

It is of vital importance, before attempting to operate your engine, to read the general 'SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS' in the following section and to strictly adhere to the advice contained therein.

Also, please study the entire contents of this instruction manual, so as to familiarize yourself with the controls and other features of the engine.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS ABOUT YOUR O.S. ENGINE

Remember that your engine is not a "toy", but a highly efficient internal-combustion machine whose power is capable of harming you, or others, if it is misused. As owner, you, alone, are responsible for the safe operation of your engine, so act with discretion and care at all times. If at some future date, your O.S. engine is acquired by another person, we would respectfully request that these instructions are also passed on to its new owner.

The advice which follows is grouped under two headings according to the degree of damage or danger which might arise through misuse or neglect.

WARNINGS

These cover events which might involve serious (in extreme circumstances, even fatal) injury.

NOTES

These cover the many other possibilities, generally less obvious sources of danger, but which, under certain circumstances, may also cause damage or injury.

WARNINGS

Never touch, or allow any object to come into contact with, the rotating propeller and do not crouch over the engine when it is running.

Model engine fuel is poisonous. Do not allow it to come into contact with the eyes or mouth. Always store it in a clearly marked container and out of the reach of children.

Model engine fuel is also highly flammable. Keep it away from open flame, excessive heat, sources of sparks, or anything else which might ignite it. Do not smoke or allow anyone else to smoke, near to it.

ABOUT THE ENGINE

FSα-56II is a single-cylinder overhead valve four cycle engine. It features a sharp and modern look and broad power band to suit a variety of model types.

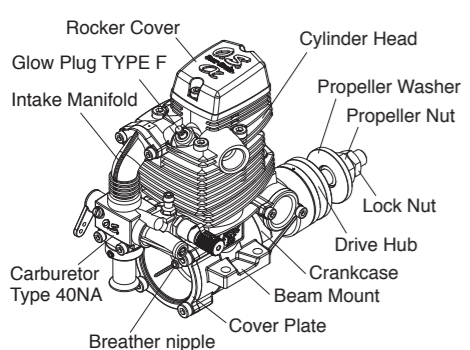
The F-4040 silencer is designed to minimize noise with its soft, low-amplitude sound. Threaded header pipe allows adjustments in the distance between silencer and exhaust and exhaust angle. It has the same mounting dimensions, drive hub position and linkage position with the FS-52S and FSα-56.

Please note that this engine is not supplied with any tools (e.g. Allen keys, wrenches, etc.)

STANDARD ACCESSORIES

- Glow Plug TypeF
- F-4040 Silencer Assembly
Silencer Body
Exhaust Header Pipe (W/M10 Lock Nuts)

BASIC ENGINE PARTS



Model engines generate considerable heat. Do not touch any part of your engine until it has cooled. Contact with the muffler (silencer), cylinder head or exhaust header pipe, in particular, may result in a serious burn.



A weakened or loose propeller may disintegrate or be thrown off and, since propeller tip speeds with powerful engines may exceed 600 feet(180 metres) per second, it will be understood that such a failure could result in serious injury, (see 'NOTES' section relating to propeller safety).

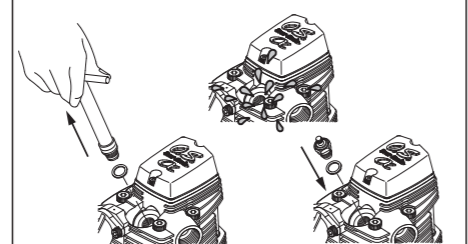
Never operate your engine in an enclosed space. Model engines, like automobile engines, exhaust deadly carbon-monoxide. Run your engine only in an open area.

NOTES

- This engine was designed for model aircraft. Do not attempt to use it for any other purpose.
- Mount the engine in your model securely, following the manufacturers' recommendations, using appropriate screws and locknuts.
- Be sure to use the silencer (muffler) supplied with the engine. Frequent exposure to an open exhaust may eventually impair your hearing. Such noise is also likely to cause annoyance to others over a wide area.
- If you remove the glowplug from the engine and check its condition by connecting the battery leads to it, do not hold the plug with bare fingers. Use an appropriate tool or a folded piece of cloth.
- Install a top-quality propeller of the diameter and pitch specified for the engine and aircraft. Locate the propeller on the shaft so that the curved face of the blades faces forward-i.e. in the direction of flight. Firmly tighten the propeller nut, using the correct size wrench.
- Always check the tightness of the propeller nut and retighten it, if necessary, before restarting the engine. Also, check the tightness of all the screws and nuts before restarting the engine.
- If you install a spinner, make sure that it is a precision made product and that the slots for the propeller blades do not cut into the blade roots and weaken them.

