servos,  $120^\circ$ 

Aileron (CP2)	-65%	(+65% for JR or Hitec servos)
Elevator (CP3)	+65%	(+65% for JR or Hitec servos)
Pitch (CP6)	+65%	(+80% for JR or Hitec servos)

## 9.0 Servo Arm Setup and Installation

With the motor disconnected from the ESC for safety, power on your transmitter and plug a charged battery into the ESC to provide power to the servos, gyro and receiver.

9.1 Set the swashplate (CCPM) servos to their neutral position by exactly centering the throttle/ collective stick. If your transmitter features a graphic display of pitch curves, it may be helpful to select this menu to better determine the exact mid-stick position.

If your transmitter does not feature a graphic display, you can also set the low and high point pitch curve values to 50% (so they are the same as the midpoint pitch curve value), so that no matter where the throttle/collective stick is positioned, the servos will remain in their neutral position. However, you must be sure to re-adjust the low and high point pitch curve values after installing the servo arms to check for proper operation and for proper flight performance.

9.2 With the swashplate (CCPM) servos in their neutral position, you will need to find servo arms, that when installed on each servo, are as close to level (horizontal) as possible.

# Note, if you are using E-flite/Spektrum S75 servos, you will want to find servo arms that are angled approximately 5–10° upward when installed with the servos in their neutral position. This is to help prevent the servo arm from contacting the main drive gear with a negative collective and right aileron/down elevator control input.

Don't worry if you are not able to find an arm and/or arm position that is exactly level (or 5–10° upward on S75 servos) as you can use sub-trim later on to set the exact position. However, be sure to test multiple arms and arm positions (for example, if it is a two-sided arm, try both sides) on each servo to find an arm that matches the intended position closest. This will help to minimize the amount of sub-trim required for each servo later on.

Please see the following photos and notes to help you select the correct servo arms for your chosen servos, and the location in which the control ball should be placed. The control balls, mounting screws and nuts can be found in the Linkage Parts Bag. Be sure to use a small amount of R48 threadlock when installing the mounting screws and nuts, and to enlarge the mounting holes using a sharp hobby knife or 1/16" drill bit (if required). Also, be sure to remove any unused portions of the servo arms to prevent binding:

#### For E-flite/Spektrum S75 Servos

Use the "extra long/3D" two-sided arm with the control ball placed in the mounting hole 14.5mm from the center.





#### For JR 285 Servos

Use the longest side of the four-sided arm with the control ball placed in the mounting hole 12.5mm from the center.



#### For Hitec HS-65 Servos

Use the two-sided arm with the control ball placed in the mounting hole 15.0mm from the center.

9.3 Set the gyro to Standard Rate Mode (non-heading/tail lock mode; see the gyro manual for more info) and center the rudder stick. The tail servo should be in the neutral position. If you are unsure of whether your gyro is in the standard rate mode, or if it does not offer a feature that allows it to be used in a standard rate mode, you can disconnect the gyro from the receiver and plug the tail servo directly into the rudder channel.

9.4 With the tail servo in its neutral position, you will need to find a servo arm that, when installed on the servo, is as close to perpendicular to the tail boom as possible. Be sure to test multiple arms and arm positions (for example, if it is a two-sided arm, try both sides) on the servo to find an arm that matches the intended position closest.

Please see the following photos and notes to help you select the correct servo arm for your chosen servo, and the location in which the tail rotor pushrod linkage Z-bend should be placed. Be sure to enlarge the mounting hole using a sharp hobby knife (if required) to provide smooth movement of the Z-bend in the mounting hole, with no additional slop or free play. Also, be sure to remove any unused portions of the servo arm to prevent binding:

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#### For E-flite/Spektrum S75 Servo

Use the single-sided arm with the Z-bend placed in the mounting hole 7.0mm from the center.



#### For JR 3400G Servo

Use a shorter side of the four-sided arm with the Z-bend placed in the mounting hole 8.0mm from the center.





#### For Hitec HS-65 Servo

Use the two-sided arm with the Z-bend placed in the hole 7.5mm from center.

9.5 With the tail rotor pushrod linkage Z-bend and servo arm installed, it will be necessary for you to adjust the position of the servo and tail boom servo mounts to provide proper alignment of the pushrod and tail pitch slider.

First, adjust the servo and tail boom servo mounts (by rotating them around the boom) until the pushrod is running as straight as possible through the support and to the control ball on the tail pitch control lever.



Then, adjust the servo and tail boom servo mounts (by sliding them fore or aft on the boom) until the tail pitch slider is centered on the tail rotor shaft. When the slider is centered, the ends of the brass bushing should be at equal distances from the tail rotor case and tail rotor hub.



- 9.6 After confirming that the tail rotor pushrod and tail pitch slider are properly aligned, secure the tail boom servo mounts to the boom by tightening the screws that close the clamp. Be careful, however, as tightening the screws too much can cause the mounts to snap. The mounts should only be tight enough to prevent them from moving under moderate amounts of hand pressure.
- 9.7 Be sure to re-install the servo arm mounting screw in each servo before proceeding.

## 10.0 Control Linkage Assembly, Installation and Adjustment

Proper assembly, installation and adjustment of the control linkages is critical to the flight performance of your model. When assembling the control linkages, we recommend the use of vise grips or needle-nose pliers for holding the pushrod while installing the plastic ball links. We also recommend the use of a metric ruler or calipers to set the proper length of each linkage as listed.

Three dimensions are given for assembly of each control linkage required:

- Length of pushrod used (Rod Length)
- Completed length from ball center to ball center of each link (C to C Length)
- Completed length from outside to outside of each link (Overall Length; easiest length to use for reference when checking with a ruler or calipers)



10.1 Remove the pushrods and ball links from the Linkage Parts Bag and assemble them as follows:

#### A) Main blade grip to mixing arm linkages, two required:

Rod Length	9.0mm
C to C Length	20.0mm
Overall Length	26.5mm

#### B) Flybar control cage to washout arm linkages, two required:

Note: These linkages come factory assembled and installed. However, be sure to confirm their length and adjust as necessary before proceeding.

