SAFE® Carbon-Z® T-28

SAFE® Select Technology, Optional Flight Envelope Protection

The Eflite Carbon Z T-28 has been upgraded to include SAFE Select technology. SAFE Select technology can offer an extra level of protection in flight. Use the following instructions to make the SAFE Select system active and assign it to a switch. When enabled, SAFE Select prevents the airplane from banking or pitching past predetermined limits, and automatic self-leveling keeps the airplane flying in a straight and level attitude when the aileron, elevator and rudder sticks are at neutral.

SAFE Select is enabled or disabled during the bind process. When the airplane is bound with SAFE Select enabled, a switch can be assigned to toggle between SAFE Select mode and AS3X mode.

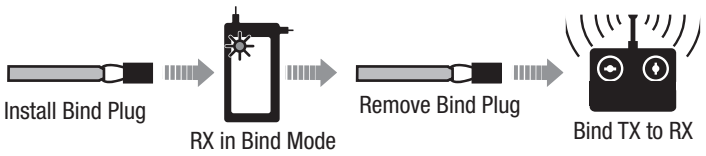
AS3X® technology remains active with no banking limits or self leveling any time SAFE Select is disabled or OFF.

Transmitter and Receiver Binding / Switching ON and OFF SAFE Select

The aircraft has an optional SAFE Select feature, which can be switched ON or OFF easily by binding in a specific manner as described below.

IMPORTANT: Before binding a transmitter, read the Transmitter Setup section of your manual to ensure that your transmitter is properly programmed for this aircraft.

Switching ON SAFE Select Binding Sequence



Binding Procedure / Switching ON SAFE Select

IMPORTANT: The included AR636 receiver has been programmed for operation specifically for this aircraft. Refer to the receiver manual for correct setup if the receiver is replaced or is used in another aircraft.

⚠ **CAUTION:** When using a Futaba® transmitter with a Spektrum™ DSM® module, you must reverse the throttle channel and rebind. Refer to your Spektrum module manual for binding and failsafe instructions. Refer to your Futaba transmitter manual for instructions on reversing the throttle channel.

1. Move the transmitter controls to neutral (flight controls: rudder, elevators and ailerons) or to low positions (throttle, throttle trim).*
2. Install a bind plug in the receiver bind port.
3. Place the aircraft level on its wheels, then connect the flight battery to the ESC. The motor will produce a series of sounds. The orange bind LED on the receiver will begin to flash rapidly.
4. **Remove the bind plug from the bind port.**
5. Take three steps away from the aircraft /receiver and then put the transmitter in bind mode. Refer to your transmitter's manual for specific binding instructions.
   IMPORTANT: Do not point the transmitter's antenna directly at the receiver while binding.
   IMPORTANT: Keep away from large metal objects while binding.
6. The receiver is bound to the transmitter when the orange bind light on the receiver stays orange. The ESC will produce a series of sounds. The tones indicate the ESC is armed, provided the throttle stick and throttle trim are low enough to trigger arming.

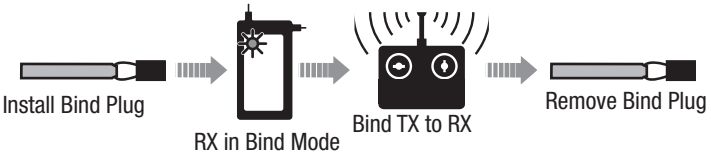
IMPORTANT: Once bound, the receiver will retain its bind settings for that transmitter until it has been intentionally changed, even when power is cycled ON and OFF. Repeat the binding process as necessary.

SAFE Select ON Indication

Every time the receiver is powered ON the surfaces will cycle back and forth **twice** with a slight pause at neutral position to indicate that SAFE Select is switched ON.

The throttle will not arm if the transmitter's throttle control is not put at the lowest position. If problems are encountered, follow the binding instructions and refer to the transmitter troubleshooting guide for other instructions. If needed, contact the appropriate Horizon Product Support office.

Switching OFF SAFE Select Binding Sequence



Binding Procedure / Switching OFF SAFE Select

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   DO NOT remove the bind plug at this time.
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6. **Remove the bind plug from the bind port.**

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SAFE Select OFF Indication

Every time the receiver is powered ON the surfaces will cycle back and forth **once** to indicate that SAFE Select has been switched OFF.

The throttle will not arm if the transmitter's throttle control is not put at the lowest position. If problems are encountered, follow the binding instructions and refer to the transmitter troubleshooting guide for other instructions. If needed, contact the appropriate Horizon Product Support office.

