

MODEL 5605



# E-REVO

**TRAXXAS**

OWNERS MANUAL

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Thank you for purchasing the new Traxxas E-Revo electric monster truck. The New E-Revo is the most advanced electric racing monster truck ever created. The 6-time National Champion Revo is already the pinnacle of engineering in the Nitro arena and now E-Revo breaks open an entire new category that embraces today's electric technology. Built from the start to be electric, E-Revo harnesses all the advantages that electric power brings to the race. The low center of gravity, balanced weight distribution, and incredible torsional rigidity yields the best handling Revo platform ever.

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

We know you're excited about getting your new model on the road, but it's very important that you take some time to read through the Owners Manual. This manual contains all the necessary set-up and operating procedures that allow you to unlock the performance and potential that Traxxas engineers designed into your model. **Even if you are an experienced R/C enthusiast, it's important to read and follow the procedures in this manual.**

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

## Traxxas Support

Traxxas support is with you every step of the way. Refer to the next page to find out how to contact us and what your support options are.



## Quick Start

This manual is designed with a Quick Start path that outlines the necessary procedures to get your model up and running in the shortest time possible. If you are an experienced R/C enthusiast you will find it helpful and fast. Be sure and read through the rest of the manual to learn about important safety, maintenance, and adjustment procedures. Turn to page 7 to begin.



## BEFORE YOU PROCEED

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

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

### WARNINGS, HELPFUL HINTS, & CROSS-REFERENCES

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



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



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



Refers you to a page with a related topic.

### SUPPORT

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

Technical support is available Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 9:00pm central time. Technical assistance is also available at [www.Traxxas.com](http://www.Traxxas.com). You may also e-mail customer support with your question at [support@Traxxas.com](mailto:support@Traxxas.com). Join thousands of registered members in our online community at [Traxxas.com](http://Traxxas.com).

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## SAFETY PRECAUTIONS



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



This model is not intended for use by children under 8 years of age without the supervision of a responsible and knowledgeable adult.



Previous experience with radio controlled models is recommended. Models require a higher level of setup, maintenance, or support equipment.



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

### IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER

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

### BATTERIES AND BATTERY CHARGING

Your model uses rechargeable batteries that must be handled with care for safety and long battery life. Make sure to read and follow all instructions and precautions that were provided with your battery packs and your charger. It is your responsibility to charge and care for your battery packs properly. In addition to your battery and charger instructions, here are some more tips to keep in mind.

- ⚡ Never leave batteries to charge unattended.
- ⚡ Remove the batteries from the model while charging.
- ⚡ Always unplug the batteries from the electronic speed control when the model is not in use and when it is being stored or transported.
- ⚡ Allow the battery packs to cool off between runs (before charging).
- ⚡ Do not use battery packs that have been damaged in any way.

- ⚡ Do not use battery packs that have damaged wiring, exposed wiring, or a damaged connector.
- ⚡ Children should have responsible adult supervision when charging and handling batteries.

### SPEED CONTROL

- ⚡ Disconnect the Batteries: Always disconnect the batteries from the speed control when not in use.
- ⚡ Transmitter on First: Switch on your transmitter first before switching on the speed control to prevent runaways and erratic performance.
- ⚡ Don't Get Burned: The heat sink can get extremely hot, so be careful not to touch it until it is cool. Supply adequate airflow for cooling.
- ⚡ Use Stock Connectors: If you decide to change the battery or motor connectors, only change one battery or motor connector at a time. This will prevent damage from accidentally mis-wiring the speed control. Please note that modified speed controls can be subject to a rewiring fee when returned for service. Removing the battery connector on the speed control or using connectors with no reverse-polarity protection on the speed control will void the product's warranty.
- ⚡ Insulate the Wires: Always insulate exposed or damaged wiring with heat shrink tubing to prevent short circuits
- ⚡ Always Use Heat Sinks: Three heat sinks are factory-installed on the speed control and must be used for maximum cooling and performance.
- ⚡ No Reverse Voltage: The speed control is not protected against reverse polarity voltage. When changing the battery and/or motor, be sure to install the same type of connectors to avoid reverse polarity damage to the speed control. Removing the battery connectors on the speed control or using the same-gender connectors on the speed control will void the product's warranty.
- ⚡ Do Not Let the Transistor Tabs Touch: Never allow the three separate transistor banks to touch each other or any exposed metal. This will create a short circuit and damage the speed control. (For example, laying a metal tool across the heat sinks can damage the speed control.)
- ⚡ No Schottky Diodes: External Schottky diodes are not compatible with reversing speed controls. Using a Schottky diode with the EVX-2 will damage the ESC and void the 30-day warranty.

