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SLASH 4x4 **ULTIMATE**

TRAXXAS

OWNER'S MANUAL

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This manual contains the instructions you will need to operate and maintain your model so that you can enjoy it for years to come. We want you to feel confident that you own one of the best-performing models in the market and that it is backed by a team of professionals who aim to provide the highest level of factory support possible. Traxxas models are about experiencing total performance and satisfaction, not just with your model, but also with the company that stands behind it.

We know you're excited about getting your new model on the road, but it's very important that you take some time to read through the Owner's Manual. This manual contains all the necessary set-up and operating procedures that will allow you to unlock the performance potential that

BEFORE YOU PROCEED

Carefully read and follow all instructions in this and any accompanying materials to prevent serious damage to your model. Failure to follow these instructions will be considered abuse and/or neglect.

Before running your model, look over this entire manual and examine the model carefully. If for some reason you decide it is not what you wanted, then do not continue any further. **Your hobby dealer absolutely cannot accept a model for return or exchange after it has been run.**

WARNINGS, HELPFUL HINTS, & CROSS-REFERENCES

Throughout this manual, you'll notice warnings and helpful hints identified by the icons below. Be sure to read them!



An important warning about personal safety or avoiding damage to your model and related components.



Special advice from Traxxas to make things easier and more fun.



Refers you to a page with a related topic.

REGISTERING YOUR MODEL

In order to serve you better as our customer, please register your product within 10 days of your purchase online at Traxxas.com/register.

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Traxxas engineers designed into your model. Also be sure to read and follow the precautions and warnings in this manual and on any labels or tags attached to your model. They are there to educate you on how to operate your model safely and also get maximum life and performance from your model.

Even if you are an experienced R/C enthusiast, it's important to read and follow the procedures in this manual.

Thank you again for going with Traxxas. We work hard every day to ensure you receive the highest level of customer satisfaction possible. We truly want you to enjoy your new model!

SUPPORT

If you have any questions about your model or its operation, call the Traxxas Technical Support Line toll-free at: **1-888-TRAXXAS (1-888-872-9927)***

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Do not hesitate to contact us with any of your product support needs. We want you to be thoroughly satisfied with your new model!

Quick Start

This manual is designed with a Quick Start path that outlines the necessary procedures to get your model up and running in the shortest time possible. If you are an experienced R/C enthusiast you will find it helpful and fast. Be sure and read through the rest of the manual to learn about important safety, maintenance, and adjustment procedures. Turn to page 8 to begin.



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WHY IT'S THE ULTIMATE

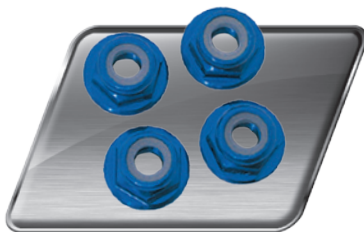
SLASH 4x4 ULTIMATE

The next-generation Slash 4X4 Ultimate represents Ready-To-Race® performance at the highest level. The Slash 4X4 Ultimate pushes the performance envelope; its new Low-CG chassis delivers superior handling and maximum corner speed and new 13mm bore GTR hard-anodized aluminum shocks provide consistent damping and smooth suspension action lap-after-lap. The result is lightning-fast steering response and smooth, consistent damping that raises the bar even higher on Slash 4X4 handling and precise control. The TQi Radio System with Docking Base and Slash 4X4 Ultimate's factory-installed

telemetry enable real-time data capture and set the standard for tuning ease and versatility. To truly make this the Ultimate Slash 4X4, the specs are completed with nearly every factory option available, from aluminum suspension components to a sealed, silicone filled differential. Simply put, it's the best of the best.



Aluminum C-hubs and Steering Blocks



Aluminum Wheel nuts



Aluminum Rear Hub Carriers



Front and Rear Sway Bars



6807R: Series 4 4200mAh NiMH Battery
6807L: 2-cell 5000mAh LiPo battery



Replica Tires with
S1 Racing Compound
(Style varies by model)



Hard-Anodized PTFE
Coated GTR Shocks



Optional Included
Center Differential

FCC Compliance

This device contains a module that complies with the limits for a Class B digital device as described in 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.

The limits for a Class B digital device are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in residential settings. This product generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy, and, if not operated in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. The user is cautioned that changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

Canada, Industry Canada (IC)

This Class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003 and RSS-210. This device complies with Industry Canada license exempt RSS standard(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions: This device may not cause interference, and This device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

Radio Frequency (RF) Exposure Information

The radiated output power of the Traxxas LP Device is below the Industry Canada (IC) radio frequency exposure limits. The antenna for this transmitter must not be co-located with any other transmitters except in accordance with FCC and Industry Canada multi-transmitter procedures. Co-location means having a separation distance of less than 20 cm between transmitting antennas.

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SAFETY PRECAUTIONS



All instructions and precautions outlined in this manual should be strictly followed to ensure safe operation of your model.



This model is not intended for use by children under 14 years of age without the supervision of a responsible and knowledgeable adult. Gearing and battery choice (see *LiPo Batteries*, right) affect the skill level of the model. See chart below.



Gearing: Stock Pinion
Battery: 7-Cell NiMH
Voltage*: 8.4V
mAh: 3000+mAh



Gearing: Opt. Pinion
Battery: 7-Cell NiMH
Voltage*: 8.4V
mAh: 3000+mAh



Gearing: Stock Pinion
Battery: 3S 20C LiPo
Voltage*: 11.1V
mAh: 5000+ mAh



Gearing: Opt. Gearing
Battery: 3S 20C LiPo
Voltage*: 11.1V
mAh: 5000+ mAh

*Nominal

See the gearing chart on page 26 for more information.



All of us at Traxxas want you to safely enjoy your new model. Operate your model sensibly and with care, and it will be exciting, safe, and fun for you and those around you. Failure to operate your model in a safe and responsible manner may result in property damage and serious injury. The precautions outlined in this manual should be strictly followed to help ensure safe operation. You alone must see that the instructions are followed and the precautions are adhered to.

Important Points to Remember

- Your model is not intended for use on public roads or congested areas where its operation can conflict with or disrupt pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
- Never, under any circumstances, operate the model in crowds of people. Your model is very fast and could cause injury if allowed to collide with anyone.
- Because your model is controlled by radio, it is subject to radio interference from many sources that are beyond your control. Since radio interference can cause momentary losses of radio control, always allow a safety margin in all directions around the model in order to prevent collisions.
- The motor, battery, and speed control can become hot during use. Be careful to avoid getting burned.
- Don't operate your model at night, or anytime your line of sight to the model may be obstructed or impaired in any way.
- Most importantly, use good common sense at all times.

Speed Control

Your model's electronic speed control (ESC) is an extremely powerful electronic device capable of delivering high current. Please closely follow these precautions to prevent damage to the speed control or other components.

- Disconnect the Battery: Always disconnect the battery or batteries from the speed control when not in use.
- Insulate the Wires: Always insulate exposed wiring with heat shrink tubing to prevent short circuits.
- Water and Electronics Do Not Mix: The speed control is waterproof for use in mud, snow, puddles, and other wet conditions. Make certain the other components of your model are waterproof or have sufficient water resistance before driving in wet conditions.
- Transmitter on First: Switch on your transmitter first before switching on the speed control to prevent runaways and erratic performance.
- Do not attempt to remove the heat sink from the ESC. The heat sink is factory-installed and its removal will cause permanent damage to the ESC.
- Don't Get Burned: The ESC and motor can become extremely hot during use, so be careful not to touch them until they cool. Supply adequate airflow for cooling.
- Use the Factory-Installed Stock Connectors: Do not change the battery and motor connectors. Improper wiring can cause fire or damage to the ESC.

Please note that modified speed controls can be subject to a rewiring fee when returned for service.

- No Reverse Voltage: The ESC is not protected against reverse polarity voltage.
- Always adhere to the minimum and maximum limitations of the speed control as stated in the specifications table on page 17. If your ESC operates on two batteries, do not mix battery types and capacities. Use the same voltage and capacity for both batteries. Using mismatched battery packs could damage the batteries and electronic speed control.

WARNING! CAUTION! DANGER!



FIRE HAZARD! Charging and discharging batteries has the potential for fire, explosion, serious injury, and property damage if not performed per the instructions. In addition, Lithium Polymer (LiPo) batteries pose a SEVERE risk of fire if not properly handled per the instructions. Before use, read and follow all manufacturer's instructions, warnings, and precautions. Never allow children under 14 years old to charge or use LiPo batteries without the supervision of a responsible, knowledgeable adult.

- While charging or discharging, ALWAYS place the battery (all types of batteries) in a fire retardant/fire proof container and on a non-flammable surface such as concrete.
- ALWAYS charge batteries in a well-ventilated area.
- REMOVE flammable items and combustible materials from the charging area.
- ONLY use a LiPo balance charger with a balance adapter to charge LiPo batteries.
- If any battery or cell is damaged in any way, DO NOT charge, discharge, or use the battery.
- BEFORE you charge, ALWAYS confirm that the charger settings exactly match the battery type (chemistry), specification, and configuration to be charged.
- DO NOT exceed the maximum manufacturer recommended charge rate.
- DO NOT disassemble, crush, short circuit, or expose the batteries to flame or other sources of ignition.
- NEVER leave batteries unattended while charging.



LiPo Batteries

Lithium Polymer (LiPo) batteries are becoming popular for use in R/C models due to their compact size, high energy density, and high-current output. However, these types of batteries require special care and handling procedures for long life and safe operation. **Warning:** LiPo batteries are intended only for advanced users that are educated on the risks associated with LiPo battery use. **Traxxas does not recommend that anyone under the age of 14 use or handle LiPo battery packs without the supervision of a knowledgeable and responsible adult.**

Your model is able to use LiPo batteries. LiPo batteries have a minimum safe discharge voltage threshold that should not be exceeded. The electronic speed control is equipped with built-in Low-Voltage Detection, which alerts the driver when LiPo batteries have reached their minimum voltage (discharge) threshold. **It is the driver's responsibility to stop immediately to prevent the battery pack from being discharged below its safe minimum threshold.**

Low-Voltage Detection on the speed control is just one part of a comprehensive plan for safe LiPo battery use. **It is critical for you, the user, to follow all other instructions supplied by the battery manufacturer and the charger manufacturer for proper charging, use, and storage of LiPo batteries. Make sure you understand how to use your LiPo batteries.** Be aware that Traxxas shall not be liable for any special, indirect, incidental, or consequential damages arising out of the installation and/or use of LiPo batteries in Traxxas models. If you have questions about LiPo battery usage, please consult with your local hobby dealer or contact the battery manufacturer. As a reminder, all batteries should be recycled at the end of their useful life.

TERMS OF USE - The buyer assumes all risk associated with using this product. Traxxas, its affiliates, manufacturers, distributors, and retail partners cannot control the use, application, charging, or installation of this product and shall not be held responsible for any accident, injury to persons, or damage to property resulting from the use of this product.

After reading all, if you do not agree with these terms and conditions and are not prepared to accept complete liability for the use of this product, return this product immediately in new/unused condition to your place of purchase. **Your retailer absolutely cannot accept product for return or exchange if it has been used in any way.**

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Important Warnings for users of Lithium Polymer (LiPo) batteries: Lithium Polymer (LiPo) batteries are significantly more volatile than other rechargeable batteries.

ONLY use a Lithium Polymer (LiPo) balance charger with a balance adapter (such as the Traxxas EZ-Peak Plus Charger #2933 or the 2-Cell/3-Cell LiPo Balance Charger #2935) to charge LiPo batteries. Never use NiMH or NiCad type chargers or charge modes to charge LiPo batteries. The use of a NiMH or NiCad charger or charge mode will damage the batteries and may cause fire and personal injury.

Never charge LiPo battery packs in series or parallel with this charger. Charging packs in series or parallel may result in improper charger cell recognition and an improper charging rate that may lead to overcharging, cell imbalance, cell damage, and fire.

• ALWAYS inspect your LiPo batteries carefully before charging. Look for any loose leads or connectors, damaged wire insulation, damaged cell packaging, impact damage, fluid leaks, swelling (a sign of internal damage), cell deformity, missing labels, or any other damage or irregularity. If any of the above conditions are observed, do not charge or use the battery pack.

• Do not store or charge LiPo batteries with or around other batteries or battery packs of any type, including other LiPos.

• Store and transport your LiPo batteries in a cool, dry place. Do not store in direct sunlight. Do not allow the storage temperature to exceed 140°F or 60°C or the cells may be damaged and risk of fire created.

• DO NOT disassemble LiPo batteries or cells.

• DO NOT attempt to build your own LiPo battery pack from loose cells.

• ALWAYS proceed with caution and use good common sense at all times.

Charging and Handling Precautions/Warnings

• ALWAYS proceed with caution and use good common sense at all times.

• Children require adult supervision while using this charger.

• DO NOT let any exposed battery contacts or wires touch each other. This will cause the battery to short circuit and create the risk of fire.

• While charging, ALWAYS place the battery (all types of batteries) in a fire retardant/fire proof container and on a non-flammable surface such as concrete.

• NEVER charge batteries on wood, cloth, carpet, or on any other flammable material.

• ALWAYS charge batteries in a well-ventilated area.

• REMOVE flammable items and combustible materials from the charging area.

• DO NOT operate the charger in a cluttered space or place objects on top of the charger or battery.

• If any battery or battery cell is damaged in any way, DO NOT charge, discharge, or use the battery.

• Keep a Class D fire extinguisher nearby in case of fire.

• BEFORE you charge, ALWAYS confirm that the charger settings exactly match the type (chemistry), specification, and configuration of the battery to be charged.

• DO NOT use the 2-3 cell LiPo charger #2935 to charge NiMH batteries.

• DO NOT exceed the battery manufacturer's maximum recommended charge rate.

• DO NOT disassemble, crush, short circuit, or expose the batteries or cells to flame or any other source of ignition.

• If a battery gets hot to the touch (temperature greater than 110°F/43°C) during the charging process, immediately disconnect the battery from the charger and discontinue charging.

• DO NOT leave the charger and battery unattended while charging, discharging, or anytime the charger is ON with a battery connected. If there are any signs of a malfunction, unplug the power source and/or stop the charging process immediately.

• ALWAYS unplug the charger from the wall outlet and disconnect the battery when not in use.

• DO NOT operate the charger inside of an automobile.

• AVOID short-circuits by always connecting the charge cable to the charger first and then to the battery to charge or discharge. Remember to always reverse this procedure when disconnecting the battery.

• NEVER connect more than one battery at a time to the charger.

• DO NOT disassemble the charger.

• REMOVE the battery from your model or device before charging.

• DO NOT expose the charger to water or moisture.

• ALWAYS store battery packs safely out of the reach of children and pets.

• DO NOT charge batteries if you observe ANY of the following conditions:

- Batteries that are fully charged or have been only slightly discharged.

- Batteries that are hot (temperature greater than 110°F/43°C)

- Batteries that are not expressly stated by the manufacturer to be suitable to accept the power output (voltage and amperage) the charger delivers during the charging process.

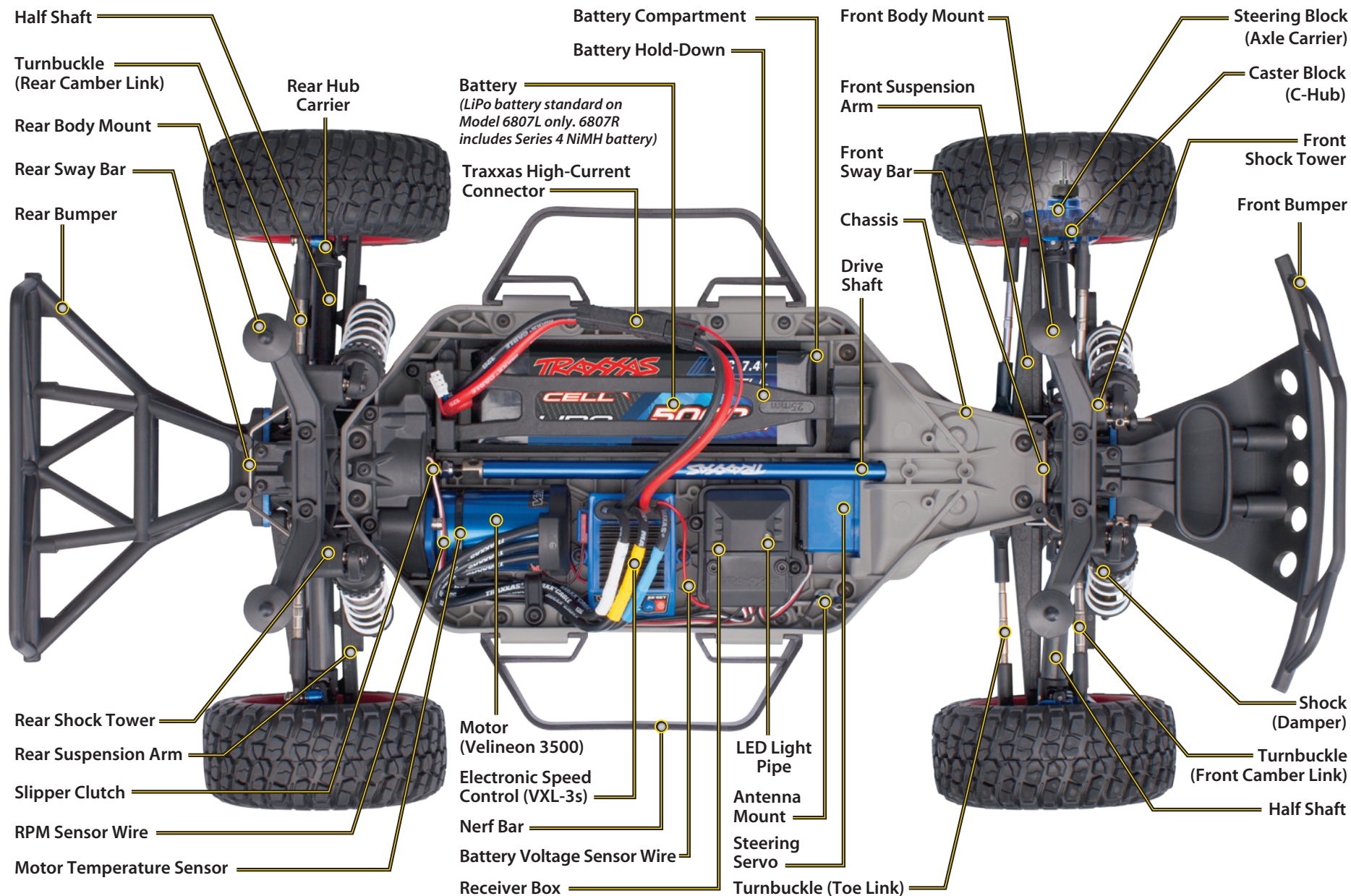
- Batteries that are damaged or defective in any way. Examples of damage or defects include, but are not limited to: batteries with dented cells, damaged or frayed wires, loose connections, fluid leaks, corrosion, plugged vents, swelling, cell deformity, impact damage, missing labels, melted components, or any other signs of damage.

