



Platinum .12 SG Owner's Manual

Congratulations on your purchase of a Dynamite® Platinum Series (DPS™) .12 racing engine! Precision manufactured and assembled, your DPS 12 will provide you with trouble-free performance if you read and follow these instructions.

Using the Proper Fuel and Glow Plug

Using the proper fuel and glow plug is critical in order to achieve maximum performance and reliability. You must use fuel, glow plugs and air filters that are specifically designed for model car/truck/buggy applications. **Never use any type of model airplane glow fuel!** Use of model airplane fuel can damage your engine and immediately void any warranty.

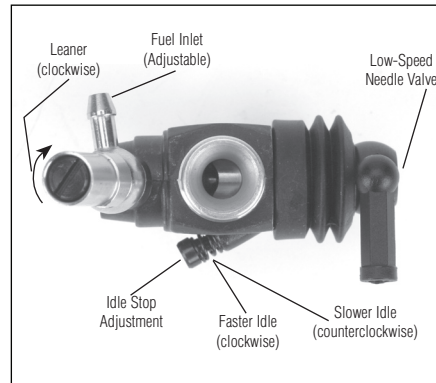
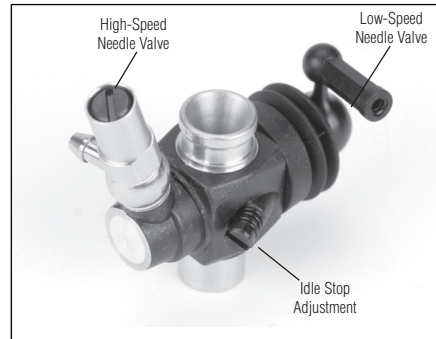
We recommend using Dynamite Blue Thunder™ Race Formula fuel with 20% nitro, providing the best combination of power and fuel economy. Dynamite Blue Thunder fuels are vigorously tested, researched and formulated to deliver excellent power as well as engine protection.

A glow plug has been included and is ideal for breaking in your new engine. In fact, during the break-in procedure, it is not uncommon to go through one or two glow plugs, as microscopic bits of metal (from the cylinder/piston wearing in) bond themselves to the plug element causing glow plug failure. We recommend the Dynamite McCoy MC59 Glow Plug (DYN2508) as the absolute best glow plug for this engine. The MC59 Plug has been designed to deliver an ideal balance of performance and longevity.

All car engines must use a properly oiled air filter to keep dirt out of the engine. Any dirt that enters the carburetor can immediately destroy your engine. We recommend DYN2612 as an excellent choice for a quality air cleaner.

Carburetor Adjustments

Your DPS 21 engine comes equipped with a precision rotary carburetor. Take a moment to review the pictures below to familiarize yourself with the various functions of the carb. Loosening the nut located on the side of the crankcase under the carburetor body will allow you to rotate the carburetor. Make certain to mount the throttle arm to the side required by your particular vehicle. Although preset at the factory, some changes in the needle setting can occur during shipping and handling.



Needle Settings

We suggest the following settings for breaking in your engine:

High-Speed Needle: 2 turns out (counterclockwise) from closed.

Low-Speed Needle: 1 turn out (counterclockwise) from closed.

When checking the adjustment of the low-speed needle, it is crucial that the throttle slide is closed completely when turning the needle and that you do not over-tighten the needle. Use an engine tuning screwdriver to make this job easier. When you feel resistance in the needle, immediately stop turning and begin turning the needles counterclockwise, counting the number of turns from “closed.”

Starting Your Engine for the First Time

The first start of your engine is the most critical time of the engine's life, dictating how well it will perform. After installing the engine in your model and inserting the glow plug, turn on your radio system and attach a glow igniter to the glow plug. Place your vehicle on top of your starter box and engage the flywheel to your starter wheel. Should the engine become difficult for your starter box to turn over, the engine may be flooded (hydro-locked). Excess fuel between the cylinder head and piston will not allow the piston to travel through its full range of compression, effectively “locking up” the engine. Should this occur, immediately remove the glow igniter from the plug. Using a glow plug wrench (DYN2510), remove the glow plug and turn the model upside down and rotate the flywheel to clear out the fuel, re-install the glow plug and start again.

We recommend using the DYNP5300 Quick-Fire Universal Starter Box to start your DPS .12. You may need to “blip” the throttle on the transmitter (applying throttle on/off) while trying to start the engine, as new engines are more difficult to start due to the tight piston/cylinder fit.

Never start an engine above 1/4 throttle. Immediate damage to your engine can and will occur.