NOTES WHEN APPLYING AN ELECTRIC STARTER

Do not over-prime. This could cause a hydraulic lock and damage the engine on application of the electric starter. If over-primed, remove glowplug, close needle-valve and apply starter to pump out surplus fuel. Cover the head with a rag to prevent pumped out fuel from getting into your



BEFORE STARTING Propellers

The choice of propeller depends on the design and weight of the aircraft and the type of flying in which you will be engaged. Determine the best size and type after practical experimentation. As a starting point, refer to the props listed in the accompanying table. Slightly larger, or even slightly smaller, props than those shown in the table may be used, but remember that the propeller noise will increase, due to higher rpm or if a larger-diameter/lower-pitched prop is used.

Type	Size(DxP)
Sport & Aerobatic	13x6, 12x6-8
Scale	13x6-7, 12x6-8

Warning: Make sure that the propeller is well balanced. An unbalanced propeller and/or spinner can cause serious vibration which may weaken parts of the airframe or affect the safety of the radio-controlled system.

Preferably, use an electric starter. The wearing of safety glasses is also strongly recommended.

Discard any propeller which has become split, cracked, nicked or otherwise rendered unsafe. Never attempt to repair such a propeller: destroy it. Do not modify a propeller in any way, unless you are highly experienced in tuning propellers for specialized competition work such as pylon-racing.

Take care that the glow plug clip or battery leads do not come into contact with the propeller. Also check the linkage to the throttle arm. A disconnected linkage could also foul the propeller.

After starting the engine, carry out any needle-valve readjustments from a safe position behind the rotating propeller. Stop the engine before attempting to make other adjustments to the carburetor.

Adjust the throttle linkage so that the engine stops when the throttle stick and trim lever on the transmitter are fully retarded. Alternatively, the engine may be stopped by cutting off the fuel supply. Never try to stop the engine physically.

Take care that loose clothing (ties, shirt sleeves, scarves, etc.) do not come into contact with the propeller. Do not carry loose objects (such as pencils, screwdrivers, etc.) in a shirt pocket from where they could fall through the propeller arc.

Do not start your engine in an area containing loose gravel or sand. The propeller may throw such material in your face and eyes and cause injury.

For their safety, keep all onlookers (especially small children) well back (at least 20 feet or 6 meters) when preparing your model for flight. If you have to carry the model to the take-off point with the engine running, be especially cautious. Keep the propeller pointed away from you and walk well clear of spectators.

Warning! Immediately after a glowplug-ignition engine has been run and is still warm, conditions sometimes exist whereby it is just possible for the engine to abruptly restart if the propeller is casually flipped over compression WITHOUT the glowplug battery being reconnected. Remember this if you wish to avoid the risk of a painfully rapped knuckle!

Spinner

Since the engine is intended to be started with an electric starter, the addition of a spinner assembly for centering the starter sleeve is desirable. Use a heavy-duty, well balanced spinner either of metal or plastic.

Fuel

The FSα-56II should be operated on a methanol based fuel containing not less than 18% (volumetric) castor oil, or a top quality synthetic lubricant (or a mixture of both), plus a small percentage (5-20%) of nitromethane for improved flexibility and power. (The carburetor is adjusted a little on the rich side at the factory for a fuel containing 20% lubricant and 15% nitromethane.) Some commercial fuels also contain coloring additives as an aid to fuel level visibility. In some cases, these additives have indicated slightly negative effects on the performance. We would suggest that you use such fuels only if you are satisfied that they do not adversely affect running qualities when compared with familiar standard fuels. When changing to a fuel brand or formula that is different from the one to which you are accustomed, it is a wise precaution to temporarily revert to in-flight running-in procedures, until you are sure that the engine is running entirely satisfactorily.

Fuel Tank

A fuel tank of approximately 220cc capacity is suggested. This allows around 12 minutes flying time, dependent upon the type of fuel used, the size of propeller and on the amount of full-throttle to part-throttle operation throughout the flight.

Electric Starter and Starter Battery

Required when starting the engine.

Fuel Pump

Alternatively, one of the purpose-made manual or electric fuel pumps may be used to transfer fuel directly from your fuel container to the fuel tank.

GlowPlug Igniter

Commercially available handy glowplug heater in which the glowplug battery and battery leads are integrated.

O.S. Super Filter (For Fuel Container)

Install a filter on the outlet tube of your refueling container to prevent entry of foreign matter into fuel tank. O.S. 'Super Filters' (large and small) are available as optional extras.

