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BRUSHLESS EDITION

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OWNER'S MANUAL

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Thank you for purchasing the new Traxxas E-Maxx Brushless Edition electric monster truck. When it comes to gut-wrenching, wheelie-popping monster torque, nothing comes close to E-Maxx. We are confident you will appreciate the latest performance and appearance enhancements that have been made to this legendary model.

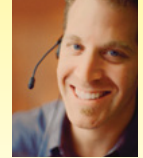
This manual contains the instructions you will need to operate, and maintain your model so that you can enjoy it for years to come. We want you to feel confident that you own one of the best-performing models in the market and that it is backed by a team of professionals who aim to provide the highest level of factory support possible. Traxxas models are about experiencing total performance and satisfaction, not just with your model, but also with the company that stands behind it.

We know you're excited about getting your new model on the road, but it's very important that you take some time to read through the Owners Manual. This manual contains all the necessary set-up and operating procedures that allow you to unlock the performance and potential that Traxxas engineers designed into your model. **Even if you are an experienced R/C enthusiast, it's important to read and follow the procedures in this manual.**

Thank you again for going with Traxxas. We work hard every day to assure you the highest level of customer satisfaction possible. We truly want you to enjoy your new model!

Traxxas Support

Traxxas support is with you every step of the way. Refer to the next page to find out how to contact us and what your support options are.



Quick Start

This manual is designed with a Quick Start path that outlines the necessary procedures to get your model up and running in the shortest time possible. If you are an experienced R/C enthusiast you will find it helpful and fast. Be sure and read through the rest of the manual to learn about important safety, maintenance, and adjustment procedures. Turn to page 8 to begin.



REGISTERING YOUR MODEL

In order to serve you better as our customer, please register your product within 10 days of your purchase online at [Traxxas.com/register](https://www.traxxas.com/register).

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BEFORE YOU PROCEED

Carefully read and follow all instructions in this and any accompanying materials to prevent serious damage to your model. Failure to follow these instructions will be considered abuse and/or neglect.

Before running your model, look over this entire manual and examine the model carefully. If for some reason you decide it is not what you wanted, then do not continue any further. **Your hobby dealer absolutely cannot accept a model for return or exchange after it has been run.**

Warnings, Helpful Hints, & Cross-References

Throughout this manual, you'll notice warnings and helpful hints identified by the icons below. Be sure to read them!



An important warning about personal safety or avoiding damage to your model and related components.



Special advice from Traxxas to make things easier and more fun.



Refers you to a page with a related topic.

SUPPORT

If you have any questions about your model or its operation, call the Traxxas Technical Support line toll-free at: **1-888-TRAXXAS (1-888-872-9927)***

Technical support is available Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 9:00pm central time. Technical assistance is also available at Traxxas.com. You may also e-mail customer support with your question at support@Traxxas.com. Join thousands of registered members in our online community at Traxxas.com.

Traxxas offers a full-service, on-site repair facility to handle any of your Traxxas service needs. Maintenance and replacement parts may be purchased directly from Traxxas by phone or online at BuyTraxxas.com. You can save time, along with shipping and handling costs, by purchasing replacement parts from your local dealer.

Do not hesitate to contact us with any of your product support needs. We want you to be thoroughly satisfied with your new model!

*Toll-free support is available to U.S. residents only.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

All of us at Traxxas want you to safely enjoy your new model. Operate your model sensibly and with care, and it will be exciting, safe, and fun for you and those around you. Failure to operate your model in a safe and responsible manner may result in property damage and serious injury. The precautions outlined in this manual should be strictly followed to help ensure safe operation. You alone must see that the instructions are followed and the precautions are adhered to.

Important Points to Remember

- Your model is not intended for use on public roads or congested areas where its operation can conflict with or disrupt pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
- Never, under any circumstances, operate the model in crowds of people. Your model is very fast and could cause injury if allowed to collide with anyone.
- Because your model is controlled by radio, it is subject to radio interference from many sources that are beyond your control. Since radio interference can cause momentary losses of radio control, always allow a safety margin in all directions around the model in order to prevent collisions.
- The motor, battery, and speed control can become hot during use. Be careful to avoid getting burned.
- Don't operate your model at night, or anytime your line of sight to the model may be obstructed or impaired in any way.
- Most importantly, use good common sense at all times.

Speed Control

Your model's electronic speed control (ESC) is an extremely powerful electronic device capable of delivering high current. Please closely follow these precautions to prevent damage to the speed control or other components.

- Disconnect the Battery: Always disconnect the battery or batteries from the speed control when not in use.
- Insulate the Wires: Always insulate exposed wiring with heat shrink tubing to prevent short circuits.
- Water and Electronics Do Not Mix: The power system is NOT WATERPROOF. Do not expose the power system to any type of water, condensation, or moisture.
- Transmitter on First: Switch on your transmitter first before switching on the speed control to prevent runaways and erratic performance.
- Do not remove the heat sinks from the ESC. Three heat sinks are factory-installed on the speed control and must be used for maximum cooling and performance.
- Don't Get Burned: The ESC and motor can become extremely hot during use, so be careful not to touch them until they cool. Supply adequate airflow for cooling.

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All instructions and precautions outlined in this manual should be strictly followed to ensure safe operation of your model.



This model is not intended for use by children under 14 years of age without the supervision of a responsible and knowledgeable adult.

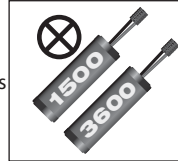
Model #3908

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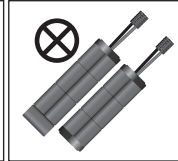
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Not a Toy! For Expert Drivers Only. This product is capable of extreme speed and acceleration! It carries our expert skill level rating and is intended for highly experienced drivers only. Experience with high-powered radio controlled models is required!

- Use the Factory-Installed Stock Connectors: Do not change the battery and motor connectors. Improper wiring can cause fire or damage to the ESC. Please note that modified speed controls can be subject to a rewiring fee when returned for service.
- No Reverse Voltage: The ESC is not protected against reverse polarity voltage.
- No Schottky Diodes: External Schottky diodes are not compatible with reversing speed controls. Using a Schottky diode with your speed control will damage the ESC and void the 30-day warranty.
- Always adhere to the minimum and maximum limitations of the speed control as stated in the specifications table in the Owner's Manual. If your ESC operates on two batteries, do not mix battery types and capacities. Use the same voltage and capacity for both batteries. Using mismatched battery packs could damage the batteries and electronic speed control.



Do not mix battery capacities. Use two batteries with the same capacity.



Do not use a 6-cell 7.2V battery in combination with a 7-cell battery 8.4V pack.

LiPo Batteries

Lithium Polymer (LiPo) batteries are becoming popular for use in R/C models due to their compact size, high energy density, and high-current output. However, these types of batteries require special care and handling procedures for long life and safe operation. **Warning:** LiPo batteries are intended only for advanced users that are educated on the risks associated with LiPo battery use. **Traxxas does not recommend that anyone under the age of 14 use or handle LiPo battery packs without the supervision of a knowledgeable and responsible adult.**

Your model is able to use LiPo batteries. LiPo batteries have a minimum safe discharge voltage threshold that should not be exceeded. The electronic speed control is equipped with built-in Low-Voltage Detection that alerts the driver when LiPo batteries have reached their minimum voltage (discharge) threshold. **It is the driver's responsibility to stop immediately to prevent the battery pack from being discharged below its safe minimum threshold.**

Low-Voltage Detection on the speed control is just one part of a comprehensive plan for safe LiPo battery use. **It is critical for you, the user, to follow all other instructions supplied by the battery manufacturer and the charger manufacturer for proper charging, use, and storage of LiPo batteries. Make sure you understand how to use your LiPo batteries.** Be aware that Traxxas shall not be liable for any special, indirect, incidental, or consequential damages arising out of the installation and/or use of LiPo batteries in Traxxas models. If you have questions about LiPo battery usage, please consult with your local hobby dealer or contact the battery manufacturer. As a reminder, all batteries should be recycled at the end of their useful life.

WARNING! CAUTION! DANGER!

FIRE HAZARD! Charging and discharging batteries has the potential for fire, explosion, serious injury, and property damage if not performed per the instructions. In addition, Lithium Polymer (LiPo) batteries pose a SEVERE risk of fire if not properly handled per the instructions. Before use, read and follow all manufacturer's instructions, warnings, and precautions. Never allow children under 14 years old to charge or use LiPo batteries without the supervision of a responsible, knowledgeable adult.

- While charging or discharging, ALWAYS place the battery (all types of batteries) in a fire retardant/fire proof container and on a non-flammable surface such as concrete.
- ALWAYS charge batteries in a well-ventilated area.
- REMOVE flammable items and combustible materials from the charging area.
- ONLY use a Lithium Polymer (LiPo) balance charger with a balance adapter to charge LiPo batteries.
- If any battery or cell is damaged in any way, do NOT charge, discharge, or use the battery.
- BEFORE you charge, ALWAYS confirm that the charger settings exactly match the battery type (chemistry), specification, and configuration to be charged.
- Do NOT exceed the maximum manufacturer recommended charge rate.
- Do NOT disassemble, crush, short circuit, or expose the batteries to flame or other source of ignition.
- NEVER leave batteries unattended while charging.



TERMS OF USE - The buyer assumes all risk associated with using this product. Traxxas, its affiliates, manufacturers, distributors, and retail partners cannot control the use, application, charging or installation of this product and shall not be held responsible for any accident, injury to persons, or damage to property resulting from the use of this product.

After reading all, if you do not agree with these terms and conditions and are not prepared to accept complete liability for the use of this product, return this product immediately in new/unused condition to your place of purchase. **Your retailer absolutely cannot accept product for return or exchange if it has been used in any way.**

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Important Warnings for users of Lithium Polymer (LiPo) batteries: Lithium Polymer (LiPo) batteries are significantly more volatile than other rechargeable batteries.

ONLY use a Lithium Polymer (LiPo) balance charger with a balance adapter (Such as the Traxxas EZ-Peak Plus Charger #2933 or the 2-Cell/3-Cell LiPo Balance Charger) to charge LiPo batteries. Never use NiMH or NiCD type chargers or charge modes to charge LiPo batteries. The use of a NiMH or NiCD charger or charge mode will damage the batteries and may cause fire and personal injury. Never charge LiPo battery packs in series or parallel with this charger.

Charging packs in series or parallel may result in improper charger cell recognition and an improper charging rate that may lead to overcharging, cell imbalance, cell damage and fire.

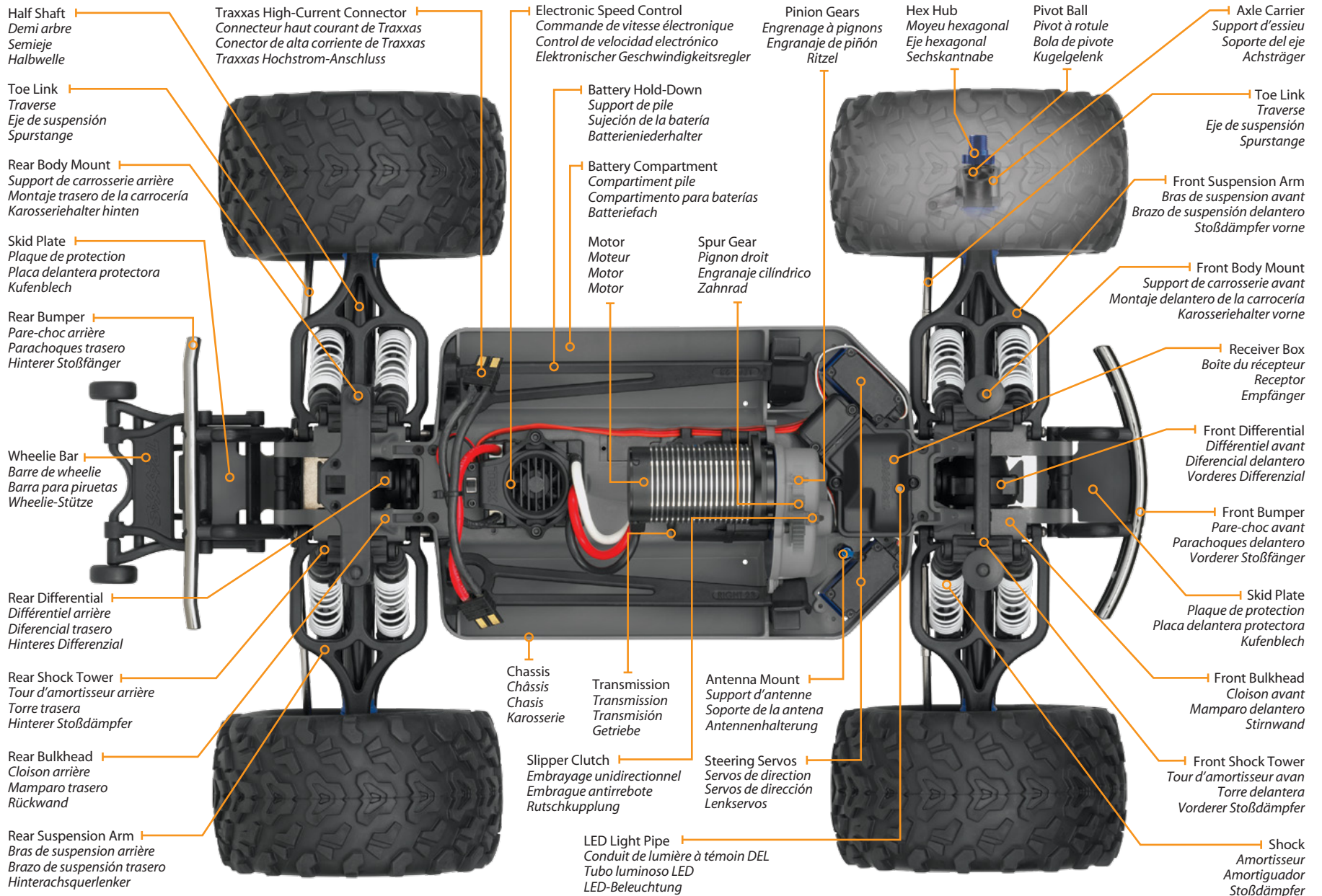
- ALWAYS inspect your LiPo batteries carefully before charging. Look for any loose leads or connectors, damaged wire insulation, damaged cell packaging, impact damage, fluid leaks, swelling (a sign of internal damage), cell deformity, missing labels, or any other damage or irregularity. If any of the above conditions are observed, do not charge or use the battery pack.
- Do not store or charge LiPo batteries with or around other batteries or battery packs of any type, including other LiPos.
- Store and transport your LiPo batteries in a cool dry place. Do not store in direct sunlight. Do not allow the storage temperature to exceed 140°F or 60°C or the cells may be damaged and risk of fire created.
- Do NOT disassemble LiPo batteries or cells.
- Do NOT attempt to build your own LiPo battery pack from loose cells.
- ALWAYS proceed with caution and use good common sense at all times.