Rod Length	12.5mm
C to C Length	23.5mm
Overall Length	30.0mm

#### C) Mixing arm to inner swashplate linkages, two required:

Rod Length	32.0mm
C to C Length	42.0mm
Overall Length	48.5mm

#### D) Pitch servo (front right) arm to outer swashplate, one required:

Rod Length	33.0mm
C to C Length	46.0mm
Overall Length	52.5mm

#### E) Elevator servo (rear) arm to outer swashplate, one required:

Rod Length	28.0mm
C to C Length	41.3mm
Overall Length	46.8mm

#### F) Aileron servo (front left) arm to outer swashplate, one required:

19.0mm
32.3mm
37.8mm

10.2 Install the completed linkages as shown in the following photos. Note, the side of the plastic ball link marked with an "A" should be facing away from the control ball when installed properly. Also note that some of the linkages may require one of the ball links to be adjusted perpendicular or slightly angled to the other for proper alignment (this should already be the case if you have assembled the linkages to the lengths previously listed, however, make any adjustments to the ball links for proper alignment as necessary).

Note: When installing the elevator linkage on the outer swashplate, it is best to remove the screw and control ball with anti-rotation post from the swashplate and anti-rotation bracket first. You can then snap the link into place on the control ball with anti-rotation post and re-install it through the anti-rotation bracket and onto the swashplate, with the linkage in place.



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10.3 After installing the linkages, check the fit of each ball link on the control ball. Ideally the link will fit the ball securely and move freely, with no additional play on the ball. If any of the links fit the balls tight enough that they are difficult to twist by hand and do not move freely, we suggest adjusting the fit of the link so that it moves more freely on the ball. Ball links that fit the control balls too tightly can cause difficulties in control and accelerated servo wear.

We recommend the use of an adjustable Ball Link Sizing Tool (JRP960219) as it will allow you to adjust each link for a precision fit on the ball. Also, we strongly recommend the use of Ball Link Pliers (KSJ673) to help remove ball links from the control balls without causing damage to the link.



If you find any ball links that do not fit the control balls securely, replace them immediately with new links from the Spare Hardware Parts Bag. Links that are not secure can disconnect from the balls in flight, causing a loss of control and possibly a crash.
### 11.0 Additional Transmitter Setup and Adjustment



After installing the control linkages, it will be necessary for you to set and adjust the following in your transmitter before proceeding with testing the controls for proper response and operation.

The following are required settings for all JR and Spektrum transmitters. These settings will also be similar for other brands of transmitters.

#### Sub-Trim

Throttle	0%
Aileron	Minimum required so servo arm is horizontal (or 5–10° upward if using an S75 servo) at half stick/0° pitch
Elevator	Minimum required so servo arm is horizontal (or 5–10° upward if using an S75 servo) at half stick/0° pitch
Rudder	Minimum required to trim tail servo neutral in Heading/Tail Lock Mode (See gyro manual for more info)
Gear	0%
Pitch	Minimum required so servo arm is horizontal (or 5–10° upward if using an S75 servo) at half stick/0° pitch

#### **Travel Adjustment Values**

Throttle	-100% / +100%
Aileron	-100% / +100%
Elevator	-100% / +100%
Rudder	-80% / +80% (Adjusted to control tail servo response and speed of pirouette after flight testing. See gyro manual for more info.)
Gear	-75% / +75% (Adjusted to control gyro gain value after flight testing. See gyro manual for more info.)
Pitch	-100% / +100%

#### Throttle Hold

Set to 0%

#### **Revolution Mixing**

Inhibit (Set to 0%)

## 12.0 Control Tests



Once you have completed the additional setup of your transmitter, you will be able to test the controls for proper response and operation. As long as you have followed the recommendations for servo and control linkage set up and installation, and used the recommended transmitter settings, no adjustments should be required.

12.1 First, power on your transmitter. Then, plug a charged battery pack into the ESC.

## Note: The motor must be disconnected from the ESC to perform the control test safely (it will be connected to the ESC later on).

12.2 To test the swashplate (CCPM) controls, position the helicopter to view it from the left or right side. Move the left-hand stick up and down to check collective pitch control. When the stick is pushed up, the swashplate should raise, increasing the pitch of the main blades.





With the stick pulled back down, the swashplate should lower, decreasing the pitch of the main blades.







Again viewing the helicopter from the left or right side, move the right-hand stick forward and aft to check elevator pitch control. When the stick is pushed forward, the swashplate should also tilt forward.





With the stick pulled back, the swashplate should tilt toward the rear.







Viewing the helicopter from the rear (tail boom toward you), move the right-hand stick left and right to check aileron roll control. When the stick is pushed to the left, the swashplate should also tilt left.



With the stick pushed right, the swashplate should tilt to the right.



If at any time during the test the swashplate (CCPM) controls do not respond properly, double-check the servo reversing setting for each servo, and the CCPM travel values/direction for each function. Remember that:

Changing the servo reversing setting for a given servo will reverse its operation.

Changing the CCPM travel value for a given function (for example, from -65% to +65%) will reverse its operation.

Please see the manual included with your transmitter for more information.

12.3 To test tail control, it is usually helpful to set the gyro to Standard Rate Mode (non-heading/tail lock mode). If you are unsure of whether your gyro is in the standard rate mode, or if it does not offer a feature that allows it to be used in a standard rate mode, you can disconnect the gyro from the receiver and plug the tail servo directly into the rudder channel on your receiver.

Then, position the helicopter to view the tail pitch slider from above, with the tail boom pointed toward you. Move the left-hand stick left and right to check rudder yaw control. When the stick is pushed to the left, the tail pitch slider should move to the right, toward the tail rotor hub.





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With the stick pushed to the right, the tail pitch slider should move to the left, toward the tail case.





If you find that the tail servo is responding opposite to rudder control inputs, simply reverse the rudder channel in your transmitter.



