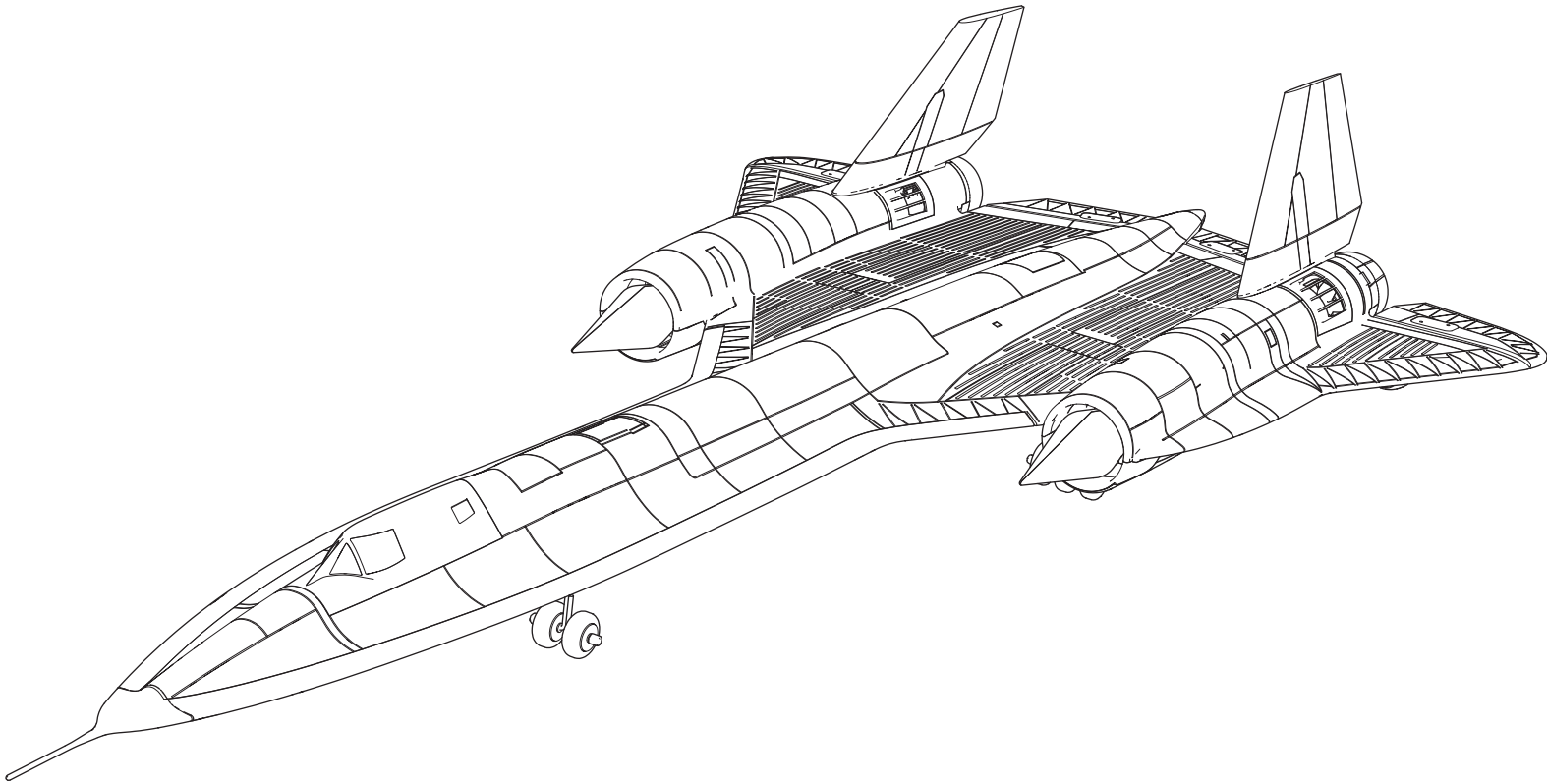


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- Always avoid water exposure to all equipment not specifically designed and protected for this purpose. Moisture causes damage to electronics.
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- Never operate your model with low transmitter batteries.
- Always keep aircraft in sight and under control.
- Always use fully charged batteries.
- Always keep transmitter powered on while aircraft is powered.
- Always remove batteries before disassembly.
- Always keep moving parts clean.
- Always keep parts dry.
- Always let parts cool after use before touching.
- Always remove batteries after use.
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## Specifications

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| <b>Wingspan</b> | 19.88" (505mm)  |
| <b>Length</b>   | 37.6" (955mm)   |
| <b>Weight</b>   | Without Battery: 21.4oz (606g)<br>With Recommended 4S 2200mAh Flight Battery: 29.4oz (834g) |

## Included Equipment

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Receiver and ESC</b> | Spektrum™ A3240A FC Unit: SR-71® Twin 40mm EDF Receiver and ESC 2 in 1  |
| <b>Motor</b>            | 1820-6800Kv Brushless Motor, 6-pole Motor (SPMXAM2700)  |
| <b>Servos</b>           | (3) A202 2.9g Long-Throw Linear Servo (SPMSA202) Two Elevon, One Elevator<br>(1) A201 2.3g Long-Throw Linear Servo (SPMSA201) Nose Gear |

## Recommended Equipment

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| <b>Transmitter</b>     | NX6 6 Ch DSMX Transmitter Only (SPMR6775)         |
| <b>Flight Battery</b>  | 2200mAh 4S 14.8V Smart 30C (SPMX22004S30)         |
| <b>Battery Charger</b> | Smart S155 G2 AC 1x55W Charger; 1x200 (SPMXC2050) |

## Optional Accessories

|            |                                     |
|------------|-------------------------------------|
| SPMXBC100  | Smart Battery & Servo Tester        |
| SPMXPSA4   | Smart Powerstage Aircraft 4S Bundle |
| SPMR8200   | NX8 8 Ch DSMX Transmitter Only      |
| SPMXC1070  | Smart S150 AC/DC Charger, 1x50W     |
| SPMX224S30 | 2200mAh 4S 14.8V Smart G2 30C;      |
| SPMX224S50 | 2200mAh 4S 14.8V Smart G2 50C;      |

## Transmitter Setup

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

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

### Dual Rates

Low rate is recommended for the initial flights.

**NOTICE:** To ensure AS3X® technology functions properly, do not lower rate values below 50%.

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

### Exponential

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

### Transmitter Telemetry Setup

If the transmitter that you intend to use with this aircraft is not displaying telemetry data, visit [Spektrumrc.com](http://Spektrumrc.com) and update your firmware. With the latest firmware installed on your transmitter the telemetry option should now be functional on your transmitter.

