

Manual of Sensorless Brushless Motor Speed Controller

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Features:

- ∪ Lithium battery Balance Discharge Monitoring and Protecting Design for real time monitoring the discharge voltage of each lithium (Li-ion/Li-poly) cell in a battery pack. No longer worry about the over discharge problem, your lithium battery pack will have much longer life. **(Remark: This function is ONLY available for "Balancer" series ESC)**
- ∪ Startup music playing functionality. (With a program card, you can select one of 15 songs or disable the music playing function)
- ∪ Extreme low resistance, super current endurance.
- ∪ Full protection features: Low-voltage cutoff protection / over-heat protection / throttle signal lost protection
- ∪ 3 startup modes: Normal / Soft / Super-Soft startup, can be used for both fixed-wing aircraft or helicopter models
- ∪ Throttle range can be configured, fully compatible with all market available transmitters.
- ∪ Smooth and accurate speed control, excellent throttle linearity.
- ∪ Microprocessor uses separate voltage regulator IC, with good anti-jamming capability.
- ∪ Supported highest motor speed: 21000 RPM (2 poles), 70000 RPM (6 poles), 35000 RPM (12 poles).
- ∪ Programming CARD in a very small size can be purchased additionally for easily programming the ESC on field.

Specification:

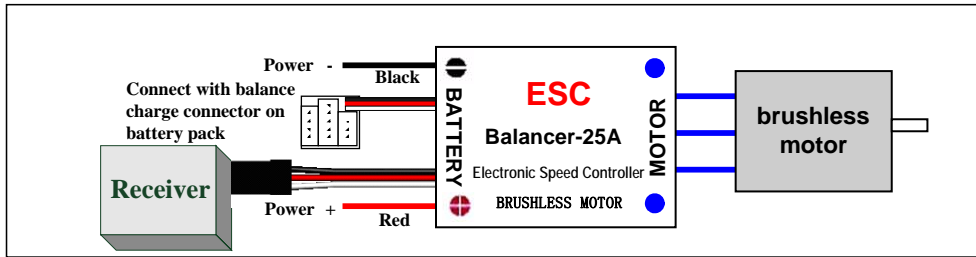
Professional Series											
Class	Model	Continues Current	Burst Current (>10s)	BEC Mode	BEC Output	Battery Cell		User Programm-able	Balance Discharge Protection	Weight	Size
						Li-ion Li-poly	NiMH NiCd				L*W*H
12A	Professional-12	12A	15A	Linear	5V/1A	2-4	5-12	Available	N/A	12g	32*24*8
	Professional-12E	12A	15A	Linear	5V/2A	2-4	5-12	Available	N/A	13g	32*24*10
18A	Professional-18	18A	22A	Linear	5V/2A	2-4	5-12	Available	N/A	19g	24*45*11
25A	Professional-25	25A	35A	Linear	5V/2A	2-4	5-12	Available	N/A	22g	24*45*11
	Professional-25-OPTO	25A	35A	N/A		2-4	5-12	Available	N/A	21g	24*45*11
30A	Professional-30	30A	40A	Linear	5V/2A	2-4	5-12	Available	N/A	25g	45*24*11
40A	Professional-40	40A	55A	Linear	5V/3A	2-6	5-18	Available	N/A	33g	55*28*12
	Professional-40-OPTO	40A	55A	N/A		2-6	5-18	Available	N/A	32g	55*28*11
	Professional-40-HV	40A	55A	N/A		2-10	5-30	Available	N/A	N/A	N/A
60A	Professional-60	60A	80A	Linear	5V/3A	2-6	5-18	Available	N/A	45g	56*28*15
	Professional-60-OPTO	60A	80A	N/A		2-6	5-18	Available	N/A	44g	56*28*14
	Professional-60-HV	60A	80A	N/A		2-10	5-30	Available	N/A	N/A	N/A
80A	Professional-80	80A	100A	N/A		2-6	5-18	Available	N/A	95g	66*55*18
	Professional-80-HV	80A	100A	N/A		2-12	5-36	Available	N/A	110g	66*55*18
Balancer Series											
Class	Model	Continues Current	Burst Current (>10s)	BEC Mode	BEC Output	Battery Cell		User Programm-able	Balance Discharge Protection	Weight	Size
						Li-ion Li-poly	NiMH NiCd				L*W*H
18A	Balancer-18	18A	22A	Linear	5V/2A	2-4	5-12	Available	Available	27g	45*24*11
25A	Balancer-25	25A	35A	Linear	5V/2A	2-4	5-12	Available	Available	32g	45*24*12
40A	Balancer-40	40A	55A	Switch	5V/3A	2-5	5-15	Available	Available	40g	55*28*15
60A	Balancer-60	60A	80A	Switch	5V/3A	2-5	5-15	Available	Available	50g	56*28*18
Economic Series											
Class	Model	Continues Current	Burst Current (>10s)	BEC Mode	BEC Output	Battery Cell		User Programm-able	Balance Discharge Protection	Weight	Size
						Li-ion Li-poly	NiMH NiCd				L*W*H
18A	Economic-18	18A	22A	Linear	5V/2A	2-4	5-12	Available	N/A	19g	45*24*11
25A	Economic-25	25A	35A	Linear	5V/2A	2-4	5-12	Available	N/A	22g	45*24*11
	Economic-25-OPTO *	25A	35A	N/A		2-4	5-12	Available	N/A	21g	45*24*11