#### 12.4 To test gyro control and response, it is usually helpful to watch the tail servo arm for reference.

While observing the tail servo arm, give a right rudder input on the transmitter. Note the direction that the servo arm moves. Then, move the nose of the helicopter quickly to the left while still observing the tail servo arm (it may take a few attempts to observe the tail servo arm movement properly). If the servo arm moves in the same direction as it did when you gave the right rudder input before, then the gyro is responding properly by attempting to counteract the left-hand movement of the nose with a right rudder input.

If, however, the tail servo arm is moving opposite the direction it did when you gave the right rudder input before (for example, offering a left rudder input when you move the nose of the helicopter quickly to the left, further exaggerating the effect rather than counteracting it), you will need to use the Reverse switch located on the gyro to reverse the direction of response. Please see the gyro manual for more information if required.

#### 13.0 Throttle and Pitch Curve Settings and Adjustments

Before completing assembly of your new model and conducting the first flight, it will be necessary for you to complete setup of the throttle and pitch curves.

The following settings allow for typical hovering and forward flight in Normal Flight Mode, and sport, aerobatic or 3D flying in the Idle Up/Stunt (3D) Flight Mode.

13.1 First, set the throttle curve values in your transmitter as follows:

#### **Throttle Curve Values**

	Low	Mid	High
Normal	0% (TLN)	80% (T2N)	100% (THN)
Idle Up/Stunt	100% (TLS)	85% (T2S)	100% (TLS)

13.2 Next, set the pitch curve values in your transmitter as follows:

#### **Pitch Curve Values**

	Low	Mid	High
Normal	35% (PLN)	50% (P2N)	95% (PHN)
Idle Up/Stunt	5% (PLS)	50% (P2S)	95% (PHS)
Hold	5% (PLH)	50% (P2H)	95% (PHH)

13.3 It will now be necessary to confirm the pitch angle of your main rotor blades for a given throttle/ collective stick position. As long as you have followed the recommendations for servo and control linkage set up and installation, and used the recommended transmitter settings, few to no adjustments should be required.

Like the control test, begin by powering on your transmitter. Then, plug a charged battery pack into the ESC. Note, the motor should still be disconnected from the ESC to perform this test safely (it will be connected to the ESC later on).

With the transmitter and model powered on, view the model from above and adjust the position of the main rotor blades in the blade grips until they are straight out from one another, and perpendicular to the flybar. Then, spin the rotor head slowly until the flybar is parallel with the tail boom.

## Note: The following steps are much easier to complete, in a more accurate manner, when using a Pitch Gauge (AGNH1000).

13.4 With the transmitter in the Normal Flight Mode, set the throttle/collective stick to exactly the center position. When viewing the model from the side, with the flybar parallel to the tail boom from above and the side, sight down the end of the main rotor blades. They should be positioned at exactly 0° of pitch, in relation to the flybar.



If you find that both rotor blades are not positioned at exactly 0° of pitch, are certain that you have assembled and adjusted all linkages to the recommended lengths and have the servos in their neutral position, we suggest adjusting the lengths of the servo-to-swashplate (D, E, F) linkages. You will need to shorten the length of all three servo-to-swashplate linkages by an equal amount if the rotor blades are set to positive pitch, and vice-versa if the rotor blades are set to negative pitch. Make small adjustments to the length of all three linkages in equal amounts until the rotor blades are positioned at exactly 0° of pitch.

Note: If you are using E-flite/Spektrum S75 servos, you will need to shorten the lengths of the servo-to-swashplate linkages in order to achieve exactly 0° of pitch for the main rotor blades. Again, you must shorten the length of all three linkages by an equal amount, and the amount of adjustment required will vary slightly depending on the actual neutral position of the servo arms (which can be between approximately 5° and 10° upward).

13.5 After confirming that the main rotor blades are set to 0° of pitch with the throttle/collective stick in exactly the center position (in Normal Mode), move the throttle/collective stick to full. Now, check the position of the main rotor blades in relation to the flybar when viewing the model from the side. They should be set to approximately +9° to +11°. If they are not, adjust the Normal Mode High pitch curve value (PHN) in order to adjust the rotor blade position at full throttle/collective when in the Normal Mode only (preferred). Or, adjust the Pitch CCPM travel value (CP6) in order to adjust the rotor blade positions in all flight modes (only required if you need to adjust the Normal Mode High/PHN value beyond approximately 90% or 100% travel in either direction to obtain the correct amount of pitch).



Typically, we find that approximately +10° of pitch is a very good starting point for most pilots.

- 13.6 Still in the Normal Mode, move the throttle/collective stick to its lowest position and check the position of the main rotor blades. They should be set to approximately -2° to 0°. If they are not, adjust the Normal Mode Low pitch curve value (PLN) accordingly. Increase the value to reduce the amount of negative pitch, or decrease the value to increase the amount of negative pitch. Do not adjust the Pitch CCPM travel value (CP6) in this case.
- 13.7 After confirming that the main rotor blade pitch values are correct in the Normal Flight Mode, you will also need to confirm that they are correct in the Idle Up/Stunt (3D) Flight Mode. However, because you have already checked and properly adjusted the main rotor blade pitch at mid and high throttle/collective stick positions in the Normal Mode, and because the same pitch curve values are used in the Idle Up/Stunt flight mode, no additional adjustment should be necessary.



First, confirm that the main rotor blades are positioned at 0° of pitch with the throttle/collective stick in exactly the center position, when in the Idle Up/Stunt Flight Mode.



Then, confirm that the main rotor blades are positioned at approximately +9° to +11° with the throttle/collective stick in its highest position. If they are not, adjust the Idle Up/Stunt Flight Mode High pitch curve value (PHS), or the Pitch CCPM travel value (CP6), as required.