#### DX Series Transmitter Setup

1. Power ON your transmitter, click on scroll wheel, roll to **System Setup** and click the scroll wheel. Choose yes.
2. Go to **Model Select** and choose **<Add New Model>** at the bottom of the list. The system asks if you want to create a new model, select **Create**
3. Set **Model Type**: Select **Airplane Model Type** by choosing the airplane. The system asks you to confirm model type, data will be reset. Select **YES**
4. Set **Model Name**: Input a name for your model file
5. Select **<Main Screen>**, Click the scroll wheel to enter the **Function List**
6. Set **D/R (Dual Rate) and Expo; Aileron**  
Set **Switch: Switch F**  
Set **High Rates: 100%, Expo 10% - Low Rates: 70%, Expo 5%**
7. Set **D/R (Dual Rate) and Expo; Elevator**  
Set **Switch: SWITCH C**  
Set **High Rates: 100%, Expo 10% - Low Rates 70%, Expo 5%**
8. Set **Throttle Cut; Switch: Switch H, Position: -100%**

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Set **Switch: Switch F**  
Set **High Rates: 100%, Expo 10% - Low Rates: 70%, Expo 5%**
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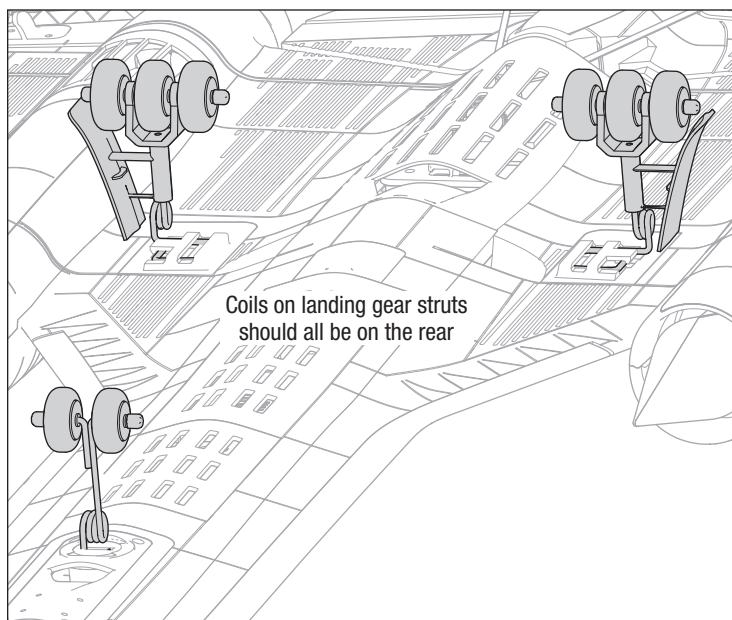
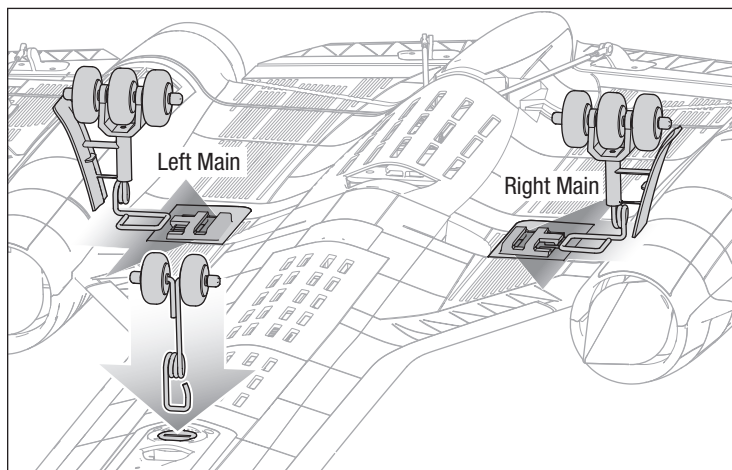
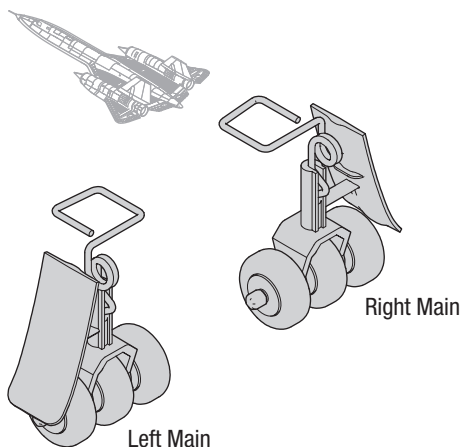
#### iX Series Transmitter Setup

1. Power ON your transmitter and begin once the Spektrum Airware app is open. Select the orange pen icon in the upper left corner of the screen, the system asks for permission to **Turn Off RF**, select **PROCEED**
2. Select the three dots in the upper right corner of the screen, select **Add a New Model**
3. Select Model Option, choose **DEFAULT**, select **Airplane**. The system asks if you want to create a new acro model, select **Create**
4. Select the last model on the list, named **Acro**. Tap on the word Acro and rename the file to a name of your choice
5. Tap and hold the back arrow icon in the upper left corner of the screen to return to the main screen
6. Go to the **Model Adjust** menu
7. Set **Dual Rates and Expo; Select Aileron**  
Set **Switch: Switch F**  
Set **High Rates: 100%, Expo 10% - Low Rates: 70%, Expo 5%**
8. Set **Dual Rates and Expo; Select Elevator**  
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## Aircraft Assembly

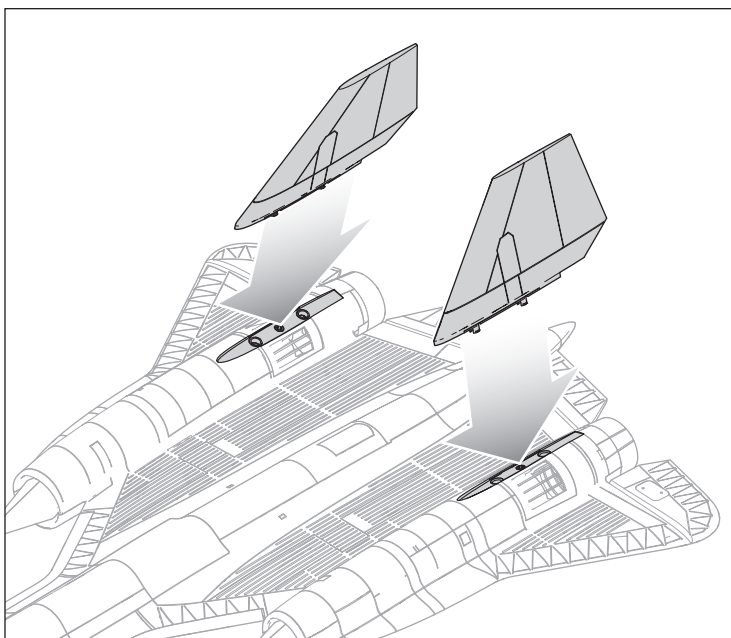
### Landing Gear Installation (Optional)

1. Identify the left and right main landing gear, as shown in the diagram. The landing gear struts should have the coil on the back side of the main gear struts, and should extend from the rear side of the mounting bracket.
2. Insert the main landing gear assemblies into the brackets on the bottom of the fuselage from the outside, as shown.
3. Insert the nose wheel assembly into the nose wheel steering block with the coil on the back side of the nosewheel strut, as shown.



