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## **M12S** *Telemetry System*


  
**2.4** FHSS-4T

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## *User's Guide*

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 Additional Airtronics 2.4GHz FH2, FH3, FH4 and FH4T surface receivers\* can be purchased and paired with the M12S transmitter. Due to differences in the implementation of 2.4GHz technology among different manufacturers, only Airtronics brand 2.4GHz surface receivers are compatible with your radio control system. Telemetry functions are available only when used with Telemetry-capable receivers (available separately). Visit your local Airtronics dealer or our website at <http://www.airtronics.net> for more information.

\*Not all Features are Supported by all Types of Receivers. Some Features Limited by Receiver Type

PACKAGING	GENERAL
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The packaging of your radio control system has been specially designed for the safe transportation and storage of the system's components. After unpacking your radio control system, do not discard the packaging materials. Save the packaging materials for future use if you ever need to send your radio control system to us for service or to store your radio control system if you don't plan on using it for an extended period of time.

## SERVICE AND SUPPORT

## GENERAL

If you have any questions or concerns, we're here to help. If you encounter a problem with your radio control system, first check the *Troubleshooting Guide* section on pages 97 ~98. If you require further help, please contact us directly.

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Fountain Valley, CA 92708	Email: <a href="mailto:service@airtronics.net">service@airtronics.net</a>

If you made your purchase outside of North America, please contact your regional Airtronics/Sanwa agent for service and support.

## SAFETY

## GENERAL

This is a high-output, full-range radio control system that should well exceed the range needed for any surface Model. For safety, the user should perform a range test at the area of operation to ensure that the radio control system has complete control of the Model at the farthest reaches of the operational area. Rather than operating the Model, we recommend that the user enlist the help of a fellow modeler to walk the Model to the farthest reaches of the track (or for boats, to walk the shore line well in excess of the operational distance of the boat), then test for proper operation.

- Be certain to read this User's Guide in its entirety.
- 'Safety First' for yourself, others and your equipment.
- Observe all the rules of the field, track or lake where you operate your radio control equipment.
- If at any time during the operation of your Model, should you feel or observe erratic operation or abnormality, end your operation as quickly and safely as possible. DO NOT operate your Model again until you are certain the problem has been corrected. TAKE NO CHANCES.
- Your Model can cause serious damage or injury. Please use caution and courtesy at all times.
- Do not expose the radio control system to water or excessive moisture.
- Waterproof the receiver and servos by placing them in a water-tight radio box when operating R/C Model boats.
- If you have little to no experience operating R/C Models, we recommend you seek the assistance of an experienced modeler or your local hobby shop for guidance.
- The Low Voltage Alert alarm will sound when the transmitter battery voltage drops to the default threshold of 4.6 volts. If this occurs, stop using the transmitter as soon as is safely possible, then replace or recharge the transmitter batteries.



This radio control system operates on the 2.4GHz frequency band. The 2.4GHz connection is determined by the transmitter and receiver pair. Unlike ordinary crystal-based systems, your Model can be used without frequency control.

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.

Note: 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 into 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.

changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

The device complies with industry Canada license-exempt RSS standard(s). Operation of this device 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.

Le présent appareil est conforme aux CNR d'Industrie Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence. L'exploitation est autorisée aux deux conditions suivantes : (1) l'appareil ne doit pas produire de brouillage, et (2) l'utilisateur de l'appareil doit accepter tout brouillage radioélectrique subi, même si le brouillage est susceptible d'en compromettre le fonctionnement."

**Industry Canada ICES-003 Compliance Label:**

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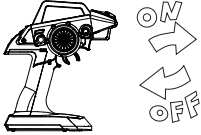
## 2.4GHZ FREQUENCY BAND PRECAUTIONS

## GENERAL

- The 2.4GHz frequency band may be used by other devices, or other devices in the immediate area may cause interference on the same frequency band. Always before use, conduct a bench test to ensure that the servos operate properly. Also, conduct checks with the transmitter as distant as possible from your Model.
- The response speed of the receiver can be affected if used where multiple 2.4GHz transmitters are being used, therefore, carefully check the area before use. If response seems slow during use, stop your Model immediately and discontinue use.
- If the 2.4GHz frequency band is saturated (too many transmitters turned ON at once), as a safety precaution, the transmitter and receiver may not Bind. This ensures that your radio control system does not get hit by interference. Once the frequencies have been cleared, or the saturation level has dropped, your transmitter and receiver should Bind without any problems.

## TRANSMITTER PRECAUTIONS

## GENERAL



- To prevent possible damage to your servos or a runaway Model, turn the transmitter ON first, then turn the receiver ON. After running your Model, turn the receiver OFF first, then turn the transmitter OFF.
- Before use, double-check that the transmitter and receiver batteries have sufficient power.

- The transmitter antenna is mounted internally and is located in the vertical back portion of the carrying handle. Do NOT cover the carrying handle in any way during use! Doing so can block the RF signal, resulting in loss of control of your Model.



- During use, hold the transmitter so that its orientated as close to vertical as possible at all times. This provides the best RF signal between the transmitter and the receiver. Try not to ever 'follow' your Model with the transmitter, as this can result in a weakened RF signal.



- Do not expose the transmitter or any other components to excessive heat, moisture, fuel, exhaust residue, etc.



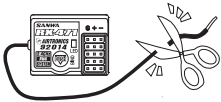
- If the outer case becomes dirty, it can be cleaned with a soft dry cloth. If the outer case becomes soiled, it can be cleaned with a damp cloth and liquid detergent.

- Do not use any solvents to clean the outer case. Solvents will damage the finish.

## RECEIVER PRECAUTIONS

## GENERAL

- The antenna consists of a coaxial cable and a reception wire (the thin tip at the end of the coaxial cable). When you mount the antenna, do not bend the reception wire. Reception performance decreases if the reception wire is bent.



- The antenna is delicate, therefore, handle with care. Do not pull on the antenna with force. Do not cut or extend the antenna.
- The coaxial cable (the thicker portion of the antenna) can be bent into gentle curves, however, do not bend the coaxial cable acutely, or repeatedly bend it, or the antenna core can be damaged.

- The antenna should be installed into a vertical plastic tube per your particular Model's assembly instructions. Keep the receiver antenna as far away from the motor, battery and ESC as possible.
- There is a danger of runaway operation if connectors shake loose during use. Make sure that the receiver, servo(s) and switch connectors are securely fitted.
- The receiver is susceptible to vibration, shock and moisture. Take appropriate measures to protect against vibration and moisture. Failure to take appropriate measures could result in runaway operation or damage to the receiver. We suggest wrapping the receiver in shock-absorbing foam or securing it with double-sided foam tape when installing it into your Model.
- When routing the antenna, avoid contact with any carbon or metal chassis components. Contact between metal or carbon parts can result in electrical noise, which can adversely effect receiver performance and possibly result in runaway operation and result in damage to your Model.
- With electric-powered Models, be sure to fit any brushed motors with a noise suppression capacitor. Without a noise suppression capacitor, excessive electrical noise generation can cause runaway operation and result in damage to your Model.

## SERVO CONNECTORS

## GENERAL

The receiver uses Airtronics 'Z' connectors, which are electronically compatible with the servos of other radio control system manufacturers. The connectors are rugged, but should be handled with care.



- = Negative (Black)
- + = Positive (Red)
- S = Signal (Blue)



If using another brand of servo, double-check the polarity of the servo connector prior to plugging it into the receiver.



When unplugging the servo connector, don't pull on the servo wire itself. This could result in damage to the servo wire pins in the plastic plug. Always grasp the plastic connector itself.

## SYSTEM FEATURES

GENERAL

- 4-Channel 2.4GHz FH4T Digital High-Response Telemetry System with Advanced Programming
- Large LCD Screen Features STATUS screen, ASSIGN screen and TELEMETRY screen\*
- High-Power FH4T Technology Provides the Best Reception and Connectivity, Giving Racers Added Assurance
- 4-Cell Dry Battery Holder for Lighter Weight - Also Accepts Optional Ni-Cd/Ni-MH Batteries or 2S Li-Po/Li-Fe Battery Pack
- Includes RX-472 2.4GHz FH4 Super Response Receiver
- 50 Model Memory
- Direct Model Select Up to 3 Models
- Adjustable Steering and Throttle Channel Response Time
- 10 Car Type Templates Including 3 Crawler Setups
- User-Selectable Start-Up Screen
- PC-Link Allows PC-Connectivity Using Mini USB Cable
- Receiver Safety Link
- Large, Easy-to-Reads LCD with Smooth Scrolling
- Telemetry Logging and Servo Monitor
- Five Racing Modes Allow Setup Changes on the Fly While Driving
- Model Select, Naming, Copy, Clear and Sort
- Selectable Modulation Type
- Programmable Push-Button Switches, Trim Switches, Lever and Dial
- Configurable Vibration Alarms and Timers
- User Naming
- Servo Reversing
- Steering, Throttle and Brake Dual Rate
- End Point Adjustment
- Exponential, ARC and Curve Adjustments
- Servo Speed Adjustment
- Anti-Lock Braking
- Throttle Offset
- Throttle Hold
- Lap Timer and Two Interval Timers
- Large, Easy-to-Read Lap Timer Display
- Two Compensation Mixers
- Channel Set Menu
- Normal, SSR and SHR Servo Modes
- Center or Parallel Trim Types
- Programmable Fail Safe
- Receiver Battery Voltage Fail Safe
- Digital Trims
- Servo Sub-Trim
- Variable Rate Adjustment
- Selectable Throttle Bias
- Adjustable Key Volume and Tone
- Programmable Low Voltage Alert and Limit Alarms
- Separate Display Button
- Inactivity and Over Voltage Alarms
- Digital Battery Voltage Monitor
- Adjust for Right-Handed or Left-Handed Use

\*Requires Airtronics RX-461, RX-462 or Other Airtronics FH4T Telemetry Receiver, Available Separately

## WHAT'S INCLUDED?

GENERAL

In addition to the transmitter, receiver and on/off switch, a number of optional items are included to customize the transmitter to your exact liking. This ensures the best comfort and feel during many hours of use.

- M12S FH4T Digital High-Response Telemetry Transmitter
- RX-472 Super Response Receiver
- On/Off Switch
- Optional Grips (Large and Small)
- Optional Larger Diameter Steering Wheel
- Optional Steering Wheel Angle Plates (Right and Left)
- Optional Steering Wheel Offset Plate
- Optional Steering Wheel Springs (Soft and Hard)
- Optional Throttle Trigger Angle Brackets (Thin and Thick)
- Receiver Dust Boot Covers
- Transmitter Wrist Strap Mount

## SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL

### Transmitter:

- Model: M12S
- Nominal Input Voltage: 4.8v ~ 7.4v
- Operating Voltage Range: 4.0v ~ 9.0v
- Dry Weight: 20.8oz (590g)
- Frequency: 2.4GHz FHSS
- Modulation Type: FH3, FH4T

