

**SPEKTRUM®**

**AR620 User Guide**

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**AR620 Bedienungsanleitung**

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**Guide de L'utilisateur - AR620**

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**AR620 Guidea Dell'utente**

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## Meaning of Special Language

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**WARNING:** Procedures, which if not properly followed, create the probability of property damage, collateral damage, and serious injury OR create a high probability of superficial injury.

**CAUTION:** Procedures, which if not properly followed, create the probability of physical property damage AND a possibility of serious injury.

**NOTICE:** Procedures, which if not properly followed, create a possibility of physical property damage AND a little or no possibility of injury.



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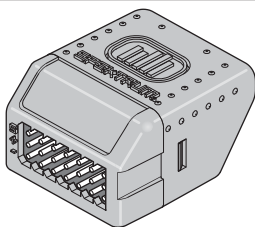
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## AR620 6-Channel Telemetry Receiver

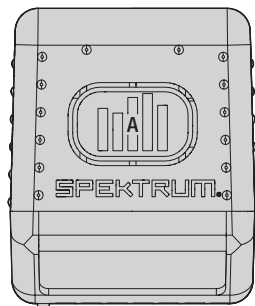
The Spektrum™ AR620 receiver is a full range telemetry receiver featuring DSM® technology and is compatible with all Spektrum™ and JR® aircraft radios that support DSM2® and DSMX® technology.

The AR620 receiver features fly-by telemetry data for flight log information as well as receiver battery voltage. This allows flight log and receiver voltage to be displayed on telemetry capable Spektrum transmitters in fly-by range, typically 300-400 feet. For information on Spektrum Telemetry Sensors visit: <http://www.spektrumrc.com>

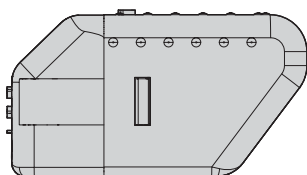
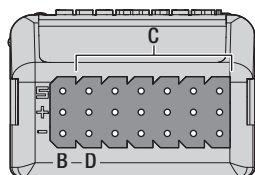


The AR620 is not compatible with the Flight Log, SPM9540. Flight Log information is only available through a Spektrum Telemetry capable transmitter.

	AR620
Type	6-Channel Sport Receiver
Dimensions (L × W × H)	32.1 × 26.4 × 17.9mm
Antenna Length	Internal
Channels	6
Weight	8g
Band	2.4GHz
Voltage Range	3.5–9V



- A:** Bind Button
- B:** Battery port
- C:** Servo ports (6)
- D:** 1/DATA: Servo port 1 and DATA



## AR620 Antenna

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The AR620 features an internal antenna design for easy installation in almost any model.

## Receiver Installation

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### Installing the Receiver

Install the receiver in the normal position recommended by the airplane's manufacturer. Double-sided tape or foam can be used to secure the receiver in place.

## Binding

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The AR620 receiver must be bound to the transmitter before they will operate. Binding is the process of teaching the receiver the specific code of the transmitter so it will only connect to that specific transmitter.

1. Push and hold the bind button on the receiver while powering up the receiver. Release the Bind button once the orange LED starts to flash continuously, indicating that the receiver is in bind mode. The receiver will also enter bind mode if you power on the receiver and then press the bind button before the receiver has connected to any transmitter.
2. Put your transmitter in bind mode.
3. The bind process is complete when the orange LED on the receiver is solid.
4. After you set up your model, always rebind the transmitter and receiver to set the desired failsafe positions. See FAILSAFE on the next page.

## Failsafe

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Failsafe position is set during binding. In the unlikely event that the radio link is lost during use, the receiver will drive all channels to its pre-programmed failsafe position.

### SmartSafe + Hold Last

If loss of signal occurs, SmartSafe™ technology moves the throttle channel to its preset failsafe position (low throttle) that was set during binding. All other channels hold their last position. When the receiver detects signal from the transmitter, normal aircraft operation resumes.

### Preset Failsafe

Preset failsafe is ideal for sailplanes, allowing the aircraft to automatically dethermalize if the signal is lost. With preset failsafe, all channels go to their preset failsafe positions if the signal is lost, preventing a flyaway. When the receiver detects signal from the transmitter, normal aircraft operation resumes.

## SmartSafe + Hold Last

1	Lower Throttle on transmitter
2	Push and Hold Bind Button
3	Power on Receiver
4	Release Button once RX goes into Bind Mode (flashing LED)
5	Place transmitter in Bind Mode and finish Binding.

## Preset Failsafe

1	Move all sticks and switches on the transmitter to desired Failsafe position.
2	Push and Hold Bind Button
3	Power on Receiver
4	Release Button after RX goes into Bind Mode (flashing LED)
5	Push and Hold the Bind Button again before the transmitter enters Bind Mode.