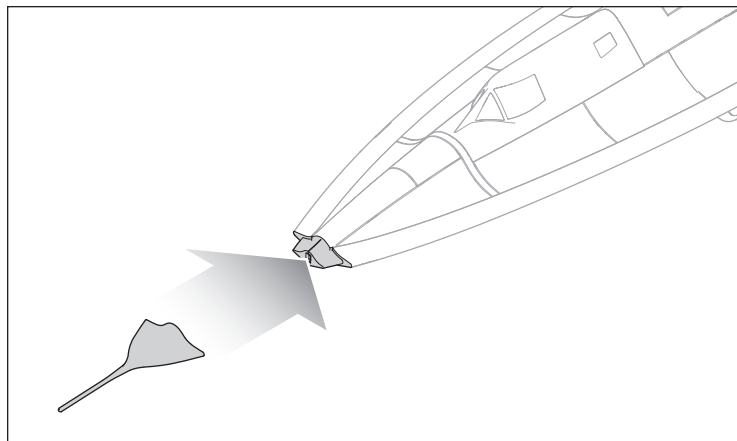
### Fin Installation

1. Select the fin set you want to use. The black set is scale, and the red set has been provided for improved visibility.
2. Install the fins at a slight inward angle and press down to ensure they snap into place.



## Nose Cone Installation

Install the nose cone on the front of the fuselage. You may choose to remove this for transportation to prevent damage.



## Battery Installation and ESC Arming

### Battery Selection

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

1. Lower the throttle and throttle trim to the lowest settings. Power ON the transmitter, then wait 5 seconds.
2. With the SR-71® upside down, remove the magnetic battery hatch.
3. Slide the battery into the compartment all the way forward and secure in place with the hook and loop strap.
4. Connect the battery to the ESC. If you have not completed the bind sequence, do so at this time as outlined in this manual.

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

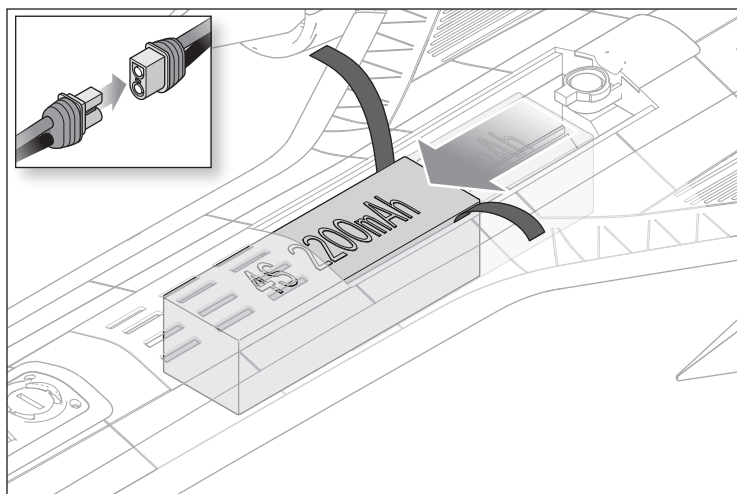
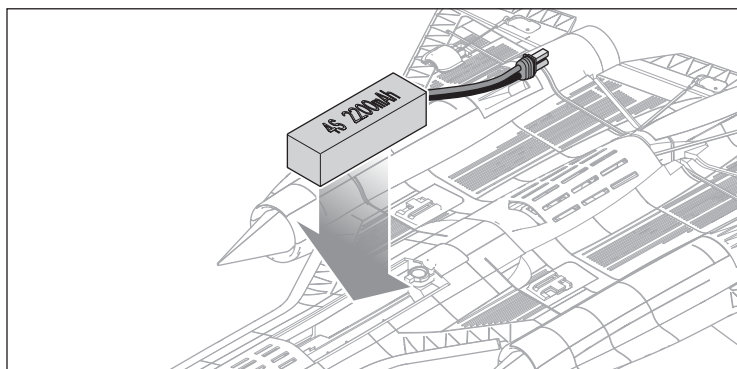
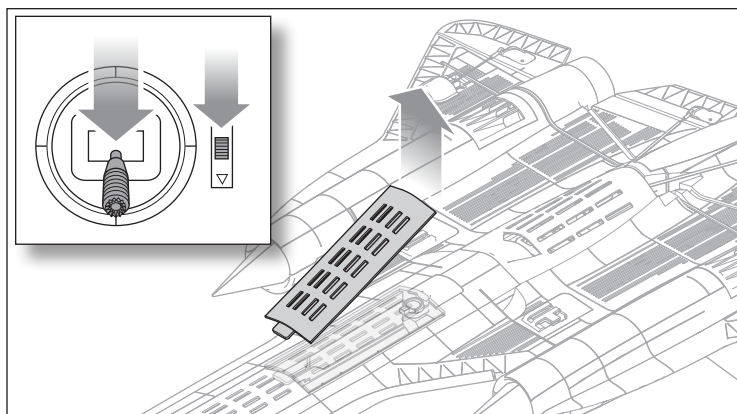
5. Keep the aircraft immobile and away from wind or the system will not initialize.
  - The motor will emit a tone when the battery is connected, then four even tones indicating the number of cells connected.
  - The motor will emit a series of tones after the flight controller is initialized.
  - An LED on the flight controller will indicate the flight mode after initialization. Reinstall the battery hatch.

### Binding

1. Power the Aircraft ON.
2. The receiver in the flight controller will automatically enter bind mode if it does not connect to a transmitter. Bind mode is indicated by flashing blue and red lights.
3. Put your transmitter into bind mode, the aircraft will bind and establish a connection with your transmitter.
4. The aircraft must be kept upright and stable to initialize.