### Receiver:

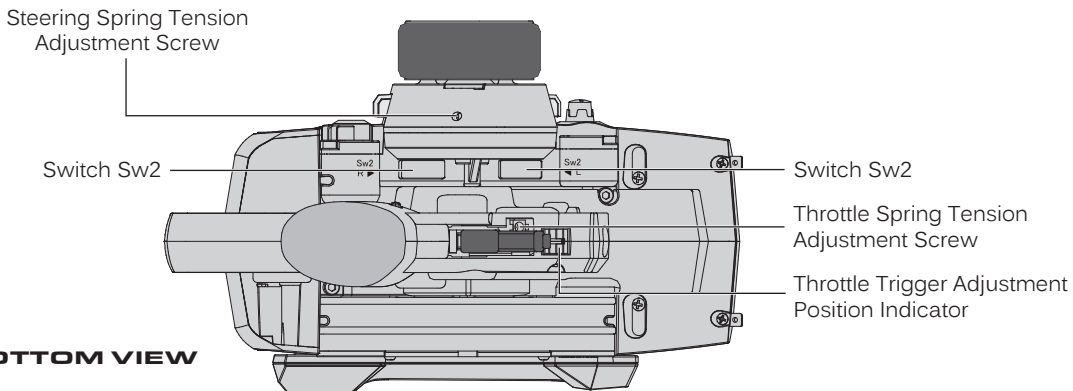
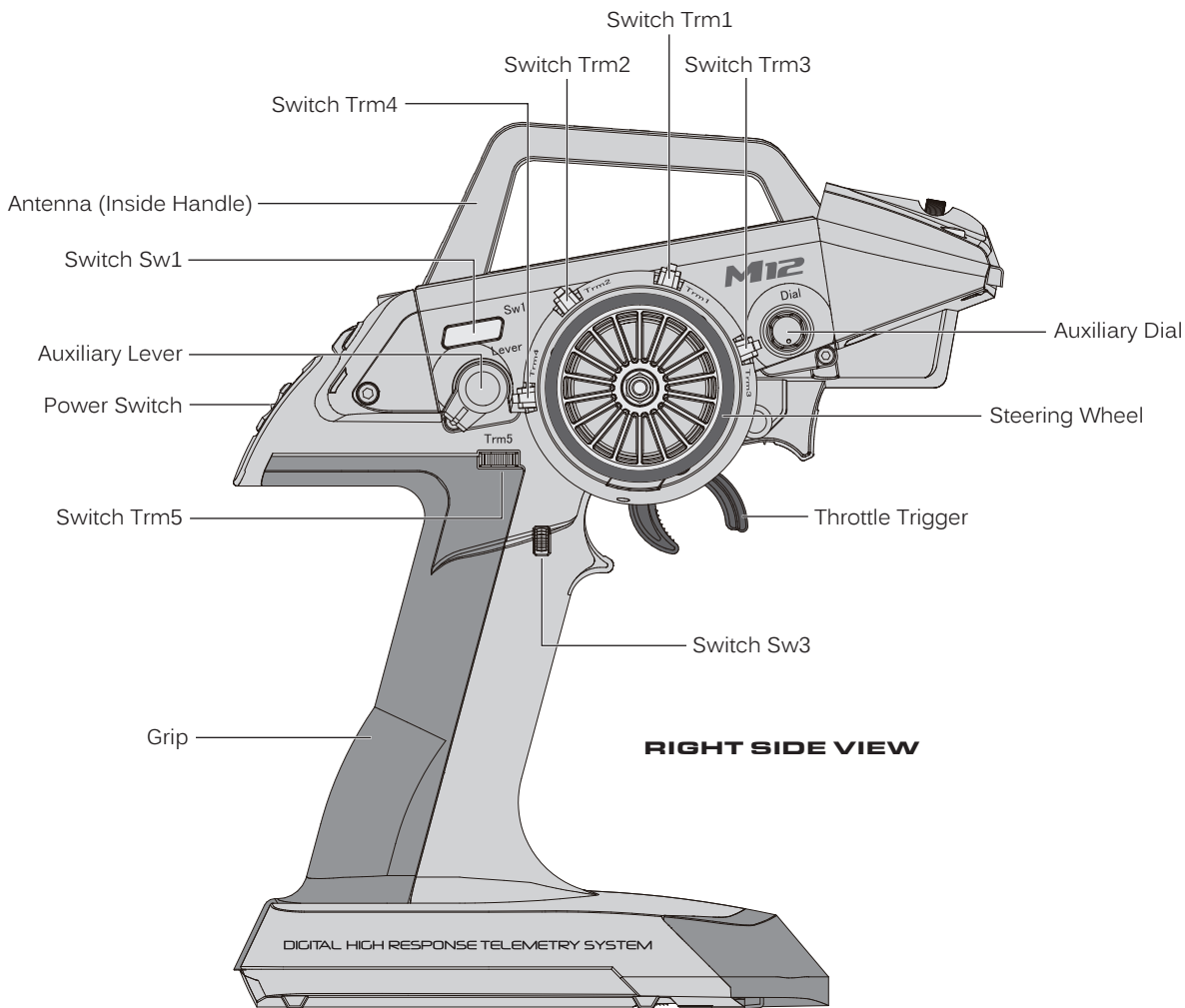
- Model: RX-472 Super Response
- Nominal Input Voltage: 4.8v ~ 7.4v
- Weight: 0.23oz (6.6gr)
- Dimensions: 1.18 x 0.91 x 0.55in (30.0 x 23.3 x 14.0mm)
- Frequency: 2.4GHz FH3/FH4 Selectable Via Transmitter
- Fail Safe Support: Yes (All Channels)
- Battery Voltage Fail Safe Limit: 3.5 ~ 5.0v (FH3) / 3.5 ~ 7.4v (FH4)

## TRANSMITTER OVERVIEW DIAGRAMS

## GENERAL

Use the diagrams in this section to familiarize yourself with the layout of your transmitter. Descriptions of these features can be found in the *Transmitter and Receiver Overview Diagram Descriptions* section on pages 8 ~ 9.

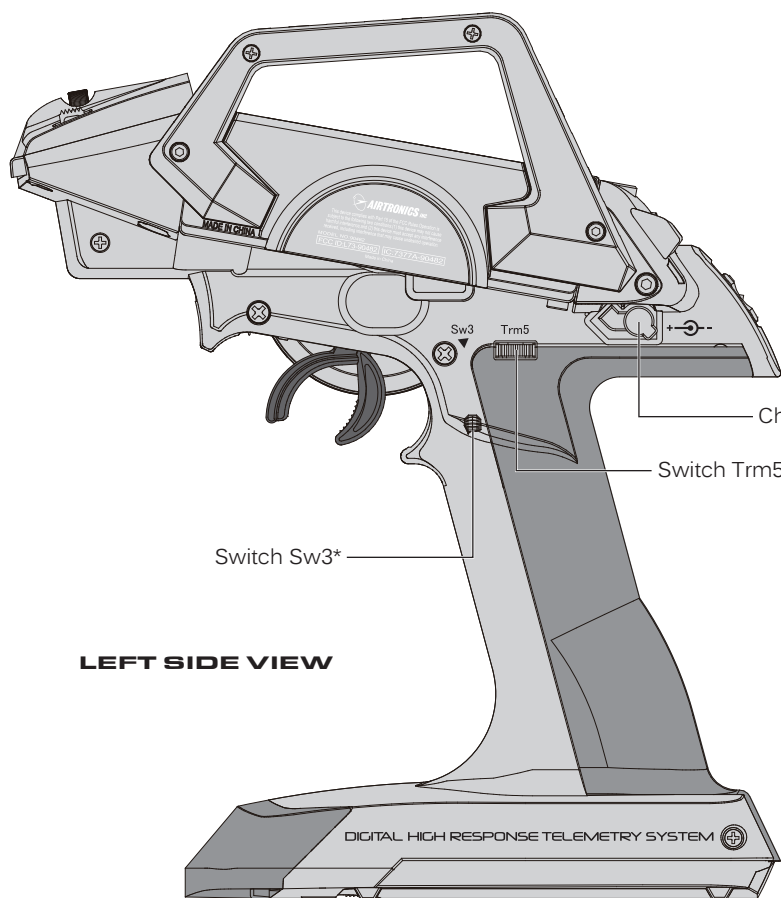
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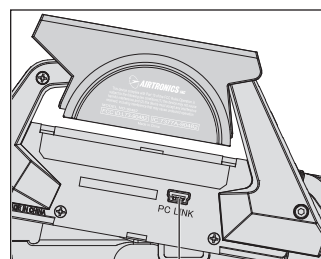
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## TRANSMITTER OVERVIEW DIAGRAMS

## GENERAL



**LEFT SIDE VIEW**



PC-Link Input  
(Under Cover)

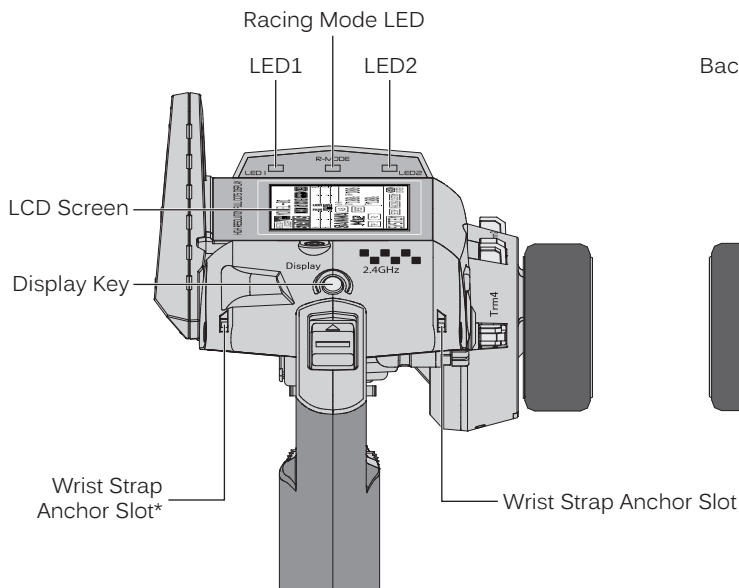
Charge Jack

Switch Trm5\*

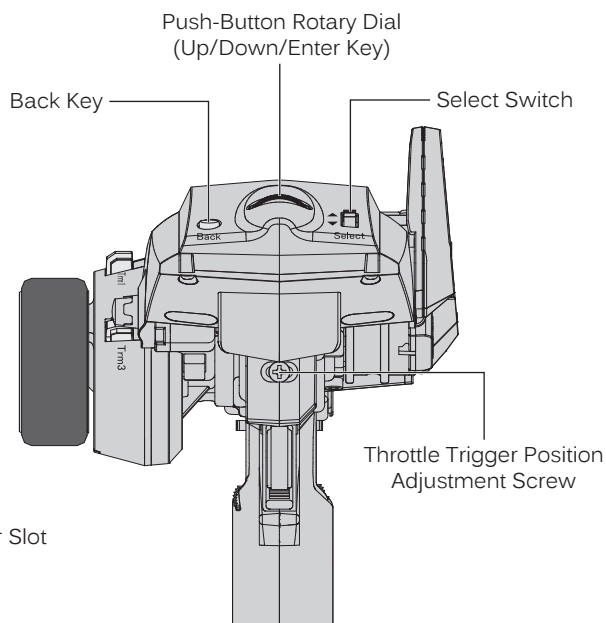
Switch Sw3\*

Battery Compartment

\*For Left-Handed Use



**REAR VIEW**



**FRONT VIEW**

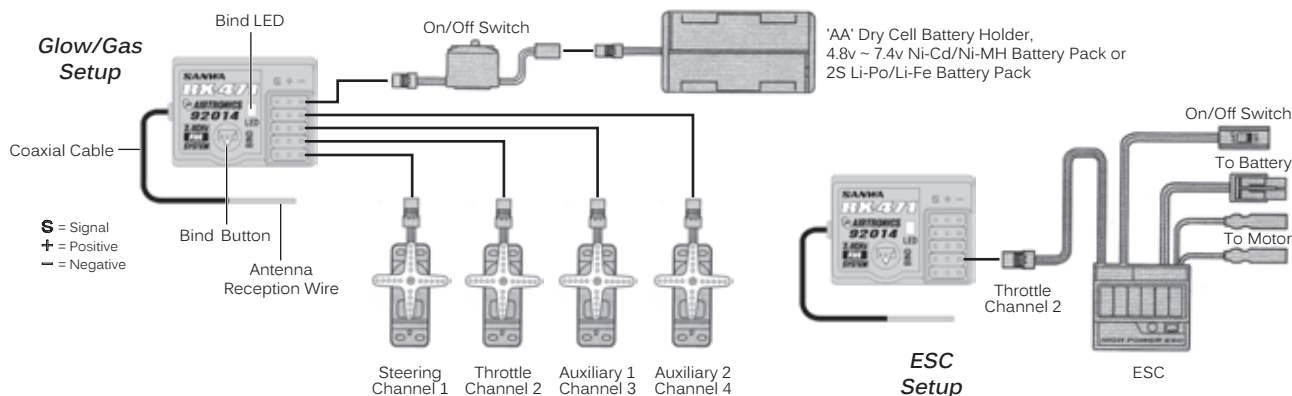


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## RECEIVER OVERVIEW DIAGRAM, CONNECTIONS AND MOUNTING

## GENERAL

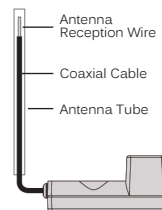
Use the diagrams in this section to make receiver connections and to familiarize yourself with the RX-471 4-Channel 2.4GHz FH4 Super Response receiver included with your M12S radio control system. Descriptions of the features can be found in the *Transmitter and Receiver Features Descriptions* section below and on the next page.