O.S. Non-Bubble Weight (For Fuel Tank)

To prevent the pickup from adhering to the tank wall under suction and restricting fuel flow, slots may be filed I the end of the weight. Alternatively, O.S. Non-Bubble Weight is available as an optional extra.

Fuel Filter

It is recommended to install a good in-line filter between the fuel tank and carburetor to prevent entry of foreign matter into the carburetor.

O.S. SPEED Silicone Fuel Line (optional extra)

The connection between the fuel tank and the engine. ID: 2.5mm Length 1000mm

TOOLS

Hex Drivers

Necessary for engine installation. 1.5mm, 2mm, 2.5mm

Phillips Screwdriver No.1, No.2, etc.

Screwdriver

Necessary for carburetor adjustments. No.1, No.2, etc

Socket Drivers 5mm, 5.5mm, 7mm

O.S. Long Socket Wrench With Plug Grip (optional extra)

End Wrenches 10-12mm, etc.

Needle Nose Pliers

INSTALLATION

It is suggested to use as heavy and rigid as possible engine mounting for highest performance and safe running. Install the engine on a plastic mount using at least 3mm steel screws, such as Allen type, with locknuts, for bolting the engine to the bearers.

Make sure that these mounting beams are accurately aligned and firmly integrated with the airframe, reinforcing the adjacent structure to absorb vibration. Use 4mm or larger steel screws, preferably Allen type hexagon socket head cap screws, with washers and locknuts, for bolting the engine to the bearers.

O.S. Radial Motor Mount

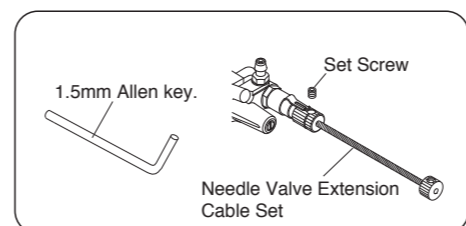
A special O.S. radial motor mount (Code No.71913000) is available, as an optional extra, for use where firewall type mounting is required.

THROTTLE LINKAGE

Before connecting the throttle to its servo, make sure that the throttle arm and linkage safely clear any adjacent part of the airframe structure, etc., as the throttle is opened and closed. Connect the linkage so that the throttle is fully closed when the transmitter throttle stick and its trim lever are at their lowest settings and fully open when the throttle stick is in its fully-open position. Carefully align the appropriate holes in the throttle arm and servo horn so that they move symmetrically and smoothly through their full travel.

NEEDLE-VALVE EXTENSION

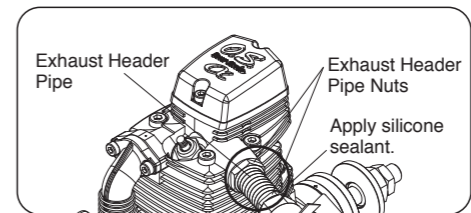
The needle-valve supplied with this engine is designed to incorporate an extension so that, when the engine is enclosed within the fuselage, the needle-valve may be adjusted from the outside. Cut a commercially available rod to the required length, bend one end to an L shape, insert it into needle's center hole and secure it by tightening the set-screw in the needle-valve knob with 1.5mm Allen key. Needle Valve Extension Cable Set (Code No. 72200080) is available from O.S. as an optional part.



INSTALLING SILENCER

Screw the exhaust header pipe in the cylinder head to the bottom and secure it with the nut. (A short screw in depth may damage the threads of the cylinder head due to vibration.)

- Screw the silencer on the exhaust header pipe more than 8mm (10 turns) and secure it with the nut. (A short screw in depth may break the silencer or header pipe due to vibration.) The distance between silencer and cylinder head can be adjusted by approximately 10mm by screwing the silencer on or out the header pipe. Adjust the silencer position by rotating the silencer.
- Apply silicone sealant to the threads to prevent the silencer and header pipe from loosening and leaking oil.

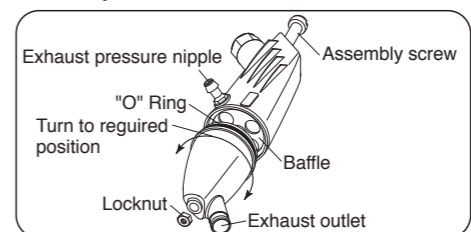


The exhaust outlet of the silencer can be rotated to any desired position in the following manner:

- Loosen the locknut and assembly screw.
- Set the exhaust outlet at the required position by rotating the rear part of the silencer.
- Re-tighten the assembly screw, followed by the locknut.