### Flight controller LED

| LED Color             | Mode      |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Red and blue flashing | Bind Mode |
| Solid red and blue    | SAFE      |
| Solid red             | AS3X      |

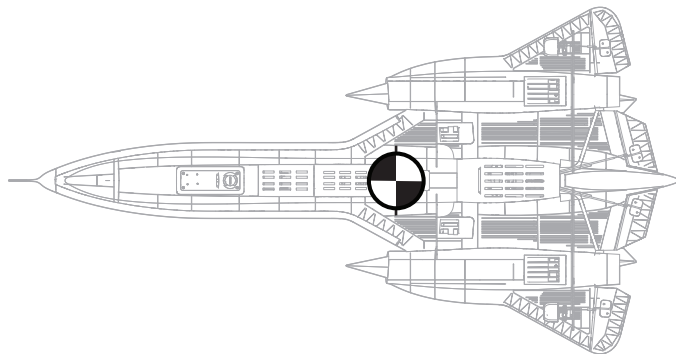


## Failsafe

If the receiver loses transmitter communication, the failsafe will activate. When activated, failsafe moves the throttle channel to its preset failsafe position (low throttle) that was set during binding. All other channels move collectively and actively to place the aircraft in a slow descending turn.

## Center of Gravity (CG)

Measure the CG location with the recommended battery (SPMX22004S30) installed, with the model balanced upright. The battery should be located at the front of the battery compartment to achieve the proper CG.



The CG location is exactly 5mm back from the indicated panel line on the bottom of the aircraft, as shown.

Panel Line  
Center of Gravity 5mm  
Behind Panel Line

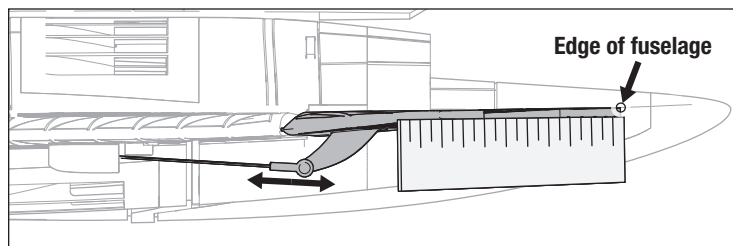
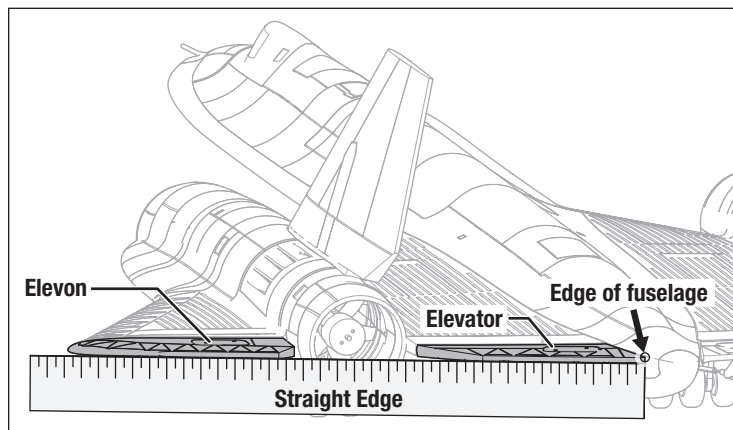
## Control Surface Centering

After assembly and transmitter setup, confirm the control surfaces are centered. Control surface centering must be done with SAFE Select off, and AS3X not active. Keep the throttle at zero after powering on to prevent AS3X from activating.

**IMPORTANT:** Enable throttle cut to help prevent accidental throttle activation.

1. Verify the trims and subtrims on your transmitter are zero.
2. Connect a battery to the model with SAFE select off and keep throttle at zero.
3. At neutral the top of the elevator should be aligned with the edge of the fuselage, as shown.
4. Align each elevon (outer control surface) with the elevator halves (inner control surface) using a straight edge, as shown.
5. If adjustment is required, remove the lower hatch for access to the servo linkages.
6. Adjustments to the control surfaces may be made individually by disconnecting the ball link from the control horn and adjusting the length of the pushrod.

**NOTICE:** Be aware of the pushrod bottoming out in the ball linkage. Do not thread the pushrod too far into the ball link or the pushrod will damage the ball link and protrude into the area needed for the control ball. Stop turning if the threads become tight.



## SAFE® Select Technology

When SAFE Select is activated, bank and pitch limitations keep you from over-controlling the aircraft. Additionally, by releasing the controls in the event you lose orientation, SAFE Select will keep the aircraft level.

To activate SAFE Select, flip the Gear channel switch (Switch A) to position 0. Return the Gear switch to position 1 to turn OFF SAFE Select and fly with just the assistance of AS3X® technology.

If you become disoriented or the aircraft is in a confusing attitude, flip the Gear switch to position 0 and release the sticks. With the aileron and elevator sticks in the neutral position, SAFE Select will automatically keep the airplane in a straight and level attitude.

### Disabling and Enabling SAFE Select

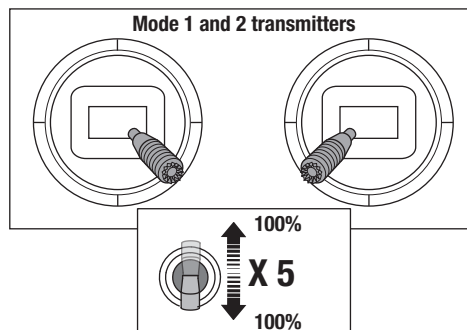
By default, the SAFE Select function of your aircraft is enabled and assigned to the Gear channel switch (channel 5). If you do not wish to have access to SAFE Select while flying, you can choose to disable SAFE Select functionality. AS3X will still be active when SAFE Select is disabled.

SAFE Select cannot be assigned to another channel in this aircraft. Choose to fly with SAFE Select ON or OFF using switch A (by default) when using the suggested transmitter setup.

**IMPORTANT:** Before attempting to disable or enable SAFE Select, ensure the aileron, elevator, rudder, throttle and gear channels are all on high rate with the travel set to 100%. Turn throttle hold OFF if it is programmed in the transmitter.

**CAUTION:** Keep all body parts clear of the rotor, intake and exhaust tube and keep the aircraft securely restrained in case of accidental throttle activation.

1. Power on the transmitter.
2. Power on the aircraft.
3. Hold both transmitter sticks to the inside bottom corners and toggle the Gear switch 5 times (1 toggle = full up and down). The control surfaces of the aircraft will move, indicating SAFE Select has been enabled or disabled.



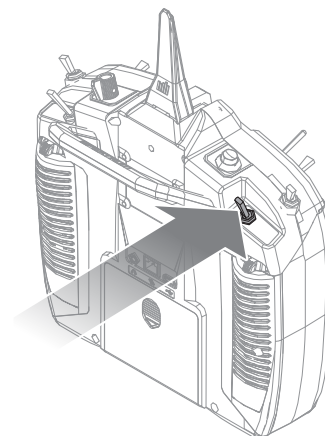
Repeat the process to re-enable or disable SAFE Select.