- Battery packs that have been altered from original manufacturer configuration.

- Non-rechargeable batteries (explosion hazard)

- Batteries that have an internal charge circuit or a protection circuit.

ANATOMY OF THE SLASH 4x4 ULTIMATE



TOOLS, SUPPLIES, AND REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

Your model comes with a set of specialty metric tools. You'll need to purchase other items, available from your hobby dealer, to operate and maintain your model.

Supplied Tools and Equipment



2.5mm "L" wrench



2.0mm "L" wrench



1.5mm "L" wrench



U-joint wrench



8mm/4mm wrench



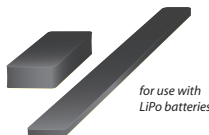
4-way wrench



Shock wrench



Body clips and
body washers



Foam battery spacer



Suspension multi-tool



Optional
pinion gear

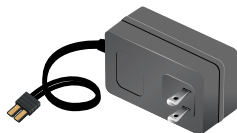


Optional center
differential

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7-cell NiMH battery pack*



NiMH battery charger*

#6807L



LiPo battery*
Batteries packaged separately.
Ask your dealer for details.



Battery charger*

Required Equipment #6807R; #6807L



For more information on batteries, see *Use the Right Batteries* on page 12.



Recommended Equipment
These items are not required for the operation of your model, but are a good idea to include in any R/C toolbox:

- Safety glasses
- Traxxas Ultra Premium Tire Glue, Part #6468 (CA glue)
- Hobby knife
- Side cutters and/or needle nose pliers
- Phillips screwdriver
- Soldering iron

*Battery and charger style are subject to change and may vary from images.



The Quick Start Guide is not intended to replace the full operating instructions available in this manual. Please read this entire manual for complete instructions on the proper use and maintenance of your model.

Look for the Quick Start logo at the bottom of Quick Start pages.



The following guide is an overview of the procedures for getting your model running. Look for the Quick Start logo on the bottom corners of Quick Start pages.



1. Read the safety precautions on page 4

For your own safety, understand where carelessness and misuse could lead to personal injury and product damage.



6. Check servo operation • See page 15

Make sure the steering servo is working correctly.



2. Charge the battery pack • See pages 12 & 13

Fully charge the included battery pack. Begin charging your battery right away.



7. Range test the radio system • See page 15

Follow this procedure to make sure your radio system works properly at a distance and that there is no interference from outside sources.



3. Install batteries in the transmitter • See page 12

The transmitter requires 4 AA alkaline or rechargeable batteries.



8. Detail your model • See sidebar, page 9

Apply other decals if desired.



4. Install the battery pack in the model • See page 13

Your model requires a fully charged battery pack.



9. Drive your model • See page 19

Driving tips and adjustments for your model.



5. Turn on the radio system • See page 14

Make a habit of turning the transmitter on first and off last.



10. Maintaining your model • See page 24

Follow these critical steps to maintain the performance of your model and keep it in excellent running condition.

INTRODUCTION

Your model includes the latest Traxxas TQi 2.4GHz transmitter with Traxxas Link™ Model Memory. The transmitter's easy-to-use design provides instant driving fun for new R/C enthusiasts, and also offers a full compliment of pro-level tuning features for advanced users – or anyone interested in experimenting with the performance of their model. The steering and throttle channels feature adjustable Exponential, End Points, and Sub-Trims. Steering and braking Dual Rate are also available. Many of the next-level features are controlled by the Multi-Function knob, which can be programmed to control a variety functions. The detailed instructions (page 32) and Menu Tree (page 35) included in this manual will help you understand and operate the advanced functions of the new TQi radio system. For additional information and how-to videos, visit Traxxas.com.

RADIO AND POWER SYSTEM TERMINOLOGY

Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with these radio and power system terms. They will be used throughout this manual. A detailed explanation of the advanced terminology and features of your new radio system begins on page 32.

2.4GHz Spread Spectrum – This model is equipped with the latest R/C technology. Unlike AM and FM systems that require frequency crystals and are prone to frequency conflicts, the TQi system automatically selects and locks onto an open frequency and offers superior resistance to interference and “glitching.”

BEC (Battery Eliminator Circuit) - The BEC can either be in the receiver or in the ESC. This circuit allows the receiver and servos to be powered by the main battery pack in an electric model. This eliminates the need to carry a separate pack of 4 AA batteries to power the radio equipment.

Brushless Motor - A D/C brushless motor replaces the brushed motor's traditional commutator and brush arrangement with intelligent electronics that energize the electromagnetic windings in sequence to provide rotation. Opposite of a brushed motor, the brushless motor has its windings (coils) on the perimeter of the motor can and the magnets are mounted to the spinning rotor shaft.

Cogging - Cogging is a condition sometimes associated with brushless motors. Typically it is a slight stutter noticed when accelerating from a stop. It happens for a very short period as the signals from the electronic speed control and the motor synch

with each other. The VXL-3s electronic speed control is optimized to virtually eliminate cogging.

Current - Current is a measure of power flow through the electronics, usually measured in amps. If you think of a wire as a garden hose, current is a measure of how much water is flowing through the hose.

ESC (Electronic Speed Control) - An electronic speed control is the electronic motor control inside the model. The VXL-3s electronic speed control uses advanced circuitry to provide precise, digital proportional throttle control. Electronic speed controls use power more efficiently than mechanical speed controls so that the batteries run longer. An electronic speed control also has circuitry that prevents loss of steering and throttle control as the batteries lose their charge.

Frequency band - The radio frequency used by the transmitter to send signals to your model. This model operates on the 2.4GHz direct-sequence spread spectrum.

kV Rating - Brushless motors are often rated by their kV number. The kV rating equals no-load motor rpm with 1 volt applied. The kV increases as the number of wire turns in the motor decreases. As the kV increases, the current draw through the electronics also increases. The Velineon 3500 motor is a 10-turn, 3500 kV motor optimized for the best speed and efficiency in lightweight 1/10 scale models.

LiPo - Abbreviation for Lithium Polymer. Rechargeable LiPo battery packs are known for their special chemistry that allows extremely high energy density and current handling in a compact size. These are high-performance batteries that require special care and handling. For advanced users only.

mAh - Abbreviation for milliamp hour. A measure of the capacity of the battery pack. The higher the number, the longer the battery will last between recharges.

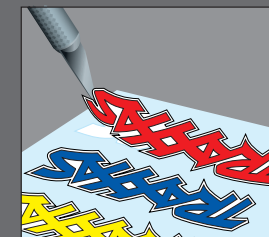
Neutral position - The standing position that the servos seek when the transmitter controls are at the neutral setting.

NiCad - Abbreviation for nickel-cadmium. The original rechargeable hobby pack, NiCad batteries have very high current handling, high capacity, and can last up to 1000 charging cycles. Good charging procedures are required to reduce the possibility of developing a “memory” effect and shortened run times.

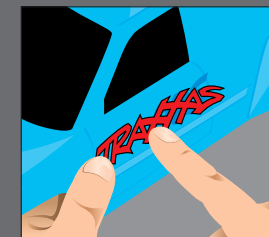


Applying the Decals

The main decals for your model have been applied at the factory. Additional decals are printed on self-adhesive clear mylar and are die-cut for easy removal. Use a hobby knife to lift the corner of a decal and lift it from the backing.

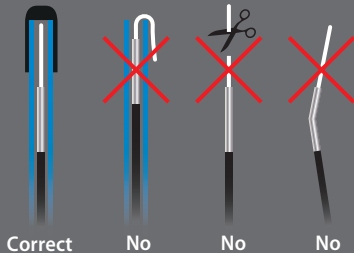


To apply the decals, place one end down, hold the other end up, and gradually smooth the decal down with your finger as you go. This will prevent air bubbles. Placing both ends of the decal down and then trying to smooth it out will result in air pockets. Look at the photos on the box for typical decal placement.





To prevent loss of radio range do not kink or cut the black wire, do not bend or cut the metal tip, and do not bend or cut the white wire at the end of the metal tip.



NiMH - Abbreviation for nickel-metal hydride. Rechargeable NiMH batteries offer high current handling and much greater resistance to the “memory” effect. NiMH batteries generally allow higher capacity than NiCad batteries. They can last up to 500 charge cycles. A peak charger designed for NiMH batteries is required for optimal performance.

Receiver - The radio unit inside your model that receives signals from the transmitter and relays them to the servos.

Resistance - In an electrical sense, resistance is a measure of how an object resists or obstructs the flow of current through it. When flow is constricted, energy is converted to heat and is lost. The Velineon power system is optimized to reduce electrical resistance and the resulting power-robbing heat.

Rotor - The rotor is the main shaft of the brushless motor. In a brushless motor, the magnets are mounted to the rotor, and the electromagnetic windings are built into the motor housing.

Sensored - Sensored refers to a type of brushless motor that uses an internal sensor in the motor to communicate rotor position information back to the electronic speed control. The VXL-3s electronic speed control is able to use sensored motors when applications benefit from them (such as some sanctioned racing classes).

Sensorless - Sensorless refers to a brushless motor that uses advanced instructions from an electronic speed control to provide smooth operation. Additional motor sensors and wiring are not required. The VXL-3s electronic speed control is optimized for smooth sensorless control.

Servo - Small motor unit in your model that operates the steering mechanism.

Solder Tabs - Accessible, external contacts on the motor that allows for easy wire replacement. The Velineon 3500 is equipped with solder tabs.

Transmitter - The hand-held radio unit that sends throttle and steering instructions to your model.

Trim - The fine-tuning adjustment of the neutral position of the servos made by adjusting the throttle and steering trim knobs on the face of the transmitter. **Note:** The Multi-Function knob must be programmed to serve as a throttle trim adjustment.

Thermal Shutdown Protection - Temperature sensing electronics used in the VXL-3s electronic speed control detect overloading and overheating of the transistor circuitry. If excessive temperature is detected, the unit automatically shuts down to prevent damage to the electronics.

2-channel radio system - The TQi radio system, consisting of the receiver, the transmitter, and the servos. The system uses two channels: one to operate the throttle and one to operate the steering.

Voltage - Voltage is a measure of the electrical potential difference between two points, such as between the positive battery terminal and ground. Using the analogy of the garden hose, while current is the quantity of water flow in the hose, voltage corresponds to the pressure that is forcing the water through the hose.

IMPORTANT RADIO SYSTEM PRECAUTIONS

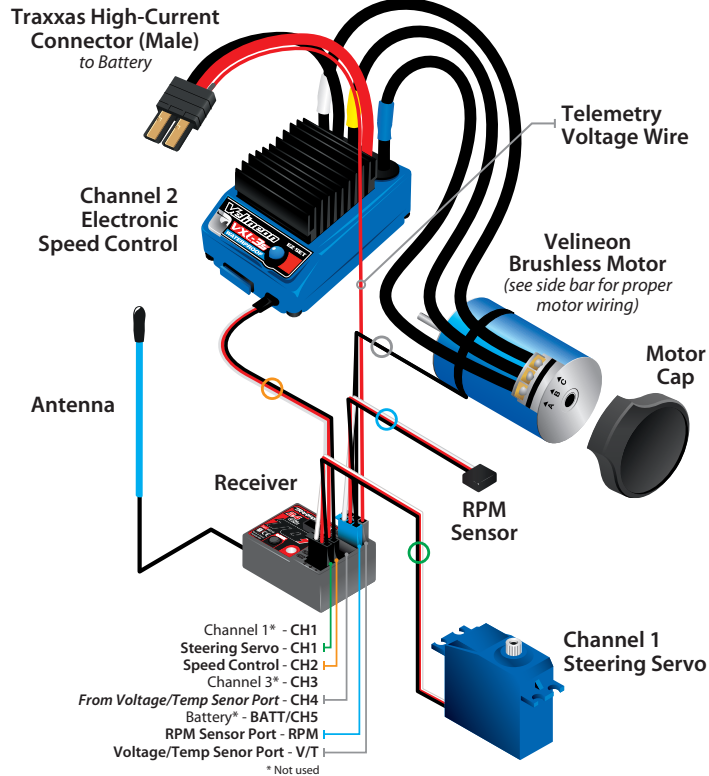
- For maximum range, always point the front of the transmitter toward the model.
- Do not kink the receiver's antenna wire. Kinks in the antenna wire will reduce range.
- DO NOT CUT any part of the receiver's antenna wire. Cutting the antenna will reduce range.
- Extend the antenna wire in the model as far as possible for maximum range. It is not necessary to extend the antenna wire out of the body, but wrapping or coiling the antenna wire should be avoided.
- Do not allow the antenna wire to extend outside the body without the protection of an antenna tube, or the antenna wire may get cut or damaged, reducing range. It is recommended to keep the wire inside the body (in the antenna tube) to prevent the chance of damage.

Your model is equipped with the newest TQi 2.4 GHz transmitter with Traxxas Link™ Model Memory. The transmitter has two channels for controlling your throttle and steering. The receiver inside the model has 5 output channels. Your model is equipped with one servo and an electronic speed control.

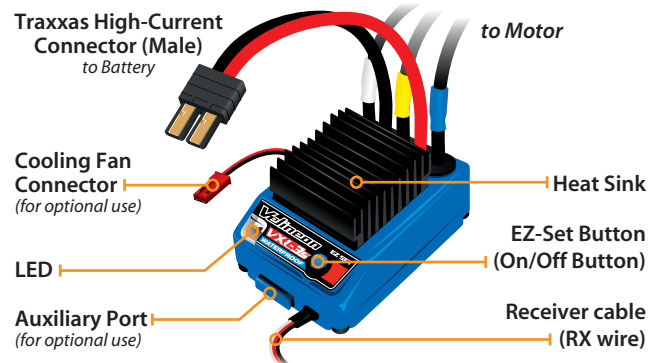
TRANSMITTER AND RECEIVER



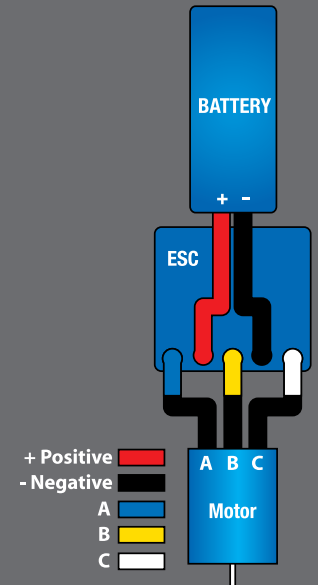
MODEL WIRING DIAGRAM



VXL-3S ELECTRONIC SPEED CONTROL



ESC/Motor Wiring Diagram





If the radio system doesn't appear to work when the transmitter and receiver switches are turned on, check for correct battery installation.



Use the Right Batteries

Your transmitter uses AA batteries. Use new alkaline batteries. Do not use rechargeable AA cells to power the TQi transmitter, as they will not provide sufficient voltage for optimum transmitter performance.

The #3037 Traxxas 5-cell rechargeable battery pack can be used in place of 4 AA alkaline cells. The #3037 battery has the same voltage (6 volts) as four alkaline cells.



Caution: Discontinue running your model at the first sign of weak batteries (flashing red light on the transmitter) to avoid losing control.



INSTALLING TRANSMITTER BATTERIES

Your TQi transmitter uses 4 AA batteries. The battery compartment is located in the base of the transmitter.



1. Remove the battery compartment door by pressing the tab and sliding the door open.
 2. Remove the battery holder. Install the batteries in the battery holder. Correct orientation is indicated in the battery holder. Make sure the battery holder is plugged into the transmitter.
 3. Reinstall the battery door and snap it closed.
 4. Turn on the transmitter and check the status LED for a solid green light.
- Note:** Switching the transmitter on with your mobile device installed will automatically launch the Traxxas Link application.