## Testing Failsafe

Secure the aircraft on the ground and remove the propellers. Test Failsafe by turning the transmitter off and noting how the receiver drives the control surfaces.

### Receiver Power Only

- With SmartSafe or Preset Failsafe, when the receiver only is turned on (no transmitter signal is present), the throttle channel has no output, to avoid operating or arming the electronic speed control.
- All other channels have no output until the receiver has linked to the transmitter.

## Range Testing

Before each flying session and especially with a new model, it is important to perform a range check. All Spektrum aircraft transmitters incorporate a range testing system which, when activated, reduces the output power, allowing a range check.

1. With the model restrained on the ground, stand 30 paces (approx. 90 feet/28 meters) away from the model.
2. Face the model with the transmitter in your normal flying position and place your transmitter into range check mode.
3. You should have total control of the model with the button depressed at 30 paces (90 feet/28 meters).
4. If control issues exist, contact the appropriate product support department.

## Advanced Range Testing

For sophisticated models that have significant conductive material in them, the Advanced range test using a flight log is recommended. The advanced range check will confirm that the receiver is operating optimally and that the installation is optimized for the specific aircraft.

1. Standing 30 paces away from the model, face the model with the transmitter in your normal flying position.
2. Put your transmitter in range test mode. Range test mode reduces the power output from the transmitter.
3. Have someone position the model in various orientations (nose up, nose down, nose toward the transmitter, nose away from the transmitter, etc.).
4. Observe the telemetry on your transmitter. Note any orientations that cause higher fade or hold values. Perform this step for at least one minute.
5. Re-position the receiver as necessary.

## Receiver Power System Requirements

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Inadequate power systems that are unable to provide the necessary minimum voltage to the receiver during flight have become the number one cause of in-flight failures. Some of the power system components that affect the ability to properly deliver adequate power include:

- Receiver battery pack (number of cells, capacity, cell type, state of charge)
- The ESC's capability to deliver current to the receiver in electric aircraft
- The switch harness, battery leads, servo leads, regulators etc.

The AR620 has a minimum operational voltage of 3.5 volts; it is highly recommended the power system be tested per the guidelines below.

### Recommended Power System Test Guidelines

If a questionable power system is being used (e.g. small or old battery, ESC that may not have a BEC that will support high-current draw, etc.), it is recommended that a voltmeter be used to perform the following tests.

The Hangar 9® Digital Servo & Rx Current Meter (HAN172) or the Flight Log on your Spektrum telemetry capable transmitter is the perfect tool to perform the test below.

Plug the voltmeter into an open channel port in the receiver and with the system on, or simply monitor the voltage on a telemetry capable transmitter, load the control surfaces (apply pressure with your hand) while monitoring the voltage at the receiver. The voltage should remain above 4.8 volts even when all servos are heavily loaded.

## How QuickConnect™ Technology Works

- When the receiver voltage drops below 3.5 volts the system ceases to operate.
- When power is restored the receiver immediately attempts to reconnect.
- If the transmitter was left on, the system reconnects typically in about 4/100 of a second.

QuickConnect with Brownout Detection is designed to allow you to fly safely through most short duration power interruptions, however, the root cause of these interruptions must be corrected before the next flight to prevent a crash.

**NOTICE:** If a brownout occurs in flight it is vital that the cause of the brownout be determined and corrected.

### **Important: Y-Harnesses and Servo Extensions**

When using a Y-harness or servo extensions in your installation, it's important to use standard non-amplified Y-harnesses and servo extensions as this can/will cause the servos to operate erratically or not function at all. Amplified Y-harnesses were developed several years ago to boost the signal for some older PCM systems and should not be used with Spektrum equipment. Note that when converting an existing model to Spektrum be certain that all amplified Y-harnesses and/or servo extensions are replaced with conventional non-amplified versions.

## ModelMatch™ Technology

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Some Spektrum and JR transmitters offer a patent pending feature called ModelMatch. ModelMatch technology prevents the possibility of operating a model using the wrong model memory, potentially preventing a crash. With ModelMatch, each model memory has its own unique code (GUID) and during the binding process the code is programmed into the receiver. Later, when the system is turned on, the receiver will only connect to the transmitter if the corresponding model memory is programmed on screen.

If at any time you turn on the system and it fails to connect, check to be sure the correct model memory is selected in the transmitter. Please note that the DX5e and Aircraft Modules do not have ModelMatch technology.

## Frequently Asked Questions on Spektrum 2.4GHz

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### **1. Q: After I've bound the receiver to my transmitter, which do I turn on first when I want to fly?**

**A:** Either one. Every DSM 2.4GHz transmitter has a GUID (Globally Unique Identifier) code imbedded in its signal. When you bind a DSM receiver to your transmitter, this GUID code is stored in the receiver. If you turn the receiver on before the transmitter, you don't have to worry about it responding to another transmitter. The receiver will go into failsafe mode while it waits for a signal from the transmitter with the same GUID code it has stored. See the Receiver Power Only section for more information. If a DSM transmitter is turned on first you can expect it to connect within 6 seconds of powering on the receiver.