**Switch A is used for SAFE Select as shown below on the NX8**

**TIP:** If you prefer to use a different switch to control SAFE Select, you can assign it to another switch in your transmitter by changing the switch assigned to gear/channel 5.

**IMPORTANT:** We recommend using high rates when flying with SAFE Select ON

Low rates with SAFE Select ON will reduce the pitch and bank angle limits resulting in less control and wider turns in particular.





## Smart™ Technology Telemetry

### Smart Technology Electronic Speed Control (ESC)

This aircraft is equipped with an exclusive Smart technology electronic speed control that can provide a variety of real-time power system related telemetry data while you fly, including motor RPM, current, battery voltage and more to compatible Spektrum AirWare™ equipped transmitters.

When powered on, the ESC will send the below information to the flight controller and the information will be displayed on the transmitter telemetry screen.

- RPM\*
- Voltage
- Current
- Throttle
- FET Temperature
- BEC Temperature

\* During binding the transmitter will perform an auto configuration which will populate the telemetry page. You may need to change the telemetry values on those pages to suit this aircraft and your needs.

#### To enter the telemetry values:

(For iX series transmitters, you must select Save on each page)

1. Power on your transmitter.
2. Set the throttle cut to on.
3. Power on the aircraft and allow it to initialize.
4. In your transmitter, go to the **Function List (Model Setup** in iX series transmitters).
5. Select the **Telemetry** menu option.
6. Go to the **Smart Battery** menu option.
7. Scroll down to **Startup Volts**, enter **4.0V/cell**.
8. Return to the **Telemetry** menu.
9. Go to the **Smart ESC** menu option.
10. Scroll down to **Low Voltage Alarm**, enter **3.4V/cell**.
11. Scroll down to **Poles**, enter **6**.
12. Return to the main screen.

DX/NX screenshots shown below

| Telemetry        |                | LIST |
|------------------|----------------|------|
| Auto-Config      | 6: Empty       |      |
| 1: Smart Battery | 7: Empty       |      |
| 2: Empty         | 8: Empty       |      |
| 3: GForce        | 9: Empty       |      |
| 4: Gyroscope     | 10: Rx V       |      |
| 5: Smart ESC     | 11: Flight Log |      |

| Smart Battery                 |       | BACK |
|-------------------------------|-------|------|
| Display: Act                  | Alarm |      |
| Startup Volts Min: 4.00V/cell | Tone  |      |
| Overcharge Max: 4.20V/cell    | Tone  |      |
| Imbalance Max: 200mV          | Tone  |      |

| Smart ESC                     |       | BACK |
|-------------------------------|-------|------|
| Display: Act                  | Alarm |      |
| Total Cells: 4                |       |      |
| Low Voltage Alarm: 3.40V/Cell | Voice |      |
| Amps Max: 4A                  | Inh   |      |
| FET Temp Max: 199F            | Voice |      |
| Poles: 6                      |       |      |
| Ratio: 1.00:1                 |       |      |
| Status Reports: Inh           |       |      |
| Warning Reports: Inh          |       |      |

#### Telemetry Alarms

|   |      |
|---|------|
| Smart Battery : Startup Voltage Minimum | 4.0V |
| Smart ESC : Low Voltage Alarm           | 3.4V |
| Smart ESC : Motor Poles                 | 6    |

## Control Direction Test

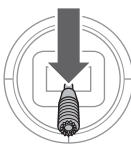
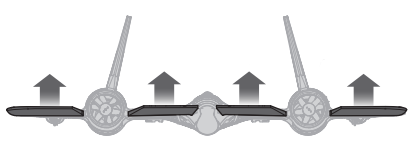

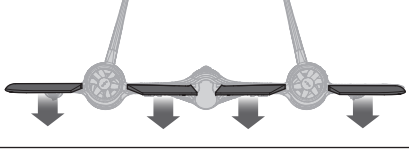
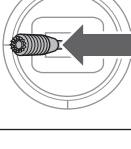
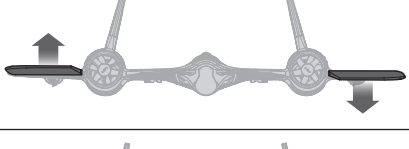
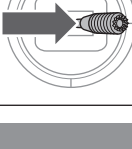
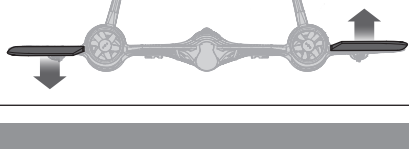
Switch on the transmitter and connect the battery. Use the transmitter to operate the aileron, and elevator control. View the aircraft from the rear when checking the control directions.

### Elevator

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

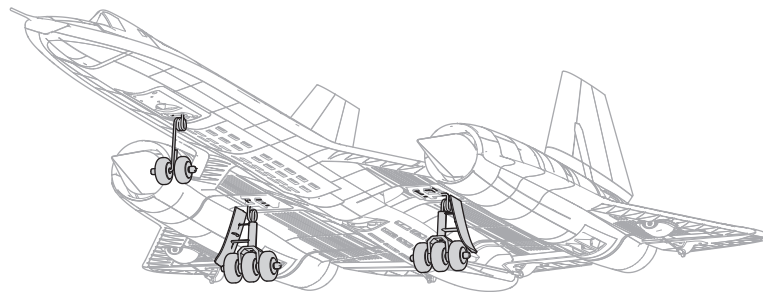
### Ailerons

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

|          | Transmitter command  | Control Surface Response  |
|----------|--|---|
| Elevator |  |  |
|          |  |  |
| Ailerons |  |  |
|          |  |  |

## Landing Gear

The landing gear may be left installed or removed to suit your flying area. We recommend using the landing gear when you can take off and land from a smooth surface. If you are flying from long grass you may choose to remove the landing gear, in which case you will need to hand launch the aircraft and belly land.