If the status LED flashes red, the transmitter batteries may be weak, discharged, or possibly installed incorrectly. Replace with new or freshly charged batteries. The status LED does not indicate the charge level of the battery pack installed in the model. **Note:** The Docking Base will charge your mobile device as long as the transmitter is turned on.



TQi Docking Base Battery Charging Jack

The Docking Base incorporates a standard charging jack for use with optional Traxxas rechargeable NiMH battery pack #3037 and wall charger #6545 (each sold separately).

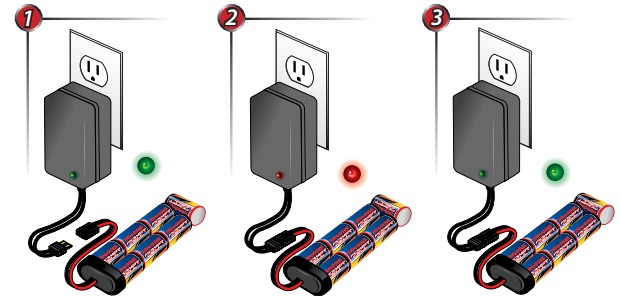
Note: The charger and charging jack will not charge rechargeable AA batteries installed in the standard 4-cell AA battery holder supplied with the TQi. **Only use the charger and charging jack with the #3037 Traxxas NiMH battery.**



CHARGING THE NiMH BATTERY PACK

(Model #6807R)

The included charger can be used to charge the provided battery pack. The battery pack should be removed from the vehicle before charging. Do not leave the battery unattended while charging. For faster charging, the optional Traxxas EZ-Peak Plus (#2933) can charge at 4 amps to reduce charging time to only 45 minutes! **It is normal for the battery to become slightly warm as it nears full-charge, but the battery should never become hot. If the battery becomes hot, disconnect it from the charger immediately. NEVER charge a LiPo battery using a NiMH charger.**



1. Plug the charger into the wall. The LED on the charger will glow green.
2. Connect the provided battery pack to the charger output cord. The LED will glow red, indicating the battery is charging.
3. The battery should charge for approximately 8 ½ hours. The LED will turn green when the battery is fully charged. Disconnect the battery from the charger after charging.



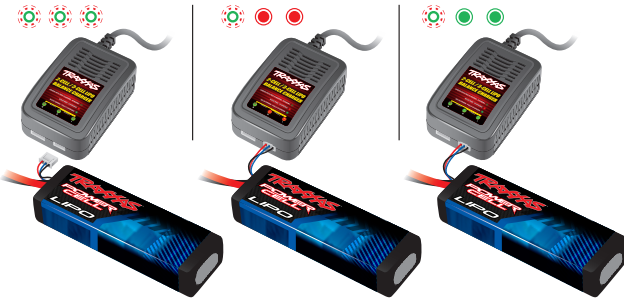
Using Other Batteries

Your model is equipped with a state of the art, high-performance power system. It is designed to be able to flow large amounts of power with the least amount of restriction. The benefits are drastically increased speed and acceleration. However, this places extra demands on the battery and electrical system connections. For best performance, your model requires the use of battery packs that have cells rated for high discharge and use high-quality, low-resistance assembly techniques, such as the included Traxxas Power Cell Battery Pack. Cheaply made battery packs do not retain their performance characteristics after repeated uses in high-powered electric applications. They will lose their punch and run time and may require frequent replacement. In addition, poor-quality, high-resistance cell connectors could fail, requiring disassembly and repair. The main goal is to reduce all sources of high resistance in the pack. This includes the connector, the wire, and the bars attaching the cells together. High pack resistance will create additional heat and rob you of the full power the cells are capable of producing. We recommend using Traxxas Power Cell batteries for best performance. For a complete list of the Power Cell packs for your model visit: Traxxas.com/powercell

CHARGING THE LIPO BATTERY PACK

(Model #6807L)

Before charging the provided 2-Cell LiPo battery, please read and understand all safety precautions at the beginning of this manual. The included charger can be used to charge the provided battery pack. The supplied charger has an output rate of 800mAh (0.8 amps), and may require up to seven hours to fully charge a battery. For faster charging, the optional Traxxas EZ-Peak Plus can charge at up to 6 amps to reduce charging time to an hour or less. **WARNING: ONLY use a charger designed for LiPo batteries. NEVER charge a LiPo battery using a NiMH charger or a NiMH charging mode.**



1. Insert the AC power cord into the charger.
2. Insert the AC cord into a wall socket (110-240V). All three LEDs will light steady green and flash red to indicate the charger is ready to charge.
3. Plug your Traxxas Power Cell 2-cell LiPo into the charger using its balance plug. LEDs 1 and 2 will glow steady red, indicating charging is underway. **Do not leave battery and charger unattended while charging.**
4. This charger is not designed to charge two packs simultaneously. If two batteries are plugged into the charger at the same time, the charger will shut down. Unplug the charger and remove any installed batteries to reset it.
5. When a cell is completely charged, its corresponding LED will glow steady green. The 2-cell pack is fully charged when LEDs 1 and 2 are steady green.

Note: If the charger detects any of the battery's cells are already fully charged when you plug it into the charger, the LEDs corresponding to the charged cells will not glow steady red and will default to steady green to indicate those cells are fully charged.

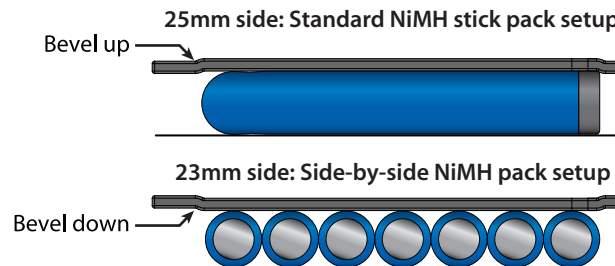
INSTALLING THE BATTERY PACK



Install the battery pack with the battery wires facing the rear of the model. Insert the tabs of the battery hold-down into the slots in the rear hold-down retainer (A). Swing the battery hold down towards the chassis and snap (lock) the end into the front hold-down retainer (B).

Using a Different Battery Configuration

The battery hold-down is capable of accommodating either side-by-side racing style packs or the more common stick packs. The battery compartment is configured for stick packs from the factory. The number on each side of the hold-down indicates the battery height in millimeters that the hold-down can accommodate. Note that one side is labeled "25" and the other side is labeled "23". The 25mm side is for use with typical stick type battery packs. If you are using side-by-side racing packs, simply flip the hold-down over to the 23mm side and use it on the opposite side of the chassis. **Note:** For taller batteries, an extended battery hold-down, part #7426X, is available (sold separately). For shorter batteries (6-cell), use the included foam block in the front of the battery compartment.



The following Traxxas High-Current Connector packages are available from your hobby dealer. When using adapters, be careful not to exceed the current rating of the Molex connector.



Part #3060
Single Male/Female



Part #3080
2-Pack Female



Part #3061
Male Charge Adapter



Part #3070
2-Pack Male



Part #3062
Female Charge Adapter



Battery Compartment Specs:

- 166mm (6.54") long x 49.5mm (1.95") wide
- Height with stock strap: 23mm (.91") or 25mm (.94")
- Height with Part #7426X options battery standoffs: Up to 44mm (1.73")

Note: There is some flex with the battery strap. It is possible to fit slightly taller batteries in the compartment.





Remember, always turn the TQi transmitter on first and off last to avoid damage to your model.



Automatic Fail-Safe

The TQi transmitter and receiver are equipped with an automatic fail-safe system that does not require user programming. In the event of signal loss or interference, the throttle will return to neutral and the steering will hold its last commanded position. If Fail-Safe activates while you are operating your model, determine the reason for signal loss and resolve the problem before operating your model again.



When rechargeable batteries begin to lose their charge, they will fade much faster than alkaline dry cells. Stop immediately at the first sign of weak batteries. Never turn the transmitter off when the battery pack is plugged in. The model could run out of control.

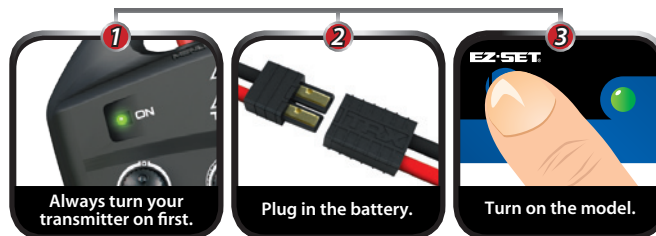


RADIO SYSTEM CONTROLS



RADIO SYSTEM RULES

- Always turn your TQi transmitter on first and off last. This procedure will help to prevent your model from receiving stray signals from another transmitter, or other source, and running out of control. Your model has electronic fail-safes to prevent this type of malfunction, but the first, best defense against a runaway model is to always turn the transmitter on first and off last.
- Always use new or freshly charged batteries for the radio system. Weak batteries will limit the radio signal between the receiver and the transmitter. Loss of the radio signal can cause you to lose control of your model.



- In order for the transmitter and receiver to bind to one another, the receiver in the model must be turned on within 20 seconds of turning on the transmitter. The transmitter LED will flash fast red, indicating a failure to link. If you miss it, simply turn off the transmitter and start over.

- Always turn on the transmitter before plugging in the battery.

RADIO SYSTEM BASIC ADJUSTMENTS

Throttle Neutral Adjustment

The throttle neutral adjustment is located on the transmitter face and controls the forward/reverse travel of the throttle trigger. Change the adjustment by pressing the button and sliding it to the desired position. There are two settings available:



- 50/50:** Allows equal travel for both acceleration and reverse.
- 70/30:** Allows more throttle travel (70%) and less reverse travel (30%).

Note: We strongly recommend to leave this control in its factory location until you become familiar with all the adjustments and capabilities of your model. To change the throttle neutral adjust position, turn the transmitter off before adjusting the neutral position. You will need to reprogram your electronic speed control to recognize the 70/30 setting. Turn to VXL-3s Setup Programming on page 17 for instructions.

Steering Trim

The electronic steering trim located on the face of the transmitter adjusts the neutral (center) point of the steering channel.



Multi-Function Knob

The Multi-Function knob can be programmed to control a variety of functions. From the factory, the Multi-Function knob controls steering sensitivity, also known as exponential or "expo." When the knob is turned counterclockwise all the way to the left (default position), expo is off and steering sensitivity will be linear (the most commonly used setting). Turning the knob clockwise will "add expo" and decrease the steering sensitivity in the initial range of steering wheel travel left or right from center. For more detail on steering exponential, refer to page 16.

USING THE RADIO SYSTEM

The TQi Radio System has been pre-adjusted at the factory. The adjustment should be checked before running the model, in case of movement during shipping. Here's how:

1. Turn the transmitter switch on. The status LED on the transmitter should be solid green (not flashing).
2. **Elevate the model on a block or a stand so that all the tires are off the ground.** Make sure your hands are clear of the moving parts of the model.
3. Plug the battery pack in the model into the speed control.
4. The on/off switch is integrated into the speed control. With the transmitter on, press and release the EZ-Set button (.25 seconds). The LED will shine RED (see note, below). This turns the model on. To turn the VXL-3s off, press and hold the EZ-Set button until the LED turns off (.5 seconds). **Note:** If the LED shines green, Low-Voltage Detection is activated. This will cause erratic performance from the included NiMH battery pack. The default factory setting is for Low-Voltage Detection to be disabled (LED shines red). Make sure to turn the low voltage detection on when using LiPo batteries. **Never use LiPo batteries while Low-Voltage Detection is turned off.** See page 17 for more information.
5. Turn the steering wheel on the transmitter back and forth and check for rapid operation of the steering servo. Also, check that the steering mechanism is not loose or binding. If the steering operates slowly, check for weak batteries.
6. When looking down at the model, the front wheels should be pointing straight ahead. If the wheels are turned slightly to the left or right, slowly adjust the steering trim control on the transmitter until they are pointing straight ahead.
7. Gently operate the throttle trigger to ensure that you have forward and reverse operation, and that the motor stops when the throttle trigger is at neutral. **WARNING: Do not apply full throttle in forward or reverse while the model is elevated.**
8. Once adjustments are made, turn off the receiver on your model, followed by the hand-held transmitter.



Range-Testing the Radio System

Before each running session with your model, you should range-test your radio system to ensure that it operates properly.

1. Turn on the radio system and check its operation as described in the previous section.
2. Have a friend hold the model. Make sure hands and clothing are clear of the wheels and other moving parts on the model.
3. Walk away from the model with the transmitter until you reach the farthest distance you plan to operate the model.
4. Operate the controls on the transmitter once again to be sure that the model responds correctly.
5. Do not attempt to operate the model if there is any problem with the radio system or any external interference with your radio signal at your location.

• Higher Speeds Require Greater Distance

The faster you drive your Slash 4X4 Ultimate, the more quickly it will near the limit of radio range. At 60mph, a model can cover 88 feet every second! It's a thrill, but use caution to keep your model in range. If you want to see your Slash 4X4 Ultimate achieve its maximum speed, it is best to position yourself in the middle of the truck's running area, not the far end, so you drive the truck towards and past your position. In addition to maximizing the radio's range, this technique will keep your model closer to you, making it easier to see and control.

No matter how fast or far you drive your Slash 4X4 Ultimate, always leave adequate space between you, the model, and others. Never drive directly toward yourself or others.

TQi Binding Instructions

For proper operation, the transmitter and receiver must be electronically 'bound.' **This has been done for you at the factory.** Should you ever need to re-bind the system or bind to an additional transmitter or receiver, follow these instructions. **Note:** the receiver must be connected to a 4.8-6.0v (nominal) power source for binding and the transmitter and receiver must be within 5 feet of each other.

1. Press and hold the transmitter's SET button as you switch the transmitter on. The transmitter's LED will flash red slowly.

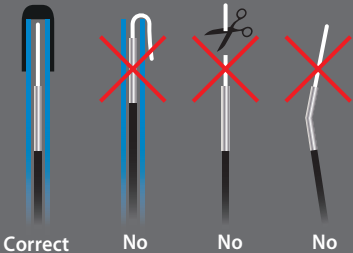


Using Reverse: While driving, push the throttle trigger forward to apply brakes. Once stopped, return the throttle trigger to neutral. Push the throttle trigger forward again to engage proportional reverse.





To prevent loss of radio range do not kink or cut the black wire, do not bend or cut the metal tip, and do not bend or cut the white wire at the end of the metal tip.



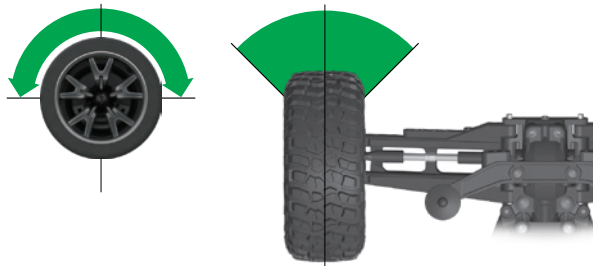
2. Press and hold the receiver's LINK button as you switch on the speed control by pressing the EZ-Set button.
3. When the transmitter and receiver's LEDs turn solid green, the system is bound and ready for use. Confirm that the steering and throttle operate properly before driving your model.

Steering Sensitivity (Exponential)

The Multi-Function knob on the TQi transmitter has been programmed to control Steering Sensitivity (also known as exponential). The standard setting for Steering Sensitivity is "normal (zero exponential)," with the dial full left in its range of travel. This setting provides linear servo response: the steering servo's movement will correspond exactly with the input from the transmitter's steering wheel. Turning the knob clockwise from center will result in "negative exponential" and decrease steering sensitivity by making the servo less responsive near neutral, with increasing sensitivity as the servo nears the limits of its travel range. The farther you turn the knob, the more pronounced the change in steering servo movement will be. The term "exponential" comes from this effect; the servo's travel changes exponentially relative to the input from the steering wheel. The exponential effect is indicated as a percentage—the greater the percentage, the greater the effect. The illustrations below show how this works.

Normal Steering Sensitivity (0% exponential)

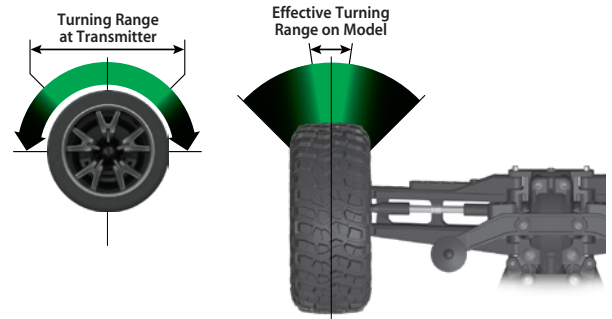
In this illustration, the steering servo's travel (and with it, the steering motion of the model's front wheels) corresponds precisely with the steering wheel. The ranges are exaggerated for illustrative purposes.



Decreased Steering Sensitivity (Negative Exponential)

By turning the Multi-Function knob clockwise, the steering sensitivity of the model will be decreased. Note that a relatively large amount of steering wheel travel results in a smaller amount of servo travel. The farther you turn the knob, the more pronounced the effect

becomes. Decreased steering sensitivity may be helpful when driving on low-traction surfaces, when driving at high speed, or on tracks that favor sweeping turns where gentle steering inputs are required. The ranges are exaggerated for illustrative purposes.