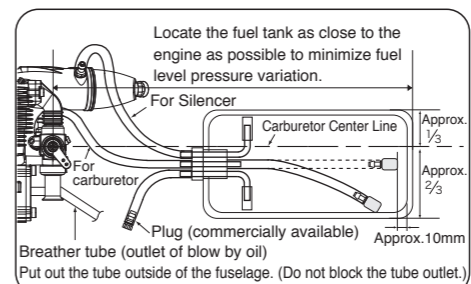
Note:

When tightening the locknut, hold the assembly screw with a screw driver so that the assembly screw may not loosen.



FUEL TANK LOCATION

- Make sure that the tank is well rinsed out with methanol or glow fuel before installation and that the pickup weight is well clear of the bottom of the tank when held vertically.
- For plumbing, use heavy duty silicone tube of 2.5mm inner dia and 5mm outer dia.
- The Fuel line pickup weight should be 10mm away from the back of the tank.
- Position the fuel tank so that approximately 1/3 of the tank height is above the center line of the needlevalve.
- Be sure to use a pressurized fuel system by connecting the muffler pressure nipple to the vent-pipe of the fuel tank.



PROPELLER

There is a risk, particularly with powerful four-stroke engines, of the propeller flying off if the prop nut loosens due to detonation ("knocking") in the combustion chamber when the engine is operated too lean, or under an excessively heavy load.

Obviously, this can be very hazardous. To eliminate such dangers, the O.S. Safety Locknut Assembly was devised. Install this as follows:

- Install the prop to the engine shaft, followed by the retaining washer and prop nut and tighten firmly with a 12mm wrench. (not supplied).
- Add the special tapered and slotted locknut and secure with a 10mm wrench (not supplied) while holding the prop nut with the 12mm wrench.

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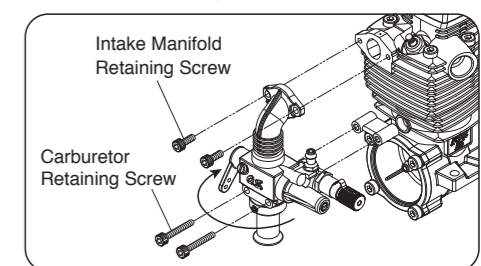
Make a habit of always checking the tightness of the propeller before starting the engine. Remember that, especially with wooden propellers, there is a tendency for the material to shrink, or for it to be reduced by the serrated face of the drive hub. Retighten the propeller nut if necessary after loosening the Safety Propeller Locknut. The locknut should be tightened firmly after retightening the propeller nut.

MIXTURE CONTROLS

RELOCATION OF CARBURETOR CONTROLS

The carburetor can be turned 180° to reverse the needle-valve and throttle lever position.

- Remove the intake manifold retaining screws and carburetor retaining screws.
- Rotate the intake manifold 180° gently without removing the carburetor from the intake manifold.
- Re-install the intake manifold and carburetor retaining screws. Make sure the fitting faces are clean. Do not over-tighten the screws.



TYPE 40NA CARBURETTOR

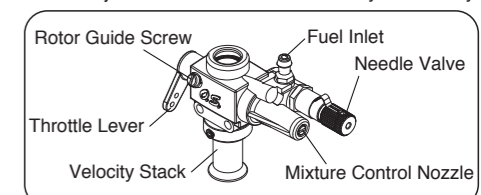
Two mixture controls are provided on this Carburetor.

The Needle Valve

When set to produce maximum power at full throttle, this establishes the basic fuel/air mixture strength. The correct mixture is then maintained by the carburetor's built-in automatic mixture control system to cover the engine's requirements at reduced throttle settings.

The Mixture Control Nozzle

This meters fuel flow at part-throttle and idle speeds to ensure reliable operation as the throttle is opened and closed. The Mixture Control Nozzle is factory set for the approximate best result. First run the engine as received and readjust the Mixture Control Nozzle only if necessary.



The sequence in which these controls are adjusted is explained in the succeeding sections, under Starting, Running-in and Idle Adjustment.

STARTING

The FSα-56II is not equipped with manual choke controls, as it is intended for use with an electric starter only.

A high-torque electric starter not only makes starting the engine easier, it dispenses with the need for a choke valve by turning the engine over fast enough to the cylinder automatically.

Starting procedure is as follows:

- Fill the fuel tank with fuel. When filled, prevent fuel flowing into the carburetor with a commercially available fuel stopper, etc. Release the stopper before starting the engine.
- Make sure that the plug element glows red, and install the plug in the cylinder head.
- Check that the current to the glowplug is switched off.
- To close the needle-valve, turn it clockwise, while to open the needle-valve, turn it counter-clockwise. Turn the needle-valve clockwise slowly until it stops. This is the fully closed position.
- Open the needle-valve 2-2.5 turns from the fully closed position and set the throttle in the fully open position.