The receiver's Nominal Input Voltage is 4.8 ~ 7.4 volts. A 2 cell Li-Po or Li-Fe battery pack can be used to power the receiver without the use of a voltage regulator. In addition, this allows you to take advantage of the Higher torque and speed provided by using 7.4 volt digital servos.

**Use a 2 cell Li-Po or Li-Fe battery pack ONLY if your servos are rated to handle the Higher voltage.**

- We suggest Binding the transmitter and receiver and making all receiver connections to check for correct operation prior to mounting the receiver in your Model.
- The receiver should be mounted as far away from any electrical components as possible. When routing the antenna, avoid contact with any carbon or metal chassis components. Contact between metal or carbon parts can result in electrical noise, which can adversely affect receiver performance and possibly result in runaway operation and result in damage to your Model.
- Route the receiver antenna up through a plastic tube so that it is in the vertical position. Do not bend the reception wire. Reception performance decreases if the reception wire is bent. Do not pull on the antenna with force. Do not cut or extend the antenna. The coaxial cable can be bent into gentle curves, however, do not bend the coaxial cable acutely, or repeatedly bend it, or the antenna core can be damaged.
- To protect the receiver from vibration and other damage, we recommend wrapping the receiver in shock absorbing foam or using double-sided foam tape when installing it in your Model.



**!** As a safety precaution, set your Model on a stand so the wheels are off the ground before turning on your radio control system or connecting your motor for the first time.

### Bind LED Condition Indicator:

The Bind LED on the receiver can be used to determine receiver condition at a glance. The Bind LED will alert you to various receiver conditions, as shown in the table below.

LED COLOR	LED CONDITION	RECEIVER STATUS
Blue	ON	Receiving RF Signal
Blue	Slow Flash/Fast Flash	Binding Operation
Red & Blue	Flash	Receiver Battery Fail Safe Activates
Red	ON	No RF Signal After Receiver Battery Fail Safe Activates

## TRANSMITTER AND RECEIVER OVERVIEW DIAGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

## GENERAL

**Antenna:** Transmits the signal from the transmitter to the receiver in the Model.

**Antenna Reception Wire:** The portion of the receiver antenna that receives the transmitter signal. The Antenna Reception Wire should never be bent or it could be damaged and limit the range of your Model.

**Auxiliary Dial:** The Auxiliary Dial can rotate 360° and is programmable to perform a different function depending on what function is Assigned to it. In the default configuration, it controls Auxiliary 1 High and Low servo travel.

**Auxiliary Lever:** The Auxiliary Lever is programmable and will perform a different function depending on what function is Assigned to it. In the default configuration, it controls Auxiliary 2 High and Low servo travel.

**Back Key:** Pressing the BACK key returns the Programming Cursor to the previous menu. Press the BACK key repeatedly to return to the STATUS screen.

**Battery Compartment:** Houses the four 'AA' Alkaline cells that power the transmitter. Alternatively, the transmitter can be powered using four 'AA' Ni-Cd or Ni-MH rechargeable batteries or a 2S Li-Po or Li-Fe battery pack.

**Bind Button:** Used in the process of Binding the transmitter and receiver.

**Bind LED:** Displays the current operating status of the receiver.

**Charge Jack:** Used for onboard charging of optional Ni-Cd or Ni-MH batteries. Do not attempt to charge Alkaline batteries. Only the recommended Airtronics 110v AC charger should be used through the Charge Jack. If using an after-market Peak-Detection charger or other type of fast charger, the batteries should be removed from the transmitter to avoid damage to the transmitter circuitry and/or your batteries. Do not attempt to charge a Li-Po or Li-Fe battery pack through the Charge Jack.

**Coaxial Cable:** The portion of the receiver antenna that extends the Antenna Reception Wire. The Coaxial Cable can be bent into gentle curves, however, do not bend it acutely, or repeatedly bend it or the antenna core can be damaged.

**Display Key:** Turns the transmitter's LCD Screen ON without actually turning the transmitter ON. This allows you to check and/or change programming options without actually turning the transmitter ON. To turn only the LCD Screen ON, press and HOLD the DISPLAY key for approximately 3 seconds. To turn the LCD Screen OFF, press the DISPLAY key once.

**Grip:** The Grip is molded from rubber in an ergonomic shape for increased comfort, control and feel.

**LED1:** Displays the current RF signal output status of the transmitter. When illuminated, an RF signal is being transmitted. When extinguished, no RF signal is being transmitted. In addition, LED1 is used to indicate various transmitter conditions.

**LED2:** Displays the current status of the Telemetry connection. When illuminated, no Telemetry connection is present. When extinguished, the Telemetry connection is Active. In addition, LED2 is used to indicate various transmitter conditions.

**LCD Screen:** The heart of the programming and display features of the transmitter. All programming and transmitter display functions are shown on the LCD Screen. The M12S features a large, backlit LCD Screen with smooth scrolling.

**PC-Link Input:** When used with an USB cable with a Mini USB connector (available separately), the PC-Link Input allows you to save Telemetry Data Logs and Model Programming Data to your PC. In addition, it also allows you to load saved Model Programming Data from your PC and update the M12S's software version.

**Power Switch:** Turns the transmitter ON and OFF.

**Push-Button Rotary Dial:** The Push-Button Rotary Dial (also referred to as the UP key, DOWN key and ENTER key) is used along with the BACK key and the SELECT switch to facilitate transmitter programming. It allows you to quickly and easily navigate the various Programming Menus and switch between the STATUS screen, ASSIGN screen and TELEMETRY screen.

**Push-Button Switches:** The transmitter features three Push-Button Switches in different locations (Sw1, Sw2 and Sw3). Each Push-Button Switch is programmable and will perform a different function depending on what function is Assigned to it. For example, Sw1 can be used to operate a reverse servo in a gas- or glow-powered Model and Sw3 can be used to toggle Anti-Lock Braking ON and OFF. Sw2 is a Rocker Switch that can be pressed from either the Front or the Back.

**Racing Mode LED:** Displays the currently Active Racing Mode. The color of the LED will vary depending on which of the Five Racing Modes is Active. When extinguished, Racing Mode is Inhibited.

**Select Switch:** Used along with the Push-Button Rotary Dial and the BACK key to facilitate transmitter programming. Use the SELECT switch to scroll through the STATUS screen's main menus, scroll through the TELEMETRY pages and make selections in many of the Programming Menus.

**Steering Spring Tension Adjustment Screw:** Used to adjust the spring tension of the Steering Wheel to best suit the feel of the user. Turning the Steering Spring Tension Adjustment Screw clockwise increases Steering Wheel spring tension and turning the Steering Spring Tension Adjustment Screw counter-clockwise decreases Steering Wheel spring tension.

**Steering Wheel:** Proportionally operates the Model's Right and Left Steering control. The Steering Wheel features a foam grip for increased comfort, control and feel. The Steering Wheel's position, angle and spring tension can all be adjusted.

**Throttle Trigger:** Controls the speed of the Model, both forward and backward, or the Model's Brake. The Throttle Trigger position, angle and spring tension can all be adjusted.

**Throttle Spring Tension Adjustment Screw:** Used to adjust the spring tension of the Throttle Trigger to best suit the feel of the user. Turning the Throttle Spring Tension Adjustment Screw clockwise increases Throttle Trigger spring tension and turning the Throttle Spring Tension Adjustment Screw counter-clockwise decreases Throttle Trigger spring tension.

**Throttle Trigger Adjustment Position Indicator:** Indicates the current position of the Throttle Trigger. As the Throttle Trigger position is adjusted forward or backward, the Throttle Trigger Adjustment Position Indicator will move forward or backward.

**Trim Switches:** The transmitter features five separate Trim Switches - four positioned around the Steering Wheel (Trm1, Trm2, Trm3 and Trm4) and one positioned below the Auxiliary Lever (Trm5). Each Trim Switch is programmable and will perform a different function depending on what function is Assigned to it. For example, Trm1 and Trm2 can be used to adjust Steering and Throttle Trim and Trm4 and Trm5 can be used to adjust Dual Rate and Steering EPA.

**Wrist Strap Anchor Slot:** Used to attach the wrist strap anchor to the transmitter.

The M12S is equipped with several different Audible Warning Alarms to warn you of an abnormal transmitter condition. In addition, LED1, LED2 and the R-MODE LED are used to indicate various transmitter conditions at a glance.

### **Audible Warning Alarms**

The audible alarms listed below may also be accompanied by an on-screen warning.

#### **Inactivity (Power ON) Alarm:**

The Inactivity Alarm will sound if the transmitter is Left on for a period of 10 minutes without any control input from the user. This alarm alerts you to prevent unwanted draining of the transmitter battery. To clear this alarm, either turn the transmitter OFF or press the BACK key or the ENTER key.

#### **Over Voltage Alarm:**

The Over Voltage Alarm will sound if the transmitter battery voltage is greater than 9.6 volts. To clear this alarm, turn the transmitter OFF and replace the transmitter battery with one that when fully charged does not exceed 9.6 volts.

#### **Low Voltage Alert Alarm:**

The Low Voltage Alert alarm will sound when the transmitter batteries reach the Low Voltage Alert alarm voltage value programmed in the SYSTEM - BATTERY menu. The alarm will sound each time the transmitter battery voltage decreases by 0.1 volt. To clear this alarm, press the BACK key or the ENTER key.

#### **Low Voltage Limit Alarm:**

The Low Voltage Limit alarm will sound when the transmitter batteries reach the Low Voltage Limit alarm voltage value programmed in the SYSTEM - BATTERY menu. This alarm can only be cleared by turning the transmitter OFF and recharging or replacing the transmitter batteries.

### **LED Condition Indicators**

LED1, LED2 and the R-MODE LED are used to indicate various transmitter conditions at a glance. Some of the conditions indicated by the LEDs may also be accompanied by an audible alarm and/or and on-screen warning.

TRANSMITTER STATUS	LED1 CONDITION	LED2 CONDITION	R-MODE LED CONDITION
Display Mode	OFF	-----	-----
RF Output Signal	ON	-----	-----
Throttle Offset Function Active	0.1 Sec. Flash	-----	-----
Telemetry Logger Function Active	0.5 Sec. Flash	-----	-----
RF Binding - Sending Bind Code	0.35 Sec. Flash	-----	-----
PC-Link USB Send/Receive Active	0.05 Sec. Flash	-----	-----
Inactivity Alarm Active	-----	0.1 Sec. Flash	-----
Telemetry Alarm Active	-----	0.1 Sec. Flash	-----
Telemetry Connection Active	-----	OFF	-----
No Telemetry Connection	-----	ON	-----
Low Voltage Alert Alarm Active	-----	0.35 Sec. Flash	-----
Low Voltage Limit Alarm Active	-----	0.05 Sec. Flash	-----
Over Voltage Alarm Active	-----	0.05 Sec. Flash	-----
Transmitter Error	1 Sec. Flash	1 Sec. Flash	OFF
Programming Data/Update Error	-----	1 Sec. Flash	OFF
Unrecoverable Update Error	-----	-----	OFF
Racing Mode 1 Active	-----	-----	Green
Racing Mode 2 Active	-----	-----	Magenta
Racing Mode 3 Active	-----	-----	Cyan
Racing Mode 4 Active	-----	-----	Yellow
Racing Mode 5 Active	-----	-----	White
Racing Mode Function Inhibited	-----	-----	OFF

----- Indicates HOLD Condition. LED May Be ON or OFF Depending on Other Specific Conditions

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## TRANSMITTER BATTERY OPTIONS


GENERAL

The M12S transmitter's Operating Voltage Range is 4.0 ~ 9.6 volts. This allows you to use several different battery options (not included), depending on your preference.

**Alkaline** - In the default configuration, the transmitter is designed to be powered using four 'AA' Alkaline batteries. This results in a transmitter that is lightweight and well-balanced for unmatched comfort.

**Ni-Cd/Ni-MH** - Rechargeable Ni-Cd or Ni-MH batteries of desired capacity can be used in place of the Alkaline batteries. Using rechargeable Ni-Cd or Ni-MH batteries is more convenient and cheaper in the long run. The Higher capacity batteries will also provide longer usage time than most Alkaline batteries.

**Li-Po or Li-Fe** - A 2 cell Li-Po or Li-Fe battery pack can be used to power the transmitter. These battery packs are popular due to their light weight and high capacity for long usage time between charges.