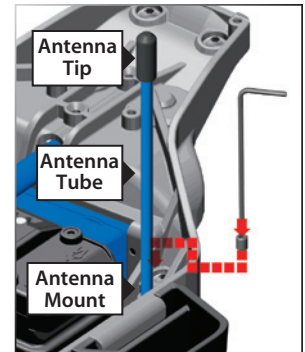


Experiment! Try varying degrees of exponential. It's easy to go back to "zero" if you don't like the effect. There's no wrong way to adjust exponential. Any setting that makes you more comfortable with your car's handling is the "right setting."

SETTING UP THE ANTENNA

The receiver antenna has been set up and installed from the factory. The antenna is secured by a 3x4mm set screw. To remove the antenna tube, simply remove the set screw with the included 1.5mm wrench.

When reinstalling the antenna, first slide the antenna wire into the bottom of the antenna tube until the white tip of the antenna is at the top of the tube under the black cap. Next insert the antenna tube into the mount while making sure that antenna wire is in slot in the antenna mount, then install the set screw next to the antenna tube. Use the supplied 1.5mm wrench to tighten the screw just until the antenna tube is securely in place. Do not over tighten. Do not bend or kink the antenna wire! See the side bar for more information. Do not shorten the antenna tube.



ADJUSTING THE ELECTRONIC SPEED CONTROL

VXL-3s Battery Settings (Low-Voltage Detection Setting)

The Velineon VXL-3s electronic speed control is equipped with built-in Low-Voltage Detection. The Low-Voltage Detection circuitry constantly monitors the battery voltage. When the battery voltage begins to reach the minimum recommended discharge voltage threshold for LiPo battery packs, the VXL-3s will limit the power output to 50% throttle. When the battery voltage attempts to fall below the minimum threshold, the VXL-3s will shut down all motor output. The LED on the speed control will slowly blink red, indicating a low voltage shutdown. The VXL-3s will stay in this mode until a fully charged battery is connected.

Your model includes a Power Cell NiMH battery. The VXL-3s speed control's Low-Voltage Detection has been disabled for best performance with this battery. The speed control's LED will glow red when it is turned on, indicating Low-Voltage Detection is disabled. Be certain to activate Low-Voltage Detection if you install LiPo batteries in your model. **Never use LiPo batteries while Low-Voltage Detection is disabled.**

Verify that Low-Voltage Detection is DISABLED:

1. Turn on the transmitter (with the throttle at neutral).
2. Connect a fully charged battery pack to the VXL-3s.
3. Press and release the EZ-Set button to turn the VXL-3s on. If the LED is solid red, then the Low-Voltage Detection is DISABLED (not safe to use LiPo batteries). If the LED is solid green, then Low-Voltage Detection is ACTIVATED.

To activate Low-Voltage Detection (LiPo setting):

1. Make sure the LED on the VXL-3s is on and red.
2. Press and hold the EZ-Set button for ten seconds. The LED will turn off and then light green. Also, a "rising" musical tone will be emitted from the motor.
3. Low-Voltage Detection is now ACTIVATED.



To disable Low-Voltage Detection (NiMH setting):

1. Make sure the LED on the VXL-3s is on and green.
2. Press and hold the EZ-Set button for ten seconds. The LED will turn off and then light red. Also, a "falling" musical tone will be emitted from the motor.
3. Low-Voltage Detection is now DISABLED.



Transmitter Adjustments for the VXL-3s ESC

Before attempting to program your VXL-3s ESC, it is important to make sure that your transmitter is properly adjusted (set back to the factory defaults). Otherwise, you may not get the best performance from your speed control.

The transmitter should be adjusted as follows:

If the transmitter settings have been adjusted, reset them to the factory defaults.

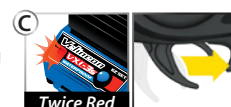
1. Turn the transmitter off.
2. Hold both MENU and SET.
3. Turn the transmitter on.
4. Release MENU and SET. The transmitter LED will blink red.

5. Press SET to clear settings. The LED will turn solid green and the transmitter is restored to default.

VXL-3s Setup Programming (Calibrating your ESC and transmitter)

Read through all of the programming steps before you begin. If you get lost during programming or receive unexpected results, simply unplug the battery, wait a few seconds, plug the battery back in, and start over.

1. Connect a fully charged battery pack to the VXL-3s.
2. Turn on the transmitter (with the throttle at neutral).
3. Press and hold the EZ-Set button (A). The LED will first turn green and then red. Release the EZ-Set button.
4. When the LED blinks RED ONCE, pull the throttle trigger to the full throttle position and hold it there (B).
5. When the LED blinks RED TWICE, push the throttle trigger to the full reverse and hold it there (C).
6. When the LED blinks GREEN ONCE, programming is complete. The LED will then shine green or red (depending on Low-Voltage Detection setting), indicating the VXL-3s is on and at neutral (D).



VXL-3s Operation

To operate the speed control and test programming, place the vehicle on a stable block or stand so that all of the drive wheels are off the ground. Disconnect motor wires "A" and "C" (see page 11), this will ensure the motor does not drive the wheels during testing. Do not test programming without disconnecting the motor wires.

*Note that in steps 1-7 below, Low-Voltage Detection is DISABLED (factory default) and the LED shines red. If Low-Voltage Detection is ACTIVATED, the LED will shine green instead of red in steps 1-7 below. **Never use LiPo batteries while Low-Voltage Detection is disabled.***

1. With the transmitter on, press and release the EZ-Set button. The LED will shine red. This turns the VXL-3s on.
2. Apply forward throttle. The LED will turn off until full throttle power is reached. At full throttle, the LED will illuminate red.
3. Move the trigger forward to apply the brakes. Note that braking control is fully proportional. The LED will turn off until full braking power is reached. At full brakes, the LED will illuminate red.
4. Return the throttle trigger to neutral. The LED will shine red.
5. Move the throttle trigger forward again to engage reverse (Profile #1). The LED will turn off. Once full reverse power is reached, the LED will illuminate red.
6. To stop, return the throttle trigger to neutral. Note that there is programmed delay when changing from reverse to forward. This prevents damage to the transmission on high-traction surfaces.
7. To turn the VXL-3s off, press the EZ-Set button until the LED turns off (.5 seconds).



VXL-3s Specifications

Input voltage:

4.8-11.1V (4 to 9 cells NiMH or 2S to 3S LiPo)

Supported Motors:

Brushed
Brushless
Sensorless brushless

Motor limit:

None

Continuous current:

200A

Peak current :

320A

BEC voltage:

6.0V DC

Transistor type:

MOSFET

Battery connector:

Traxxas High-Current Connector

Motor connectors:

TRX 3.5mm bullet connectors

Motor/Battery Wiring:

12-gauge Maxx® Cable

Thermal Protection:

2-stage thermal shutdown

See page 27 for advanced VXL-3s features and setup.



Patent-Pending Training Mode (Profile #3) reduces forward and reverse throttle by 50%. Training Mode is provided to reduce the power output, allowing beginning drivers to better control the model. As driving skills improve, simply change to Sport or Race Mode for full-power operation.



Tip For Fast Mode Changes

The VXL-3s is set to Profile 1 (Sport Mode) as the default. To quickly change to Profile 3 (Training Mode), with the transmitter on, press and hold the SET button until the light blinks red three times and then release. For full power, quickly change back to Profile 1 (Sport Mode) by pressing and holding the SET button until the light blinks red one time and then releasing.



The VXL-3s has built in programming that prevents accidental activation of reverse while in forward motion and vice-versa. You must come to a complete stop, release the throttle trigger, then apply opposite throttle to engage the motor in the desired direction.

VXL-3s Profile Selection

The speed control is factory set to Profile #1 (100% forward, brakes, and reverse). To disable reverse (Profile #2) or to allow 50% forward and 50% reverse (Profile #3), follow the steps below. The speed control should be connected to the receiver and battery, and the transmitter should be adjusted as described previously. The profiles are selected by entering the programming mode.

Profile Description

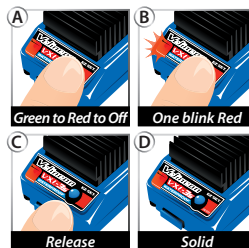
Profile #1 (Sport Mode): 100% Forward, 100% Brakes, 100% Reverse

Profile #2 (Race Mode): 100% Forward, 100% Brakes, No Reverse

Profile #3 (Training Mode): 50% Forward, 100% Brakes, 50% Reverse

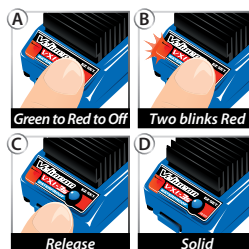
Selecting Sport Mode (Profile #1: 100% Forward, 100% Brakes, 100% Reverse)

1. Connect a fully charged battery pack to the VXL-3s and turn on your transmitter.
2. With the VXL-3s off, press and hold the EZ-Set button until the LED turns solid green, then solid red, and then begins blinking red (indicating the Profile numbers).
3. When the LED blinks red once, release the EZ-Set button.
4. The LED will blink and then turn solid green (Low-Voltage Detection ACTIVE) or red (Low-Voltage Detection DISABLED). The model is ready to drive.



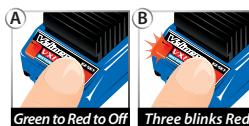
Selecting Race Mode (Profile #2: 100% Forward, 100% Brakes, No Reverse)

1. Connect a fully charged battery pack to the VXL-3s and turn on your transmitter.
2. With the VXL-3s off, press and hold the EZ-Set button until the LED turns solid green, then solid red, and then begins blinking red (indicating the Profile numbers).
3. When the LED blinks red twice, release the EZ-Set button.
4. The LED will blink and then turn solid green (Low-Voltage Detection ACTIVE) or red (Low-Voltage Detection DISABLED). The model is ready to drive.



Selecting Training Mode (Profile #3: 50% Forward, 100% Brakes, 50% Reverse)

1. Connect a fully charged battery pack to the VXL-3s and turn on your transmitter.
2. With the VXL-3s off, press and hold the EZ-Set button until the LED turns solid green, then solid red, and then begins blinking red (indicating the Profile numbers).



3. When the LED blinks red three times, release the EZ-Set button.
4. The LED will blink and then turn solid green (Low-Voltage Detection ACTIVE) or red (Low-Voltage Detection DISABLED). The model is ready to drive.



Note: If you missed the mode you wanted, keep the EZ-Set button pressed down and the blink cycle will repeat until the button is released and a Mode is selected.

LED Codes and Protection Modes



• **Solid Green:** VXL-3s power-on light. Low-Voltage Detection is ACTIVATED (LiPo setting).



• **Solid Red:** VXL-3s power-on light. Low-Voltage Detection is DISABLED (NiCad/NiMH setting). **Never use LiPo batteries while Low-Voltage Detection is disabled.**



• **Fast Blinking Red:** Thermal Shutdown Protection Stage 1. If the motor has *lower than normal* power and the VXL-3s is hot, the VXL-3s has entered **Stage 1 Thermal Shutdown Protection** to guard against overheating caused by excessive current flow. If the motor has *no power* and the VXL-3s is very hot, the VXL-3s has entered **Stage 2 Thermal Shutdown Protection** and has automatically shut down. Let the VXL-3s cool. Make sure your model is properly geared for the conditions (see page 26).



• **Slow Blinking Red** (with Low-Voltage Detection on): The VXL-3s has entered **Low-Voltage Protection**. When the battery voltage begins to reach the minimum recommended discharge voltage threshold for LiPo battery packs, the VXL-3s will limit the power output to 50% throttle. When the battery voltage attempts to fall below the minimum threshold, the VXL-3s will shut down all motor output. The LED on the speed control will slowly blink red, indicating a low voltage shutdown. The VXL-3s will stay in this mode until a fully charged battery is connected.



• **Alternating; Blinks Red then Green:** If the motor has *no power*, the VXL-3s has entered **Over Voltage Protection**. If a battery with too high voltage is used, the VXL-3s will go into a fail-safe mode. **Warning:** If input voltage exceeds approximately 20-volts, the ESC may be damaged. Do not exceed 12.6 maximum peak input voltage.



• **Blinking Green:** The VXL-3s is indicating the transmitter Throttle Trim is incorrectly set. If the Multi-Function knob is set to throttle trim, then adjust the Throttle Trim to the middle "0" setting.

See page 27 for Advanced VXL-3s features.

Now it's time to have some fun! This section contains instructions on driving and making adjustments to your model. Before you go on, here are some important precautions to keep in mind.

- Allow the model to cool for a few minutes between runs. This is particularly important when using high capacity battery packs that allow extended periods of running. Monitoring temperatures will extend the lives of the batteries and motors. See page 28 for advanced user information on monitoring temperatures.
- Do not continue to operate the model with low batteries or you could lose control of it. Indications of low battery power include slow operation, sluggish servos (slow to return to center), or ESC shutdown due to the Low-Voltage Detection circuitry. Stop immediately at the first sign of weak batteries. When the batteries in the transmitter become weak, the power light will begin to flash red. Stop immediately and install new batteries.
- Do not drive the model at night, on public streets, or in large crowds of people.
- If the model becomes stuck against an object, do not continue to run the motor. Remove the obstruction before continuing. Do not push or pull objects with the model.
- Because the model is controlled by radio, it is subject to radio interference from many sources beyond your control. Since radio interference can cause momentary losses of control, allow a safety margin of space in all directions around the model in order to prevent collisions.
- Use good, common sense whenever you are driving your model. Intentionally driving in an abusive and rough manner will only result in poor performance and broken parts. Take care of your model so that you can enjoy it for a long time to come.
- When using the supplied optional pinion for top-speed running, limit your driving to paved surfaces only. Running in grass and off-road could cause excessive loads on the electrical system in the model.
- High-performance vehicles produce small vibrations that may loosen hardware over time. Frequently check wheel nuts and other screws on your vehicle to ensure that all hardware remains properly tightened.

About Run Time

A large factor affecting run time is the type and condition of your batteries. The milliamp hour (mAh) rating of the batteries determines how large their "fuel tank" is. A 3000mAh battery pack will theoretically run twice as long as a 1500mAh sport pack. Because of the wide variation in the types of batteries that are available and the methods with which they can be charged, it's impossible to give exact run times for the model.

Another major factor that affects run time is how the model is driven. Run times may decrease when the model is driven repetitively from a stop to top speed and with repetitive hard acceleration.

Tips for Increasing Run Time

- Use batteries with the highest mAh rating you can purchase.
- Use a high-quality peak-detecting charger.
- Read and follow all maintenance and care instructions provided by the manufacturer of your batteries and charger.
- Keep the VXL-3s cool. Get plenty of airflow across the ESC heat sink.
- Use the correct Low-Voltage Detection setting for your battery (*see page 17*). Low-Voltage Detection can be off for maximum NiMH battery runtime. Never use LiPo batteries while Low-Voltage Detection is turned off.
- Maintain your model. Do not allow dirt or damaged parts to cause binding in the drivetrain. Keep the motor clean.
- Lower your gear ratio. Installing a smaller pinion or larger spur gear will lower your gear ratio, causing less power draw from the motor and battery and reducing overall operating temperatures.

mAh Ratings and Power Output

The mAh rating of the battery can effect your top-speed performance. The higher capacity battery packs experience less voltage drop under heavy load than low mAh rated packs. The higher voltage potential allows increased speed until the battery begins to become discharged.



RUNNING IN WET CONDITIONS

Your new Traxxas model is designed with water-resistant features to protect the electronics in the model (receiver, servos, electronic speed control). This gives you the freedom to have fun driving your model through puddles, wet grass, snow, and through other wet conditions. Though highly water resistant, the model should not be treated as though it is submersible or totally 100% waterproof. Water resistance applies only to the installed electronic components. Running in wet conditions requires additional care and maintenance for the mechanical and electrical components to prevent corrosion of metal parts and maintain their proper function.

Precautions

- **Without proper care, some parts of your model can be seriously damaged due to contact with water. Know that additional maintenance procedures will be required after running in wet conditions in order to maintain the performance of your model. Do not run your model in wet conditions if you are not willing to accept the additional care and maintenance responsibilities.**
- **Not all batteries can be used in wet environments.** Consult your battery manufacturer to see if their batteries can be used in wet conditions. Do not use LiPo batteries in wet conditions.
- The Traxxas TQi transmitter is not water resistant. Do not subject it to wet conditions such as rain.
- Do not operate your model during a rain storm or other inclement weather where lightning may be present.
- Do NOT allow your model to come in contact with salt water (ocean water), brackish water (between fresh water and ocean water), or other contaminated water. Salt water is highly conductive and highly corrosive. Use caution if you plan to run your model on or near a beach.

Before Running Your Vehicle in Wet Conditions

1. Consult the section "After Running Your Vehicle in Wet Conditions" before proceeding. Make sure you understand the additional maintenance required with wet running.
2. The wheels have small holes molded in to allow air to enter and exit the tire during normal running. Water will enter these holes and get trapped inside the tires if holes are not cut in the tires. Cut two small holes (3mm or 1/8" diameter) in each tire. Each hole should be near the tire center-line, 180° apart.

3. Confirm that the RX box O-ring and cover are installed correctly and secure. Make sure the screws are tight and the blue O-ring is not visibly protruding from the edge of the cover.
4. Confirm that your batteries can be used in wet conditions.
5. Use lower gearing (smaller pinion gears, as low as 9T or spur gear as large as 54T) when running in mud, deep puddles, snow, or other similar situations that will restrict the tires and put much higher loads on the motor.