***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 to actively level the aircraft in flight.

SAFE® Select Switch Designation

SAFE® Select technology can be assigned to any open switch (2 or 3 position) controlling a channel (5–9) on your transmitter. Once assigned to a switch, SAFE select ON gives you the flexibility to choose SAFE technology or AS3X mode while in flight. If the aircraft is bound with SAFE select OFF, the aircraft will be in AS3X mode exclusively.

IMPORTANT: Before assigning your desired switch, ensure that the travel for that channel is set at 100% in both directions and the aileron, elevator, rudder and throttle are all on high rate with the travel at 100%.

⚠ **CAUTION:** Keep all body parts well clear of the propeller and keep the aircraft securely restrained in case of accidental throttle activation.

TIP: SAFE Select is assignable on any unused channels 5–9. See your transmitter manual for more information about assigning a switch to a channel.

TIP: Use your radio channel monitor to confirm that the four primary channels are showing 100% travel while assigning the switch.

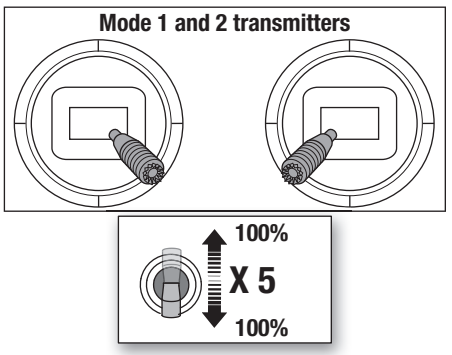
TIP: Use the channel monitor to make sure the switch you are assigning for SAFE Select is active and driving a channel between 5-9 and that it is traveling 100% in each direction.

TIP: Make sure your four primary channels are not reversed if you are having trouble assigning a SAFE Select switch.

Assigning a switch

1. Bind the aircraft to choose SAFE Select ON. This will allow the system to be assigned to a switch.
2. Hold both transmitter sticks to the inside bottom corners and toggle the desired switch 5 times (1 toggle = full up and down) to assign that switch. The control surfaces of the aircraft will move, indicating the switch has been selected.

Repeat the process to assign a different switch or to deactivate the current switch if desired.



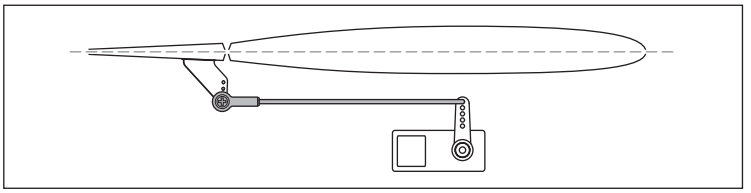
Control Surface Centering

After assembly and transmitter setup, confirm that the control surfaces are centered. If the control surfaces are not centered, mechanically center the control surfaces by adjusting the linkages.

If adjustment is required, turn the clevis on the linkage to change the length of the linkage between the servo arm and the control horn.

After binding a transmitter to the aircraft receiver, set the trims and sub-trims to 0, then adjust the clevises to center the control surfaces.

Control surface centering should be done in AS3X mode before activating the throttle after power up.



Control Surface Direction

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

Ailerons

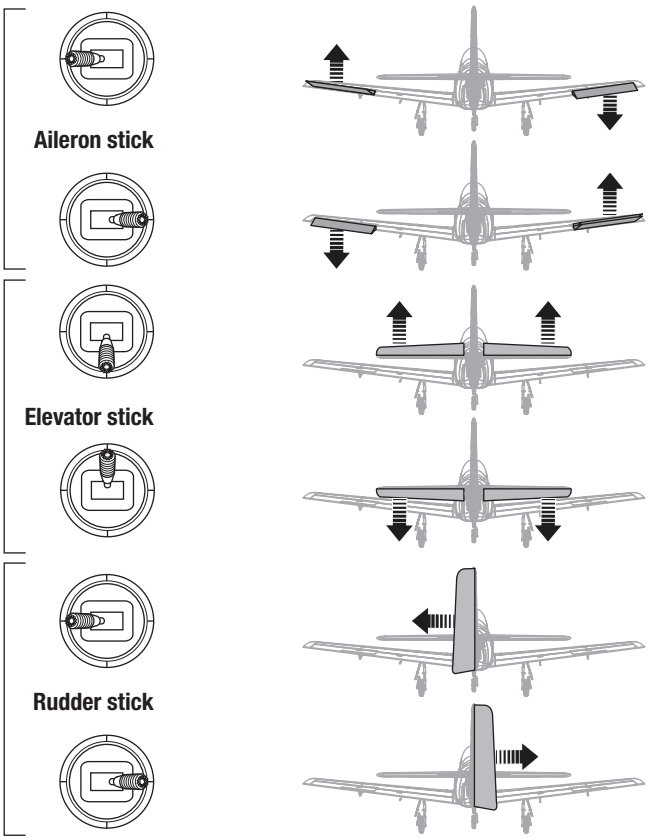
1. Move the aileron stick to the left. The right aileron should move down and the left aileron up, which will cause the aircraft to bank left.
2. Move the aileron stick to the right. The right aileron should move up and the left aileron down, which will cause the aircraft to bank right.