Charging and Handling Precautions/Warnings

- ALWAYS proceed with caution and use good common sense at all times.
- Children require adult supervision while using this charger.
- Do NOT let any exposed battery contacts or wires touch each other. This will cause the battery to short circuit and create the risk of fire.
- While charging, ALWAYS place the battery (all types of batteries) in a fire retardant/fire proof container and on a non-flammable surface such as concrete.
- NEVER charge batteries, on wood, cloth, carpet or on any other flammable material
- ALWAYS charge batteries in a well-ventilated area.
- REMOVE flammable items and combustible materials from the charging area.
- DO NOT operate the charger in a cluttered space, or place objects on top of the charger or battery.
- If any battery or battery cell is damaged in any way, do NOT charge, discharge, use the battery.
- BEFORE you charge, ALWAYS confirm that the charger settings exactly match the type (chemistry), specification, and configuration of the battery to be charged.
- Keep a Class D fire extinguisher nearby in case of fire.
- Do NOT use the 2-3 cell LiPo charger #2935 to charge NiMh batteries.
- Do NOT exceed the maximum battery manufacturer's recommended charge rate.
- Do NOT disassemble, crush, short circuit, or expose the batteries or cells to flame or any other source of ignition.

- If a battery gets hot to the touch during the charging process (temperature greater than 110°F / 43°C), immediately and disconnect the battery from charger immediately and discontinue charging.
- Do NOT leave the charger and battery unattended while charging, discharging, or anytime the charger is ON with a battery connected. If there are any signs of a malfunction, unplug the power source and/or stop the charging process immediately.
- ALWAYS unplug the charger from the wall outlet and disconnect the battery when not in use.
- Do NOT operate the charger inside of an automobile.
- AVOID short-circuits by always connecting the charge cable to the charger first and then to the battery to charge or discharge. Remember to always reverse this procedure when disconnecting the battery.
- NEVER connect more than one battery at a time to the charger.
- DO NOT disassemble the charger.
- REMOVE the battery from your model or device before charging.
- Do NOT expose the charger to water or moisture.
- ALWAYS store battery packs safely out of the reach of children and pets.
- DO NOT charge batteries if you observe ANY of the following conditions:
 - Batteries that are fully charged or have been only slightly discharged.
 - Batteries that are hot (temperature greater than 110°F / 43°C)
 - Batteries that are not expressly stated by the manufacture to be suitable to accept the power output (voltage and amperage) the charger delivers during the charging process.
 - Batteries that are damaged or defective in any way. Examples of damage or defects include, but are not limited to: batteries with dented cells, damaged or frayed wires, loose connections, fluid leaks, corrosion, plugged vents, swelling, cell deformity, impact damage, missing labels, melted components or any other signs of damage.
 - Battery packs that have been altered from original manufacturer configuration.
 - Non-rechargeable batteries (explosion hazard).
 - Batteries that have an internal charge circuit or a protection circuit.

E-MAXX BRUSHLESS EDITION OVERVIEW



Half Shaft
Demi arbre
Semieje
Halbwelle

Toe Link
Traverse
Eje de suspensión
Spurstange

Rear Body Mount
Support de carrosserie arrière
Montaje trasero de la carrocería
Karosseriehalter hinten

Skid Plate
Plaque de protection
Placa delantera protectora
Kufenblech

Rear Bumper
Pare-choc arrière
Parachoques trasero
Hinterer Stoßfänger

Wheelie Bar
Barre de wheelie
Barra para piruetas
Wheelie-Stütze

Rear Differential
Différentiel arrière
Diferencial trasero
Hinteres Differenzial

Rear Shock Tower
Tour d'amortisseur arrière
Torre trasera
Hinterer Stoßdämpfer

Rear Bulkhead
Cloison arrière
Mamparo trasero
Rückwand

Rear Suspension Arm
Bras de suspension arrière
Brazo de suspensión trasero
Hinterachsquerlenker

Traxxas High-Current Connector
Connecteur haut courant de Traxxas
Conector de alta corriente de Traxxas
Traxxas Hochstrom-Anschluss

Battery Hold-Down
Support de pile
Sujeción de la batería
Batterieniederhalter

Battery Compartment
Compartment pile
Compartimento para baterías
Batteriefach

Motor
Moteur
Motor
Motor

Chassis
Châssis
Chasis
Karosserie

Electronic Speed Control
Commande de vitesse électronique
Control de velocidad electrónico
Elektronischer Geschwindigkeitsregler

Pinion Gears
Engrenage à pignons
Engranaje de piñón
Ritzel

Hex Hub
Moyeu hexagonal
Eje hexagonal
Sechskantnabe

Pivot Ball
Pivot à rotule
Bola de pivote
Kugelgelenk

Spur Gear
Pignon droit
Engranaje cilíndrico
Zahnrad

Transmission
Transmission
Transmisión
Getriebe

Slipper Clutch
Embrayage unidirectionnel
Embrague antirrebote
Rutschkupplung

LED Light Pipe
Conduit de lumière à témoin DEL
Tubo luminoso LED
LED-Beleuchtung

Motor
Moteur
Motor
Motor

Spur Gear
Pignon droit
Engranaje cilíndrico
Zahnrad

Antenna Mount
Support d'antenne
Soporte de la antena
Antennenhalterung

Steering Servos
Servos de direction
Servos de dirección
Lenkservos

Front Suspension Arm
Bras de suspension avant
Brazo de suspensión delantero
Stoßdämpfer vorne

Front Body Mount
Support de carrosserie avant
Montaje delantero de la carrocería
Karosseriehalter vorne

Receiver Box
Boîte du récepteur
Receptor
Empfänger

Front Differential
Différentiel avant
Diferencial delantero
Vorderes Differenzial

Front Bumper
Pare-choc avant
Parachoques delantero
Vorderer Stoßfänger

Skid Plate
Plaque de protection
Placa delantera protectora
Kufenblech

Front Bulkhead
Cloison avant
Mamparo delantero
Stirnwand

Front Shock Tower
Tour d'amortisseur avant
Torre delantera
Vorderer Stoßdämpfer

Shock
Amortisseur
Amortiguador
Stoßdämpfer

Axle Carrier
Support d'essieu
Soporte de eje
Achsträger

Toe Link
Traverse
Eje de suspensión
Spurstange

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TOOLS, SUPPLIES AND REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

Your model comes with a set of specialty metric tools. You'll need to purchase other items, available from your hobby dealer, to operate and maintain your model.

Supplied Tools and Equipment • Outils et équipements fournis • Equipo y herramientas suministradas • Mitgeliefertes Werkzeug und Ausrüstung



2.0mm "T" wrench
Clé "T" de 2,0mm
Llave "T" de 2.0 mm
2,0 mm „T“-Schlüssel



1.5mm "L" wrench
Clé "L" de 1,5mm
Llave Allen de 1.5 mm
1,5 mm Innensechskantschlüssel



2.5mm "L" wrench
Clé "L" de 2,5mm
Llave Allen de 2.5 mm
2,5 mm Innensechskantschlüssel



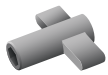
8mm/5mm wrench
Clé de 8mm/5mm
Llave de 8 mm/5 mm
8 mm/5 mm Schlüssel



Universal wrench
Clé universelle
Llave universal
Universalschlüssel



Body clips
Clips de carrosserie
Ganchos de carrocería
Clips



Antenna nut wrench
Clé d'écrou d'antenne
Llave de tuercas para antena
Antennenschlüssel



Suspension multi-tool
Outil multifonction de suspension
Herramientas múltiples de suspensión
Federungs-Multi-Werkzeug



Pre-load spacers and shock pistons
Entretoises de charge initiale et pistons d'amortisseur
Pistones para amortiguador y separadores de precarga
Vorspann-Abstandhalter und Stoßdämpferkolben



Foam battery spacer
Intercalaire en mousse pour les piles
Separador de batería de goma espuma
Schaumstoff-Batterietrenner

#3908



Two NiMH battery packs*
Deux piles NiMH*
Dos baterías de NiMH*
Zwei NiMH-Batterien*

#3908L

LiPo battery*
Batteries packaged separately.
Ask your dealer for details.

Pile LiPo*
Les piles sont livrées séparément.
Demandez des détails à votre marchand.

Batería LiPo*
Las baterías se emban de manera individual.
Pregunte a su distribuidor los detalles.

LiPo-Batterie*
Batterien separat verpackt. Fragen Sie Ihren
Händler nach Details.



2 Battery chargers*
2 Chargeurs de piles*
2 Cargadores de batería*
2 Batterieladegeräte*

Required Equipment • Équipement requis • Equipo requerido • Benötigte Ausrüstung



4 AA alkaline batteries
4 piles alcalines AA
4 baterías alcalinas AA
4 AA Alkaline Batterien



(3908 Only) NiMH battery charger
(Seulement pour 3908) Chargeur de pile NiMH
(Solamente para 3908) Cargador de batería de NiMH
(Nur für 3908) Ladegerät für NiMH-Batterien

*Battery and charger style are subject to change and may vary from images. *Le type de pile et de chargeur peut changer et ne pas correspondre aux images. *Los tipos de cargador y batería están sujetos a cambio y pueden diferir de las imágenes. *Die Art der Batterien und des Ladegeräts kann jederzeit geändert werden und kann eventuell von den Fotos abweichen.



For more information on batteries, see *Use the Right Batteries* on page 12.



A peak-detecting charger is recommended for best performance and longest battery life. For more information, see *Use the Right Charger* on page 13.



Recommended Equipment
These items are not required for the operation of your model, but are a good idea to include in any R/C toolbox:

- Safety glasses
- Thin, hobby-quality cyanoacrylate instant tire glue (CA glue)
- Hobby knife
- Side cutters and/or needle nose pliers
- Philips screwdriver
- Soldering iron

QUICK START: GETTING UP TO SPEED



The Quick Start Guide is not intended to replace the full operating instructions available in this manual. Please read this entire manual for complete instructions on the proper use and maintenance of your model.

The following guide is an overview of the procedures for getting your model running. Look for the Quick Start logo on the bottom corners of Quick Start pages.

1. Read the safety precautions on page 3

For your own safety, understand where carelessness and misuse could lead to personal injury.

8. Detail your model • See page 9

Apply other decals if desired.

2. Charge the battery packs • See page 12

Fully charge the two included battery packs. Charge your batteries now so it will be ready when you finish the other setup procedures.

9. Drive your model • See page 18

Driving tips and adjustments for your model.

3. Install batteries in the transmitter • See page 12

The transmitter requires 4 AA alkaline or rechargeable batteries.

10. Maintain your model • See page 25

Follow these critical steps to maintain the performance of your model and keep it in excellent running condition.

4. Install battery packs in the model • See page 13

Your model requires two fully charged battery packs (included).

5. Turn on the radio system • See page 14

Make a habit of turning the transmitter on first, and off last.

6. Check servo operation • See page 15

Make sure the steering servos are working correctly.

7. Range test the radio system • See page 15

Follow this procedure to make sure your radio system works properly at a distance and that there is no interference from outside sources.



INTRODUCTION

Your model includes the latest Traxxas TQi 2.4GHz transmitter with Traxxas Link™ Model Memory. The transmitter's easy-to-use design provides instant driving fun for new R/C enthusiasts, and also offers a full compliment of pro-level tuning features for advanced users – or anyone interested in experimenting with the performance of their model. The steering and throttle channels feature adjustable Exponential, End Points, and Sub-Trims. Steering and braking Dual Rate are also available. Many of the next-level features are controlled by the Multi-Function knob, which can be programmed to control a variety functions. The detailed instructions (page 26) and Menu Tree (page 29) included in this manual will help you understand and operate the advanced functions of the new TQi radio system. For additional information and how-to videos, visit Traxxas.com.

RADIO AND POWER SYSTEM TERMINOLOGY

Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with these radio and power system terms. They will be used throughout this manual. A detailed explanation of the advanced terminology and features of your new radio system begins on page 26.

2.4GHz Spread Spectrum – This model is equipped with the latest R/C technology. Unlike AM and FM systems that require frequency crystals and are prone to frequency conflicts, the TQ 2.4GHz system automatically selects and locks onto an open frequency, and offers superior resistance to interference and “glitching.”

BEC (Battery Eliminator Circuit) - The BEC can either be in the receiver or in the ESC. This circuit allows the receiver and servos to be powered by the main battery pack in an electric model. This eliminates the need to carry a separate pack of 4 AA batteries to power the radio equipment.

Brushless Motor - A D/C brushless motor replaces the brushed motor's traditional commutator and brush arrangement with intelligent electronics that energize the electromagnetic windings in sequence to provide rotation. Opposite of a brushed motor, the brushless motor has its windings (coils) on the perimeter of the motor can and the magnets are mounted to the spinning rotor shaft.

Cogging - Cogging is a condition sometimes associated with brushless motors. Typically it is a slight stutter noticed when

accelerating from a stop. It happens for a very short period as the signals from the electronic speed control and the motor synch with each other. The VXL-3m is optimized to virtually eliminate cogging.