* Economic-25-OPTO is usually combined with UBEC, a combo's weight is about 31g

BEC Output Capability	Linear Mode BEC(5V/2A)				Switch Mode BEC(5V/3A)
	2S Li-Poly	3S Li-Poly	4S Li-Poly	5S Li-Poly	2S——5S Li-Poly
Standard micro servos(Max.)	5	4	3	2	5

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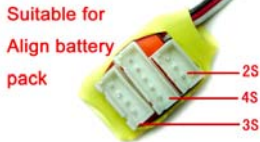
Wiring Diagram:



Lithium Battery Balance Discharge Monitoring and Protecting Adapter:

We provide 2 kinds of Lithium Battery Balance Discharge Monitoring and Protecting Adapters for user to choose.

Adapter #1



Adapter #2



Feature Explanation:

- Brake Settings:** Brake Enabled / Brake Disabled, default is Brake Enabled
- Battery Type:** Li-xx(Li-ion or Li-poly) / Ni-xx(NiMh or Nicd), default is Li-xx.
- Low Voltage Protection Mode(Cutoff Mode):** Output Power Reducing / Cutoff, default is Output Power Reducing.
- Low Voltage Protection Threshold(Cutoff Threshold):** Low / Medium / High, default is Medium.
 - When NOT using balance discharge protecting function (i.e. Do not plug the balance charge connector into the balance discharge protecting socket on ESC, in this case, the ESC only monitors the voltage of whole battery pack)
 - For Li-xx battery, number of battery cells are judged automatically, low / medium / high cutoff voltage for each cell are: 2.5V/2.75V/3.0V. For example: 3 cells Li-Poly, when medium cutoff voltage is set, the cutoff voltage is: $2.75 \times 3 = 8.25V$.
 - For Ni-xx battery, low / medium / high cutoff voltages are 60%/65%/70% of the startup voltage (i.e. the initial voltage of battery pack). For example: 6 cells NiMH battery, fully charged voltage is $1.44 \times 6 = 8.64V$, when "Low" cutoff voltage is set, the cutoff voltage is: $8.64 \times 60\% = 5.2V$.
(Remark: For 40A/60A/80A ESCs, the low / medium / high cutoff voltage for each Ni-xx battery cell is 0%--i.e. low voltage cutoff function is disabled / 50% / 60%)
 - When using balance discharge protection function (i.e. Plug the balance charge connector into the balance discharge protecting socket on ESC, in this case, the ESC monitors the voltage of whole battery pack AND the voltage of each cell) For Li-xx battery, low / medium / high cut off voltage for each cell are: 2.5V/2.75V/3.0V. When the voltage of any cell in battery pack is lower than the cutoff threshold, the protecting program is activated.
- Startup Mode:** Normal /Soft /Super-soft, default is Normal startup.
Normal is good for fixed-wing aircraft. Soft / Super-soft are good for helicopters, the initial speeds of soft / super-soft mode are pretty slow, 1sec(soft startup) / 2secs(super-soft startup) from startup to full speed. But if throttle is closed (throttle stick moves to bottom) and opened again (throttle stick moves up) within 3 seconds after the first startup, the startup will be in normal mode to get rid of the chances of crash caused by slow throttle response in aerobatic fly.
- Timing:** Low / Medium / High, default is Low.
In normal cases, low timing can be used for most motors. But for high efficiency, we recommend the **Low** timing for 2 poles motor and **Medium** timing for 6 poles and above. For higher speed, **High** timing could be chose.

Attention: After you changing the timing setting, please test your RC model on ground first!