## Hand Launching

**NOTICE:** Hand launching in AS3X mode is not recommended as it may result in a crash. Always hand launch in SAFE mode.

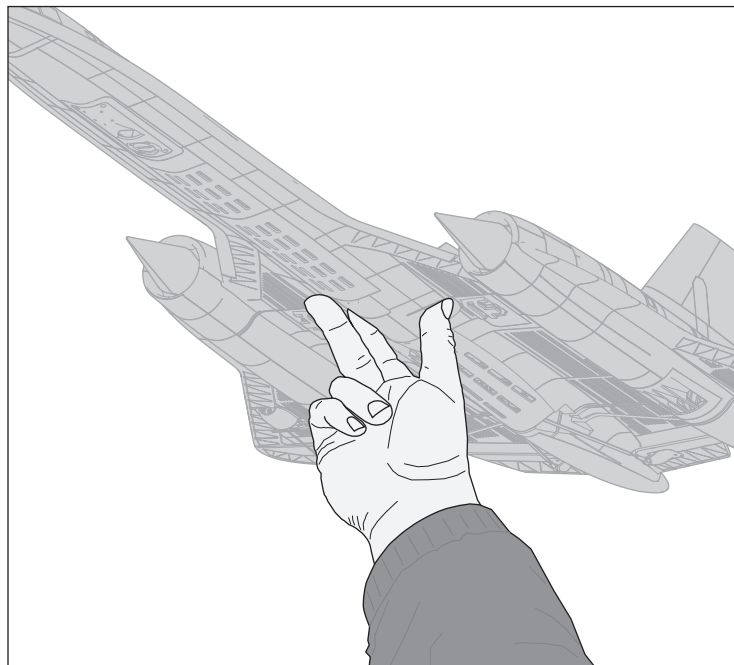
- We recommend flying without landing gear when hand launching.
  - Always hand launch in SAFE mode, into the wind, at 100% power, in high rates.
- When hand launching in SAFE mode, the flight controller will immediately sense the force of the launch and will automatically enable the SAFE hand launch mode. In this mode the flight controller will add up elevator automatically so the aircraft climbs at a higher angle for a few seconds. It will return to standard SAFE mode shortly after launch.

### Grip

Hold the aircraft using the molded-in finger holes, as shown.

### Follow Through

Using an overhand throw, launch the aircraft with the wings level and the nose pointed slightly upwards. Follow through with your hand launch by pointing your fingers at the airplane after the throw. Avoid an arching throw which can pull the nose down at release.



## Flying Tips and Repairs

Consult local laws and ordinances before choosing a flying location.

### Flying Field

Always choose a wide-open space for flying your aircraft. It is recommended that you fly at a designated RC flying field. Always avoid flying near houses, trees, wires and buildings. Avoid flying in areas where there are many people, such as parks, schoolyards, or soccer fields.

### Range Check your Radio System

Before you fly, range check the radio system. Refer to your specific transmitter instruction manual for range test information.

### Understanding Oscillation

Once the AS3X system is active (after advancing the throttle for the first time), you will normally see the control surfaces react to aircraft movement. In some flight conditions, you will see oscillation. If oscillation occurs, decrease airspeed. If oscillation persists, refer to the Troubleshooting Guide for more information.

### Takeoff

Takeoff (from ground/using landing gear)

Place the aircraft in position for takeoff (facing into the wind). Set your transmitter in low rate and gradually increase the throttle from  $\frac{3}{4}$  to full and steer with the rudder control stick. As the airplane gains speed, gently pull back on the elevator and climb to a comfortable altitude

### Flying

Fly the airplane and trim it for level flight at full throttle. After adjusting trim in flight do not touch the control sticks for 3 seconds. This allows the receiver to learn the correct settings to optimize AS3X performance.

### Landing

Make sure to land the aircraft into the wind. Start to slow the model down to an approach speed. Fly the aircraft to approximately 3 feet (90 cm) or less above the runway, using a small amount of throttle for the entire descent. Keep the throttle on until the aircraft is ready to flare. During flare, keep the wings level and the aircraft pointed into the wind. Gently lower the throttle while pulling back on the elevator to bring the aircraft down on its wheels.

## Post Flight Checklist

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| Disconnect the flight battery from the ESC  |
| Power OFF the transmitter                   |
| Remove the flight battery from the aircraft |
| Recharge the flight battery                 |

**NOTICE:** If a crash is imminent, reduce the throttle and trim fully. Failure to do so could result in extra damage to the airframe, as well as damage to the ESC and motor.

**NOTICE:** After any impact, always ensure the receiver is secure in the fuselage. If you replace the receiver, install the new receiver in the same orientation as the original receiver or damage may result.

**NOTICE:** Crash damage is not covered under warranty.

**NOTICE:** When you are finished flying, never leave the airplane in direct sunlight or a hot, enclosed area such as a car. Doing so can damage the foam.

### Low Voltage Cutoff (LVC)

When a Li-Po battery is discharged below 3V per cell, it will not hold a charge. The ESC protects the flight battery from over-discharge using Low Voltage Cutoff (LVC). Before the battery charge decreases too much, LVC removes power supplied to the motor. Power to the motor pulses, showing that some battery power is reserved for flight control and safe landing.

Disconnect and remove the Li-Po battery from the aircraft after use to prevent trickle discharge. Charge your Li-Po battery to about half capacity before storage. During storage, make sure the battery charge does not fall below 3V per cell. LVC does not prevent the battery from over-discharge during storage.

**NOTICE:** Repeated flying to LVC will damage the battery.

**TIP:** Monitor your aircraft battery's voltage before and after flying by using a Smart LiPo Battery Checker and Servo Driver (SPMXBC100, sold separately).

### Repairs

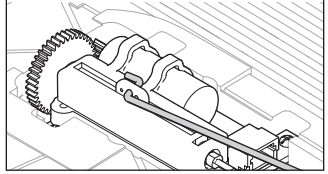
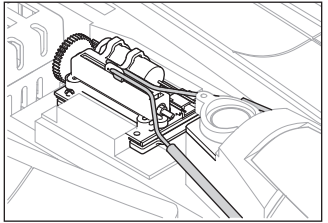
Thanks to the EPO foam material in this aircraft, repairs to the foam can be made using virtually any adhesive (hot glue, regular CA, epoxy, etc). When parts are not repairable, see the Replacement Parts List for ordering by item number. For a listing of all replacement and optional parts, refer to the list at the end of this manual.

**NOTICE:** Use of CA accelerator on your aircraft can damage paint. DO NOT handle the aircraft until accelerator fully dries.