Finally, check to see that the main rotor blades are positioned at approximately -9° to -11° with the throttle/collective stick in its lowest position. As long as the Idle Up/Stunt Flight Mode Low pitch curve value (PLS) corresponds exactly to the Idle Up/Stunt Flight Mode High pitch curve value (PHS; For example, 5% PLS corresponds exactly to 95% PHS, and 0% PLS corresponds exactly to 100% PHS, etc), the main rotor blades should be positioned at the same amount of pitch in opposite directions (for example, -10° at low stick and +10° at high stick).



Typically, we find that approximately -/+10° of pitch is a very good starting point for most pilots when at low and high stick positions in the Idle Up/Stunt Flight Mode.

- 13.8 Note, some minor adjustments of the throttle and pitch curves may be required after making the first and subsequent flights. This usually depends most on personal preference and/or flying style of the pilot, as well as the performance of the power system and main rotor blades used.
- 13.9 Now that you have completed setup of your model, power down the transmitter and helicopter and proceed with final assembly.

#### 14.0 Canopy and Windshield Assembly and Installation

14.1 Use Scissors (DYN2511) and/or a sharp Hobby Knife (EXL16001) to carefully remove plastic from the back, windshield area and vent holes on the side/bottom of the canopy on the molded cut lines. You will also need to remove the plastic along the molded cut line around the windshield.



14.2 Use clear tape or small self-tapping screws from the Spare Hardware Parts Bag to fasten the windshield to the canopy.



- 14.3 Insert the canopy mounting grommets (found in the Cable/Zip Tie and Canopy Mounting Grommet Parts Bag) in the holes on each side of the canopy.
- 14.4 Apply the included decals on the canopy, horizontal and vertical fins using the images found on the box for reference.
- 14.5 The canopy is installed on the model by first placing its bottom under the forward extending "ledge" of the main frame base plate. Then, place the grommets onto the canopy mounts found just behind the main shaft and near the top of the upper frames.

Note: If you find that any of the control linkages bind against the canopy once it is installed, be sure to remove additional plastic material from the canopy until the binding no longer occurs.

#### 15.0 Battery Mounting and Center of Gravity Check



It is extremely important to mount the Li-Po battery pack securely in your model, while also achieving the proper center of gravity.

15.1 Place a section of Adhesive Backed Hook and Loop Tape (EFL2135) on the battery mounting plate and battery pack. We recommend using the "hook" material on the mounting plate, and the "loop" (fuzzy) material on the battery pack.



15.2 Mount the battery pack on the mounting plate and install the canopy. Lift the helicopter by the flybar with the flybar positioned perpendicular to the tail boom. The model is balanced correctly if it is in a level position in relation to the ground.

If, however, the nose or tail are at a slight downward angle, adjust the position of the battery pack on the mounting plate forward or rearward as required (with the canopy removed) and repeat the center of gravity check (with the canopy installed). Continue the battery position adjustments and CG checks until the model holds a level position when balanced on the flybar. 15.3 Once you have confirmed the mounting position of the battery pack that achieves the correct CG, remove the canopy and install the hook and loop strap (found in the Threadlock and Battery Strap Bag) around the battery pack and mounting plate for added security. Note, if you do not install the hook and loop strap, it is still possible for the battery to come loose in flight during aggressive aerobatic maneuvers.

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Be sure to install the hook and loop strap and to check the CG of your model before each flight, especially if you are switching between different sizes and types of battery packs.



## 16.0 Setting Tail Rotor Drive Belt Tension

Proper tail drive belt tension plays a critical role in achieving maximum performance and reliability of your model. If the belt tension is set too tight, power can be lost while also causing the belt and/or pulleys to wear more quickly. If the belt tension is set too loose, the belt can skip and strip teeth from the belt and pulleys, while also potentially causing a loss in tail power and control in flight.

16.1 Position the helicopter to view the tail drive belt and forward drive pulley from above.

## Standard Belt Tension Guide: Visualize a straight line through the center of the forward tail drive pulley. You should be able to apply light tension to the belt with your finger until it reaches a point 3/4 of the way to the opposite side of the belt, or 1/4 of the way past the virtual center of the forward tail drive pulley. Middle Tail drive pulley Belt

16.2 Using your finger, apply light tension to one side of the belt, compressing it toward the other side. Proper belt tension is achieved if the belt reaches <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of the way to the opposite side of the belt.

If you find that the side of the belt you're lightly compressing can touch the opposite side of the belt, the tension it set too loose. If you find that the side of the belt you're lightly compressing does not reach 3/4 of the way to the opposite side of the belt, the tension is set too tight.

16.3 Belt tension can be adjusted by first loosening the eight screws that attach the tail boom holder to the main frame, then sliding the boom in (to loosen belt tension) or out (to tighten belt tension) accordingly. After adjusting the position of the tail boom to provide the proper tail drive belt tension, be sure to retighten all eight screws (carefully to prevent stripping) to hold the boom securely in place.

## **17.0 Motor Connection and Test**

Now that you have completed assembly and setup of your model, it will be necessary for you to connect the motor to the ESC to test its operation.

- 17.1 First, remove the main rotor blades, mounting bolts and nuts from the main rotor blade grips. This will allow you to test the motor's operation more safely.
- 17.2 Connect the three motor wire leads to the motor power output leads of the ESC. You can connect the wire leads in any order.



- 17.3 Move your model (with battery pack installed but not connected) and transmitter to an open area. This will allow you to power up the model to confirm that the motor is both operating correctly, and rotating in the correct direction.
- 17.4 Turn your transmitter on first, with the throttle/collective stick in its lowest position. Then, plug the battery pack into the ESC. Be sure to exercise extreme caution as the ESC may now be armed, which could allow the motor to spin the flybar/flybar paddles and tail rotor blades.
- 17.5 Carefully move clear of the model, flybar paddles and tail rotor blades. Also, be sure that no loose articles or other obstructions can come into contact with the flybar paddles and tail rotor blades.

Once clear of the model and any moving parts, and certain the ESC has been armed properly (see ESC manual for more info if required), slowly advance the throttle/collective stick until the motor begins to spin.