Special Hint

Some high KV out-runner motors have very special configuration, the space between each alnico is very large, and lots of ESCs can't startup these motors. After updating the program, our ESCs have very good compatibility with them. But some RC fans still have several questions about the programming value for special motors. So we just give some suggestion as follows:

Motor	Programming Value Suggestion	Timing	Startup Mode
General in-runner motor		Low	Aircraft use "normal" startup mode Helicopter use "super-soft" startup mode
General out-runner motor		Medium	
Align 420LF (Made in TAIWAN, out-runner)		High (MUST)	Soft (MUST)
450TH (Made in TAIWAN, out-runner)		Medium	

Begin To Use Your New ESC

Before using your new ESC, please check all the connections to make sure that they are reliable, then start up the ESC in the following sequence:

- Move the throttle stick to bottom, and then switch on the transmitter.
- Connect battery pack to ESC, the ESC begins the self-test process, after 2 seconds a long "beep-----"tone should be emitted, which means self-test is OK, and then the motor begins to play music, now the aircraft/helicopter is ready to go flying.
 - If nothing is happened, please check the battery pack and all the connections;
 - If a special tone "567i2" is emitted after 2 beep tone (beep-beep-), means the ESC has entered the programming mode, i.e. the throttle channel of your transmitter is reversed, please set it correctly;
 - If a very rapid "beep-beep-, beep-beep-" tone is emitted, means the input voltage is too low or too high, please check your battery.

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- After the motor begins to play music, several groups of "beep-" tones should be emitted, presenting the setting value of each program item. You can move throttle stick upwards to go flying at this time. It is unnecessary to wait the "beep-"tone finished.
- "VERY IMPORTANT!"** Because different transmitter has different throttle range, we strongly suggest you using the "Throttle Range Setting Function" to calibrate throttle range. Please read the instruction on page 4-----"Throttle Range Setting".

Alert Tone

- Input voltage abnormal alert tone: The ESC begins to check the voltage of battery pack when power on, if the voltage is not in acceptable range, such a alert tone will be emitted: "beep-beep-, beep-beep-,beep-beep-"(every "beep-beep-" has a time interval about 1 second.)
- Throttle signal abnormal alert tone: When the ESC can't detect the normal throttle signal, such a alert tone will be emitted:
"beep-,beep-,beep-" (every "beep-" has a time interval about 2 seconds.)
- Throttle stick not in bottom alert tone: When the throttle stick is not in bottom (lowest) position, a very rapid alert tone will be emitted: "beep-,beep-,beep-" (every "beep-" has a time interval about 0.25 second.)

Protection Function

- Start up protection: If the motor failed to start up in 2 seconds while the throttle stick moving up, the ESC will cut off the output power. In this case, the throttle stick **MUST** be moved to bottom again to restart the motor. (Such a situation happens in the following cases: The connection between ESC and motor is not reliable, Propeller is blocked, Gearbox is damaged, etc.)
- Over-heat protection: When the temperature of ESC is over 110°C, the ESC will reduce the output power.
- Throttle signal lost protection: The ESC will reduce output power if throttle signal lost for 1 second, further lost for 2 seconds will cause its output cut off.

Programming example

Setting startup mode to "super-soft", i.e. value #3 in program item #5

<p>1.Enter Programming Mode Switch on transmitter, move throttle stick to top, connect battery pack to ESC, wait for 2 seconds, "beep-beep" tone should be emitted. Then wait another 5 seconds, special tone like "56712"should be emitted, means programming mode is entered.</p>
<p>2.Select Items Now you'll hear 8 tones in loop. When a long "beep-----" tone is emitted, move throttle stick to bottom to enter the "Startup Mode"</p>
<p>3.Set Item Value "Beep-", wait for 3 seconds; "Beep-beep-", wait for another 3 seconds; then you'll hear "beep-beep-beep", move throttle stick to top, then a special tone "1515" is emitted, now you have set the "Startup Mode" in "Super-soft Startup"</p>
<p>4.Exit Programming After the special tone "1515",move throttle stick to bottom within 2 seconds.</p>