### **2. Q: Sometimes the system takes longer to connect or doesn't connect at all. Why?**

**A:** In order for a DSM system to connect, the receiver must receive a large number of uninterrupted signal packets from the transmitter. This process takes just a few seconds, but if the transmitter is too close to the receiver (within 4 feet) or near reflective material (metal objects, carbon fiber material, etc.) it may detect its own reflected 2.4GHz energy as "noise". This can delay or prevent connection. If this happens, make sure you are a sufficient distance from metal objects and the receiver itself before you power up and try again.

### **3. Q: How important is Flight Log information?**

**A:** All 2.4GHz signals, not just DSM, are affected by proximity to conductive materials such as carbon fiber or metal. If you are flying a model that uses a lot of conductive materials in its construction, Flight Log information can be helpful. The information collected when you fly can help determine the optimum location for your receiver(s) so you can minimize the effects of these materials on your signal performance.



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need any assistance. For questions or assistance, please visit our website at [www.horizonhobby.com](http://www.horizonhobby.com), submit a Product Support Inquiry, or call the toll free telephone number referenced in the Warranty and Service Contact Information section to speak with a Product Support representative.

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If this Product needs to be inspected or serviced and is compliant in the country you live and use the Product in, please use the Horizon Online Service Request submission process found on our website or call Horizon to obtain a Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) number. Pack the Product securely using a shipping carton. Please note that original boxes may be included, but are not designed to withstand the rigors of shipping without additional protection. Ship via a carrier that provides tracking and insurance for lost or damaged parcels, as Horizon is not responsible for merchandise until it arrives and is accepted at our facility. An Online Service Request is available at [http://www.horizonhobby.com/content/service-center\\_render-service-center](http://www.horizonhobby.com/content/service-center_render-service-center). If you do not have internet access, please contact Horizon Product Support to obtain a RMA number along with instructions for submitting your product for service. When calling Horizon, you will be asked to provide your complete name, street address, email address and phone number where you can be reached during business hours. When sending product into Horizon, please include your RMA number, a list of the included items, and a brief summary of the problem. A copy of your original sales receipt must be included for warranty consideration. Be sure your name, address, and RMA number are clearly written on the outside of the shipping carton.

**NOTICE: Do not ship LiPo batteries to Horizon. If you have any issue with a LiPo battery, please contact the appropriate Horizon Product Support office.**

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Should your service not be covered by warranty, service will be completed and payment will be required without notification or estimate of the expense unless the expense exceeds 50% of the retail purchase cost. By submitting the item for service you are agreeing to payment of the service without notification. Service estimates are available upon request. You must include this request with your item submitted for service. Non-warranty service estimates will be billed a minimum of ½ hour of labor. In addition you will be billed for return freight. Horizon accepts money orders and cashier's checks, as well as Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover cards. By submitting any item to Horizon for service, you are agreeing to Horizon's Terms and Conditions found on our website [http://www.horizonhobby.com/content/service-center\\_render-service-center](http://www.horizonhobby.com/content/service-center_render-service-center).

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Country of Purchase	Horizon Hobby	Contact Information	Address
United States of America	Horizon Service Center (Repairs and Repair Requests)	servicecenter.horizonhobby.com/ RequestForm/	1608 Interstate Dr. Champaign, Illinois, 61822 USA
	Horizon Product Support (Product Technical Assistance)	productsupport@horizonhobby.com. 877-504-0233	
		Sales	
European Union	Horizon Technischer Service	sales@horizonhobby.eu	Hanskampring 9 D 22885 Barsbüttel, Germany
	Sales: Horizon Hobby GmbH	+49 (0) 4121 2655 100	

### FCC Information

FCC ID: BRWTPSPMAR620

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment to an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

This device complies with 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.

**NOTICE:** Modifications to this product will void the user's authority to operate this equipment.

This product contains a radio transmitter with wireless technology which has been tested and found to be compliant with the applicable regulations governing a radio transmitter in the 2.400GHz to 2.4835GHz frequency range.



## IC Information

IC: 6157A-TPSPMAR620

This device complies with Industry Canada license-exempt RSS standard(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

## Compliance Information for the European Union



Horizon Hobby, LLC hereby declares that this product is in compliance with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of the RED Directive.

A copy of the EU Declaration of Conformity is available online at:

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This product must not be disposed of with other waste. Instead, it is the user's responsibility to dispose of their waste equipment by handing it over to a designated collection point for the recycling of waste electrical and electronic equipment. The separate collection and recycling of your waste equipment at the time of disposal

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