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

## Control Horn and Servo Arm Factory Settings

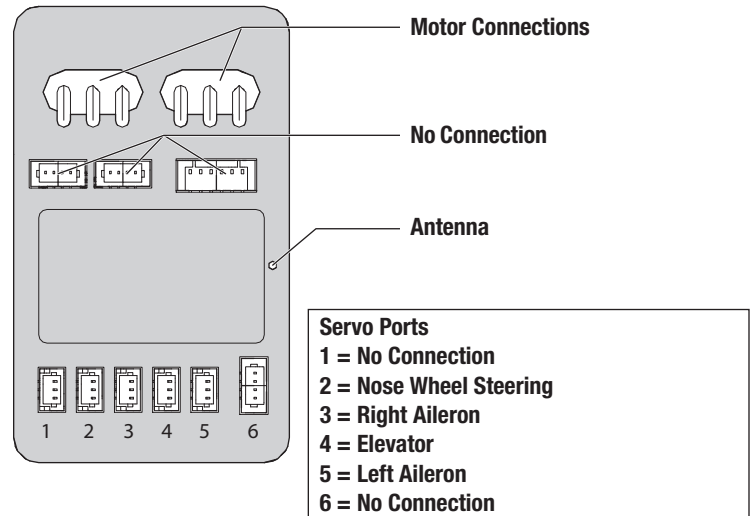
The table to the right shows the factory settings for the control horns and servo arms. Fly the aircraft at factory settings before making changes.

|          |  | Factory Settings   |  |
|----------|--|--|--|
|          |  | Control Horns  | Servo  |
| Elevator |  |  | <p>The Z bend for the pushrod going to the Aileron servos goes through the center hole on the servo output.</p>   |
|          |  |  | <p>The elevator linkage includes two pushrods which both operate from the sliding tab on the servo. The right elevator has a Z bend and goes in the middle hole. The left elevator has a U bend and goes in the rear hole.</p>  |
| Ailerons |  | <p>The control horns all feature a single mounting point for the ball link. There is no adjustability in these linkages because the SR-71® has been finely tuned and we do not recommend changing the control configuration.</p> |  |
|          |  |  |  |

## Flight Controller Wiring

All the functions of this aircraft are handled in the flight controller. If you need to remove the flight controller it needs to be reinstalled in the same orientation as originally mounted. The servo connectors should be at the rear of the receiver, facing down.

Reference the following diagram for servo and motor connections.

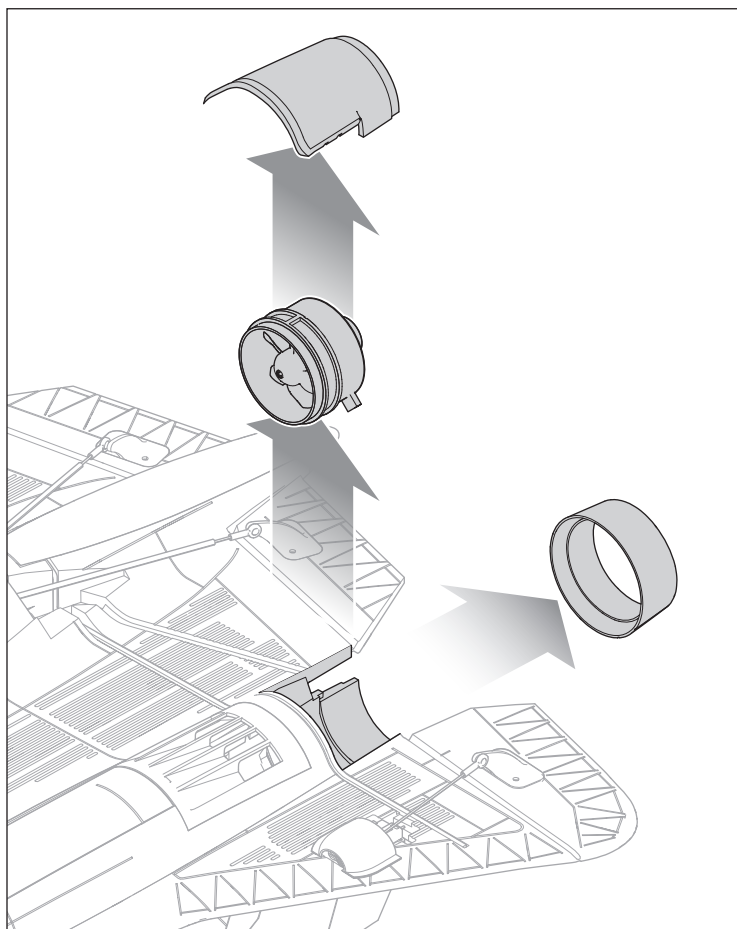
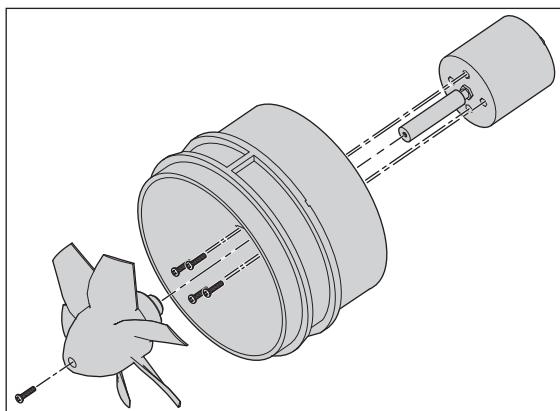


## Power System Service

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

To access the power system for service, a fresh hobby knife is required to separate the parts holding the ducted fan in place.

1. Cut along the seam around the perimeter of the tail cone and remove the tail cone.
2. Cut along the glue seam for the lower rear fan ducting. Avoid cutting the motor wires.
3. The fan unit is glued in place, remove it by gently twisting the fan enclosure.
4. Repair or replace the fan parts as necessary.
5. Reinstall the fan with a small dab of medium or thick CA glue; the fan enclosure is captured in the foam which provides most of the mounting strength.
6. Reinstall the fan enclosure with small dabs of medium or thick CA glue along the fore/aft seam and along the leading edge of the part.
7. Reinstall the tail cone with small dabs of medium or thick CA glue.



## Troubleshooting Guide AS3X

| Problem                         | Possible Cause  | Solution   |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| Oscillation                     | Damaged rotor or nose cone  | Replace rotor or nose cone   |
|                                 | Imbalanced rotor  | Balance the rotor  |
|                                 | Motor vibration   | Replace parts or correctly align fan unit or other parts and tighten fasteners as needed   |
|                                 | Loose receiver  | Align and secure receiver in fuselage  |
|                                 | Loose aircraft controls   | Tighten or otherwise secure parts (servo, arm, linkage, horn and control surface)  |
|                                 | Worn parts  | Replace worn parts (especially rotor, nose cone, or servo)   |
|                                 | Irregular servo movement  | Replace servo  |
| Inconsistent flight performance | Trim is not at neutral  | If you adjust trim more than 8 clicks, adjust the ball link to remove trim   |
|                                 | Sub-Trim is not at neutral  | No Sub-Trim is allowed. Adjust the servo linkage   |
|                                 | Aircraft was not kept immobile for 5 seconds after battery connection | With the throttle stick in lowest position. Disconnect battery, then reconnect battery and keep the aircraft still for 5 seconds |