Current - Current is a measure of power flow through the electronics, usually measured in amps. If you look at wire like a garden hose, current is a measure of how much water is flowing through the hose.

ESC (Electronic Speed Control) - An electronic speed control is the electronic motor control inside the model. Electronic speed controls use power more efficiently than mechanical speed controls so that the battery runs longer. An electronic speed control also has circuitry that prevents loss of steering and throttle control as the battery loses its charge.

Frequency band - The radio frequency used by the transmitter to send signals to your model. This model operates on the 2.4GHz direct-sequence spread spectrum.

kV Rating - Brushless motors are often rated by their kV number. The kV rating equals no-load motor rpm with 1 volt applied. The kV increases as the number of wire turns in the motor decreases. As the kV increases, the current draw through the electronics also increases.

LiPo - Abbreviation for Lithium Polymer. Rechargeable LiPo battery packs are known for their special chemistry that allows extremely high energy density and current handling in a compact size. These are high performance batteries that require special care and handling. For advanced users only.

mAh – Abbreviation for milliamp hour. A measure of the capacity of the battery pack. The higher the number, the longer the battery will last between recharges.

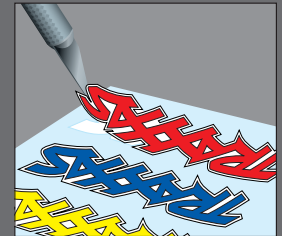
Neutral position - The standing position that the servos seek when the transmitter controls are at the neutral setting.

NiCad - Abbreviation for nickel-cadmium. The original rechargeable hobby pack, NiCad batteries have very high current handling, high capacity, and can last up to 1000 charging cycles. Good charging procedures are required to

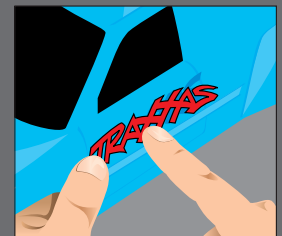


Applying the Decals

The main decals for your model have been applied at the factory. The decals are printed on self-adhesive clear mylar and are die-cut for easy removal. Use a hobby knife to lift the corner of a decal and lift it from the backing.

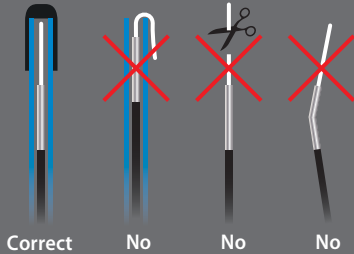


To apply the decals, place one end down, hold the other end up, and gradually smooth the decal down with your finger as you go. This will prevent air bubbles. Placing both ends of the decal down and then trying to smooth it out will result in air pockets. Look at the photos on the box for typical decal placement.





To prevent loss of radio range do not kink or cut the black wire, do not bend or cut the metal tip, and do not bend or cut the white wire at the end of the metal tip.



reduce the possibility of developing a “memory” effect and shortened run times.

NiMH - Abbreviation for nickel-metal hydride. Rechargeable NiMH batteries offer high current handling, and much greater resistance to the “memory” effect. NiMH batteries generally allow higher capacity than NiCad batteries. They can last up to 500 charge cycles. A peak charger designed for NiMH batteries is required for optimal performance.

Receiver - The radio unit inside your model that receives signals from the transmitter and relays them to the servos.

Resistance - In an electrical sense, resistance is a measure of how an object resists or obstructs the flow of current through it. When flow is constricted, energy is converted to heat and is lost. Traxxas power systems are optimized to reduce electrical resistance and the resulting power-robbing heat.

Rotor - The rotor is the main shaft of the brushless motor. In a brushless motor, the magnets are mounted to the rotor, and the electromagnetic windings are built into the motor housing.

Sensored - Sensored refers to a type of brushless motor that uses an internal sensor in the motor to communicate rotor position information back to the electronic speed control.

Sensorless - Sensorless refers to a brushless motor that uses advanced instructions from an electronic speed control to provide smooth operation. Additional motor sensors and wiring are not required.

Servo - Small motor unit in your model that operates the steering mechanism.

Solder Tabs - Accessible, external contacts on the motor that allows for easy wire replacement.

Transmitter - The hand-held radio unit that sends throttle and steering instructions to your model.

Trim - The fine-tuning adjustment of the neutral position of the servos, made by adjusting the throttle and steering trim sliders on the face of the transmitter.

Thermal Shutdown Protection - Temperature sensing electronics used in the electronic speed control detect overloading and overheating of the transistor circuitry. If excessive temperature is detected, the unit automatically shuts down to prevent damage to the electronics.

2-channel radio system - The TQ radio system, consisting of the receiver, the transmitter, and the servos. The system uses two channels: one to operate the throttle and one to operate the steering.

Voltage - Voltage is a measure of the electrical potential difference between two points, such as between the positive battery terminal and ground. Using the analogy of the garden hose, while current is the quantity of water flow in the hose, voltage corresponds to the pressure that is forcing the water through the hose.

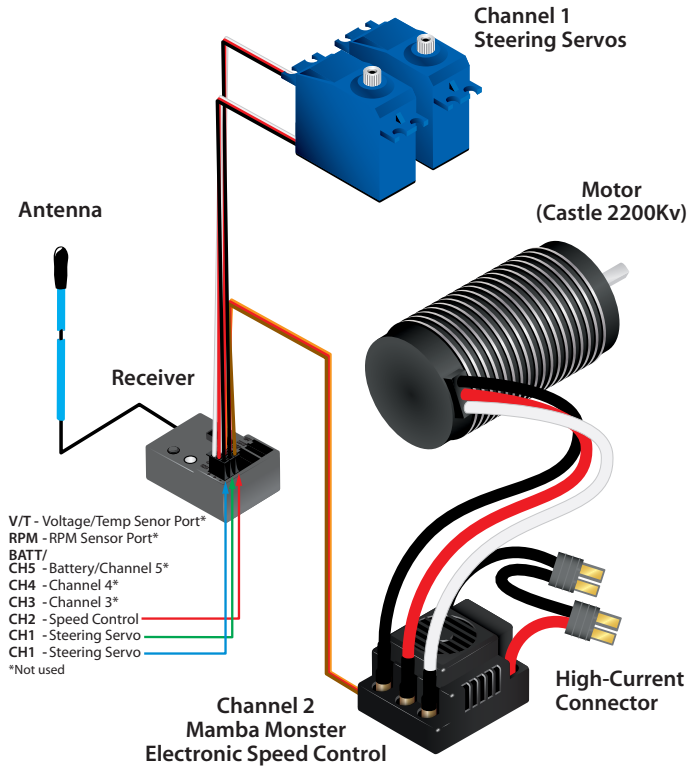
IMPORTANT RADIO SYSTEM PRECAUTIONS

- For maximum range, always point the front of transmitter toward the model.
- Do not kink the receiver’s antenna wire. Kinks in the antenna wire will reduce range.
- DO NOT CUT any part of the receiver’s antenna wire. Cutting the antenna will reduce range.
- Extend the antenna wire in the model as far as possible for maximum range. It is not necessary to extend the antenna wire out of the body, but wrapping or coiling the antenna wire should be avoided.
- Do not allow the antenna wire to extend outside the body without the protection of an antenna tube, or the antenna wire may get cut or damaged, reducing range. It is recommended to keep the wire inside the body (in the antenna tube) to prevent the chance of damage.

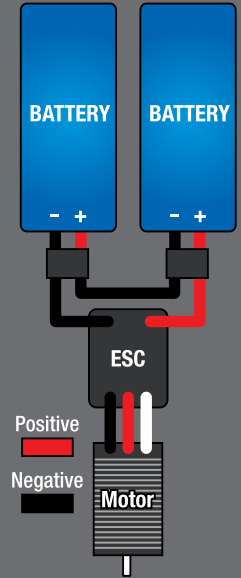
TRANSMITTER AND RECEIVER



MODEL WIRING DIAGRAM



Wiring Diagram



Mamba Monster Specifications:
 Cells..... 18 NiCad / NiMH 6s LiPo
 Continuous..... More than you can handle!
 Resistance..... 0.0003 Ohms per phase
 Brake..... Proportional with adjustable curve
 Reversible..... Yes - with lockout
 Low Voltage Cutoff..... Programmable
 Case Size..... 2.2" x 1.9" x 1.4"
 Weight with Wires..... 121g
 Connector Type..... 6.5mm bullet

** Accessory sensor port for use with TQi Docking Base (see Traxxas.com and included materials for more information)



If the power indicator doesn't light green, check the polarity of the batteries. Check rechargeable batteries for a full charge. If you see any other flashing signal from the LED, refer to the chart on page 27 to identify the code.



Use the Right Batteries
Your transmitter uses AA batteries. Use new alkaline batteries, or rechargeable batteries such as NiMH (Nickel Metal Hydride) batteries in your transmitter. Make sure rechargeable batteries are fully charged according to the manufacturer's instructions.

If you use rechargeable batteries in your transmitter, be aware that when they begin to lose their charge, they lose power more quickly than regular alkaline batteries.

Caution: Discontinue running your model at the first sign of weak batteries (flashing red light) to avoid losing control.

INSTALLING TRANSMITTER BATTERIES

Your TQi transmitter uses 4 AA batteries. The battery compartment is located in the base of the transmitter.

1. Remove the battery compartment door by pressing the tab and sliding the door open.
2. Remove the battery holder. Install the batteries in the battery holder. Correct orientation is indicated in the battery holder. Make sure the battery holder is plugged into the transmitter.
3. Reinstall the battery door and snap it closed.
4. Turn on the transmitter and check the "ON" LED for a solid green light. **Note:** Switching the transmitter on with your mobile device installed will automatically launch the Traxxas Link application.



TQi Docking Base Battery Charging Jack

The Docking Base incorporates a standard charging jack for use with optional Traxxas rechargeable NiMH battery pack (#3037) and wall charger (#6545) (each sold separately). **Note:** The charger and charging jack will not charge rechargeable AA batteries installed in the standard 4-cell AA battery holder supplied with the TQi. **Only use the charger and charging jack with the #3037 Traxxas NiMH battery.**



If the status LED flashes red, the transmitter batteries may be weak, discharged or possibly installed incorrectly. Replace with new or freshly charged batteries. The power indicator light does not indicate the charge level of the battery pack installed in the model. **Note:** The Docking Base will charge your mobile device as long as the transmitter is turned on.

CHARGING THE BATTERY PACK (Model #3908)

Your model requires two fully charged battery packs. Two (2) Traxxas Power Cell NiMH batteries are supplied with your model.

A charger is not included with your model. Traxxas recommends the #2930 EZ-Peak NiMH charger for quick-charging the included batteries. See Traxxas.com for more information about chargers and the EZ-Peak charger. **Note:** The EZ-Peak charger is NOT compatible with LiPo batteries.

CHARGING THE BATTERY PACK (Model #3908L)

Before charging the provided 3-Cell LiPo batteries please read an understand all safety precautions at the beginning of this manual. The included chargers can be used to charge the provided battery packs. The supplied charger has an output rate of 800mAh (0.8 amps), and may require up to seven hours to fully charge a battery. For faster charging, the optional Traxxas EZ-Peak Plus can charge at up to 6 amps to reduce charging time to an hour or less. **WARNING: ONLY use a charger designed for LiPo batteries. NEVER charge a LiPo battery using a NiMH charger, or a NiMH charging mode.**



1. Insert the AC power cord into the charger.
2. Insert the AC cord into a wall socket (110-240V). All three LEDs will light steady green and flash red to indicate the charger is ready to charge.
3. Plug your Traxxas Power Cell 3-cell LiPo into the charger using its balance plug. All 3 LEDs will glow steady red. **Do not leave battery and charger unattended while charging.**
4. This charger is not designed to charge two packs simultaneously. If two batteries are plugged into the charger at the same time, the charger will shut down. Unplug the charger and remove any installed batteries to reset it.

5. When a cell is completely charged, its corresponding LED will glow steady green. The 3-cell pack is fully charged when all 3 LEDs are steady green to indicate the pack is fully charged.

Note: If the charger detects any of the battery's cells are already fully charged when you plug it into the charger, the LEDs corresponding to the charged cells will not glow steady red and will default to steady green to indicate those cells are fully charged.

INSTALLING BATTERY PACKS

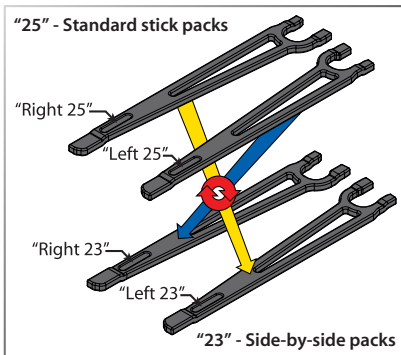
The included batteries must be fully charged before installation in the model. The battery packs should be removed from the vehicle before charging. Do not leave the battery unattended while charging.

1. Remove the battery hold-down by pressing on the release tab and lifting out the hold-down.
2. Install the battery pack with the battery wires facing the rear of the model.
3. Insert the tabs of the battery hold-down into the slots in the rear hold-down retainer (A). Swing the battery hold down towards the chassis and snap (lock) the end into the front hold-down retainer (B).



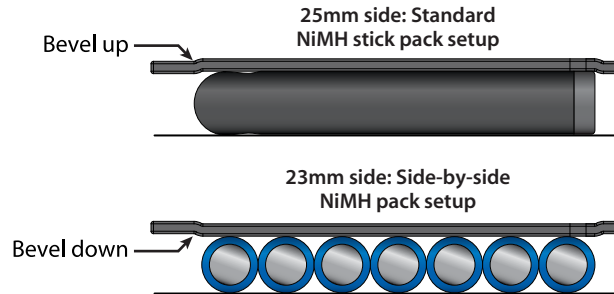
Using Different Battery Configurations

The battery hold-downs are capable of accommodating either side-by-side racing style packs or the more common stick packs. The battery compartments are configured for stick packs from the factory. The number on each side of the hold down indicates the battery height in millimeters that hold-down can accommodate.