Elevators

3. Pull the elevator stick back. The elevators should move up, which will cause the aircraft to pitch up.
4. Push the elevator stick forward. The elevators should move down, which will cause the aircraft to pitch down.

Rudder

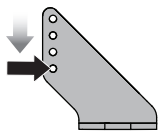
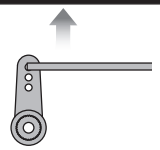
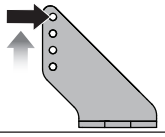
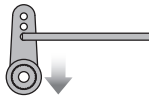
5. Move the rudder stick to the left. The rudder should move to the left, which will cause the aircraft to yaw left.
6. Move the rudder stick to the right. The rudder should move to the right, which will cause the aircraft to yaw right.



Control Throws

NOTICE: If control throws are changed from the factory settings, the AR636 gain values may need to be adjusted. Refer to the Spektrum AR636 manual for adjustment of gain values.

After flying, you may choose to adjust the linkage positions for the desired control response. See the table at the right.

Tuning	Horns	Arms
More control throw		
Less control throw		

AS3X Control Direction Test

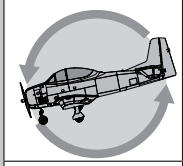
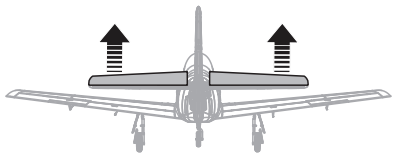
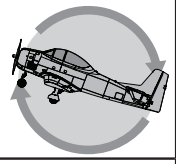
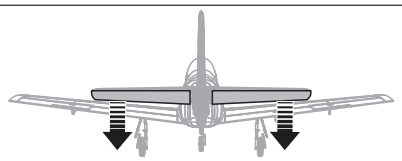
This test ensures that the AS3X® control system is functioning properly. Assemble the aircraft and bind your transmitter to the receiver before performing this test. Airplane should be bound in AS3X mode or should bound in Safe Select mode with a switch assigned and in the AS3X position

1. Raise the throttle just above 25%, then lower the throttle to activate AS3X technology.

CAUTION: Keep all body parts, hair and loose clothing away from a moving propeller, as these items could become entangled.

2. Move the entire aircraft as shown and ensure the control surfaces move in the direction indicated in the graphic. If the control surfaces do not respond as shown, do not fly the aircraft. Refer to the receiver manual for more information.

Once the AS3X system is active, control surfaces may move rapidly. This is normal. AS3X remains active until the battery is disconnected.

	Aircraft movement	AS3X Reaction
Elevator		
		
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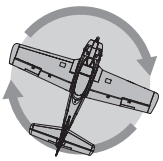
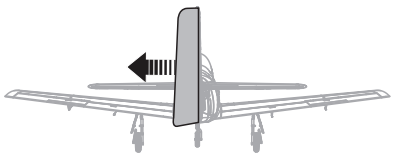
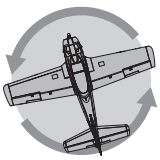
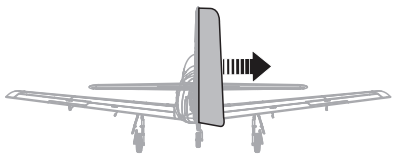
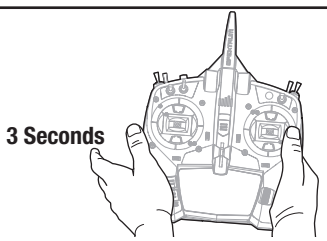
Rudder		
		

In Flight Trimming

During your first flight, trim the aircraft for level flight at 3/4 throttle with flaps and gear up. Make small trim adjustments with your transmitter's trim switches to straighten the aircraft's flight path.

After adjusting trim do not touch the control sticks for 3 seconds. This allows the receiver to learn the correct settings to optimize AS3X performance.

Failure to do so could affect flight performance.



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