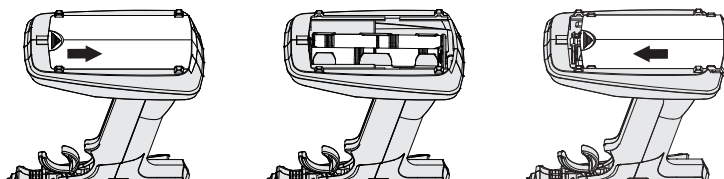
 Transmitter power output, range and speed are the same, regardless of the battery type used. If using a Li-Po or Li-Fe battery pack, please read the *Warnings if Using a Li-Po or Li-Fe Battery Pack* section below.

## ALKALINE BATTERY INSTALLATION


GENERAL

1) Remove the battery cover from the bottom of the transmitter by pushing firmly on the battery cover in the direction of the arrow.

2) Install four fresh 'AA' Alkaline batteries into the battery holder, making sure that the polarity is correct. The direction that each battery should be installed is molded into the bottom of the battery holder (+ Positive and - Negative).



3) Slide the battery cover back onto the transmitter and push it firmly until it 'clicks' closed.

 When installing the batteries, remove the battery holder and double-check that the battery holder is plugged in. If it isn't, plug the connector on the battery holder into the matching connector in the transmitter.

## TRANSMITTER BATTERY CHARGING OPTIONS

GENERAL

The M12S transmitter features a Charge Jack that can be used with the Airtronics 95034 Dual Output charger (available separately) to charge the optional Ni-Cd or Ni-MH batteries. This allows you to charge these batteries without removing them from the transmitter. A Charge Jack is located on the Left side of the transmitter. For more information, see the *Transmitter Overview Diagrams* section on page 7.

**WARNING:** Do NOT attempt to recharge Alkaline batteries. Only Ni-Cd or Ni-MH batteries should be charged through the transmitter's Charge Jack, using only the Airtronics 95034 Dual Output charger or equivalent overnight/slow charger. Do NOT attempt to charge a Li-Po or Li-Fe battery pack through the Charge Jack.

**Do NOT use the Charge Jack with a fast charger or a peak-detection charger, or the transmitter could be damaged!**

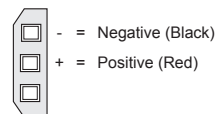
If you use a fast charger or a peak-detection charger to charge the transmitter batteries, the battery holder must be removed from the transmitter first. The circuitry within the transmitter will interfere with the peak-detection charger's normal operation, resulting in over-charging and damaging the batteries and possibly the transmitter itself. In addition, the Higher charge rate common in many fast chargers can damage the transmitter's circuitry.


**Damage caused by fast-charging through the transmitter or using an incorrect battery type will not be covered under warranty!**

## WARNINGS IF USING A LI-PO OR LI-FE BATTERY PACK

GENERAL

- Use ONLY a 2 Cell Li-Po or Li-Fe battery pack of desired capacity.
- Do NOT charge your Li-Po or Li-Fe battery pack through the Charge Jack. The battery pack MUST be removed from the transmitter prior to charging or the transmitter could be damaged. For more information, see the *WARNING* in the *Transmitter Battery Charging Options* section above.
- Use a charger specifically designed to charge Li-Po or Li-Fe battery packs.
- When changing the connector on your battery pack to match the battery connector in the transmitter, please observe correct polarity. Connecting with reverse polarity will damage the transmitter.
- Observe all safety precautions provided with your Li-Po or Li-Fe battery pack.
- Damage to the transmitter caused by improper use, wrong battery type, incorrect voltage, reverse polarity or charging through the Charge Jack will not be covered under warranty!



 The transmitter has a Nominal Input Voltage range of 4.8 ~ 7.4 volts. **DO NOT USE A 3 CELL Li-Po or Li-Fe battery pack** or the transmitter will be damaged!

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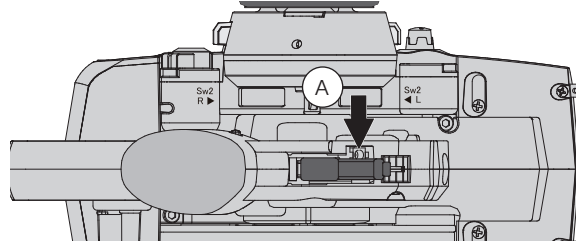
## STEERING WHEEL AND THROTTLE TRIGGER SPRING TENSION ADJUSTMENT

GENERAL

The spring tension of the Steering Wheel and Throttle Trigger can be adjusted to best suit the user. Some users may prefer the Throttle Trigger and/or Steering Wheel to feel 'firmer' and some users may prefer them to feel 'softer'. It all depends on your personal preference.

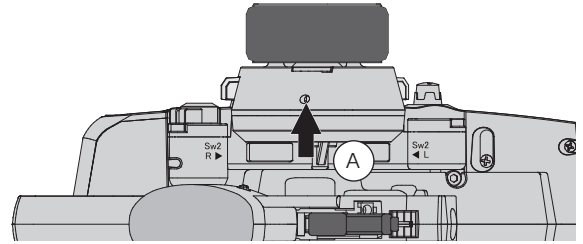
To adjust the Throttle Trigger spring tension, follow the step below:

- 1) To Increase the spring tension of the Throttle Trigger (make firmer), use a 1.5mm hex wrench to turn the Throttle Spring Tension Adjustment Screw (A) clockwise. To Decrease the spring tension of the Throttle Trigger (make softer), turn the Throttle Spring Tension Adjustment Screw counter-clockwise.



To adjust the Steering Wheel spring tension, follow the step below:

- 1) To Increase the spring tension of the Steering Wheel (make firmer), use a 1.5mm hex wrench to turn the Steering Spring Tension Adjustment Screw (A) clockwise. To Decrease the spring tension of the Steering Wheel (make softer), turn the Steering Spring Tension Adjustment Screw counter-clockwise.



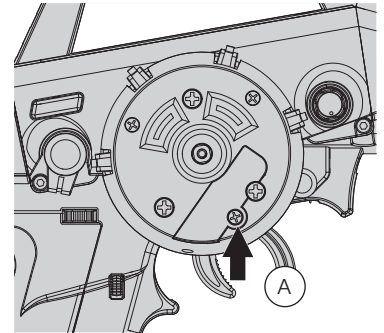
## OPTIONAL STEERING WHEEL SPRING INSTALLATION

GENERAL

Two optional Steering Wheel springs (one soft and one hard) are included should adjusting the spring tension as described above not give you the desired feel. Use the hard spring for a firmer feel and soft spring for a softer feel.

To install one of the optional Steering Wheel springs, follow the steps below:

- 1) Use a 7mm nut driver to remove the Steering Wheel retaining nut, then pull the Steering Wheel straight off.
- 2) Use a small philips head screwdriver to remove the spring cover retaining screw (A), then remove the plastic spring cover.
- 3) Using a small pair of needle nose pliers, carefully unhook the top of the spring from the metal peg, then remove the spring.
- 4) Carefully install the desired optional spring, then reinstall the plastic spring cover and the Steering Wheel. Installation is the reverse of removal.



## STEERING WHEEL TRAVEL ADJUSTMENT

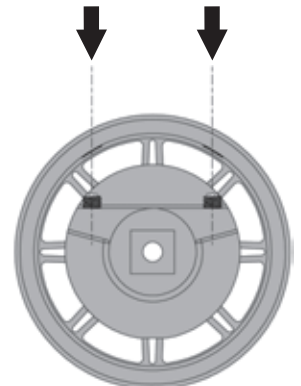
GENERAL

The maximum Right and Left travel of the Steering Wheel can be adjusted to best suit the feel of the Steering Wheel and your driving style. Some drivers prefer to limit the travel of the Steering Wheel as it makes them feel more 'connected' to their Model.

To adjust the maximum travel of the Steering Wheel, follow the steps below:

- 1) Remove the foam Steering Wheel grip from the Steering Wheel by firmly pulling it straight off.
- 2) To limit the maximum travel of the Steering Wheel, use a 1.5mm hex wrench to turn both grub screws in the Steering Wheel adapter hub clockwise equally the desired amount. To maximize the travel of the Steering Wheel, turn both grub screws in the Steering Wheel adapter hub counter-clockwise equally the desired amount.

⚠ After making Steering Wheel travel adjustments, you must use the Variable Rate Adjustment function to ensure your Steering servo travel limits are equalized. For more information, see the *VR ADJUST Menu* section on pages 44 ~ 46.



⚠ Limiting the maximum travel of the Steering Wheel will increase the sensitivity of the Steering. We recommend setting Negative Exponential or ARC percentage values to Soften the control feel around Neutral. For more information, see the *CURVE Menu* section on pages 78 ~ 82.

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## OPTIONAL STEERING WHEEL INSTALLATION

GENERAL

An optional larger diameter Steering Wheel is included to best suit the user. Some user's feel that the larger diameter Steering Wheel makes the Steering operation seem finer.

To install the optional larger diameter Steering Wheel, follow the steps below:

- 1) Use a 7mm nut driver to remove the Steering Wheel retaining nut, then pull the Steering Wheel straight off.
- 2) Remove the foam Steering Wheel grip from the Steering Wheel by firmly pulling it straight off.
- 3) Pull the Steering Wheel adapter hub from the original Steering Wheel then push it into the optional Steering Wheel.
- 4) Slide the foam grip over the new Steering Wheel, then reinstall the Steering Wheel. Installation is the reverse of removal.

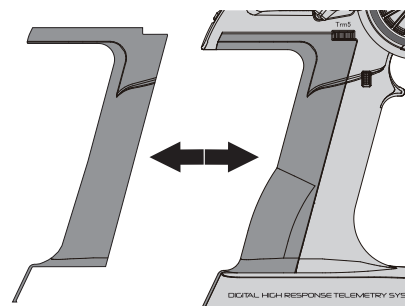
## OPTIONAL GRIP INSTALLATION

GENERAL

Two optional Steering Wheel grips (one small and one large) are included to best suit the user. Some user's may find that one of these two grips feels more comfortable than the normal size stock grip.

To install one of the optional grips, follow the steps below:

- 1) Remove the original grip from the handle by firmly pulling down on the back of the grip (at the top), then by pulling the grip out along its Front edges.
- 2) To install the new grip, align the molded tabs in the grip with the matching slots in the handle, then firmly push the molded tabs into the slots, working your way around the grip until the edges of the grip are flush with the handle.



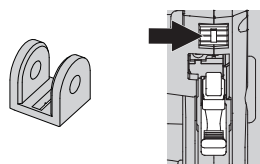
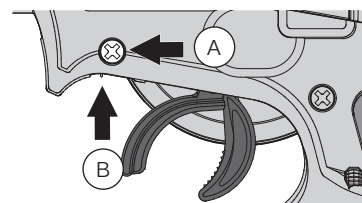
## THROTTLE TRIGGER ANGLE ADJUSTMENT

GENERAL

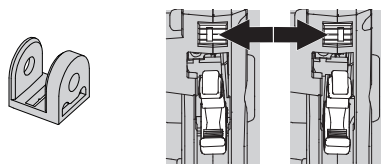
The angle of the Throttle Trigger can be adjusted Right or Left to change the feel of the Throttle Trigger during use. Some users may prefer the Throttle Trigger straight while some users may prefer the Throttle Trigger angled toward the Right or Left. It all depends on your personal preference. Two Throttle Trigger adjustment plates are included to fine-tune the angle.

To adjust the Throttle Trigger angle, follow the steps below:

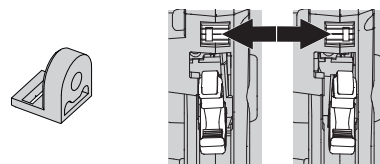
- 1) Use a philips head screwdriver to remove the Throttle Trigger mounting screw (A) from the Left side of the transmitter.
- 2) Use the tip of a modeling knife to carefully pop the trigger adjustment plate (B) out of the transmitter.



A - Throttle Trigger Centered (Stock)



B - Throttle Trigger Angled Slightly. Angle Right or Left Depending on Orientation.



C - Throttle Trigger Angled More. Angle Right or Left Depending on Orientation.

- 3) Carefully press the desired trigger adjustment plate (B) into the transmitter, making sure to orientate it in the direction you want to angle the Throttle Trigger, then reinstall and tighten the Throttle Trigger mounting screw (A).