Motor Precautions

- Velineon motor life can be greatly reduced in mud and water. If the motor gets excessively wet or submerged, use very light throttle (run the motor slowly) until the excess water can run out. Applying full throttle to a motor full of water can cause rapid motor failure. Your driving habits will determine motor life with a wet motor. Do not submerge the motor under water.
- Do not gear the motor by temperature when running in wet conditions. The motor will be cooled by water contact and will not give an accurate indication of appropriate gearing.
- Use special care when operating your model in muddy conditions. Stop operating your model if it appears to be straining due to the tackiness of the mud or build-up of mud on the chassis. Do not allow mud to collect on the motor or pack around the motor.

After Running Your Vehicle in Wet Conditions

1. Drain the tires by spinning the tires at high speed to "sling" the water out. One way to do this is to make several high-speed passes on a flat, dry surface, if possible.
2. Remove the batteries.
3. Rinse excess dirt and mud off the truck with low-pressure water, such as from a garden hose. Do NOT use a pressure washer or other high-pressure water. Avoid directing water into the bearings, differentials, etc.
4. Blow off the truck with compressed air (optional, but recommended). Wear safety glasses when using compressed air.
5. Remove the wheels from the truck.
6. Spray all the bearings, drivetrain, and fasteners with WD-40® or similar water displacing light oil.

7. Let the truck stand or you may blow it off with compressed air. Placing the truck in a warm, sunny spot will aid drying. Trapped water and oil will continue to drip from the truck for a few hours. Place it on a towel or piece of cardboard to protect the surface underneath.
8. As a precautionary step, remove the sealed receiver box cover. While unlikely, humidity or tiny amounts of moisture or condensation may enter the receiver box during wet running. This can cause long-term problems with the sensitive electronics in the receiver. Removing the receiver box cover during storage allows the air inside to dry. This step can improve the long-term reliability of the receiver. It is not necessary to remove the receiver or unplug any of the wires.
9. **Additional Maintenance:** Increase your frequency of disassembly, inspection, and lubrication of the following items. This is necessary after extended wet use or if the vehicle will not be used for an extended period of time (such as a week or longer). This additional maintenance is needed to prevent any trapped moisture from corroding internal steel components.
 - **Stub axle housing bearings:** Remove, clean, and re-oil the bearings.
 - **Differentials:** Remove, disassemble, clean, and re-grease the differential components. Use a light coating of wheel bearing grease (from an auto parts store) on the metal gear teeth. Refer to your exploded view diagrams for help with disassembly and reassembly.
 - **Velineon motor:** After operating your model in wet or muddy conditions, remove the motor and clean any mud or dirt from the bearings. To access the rear bearing, remove the plastic cap with thumb pressure, or gently pry the cap off with a flat-blade screwdriver. To prevent corrosion and ensure maximum bearing life, lubricate the bearings with a light oil (available at your local hobby store). Following these steps will extend motor life and maintain peak performance. Be sure to wear eye protection when using spray aerosol cleaners.

RECEIVER BOX: MAINTAINING A WATERTIGHT SEAL

Removing and Installing Radio Gear

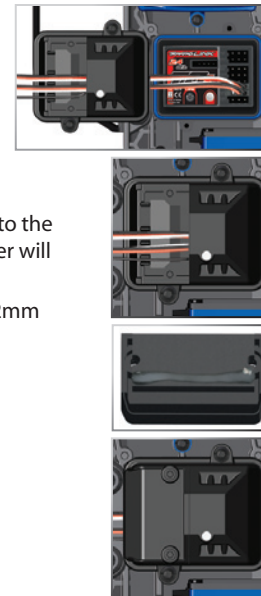
The unique design of the receiver box allows the removal and installation of the receiver without losing the ability to maintain a watertight seal in the box. The patent-pending wire clamp feature gives you the ability to also install aftermarket radio systems and maintain the watertight features of the receiver box.

Removing the Receiver

1. To remove the wire clamp, remove the two 2.5x12mm socket-head cap screws.
2. To remove the cover, remove the two 3x12mm button-head cap screws.
3. To remove the receiver from the box, unplug the servo cables from the receiver and remove the receiver.

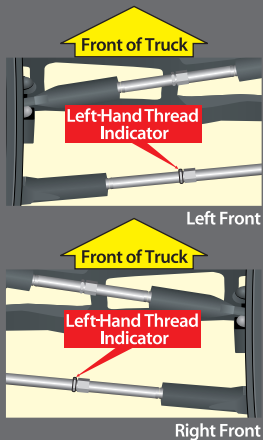
Receiver Installation

1. Install the receiver into the box. Make sure the LED light pipe is aligned with the receiver LED.
2. Install the servo wires and antenna through the cover and plug the wires into the receiver.
3. Make sure the O-ring is properly seated into the groove in the receiver box so that the cover will not pinch it or damage it any way.
4. Install the cover and tighten the two 3x12mm button-head cap screws securely.
5. Inspect the cover to make sure that the O-ring seal is not visible.
6. Arrange the wires neatly using the wire guides in the receiver box.
7. Apply small bead of silicone grease (Traxxas part #1647) to the wire clamp.
8. Install the wire clamp and tighten the two 2.5x12mm cap screws securely.





All of the toe links are installed on the truck so the left-hand thread indicators point to the same direction. This makes it easier to remember which way to turn the wrench to increase or decrease toe link length (the direction is same at all four corners). Note that the groove in the hex indicates the side of the toe link with the left-hand threads.

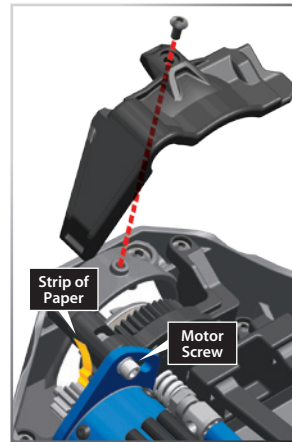


Once you become familiar with driving your model, you might need to make adjustments for better driving performance.

ADJUSTING GEAR MESH

Incorrect gear mesh is the most common cause of stripped spur gears. Gear mesh should be checked and adjusted anytime a gear is replaced. Access the gears by removing the single screw on the gear cover.

To set the gear mesh, loosen the motor screw. Cut a narrow strip of notebook paper and run it into the gear mesh. Slide the motor and pinion gear into the spur gear. Retighten the motor screws and then remove the strip of paper. You should be able to run a fresh strip of paper through the gears without binding them.



ADJUSTING THE CAMBER

The camber angle of both the front and rear wheels can be adjusted with the camber links (upper turnbuckles). Use a square or right-angle triangle to set the camber accurately. Adjust the front wheels to 1° to 2° of negative camber. In the rear, adjust the wheels to 1° to 2° of negative camber. These adjustments should be set with the truck positioned at its normal ride height.



Static Camber Base Factory Settings

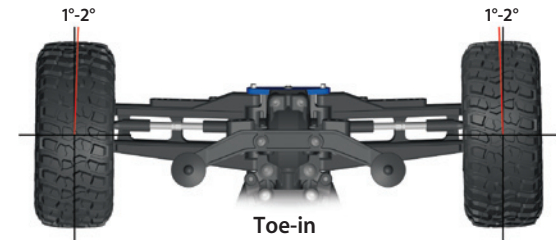
Front: 1° negative camber each side

Rear: 1° negative camber each side

ADJUSTING THE TOE-IN

Toe-in refers to the angle of the wheels as viewed from above. Geometry and alignment specs play an important roll in your model's handling. Take the time to set them correctly. Set the steering trim on your transmitter to neutral. Now, adjust your servo and tie rods so that both wheels are pointing straight ahead and are parallel to each other (0° toe-in). This will ensure the same amount of steering in both directions.

Front Toe-In: For increased stability add 1° to 2° of toe in to each front wheel. Use the turnbuckles to adjust the alignment.

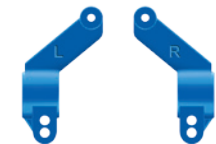


Front Toe Base Factory Settings

Front: 0°

Rear: 2.5° toe-in each side

Rear Toe-In: You will notice that the Slash 4x4 Ultimate's rear wheels point inward slightly, which aids in stability. This is called toe-in, and is measured in degrees. If the wheels point straight ahead, parallel with the chassis' centerline, then the wheels have "zero toe-in." The Slash 4x4 Ultimate is equipped with aluminum rear stub axle carriers that provide 4° of rear toe-in. You will note that the axle carriers are labeled "L" and "R," to indicate left and right. The axle carriers may be installed on the opposite sides (L on



Aluminum axle carriers installed as labeled:
4° toe-in



Aluminum axle carriers reversed:
1° toe-in



Plastic axle carriers (not L/R dependent):
2.5° toe-in

the right side, R on the left side) to provide 1° of toe-in. Slash 4x4 Ultimate also includes the plastic rear stub axle carriers as used on the standard Slash 4X4 Ultimate, which offer 2.5° of toe-in. They can be installed on either side of the truck, as they are not left/right specific.

In general, increasing toe-in improves stability, while reducing toe-in may help “loosen up” the truck’s handling to improve corner speed, especially on high-grip tracks. Experiment to see what works best for your track and driving style.

SHOCK MOUNTING POSITIONS

Big bumps and rough terrain require a softer suspension with the maximum possible suspension travel and ride height. Racing on a prepared track or on-road use requires a lower ride height and firmer, more progressive suspension settings. The more progressive suspension settings help reduce body roll (increased roll stiffness), dive during braking, and squat during acceleration.



The suspension of your model has been set up for off-road performance (position 2 on the front suspension arms and position 3 on the rear suspension arms). If you plan on driving on hard surfaces the following changes should be made:

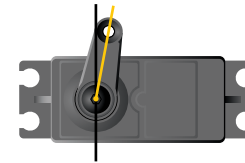
1. Move the front shocks to position 3 on the suspension arms.
2. Move the rear shocks to position 4 or 5 on the suspension arms.
3. Reduce the ride height by loosening the upper spring pre-load spacer.
4. Position 1 is not recommended for front or rear.

CENTERING YOUR SERVO

If you have removed the servo horn from your model’s steering servo, or the servo has been removed for service or cleaning, the servo must be re-centered prior to installation of the servo horn or installation of the servo in the model.

1. Remove the front module from the vehicle to access the steering servo.

2. Connect the steering servo to channel 1 on the receiver. Connect the electronic speed control (ESC) to channel 2. The white wire on the servo lead is positioned towards the receiver’s LED.
3. Turn the transmitter power switch on. Make certain the transmitter’s batteries are not depleted.
4. Turn the transmitter’s steering trim knob to the center “0” position.
5. Disconnect motor wires “A” and “C” (see page 11) to prevent the motor from turning during the next steps. Connect a fresh battery pack to the speed control and turn on the ESC (see page 17). The servo’s output shaft will automatically jump to its center position.
6. Install the servo horn onto the servo output shaft. The servo horn should be aligned one spline clockwise from perpendicular alignment with the servo case (not the chassis).
7. Check servo operation by turning the steering wheel back and forth to ensure that the mechanism has been centered properly and you have equal throw in both directions. Use the transmitter’s steering trim knob to fine-tune the position of the servo horn so the model tracks straight when the steering wheel is at neutral.



ADJUSTING THE SLIPPER CLUTCH

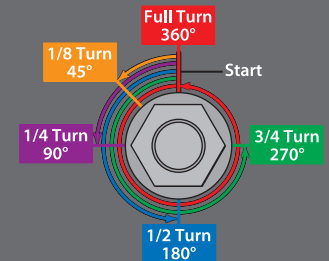
The model is equipped with an adjustable slipper clutch that is built into the large spur gear. The purpose of the slipper clutch is to regulate the amount of power sent to the wheels to prevent tire spin. When it slips, the slipper clutch makes a high-pitch whining noise. To adjust the slipper, use the included wrench to hold the adjusting nut and roll the model forward to tighten and reverse to loosen.



Place the model on a high-traction surface, such as carpet. Adjust the slipper so that you can hear it slip for approximately two feet from a standing, full throttle start. (Learn more about adjusting the slipper clutch in the sidebar.)



To achieve a good starting point for the slipper clutch in this model, remove the slipper gear assembly from your model (see page 25 for instructions) and tighten the slipper clutch adjusting nut clockwise until the slipper clutch adjusting spring fully collapses (do not over tighten), and then turn the slipper clutch nut counterclockwise one full turn.



Do not run your model with the slipper clutch adjusting spring fully compressed. The minimum recommended slipper clutch setting is 1/2 turn counterclockwise from fully compressed.



Always wear eye protection when using compressed air or spray cleaners and lubricants.



High-performance vehicles generate small vibrations while driving. These vibrations may loosen hardware over time and require attention. Always check your wheel nuts and other hardware and tighten or replace when necessary.

Your model requires timely maintenance in order to stay in top running condition. **The following procedures should be taken very seriously.**

Frequently inspect the vehicle for obvious damage or wear. Look for:

1. Cracked, bent, or damaged parts
2. Check the wheels and steering for binding.
3. Check the operation of the shock absorbers.
4. Check the wiring for any frayed wires or loose connections.
5. Check the mounting of the receiver and servo(s) and speed control.
6. Check the tightness of the wheel nuts with a wrench.
7. Check the operation of the radio system, especially the condition of the batteries.
8. Check for any loose screws in the chassis structure or suspension.
9. Check the operation of the steering servo and ensure that it is not binding.
10. Inspect the gears for wear, broken teeth, or debris lodged between the teeth.
11. Check the tightness of the slipper clutch.

Other periodic maintenance:

• **Slipper clutch pads**

(friction material):

Under normal use, the friction material in the slipper clutch should wear very slowly. If the thickness of any one of the slipper clutch pads is 1.8mm or less, the friction disc should be replaced. Measure the pad thickness using calipers or measuring against the diameter of the 1.5 and 2.0mm hex wrenches provided with the model.



- **Chassis:** Keep the chassis clean of accumulated dirt and grime. Periodically inspect the chassis for damage.

- **Suspension:** Periodically inspect the model for signs of damage, such as bent or dirty suspension pins, bent turnbuckles, loose screws, and any signs of stress or bending. Replace components as needed.
- **Steering:** Over time, you may notice increased looseness in the steering system. The tie rod ends may wear out from use (Traxxas Parts #2742 and #5525). Replace these components as needed to restore factory tolerances.
- **Shocks:** Keep the oil level in the shocks full. Use only 100% pure silicone shock oil to prolong the life of the seals. If you are experiencing leakage around the top of the shock, inspect the bladder in the top cap for signs of damage or distortion from overtightening. If the bottom of the shock is leaking, then it is time for a rebuild. The Traxxas rebuild kit for two shocks is part #7463.
- **Driveline:** Inspect the driveline for signs of wear, such as worn drive yokes, dirty axle half shafts, and any unusual noise or binding. If a U-joint pops apart then it is time to replace the part. Remove the gear cover. Inspect the spur gear for wear and check the tightness of the set screws in the pinion gears. Tighten, clean, or replace components as needed.

Storage

When you are through running the model for the day, blow it off with compressed air or use a soft bristled paint brush to dust-off the vehicle.

Always disconnect and remove the battery from the model whenever the model is stored. If the model will be stored for a long time, then also remove the batteries from the transmitter.

Suspension and slipper clutch assembly removal

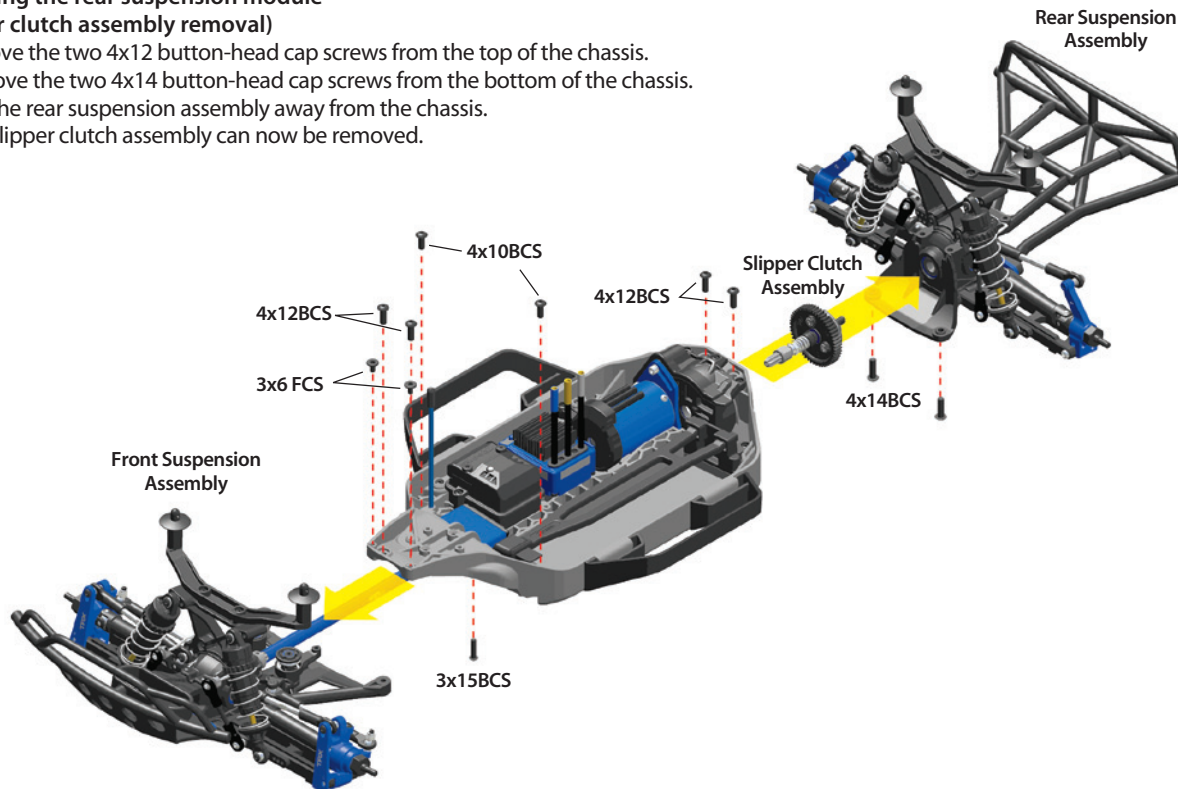
The Slash 4X4 Ultimate was designed with ease of disassembly in mind. The entire front and rear suspension assemblies can be removed from the chassis fully intact with the removal of only a few screws. Refer to the exploded views included in the Slash 4X4 Ultimate Service and Support Guide for complete assembly diagrams.