Note that one side is labeled "25" and other side is labeled "23". The 25mm side is for use with typical stick type battery packs. If you are

using side-by-side racing packs, simply flip the hold-down over to the 23mm side and use it on the opposite side of the chassis. Accessory hold downs and foam (part #3927X) are available to accommodate larger battery packs. See the 3903 E-Maxx parts list for more information.



i When using 6-cell battery packs, install the supplied foam block (spacer) into the front of the battery compartment. The spacers are located in your instructions package. The spacers are shaped to conform to the chassis. There is a right and a left. Test fit them to confirm their location. Remove the backing from the self adhesive strips and secure them to the front of the battery compartments.

The Traxxas High Current Connector

Your model is equipped with the Traxxas High-Current Connector. Standard connectors restrict current flow and are not capable of delivering the power needed to maximize the output of the electronic speed control. The Traxxas connector's gold-plated terminals with a large contact surfaces ensure positive current flow with the least amount of resistance. Secure, long-lasting, and easy to grip, the Traxxas connector is engineered to extract all the power your battery has to give.



Using the Right Charger

The most convenient type of charger for charging the included battery packs is an AC peak-detecting charger that plugs directly into an AC wall outlet, such as the TRX EZ-Peak™ (Part #2930). It contains special peak-detection circuitry that automatically shuts the charger off when the battery is fully charged.

For faster charging, the included battery may be charged at 4 amps. The TRX EZ-Peak is a 4 amp charger and will charge the included battery in about 45 minutes!

Caution: Never use a 15-minute timed charger to recharge your model's battery packs. Overcharging may result, causing damage to the battery packs.

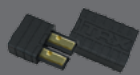




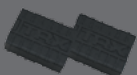
Remember, always turn the TQi transmitter on first and off last to avoid damage to your model.



The following Traxxas High Current Connector packages are available from your hobby dealer. When using adapters, be careful not to exceed the current rating of the Molex connector.



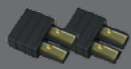
Part #3060
Single Male/Female



Part #3080
2-Pack Female



Part #3061
Male Charge Adapter



Part #3070
2-Pack Male



Part #3062
Female Charge Adapter

RADIO SYSTEM CONTROLS



- In order for the transmitter and receiver to bind to one another, the receiver in the model must be turned on within 20 seconds of turning on the transmitter. The transmitter LED will flash fast red indicating a failure to link. If you miss it, simply turn off the transmitter and start over.

- Always turn on the transmitter before plugging in the battery.

RADIO SYSTEM BASIC ADJUSTMENTS

Throttle Neutral Adjustment

The throttle neutral adjustment is located on the transmitter face and controls the forward/reverse travel of the throttle trigger. Change the adjustment by pressing the button and sliding it to the desired position. There are two settings available:



50/50: Allows equal travel for both acceleration and reverse.

70/30: Allows more throttle travel (70%) and less reverse travel (30%).

Note: We strongly recommend to leave this control in its factory location until you become familiar with all the adjustments and capabilities of your model. To change the throttle neutral adjust position, turn the transmitter off before adjusting the neutral position. You will need to reprogram your electronic speed control to recognize the 70/30 setting. Turn to Setup Programming on page 17 for instructions.

RADIO SYSTEM RULES

- Always turn your TQi transmitter on first and off last. This procedure will help to prevent your model from receiving stray signals from another transmitter, or other source, and running out of control. Your model has electronic fail-safes to prevent this type of malfunction, but the first, best defense against a runaway model is to always turn the transmitter on first, and off last.
- Always use new or freshly charged batteries for the radio system. Weak batteries will limit the radio signal between the receiver and the transmitter. Loss of the radio signal can cause you to lose control of your model.

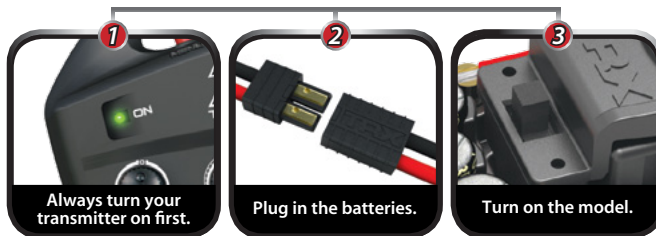
Steering Trim

The electronic steering trim located on the face of the transmitter adjusts the neutral (center) point of the steering channel.



Multi-Function Knob

The Multi-Function knob can be programmed to control a variety of functions. From the factory, the Multi-Function knob controls steering sensitivity, also known as exponential or "expo." When the knob is turned counterclockwise all the way to the left (default position), expo is off and steering sensitivity will be linear (the most commonly used setting). Turning the knob clockwise will "add expo" and decrease the steering sensitivity in the initial range of steering wheel travel left or right from center. For more detail on steering exponential, refer to page 16.



1 Always turn your transmitter on first.

2 Plug in the batteries.

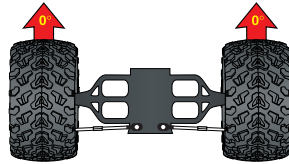
3 Turn on the model.



USING THE RADIO SYSTEM

The TQi Radio System has been pre-adjusted at the factory. The adjustment should be checked before running the model, in case of movement during shipping. Here's how:

1. Turn the transmitter switch on. The status LED on the transmitter should be solid green (not flashing).
2. **Elevate the model on a block or a stand so that all the tires are off the ground.** Make sure your hands are clear of the moving parts of the model.
3. Plug the battery packs in the model into the speed control.
4. Switch the speed control on. You will hear a short sequence of tones as ALL the LEDs blink. The sequence will then repeat twice more, then the YELLOW LED will remain illuminated.
5. Turn the steering wheel on the transmitter back and forth and check for rapid operation of the steering servo. Also, check that the steering mechanism is not loose or binding. If the steering operates slowly, check for weak batteries.
6. When looking down at model, the front wheels should be pointing straight ahead. If the wheels are turned slightly to the left or right, slowly adjust the steering trim control on the transmitter until they are pointing straight ahead.
7. Gently operate the throttle trigger to ensure that you have forward and reverse operation, and that the motor stops when the throttle trigger is at neutral. **Warning: Do not apply full throttle in forward or reverse while the model is elevated.**
8. Once adjustments are made, turn off the receiver on your model, followed by the hand-held transmitter.



2. Have a friend hold the model. Make sure hands and clothing are clear of the wheels and other moving parts on the model.
3. Make sure your transmitter antenna is straight up, and then walk away from the model with the transmitter until you reach the farthest distance you plan to operate the model.
4. Operate the controls on the transmitter once again to be sure that the model responds correctly.
5. Do not attempt to operate the model if there is any problem with the radio system or any external interference with your radio signal at your location.

• Higher Speeds Require Greater Distance

The faster you drive your model, the more quickly it will near the limit of radio range. At 60mph, a model can cover 88 feet every second! It's a thrill, but use caution to keep your model in range. If you want to see your model achieve its maximum speed, it is best to position yourself in the middle of the truck's running area, not the far end, so you drive the truck towards and past your position. In addition to maximizing the radio's range, this technique will keep your model closer to you, making it easier to see and control.

No matter how fast or far you drive your model, always leave adequate space between you, the model, and others. Never drive directly toward yourself or others.

TQi Binding Instructions

For proper operation, the transmitter and receiver must be electronically 'bound.' **This has been done for you at the factory.** Should you ever need to re-bind the system or bind to an additional transmitter or receiver, follow these instructions. Note: the receiver must be connected to a 4.8-6.0v (nominal) power source for binding and the transmitter and receiver must be within 5 feet of each other.

1. Press and hold the transmitter's SET button as you switch transmitter on. The transmitter's LED will flash red slowly. Release the SET button
2. Press and hold the receiver's LINK button as you switch on the speed control by pressing the EZ-Set button. Release the LINK button.
3. When the transmitter and receiver's LEDs turn solid green, the system is bound and ready for use. Confirm that the steering and throttle operate properly before driving your model.



Using Reverse: While driving, push the throttle trigger forward to apply brakes. Once stopped, return the throttle trigger to neutral. Push the throttle trigger forward again to engage proportional reverse.



Automatic Fail-Safe

The TQi transmitter and receiver are equipped with an automatic fail-safe system that does not require user programming. In the event of signal loss or interference, the throttle will return to neutral and the steering will hold its last commanded position. If failsafe activates while you are operating your model, determine the reason for signal loss and resolve the problem before operating your model again.



When rechargeable batteries begin to lose their charge, they will fade much faster than alkaline dry cells. Stop immediately at the first sign of weak batteries. Never turn the transmitter off when the battery pack is plugged in. The model could run out of control.

Range-Testing the Radio System

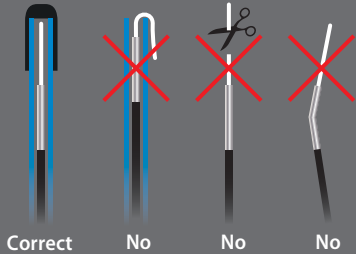
Before each running session with your model, you should range-test your radio system to ensure that it operates properly.

1. Turn on the radio system and check its operation as described in the previous section.





To prevent loss of radio range do not kink or cut the black wire, do not bend or cut the metal tip, and do not bend or cut the white wire at the end of the metal tip.

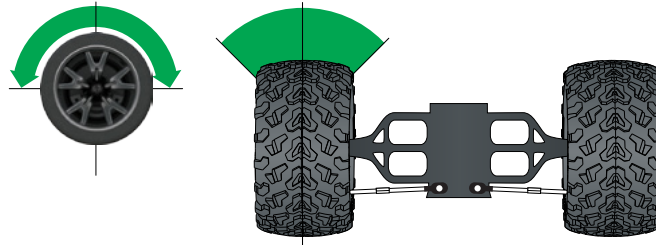


Steering Sensitivity (Exponential)

The Multi-Function knob on the TQi transmitter has been programmed to control Steering Sensitivity (also known as exponential). The standard setting for Steering Sensitivity is “normal (zero exponential),” with the dial full left in its range of travel. This setting provides linear servo response: the steering servo’s movement will correspond exactly with the input from the transmitter’s steering wheel. Turning the knob clockwise from the left will result in “negative exponential” and decrease steering sensitivity by making the servo less responsive near neutral, with increasing sensitivity as the servo nears the limits of its travel range. The farther you turn the knob, the more pronounced the change in steering servo movement will be. The term “exponential” comes from this effect; the servo’s travel changes exponentially relative to the input from the steering wheel. The exponential effect is indicated as a percentage—the greater the percentage, the greater the effect. The illustrations below show how this works.

Normal Steering Sensitivity (0% exponential)

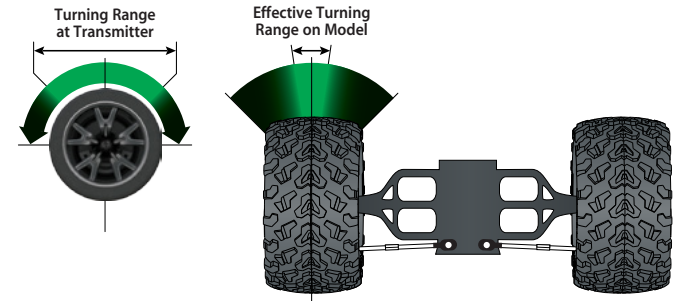
In this illustration, the steering servo’s travel (and with it, the steering motion of the model’s front wheels) corresponds precisely with the steering wheel. The ranges are exaggerated for illustrative purposes.



Decreased Steering Sensitivity (Negative Exponential)

By turning the Multi-Function knob clockwise, the steering sensitivity of the model will be decreased. Note that a relatively large amount of steering wheel travel results in a smaller amount of servo travel. The farther you turn the knob, the more pronounced the effect becomes. Decreased steering sensitivity may be helpful when driving on low-traction surfaces, when driving at high speed, or on tracks

that favor sweeping turns where gentle steering inputs are required. The ranges are exaggerated for illustrative purposes.

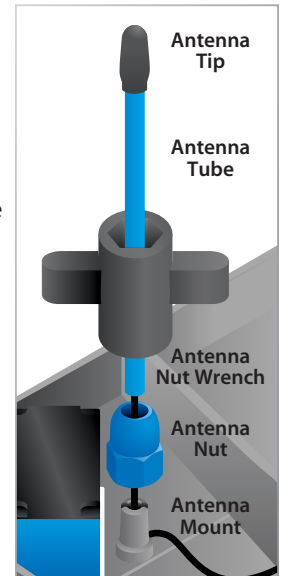


Experiment! Try varying degrees of exponential. It’s easy to go back to “zero” if you don’t like the effect. There’s no wrong way to adjust exponential. Any setting that makes you more comfortable with your model’s handling is the “right setting.”

SETTING UP THE ANTENNA

The receiver antenna has been set up and installed from the factory.

When reinstalling the antenna, first slide the antenna wire into bottom of antenna tube until white tip of antenna is at top of tube under the black cap. Insert the base of the tube into the antenna post. Take care not to crimp the antenna wire. Slide the crimp nut over the antenna tube and screw it onto the antenna post. Use the supplied tool to tighten the crimp nut on the post just until the antenna tube is securely in place. Do not over tighten or crush the antenna wire against the chassis. **Do not bend or kink the antenna wire!** See the side bar for more information. **Do not shorten the antenna tube.**



ADJUSTING THE ELECTRONIC SPEED CONTROL

The Castle Creations Mamba Monster speed control should **not need reprogramming with normal use**. However, if you install a different radio system in your model, or change the transmitter's throttle-neutral setting from 50/50 to 70/30, you will need to reprogram the speed control. Follow these instructions to reprogram the speed control:

1. Install the batteries of your choice in the battery compartments and plug the batteries into the speed control.
2. Switch on your transmitter.
3. Hold full throttle while you switch on the Mamba Monster controller. After a few seconds, you will hear multiple tones and the RED LED will light.
4. Hold full brake. After a few seconds, you will hear multiple tones and the YELLOW LED will light.
5. Release the trigger to the neutral position. After a few seconds, you will hear multiple tones and ALL THE LEDs will light.
6. Wait a few more seconds for the speed control to 'arm,' indicated by a double-tone. You are now ready to drive.