## Troubleshooting Guide

| Problem  | Possible Cause   | Solution  |
|--|--|---|
| Aircraft will not respond to throttle but responds to other controls | Throttle not at idle and/or throttle trim too high   | Reset controls with throttle stick and throttle trim at lowest setting  |
|  | Throttle servo travel is lower than 100%   | Make sure throttle servo travel is 100% or greater  |
|  | Throttle channel is reversed   | Reverse throttle channel on transmitter   |
|  | Motor disconnected from ESC  | Make sure motor is connected to the ESC   |
| Excessive fan noise or excessive vibration                           | Damaged fan, nose cone, collet or motor  | Replace damaged parts   |
|  | Fan is out of balance  | Balance or replace fan  |
|  | Fan screw is loose   | Tighten the fan screw   |
| Reduced flight time or aircraft underpowered                         | Flight battery charge is low   | Completely recharge flight battery  |
|  | Flight battery damaged   | Replace flight battery and follow flight battery instructions   |
|  | Flight conditions may be too cold  | Make sure battery is not cold before use (Do not apply heat to the battery)                                   |
|  | Battery capacity too low for flight conditions   | Replace battery or use a larger capacity battery  |
| Aircraft will not bind (during binding) to transmitter               | Transmitter too near aircraft during binding process   | Move powered transmitter a few feet from aircraft, disconnect and reconnect flight battery to aircraft        |
|  | Aircraft or transmitter is too close to large metal object, wireless source or another transmitter | Move aircraft and transmitter to another location and attempt binding again                                   |
|  | Flight battery/transmitter battery charge is too low   | Replace/recharge batteries  |
|  | Bind switch or button not held long enough during bind process                                     | Power off transmitter and repeat bind process. Hold transmitter bind button or switch until receiver is bound |
| Aircraft will not connect (after binding) to transmitter             | Transmitter too near aircraft during connecting process  | Move powered transmitter a few feet from aircraft, disconnect and reconnect flight battery to aircraft        |
|  | Aircraft or transmitter is too close to large metal object, wireless source or another transmitter | Move aircraft and transmitter to another location and attempt connecting again                                |
|  | Aircraft bound to different model memory (ModelMatch™ radios only)                                 | Select correct model memory on transmitter  |
|  | Flight battery/Transmitter battery charge is too low   | Replace/recharge batteries  |
|  | Transmitter may have been bound to a different aircraft using different DSM protocol               | Bind aircraft to transmitter  |
| Control surface does not move  | Control surface, control horn, linkage or servo damage   | Replace or repair damaged parts and adjust controls   |
|  | Wire damaged or connections loose  | Do a check of wires and connections, connect or replace as needed   |
|  | Transmitter is not bound correctly or the incorrect airplanes was selected                         | Re-bind or select correct airplanes in transmitter  |
|  | Flight battery charge is low   | Fully recharge flight battery   |
|  | BEC (Battery Elimination Circuit) of the ESC is damaged  | Replace ESC   |
| Controls reversed  | Transmitter settings are reversed  | Perform the Control Direction Test and adjust the controls on transmitter appropriately                       |
| Motor power pulses then motor loses power                            | ESC uses default soft Low Voltage Cutoff (LVC)   | Recharge flight battery or replace battery that is no longer performing                                       |
|  | Weather conditions might be too cold   | Postpone flight until weather is warmer   |
|  | Battery is old, worn out, or damaged   | Replace battery   |
|  | Battery C rating might be too low  | Use recommended battery   |

## Replacement Parts

| Part #     | Description  |
|------------|--|
| EFL01459   | Rotor Fan: 40mm EDF                                |
| EFL01460   | Fan Unit w/Rotor: 40mm EDF                         |
| EFL02051   | Fuselage: SR-71® Twin 40mm EDF                     |
| EFL02052   | EDF Duct Covers: SR-71® Twin 40mm EDF              |
| EFL02053   | Nose Gear Cover w/ Servo arm: SR-71® Twin 40mm EDF |
| EFL02054   | Battery Hatch: SR-71® Twin 40mm EDF                |
| EFL02055   | Flight Controller Hatch: SR-71® Twin 40mm EDF      |
| EFL02056   | Nose Cone: SR-71® Twin 40mm EDF                    |
| EFL02057   | Tail Cones: SR-71® Twin 40mm EDF                   |
| EFL02058   | Fin Set, Black: SR-71® Twin 40mm EDF               |
| EFL02059   | Fin Set, Red: SR-71® Twin 40mm EDF                 |
| EFL02060   | Landing Gear Set: SR-71® Twin 40mm EDF             |
| EFL02061   | Servo Covers: SR-71® Twin 40mm EDF                 |
| EFL02062   | Pushrod, Hardware Set: SR-71® Twin 40mm EDF        |
| EFL02063   | Nacelle Cones: SR-71® Twin 40mm EDF                |
| EFL02064   | Decal Sheet: SR-71® Twin 40mm EDF                  |
| EFL02065   | Screw Set: SR-71® Twin 40mm EDF                    |
| EFL02066   | FC Rubber Isolation Mounts: SR-71® Twin 40mm EDF   |
| SPMA3240A  | FC Unit: SR-71® Twin 40mm EDF                      |
| SPMSA201   | A201 2.3g Long-Throw Linear Servo                  |
| SPMSA202   | A202 2.9g Long-Throw Linear Servo                  |
| SPMXAM2700 | 1820-6800Kv Brushless Motor, 6-pole                |

## Recommended Parts

| Part #       | Description                     |
|--------------|---------------------------------|
| SPMR6775     | NX6 6 Ch Transmitter Only       |
| SPMX22004S30 | 2200mAh 4S 14.8V Smart 30C; IC3 |
| SPMXC2050    | Smart S155 G2 AC 1x55W Charger  |

## Optional Parts

| Part #     | Description                             |
|------------|---|
| SPMA2005   | UMX Linear Servo Extensions; Multi-Pack |
| SPMXBC100  | Smart Battery & Servo Tester            |
| SPMXPSA4   | Smart Powerstage Aircraft 4S Bundle     |
| SPMR8200   | NX8 8 Ch DSMX Transmitter Only          |
| SPMXC1070  | Smart S150 AC/DC Charger, 1x50W         |
| SPMX224S30 | 2200mAh 4S 14.8V Smart G2 30C;          |
| SPMX224S50 | 2200mAh 4S 14.8V Smart G2 50C;          |

## Important Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Information

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



**Recreational UAS Safety Test**

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



**FAA DroneZone**

## AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code

**Effective January 1, 2018**

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

As an AMA member I agree:

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

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### FCC ID: BRWWAC01T

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### Supplier's Declaration of Conformity

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



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

**NOTE:** This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a

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

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### Wireless frequency and output:

#### Receiver:

2404-2476 MHz

1.43 dBm

### EU Manufacturer of Record:

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Champaign, IL 61822 USA

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