• Removing the front suspension module

1. Remove the 3x15 button-head cap screw from the steering link under the chassis.
2. Remove the two 3x6 flat-head cap screws from the front chassis.
3. Remove the two 4x12 button-head cap screws from the front of the chassis.
4. Remove the two 4x10 button-head cap screws from the top of the chassis.
5. Pull the front suspension assembly away from the chassis.

• Removing the rear suspension module (Slipper clutch assembly removal)

1. Remove the two 4x12 button-head cap screws from the top of the chassis.
2. Remove the two 4x14 button-head cap screws from the bottom of the chassis.
3. Pull the rear suspension assembly away from the chassis.
4. The slipper clutch assembly can now be removed.





Gearing Compatibility Chart:

The chart below shows recommended gear combination ranges for your model.

		Spur Gear		
		50	52	54
Pinion Gear	9	-	-	17.08
	10	-	-	15.37
	11	-	13.45	13.97
	12	-	12.33	12.81
	13	10.95	11.38	11.82
	14	10.16	10.57	10.98
	15	9.49	9.87	10.25
	16	8.89	9.25	9.61
	17	8.37	8.71	9.04
	18	7.91	8.22	8.54
	19	7.49	7.79	8.09
	20	7.12	7.40	7.68
	21	6.78	7.05	7.32
	22	6.47	6.73	-
	23	6.19	6.43	-
	24	5.93	-	-
	25	5.69	-	-
	26	-	-	-

Thick black border indicates stock settings.

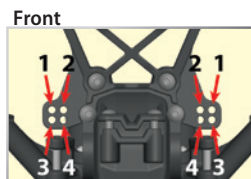
	Preferred gearing for off-road and extreme terrain, 3S LiPo
	Out of Box Setup, recommended for most running, 6 or 7-cell NiMH, 2S LiPo
	Recommended for high-speed running on smooth hard surfaces only
	Included optional gearing, for high-speed running only
	Fits, for high-speed runs only, not recommended for use with NiMH batteries. High-current LiPo batteries required.
	Doesn't fit

CAMBER GAIN

Slash 4X4 Ultimate has provisions for adjusting the camber gain geometry of the front and rear suspension. "Camber gain" refers to an increase in camber angle as the suspension is compressed. The camber gain of the vehicle can be changed by moving the camber link attachment to a different horizontal mounting position. Adjusting the camber gain will alter the tire contact patch as the suspension is compressed. Making the camber link shorter will increase the camber gain. This makes the vehicle more stable over bumps, but reduces traction on smooth surfaces. Lengthening the camber links has the opposite effect.

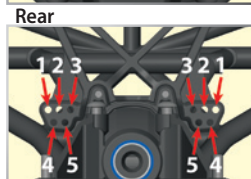
Front Camber Gain

To increase the camber gain on the front suspension, move the inner camber link ends out to Position 3. Position 4 is the stock setting.



Rear Camber Gain

To increase the camber gain on the rear suspension, move the inner camber link ends out to a different attachment hole (Position 4 in the image. Position 5 is the stock setting).



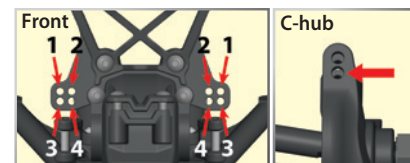
Once you make adjustments to the camber gain, you may need to re-adjust the static camber to suit your tuning needs.

ROLL CENTER

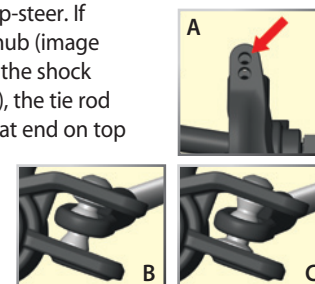
Slash 4X4 Ultimate has provisions for adjusting the roll center geometry of the front and rear suspension. Roll center refers to the virtual axis around which the chassis will roll when subjected to cornering forces. The roll center of the vehicle can be raised by mounting the inner ends of the camber links in a lower position. Raising the roll center will effectively increase the roll stiffness of the vehicle (similar to installing sway bars). Adding roll resistance to one end of the vehicle will tend to add traction to the opposite end. For example, increasing roll resistance in the rear will provide more traction for the front wheels and potentially more steering. Raising the roll center on the front and rear equally will increase overall roll resistance without changing the handling balance. The default factory locations are designed to make the truck easier and more forgiving to drive and less likely to traction roll in turns.

Front Roll Center

To lower the roll center on the front suspension, move the inner camber link ends up to a different attachment hole (Position 1 or 2 – Position 4 is the stock setting). To lower the roll center further, move the outer camber link ends to the lower position on the C-hub.

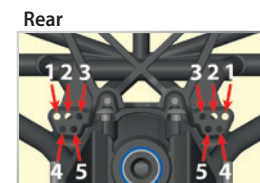


Bump steer correction - "Bump steer" refers to unwanted steering inputs caused by suspension movement. Slash 4X4's suspension geometry is designed to minimize bump-steer. If you are using the upper hole on the C-hub (image A) and either of the two lower holes on the shock tower (positions 3 or 4 in "Front" image), the tie rod ball should be oriented with the large flat end on top (stock position - image B). When using any other combination of camber link attachment points, the tie rod ball should be oriented with the large flat end on the bottom (C).



Rear Roll Center

To lower the roll center on the rear suspension, relocate the inner camber links to one of the upper holes (position 1, 2, or 3 in image) in the upper row of the rear camber link attachment.



Once you make adjustments to the roll center, you may need to re-adjust the static camber to suit your tuning needs.

GEARING

One of the more significant advantages to your model's transmission is the extremely wide range of available gear ratios. Changing the gearing allows you to fine tune the speed of the model and control the temperatures of the battery pack and motor. Use a lower gear ratio (numerically larger) to reduce current draw and temperatures. Use a higher gear (numerically lower) to increase top speed. Use the following formula to calculate the overall ratio for combinations not listed on the gear chart:

$$\frac{\text{\# Spur Gear Teeth}}{\text{\# Pinion Gear Teeth}} \times 2.85 = \text{Final Gear Ratio}$$

When using higher gear ratios, it is important to monitor the temperatures of the battery and motor. If the battery is extremely hot (150°F), and/or the motor is too hot to touch (200°F), your model is probably over-gear-ed and drawing too much current. This temperature test assumes that the model is close to factory stock weight and operates freely with no excessive friction, dragging, or binding, and the battery is fully charged and in good condition. **Note:** Check and adjust gear mesh if a spur and/or pinion gear is changed.

This model is equipped with a Velineon 3500 motor. The gear combination that comes stock on each model provides good overall acceleration and top speed. If you want more top speed, install the included optional large pinion gear (more teeth). **The included optional large pinion gear is intended for high-speed running on hard surfaces, and this gearing is not recommended for off-road or repetitive starting and stopping.**

LIPO BATTERIES

LiPo batteries are intended only for the most advanced users that are educated on the risks associated with LiPo battery use. It is critical to follow all instructions supplied by the battery manufacturer and the charger manufacturer for proper charging, use, and storage of LiPo batteries. Make sure you understand how to use your LiPo batteries. See *Safety Precautions* and warnings on page 4 for more information.

ADVANCED VXL-3s ESC SETUP






The VXL-3s electronic speed control is capable of controlling brushed, brushless, and sensored brushless motors. The VXL-3s auto-detects the motor type and has numerous built-in safeguards to prevent damage from mis-wiring or damaged wiring.

Sensorless Brushless Motors

Sensorless motors are the easiest and most-reliable brushless motor type. The VXL-3s is optimized to deliver the smoothest possible sensorless motor performance. The Velineon 3500 is a sensorless brushless motor (see sidebar for specs). The wiring (phase alignment) of the motor determines its direction of rotation. Refer to the wiring diagram on page 11.

Sensored Brushless Motors

The VXL-3s is fully compatible with sensored brushless motors. Sensor motors use an additional sensor installed in the motor to

#6808 Slash 4x4	35+mph	40+mph	40+mph	45+mph	60+mph
Pinion/Spur	13/54*	18/54**	19/54	13/54*	19/54
Battery	7-Cell NiMH	7-Cell NiMH	2S LiPo	3S LiPo	3S LiPo
Nominal Voltage	8.4V	8.4V	7.4V	11.1V	11.1V
mAh	4000+ mAh	4000+ mAh	4000+ mAh	5000+ mAh	5000+ mAh
Skill Level					

* Stock Gearing
** Included Optional Pinion

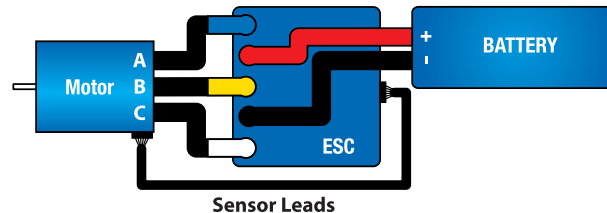
communicate rotor position to the speed control. The VXL-3s features a covered auxiliary port that accepts aftermarket motor sensors on the front face of the unit.

The VXL-3s has built-in Sensor Motor Backup Protection to prevent damage if the sensor leads or phase leads become disconnected. If a sensor lead becomes damaged or is disconnected, the VXL-3s automatically switches to sensorless brushless operation.



The VXL-3s also features Sensor Phase Detection. When a sensored brushless motor is connected, the VXL-3s will check for proper wiring. If the motor phase wiring is incorrect, the VXL-3s will not apply power to the motor until it is wired correctly.

Optional sensored brushless motor wiring diagram:



Brushed Motors

For the ultimate in versatility, the VXL-3s has no motor limit when used with a brushed motor. This allows you to use any readily available 540 or 550 size brushed motor in your VXL-3s equipped vehicle. Always be sure to follow all break-in and maintenance instructions set forth by the motor manufacturer. The VXL-3s



Velineon 3500 Specs

Type:
Sensorless brushless
RPM/volt:
3500 (10-turn)
Magnet type:
Ultra High-Temperature Sintered Neodymium
Connection type :
3.5mm bullet
Wire size:
12 Gauge
Max RPM:
50,000
Diameter:
36mm (1.42) (540 size)
Length:
55mm (2.165)
Weight:
262g (9.24oz)



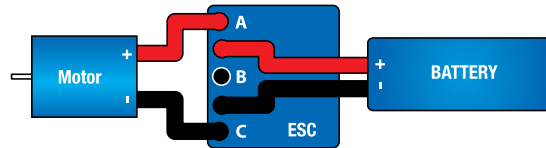
Always use the proper length motor bolts. The standard motor mounting bolts are 3x8mm. Using motor bolts that are too long can interfere with the motor's rotation and damage the motor's internals!



The VXL-3s features Locked Rotor Protection. The VXL-3s checks to make sure the motor is turning. If the motor is locked or damaged, the ESC will enter fail-safe until the motor is free to rotate.

automatically detects what kind of motor it is connected to so no programming actions are required to use brushed motors. Simply be sure to properly connect the motor to the speed control as shown.

Optional brushed motor wiring diagram:



- Motor positive (+) should be connected to phase A (blue).
- Phase B is not used.
- Motor negative (-) should be connected to phase C (white).

If the wiring is reversed, the motor will operate in reverse. If the motor is wired incorrectly (using phases A+B or B+C), the VXL-3s will send short pulses to the motor and turn off the LED, indicating a fail-safe mode. It will not return to normal operation until wired properly.

TEMPERATURES AND COOLING

Monitoring temperatures will extend the lives of the batteries and motors. There are many options available that will help you monitor temperatures and cool your components.

Temperature gauge

An on-board temperature gauge, such as the Traxxas part #4091, can aid you in monitoring your motor temperature. Generally, try to keep your motor below 200° F. If necessary, increase airflow to the motor by cutting out the rear of the body or windshield.



Heat sink cooling fan

The VXL-3s is equipped with an additional connector to supply power to an optional heat sink cooling fan (Part #3340). The optional heat sink cooling fan can assist in cooling the VXL-3s in high current motor applications.



TUNING THE SEALED GEAR DIFFERENTIALS

The action of the Slash 4X4 Ultimate's front and rear gear differentials can be tuned for different driving conditions and performance requirements, without major disassembly or removal of the suspension system.

From the factory, the differentials are sealed to maintain consistent long-term performance. Changing the oil in the differential with either lower or higher viscosity oil will vary the performance characteristics of the differentials. Changing to a higher viscosity oil in the differential will reduce the tendency for motor power to be transferred to the wheel with the least traction. You may notice this when making sharp turns on slick surfaces. The unloaded wheels on the inside of the turn have the least traction and tend to spin up to extremely high rpms. Higher viscosity (thicker) oil causes the differential to act like a limited-slip differential, distributing more equal power to the left and right wheels.

Slash 4X4 Ultimate will generally benefit from higher viscosity oil when climbing or racing on low traction surfaces. **Note:** Heavier oil will allow power to be transferred even with one or more tires off the ground. This can make the vehicle more likely to overturn on high-traction surfaces.

From the factory, the front differential is filled with SAE 30,000W (30K) viscosity silicone oil. The rear differential is filled with grease, but can also be tuned with silicone differential oil. Only use silicone oil in the differentials. Traxxas offers silicone differential fluid in a variety of viscosities:

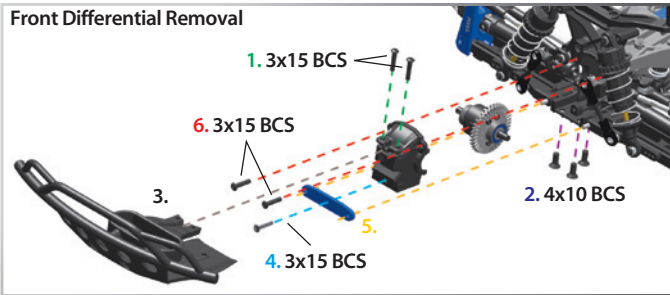
Part #5135: 10K Part #5136: 30K Part #5137: 50K
Part #5130: 100K Part #5039: 500K

Follow the steps below to access and refill the front and rear differentials:

Front differential:

1. Remove the two 3x15mm button-head screws that secure the top bumper mount to the differential (diff) case.
2. Turn the chassis over and remove the three 4x10mm countersunk screws that hold bumper/skid plate to the bulkhead. The two rear screws do not need to be removed.
3. Slide bumper assembly off of the chassis.
4. Remove 3x15mm button-head screw from diff tie bar.
5. Slide tie bar off truck.

Front Differential Removal

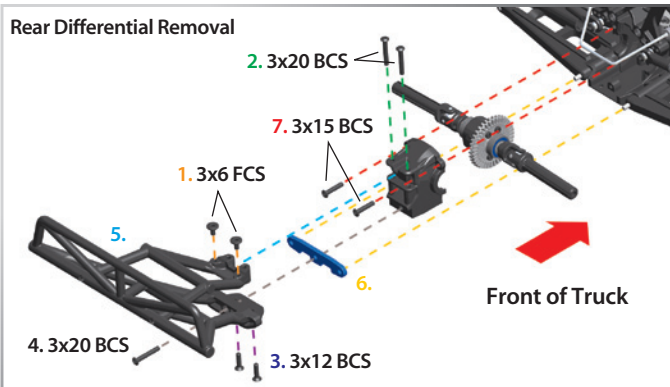


6. Remove two 3x15mm button-head screws from the differential cover. Do not remove the two screws that secure the shock tower.
7. Use a 1.5mm hex wrench to remove the two screw pins that hold the driveshaft yokes to the differential output shafts. Remove the differential cover and slide the differential out of the front of the case.
8. To reinstall the differential, reverse the steps.

Rear differential:

1. Remove the two 3x6mm flat-head sway bar screws.
2. Remove the two 3x20mm button-head screws that secure the top bumper mount to the differential case.
3. Turn the chassis over and remove the two 3x12mm countersunk screws that hold the bumper/skid plate to the bulkhead. The two front screws do not need to be removed.
4. Remove the 3x20mm button-head screw from the bumper mount and tie bar.

Rear Differential Removal



5. Slide the bumper assembly off of the chassis.
6. Remove the tie bar from the chassis.
7. Remove the two 3x15mm button-head screws from the differential cover. Do not remove the two screws that secure the shock tower.
8. Remove the differential cover and slide the differential out of the front of the case.
9. To reinstall the differential, reverse the steps.