Disconnect Batteries After Use

Always disconnect the batteries from the speed control when you are finished using your vehicle. The switch on the speed control only shuts off power to the receiver and servos. The speed control continues to draw power as long as it is plugged in and may over-discharge your batteries if they are left connected to the speed control.

ATTENTION! LiPo Battery Users

The E-Maxx Brushless Edition is programmed at the factory for use with LiPo batteries. Your model will run properly with NiMH batteries. To obtain the maximum performance from the included batteries download the Mamba Monster manual at castlecreations.com for instructions on de-activating the LiPo voltage cut off. If LiPo batteries are used be sure to reset the Mamba Monster to the correct LiPo cutoff voltage for your batteries. Failure to properly reset the Cutoff Voltage may lead to damage or failure of your LiPo batteries. **Never use LiPo batteries while Low-Voltage Detection is disabled.**

For complete operational details for the Castle Creations Mamba Monster download the Castle Creation Driver's Ed Guide at castlecreations.com.



The Power System is NOT WATERPROOF. Do not expose the power system to any type of water, condensation, or moisture.



Mamba Monster Specs

Cells:
18 NiCad / NiMH 6s LiPo

Continuous:
More than you can handle!

Resistance:
0.0003 Ohms per phase

Brake :
Proportional with adjustable curve

Reversible:
Yes - with lockout

Low Voltage Cutoff:
Programmable

Case Size:
2.2" x 1.9" x 1.4"

Weight with Wires:
121g

Connector Type:
6.5mm bullet

DRIVING YOUR MODEL

Now it's time to have some fun! This section contains instructions on driving and making adjustments to your model. Before you go on, here are some important precautions to keep in mind.

- Allow the model to cool for a few minutes between runs. This is particularly important when using high capacity battery packs that allow extended periods of running. Monitoring temperatures will extend the lives of the batteries and motor.
- Do not continue to operate the model with low batteries or you could lose control of it. Indications of low battery power include slow operation and sluggish servos (slow to return to center). Stop immediately at the first sign of weak batteries. When the batteries in the transmitter become weak, the red power light will begin to flash. Stop immediately and install new batteries.
- Do not drive the model at night, on public streets, or in large crowds of people.
- If the model becomes stuck against an object, do not continue to run the motor. Remove the obstruction before continuing. Do not push or pull objects with the model.
- Because the model is controlled by radio, it is subject to radio interference from many sources beyond your control. Since radio interference can cause momentary losses of control, allow a safety margin of space in all directions around the model in order to prevent collisions.
- Use good, common sense whenever you are driving your model. Intentionally driving in an abusive and rough manner will only result in poor performance and broken parts. Take care of your model so that you can enjoy it for a long time to come.
- High performance vehicles produce small vibrations which may loosen hardware over time. Frequently check wheel nuts and other screws on your vehicle to ensure that all hardware remains properly tightened.

Slipper Clutch Break-In

The E-Maxx Brushless Edition's slipper clutch requires a break-in procedure to ensure consistent operation with the extremely high power output of the included Castle Creations Mamba Monster brushless motor system. The slipper clutch has been adjusted to

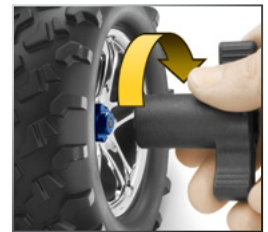
the correct initial setting for break-in. Follow these steps to ensure maximum performance and life from your slipper clutch:

1. Make your first runs with the model using the stock gearing and 6- or 7-cell NiMH packs, or 2S LiPo packs.
2. Drive normally. The slipper clutch should slip momentarily when accelerating aggressively on high-traction surfaces (you will hear a whirring sound when the slipper clutch allows the spur gear to slip).
3. If excessive slippage is noticed (slipping that lasts for more than 3 seconds under hard acceleration), or the slipper clutch slips anytime the throttle is applied at any lever, stop driving immediately. Let the slipper clutch cool for 10-15 minutes. When the clutch is cool, test-drive the vehicle again. If you still experience excessive slippage, allow the slipper to cool once more, then tighten the slipper nut $\frac{1}{4}$ turn (turn the nut clockwise) and repeat the break-in process. Do not adjust the slipper clutch before it has cooled.
4. Continue to run the vehicle and monitor slipper clutch performance as noted above, and readjust if necessary. When the run is complete, the slipper should be fully broken in.

After break-in, the slipper clutch is ready for any type of driving, with any batteries up to 6S Lipo. Set the slipper clutch so it only slips for a moment (if at all) under hard acceleration in high-traction conditions. If excessive slippage is noticed, stop driving immediately. Continuing to drive with a loose slipper will cause damage to the slipper unit. You must let the slipper cool down to ambient temperature before tightening the slipper nut and resuming driving.

Make Sure The Axle Nuts Are Tight Before Each Run

Before operating your E-Maxx Brushless Edition, take a moment to make sure the axle nuts are tight, as they may have loosened during shipping. The correct size axle-nut wrench is supplied with the truck. Check the tightness of the axle nuts before each run. The E-Maxx's high speed and torque can loosen the nuts over time if left unchecked.



About Run Time

A large factor affecting run time is the type and condition of your batteries. The milliamp hour (mAh) rating of the batteries determines how large their "fuel tank" is. A 3000 mAh battery pack will theoretically run twice as long as a 1500 mAh sport pack. Because of the wide variation in the types of batteries that are available and the methods with which they can be charged, it's impossible to give exact run times for the model. Another major factor which affects run time is how the model is driven. Run times may decrease when the model is driven repetitively from a stop to top-speed and with repetitive hard acceleration.

Tips for Increasing Run Time

- Use batteries with the highest mAh rating you can purchase.
- Use a high-quality peak-detecting charger.
- Read and follow all maintenance and care instructions provided by the manufacturer of your batteries and charger.
- Keep the EVX-2 cool. Get plenty of airflow across the ESC heat sinks.
- Lower your gear ratio. Installing smaller pinion gears will lower your gear ratio and cause less power draw from the motor and batteries, and reduce overall operating temperatures. Always replace both pinion gears together.
- Vary your speed. Continuous high-speed, high-gear running shortens the run time on the E-Maxx.
- Maintain your model. Do not allow dirt or damaged parts to cause binding in the drivetrain. Keep the motor clean.

mAh Ratings and Power Output

The mAh rating of the battery can effect your top speed performance. The higher capacity battery packs experience less voltage drop under heavy load than low mAh rated packs. The higher voltage potential allows increased speed until the battery begins to become discharged.

RECEIVER BOX: MAINTAINING A WATERTIGHT SEAL

Note: The Power System is NOT WATERPROOF. Do not expose the power system to any type of water, condensation, or moisture.

Removing and Installing Radio Gear

The unique design of the receiver box allows the removal and installation of the receiver without losing the ability to maintain a

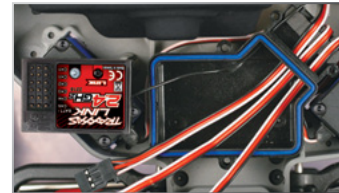
watertight seal in the box. The patent-pending wire clamp feature gives you the ability to also install aftermarket radio systems and maintain the watertight features of the receiver box.

Removing the Receiver

1. To remove the cover, remove the two 3x10mm button-head cap screws.
2. To remove the receiver from the box simply lift it out and set to the side. The antenna wire is still inside the clamp area and cannot be removed yet.
3. Remove the wire clamp by removing the two 2.8x8mm cap screws.
4. Unplug the servo cables from the receiver and remove the receiver.

Receiver Installation

1. Always install the wires into the RX box before installing the receiver.
2. Install the antenna wire and the servo cables into the receiver box.
3. Arrange the wires neatly using the wire guides in the receiver box. The excess wire will be bundled inside the receiver box. Label which wire is for which channel.
4. Apply small bead of silicone grease (Traxxas part #1647) to the wire clamp.
5. Install the wire clamp and tighten the two 2.8x8mm cap screws securely.
6. Install the receiver into the box and plug the wires into receiver. Refer to page 11 for the wiring diagram.
7. Make sure the clear plastic light pipe in the receiver box is aligned above the LED on the receiver.
8. Make sure the O-ring is properly seated into the groove in the receiver box so that the cover will not pinch it or damage it any way.
9. Install the cover and tighten the two 3x10mm button-head cap screws securely.
10. Inspect the cover to make sure that the O-ring seal is not visible.



TUNING ADJUSTMENTS



For easier access to the rear-most shock mounting screw, remove the one end of the rear turnbuckle. In the front, remove the suspension pin from the lower front suspension arm to gain easier access to the lower shock mounting screws.

SUSPENSION TUNING

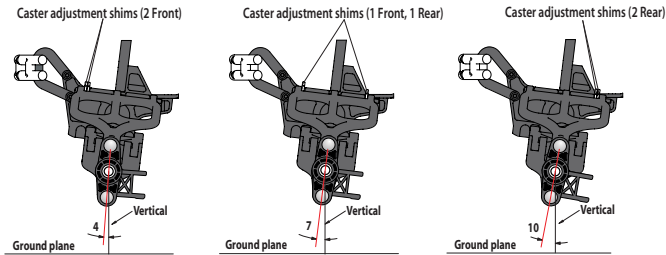
Adjusting the Pivot Ball Caps

The pivot ball caps should be adjusted so that the pivot balls operate freely in the axle carriers with no excess play. Use the provided four-way suspension multi-tool to tighten or loosen the pivot ball cap.



Caster Adjustment

The E-Maxx offers the ability to adjust the caster angle of the front suspension. Caster adjustment may be used to influence the understeer/oversteer handling characteristics of the E-Maxx. Increasing the caster angle will increase the tendency of the truck to oversteer (less traction on the rear tires, more traction on the front tires), while decreasing the caster angle will cause the truck to have a tendency to understeer (push in the turns). This effect becomes more pronounced at higher steering angles and higher spring rates. Caster is adjusted by repositioning the shims on the pivot point of the upper suspension arms.



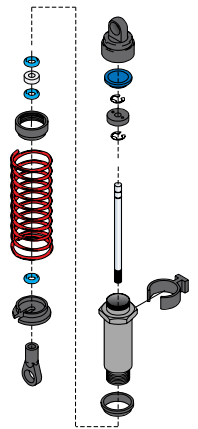
The stock caster setting is 7-degrees with one shim at each end of the arm. Reduce the caster angle to 4-degrees by removing the rear shim and inserting it next to the front shim. The caster angle can be increased to 10-degrees by removing the front shim and inserting it next to the rear shim.

Fine Tuning the Shocks

The eight shocks (oil dampers) on your E-Maxx have tremendous influence on its handling. Whenever you rebuild your shocks, or make any changes to the pistons, springs or oil, always do it carefully and in sets (front or rear). Piston head selection depends on the range of oil viscosities that you have available. For example, using a two-hole piston with lightweight oil will give you the same damping as a three-hole piston with heavier oil.

We recommend using two-hole pistons with a range of oil viscosities from 30W to 50W (available from your hobby shop). The thinner viscosity oils (30W or less) flow with less resistance and provide less damping, while thicker oils provide more damping. Use only 100% pure silicone shock oil to prolong seal life. From the factory, the E-Maxx uses 30W oil.

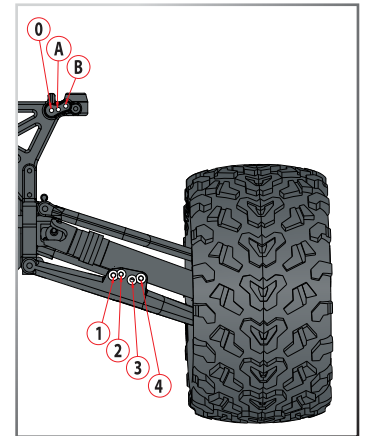
The ride height for the E-Maxx can be adjusted by adding or removing the clip-on spring pre-load spacers. Note that changes in ride height will occur when changes in shock angle or spring rates are made. You can compensate for ride height changes by changing the pre-load spacers on the shocks.



Shock Mounting Positions

Big bumps and rough terrain require a softer suspension with the maximum possible suspension travel and ride height. Racing on a prepared track or on-road use requires a lower ride height and firmer, more progressive suspension settings. The more progressive suspension settings help reduce body roll (increased roll stiffness), dive during braking, and squat during acceleration.

Upper shock mounting position (A) should generally be used with lower shock mounting positions 1 and 2. Upper shock mounting position (B) should be generally be used with lower shock mounting positions 3 and 4. The innermost upper shock mounting position (0) can be used for tuning with the inner pair of lower shock mounting positions on the arm (1,2). It is not compatible with lower shock mounting positions 3 and 4. Other combinations may be used to achieve individualized suspension settings.



Lower Shock Mounting Positions

In the out-of-the-box configuration, the shocks are installed in position (A) on the shock tower and position (2) on the lower suspension arm. This setting allows for firm suspension and low ride height, increasing the spring force (at the wheel). This setting improves high-speed cornering on smoother terrain by lowering the center of gravity. Body roll, brake dive, and squat are also reduced.

The inner pair of holes on the lower suspension arm should be used to increase the ride height of the E-Maxx. The more vertical position of the shocks will allow for lower shock progression and the soft, plush feel that's characteristic of a Traxxas Maxx Truck.

Spring rate (at the wheel) increases as the lower shock mounting position is moved from position (1) to position (4). This is equivalent to using stiffer springs. Use higher spring rate settings for flatter terrain with smaller and fewer bumps, and lower spring rate settings for bigger bumps.