17.6 Note the direction that the flybar paddles spin with the motor running. They should spin clockwise when viewing the helicopter (at a safe distance) from above. If the flybar paddles are spinning clockwise, the motor is operating in the correct direction.

If, however, the flybar paddles are spinning counterclockwise, the motor is operating in the wrong direction. Power the model down (stop the motor and unplug the battery pack) and reverse the positions of any two motor wire lead connections to the ESC. Then, repeat the steps to check the direction the flybar paddles spin with the motor running. They should now be spinning clockwise, indicating that the motor is operating in the correct direction.

## **18.0 Main Rotor Blade Balancing**

Proper main rotor blade balance is critical to the flight performance of any helicopter model. Although the main rotor blades included with your model have been carefully selected and matched by weight, we recommend checking their balance before the first flight by using a Blade Balancer (KSJ1470).

18.1 If you find that the blades are not balanced, add a section of the included red or blue Tracking Tape near the tip of the lighter (higher) blade. Check the balance again, and add or remove tape as necessary until the blades are balanced (level on the balancer).







18.2 After balancing the rotor blades, and before reinstalling them in the blade grips, check the security of the bolts that mount the blade grips and bearings to the feathering/spindle shaft. This will require the use of two 1.5mm hex drivers, one on each side.



18.3 After confirming that the bolts are secure, reinstall the main rotor blades, mounting bolts and nuts in the blade grips. The bolts for securing the blades should be tightened so that the blades can pivot in the grips when moderate pressure is applied. **Never allow the main blades to swing freely in their grips.** 

## 19.0 Before the First Flight

• Take your time to check the security of all screws on your model. Tighten any screws that may be loose, and replace any screws or parts that may have been stripped during assembly.

- Check to be sure that all electronic equipment and wire leads are secure and will not come into contact with any moving parts.
- Check to be sure that the flybar paddles are parallel to the flybar control frame and one another.
- Apply a small amount of lightweight oil (TRI4026) on the main shaft where the swashplate ball and washout base bushing travel.
- Check to be sure that the bolts for securing the tail rotor blades in the tail rotor blade grips are tightened so that the blades can pivot in the grips when moderate pressure is applied.
- Apply a small amount of lightweight oil (TRI4026) on the tail rotor shaft where the tail pitch slider bushing travels.
- Make sure that your ESC is programmed to the correct settings for use in the helicopter with your chosen motor and battery pack (See the ESC manual for more info).
- Check to be sure that the swashplate, washout, servo arms and all other related parts do not bind with maximum control inputs. If you experienced any binding, adjust the length of the linkages, individual servo travel values and/or CCPM travel values to prevent this.
- Take the time to have an experienced helicopter pilot check the assembly and setup of the model.

## 20.0 Main Rotor Blade Tracking

You can check tracking of the main rotor blades before or during the first flight of your model. When doing so, be sure to maintain a safe distance from the helicopter (approximately 15–20 feet). We also suggest having an assistant on hand to help sight the blades, especially if you will be flying the model.

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- 20.1 Bring the main rotor blades up to speed. If both blades are running in the same plane, no adjustments will be required. If, however, the blades are not tracking in the same plane, adjustment will be necessary.
- 20.2 If you find that the main rotor blades are out of track, note which blade is running low and which blade is running high (by using colored tracking tape on one or both blades). Then, power the model down and adjust the linkages to raise the low blade, or lower the high blade (depending on your desired pitch curves).

Use the main blade grip to mixing arm linkage (A) for adjusting larger variations in tracking, or the mixing arm to inner swashplate linkage (C) for adjusting smaller variations in tracking.



20.3 Continue to check the blade tracking and adjust the linkages as required until both blades are running in the same plane. Typically, not much adjustment should be required. However, if significant adjustments of the linkages are required to obtain proper blade tracking, double-check the lengths of the pitch control linkages (they should be close to the same length) and if the rotor blades have any warps or twists.



## **21.0 Recommended Maintenance**



Routine maintenance is necessary to keep your T-REX 450SA in optimal and safe flying condition.

#### **Ball Links**

Before each flying session, check to see that the ball links are secure, but not tight (binding), on the control balls. The plastic ball links can wear over time, and if they become too loose on the control balls, they can separate from the ball in flight and cause a crash. The ball links on the inner swashplate are especially subject to high wear, and it's important to check these often.

Subjected to hard 3D flying, these links can become loose in about 40 to 50 flights. Be sure to replace any worn ball links before they fail.

#### **O-Ring Head Dampeners**

The O-ring dampeners in the head block can periodically wear and lose their elasticity. Worn O-rings can cause main rotor blade tracking problems. If you start having trouble with the blades going in and out of track during flight, it is likely time to replace the O-ring dampeners. When replacing the O-ring dampeners it's important to lubricate them with grease or Vaseline to prevent friction.

Aggressive 3D flight can wear out the O-ring dampeners in the head in approximately 50 to 80 flights.

#### **Tail Rotor Drive Belt**

It's typical for the tail drive belt to stretch slightly over the first 20 flights. When new, frequently check and adjust the belt tension as required. After approximately 30 to 40 flights, the belt elasticity will stabilize, requiring little to no additional tension adjustment.

#### Bearings

The one way bearing in the main drive gear should be cleaned using isopropyl alcohol or electric motor spray, then lubed with lightweight oil, approximately every 100 flights. All other bearings typically exhibit very long life and normally only need to be replaced if they ever become notchy (sticky in places when turning) or draggy.

### 22.0 After Crash Inspection

After a crash, no matter how major or minor, it's vital to carefully check for and replace any damaged parts. Pay special attention to the main and tail rotor blades, blade grips, the feathering/spindle shaft, main shaft and tail rotor shaft. Also, be sure to check the tail rotor drive belt, all drive and servo gears, for damaged or missing teeth.

If you have even the slightest doubt about the integrity of a part, it must be replaced.

