Additional Items Needed

- 12- to 18-inch aileron extension (EXPERT part numbers EXRA115 & EXRA120)
- For non-programmable transmitters, a Y-harness (EXRA310)

Features

- One-touch setup
- Lightweight and compact
- No soldering required
- Reverse polarity protection
- Compatible with all brands of AM, FM and PCM systems
- Glow plug output short circuit protection
- Automatically turns On/Off via the receiver switch
- On/Off position can be programmed to any throttle setting
- Battery packs of 1 (1.2V), 4 (4.8V) or 5 (6V) cells can be used
- Universal connector fits JR, Futaba, Airtronics (Z) and HiTec
- Adaptable to twin cylinders
- Provides lower idle rpm
- Reduced risk of engine failure during takeoff and landing
- Improves idling on inverted mounted engines



On-Board Digital Glow Driver Instructions

EXRA550

Important Information

- While the Glow Driver is reverse polarity protected, reversing the polarity (+ and -) connection of the battery pack will burn out the glow plug when using 4.8V and 6V battery packs.
- The gauge size and length of the wires chosen will effect the performance of the glow plug. For most applications, 18-gauge wire works well. If longer than normal leads are needed, it may be necessary to use a larger gauge wire.
- Do not install the Glow Driver where it will be exposed to extreme heat, as doing so will reduce the life of the Glow Driver.
- Never leave the receiver pack on unattended. Doing so could leave the glow plug ignited, making it possible for the engine to be started automatically.
- Although glow engines will idle slower and more reliably while the glow driver is ignited, the Glow Driver should not be continuously left on throughout the flight. Doing so will reduce the life of the glow plug and drain the battery at a much faster rate. For most applications, setting the Glow Driver at 1/4 stick position and below is sufficient.

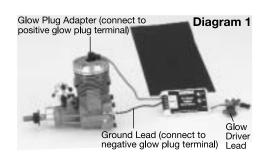
The Glow Driver will monitor the throttle position and will only turn on the glow plug below the preprogrammed throttle setting.

Pre-installation & Connections

Before the Glow Driver is installed in the model, it will first be necessary to determine its location in the fuselage so that the proper lengths of the wires can be determined. When selecting the location, please take into account the effect that the weight of the Glow Driver and its battery will have on the model's center of gravity.

The Glow Driver should be installed after the engine and Rx system have been installed.

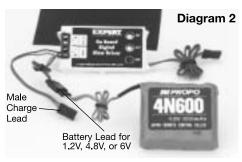
1. Determine the location of the Glow Driver and the Glow Driver battery in the fuselage. Place the Glow Driver in a location away from other electrical components. Once the locations have been determined, measure the lengths of the glow plug and ground leads. It is suggested that these leads be cut as short as possible to the Glow Driver to ensure that the glow plug functions as efficiently as possible. When satisfied with the Glow Driver position, strip approximately one-quarter of an inch from the lead ends. Screw the leads into place in the glow plug terminals.



2. Due to varying installation positions, it will be necessary to purchase the extension required based on the length needed to connect the Glow Driver to the battery. Determine the distance between the Glow Driver and its

battery, also keeping in mind the length required for the charge lead. Combine these measurements when determining the length of the aileron extension needed. Keep in mind that the male end of the extension will be used for charging. A minimum 12" aileron extension will be required.

Note: It is recommended to use a separate charging lead for the Glow Driver. This method requires two separate connectors—one female connector to plug into the battery pack and one male connector, which would hang free to be used when charging. Both leads would be secured together to their respective polarities (+ and -) into the battery terminals of the Glow Driver. An aileron extension divided into two separate pieces works well for this application. EXPERT part numbers EXRA115 (12" extension) and EXRA120 (18" extension) work well.



3. Be sure to use the positive and negative wires of the aileron extension.

Note: For JR® extensions, the red wire is positive and the brown wire is negative. For all other brands, (Futaba, Airtronics Z and HiTec), the red wire is positive and the black wire is negative. The remaining wire is the signal wire, which is not used in this operation.

4. Once the correct lengths have been determined for the battery and charge leads, cut the extension at that point. Strip approximately 1/4" from the male and female lead wires and twist the same

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color wires together. Insert the wire ends into the battery terminals and screw them into position.

Note: Be sure to connect the positive lead to the positive battery terminal of the Glow Driver.

5. At this time, plug the chosen battery into the female battery lead.

Note: If using a single cell to operate the Glow Driver, it will be necessary to solder the proper male connector to the cell to ensure that it fits the female connector.

Twin Cylinder Engines

Note: For both glow plugs to function properly, a 5-cell 6V battery pack should be used. Connect the negative (-) glow plug terminal to the engine case. Connect the positive (+) glow plug terminal to both cylinders' glow plugs. To do this it will be necessary to use two separate glow plug wires for both cylinder heads. McDaniels "Remote Plug Adaptor" (MCD444) is a good choice for this application. Both glow plug wires can be inserted into the positive terminal and screwed tight.

6. All connections should be complete. Do not permanently install the Glow Driver at this time. Move on to the setup procedure.

Setup with Non-Programmable Transmitters

If the transmitter system being used does not have programmable mixing, it will be necessary to use a Y-harness (EXRA310) to operate the Glow Driver.

1. Plug the Glow Driver lead into one of the female ends of the Y-harness; the throttle servo lead will plug into the remaining female end. Plug the male end of the Y-harness into the throttle channel of the receiver.

- 2. Turn on the transmitter and receiver.
- **3.** Set the throttle at 1/4 above idle. This will be the set-point at which the Glow Driver ignites.
- **4.** Press the *Set* button. The Glow Driver has now memorized the setpoint position.
- **5.** Move the throttle stick up and down. The red LED should come on when the throttle stick goes below the set-point (low throttle). If the LED is on when the throttle stick is above the set-point, then press the *Reverse* button.
- **6.** The set-point can be adjusted any time at any point on the throttle curve by repeating the previous steps.
- **7.** After the Glow Driver has been tested, isolate the Glow Driver from vibration with foam and mount it in its predetermined location.
- **8.** Perform a range check of the transmitter/receiver systems.

Setup with Programmable Transmitters

If the transmitter being used has programmable mixing, the Glow Driver can be electronically mixed to the throttle channel.

- 1. Connect the Glow Driver lead to an unused channel. Turn on the transmitter and receiver. Mix the throttle channel to the auxiliary Glow Driver channel. The Glow Driver can now be controlled through the throttle channel.
- **2.** Set the throttle at 1/4 above idle. This will be the set-point at which the Glow Driver ignites.
- **3.** Press the *Set* button. The Glow Driver has now memorized the setpoint position.
- **4.** Move the throttle stick up and down; the red LED should come on when the throttle stick goes below the set-point (low throttle). If the LED is on when the throttle stick is above the set-point, then press the *Reverse* button.
- 5. The set-point can be adjusted any

time, at any point on the throttle curve, by repeating the previous steps.

6. After the Glow Driver has been tested, isolate the Glow Driver from

vibration with foam and mount it in its predetermined location.

7. Perform a range check of the transmitter/receiver systems.

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