Ride height decreases as the lower shock mounting position is moved from position (1) to position (4). Each pair of lower shock

mounting holes (1,2 and 3,4) has equal ride height. Use lower ride height for high-speed cornering and flat terrain, and when racing on relatively smooth tracks. Increase the ride height for rougher terrain and tracks.

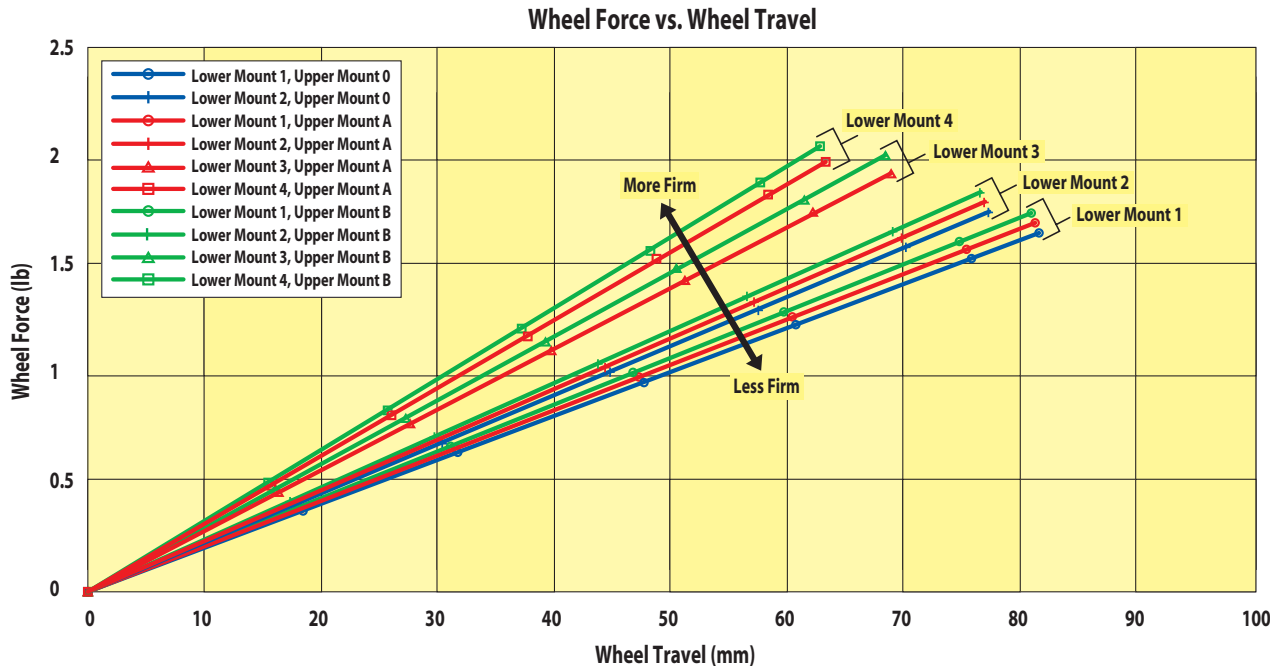
Upper Shock Mounting Positions

The upper shock mounting positions will have suspension effects opposite from the lower shock mounting positions.

Spring rate (at the wheel), increases as the upper shock mounting position is moved from position (A) to position (B).

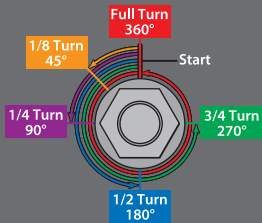
Ride height is not affected by changes in the upper shock mounting position.

Use the chart below to see the effect of the various shock mounting positions. The horizontal length of the lines indicates the amount of suspension travel. The angle or slope of the lines indicates the spring rate (at the wheel).

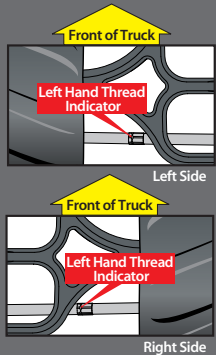




To achieve a good starting point for the slipper clutch, tighten the slipper clutch adjusting nut clockwise until the slipper clutch adjusting spring fully collapses (do not over tighten), and then turn the slipper clutch nut counter-clockwise $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ turn.



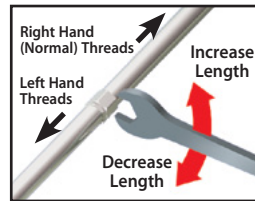
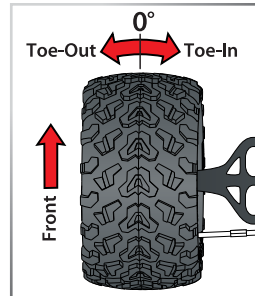
All of the toe links are installed on the truck so that the left hand thread indicators point to the same direction. This makes it easier to remember which way to turn the wrench to increase or decrease toe link length (the direction is same at all four corners). Note that the groove in the hex indicates the side of the toe link with the left-hand threads.



ALIGNMENT SETTINGS

Adjusting the Toe-in

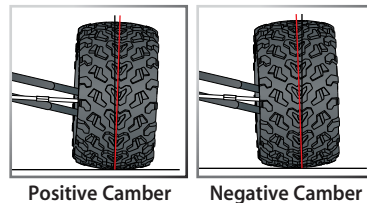
Your E-Maxx comes from the factory with zero degrees of toe-in in the front, and one degree of toe-in in the rear. You can adjust the toe-in on the front and rear of the truck. Set the steering trim on your transmitter to neutral. Next, adjust your steering turnbuckles so that both front wheels are pointing straight ahead and are parallel to each other (0 degrees toe-in). This will ensure the same amount of steering in both directions. Adjust the rear toe control links so that the rear wheels have 1° of toe-in.



Static Camber Adjustment

The wheels can be set to have either positive or negative camber (see illustration below). The camber angle changes as the wheel moves up and down through its range of travel. Static camber is the camber angle at the wheel when the vehicle is set at its normal, stationary ride height.

The suspension pivot balls located in the axle carriers adjust the static camber. The pivot balls are protected by blue dust plugs. To adjust your static camber, insert the supplied 2.5mm hex wrench through the slit in the dust plug and engage the end of the pivot ball (compressing the suspension until the arms are parallel to the ground will allow for easier hex wrench engagement). The upper pivot ball is normally screwed all the way in. Negative camber is achieved by screwing the pivot ball of the lower control arm out. **Note:** When camber is changed, the toe angle of the wheel has to be reset.



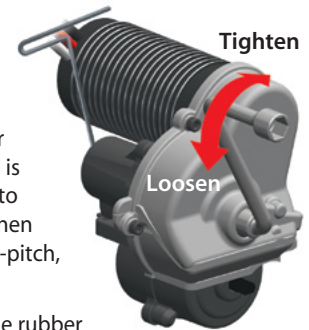
Static Camber Base Factory Settings

Front: 1-degree negative camber each side
Rear: 1-degree negative camber each side

TRANSMISSION TUNING

Adjusting the Slipper Clutch

The E-Maxx is equipped with an adjustable Torque Control slipper clutch which is built into the large spur gear. The purpose of the slipper clutch is to regulate the amount of power sent to the rear wheels to prevent tire spin. When it slips, the slipper clutch makes a high-pitch, whining noise.



To adjust the slipper clutch, remove the rubber slipper clutch plug on the transmission cover.

The slipper clutch is integrated into the main spur gear on the transmission. The slipper clutch is adjusted using the spring-loaded locknut on the slipper shaft. Use the supplied universal wrench.

To tighten or loosen the slipper nut, insert the 2.0mm hex wrench into the hole in the end of the slipper shaft. This locks the shaft for adjustments. Turn the adjustment nut clockwise to tighten (less slippage) and counter-clockwise to loosen (more slippage).

WHEELS AND TIRES

Many types of aftermarket tires and wheels can be adapted for use on your model. Most will affect the overall width and the suspension geometry of the model. The offsets and dimensions designed into the model's wheels are intentional; therefore, Traxxas cannot recommend the use of other non-Traxxas wheels with different specifications. The diameter of the wheels is an innovative design, and there is a variety of different tires available for you to experiment with in addition to the included tires on the model (listed in your parts list). Experimentation with different types of tires is recommended to see which ones work the best on the terrain where the model is run. When selecting tires, consider the overall diameter and the rubber compound (hard or soft). If the overall diameter of the tire is significantly increased, you will need to use a smaller pinion gear to compensate for the larger tire. Soft compound tires with many short spikes generally work better on hard, dry surfaces. In loose dirt, a tire with large spikes should perform better. See your parts list for accessory wheels and tires.

MOTOR AND GEARING

The E-Maxx is equipped from the factory with a 68-tooth spur gear and 17-tooth pinion gears. E-Maxx has a large range of gearing making it suitable for many different types of applications and environments. If you want more acceleration and less top speed, use a smaller pinion gear (fewer teeth, higher numerical ratio). The overall reduction is the number of turns the motor makes for one revolution of the tire. Higher numerical ratios provide more torque, lower numerical ratios provide more top speed. Use the following formula to calculate the overall ratio for combinations not listed on the gear chart:

$$\frac{\text{\# Spur Gear Teeth}}{\text{\# Pinion Gear Teeth}} \times 5.22 = \text{Final Gear Ratio}$$

Caution! Operating your model with 65+mph gearing

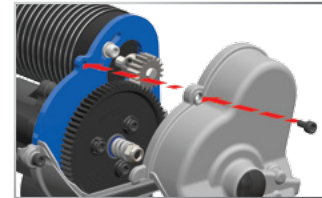
- The 28/65 ratio for use with 6S LiPo batteries is designed for maximum speed on smooth surfaces only, with steady acceleration to full throttle and optional Talon tires installed.
- Do not use this gear ratio for general driving.
- Avoid repetitive starting and stopping.
- Do not use the 28/65 ratio with NiMH batteries or low-capacity LiPo batteries. 5000mAh LiPo batteries are recommended.
- Allow the motor to cool between runs, and monitor motor temperature.
- Do not use the 28/65 gear ratio for off-road running or overheating and damage may result.

- Do not allow the motor temperature to exceed 200° F or damage and motor failure may result.

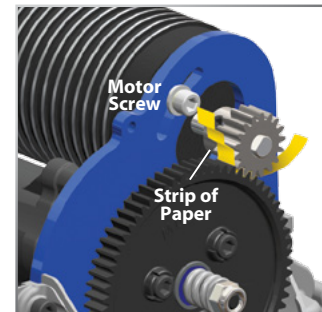
To accurately monitor motor temperature, Traxxas suggests the #4091 On-Board Temperature Gauge. The gauge features a large LCD screen, on/off button for longer battery life, a min/max temp button, a Centigrade/Fahrenheit button, and a clear Lexan splash guard. Visit your local dealer or Traxxas.com for more information.

Adjusting Gear Mesh

Incorrect gear mesh is the most common cause of stripped spur gears. Gear mesh should be checked and adjusted anytime a gear is replaced. Access the gears by removing the single screw on the top gear cover.



To set the gear mesh, cut a narrow strip of notebook paper and run it into the gear mesh. Loosen the motor screws and slide a motor and pinion gear into the spur gear. Retighten the motor screws and then remove the strip of paper. Repeat with the other motor. You should be able to run a fresh strip of paper through the gears without binding them.



Gearing Compatibility Chart:
The chart below shows a full range of gear combinations. This does NOT imply that these gear combinations should be used. Over-gearing (bigger pinions, smaller spurs) can overheat and damage the motor and/or speed control.

Spur Gear

| | | 65 | 68 |
|-------------|----|------|------|
| Pinion Gear | 15 | DNF | 4.53 |
| | 16 | DNF | 4.25 |
| | 17 | DNF | 4.00 |
| | 18 | DNF | 3.78 |
| | 19 | 3.42 | 3.58 |
| | 20 | 3.25 | 3.40 |
| | 21 | 3.10 | 3.24 |
| | 22 | NR | 3.09 |
| | 23 | NR | DNF |
| | 24 | NR | DNF |

- B Stock gearing
- B Optional included gearing (4S LiPo)
- Recommended gearing for all battery types
- Recommended gearing for 4S LiPo only
- Not recommended
- Does not fit

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Your Battery Selection and Pinion Gear Selection Determines Your Speed.
How Fast Do You Want To Go?

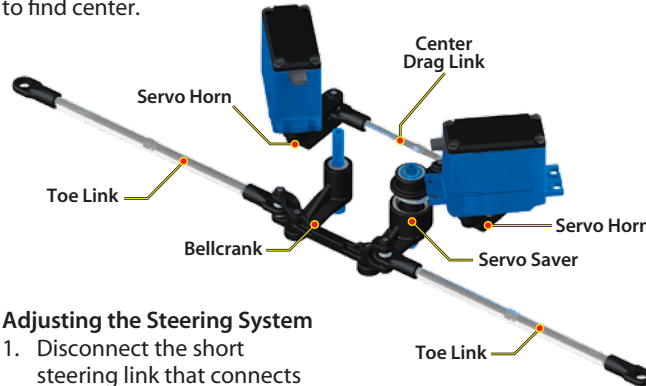
| #3908 E-Maxx Brushless Edition | 28+mph | 35+mph | 40+mph* | 50+mph | 65mph & Beyond |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pinion/Spur | 17/68 | 17/68 | 20/68 | 17/68 | 28/65** |
| Battery | twin 6-Cell NiMH (12 cell total) | twin 7-Cell NiMH (14 cell total) | twin 2S LiPo (4S total) | twin 3S LiPo (6S total) | twin 3S LiPo (6S total) |
| Nominal Voltage | 14.4V | 16.8V | 14.8V | 22.2V | 22.2V |
| mAh | 3000+ mAh | 3000+ mAh | 5000+ mAh | 5000+ mAh | 5000+ mAh |
| Skill Level | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 5 |

* With Included Optional Gearing

** 28T pinion and 65T spur not included. Optional gearing for high-speed running on smooth surfaces with optional Talon tires only.