# Main Rotor Head Assembly Parts Listing



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1	Aluminum Rotor Housing/Head Block		1	AGHN1213G
2	Head Stopper/Button		1	AGNH1113
3	Socket Button Head Screw	M2x6mm	1	AGNH1150
4	Guide Pin		2	AGNH1113
5	O-Ring Head Dampener		4	AGNH1166
6	Aluminum Spacer	3x5x1.5mm	2	AGNH1114
8	Stainless Steel Linkage/Control Ball		2	AGNH1227
9	Countersunk Screw	M2x6.5mm	2	AGNH1227
10	Main Rotor Holder/Grip		2	AGNH1114
11	Bearing	3x8x4mm	4	AGNH1154
12	Bearing	3хбх2.5mm	2	AGNH1155
13	Feathering/Spindle Shaft		1	AGNH1115
14	Washer	2x6x0.6mm	2	AGNH1114
15	Socket Head Screw	M2x5mm	2	AGNH1114
16	Socket Head Screw	M2x12mm	1	AGNH1150
17	Hex Nut	M2	1	AGNH1150
18	PRO Wood Rotor Blade	325mm	2	AGNH325WW
19	Socket Head Screw	M3x14mm	2	AGNH1167
20	Nylon Insert Lock Nut	M3	2	AGNH1167
21	Flybar Seesaw Holder		1	AGNH1117
22	Shoulder Screw	M2x7mm	2	AGNH1150
23	Bearing	2x5x2.5mm	6	AGNH1158
24	Mixing Lever		2	AGNH1117
25	Washer	2x3.8x0.2mm	4	AGNH1150
26	Washer	2x3.8x0.5mm	2	AGNH1117
27	Stainless Steel Linkage/Control Ball		4	AGNH1227
28	Countersunk Screw	M2x6.5mm	4	AGNH1227
29	Shoulder Screw	M2x8mm	2	AGNH1150
30	Flybar Rod		1	AGNH1118
31	Flybar Paddle		2	AGNH1120
32	Flybar Weight		2	AGNH1119
33	Flybar Control Rod		2	AGNH1116
34	Flybar Control Arm		2	AGNH1116
35	Countersunk Screw	2x5mm	4	AGNH1116
36	Setscrew	3x3mm	2	AGNH1150
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## Washout, Swashplate and Main Drive Gear Assemblies Parts Listing



Exploded View Reference Number	Description	Size	Quantity Required	Included In Item Number
37	Washout Base		1	AGNH1121
38	Flybar Control Lever		2	AGNH1121
39	Washer	2x3.8x0.2mm	4	AGNH1150
40	Washer	2x3.8x0.5mm	2	AGNH1121
41	Flybar Control Lever Link		2	AGNH1121
42	Shoulder Screw	M1.4x6.5mm	2	AGNH1121
43	Bearing	2x5x2.5mm	4	AGNH1158
44	Stainless Steel Linkage/Control Ball		2	AGNH1227
45	Countersunk Screw	M2x6.5mm	2	AGNH1227
46	Shoulder Screw	M2x8mm	2	AGNH1150
47	Aluminum & Composite CCPM Swashplate		1	AGNH1122
48	Main Shaft		1	AGNH1128
49	Main Shaft Collar		1	AGNH1150
50	Setscrew	M3x3mm	1	AGNH1150
51	High-Strength Main Drive Gear		1	AGNH1131W
52	Aluminum Spacer	6x8x1.5mm	1	AGNH1132SW
53	One-Way Bearing	6x10x12mm	1	AGNH1129
54	One-Way Bearing Shaft		1	AGNH1130
55	High-Srength Tail Drive Gear		1	AGNH1132W
56	Socket Head Screw	M2x12mm	1	AGNH1150
57	Hex Nut	M2	1	AGNH1150

# Washout, Swashplate and Main Drive Gear Assemblies Exploded View



## Main Frame Assembly Parts Listing



Exploded View Reference Number	Description	Size	Quantity Required	Included In Item Number
58	Aluminum Upper Main Frame		2	AGNH1111G
59	Aluminum Battery Mounting Plate		1	AGNH1210G
60	Aluminum Main Frame Joiner		2	AGNH1104
61	Main Shaft Bearing Mount Half		4	AGNH1107
62	Bearing	5x11x5mm	2	AGNH1153
63	Tail Boom Mount Left		1	AGNH1107
64	Tail Boom Mount Right		1	AGNH1107
65	Upper Tail Pulley Shaft Bearing Mount RT		1	AGNH1107
	Upper Tail Pulley Shaft Bearing Mount Left		1	AGNH1107
66	Lower Tail Pulley Shaft Bearing Mount Left		1	AGNH1107
67	Lower Tail Pulley Shaft Bearing Mount Left		1	AGNH1107
68	Plastic Hexagonal Main Frame Joiner		12	AGNH1107
69	Aluminum Cap Washer		42	AGNH1109
70	Socket Button Head Screw	M2x4mm	4	AGNH1109
71	Socket Button Head Screw	M2x6mm	4	AGNH1109
72	Socket Button Head Self-Tapping Screw	T2x8mm	14	AGNH1109
73	Countersunk Screw	M2x4mm	3	AGNH1210G
74	Aluminum Battery Mounting Plate Mount		1	AGNH1210G
75	High-Strength Tail Drive Gear/Pulley Assy		1	AGNH1133
76	Aluminum Lower Main Frame		2	AGNH1110G
77	Main Frame Bottom Plate		1	AGNH1108
78	Socket Button Head Self-Tapping Screw	T2x6mm	6	AGNH1109
79	Anti-Rotation Bracket		1	AGNH1123
80	Socket Button Head Self-Tapping Screw	T2x6mm	2	AGNH1109
81	Anti-Rotation Bracket Spacer		2	AGNH1123S
82	Aluminum Motor Mount		1	AGNH1204
83	Aluminum Frame Spacer		10	AGNH1104
84	Canopy Mount		2	AGNH1145
85	Socket Button Head Screw	M2x14mm	4	AGNH1109
86	Socket Button Head Self-Tapping Screw	T2x16mm	6	AGNH1109