## WRIST STRAP ANCHOR INSTALLATION

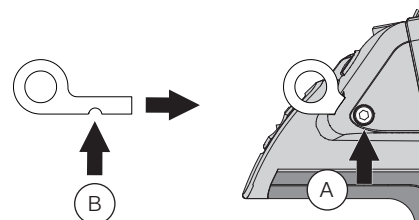
GENERAL

A wrist strap anchor is included that can be installed onto the transmitter to facilitate the use of a wrist strap (not included).

To install the wrist strap anchor, follow the steps below:

- 1) Using a 2.5mm hex wrench, remove the wrist strap anchor mounting screw (A) from the Right side of the transmitter.
- 2) Slide the wrist strap anchor into the mounting slot in the back of the transmitter, then reinstall and tighten the wrist strap anchor mounting screw (A).

⚠ When installing the wrist strap anchor, note its orientation. The U-Shaped groove (B) in the base of the wrist strap anchor should be pointing down.



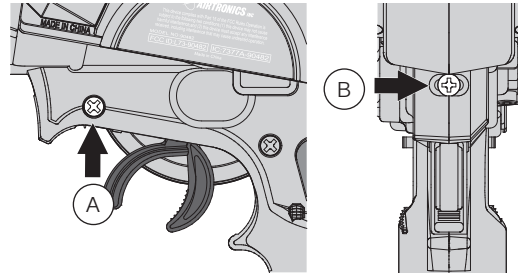
## THROTTLE TRIGGER POSITION ADJUSTMENT

GENERAL

The position of the Throttle Trigger can be adjusted forward or backward to change the feel of the Throttle Trigger during use. Some users may prefer the Throttle Trigger positioned farther forward and some users may prefer the Throttle Trigger positioned farther back. It all depends on your personal preference.

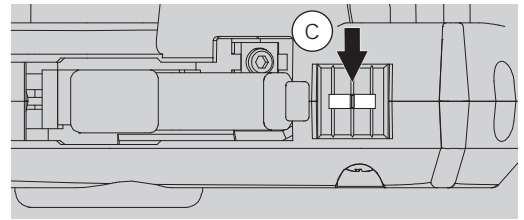
To adjust the Throttle Trigger position, follow the steps below:

- 1) Use a philips head screwdriver to loosen the Throttle Trigger mounting screw (A) from the Left side of the transmitter.
- 2) To move the Throttle Trigger backward, use a philips head screwdriver to turn the Throttle Trigger Position Adjustment Screw (B) counter-clockwise. To move the Throttle Trigger forward, turn the Throttle Trigger Position Adjustment Screw (B) clockwise.



- 3) When satisfied with the adjustment, tighten the Throttle Trigger mounting screw (A).

**!** As you adjust the Throttle Trigger position, the Throttle Trigger Position Adjustment Indicator (C) will move, indicating the current position of the Throttle Trigger.



**!** The total adjustment range is approximately 5mm. Do not attempt to adjust the Throttle Trigger position beyond the limits indicated by the Throttle Trigger Position Adjustment Indicator or damage may result. Moving the Throttle Trigger position does not affect the physical movement of the Throttle Trigger.

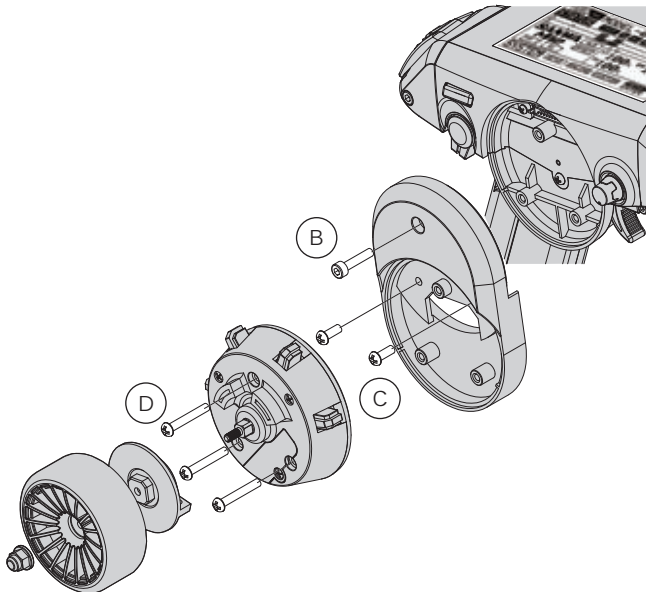
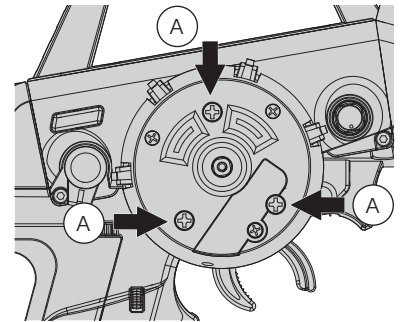
## OPTIONAL STEERING WHEEL OFFSET PLATE INSTALLATION

GENERAL

An optional Steering Wheel offset plate is included that lowers the position of the Steering Wheel and the Trim Switch assembly. Some users may find the Lower Steering Wheel position more comfortable not only for hand position, but also for the overall balance and feel of the transmitter.

To install the Steering Wheel offset plate, follow the steps below:

- 1) Use a 7mm nut driver to remove the Steering Wheel retaining nut, then pull the Steering Wheel straight off and set it aside.
- 2) Using a philips head screwdriver, remove the three larger philips head screws (A), then carefully pull the Trim Switch assembly off the transmitter and very carefully unplug the two connectors.




- 3) Feed the connectors from the Trim Switch assembly through the hole in the offset plate, then very carefully plug them into the matching connectors in the transmitter.
- 4) Being careful not to pinch any connectors or wires, align and secure the offset plate to the transmitter using one M3 x 14mm socket-cap screw (B) and two M3 x 8mm philips head screws (C) included. There are small notches in both the Trim Switch assembly and the offset plate that line up with corresponding small tabs in the offset plate and the transmitter to ensure both the Trim Switch assembly and the offset plate are installed in the correct orientation.
- 5) Being careful not to pinch any connectors or wires, align and secure the Trim Switch assembly to the offset plate using the three larger philips head screws (D) you removed previously.
- 6) Reinstall the Steering Wheel. Installation is the reverse of removal.

## OPTIONAL STEERING WHEEL ANGLE PLATE INSTALLATION

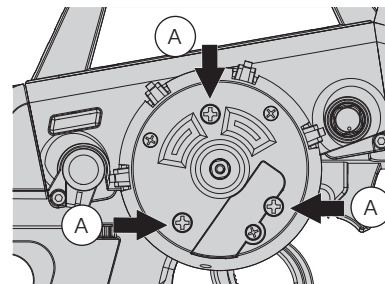
## GENERAL

Two optional Steering Wheel angle plates (one Right and one Left) are included that angles the position of the Steering Wheel and Trim Switch assembly. Some users may find that angling the Steering Wheel to the Right or Left may be more comfortable during use.

 'R' and 'L' are molded into the angle plates to differentiate them. The 'R' angle plate will angle the Steering Wheel toward the Right and the 'L' angle plate will angle the Steering Wheel toward the Left.

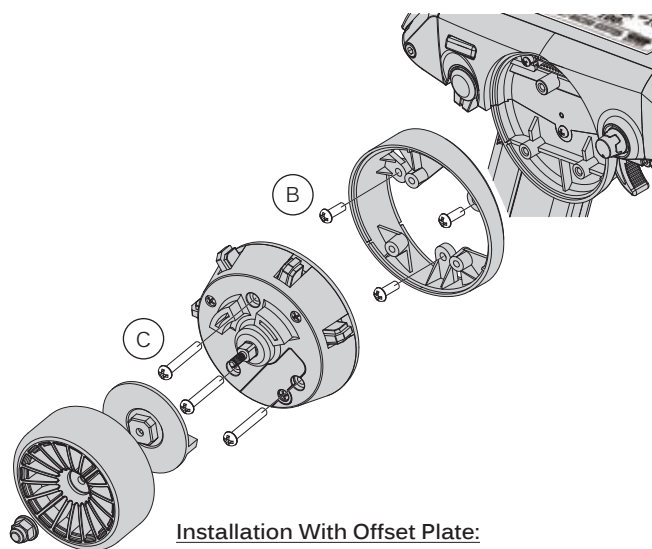
To install the Right or Left Steering Wheel angle plate, follow the steps below:

- 1) Use a 7mm nut driver to remove the Steering Wheel retaining nut, then pull the Steering Wheel straight off and set it aside.
- 2) Using a philips head screwdriver, remove the three larger philips head screws (A), then carefully pull the Trim Switch assembly off the transmitter and very carefully unplug the two connectors.



### Installation Without Offset Plate:

The installation procedures below outline installing either angle plate WITHOUT the optional offset plate described in the *Steering Wheel Offset Plate Installation* section on the previous page. Complete steps 1 and 2 above before proceeding.

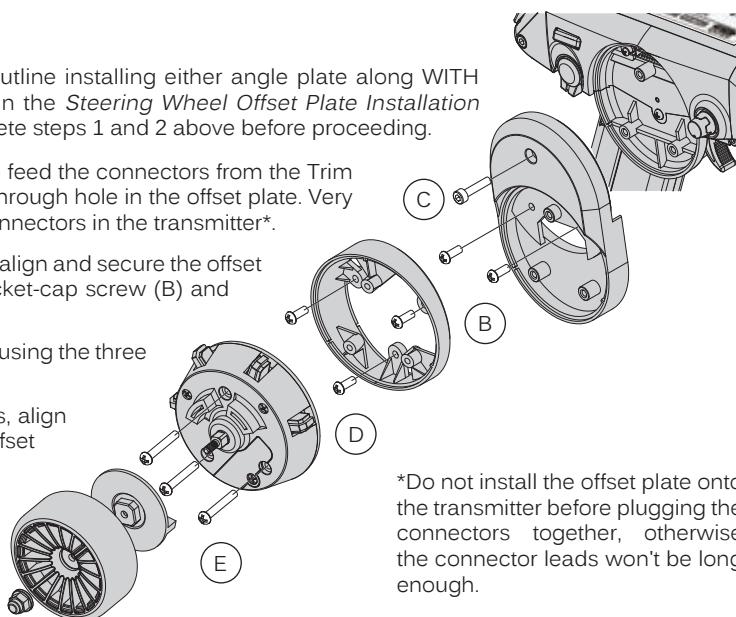


- 3) Choose which angle plate you want to install, then align and secure the angle plate to the transmitter, using the three M3 x 8mm philips head screws (B) included. There are small notches in both the Trim Switch assembly and the angle plate that line up with corresponding small tabs in the transmitter to ensure both the Trim Switch assembly and the angle plate are installed in the correct orientation.
- 4) Very carefully plug the connectors from the Trim Switch assembly into the matching connectors in the transmitter.
- 5) Being careful not to pinch any connectors or wires, align and secure the Trim Switch assembly to the angle plate using the three larger philips head screws (C) you removed previously.
- 6) Reinstall the Steering Wheel. Installation is the reverse of removal.

### Installation With Offset Plate:

The installation procedures below outline installing either angle plate along WITH the optional offset plate described in the *Steering Wheel Offset Plate Installation* section on the previous page. Complete steps 1 and 2 above before proceeding.

- 3) Choose which angle plate you want to install, then feed the connectors from the Trim Switch assembly through the angle plate and on through hole in the offset plate. Very carefully plug the connectors into the matching connectors in the transmitter\*.
- 4) Being careful not to pinch any connectors or wires, align and secure the offset plate to the transmitter using one M3 x 14mm socket-cap screw (B) and two M3 x 8mm philips head screws (C).
- 5) Align and secure the angle plate to the offset plate, using the three M3 x 8mm philips head screws (D) included.
- 6) Being careful not to pinch any connectors or wires, align and secure the Trim Switch assembly to the offset plate using the three larger philips head screws (E) you removed previously.
- 7) Reinstall the Steering Wheel. Installation is the reverse of removal.



\*Do not install the offset plate onto the transmitter before plugging the connectors together, otherwise the connector leads won't be long enough.

 There are small notches on the back side of each of the parts that correspond to matching tabs on the Front side of each of the parts and the transmitter to ensure everything is installed in the correct orientation.