Refilling the differentials:

1. Remove the four 2.5x8mm screws from the differential case and carefully pull the differential case halves apart. Work over a towel to collect any fluid that drips from the differential.
2. Drain the fluid from the differential. You may wish to remove the spider gears from the differential to make this easier.
3. Place the spider gears back into the differential case, if you removed them. Fill the diff case with fluid until it the spider gears are submerged half way.
4. Rejoin the differential case halves, using care to align the screw holes. Be sure the rubber gasket is in place, or the differential may leak.
5. Install the 2.5x8mm screws and tighten securely.

Center differential

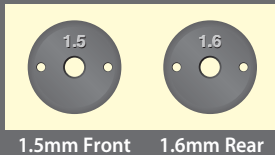
The optional included center differential allows the power from the motor to be transferred to the front and rear differentials independently from one another. When the rear wheels are under more load than the front wheels, more power will be transmitted to the front wheels. This is very beneficial on rough terrain and makes hard acceleration from low speeds easier to control by keeping the nose down. The center differential is assembled with 100K differential lube from the factory. This viscosity will be a good base point for most conditions.

1. Locate and remove the two 4x12mm button head machine screws from the top rear of the chassis and the two 4x14mm button head machine screws from the bottom of the rear suspension bulkhead (See page 25 for reference).
2. Remove the modular rear end from the chassis by sliding it backward away from the chassis. This is to access the spur gear/slipper unit. Remove the spur gear/slipper unit from the rear of the chassis.



Optional shock springs available from Traxxas. Refer to your parts list for a complete part number listing. Higher rate springs are stiffer. Springs can be identified by dots of color on one end.

Shock Piston Sizes



3. Insert the included center differential unit into the rear of the chassis (where the spur gear/slipper unit was removed). Stand the chassis up on the front bumper to hold the spur gear steady and line it up with the pinion gear. The splined shaft adapter must key into the aluminum center drive shaft.
4. Attach the rear end unit to the chassis keying in the rear output shaft of the center differential with the opening in the rear differential. Secure the assembly with the same four button-head screws.

Tip: Rotate the rear wheels slowly while attaching the rear end to the chassis to properly set the rear output shaft of the center differential into the rear differential. You should feel the rear end set into place. The rear skid plate should lock into the bottom of the chassis.

TUNING AND MAINTAINING THE SHOCKS

Slash 4X4 Ultimate features high-performance GTR shocks that utilize friction-reducing titanium nitride shafts and hard-anodized bodies with PTFE-coated bores to provide the ultimate in precise damping control. The shocks are filled with 30W silicone fluid. You may wish to install lower-viscosity ("thinner") or higher-viscosity ("thicker") fluid to alter damping performance to suit your track, terrain, or driving style. Damping can also be altered by changing the pistons inside the shocks. The front piston is a 2-hole with 1.5mm diameter holes. The rear piston is a 2-hole with 1.6 diameter holes.

Shock Oil

The 4 oil-filled aluminum shocks (dampers) effectively control the suspension movement by preventing the wheels and tires from continuing to "bounce" after rebounding from a bump. Changing the oil in the shocks can vary the suspension damping effect. Changing the oil to a higher viscosity oil will increase damping. Lowering the viscosity of the oil will cause the suspension damping to be reduced. Damping should be increased (with higher viscosity oil) if the model is bottoming easily over jumps. Damping should be decreased (with thinner viscosity oil) if the model is hopping over small bumps and feels unstable. The viscosity of shock oil is affected by extremes in operating temperature; an oil of certain viscosity will become less viscous at higher temperatures and more viscous at lower temperatures. Operating in regions with cold temperatures may require lower viscosity oil. From the factory, the shocks are filled with SAE-30W silicone oil. Only use 100% silicone oil in the shock.

Replacing Shock Oil

For easier service, the shocks should be removed from the vehicle and disassembled to change the oil.

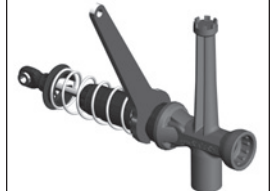
1. Remove the lower spring retainer and shock spring.
2. Remove the upper shock cap using the shock wrench and suspension multi-tool (A).
3. Empty the used shock oil from the shock body.
4. Fill the shock with new silicone shock oil up to the top of the shock body.
5. Slowly move the piston up and down (always keeping it submerged in oil) to release the air bubbles. Let the shock sit for a few minutes to allow any remaining air bubbles to surface.
6. Slowly thread the upper cap with the installed shock bladder onto the shock body with the suspension multi-tool. The excess oil will bleed out of the small hole in the shock cap.
7. Tighten the shock cap until snug. Use the included steel shock wrench to hold onto the shock body while tightening (A).

Shock disassembly

The shocks must be removed from the vehicle and disassembled to change the pistons. Use the shock exploded views included with the model to aid in the assembly process.

1. Remove the spring and lower spring retainer from the shock.
2. Remove the shock cap and empty the shock body of shock oil (A).
3. Remove the lower cap and the X-ring from the shock body (B).
4. Use side cutters to grip the shock shaft just above the rod end. Remove the rod end from the shock shaft using the suspension multi-tool (C).
5. Remove the shock shaft with piston from the shock body out through the top of the shock body.

Multi-tool Shock Functions



A. Tighten/Loosen Upper Cap



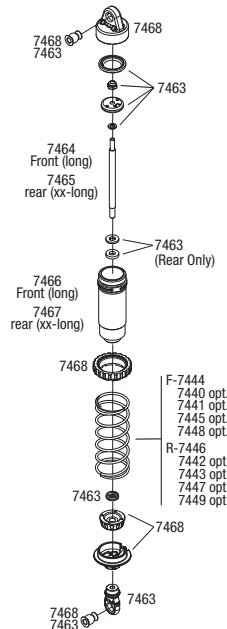
B. Tighten/Loosen Lower Cap



C. Remove/Install Rod End

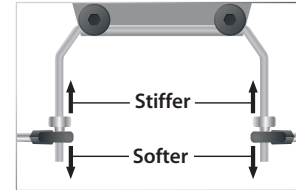
Shock assembly

1. Replace the stock piston with desired optional piston. Be careful not to lose the small washer located below the piston.
2. Position the new piston onto the shock shaft above the small washer. Grip the threads of the shaft with side cutters or needlenose pliers and tighten the nut with the 4-way wrench to secure the assembly (D).
3. Insert the shock shaft assembly through the shock body until the piston bottoms out.
4. Lubricate the shaft and X-ring with silicone oil.
5. Install the X-ring over the shaft and into the bore of the shock body.
6. Install the lower cap using the suspension multi-tool (B).
7. Grip the shaft close to the threads with needlenose pliers or side cutters and thread the rod end onto the shock shaft until the rod end bottoms out (C).
8. Fill the shock with new silicone shock oil up to the top of the shock body. Slowly move the piston up and down (always keeping it submerged in oil) to release the air bubbles. Let the shock sit for a few minutes to allow any remaining air bubbles to surface.
9. Slowly thread the upper cap with the installed shock bladder onto the shock body with the suspension multi-tool. The excess oil will bleed out of the small hole in the shock cap. Tighten the shock cap until snug. Use the included steel shock wrench to hold onto the shock body while tightening (A).
10. Reinstall the spring and lower retainer.



SWAY BAR SETTINGS AND ADJUSTMENTS

- Adjust the sway bar links so the sway bars are level (parallel to the ground) when the truck is on the ground and the suspension is at rest (normal ride height). This allows equal sway bar travel in both unloaded and loaded suspension conditions. Always adjust the left and right sway bar links equally to prevent suspension tweak.
- The adjustable hollow balls can be moved closer to or farther from the sway bar mount (pivot point) to increase torsion response and fine tune the sway bar's response for different track conditions. Closer to the pivot point results in a stiffer setup, farther from the pivot point will result in softer sway bar response.



For smooth surfaces with high traction:

- Adjust linkage placement for stiffer response (closer to the sway bar mount).

For rough surfaces with low traction:

- Adjust linkage placement for softer response (farther from the sway bar mount).

To reduce understeer (pushing in corners):

- Adjust front linkage placement for softer response (farther from the sway bar mount).
- Adjust rear linkage placement for stiffer response (closer to the sway bar mount).

To reduce oversteer (loose in corners):

- Adjust front linkage placement for stiffer response (closer to the sway bar mount).
- Adjust rear linkage placement for softer response (farther from the sway bar mount).

If you have questions or need technical assistance, call Traxxas at

1-888-TRAXXAS

(1-888-872-9927) (U.S. residents only)

The model's TQi transmitter is equipped with the new TQi Docking Base. This innovative accessory transforms your iPhone® or iPod touch® into a powerful tuning tool that equips your TQi with an intuitive, high-definition, full-color graphical user interface.

Traxxas Link

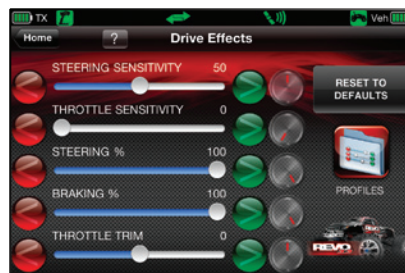
The powerful Traxxas Link app (available in the Apple App Store) gives you complete control over the operation and tuning of your Traxxas model with stunning visuals and absolute precision. With the installed Traxxas Link telemetry sensors on the model, Traxxas Link displays real-time data, such as speed, rpm, temperature, and battery voltage.

Intuitive iPhone and iPod touch interface

Traxxas Link makes it easy to learn, understand, and access powerful tuning options. Control Drive Effects settings such as steering and throttle sensitivity; steering percentage; braking strength; and throttle trim by simply touching and dragging the sliders on the screen.

Real-Time Telemetry

With the installed telemetry sensors, the Traxxas Link dashboard comes to life, showing you speed, battery voltage, rpm, and temperature. Set threshold warnings and log maximums, minimums, or averages. Use the recording function to document your dashboard view with sound, so that you can keep your eyes on your driving and not miss a single apex.



Tap and slide to adjust Steering Sensitivity, Throttle Trim, Braking Percent, and more!



The customizable Traxxas Link dashboard delivers real-time rpm, speed, temperature, and voltage data.

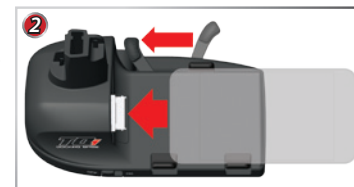
Manage up to 30 Models with Traxxas Link

The TQi radio system automatically keeps track of what vehicles it has bound to and what settings were used for each--up to 30 models total! Traxxas Link provides a visual interface to name the models, customize their settings, attach profiles, and lock them into memory. Simply choose a model and any previously bound transmitter, power them up, and start having fun.

Installing Your Mobile Device

The TQi™ Docking Base has a unique clamping mechanism that allows the Apple® iPhone® and iPod touch® to be easily installed and removed. The clamp's self-adjusting design allows it to accommodate the wide variety of protective cases available for Apple products. Follow these steps to install your mobile device:

1. Swing the Docking Base Clamp lever from position A (locked) to position B (unlocked).
2. Install your mobile device by sliding it onto the connector.
3. Ensure your mobile device is parallel with the Docking Base. Slide the included foam pads beneath the mobile device so it is held parallel with the docking base when supported by the pads. The pads have thicknesses of 1, 2, 3 and 4mm, choose the best combination for your device and case, if used. See the chart to find the correct pad combination for iPhone and iPod touch models without accessory cases.
4. Make certain your mobile device slides directly onto the connector when slid over the foam pads. When you are satisfied with the fit, peel the backing from the foam pads and apply them to the Docking Base.



5. Close the Docking Base Clamp by moving it to position A. Confirm your mobile device is snug and securely held in place.

Optional: The Docking Base Clamp's 'fingers' have soft gripper pads on them to hold un-cased devices. If your device is in a soft rubber case, the gripper pads may be removed for easier device installation and removal.

Foam pad combination recommendations (without accessory cases):

iPod touch 2nd & 3rd Generation	4mm + 3mm (7mm total)
iPod touch 4th Generation	4mm + 3mm + 2mm (9mm total)
iPhone 3GS	3mm + 2mm (5mm total) or 4mm + 1mm (5mm total)
iPhone 4	4mm + 3mm + 1mm (8mm total)

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Available Tuning Adjustments

The following items can be adjusted most easily using your mobile device and the Traxxas Link application. All the features described below may also be accessed using the MENU and SET buttons on the transmitter and observing signals from the LED. An explanation of the menu structure follows on page 35.

Your Traxxas transmitter has a programmable Multi-Function knob that can be set to control various advanced transmitter functions (set to Steering Sensitivity by default, see page 16). Experiment with the settings and features to see if they can improve your driving experience.

Steering Percentage (Dual Rate)

The Multi-Function knob can be set to control the amount (percentage) of servo travel applied to steering. Turning the Multi-Function knob fully clockwise will deliver maximum steering throw; turning the knob counterclockwise reduces steering throw (note: turning the dial counterclockwise to its stop will eliminate all servo travel). Be aware that the steering End Point settings define the servo's maximum steering throw. If you set Steering Percentage to

100% (by turning the Multi-Function knob fully clockwise), the servo will travel all the way to its selected end point, but not past it. Many racers set Dual Rate so they have only as much steering throw as they need for the track's tightest turn, thus making the car easier to drive throughout the rest of the course. Reducing steering throw can also be useful in making a car easier to control on high-traction surfaces, and limiting steering output for oval racing where large amounts of steering travel are not required.









Throttle Sensitivity (Throttle Exponential)

The Multi-Function knob can be set to control Throttle Sensitivity. Throttle Sensitivity works the same way as Steering Sensitivity, as described on page 16, but applies the effect to the throttle channel. Only forward throttle is affected; brake/reverse travel remains linear regardless of the Throttle Sensitivity setting.




Steering and Throttle End Points

The TQi transmitter allows you to choose the limit of the servo's travel range (or its "end point") independently for left and right travel (on the steering channel) and throttle/brake travel (on the throttle channel). This allows you to fine-tune the servo settings to

TRANSMITTER LED CODES

LED Color / Pattern	Name	Notes
	Solid green	Normal Driving Mode
	Binding	See page 14 for information on how to use your transmitter controls.
	Throttle Trim Seek Mode	See page 15 for more information on binding.
	Low Battery Alarm	Turn the Multi-Function knob right or left until the LED stops flashing. See sidebar for more information.
	Link Failure / Error	Put new batteries in the transmitter. See page 12 for more information.
Programming Patterns		
	Counts out number (green or red) then pauses	Transmitter and receiver are no longer bound. Turn the system off and then back on to resume normal operation. Find source of the link failure (i.e., out of range, low batteries, damaged antenna).
	Menu setting accepted (on SET)	See Menu Tree for more information.
	Menu SET invalid	Menu setting accepted (on SET)

RECEIVER LED CODES

LED Color / Pattern	Name	Notes
	Solid green	Normal Driving Mode
	Binding	See page 14 for information on how to use your transmitter controls.
	Fail-Safe / Low-Voltage Detect	See page 15 for more information on binding.

Consistent low voltage in the receiver triggers Fail-Safe so there is enough power to center the throttle servo before it completely loses power.



Throttle Trim Seek Mode

When the Multi-Function knob is set to throttle trim, the transmitter remembers the throttle trim setting. If the throttle trim knob (Multi-Function knob) is moved from the original setting while the transmitter is off, or while the transmitter was used to control another model, the transmitter ignores the actual position of the trim knob. This prevents the model from accidentally running away. The LED on the face of the transmitter will rapidly blink green and the throttle trim knob (Multi-Function knob) will not adjust the trim until it is moved back to its original position saved in memory. To restore throttle trim control, simply turn the Multi-Function knob either direction until the LED stops blinking.



Fail-safe

Your Traxxas radio system is equipped with a built-in fail-safe function that returns the throttle to its last saved neutral position in the event of a signal loss. The LED on the transmitter and the receiver will rapidly flash red.



Starting Over:

Restoring Factory Defaults

When programming your TQi transmitter, you may feel the need to start over with a clean slate. Follow these simple steps to restore the factory settings:

1. Turn the transmitter off.
2. Hold both MENU and SET.
3. Turn the transmitter on.
4. Release MENU and SET. The transmitter LED will blink red.
5. Press SET to clear settings. The LED will turn solid green and the transmitter is restored to default.

prevent binding caused by the servo moving steering or throttle linkages (in the case of a nitro car) farther than their mechanical limits. The end point adjustment settings you select will represent what you wish to be the servo's maximum travel; the Steering Percentage or Braking Percentage functions will not override the End Point settings.

Steering and Throttle Sub-Trim

The Sub-Trim function is used to precisely set the neutral point of the steering or throttle servo in the event that simply setting the trim knob to "zero" does not completely center the servo. When selected, Sub-Trim allows finer adjustment to the servo output shaft's position for precise setting of the neutral point. Always set the Steering Trim knob to zero before making final adjustment (if required) using Sub-Trim. If Throttle Trim has been previously adjusted, the Throttle Trim will need to be reprogrammed to "zero" before making final adjustment using Sub-Trim.

Braking Percentage

The Multi-Function knob may also be set to control the amount of brake travel applied by the servo in a nitro-powered model. Electric models do not have a servo-operated brake, but the Braking Percentage function still operates the same way in electric models. Turning the Multi-Function knob full clockwise will deliver maximum brake throw; turning the knob counterclockwise reduces brake throw (**Note:** Turning the dial counterclockwise to its stop will eliminate all brake action).