Trouble Shooting

Trouble	Possible Reason	Action
After power on, motor can't work, no sound is emitted	The connection between battery pack and ESC is not OK	Check the power connection. Replace the connector.
After power on, motor can't work, such a alert tone is emitted: "beep-beep-, beep-beep-,beep-beep-" (every "beep-beep-" has a time interval about 1 second.)	Input voltage is abnormal, too high or too low	Check the voltage of battery pack
After power on, motor can't work, such a alert tone is emitted: "beep-, beep-,beep- " (every "beep-" has a time interval about 2 seconds.)	Throttle signal is abnormal	Check the receiver and transmitter Check the cable of throttle channel
After power on, motor can't work, such a alert tone is emitted: "beep-, beep-,beep- "(every "beep-" has a time interval about 0.25 second.)	Throttle stick is not in bottom(lowest) position	Move the throttle stick to bottom
After power on, motor can't work, a special tone "56721" is emitted after 2 beep tone (beep-beep-)	The direction of throttle channel is reversed, so the ESC has entered the programming mode	Set the direction of throttle channel correctly
The motor runs in opposite direction	The connection between ESC and the motor need to be changed.	Swap any two wire connections between ESC and motor
The motor stop running while in working state	Throttle signal is lost	Check the receiver and transmitter Check the cable of throttle channel
	ESC has entered Low Voltage Protection mode	Land RC model as soon as possible, and then replace the battery pack
	Some Connections are not reliable	Check all the connections: battery pack connection, throttle signal cable, motor connections, etc.
Stochastic restart or abnormal work state	There is strong Electro - Magnetic interference in flying place.	The normal function of the ESC may be disturbed by strong Electro - Magnetic interference. If so, simply reset the ESC to resume normal operation by following the instruction manual. In case the function could not resume, please use the ESC in other location.

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Normal startup procedure: (For ESC supports 6 cells lithium battery pack, after the special tone 123, n times “beep” tone will be emitted, shows the number of cells in a battery pack. For example, 6 “beep” tones mean the lithium battery pack has 6 cells)

Switch on transmitter, move throttle stick to bottom	Connect battery pack to ESC, special tone like “123” means power supply is OK	When self-test is finished, a long “beep-----”tone should be emitted	Begin to play music, ready to go flying	Several “beep-” tones should be emitted, present the value of each program item	Move throttle stick upwards to go flying
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Throttle range setting: (Throttle range should be set each time when using a new transmitter)

Switch on transmitter, move throttle stick to top	Connect battery pack to ESC, and then wait for about 2 seconds	“Beep-beep” tone should be emitted, means throttle range highest point has been confirmed	Move throttle stick to bottom, wait for about 1 seconds	“Beep-” tone should be emitted, means throttle range lowest point has been confirmed	Begin to play music, ready to go flying
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Programming with transmitter(4 Steps):

1. enter programming mode
2. select items
3. set item value
4. exit programming

1. Enter programming mode

- 1) Switch on transmitter, move throttle stick to top, connect the battery pack to ESC
- 2) Wait for 2 seconds, the motor should emit tone like “beep-beep-”
- 3) Wait for another 5 seconds, special tone like “567i2” should be emitted, this means programming mode is entered



2. Select items:

After entering programming mode, you can hear 8 tones in a loop in following sequence. After each tone within 3 seconds, if you move the throttle stick to bottom, then this item is selected.

1. “beep” brake (1 short tone)
2. “beep-beep-” battery type (2 short tone)
3. “beep-beep-beep-” cutoff mode (3 short tone)
4. “beep-beep-beep-beep-” cutoff threshold (4 short tone)
5. “beep-----” startup mode (1 long tone)
6. “beep-----beep-” timing (1 long 1 short)
7. “beep-----beep-beep-” set all to default (1 long 2 short)
8. “beep-----beep-----” exit (2 long tone)

Remark: 1 long “beep-----” = 5 short “beep-”



3. Set item value:

You will hear tones in loop. Set the value matching to a tone by moving throttle stick to top after hearing this tone, then you can hear the special tone “i5i5” means the value is set and saved. (Keeping the stick at top, you will go back to step 2 and you can select other items; Moving the stick to bottom within 2 seconds, you will exit the programming mode directly)

Items	Tones		
	“beep-” 1 short tone	“beep-beep-” 2 short tones	“beep-beep-beep-” 3 short tones
Brake	Off	On	
Battery type	Li-ion / Li-poly	NiMh / Nicd	
Cutoff mode	Reduce power	Shut down	
Cutoff threshold	Low	Midium	High
Startup mode	Normal	Soft	Super soft
Timing	Low	Midium	High



4. Exit programming

There are 2 ways to exit programming:

1. In step 3, after special tone “i5i5”, move throttle stick to bottom within 2 seconds.
2. In step 2, after tone “beep-----beep-----”, move throttle stick to bottom within 3 seconds.