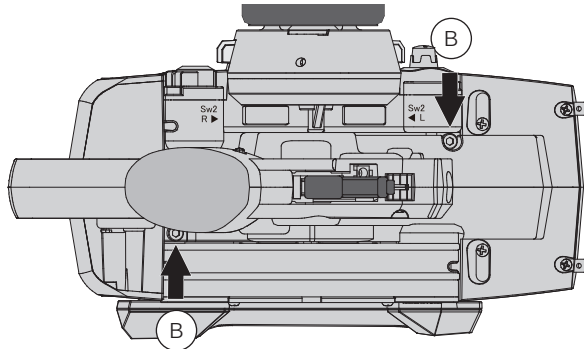
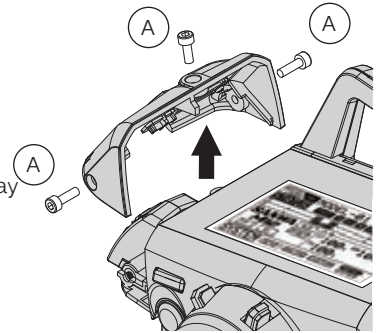
## DRIVING POSITION ADJUSTMENT

## GENERAL

The position of the Steering Wheel can be switched from the Right side to the Left side to accommodate Left-handed drivers. This makes the M12S much more comfortable for natural Left-handed drivers to use.

To change the driving position for Left-handed use, follow the steps below:

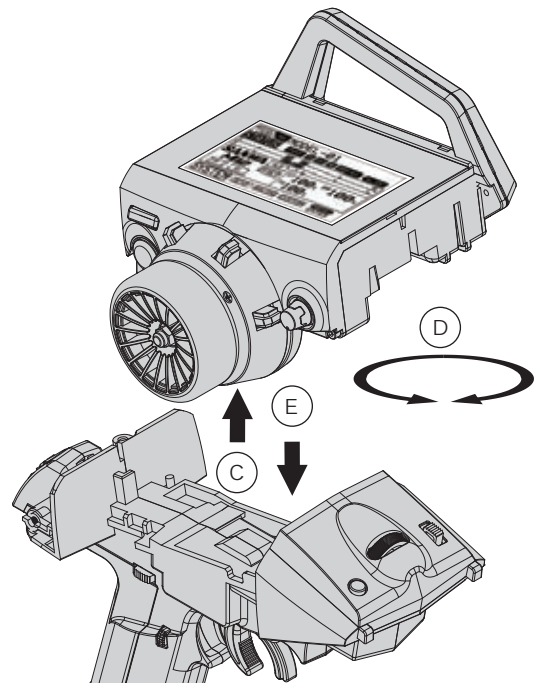
- 1) Using a 2.5mm hex wrench, remove the three socket cap screws (A) that hold the display switch cover in place, then carefully pull the display switch cover off.



- 2) Using a 2.5mm hex wrench, remove the two socket-cap screws (B) from the bottom the transmitter that hold the main body in place.

- 3) Carefully pull the main body up and off the base (C), being careful not to damage any of the wiring.
- 4) Rotate the main body 180° (D), then push it back down onto the base (E), being careful not to pinch any of the wiring.
- 5) Reinstall the two socket-cap screws you removed previously to secure the main body to the base.
- 6) Reinstall the display switch cover. Installation is the reverse of removal.

**!** When reinstalling the display switch cover, make sure to install the two machine screws into the sides of the cover and the one self-tapping screw in the top of the cover.



### Changing the Direction of the Push-Button Rotary Dial:

When you switch the driving position as described above, the direction the Push-Button Rotary Dial moves the Programming Cursor will be reversed. If desired, the direction the Push-Button Rotary Dial moves the Programming Cursor can be changed.

To change the direction the Push-Button Rotary Dial moves the Programming Cursor, follow the step below:

- 1) Press and HOLD the ENTER key, then turn the transmitter ON. Release the ENTER key AFTER the transmitter finishes initializing and beeps once.

### Activating the Left Side Switches:

Two duplicate switches (Sw3 and Trm5) are positioned on the left side of the transmitter for use in the left-handed driving position. In the default configuration, these switches are Inhibited for right-handed use. When you switch the driving position as described above, you will want to Activate these switches for ease of use.

To Activate the Sw3 and Trm5 switches on the Left side of the transmitter, follow the steps below:

- 1) Remove the battery cover from the bottom of the transmitter, then remove the battery holder.
- 2) Flip the switch that's in the base of the transmitter below the battery holder toward the Front of the transmitter. When the switch is toward the Front of the transmitter, the left-hand switches will be Active and when the switch is toward the back of the transmitter, the right-hand switches will be Active.

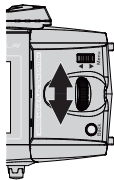

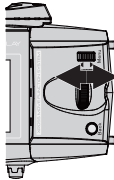

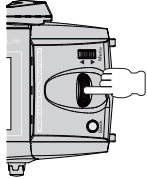
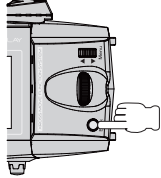
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## PROGRAMMING KEYS OVERVIEW AND FUNCTIONS

GENERAL

Moving around the various screens and programming the transmitter is accomplished using the ENTER key (Push-Button Rotary Dial), the SELECT switch and the BACK key.

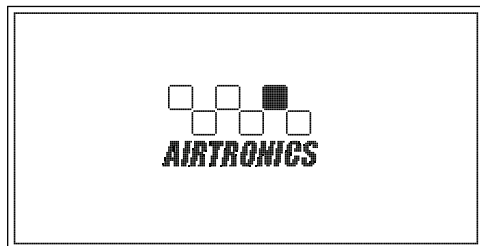
**PRO TIP:** While navigating Programming Menus and changing Programming Values, keep the following in mind: to choose a menu from the STATUS screen, use the SELECT switch. To open a menu, press the ENTER key. To choose an option to program, scroll UP or DOWN to highlight the desired option, then press the ENTER key. The highlighted option will flash, indicating the Programming Value can be changed. Once you've changed the Programming Value, press the ENTER key again or press the BACK key and the highlighted option will stop flashing, indicating you can scroll UP or DOWN to highlight another programming option. To reset a programming option to its default value, highlight the option and press the HOLD the ENTER key.

PROGRAMMING KEY	NAME	FUNCTION
	 Push-Button Rotary Dial (Scroll UP/DOWN)	Scrolls between STATUS, ASSIGN and TELEMETRY screens. Scrolls the Programming Cursor RIGHT or UP and LEFT or DOWN. Increases or Decreases Programming Values.
	 SELECT Switch	Used to Select various menus. In addition, the SELECT switch's function will vary depending on the menu chosen and will be indicated in the menu's Message Display Window.
	Push-Button Rotary Dial (Push ENTER)	Opens the Selected menu or programming option. Press and HOLD to reset the Selected programming option to its default value.
	BACK Key	Returns to the previous menu. Repeatedly press to return to the STATUS screen.

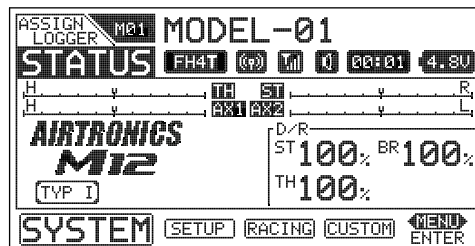
## DISPLAY SCREENS OVERVIEW

GENERAL

In the default configuration, when you turn the M12S transmitter ON, the transmitter will start-up and display the BOOT screen temporarily, then display the STATUS screen.



BOOT Screen



STATUS Screen

**BOOT Screen:** The BOOT screen is displayed when the transmitter is turned ON. The BOOT screen can be disabled. For more information, see the *BOOT Menu* section on page 56.

**STATUS Screen:** The STATUS screen is displayed after the BOOT screen and displays important information about the transmitter. It's also a base from which you access other Programming Menus. For more detailed information, see the *STATUS Screen Overview* section on the next page.

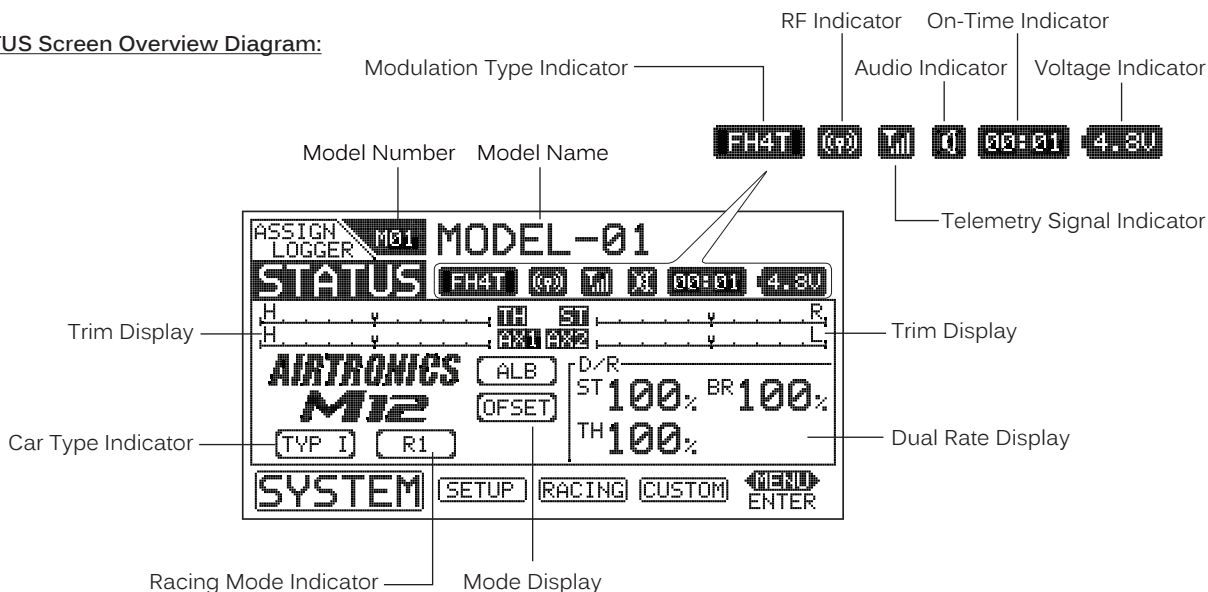
## DISPLAY SCREENS OVERVIEW

## GENERAL

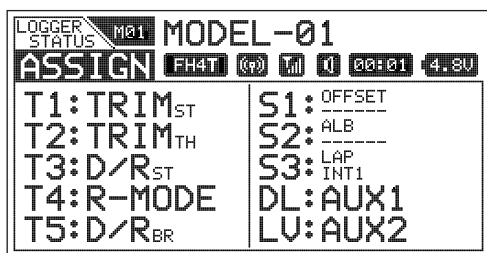
Use the information in this section to familiarize yourself with the layout and different indicators and displays that comprise the STATUS screen. The STATUS screen displays all pertinent information, such as the Model Name, Modulation Type, Timer, Voltage and much more.

The STATUS screen will always be displayed after the BOOT screen unless you change that option in the SYSTEM BOOT menu. For more information, see the *BOOT Menu* section on page 56.

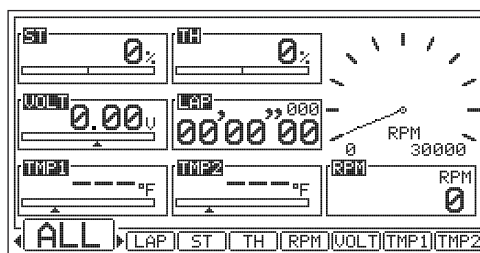
### STATUS Screen Overview Diagram:



From the STATUS screen, use the Push-Button Rotary Dial to scroll UP or DOWN to display the ASSIGN and TELEMTRY screens. To return to the STATUS screen, either scroll to it or press the BACK key.



ASSIGN Screen



TELEMTRY Screen

**ASSIGN Screen:** The ASSIGN screen displays the functions that are currently Assigned to the Push-Button Switches, the Trim Switches, the Auxiliary Dial and the Auxiliary Lever, all in one convenient location.

**TELEMTRY Screen:** The TELEMTRY screen displays Telemetry Data, such as RPM or Speed, Temperature, Receiver Voltage and more. Use the SELECT switch to switch between ALL and LAP, ST, TH, RPM, VOLT, TMP1 and TMP2 pages.