## Main Frame Assembly Exploded View





## Tail Boom, Tail Rotor and Landing Gear Assemblies Parts Listing



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87 88	Landing Gear Strut Landing Skid		2	AGNH1146W AGNH1148W
89	Landing Skid End Cap		4	AGNH1148W
90	Socket Button Head Self-Tapping Screw	T2x8mm	4	AGNH1109
91	Landing Skid Stop		4	AGNH1149B
92	Antenna Tube		1	AGNH1148W
93	Tail Rotor Drive Belt		1	AGNH1134
94	Tail Boom		1	AGNH1135
95	Tail Boom Servo Mount		2	AGNH1135
96	Tail Boom Brace End		4	AGNH1138W
97	Tail Boom Brace End	<b>T</b> 2 0	2	AGNH1138W
98	Socket Button Head Self-Tapping Screw	12x8mm	2	AGNH1109
99	Vertical Stabilizer		1	AGNH113/W
100	Horizontal Stabilizer Mount		1	
101	Aluminum Can Washer		1	
102	Shoulder Screw	M2v9mm	2	
103	Socket Button Head Self-Tanning Screw	T2x6mm	2	AGNH1109
105	Socket Button Head Self-Tapping Screw	T2x16mm	2	AGNH1109
106	Tail Case Right		1	AGNH1139
107	Tail Case Left		1	AGNH1139
108	Bearing	3x8x3mm	2	AGNH1156
109	Tail Belt Pulley		1	AGNH1139
110	Bearing	2x5x2.5mm	2	AGNH1158
111	Tail Pitch Control Lever		1	AGNH1141
112	Stainless Steel Linkage/Control Ball		1	AGNH1227
113	Countersunk Screw	M2x6.5mm	1	AGNH1227
114	Shoulder Screw	M2x9mm	1	AGNH1150
115	Socket Button Head Self-Tapping Screw	T2x10mm	3	AGNH1150
116	Washer	2x3.8x0.2mm	2	AGNH1150
117	Washer	2x3.8x0.5mm	1	AGNH1121
118	Tail Rotor Shaft & High-Stength Drv Pulley		1	AGNH1140
119	Steel Tall Rotor Hub	Mayanan	1	
120	Selscrew Tail Holdor/Grip	NISXSIIIII	1	
121	Stainless Steel Linkage/Control Ball		2	
122	Countersunk Screw	M2x6 5mm	2 1	AGNH1227
123	Bearing	2x5x2 5mm	2	AGNH1158
125	Bearing	3x6x2.5mm	2	AGNH1155
126	Socket Button Head Screw	M2x8mm	2	AGNH1142
127	Shoulder Screw	M2x9mm	2	AGNH1150
128	Carbon Tail Rotor Blade		2	AGNH1143
129	Shoulder Screw	M2x12mm	1	AGNH1150
130	Tail Rotor Pitch Control Ball Link		2	AGNH1141
131	Shoulder Screw	M1.4x6.5mm	2	AGNH1141
132	Tail Rotor Pitch Control Slider		1	AGNH1141
133	Tail Linkage Rod		1	AGNH1136W
134	Tail Linkage Rod Z-Bend		1	AGNH1136W
135	Iall Linkage Threaded Rod		1	AGNH1136W
136	Long Ball Link		1	AGNH1136W
13/	Tall Linkage Rod Joiner		2	
120	Aluminum Cap washer		4	AGINETITA

## Tail Boom, Tail Rotor and Landing Gear Assemblies Exploded View



## **Replacement Parts Listing**

ALIGN



**AGNH1001** Mini Helicopter Main Blade Holder



**AGNH1108** Aluminum/Carbon Fiber Frame Bottom Plate



**AGNH1112W** XL Canopy, White



**AGNH1105G** SA Complete Aluminum Main Frame Set, Gray

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AGNH1109

Aluminum/Carbon Fiber Frame

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**AGNH1106** Aluminum/Carbon Fiber Frame Complete Parts Set



**AGNH1110G** Aluminum Lower Main Frame (2), Gray



**AGNH1107** Aluminum/Carbon Fiber Frame Plastic Parts Set



**AGNH1111G** Aluminum Upper Main Frame (2), Gray



**AGNH1115** Feathering/Spindle Shaft (4)



**AGNH1116** Flybar Control Set



**AGNH1117** Flybar Seesaw Holder and Mixing Lever Set



**AGNH1122** Aluminum and Composite CCPM Swashplate



AGNH1114

Main Rotor Holder/Grip Set

**AGNH1118** Flybar Rod (2)

AGNH1123

Anti Rotation Bracket



**AGNH1120** Flybar Paddle Set, Black



**AGNH1124** Linkage Rod Set



**AGNH1121** Washout Base and Flybar Control Lever Set



AGNH1125 Ball Link Set

## **Replacement Parts Listing**



**AGNH1126** Linkage Rod and Ball Link Set



**AGNH1130** One-Way Bearing Shaft (2)



**AGNH1134** XL Tail Drive Belt



**AGNH1127** Linkage Ball and Screw Set

AGNH1131W

High Strength Main Drive

Gear (2), White



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**AGNH1128** Main Shaft (3) and Collar



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**AGNH1129** One-Way Bearing



**AGNH1132W** High Strength Tail Drive Gear (2), White



**AGNH1133** HS Tail Drive Gear/Pulley Assembly



**AGNH1136W** Tail Linkage Rod Set, White



**AGNH1137W** Stabilizer Set, White



**AGNH1138W** Tail Boom Brace Set, White



AGNH1135

Tail Boom (2) and Servo Mount

**AGNH1139** Tail Case Set



**AGNH1140** Tail Rotor Shaft (3) and HS Drive Pulley



**AGNH1141** Tail Rotor Control and Pitch Lever Set



**AGNH1142** Tail Holder/Grip and Steel Hub Set



**AGNH1143** Carbon Tail Rotor Blade Set



**AGNH1145** Canopy Mount (2) and Tail Linkage Rod Support

## **Replacement Parts Listing**



**AGNH1146W** Landing Gear Strut (2), White



**AGNH1148W** Landing Skid Set, White



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**AGNH1149B** Landing Skid Stop (6), Blue