DUAL STEERING SYSTEM

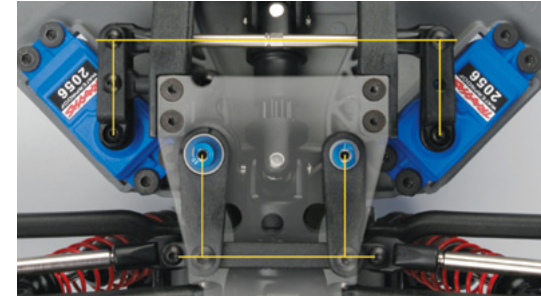
Your new E-Maxx uses dual-servo steering and a single heavy-duty servo saver for powerful, responsive steering. To prevent damage to the steering servos, it is important to make sure that the servos are "at rest" when the steering is at neutral. If one servo is out of adjustment, then both servos will work against each other, fighting to find center.



Adjusting the Steering System

1. Disconnect the short steering link that connects the servo saver to the servo horn.
2. Remove the drag link that connects the two servo horns.
3. Remove the servo horns.
4. Connect a pair of charged batteries to the ESC. Turn on the transmitter, then the ESC. **Note:** It is recommended to unplug the motor or remove the pinion gears during steering setup.
5. Adjust the steering trim on the transmitter to the neutral "0" position.
6. Install both servo horns. Make sure they are parallel to the center line of the chassis (pointing to the rear of the truck).
7. Connect the short steering link from the servo saver to the servo horn. Make sure the servo saver is parallel to the center

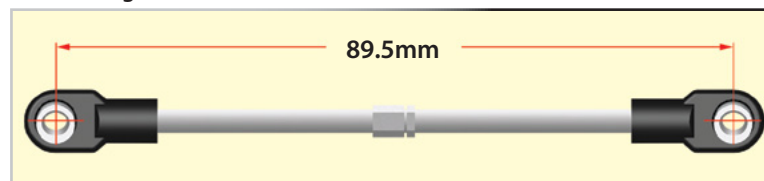
line of the chassis (also parallel to the servo horns). If not, make small adjustments to the length of the link so the everything is parallel.



8. The steering should operation correctly with equal travel left and right. Now connect the second servo.
9. Confirm the length of the center drag link (89.5mm - see template, below).
10. Connect the center drag link to one of the steering servos. Check for alignment with the holes in the second steering link. If these do not line up, make small adjustments to the length of the link until the holes line up.
11. Connect the center drag link to the second steering servo horn.
12. If necessary, fine tune the length of the center link to eliminate any load on the steering system in the neutral position.

If you are using aftermarket servos, it is important to use servo horns designed for E-Maxx. Optional steering servo horns are sold separately for use with non-Traxxas servos.

Center Drag Link



MAINTAINING YOUR MODEL

Your model requires timely maintenance in order to stay in top running condition. **The following procedures should be taken very seriously.**

Inspect the vehicle for obvious damage or wear. Look for:

1. Cracked, bent, or damaged parts
2. Check the wheels and steering for binding.
3. Check the operation of the shock absorbers.
4. Check the wiring for any frayed wires or loose connections.
5. Check the mounting of the receiver and servo(s) and speed control.
6. Check the tightness of the wheel nuts with a wrench.
7. Check the operation of the radio system, especially the condition of the batteries.
8. Check for any loose screws in the chassis structure or suspension.
9. Inspect the gears for wear, broken teeth, or debris lodged between the teeth.
10. Check the tightness of the slipper clutch.
11. Check the tightness of the front pivot balls.

Other periodic maintenance:

- Slipper clutch pads (friction material):

Under normal use, the friction material in the slipper clutch should wear very slowly. If the thickness of any one of the slipper clutch pads is 1.8mm or less, the friction disc should be replaced.

Measure the pad thickness using calipers or measuring against the diameter of the 1.5 and 2.0mm hex wrenches provided with the model.



- Chassis: Keep the chassis clean of accumulated dirt and grime. Periodically inspect the chassis for damage.

- Motor: Every 10-15 runs, remove, clean, and lubricate the motor. Use a product such as electric motor cleaning spray to flush dirt out of the motor. After cleaning, lubricate the bushings at each end of the motor with a drop of light-weight electric motor oil.
- Shocks: Keep the oil level in the shocks full. Use only 100% pure silicone shock oil to prolong the life of the seals. If you are experiencing leakage around the top of the shock, inspect the bladder in the top cap for signs of damage or distortion from overtightening. If the bottom of the shock is leaking, then it is time for a rebuild. The Traxxas rebuild kit for two shocks is part #2362.
- Suspension: Periodically inspect the model for signs of damage such as bent or dirty suspension pins, bent turnbuckles, loose screws, and any signs of stress or bending. Replace components as needed.
- Driveline: Inspect the driveline for signs of wear such as worn drive yokes, dirty axle half shafts, and any unusual noise or binding. Remove the gear cover and inspect the spur gear for wear and check the tightness of set screws in the pinion gears. Tighten, clean, or replace components as needed.

Storage

When you are through running the model for the day, blow it off with compressed air or use a soft bristled paint brush to dust-off the vehicle. Always disconnect and remove the batteries from the model whenever the model is stored. If the model will be stored for a long time, then also remove the batteries from the transmitter.

If you have questions or need technical assistance, call Traxxas at

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Always wear eye protection when using compressed air or spray cleaners and lubricants.



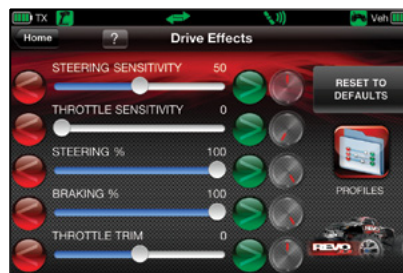
The model's TQi transmitter is equipped with the new TQi Docking Base. This innovative accessory transforms your iPhone® or iPod touch® into a powerful tuning tool that equips your TQi with an intuitive, high-definition, full-color graphical user interface.

Traxxas Link

The powerful Traxxas Link app (available in the Apple App Store) gives you complete control over the operation and tuning of your Traxxas model with stunning visuals and absolute precision. With the installed Traxxas Link telemetry sensors on the model, Traxxas Link displays real-time data such as speed, RPM, temperature, and battery voltage.

Intuitive iPhone and iPod touch interface

Traxxas Link makes it easy to learn, understand, and access powerful tuning options. Control Drive Effects settings such as steering and throttle sensitivity; steering percentage; braking strength; and throttle trim by simply touching and dragging the sliders on the screen.



Tap and slide to adjust Steering Sensitivity, Throttle Trim, Braking Percent, and more!



The customizable Traxxas Link dashboard delivers real-time rpm, speed, temperature, and voltage data.

Real-Time Telemetry

With the installed telemetry sensors, the Traxxas Link dashboard comes to life showing you speed, battery voltage, RPM, and temperature. Set threshold warnings and log maximums, minimums, or averages. Use the recording function to document your dashboard view, with sound, so that you can keep your eyes on your driving and not miss a single apex.

Manage up to 30 Models with Traxxas Link

The TQi radio system automatically keeps track of what vehicles it has bound to and what settings were used for each--up to 30 models total! Traxxas Link provides a visual interface to name the models, customize their settings, attach profiles, and lock them into memory. Simply choose a model and any previously bound transmitter, power them up, and start having fun.

Installing Your Mobile Device (Model 3908L)

The TQi Docking Base has a unique clamping mechanism that allows the Apple® iPhone® and iPod touch® to be easily installed and removed. The clamp's self-adjusting design allows it to accommodate the wide variety of protective cases available for Apple products. Follow these steps to install your mobile device:

1. Swing the Docking Base Clamp lever from position A (locked) to position B (unlocked).
2. Install your mobile device by sliding it onto the connector.
3. Ensure your mobile device is parallel with the Docking Base. Slide the included foam pads beneath the mobile device so it is held parallel with the docking base when supported by the pads. The pads have thicknesses of 1, 2, 3 and 4mm, choose the best combination for your device and case, if used. See the chart to find the correct pad combination for iPhone and iPod touch models without accessory cases.
4. Make certain your mobile device slides directly onto the connector when slid over the foam pads. When you are satisfied with the fit, peel the backing from the foam pads and apply them to the Docking Base.



5. Close the Docking Base Clamp by moving it to position A. Confirm your mobile device is snug and securely held in place.

Optional: The Docking Base Clamp's 'fingers' have soft gripper pads on them to hold un-cased devices. If your device is in a soft rubber case, the gripper pads may be removed for easier device installation and removal.

Foam pad combination recommendations (without accessory cases):

| | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| iPod touch 2nd & 3rd Generation | 4mm + 3mm (7mm total) |
| iPod touch 4th Generation | 4mm + 3mm + 2mm (9mm total) |
| iPhone 3GS | 3mm + 2mm (5mm total) or 4mm + 1mm (5mm total) |
| iPhone 4 | 4mm + 3mm + 1mm (8mm total) |

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Available Tuning Adjustments

The following items can be adjusted most easily using your mobile device and the Traxxas Link application. All the features described below may also be accessed using the menu and set buttons on the transmitter and observing signals from the LED. An explanation of the menu structure follows on page 29.

Your Traxxas transmitter has a programmable Multi-Function knob that can be set to control various advanced transmitter functions (set to Steering Sensitivity by default, see page 14). Experiment with the settings and features to see if they can improve your driving experience.

Steering Percentage (Dual Rate)

The Multi-Function knob can be set to control the amount (percentage) of servo travel applied to steering. Turning the Multi-Function knob fully clockwise will deliver maximum steering throw; turning the knob counter-clockwise reduces steering throw (note: turning the dial counter-clockwise to its stop will eliminate all servo travel). Be aware that the steering End Point settings define the servo's maximum steering throw. If you set Steering Percentage to

100% (by turning the Multi-Function knob fully clockwise), the servo will travel all the way to its selected end point, but not past it. Many racers set Dual Rate so they have only as much steering throw as they need for the track's tightest turn, thus making the car easier to drive throughout the rest of the course. Reducing steering throw can also be useful in making a car easier to control on high-traction surfaces, and limiting steering output for oval racing where large amounts of steering travel are not required.









Throttle Sensitivity (Throttle Exponential)

The Multi-Function knob can be set to control Throttle Sensitivity. Throttle Sensitivity works the same way as Steering Sensitivity as described on page 14, but applies the effect to the throttle channel. Only forward throttle is affected; brake/reverse travel remains linear regardless of the Throttle Sensitivity setting.




Steering and Throttle End Points

The TQi transmitter allows you to choose the limit of the servo's travel range (or its "end point") independently for left and right travel (on the steering channel) and throttle/brake travel (on the throttle channel). This allows you to fine-tune the servo settings to

TRANSMITTER LED CODES

| LED Color / Pattern | Name | Notes |
|---|--|--------------------------------|
|  | Solid green | Normal Driving Mode |
|  | Slow red (0.5 sec on / 0.5 sec off) | Binding |
|  | Flashing fast green (0.1 sec on / 0.15 sec off) | Throttle Trim Seek Mode |
|  | Flashing medium red (0.25 sec on / 0.25 sec off) | Low Battery Alarm |
|  | Flashing fast red (0.125 sec on / 0.125 sec off) | Link Failure / Error |
| Programming Patterns | | |
|  | Counts out number (green or red) then pauses | Current menu position |
|  | Fast green 8 times | Menu setting accepted (on SET) |
|  | Fast red 8 times | Menu SET invalid |

RECEIVER LED CODES

| LED Color / Pattern | Name | Notes |
|---|--|--------------------------------|
|  | Solid green | Normal Driving Mode |
|  | Slow red (0.5 sec on / 0.5 sec off) | Binding |
|  | Flashing fast red (0.125 sec on / 0.125 sec off) | Fail-Safe / Low Voltage Detect |

Throttle Trim Seek Mode

When the Multi-Function knob is set to throttle trim, the transmitter remembers the throttle trim setting. If the throttle trim knob is moved from the original setting while the transmitter is off, or while the transmitter was used to control another model, the transmitter ignores the actual position of the trim knob. This prevents the model from accidentally running away. The LED on the face of the transmitter will rapidly blink green and the throttle trim knob (Multi-Function knob) will not adjust the trim until it is moved back to its original position saved in memory. To restore throttle trim control, simply turn the Multi-Function knob either direction until the LED stops blinking.

Failsafe

Your Traxxas radio system is equipped with a built-in failsafe function that returns the throttle to its last saved neutral position in the event of a signal loss. The LED on the transmitter and the receiver will rapidly flash red.

Starting Over:

Restoring Factory Defaults

When programming your TQi transmitter, you may feel the need to start over with a clean slate. Follow these simple steps to restore the factory settings:

1. Turn transmitter off.
2. Hold both MENU and SET.
3. Turn transmitter on.
4. Release MENU and SET. The transmitter LED will blink red.
5. Press MENU 3 times. LED will blink red 4 times repeatedly.
6. Press SET to clear settings. The LED will turn solid green and the transmitter is restored to default.

prevent binding caused by the servo moving steering or throttle linkages (in the case of a nitro car) farther than their mechanical limits. The end point adjustment settings you select will represent what you wish to be the servo's maximum travel; the Steering Percentage or Braking Percentage functions will not override the End Point settings.

Steering and Throttle Sub-Trim

The Sub-Trim function is used to precisely set the neutral point of the steering or throttle servo in the event that simply setting the trim knob to "zero" does not completely center the servo. When selected, Sub-Trim allows finer adjustment to the servo output shaft's position for precise setting of the neutral point. Always set the Steering Trim knob to zero before making final adjustment (if required) using Sub-Trim. If Throttle Trim has been previously adjusted, the Throttle Trim will need to be reprogrammed to "zero" before making final adjustment using Sub-Trim.