⚠ Telemetry integration requires the use of an Airtronics 2.4GHz FH4T Telemetry-capable surface receiver, such as the RX-461 or RX-462. Steering and Throttle Output and Lap Times can still be viewed when used other types of receivers.

### STATUS Screen Overview Diagram Descriptions:

**Audio Indicator:** Indicates whether Audible Key Tones and Transmitter Alarms are Muted or not.

**Car Type Indicator:** Indicates the current Car Type Selected.

**Dual Rate Display:** Displays the current Dual Rate percentage value of channels that Dual Rate can be programmed for. Channels displayed will vary based on the currently Selected Car Type.

**Mode Display:** Displays any special Programming Modes that are Active, such as Throttle Offset or Anti-Lock Braking.

**Model Name:** Displays the Name of the currently Selected Model.

**Model Number:** Displays the number of the currently Selected Model.

**Modulation Type Indicator:** Indicates the current Modulation Type that the transmitter is set to.

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### STATUS Screen Overview Diagram Descriptions, Continued...

**On-Time Indicator:** Displays the current cumulative On-Time of the transmitter in Hours and Minutes.

**Racing Mode Indicator:** Indicates whether Racing Mode is Active or Inhibited and Which Racing Mode (R1 ~ R5) is Active.

**RF Indicator:** Indicates whether the transmitter is sending an RF signal or not.

**Trim Display:** Displays the current position of channel Trim. Trim Indicators (ST, AUX1, etc.) displayed will vary based on the currently Selected Car Type.

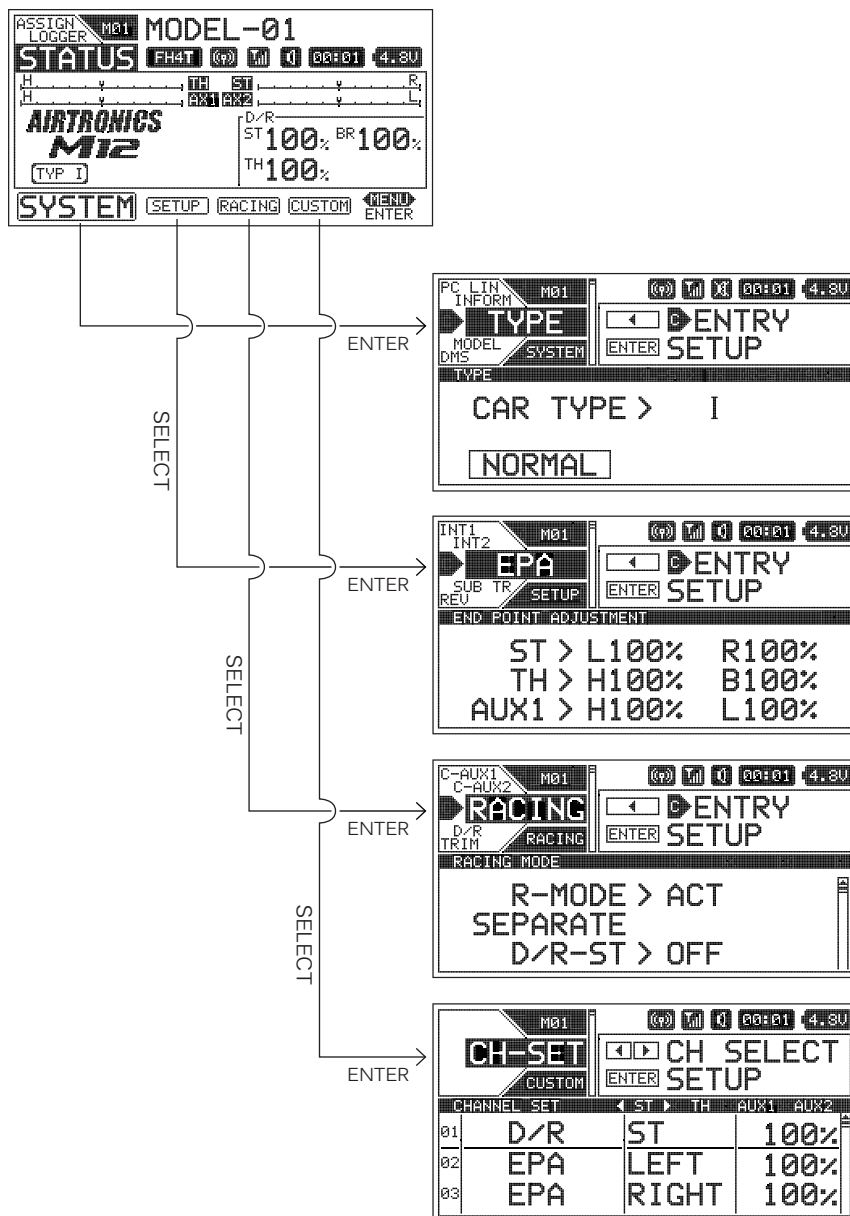
**Telemetry Signal Indicator:** Indicates the current signal strength of the Telemetry connection between the transmitter and receiver.

**Voltage Indicator:** Indicates the current Voltage of the transmitter batteries.

## MAIN MENU STRUCTURE OVERVIEW

GENERAL

The M12S features four main menus that are accessed from the STATUS screen. Each of the four main menus include a number of different Programming Menus. The four main menus consist of the SYSTEM menu, the SETUP menu, the RACING menu and the CUSTOM menu. To access these menus from the STATUS screen, use the SELECT switch to highlight the desired menu, then press ENTER key to open the Selected menu.



**SYSTEM Menu:** Pages 24 ~ 61.

Features system-specific Programming Menus, such as Car Type, Key Assign, LCD Contrast, Binding, Auxiliary Type, Trim Type and more.

**SETUP Menu:** Pages 61 ~ 74.

Features basic Model-specific Programming Menus, such as EPA, Sub-Tim, Servo Reversing, Timers and more.

**RACING Menu:** Pages 74 ~ 93.

Features more complex Model-specific Programming Menus, such as C-Mixing, Anti-Lock Braking, Servo Speed, Curves and more.

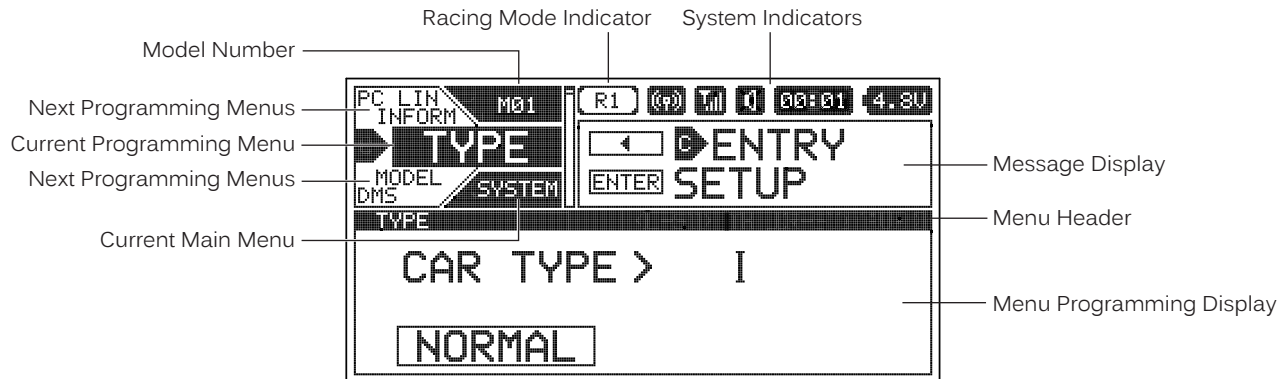
**CUSTOM Menu:** Pages 94 ~ 95.

Features the Channel Set Programming Menu and any favorite Programming Menus that you add yourself.

## MAIN MENUS OVERVIEW

## GENERAL

The four main menus described in the previous section all share the same basic layout as illustrated below. Use this information to familiarize yourself with the layout and the information presented.



**Current Main Menu:** Displays the currently Active main menu, either SYSTEM, SETUP, RACING or CUSTOM.

**Current Programming Menu:** Displays the currently Active Programming Menu.

**Menu Header:** Displays the name of the currently Active Programming Menu. In some cases, programming options may also be found within the Menu Header.

**Menu Programming Display:** Displays all programming information pertinent to the currently Active Programming Menu.

**Message Display:** Displays different Programming Key functions based on the currently Active Programming Menu. For more information, see the illustrations and descriptions below.

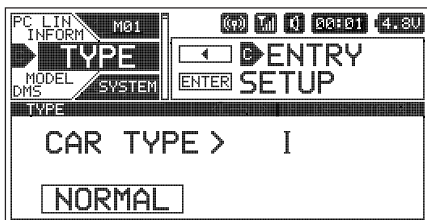
**Model Number:** Displays the number of the currently Selected Model.

**Next Programming Menus:** Displays the next two Programming Menus within the current main menu.

**Racing Mode Indicator:** Indicates which Racing Mode (R1 ~ R5) is Active or Inhibited.

**System Indicators:** Indicates current transmitter status information as described in the *Display Screens Overview* section on pages 17 ~ 19.

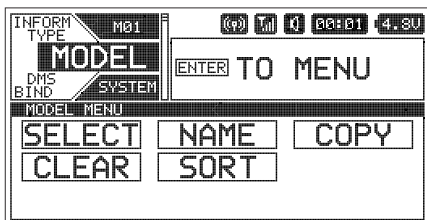
The function of the SELECT switch and the ENTER key will vary depending on the specific Programming Menu displayed.



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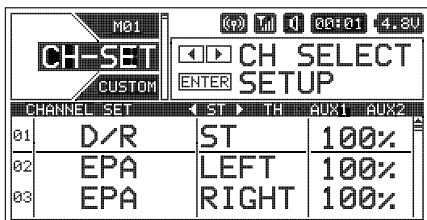
The SELECT switch Saves or Removes the current Programming Menu from the CUSTOM menu.

The ENTER key opens the highlighted Programming Menu. Scroll UP and DOWN to choose different Programming Menus.



### In This Menu Style:

The ENTER key opens a Sub-Menu. Scroll UP and DOWN to choose different Sub-Menus.



### In This Menu Style:

The SELECT switch scrolls RIGHT or LEFT to Select different channels.


Scroll UP and DOWN to choose the desired function Programming Value, then press the ENTER key change the Programming Value.

## TELEMETRY SCREEN OVERVIEW

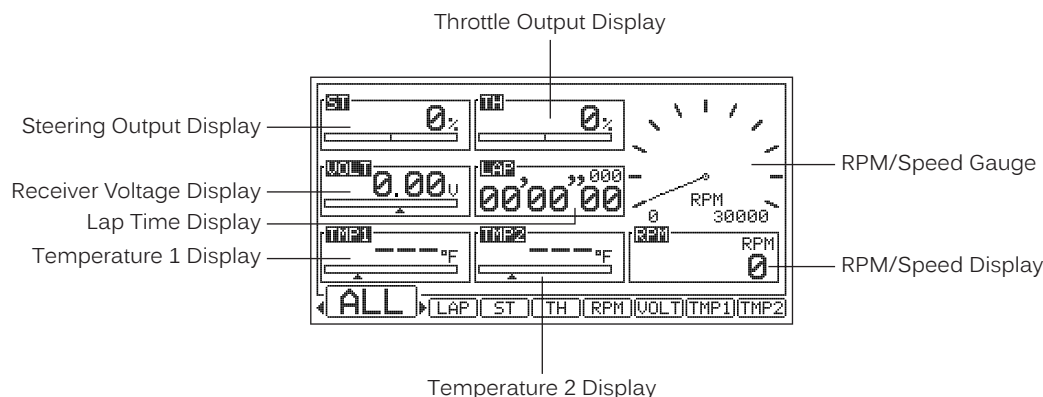
## GENERAL

The TELEMETRY screen displays Telemetry Data, such as RPM or Speed, Temperature, Receiver Voltage and more.


For information about making Telemetry option changes that effect how and what Telemetry Data is displayed on the various TELEMETRY pages, see the *LOG SETUP Menu* section on pages 48 ~ 56.


 Telemetry integration requires the use of an Airtronics 2.4GHz FH4T Telemetry-capable surface receiver, such as the RX-461 or RX-462. Steering and Throttle Output and Lap Times can still be viewed when used other types of receivers.