**AGNH1150** Hardware Set



**AGNH1152** Main Rotor Holder/Grip (4)



**AGNH1156** Bearing 3x8x3mm (4)



**AGNH1153** Bearing 5x11x5mm (4)



**AGNH1157** Bearing 4x8x3mm (4)



**AGNH1154** Bearing 3x8x4mm (4)



**AGNH1155** Bearing 3x6x2.5mm (4)



**AGNH1158** Bearing 2x5x2.5mm (4)



**AGNH1159** Bearing 5x8x2.5mm (4)



**AGNH1204** Aluminum Motor Mount



**AGNH1210G** Aluminum Battery Mounting Plate Set, Gray



**AGNH1213G** Aluminum Rotor Housing/Head Block Set, Gray



**AGNH325WW** 325mm PRO Wood Rotor Blade Set, White

## **Optional Parts Listing**





AGNA1005 Hook and Loop Strap (5)



AGNH1000 Mini Helicopter Pitch Gauge



AGNH1005 T-REX 450 Aluminum Case

AGNH1211

Carbon Fiber Battery Mounting Plate,

Black (AGNH1212; Silver)

AGNH1217G

Aluminum Flybar Seesaw Holder, Gray

(AGNH1217B; Blue)



AGNH1112FW XL Fiberglass Canopy, White



AGNH11203K Flybar Paddle Set, 3K



AGNH1215G Aluminum Washout Base, Gray (AGNH1215B; Blue)



AGNH1222G Aluminum CCPM Swashplate, Gray (AGNH1222B; Blue)



AGNH1238B Tail Boom Brace Set w/Aluminum Ends/Bracket, Blue



AGNH1208 Carbon Fiber Upper/Lower Main Frame, Black (AGNH1209; Silver)



AGNH1216G Aluminum Flybar Control Set, Gray (AGNH1216B; Blue)



AGNH1234 Aluminum Tail Boom Servo Mount, Blue

AGNH1239G

Aluminum Tail Case/Unit, Gray

(AGNH1239B; Blue)



Carbon Fiber Tail Boom



AGNH1241G Aluminum Tail Rotor Control Set, Gray (AGNH1241B; Blue)



AGNH1214G Aluminum Main Rotor Holder/Grip Set, Gray (AGNH1214B; Blue)



AGNH1221G Aluminum Control Lever Set, Gray (AGNH1221B; Blue)



AGNH1236 Carbon Fiber Stabilizer Set, 3K Black (AGNH1237; Silver)



AGNH1242G Aluminim Tail Holder/Grip and Steel Hub Set, Gray (AGNH1242B; Blue)

## **Optional Parts Listing**





**AGNH325FW** 325mm Fiber Rotor Blade Set, White



AGNH325CFY 325mm Carbon Fiber Rotor Blade Set, 3K Yellow



**AGNH335WW** 335mm PRO Wood Rotor Blade Set, White

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#### GENERAL

- 1) I will not fly my model aircraft in sanctioned events, air shows or model flying demonstrations until it has been proven to be airworthy by having been previously, successfully flight tested.
- 2) I will not fly my model higher than approximately 400 feet within 3 miles of an airport without notifying the airport operator. I will give right-of-way and avoid flying in the proximity of full-scale aircraft. Where necessary, an observer shall be utilized to supervise flying to avoid having models fly in the proximity of full-scale aircraft.
- 3) Where established, I will abide by the safety rules for the flying site I use, and I will not willfully or deliberately fly my models in a careless, reckless and/or dangerous manner.
- 4) The maximum takeoff weight of a model is 55 pounds, except models flown under Experimental Aircraft rules.
- 5) I will not fly my model unless it is identified with my name and address or AMA number on or in the model. (This does not apply to models while being flown indoors.)
- 6) I will not operate models with metal-bladed propellers or with gaseous boosts, in which gases other than air enter their internal combustion engine(s); nor will I operate models with extremely hazardous fuels such as those containing tetranitromethane or hydrazine.

#### **RADIO CONTROL**

- 1) I will have completed a successful radio equipment ground range check before the first flight of a new or repaired model.
- 2) I will not fly my model aircraft in the presence of spectators until I become a qualified flier, unless assisted by an experienced helper.
- 3) At all flying sites a straight or curved line(s) must be established in front of which all flying takes place with the other side for spectators. Only personnel involved with flying the aircraft are allowed at or in front of the flight line. Intentional flying behind the flight line is prohibited.
- 4) I will operate my model using only radio control frequencies currently allowed by the Federal Communications Commission. (Only properly licensed Amateurs are authorized to operate equipment on Amateur Band frequencies.)
- 5) Flying sites separated by three miles or more are considered safe from site-to-site interference, even when both sites use the same frequencies. Any circumstances under three miles separation require a frequency management arrangement, which may be either an allocation of specific frequencies for each site or testing to determine that freedom from interference exists. Allocation plans or interference test reports shall be signed by the parties involved and provided to AMA Headquarters. Documents of agreement and reports may exist between (1) two or more AMA Chartered Clubs, (2) AMA clubs and individual AMA members not associated with AMA Clubs, or (3) two or more individual AMA members.
- 6) For Combat, distance between combat engagement line and spectator line will be 500 feet per cubic inch of engine displacement. (Example: .40 engine = 200 feet.); electric motors will be based on equivalent combustion engine size. Additional safety requirements will be per the RC Combat section of the current Competition Regulations.
- 7) At air shows or model flying demonstrations, a single straight line must be established, one side of which is for flying, with the other side for spectators.
- 8) With the exception of events flown under AMA Competition rules, after launch, except for pilots or helpers being used, no powered model may be flown closer than 25 feet to any person.
- 9) Under no circumstances may a pilot or other person touch a powered model in flight.

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