Braking Percentage

The Multi-Function knob may also be set to control the amount of brake travel applied by the servo in a nitro-powered model. Electric models do not have a servo-operated brake, but the Braking Percentage function still operates the same way in electric models. Turning the Multi-Function knob full clockwise will deliver maximum brake throw; turning the knob counter-clockwise reduces brake throw (**Note:** Turning the dial counter-clockwise to its stop will eliminate all brake action).

Throttle Trim

Setting the Multi-Function knob to serve as throttle trim will allow you to adjust the throttle's neutral position to prevent unwanted brake drag or throttle application when the transmitter trigger is at neutral.

Note: Your transmitter is equipped with a Throttle Trim Seek mode to prevent accidental runaways. See the sidebar for more information.

Setting Lock

Once you've adjusted all of these settings the way you like them, you may want to disable the Multi-Function knob

so none of your settings can be changed. This is especially handy if you operate multiple vehicles with a single transmitter via Traxxas Link™ Model Memory.

Multiple Settings and the Multi-Function Knob

It is important to note that settings made with the Multi-Function knob are "overlaid" on top of each other. For example, if you assign the Multi-Function to adjust Steering Percentage and set it for 50%, then reassign the knob to control Steering Sensitivity, the transmitter will "remember" the Steering Percentage setting. Adjustments you make to Steering Sensitivity will be applied to the 50% steering throw setting you selected previously. Likewise, setting the Multi-Function knob to "disabled" will prevent the knob from making further adjustments, but the last setting of the Multi-Function knob will still apply.

TRAXXAS LINK MODEL MEMORY

Traxxas Link Model Memory is an exclusive, patent-pending feature of the TQi transmitter. Each time the transmitter is bound to a new receiver, it saves that receiver in its memory along with all the settings assigned to that receiver. When the transmitter and any bound receiver are switched on, the transmitter automatically recalls the settings for that receiver. There is no need to manually select your vehicle from a list of model memory entries.

Model Lock

The Traxxas Link Model Memory feature can store up to twenty models (receivers) in its memory. If you bind a twenty-first receiver, Traxxas Link Model Memory will delete the "oldest" receiver from its memory (in other words, the model you used the longest time ago will be deleted). Activating Model Lock will lock the receiver in memory so it cannot be deleted.

You may also bind multiple TQi transmitters to the same model making it possible to pick up any transmitter and any previously bound model in your collection and simply turn them on and drive. With Traxxas Link Model Memory, there is no need remember which transmitter goes with which model and there is never a need to have to select

any model from a list of model memory entries. The transmitter and receiver do it all for you automatically.

To activate Model Lock:

1. Switch on the transmitter and receiver you wish to lock.
2. Press and hold MENU. Release when the status LED blinks green.
3. Press MENU three times. The status LED will blink green four times repeatedly.
4. Press SET. The status LED will blink green in single-flash intervals.
5. Press SET once. The status LED will blink red once repeatedly.
6. Press MENU once, the LED will blink red twice repeatedly.
7. Press SET, the LED will blink rapidly green. The memory is now locked. Press MENU and SET to return to driving mode.

Note: To unlock a memory, press SET twice at step 5. The LED will blink rapidly green to indicate the model is unlocked. To unlock all models, press MENU twice at step 6 and then press SET.

To delete a model:

At some point, you may wish to delete a model you no longer drive from the memory.

1. Switch on the transmitter and receiver you wish to delete.
2. Press and hold MENU. Release when the status LED blinks green.
3. Press MENU three times. The status LED will blink green four times repeatedly.
4. Press SET once. The status LED will blink green once repeatedly.
5. Press MENU once. The status LED will blink green twice repeatedly.
6. Press SET. The memory is now selected to be deleted. Press SET to delete the model. Press and hold MENU to return to driving mode.

MENU TREE

The menu tree below shows how to navigate through the TQi transmitter's various settings and functions. Press and hold MENU to enter the menu tree, and use the following commands to navigate through the menu and select options.

MENU: When you enter a menu, you always start at the top. Press MENU to move down the menu tree. When you reach the bottom of the tree, pressing MENU again will return you to the top.

SET: Press SET to move across the menu tree and select options. When an option is committed to the transmitter's memory, the status LED will rapidly blink green.

BACK: Press both MENU and SET to go back one level in the menu tree.

EXIT: Press and hold MENU to exit programming. Your selected options will be saved.

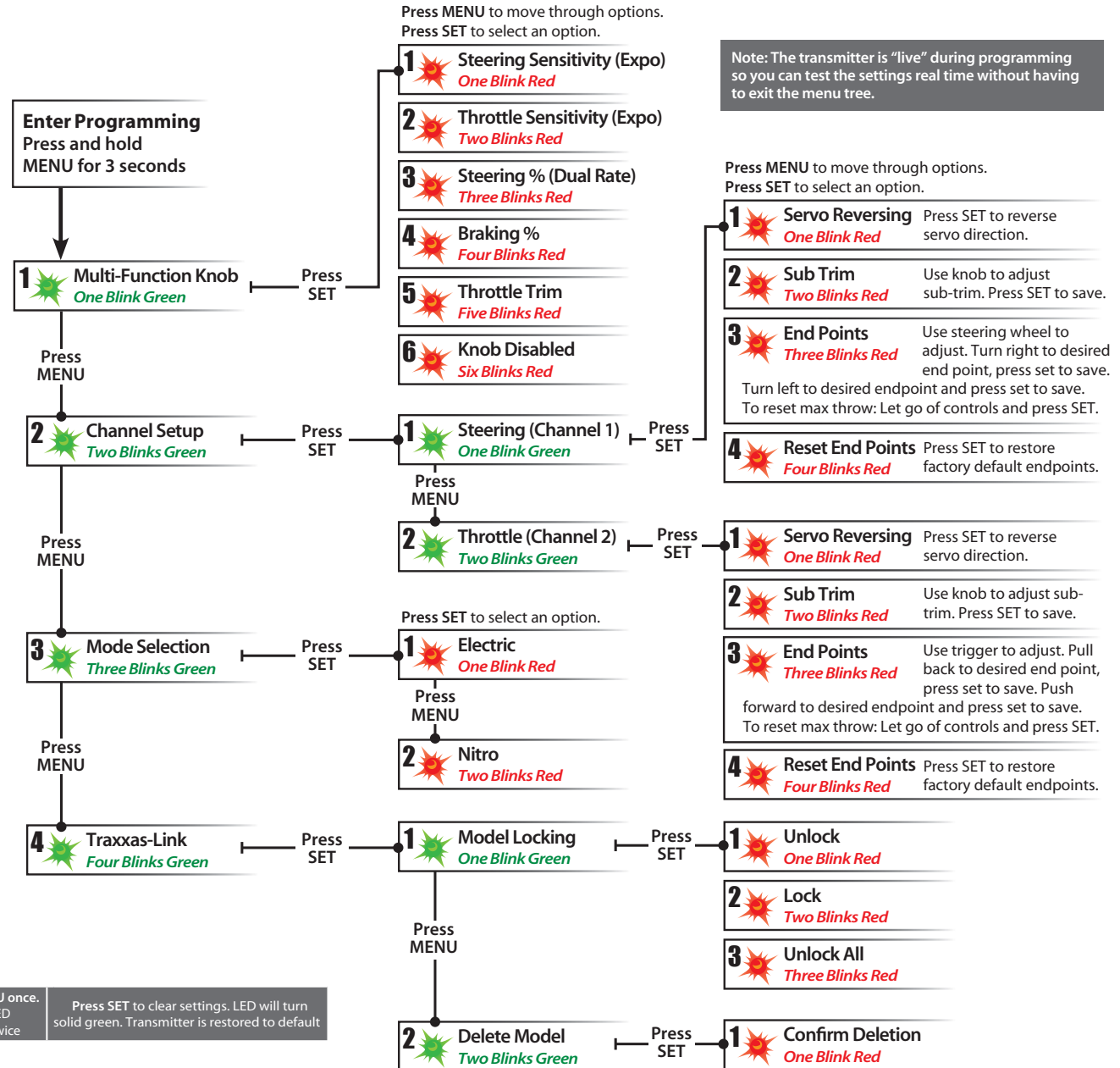
ECHO: Press and hold SET to activate the "echo" function. Echo will "play back" your current position on the Menu Tree, should you lose your place. For example: If your current position is Steering Channel End Points, holding SET will cause the LED to blink green twice, green once, and then red three times. Echo will not alter your adjustments or change your position in the programming sequence.

Below is an example of how to access a function in the menu tree. In the example, the user is setting the Multi-Function knob to be a steering Dual Rate control.

- To set the Multi-Function knob to control STEERING DUAL RATE (%):
1. Switch the transmitter on
 2. Press and hold MENU until the green LED lights. It will blink in single intervals.
 3. Press SET. The red LED will blink in single intervals to indicate Steering Dual Rate has been selected.
 4. Press MENU twice. The red LED will blink three times repeatedly to indicate Steering Percentage has been selected.
 5. Press SET to select. The green LED will blink 8 times fast to indicate successful selection.
 6. Press and hold MENU to return to driving mode.

Restoring Factory Defaults:

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Transmitter OFF | Hold both MENU and SET | Transmitter ON | Release MENU and SET. Red LED blinks | Press MENU once. Red LED blinks twice | Press SET to clear settings. LED will turn solid green. Transmitter is restored to default |
|-----------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|



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| Set Multi-Function knob for STEERING SENSITIVITY (Expo) | Press/hold MENU green LED blinks | Press SET red LED blinks | Press SET to confirm green LED blinks (x8) | Press/hold MENU returns to driving mode | | | | | | |
| Set Multi-Function knob for THROTTLE SENSITIVITY (Expo) | Press/hold MENU green LED blinks | Press SET red LED blinks | Press MENU to confirm red LED blinks (x2) | Press SET to select green LED blinks (x8) | Press/hold MENU returns to driving mode | | | | | |
| Set Multi-Function knob for STEERING DUAL RATE (%) | Press/hold MENU green LED blinks | Press SET red LED blinks | Press MENU twice red LED blinks (x3) | Press SET to select green LED blinks (x8) | Press/hold MENU returns to driving mode | | | | | |
| Set Multi-Function knob for BRAKING PERCENTAGE (%) | Press/hold MENU green LED blinks | Press SET red LED blinks | Press MENU 3 times red LED blinks (x4) | Press SET to select green LED blinks (x8) | Press/hold MENU returns to driving mode | | | | | |
| Set Multi-Function knob for THROTTLE TRIM | Press/hold MENU green LED blinks | Press SET red LED blinks | Press MENU 4 times red LED blinks (x5) | Press SET to select green LED blinks (x8) | Press/hold MENU returns to driving mode | Adjust the Multi-Function knob until the LED turns solid green. | | | | |
| To LOCK the Multi-Function knob | Press/hold MENU green LED blinks | Press SET red LED blinks | Press MENU 5 times red LED blinks (x6) | Press SET to lock green LED blinks (x8) | Press/hold MENU returns to driving mode | | | | | |
| To REVERSE the direction of STEERING servo | Press/hold MENU green LED blinks | Press MENU green LED blinks (x2) | Press SET green LED blinks | Press SET red LED blinks | Press SET to reverse servo direction | Press/hold MENU returns to driving mode | | | | |
| To set the SUB TRIM of the STEERING servo | Press/hold MENU green LED blinks | Press MENU green LED blinks (x2) | Press SET green LED blinks | Press SET red LED blinks | Press MENU red LED blinks (x2) | Use Multi-Function knob to set neutral | Press SET to save position | Press/hold MENU returns to driving mode | | |
| To set the END POINTS of the STEERING servo | Press/hold MENU green LED blinks | Press MENU green LED blinks (x2) | Press SET green LED blinks | Press SET red LED blinks | Press MENU twice red LED blinks (x3) | Turn steering wheel to desired max left and right travel | Press SET to save each position | Turn steering wheel to test settings | IF END POINTS ARE OK: Press/hold MENU returns to driving mode | IF END POINTS NEED TO BE CHANGED: Press SET and repeat steps 6-8 |
| To reset the END POINTS of STEERING servo to defaults | Press/hold MENU green LED blinks | Press MENU green LED blinks (x2) | Press SET green LED blinks | Press SET red LED blinks | Press MENU 3 times red LED blinks (x4) | Press SET to reset end points | Press/hold MENU returns to driving mode | | | |
| To REVERSE the direction of THROTTLE servo | Press/hold MENU green LED blinks | Press MENU green LED blinks (x2) | Press SET green LED blinks | Press MENU green LED blinks (x2) | Press SET red LED blinks | Press SET to reverse servo direction | Press/hold MENU returns to driving mode | | | |
| To set the SUB TRIM of the THROTTLE servo | Press/hold MENU green LED blinks | Press MENU green LED blinks (x2) | Press SET green LED blinks | Press MENU green LED blinks (x2) | Press SET red LED blinks | Press MENU red LED blinks (x2) | Use Multi-Function knob to set neutral | Press SET to save position | Press/hold MENU returns to driving mode | |
| To set the END POINTS of the THROTTLE servo | Press/hold MENU green LED blinks | Press MENU green LED blinks (x2) | Press SET green LED blinks | Press MENU green LED blinks (x2) | Press SET red LED blinks | Press MENU twice red LED blinks (x3) | Use throttle trigger to set desired max throttle or brake | Press SET to save Use trigger to test | IF END POINTS ARE OK: Press/hold MENU returns to driving mode | IF END POINTS NEED TO BE CHANGED: Press SET and repeat steps 7-9 |
| To reset the END POINTS of THROTTLE servo to defaults | Press/hold MENU green LED blinks | Press MENU green LED blinks (x2) | Press SET green LED blinks | Press MENU green LED blinks (x2) | Press SET red LED blinks | Press MENU 3 times red LED blinks (x4) | Press SET green LED blinks (x8) | Press/hold MENU returns to driving mode | | |

MENU TREE FORMULAS

To select functions and make adjustments to the TQi transmitter without referencing the menu tree, turn your transmitter on, find the function in the left column you wish to adjust, and simply follow the corresponding steps.



Always turn your transmitter on first.



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