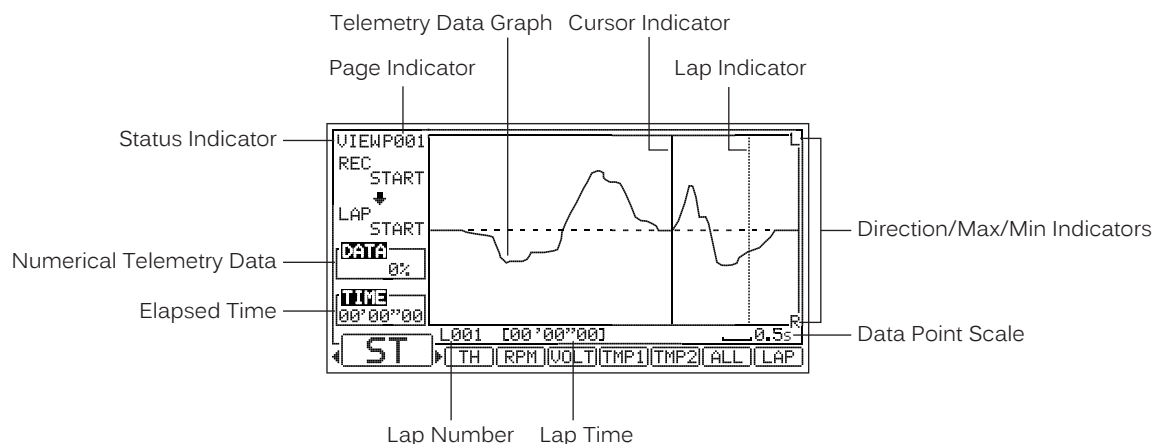
From the STATUS screen, use the Push-Button Rotary Dial to scroll UP or DOWN to display the TELEMETRY screen.



Use the SELECT switch to switch between ALL and LAP, ST, TH, RPM, VOLT, TMP1 and TMP2 pages. These pages display more detailed Telemetry Data and allow you to review Telemetry Data and Save the current Telemetry Data Log to your PC for archiving or viewing at a later time.

 The layout of the information displayed on the ST, TH, RPM, VOLT, TMP1 and TMP2 pages is similar, so only the STEERING page is shown in this section.

 For information about viewing Lap Times, see the *Viewing Lap Times* section on page 73.



### TELEMETRY Screen Overview Diagram Descriptions:

**Cursor Indicator:** Indicates the current position of the Cursor when reviewing Telemetry Data. The Cursor Indicator will only be displayed when in VIEW Mode.

**Data Point Scale:** Indicates the time in Seconds between recorded Telemetry Data Points. This value is fixed at 0.5 seconds.

**Direction/Max/Min Indicators:** Indicates Control Movement Direction or Programmed Maximum and Minimum Telemetry Data values, depending on the current TELEMETRY page being displayed.

**Elapsed Time:** Displays the current position in Time of the Cursor Indicator within the current Telemetry Data Log.

**Lap Indicator:** Indicates the position along the Telemetry Data Stream that a Lap Time was counted.

**Lap Number:** Displays the current Lap Number.

**Lap Time:** Displays the Lap Time of the currently Selected Lap Number.

**Lap Time Display:** Displays the current Lap Time in Minutes, Seconds and 1/100th of a Second, and the current Lap Number.

### TELEMETRY Screen Overview Diagram Descriptions, Continued....

**Numerical Telemetry Data:** Displays the Telemetry Data in a numerical format.

**Page Indicator:** Indicates the current Page within the Telemetry Data Stream that Telemetry Data is currently being displayed on.

**Receiver Voltage Display:** Displays the current Voltage of the receiver battery. The tick mark indicates the current Voltage relative to the programmed Maximum Voltage value.

**RPM/Speed Display:** Displays the current RPM or speed in MPH or KM/H.

**RPM/Speed Gauge:** Displays the current RPM or speed in MPH or KM/H in graphical format. The needle indicates the current RPM or Speed relative to the programmed Maximum RPM or Speed value.

**Status Indicator:** Indicates the current Status of the Telemetry system. When VIEW is displayed, the Telemetry system is in VIEW mode, allowing you to view and analyze Telemetry Data. When REC is displayed, the Telemetry system is Recording Telemetry Data. When LOG is displayed, the Telemetry system is in Standby.

**Steering Output Display:** Displays the current position of the Steering channel as a percentage of Steering Wheel travel.

**Telemetry Data Graph:** Displays the Telemetry Data Stream in a graphical format.

**Temperature 1 Display:** Displays the current temperature in Fahrenheit or Celsius of the Temperature Sensor plugged into the TEMP1 Sensor Port in the receiver. The tick mark indicates the current temperature relative to the programmed Maximum and Minimum Temperature values.

**Temperature 2 Display:** Displays the current temperature in Fahrenheit or Celsius of the Temperature Sensor plugged into the TEMP2 Sensor Port in the receiver. The tick mark indicates the current temperature relative to the programmed Maximum and Minimum Temperature values.

**Throttle Output Display:** Displays the current position of the Throttle channel as a percentage of Throttle Trigger travel.

### Reviewing Telemetry Data:

When the Telemetry Data Recorder has Stopped, you are able to view Telemetry Data in more detail. For more information about Starting and Stopping the Telemetry Data Recorder, see the *Telemetry Data Recording* section on page 48.

1) After Stopping the Telemetry Data Recorder, press the SELECT switch to open the desired TELEMETRY page, either ST, TH, RPM, VOLT TMP1 or TMP2.

2) Press the ENTER key. The VIEW menu will open and PAGE will be surrounded by a box.

3) Scroll UP or DOWN to Select the desired VIEW menu option.

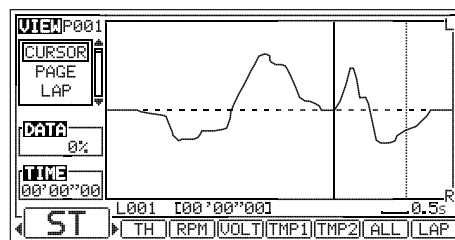
**CURSOR** - When chosen, scrolls through the Telemetry Data Stream in 0.5 second intervals.

**PAGE** - When chosen, scrolls through the individual pages of the Telemetry Data Stream.

**LAP** - When chosen, scrolls through each counted Lap Time along the Telemetry Data Stream.

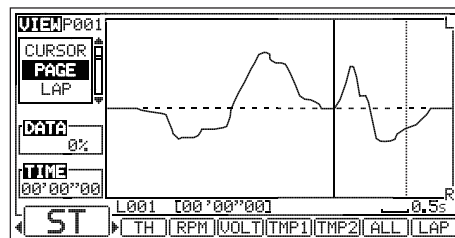
**LAP-LT** - When chosen, displays Total, Best and Average Lap Times, in addition to individual Lap Times.

**SAVE** - When chosen, allows you to Save the Telemetry Data Log to your PC.



4) Press the ENTER key to highlight the desired VIEW menu option, then scroll UP or DOWN to scroll through the Telemetry Data Stream via the VIEW menu option you chose. You can also press the SELECT switch RIGHT or LEFT to view different TELEMETRY pages.

⚠ If you choose the SAVE option to Save the Telemetry Data Log to your PC, see the *PCLINK Menu Saving the Telemetry Data Log* section on page 58 for information on how to do this.



5) To choose a different VIEW menu option, press the BACK key, then repeat steps 3 and 4 to choose and highlight the desired VIEW menu option.

⚠ When viewing the Telemetry Data Stream using the VIEW option menu, keep these things in mind: When a VIEW menu option is surrounded by a box, scroll UP or DOWN to choose a different VIEW menu option. When a VIEW menu option is highlighted, scroll UP or DOWN to scroll through the Telemetry Data Stream. Press the BACK key to cancel the highlighted VIEW menu option and choose another VIEW menu option.

⚠ As you're scrolling through the Telemetry Data Stream, press the ENTER key at any time to Open a detailed list of Telemetry Data Entries. The highlighted Telemetry Data Entry at the top of the list is the one where you pressed the ENTER key.

## TRANSMITTER AND RECEIVER BINDING

## GENERAL

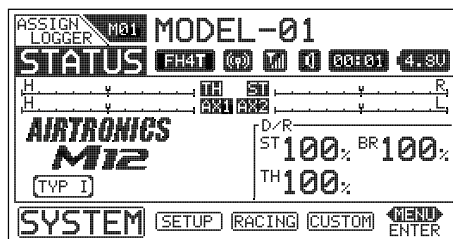
The Binding function allows you to Bind the transmitter and receiver pair. When new, it is necessary to pair the transmitter and receiver to prevent interference from transmitters operated by other users. This operation is referred to as 'Binding'. Once the Binding procedure is complete, the setting is remembered even when the transmitter and receiver are turned OFF, therefore, this procedure usually only needs to be done once.

**!** The M12S transmitter features a Safety Link function that is used to program a unique code to each receiver/Model pair, preventing the transmitter from controlling a Model that it's not currently programmed for. The Safety Link function is compatible only with FH4 or FH4T receivers. It's not compatible with FH2 or FH3 receivers.

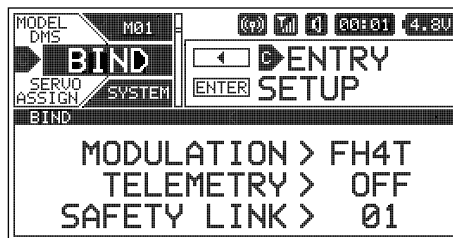
**IMPORTANT:** This section details Binding the RX-471 FH4 Super Response receiver with a Safety Link Model number of 1 and with the Servo Operating Mode set to Normal mode. If you are Binding an FH2 or FH3 receiver, or if you prefer to change the Safety Link Number or the Servo Operating Mode, see the *BIND Menu* section on pages 30 ~ 32.

**!** Before beginning the Binding procedure, connect the switch harness, servos and the receiver battery to your receiver, using the diagram in the *Receiver Overview Diagram, Connections and Mounting* section on page 8. Make sure that both the transmitter and the receiver are turned OFF.

- 1) Turn the transmitter ON. The STATUS screen should be displayed.
- 2) Press the SELECT switch to highlight the SYSTEM menu, then press the ENTER key to open the SYSTEM menu.

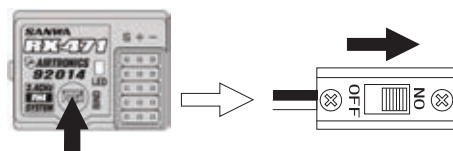


- 3) Scroll UP or DOWN to highlight the BIND menu, then press the ENTER key to open the BIND menu.



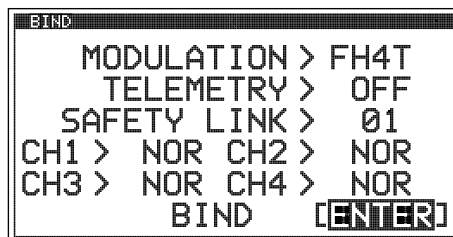
**!** Double-check that the Modulation is set to FH4T, Telemetry is turned ON, Safety Link is set to 01 and CH1, CH2, CH3 and CH4 are each set to NOR. If you want to change any of these settings, see the *BIND Menu* section on pages 30 ~ 32.

- 4) While holding down the Bind Button on the receiver, turn the receiver ON. The Bind LED on the receiver will flash slowly. Release the Bind Button. The Bind LED on the receiver will continue to flash slowly.



**!** You must complete step 5 below within 10 seconds or the Bind LED will go out, indicating the receiver has timed out. If this occurs, turn the receiver OFF, then repeat step 4.

- 5) Scroll DOWN to highlight the BIND [ENTER] option, then press the ENTER key. The [ENTER] command and LED1 on the transmitter will begin to flash and the Bind LED on the receiver will flash rapidly, then go out.



- 6) After the Bind LED on the receiver goes out, press the ENTER key a second time. Both the Bind LED on the receiver and LED1 on transmitter will illuminate solid blue, indicating that the Binding procedure is complete.



- 7) Move the Steering Wheel and Throttle Trigger to verify that the servos are operating normally, then repeatedly press the BACK key to return to the STATUS screen.

**!** Under some circumstances, the receiver may not operate after turning the transmitter and receiver ON. If this occurs, perform the Binding procedure again.