Throttle Trim

Setting the Multi-Function knob to serve as throttle trim will allow you to adjust the throttle's neutral position to prevent unwanted brake drag or throttle application when the transmitter trigger is at neutral.

Note: Your transmitter is equipped with a Throttle Trim Seek mode to prevent accidental runaways. See the sidebar on page 33 for more information.

Setting Lock

Once you've adjusted all of these settings the way you like them, you may want to disable the Multi-Function knob

so none of your settings can be changed. This is especially handy if you operate multiple vehicles with a single transmitter via Traxxas Link™ Model Memory.

Multiple Settings and the Multi-Function Knob

It is important to note that settings made with the Multi-Function knob are "overlaid" on top of each other. For example, if you assign the Multi-Function knob to adjust Steering Percentage and set it for 50%, then reassign the knob to control Steering Sensitivity, the transmitter will "remember" the Steering Percentage setting. Adjustments you make to Steering Sensitivity will be applied to the 50% steering throw setting you selected previously. Likewise, setting the Multi-Function knob to "disabled" will prevent the knob from making further adjustments, but the last setting of the Multi-Function knob will still apply.

TRAXXAS LINK MODEL MEMORY

Traxxas Link Model Memory is an exclusive, patent-pending feature of the TQi transmitter. Each time the transmitter is bound to a new receiver, it saves that receiver in its memory along with all the settings assigned to that receiver. When the transmitter and any bound receiver are switched on, the transmitter automatically recalls the settings for that receiver. There is no need to manually select your vehicle from a list of model memory entries.

Model Lock

The Traxxas Link Model Memory feature can store up to thirty models (receivers) in its memory. If you bind a thirty-first receiver, Traxxas Link Model Memory will delete the "oldest" receiver from its memory (in other words, the model you used the longest time ago will be deleted). Activating Model Lock will lock the receiver in memory so it cannot be deleted.

You may also bind multiple TQi transmitters to the same model, making it possible to pick up any transmitter and any previously bound model in your collection and simply turn them on and drive. With Traxxas Link Model Memory, there is no need remember which transmitter goes with which model and there is never a need to have to select

any model from a list of model memory entries. The transmitter and receiver do it all for you automatically.

To activate Model Lock:

1. Switch on the transmitter and receiver you wish to lock.
2. Press and hold MENU. Release when the status LED blinks green.
3. Press MENU three times. The status LED will blink green four times repeatedly.
4. Press SET. The status LED will blink green in single-flash intervals.
5. Press SET once. The status LED will blink red once repeatedly.
6. Press MENU once. The LED will blink red twice repeatedly.
7. Press SET. The LED will blink rapidly green. The memory is now locked. Press MENU and SET to return to driving mode.

Note: To unlock a memory, press SET twice at step 5. The LED will blink rapidly green to indicate the model is unlocked. To unlock all models, press MENU twice at step 6 and then press SET.

To delete a model:

At some point, you may wish to delete a model you no longer drive from the memory.

1. Switch on the transmitter and receiver you wish to delete.
2. Press and hold MENU. Release when the status LED blinks green.
3. Press MENU three times. The status LED will blink green four times repeatedly.
4. Press SET once. The status LED will blink green once repeatedly.
5. Press MENU once. The status LED will blink green twice repeatedly.
6. Press SET. The memory is now selected to be deleted. Press SET to delete the model. Press and hold MENU to return to driving mode.

MENU TREE

The menu tree below shows how to navigate through the TQi transmitter's various settings and functions. Press and hold MENU to enter the menu tree, and use the following commands to navigate through the menu and select options.

MENU: When you enter a menu, you always start at the top. Press MENU to move down the menu tree. When you reach the bottom of the tree, pressing MENU again will return you to the top.

SET: Press SET to move across the menu tree and select options. When an option is committed to the transmitter's memory, the status LED will rapidly blink green.

BACK: Press both MENU and SET to go back one level in the menu tree.

EXIT: Press and hold MENU to exit programming. Your selected options will be saved.

ECHO: Press and hold SET to activate the "echo" function. Echo will "play back" your current position on the Menu Tree, should you lose your place. For example: If your current position is Steering Channel End Points, holding SET will cause the LED to blink green twice, green once, and then red three times. Echo will not alter your adjustments or change your position in the programming sequence.

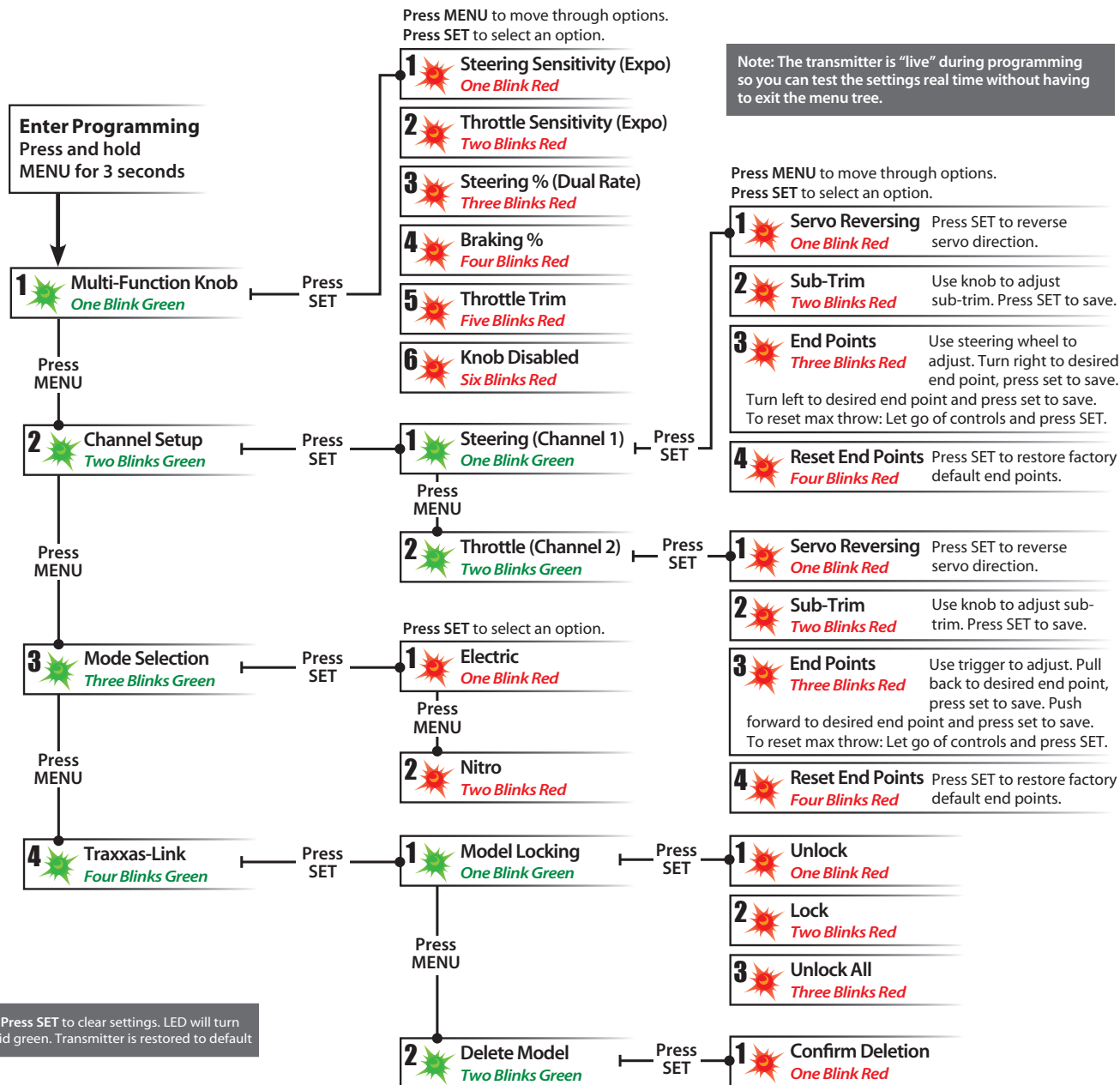
Below is an example of how to access a function in the menu tree. In the example, the user is setting the Multi-Function knob to be a steering Dual Rate control.





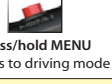

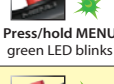
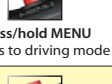
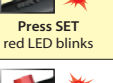
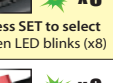
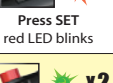
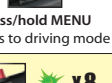




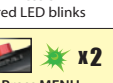

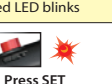

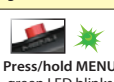
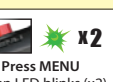
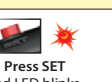





To set the Multi-Function knob to control STEERING DUAL RATE (%):

1. Switch the transmitter on
2. Press and hold MENU until the green LED lights. It will blink in single intervals.
3. Press SET. The red LED will blink in single intervals to indicate Steering Dual Rate has been selected.
4. Press MENU twice. The red LED will blink three times repeatedly to indicate Steering Percentage has been selected.
5. Press SET to select. The green LED will blink 8 times fast to indicate successful selection.
6. Press and hold MENU to return to driving mode.

Restoring Factory Defaults:

Transmitter OFF	Hold both MENU and SET	Transmitter ON	Release MENU and SET red LED blinks	Press SET to clear settings. LED will turn solid green. Transmitter is restored to default
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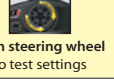

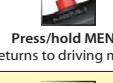

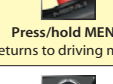
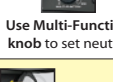

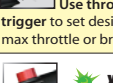
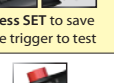
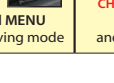
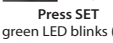
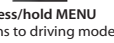
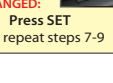
Set Multi-Function knob for STEERING SENSITIVITY (Expo)	 Press/hold MENU green LED blinks	 Press SET red LED blinks	 x8 Press SET to confirm green LED blinks (x8)	 Press/hold MENU returns to driving mode	
Set Multi-Function knob for THROTTLE SENSITIVITY (Expo)	 Press/hold MENU green LED blinks	 Press SET red LED blinks	 x2 Press MENU to confirm red LED blinks (x2)	 x8 Press SET to select green LED blinks (x8)	 Press/hold MENU returns to driving mode
Set Multi-Function knob for STEERING DUAL RATE (%)	 Press/hold MENU green LED blinks	 Press SET red LED blinks	 x3 Press MENU twice red LED blinks (x3)	 x8 Press SET to select green LED blinks (x8)	 Press/hold MENU returns to driving mode
Set Multi-Function knob for BRAKING PERCENTAGE (%)	 Press/hold MENU green LED blinks	 Press SET red LED blinks	 x4 Press MENU 3 times red LED blinks (x4)	 x8 Press SET to select green LED blinks (x8)	 Press/hold MENU returns to driving mode
Set Multi-Function knob for THROTTLE TRIM	 Press/hold MENU green LED blinks	 Press SET red LED blinks	 x5 Press MENU 4 times red LED blinks (x5)	 x8 Press SET to select green LED blinks (x8)	 Press/hold MENU returns to driving mode
To LOCK the Multi-Function knob	 Press/hold MENU green LED blinks	 Press SET red LED blinks	 x6 Press MENU 5 times red LED blinks (x6)	 x8 Press SET to lock green LED blinks (x8)	 Press/hold MENU returns to driving mode
To REVERSE the direction of STEERING servo	 Press/hold MENU green LED blinks	 x2 Press MENU green LED blinks (x2)	 Press SET green LED blinks	 Press SET red LED blinks	 x8 Press SET to reverse servo direction
To set the SUB TRIM of the STEERING servo	 Press/hold MENU green LED blinks	 x2 Press MENU green LED blinks (x2)	 Press SET green LED blinks	 Press SET red LED blinks	 x2 Press MENU red LED blinks (x2)
To set the END POINTS of the STEERING servo	 Press/hold MENU green LED blinks	 x2 Press MENU green LED blinks (x2)	 Press SET green LED blinks	 Press SET red LED blinks	 x3 Press MENU twice red LED blinks (x3)
To reset the END POINTS of STEERING servo to defaults	 Press/hold MENU green LED blinks	 x2 Press MENU green LED blinks (x2)	 Press SET green LED blinks	 Press SET red LED blinks	 x4 Press MENU 3 times red LED blinks (x4)
To REVERSE the direction of THROTTLE servo	 Press/hold MENU green LED blinks	 x2 Press MENU green LED blinks (x2)	 Press SET green LED blinks	 x2 Press MENU green LED blinks (x2)	 Press SET red LED blinks
To set the SUB TRIM of the THROTTLE servo	 Press/hold MENU green LED blinks	 x2 Press MENU green LED blinks (x2)	 Press SET green LED blinks	 x2 Press MENU green LED blinks (x2)	 Press SET red LED blinks
To set the END POINTS of the THROTTLE servo	 Press/hold MENU green LED blinks	 x2 Press MENU green LED blinks (x2)	 Press SET green LED blinks	 x2 Press MENU green LED blinks (x2)	 Press SET red LED blinks
To reset the END POINTS of THROTTLE servo to defaults	 Press/hold MENU green LED blinks	 x2 Press MENU green LED blinks (x2)	 Press SET green LED blinks	 x2 Press MENU green LED blinks (x2)	 Press SET red LED blinks

Adjust the Multi-Function knob until the LED turns solid green.

MENU TREE FORMULAS

To select functions and make adjustments to the TQi transmitter without referencing the menu tree, turn your transmitter on, find the function in the left column you wish to adjust, and simply follow the corresponding steps.



 x8 Press SET to save position	 Press/hold MENU returns to driving mode	
 x8 Press SET to save each position	 Turn steering wheel to test settings	IF END POINTS ARE OK:  Press/hold MENU returns to driving mode
 Press/hold MENU returns to driving mode		IF END POINTS NEED TO BE CHANGED:  Press SET and repeat steps 6-8
 Press/hold MENU returns to driving mode		
 x8 Press SET to save position	 Press/hold MENU returns to driving mode	
 x3 Press MENU twice red LED blinks (x3)	 Use throttle trigger to set desired max throttle or brake	IF END POINTS ARE OK:  Press/hold MENU returns to driving mode
 x8 Press SET green LED blinks (x8)	 Press/hold MENU returns to driving mode	IF END POINTS NEED TO BE CHANGED:  Press SET and repeat steps 7-9

SETUP SHEET

Driver: Factory Set Up Air Temp: _____
Date: _____
Event: _____
Track/City: _____
Qual./Finish: _____

FRONT SUSPENSION		RIDE HEIGHT	
SHOCK POSITION		A <input type="checkbox"/> TOP B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/>	
		2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BOTTOM 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/>	
CAMBER LINK POSITION		Position 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Position 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Position 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Position 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		C-hub <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Top <input type="checkbox"/> Bottom	
CAMBER ANGLE			
		Negative <u>1.5°</u>	

REAR SUSPENSION		RIDE HEIGHT	
SHOCK POSITION		A <input type="checkbox"/> TOP B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/>	
		2 <input type="checkbox"/> BOTTOM 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/>	
CAMBER LINK POSITION		Position 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Position 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Position 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Position 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Position 5 <input type="checkbox"/>	
		CAMBER ANGLE	
		Negative <u>1.5°</u>	

Driveshafts level

Shocks slightly above level

TOE ANGLE	<input type="checkbox"/> In <input type="checkbox"/> Out <u>0°</u>
Camber Angle	
Negative <u>1.5°</u>	

BUMP STEER	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat Down <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flat Up
TOE ANGLE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4° (Blue as labeled) <input type="checkbox"/> 1° (Blue reversed) <input type="checkbox"/> 2.5° (Black plastic) <input type="checkbox"/> Top <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bottom	

FRONT SHOCKS	
Springs (Color) <u>Black</u>	Preload <u>4</u> mm
Oil <u>30</u> wt	Piston <u>1.5</u> mm

REAR SHOCKS	
Springs (Color) <u>Black</u>	Preload <u>6</u> mm
Oil <u>30</u> wt	Piston <u>1.6</u> mm

WHEELS / TIRES	
Front	Rear
Tire Type <u>S1 Compound</u>	Tire Type <u>S1 Compound</u>
Tire Insert <u>BF Goodrich</u>	Tire Insert <u>BF Goodrich</u>
Wheel <u>Stock Slash</u>	Wheel <u>Stock Slash</u>

MOTOR / DRIVETRAIN	
Motor <u>Velineon 3500</u>	Pinion <u>13T</u>
Battery <u>Slipper</u>	Spur <u>54T</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> ESC <u>VXL-3s</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Center Differential <u>100K</u> wt	
Front Differential <u>30K</u> wt	Rear Differential <u>Greased</u> wt

SWAY BARS	
Front	Rear
<input type="checkbox"/> Silver <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black	<input type="checkbox"/> Silver <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black

BODY TYPE	
<u>Traxxas</u>	
<u>Slash 4x4</u>	
TRACK CONDITIONS	
Surface: <input type="checkbox"/> Smooth <input type="checkbox"/> Med. <input type="checkbox"/> Rough	
Traction: <input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Med. <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Size: <input type="checkbox"/> Tight <input type="checkbox"/> Med. <input type="checkbox"/> Open	
Watered: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

WEIGHT / BALANCE	
Weight Bias: Front _____ %	Rear _____ %
Weight: _____ lbs.	
Battery Placement: Front <input type="checkbox"/>	Rear <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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