When the engine starts, the exhaust should emit lots of blue/white smoke, indicating that the engine is excessively rich (a good thing during break in). During the first tank of fuel, you may wish to set a higher than normal idle speed and/or leave the glow plug igniter attached in order to keep the engine from stalling. Drive your vehicle around while “blipping” the throttle and avoid operating the engine at full throttle for more than 2–3 seconds at a time. Consume the entire first two tanks of fuel in this manner. After the first two tanks of fuel, begin leaning out the high-speed needle valve 1/8 turn at a time. It generally takes about 5 or 6 tanks of fuel before you'd want to start tuning for “maximum” power.

Do not skip this process of breaking in a new engine! Should you choose not to follow these procedures, you risk damaging your engine during the first tank of fuel.

Your patience during these procedures will be rewarded by an engine that performs reliably and to its maximum power potential. First run attempts can be more frustrating than with other (less powerful) sport engines, so take your time—it will be worth the wait. Glow plug failure is a common occurrence when breaking in a new engine. To test your plug, let the engine idle at a properly adjusted low-speed needle setting with the glow igniter attached. Then, remove the igniter. If you hear no appreciable change in engine rpm, the plug is still good. If the engine loads up and the rpm's decrease, it's time to replace the glow plug.

Setting the Needle Valves

When tuning the needle valves for maximum performance, adjust them in small increments, 1/16 turn at a time.

An engine should not be run too lean; doing so severely shortens the life of the engine. When an engine is set too lean, it will run very strong at first but will soon begin to sag and hesitate or stall when accelerating.

The best way to tune an engine is by using an infrared temperature gauge, but you can also use water to check the head temperature (refer to "Tuning the High-Speed Needle").

Tuning the High-Speed Needle

To obtain the correct high-speed needle setting, start the engine and drive your vehicle around for a minute or two, applying full throttle frequently. Place a drop of water on the cylinder head. If the water sizzles away (evaporates immediately), the needle setting is too lean. A correct needle setting will result in the water evaporating after 3-5 seconds. If the water does not evaporate, chances are good that the needle setting is too rich. Lean the needle 1/16 of a turn and run the engine again, adjusting the needle setting to get the desired evaporation time.

Check the temperature each time you change the needle mixture. Do not let the engine overheat, as this will damage the engine.

Tuning the Low-Speed Needle

The low-speed needle (also referred to as the idle mixture or idle needle) should be set after you're satisfied with the high-speed needle setting. After achieving the proper operating temperature, reduce the engine throttle to idle and pinch the fuel line with your fingers close to the carb fuel inlet nipple. If the engine dies immediately, the low-speed needle is set too lean. If the rpm's increase dramatically, the setting is too rich. The ideal setting results in the rpm's increasing just a slight amount after pinching the fuel line.

Idle Stop Adjustment

The last setting to be made is the idle stop screw. Turning this screw clockwise increases the idle speed, whereas turning the screw counterclockwise will make the engine idle at a lower speed. Ideally, the engine should idle just fast enough to be reliable in acceleration and transition from idle to full speed. Avoid an idle speed that is too fast, as it will cause damage to your clutch.

Engine Maintenance

Periodic maintenance must be performed in order to keep your engine in proper operating condition. After each day of running, it's critical to use high quality after-run oil to protect the internals of the engine and help prevent corrosion. The methanol used in the fuel attracts moisture that can cause corrosion (particularly in the ball bearings). Follow these steps after running your engine:

- 1) Empty all fuel from the tank and fuel lines.
- 2) Remove the glow plug and air filter and add 5 to 6 drops of a quality after-run oil into the carburetor and cylinder head openings. Turn the engine over a few times to distribute the oil throughout the engine.
- 3) Clean and inspect the engine, air cleaner and fuel system.

Troubleshooting Guide

<u>Problem</u>	<u>Possible Cause/Solution</u>
Engine won't start	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clogged fuel line• Bad or improper glow plug• Glow igniter not charged
Engine starts, then dies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engine flooded• Pressure line blocked or disconnected• Bad glow plug
Engine starts and runs for 1/2 tank, then quits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High-speed needle too lean• Hole or tear in fuel line• Bad glow plug or idle speed set too low• Overheated engine (too lean)• Improper needle settings

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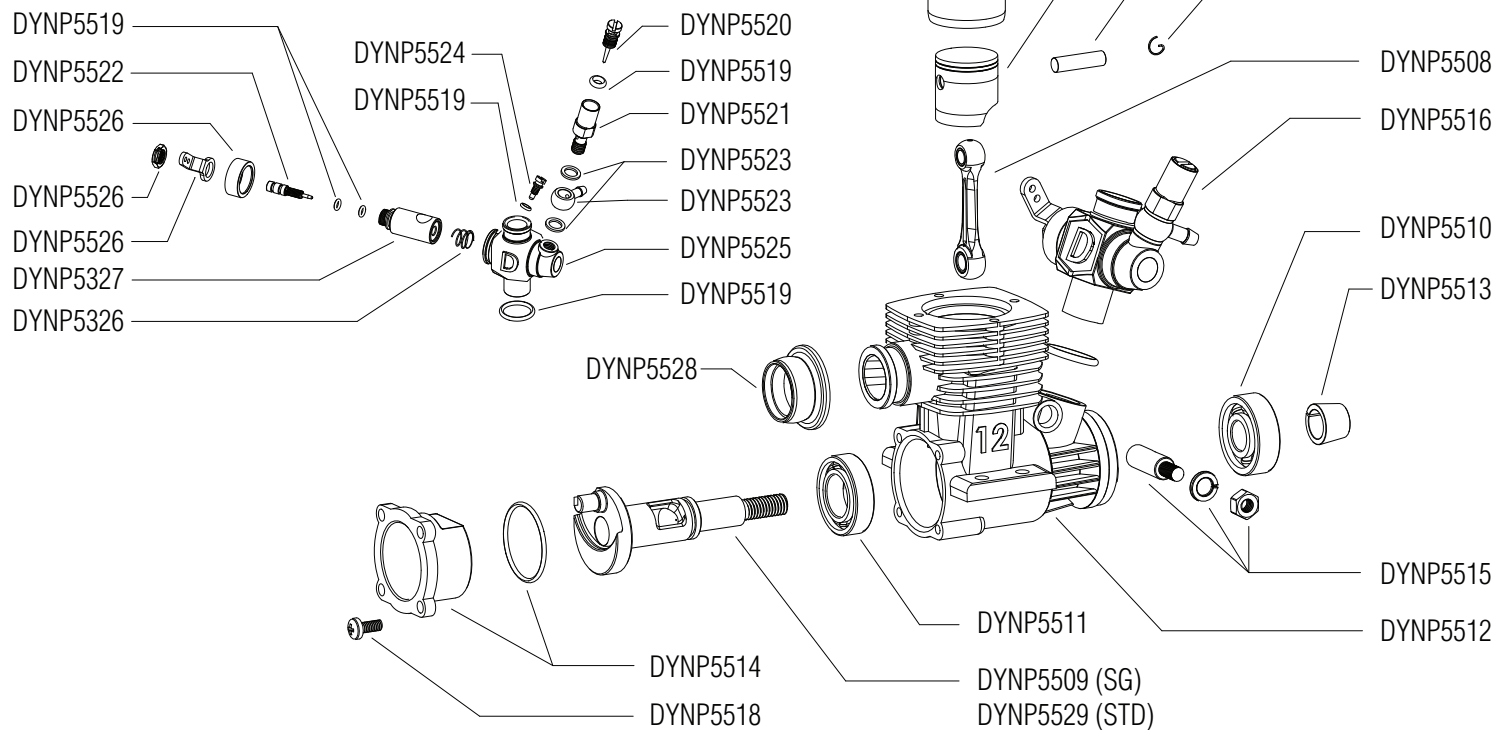
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Spare Parts Listing

Stock #	Description
DYNP5501	CYLINDER HEAD, BLUE: DPS 12
DYNP5502	HEAD BUTTON: DPS 12
DYNP5503	HEAD SHIM .1MM (3): DPS 12
DYNP5504	HEAD SHIM .2MM (3): DPS 12
DYNP5505	PISTON / SLEEVE (3-PORT): DPS 12
DYNP5506	WRIST PIN: DPS 12
DYNP5507	WRIST PIN CLIPS (2): DPS 12
DYNP5508	CONNECTING ROD: DPS 12
DYNP5509	CRANKSHAFT, SG: DPS 12
DYNP5510	FRONT BEARING 7x19x6: DPS 12
DYNP5511	REAR BEARING : DPS 12
DYNP5512	CRANKCASE: DPS 12
DYNP5513	COLLET: DPS 12
DYNP5514	BACKPLATE w/O-RING: DPS 12
DYNP5515	CARB RETAINER POST: DPS 12
DYNP5516	ROTARY CARBURETOR: DPS 12
DYNP5517	HEAD SCREWS 2.6x12 (4): DPS 12
DYNP5518	BACKPLATE SCREWS 2.6 X 8MM (4): DPS 12
DYNP5319	2 NEEDLE CARB O-RING SET: DPS 12
DYNP5520	HIGH SPEED ADJ. NEEDLE: DPS 12
DYNP5521	HIGH SPEED NEEDLE HOLDER: DPS 12
DYNP5522	LOW SPEED ADJ. NEEDLE: DPS 12
DYNP5523	FUEL INLET NIPPLE/WASHERS: DPS 12
DYNP5524	IDLE SCREW: DPS 12
DYNP5525	CARB BODY: DPS 12
DYNP5326	THROTTLE LEVER/BOOT/SPRING/NUT: DPS 12