## TOOLS, SUPPLIES AND REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

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

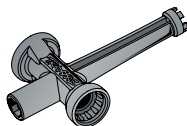
### SUPPLIED TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT



Shock wrench



5mm turnbuckle wrench



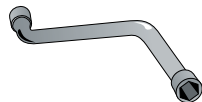
Suspension multi-tool



4-way wrench



Antenna nut wrench



Glow plug wrench



1.5mm "L" wrench



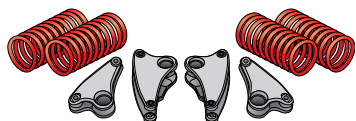
2.0mm "T" wrench



3.0mm "L" wrench



2.5mm "T" wrench



Long Travel rocker and spring set



Body clips



Suspension tuning shims and hollow balls



Battery Retainers

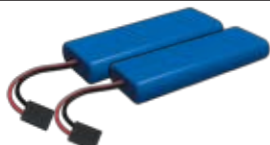


Maximum Travel Steering Stop

### REQUIRED TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT (SOLD SEPARATELY)



8 AA alkaline batteries



Two NiMH battery packs (7.2V 6-cell or 8.4-volt 7-cell [recommended])



NiMH battery charger (peak detecting type recommended - see sidebar)



For more information on batteries, see *Use the Right Batteries* on page 10.



A peak-detecting charger is recommended for best performance and longest battery life. For more information, see *Use the Right Charger* on page 12.



#### Recommended Equipment

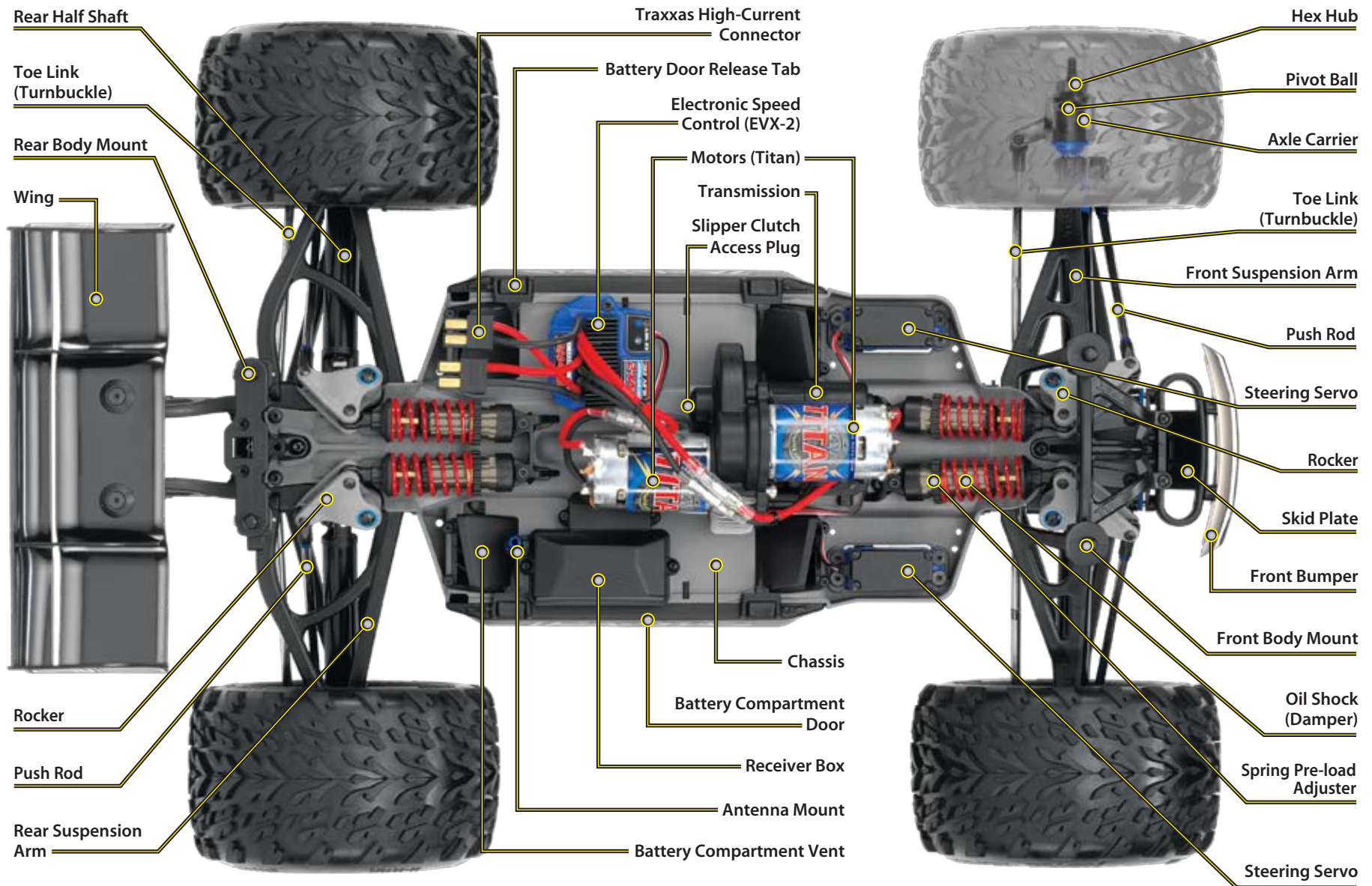
These items are not required for the operation of your model, but are a good idea to include in any R/C toolbox:

- Safety glasses
- Thin, hobby-quality cyanoacrylate instant tire glue (CA glue)
- Hobby knife
- Side cutters and/or needle nose pliers
- Philips screwdriver
- Soldering iron


**Warning:** Lithium Polymer (LiPo) batteries should not be used with the EVX-2. The EVX-2 electronic speed control is not equipped with low-voltage detection.



## ANATOMY OF THE E-REVO



## QUICK START: GETTING UP TO SPEED

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

☐ **1. Read the safety precautions on page 4**

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

☐ **9. Detail your model • See page 8**

Apply other decals if desired.

☐ **2. Charge the battery packs • See sidebar, page 12**

Fully charge two 7.2 or 8.4-volt battery packs (not included). Charge the batteries now so they will be ready when you finish the other setup procedures.

☐ **10. Drive your model • See page 18**

Driving tips and adjustments for your model.

☐ **3. Install the antenna • See page 11**

Install the antenna mast in the model.

☐ **11. Maintaining your model • See page 27**

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

☐ **4. Install batteries in the transmitter • See page 11**

The transmitter requires 8 AA alkaline or rechargeable batteries.

☐ **5. Install battery packs in the model • See page 12**

Your model requires two fully charged 7.2 or 8.4-volt battery packs (not included).

☐ **6. Turn on the radio system • See page 15**

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

☐ **7. Check servo operation • See page 15**

Make sure the steering servos are working correctly.

☐ **8. Range test the radio system • See page 15**

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



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

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

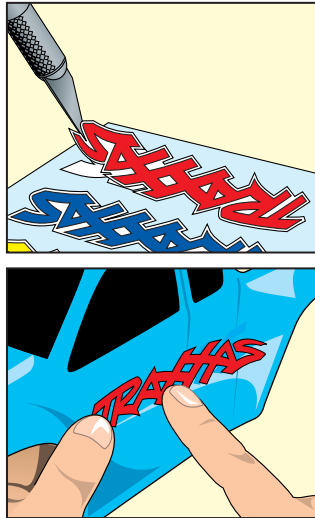


## DECORATING YOUR MODEL

### APPLYING THE DECALS

The main decals for your model have been applied at the factory. The decals are printed on self-adhesive clear mylar and are die-cut for easy removal. Use a hobby knife to lift the corner of a decal and lift it from the backing. To apply the decals, place one end down, hold the other end up, and gradually smooth the decal down with your finger as you go. This will prevent air bubbles. Placing both ends of the decal down and then trying to smooth it out will result in air pockets.

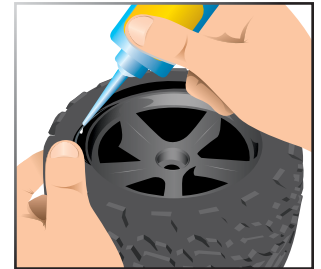
Look at the photos on the box for typical decal placement.



### TIRE GLUING

The factory tires on your E-Revo are already glued to the rims. The tires must be glued to the rims to prevent the rims from spinning inside the tires. The instructions here are provided to show you how to glue replacement tires to the rims in the future. Use CA tire glue available from your local hobby dealer. You can glue the tires without removing the wheels from the truck. For clarity, these instructions show the process with the wheels removed.

1. Remove a wheel from E-Revo using the larger (8mm) end of the universal wrench.
2. Use your thumb to push the side of the tire away from the rim. Place one or two drops of CA glue into the opening and release the tire. Capillary action will draw the glue around the bead of the tire.
3. Repeat step two at four or five points around the rim, until the tire is completely secured to the rim. Turn the rim over and repeat the process for the inside of the rim/tire. Repeat for the other three wheels.
4. Reinstall the wheels, make sure none of the axle pins have fallen out from behind the hex hubs.

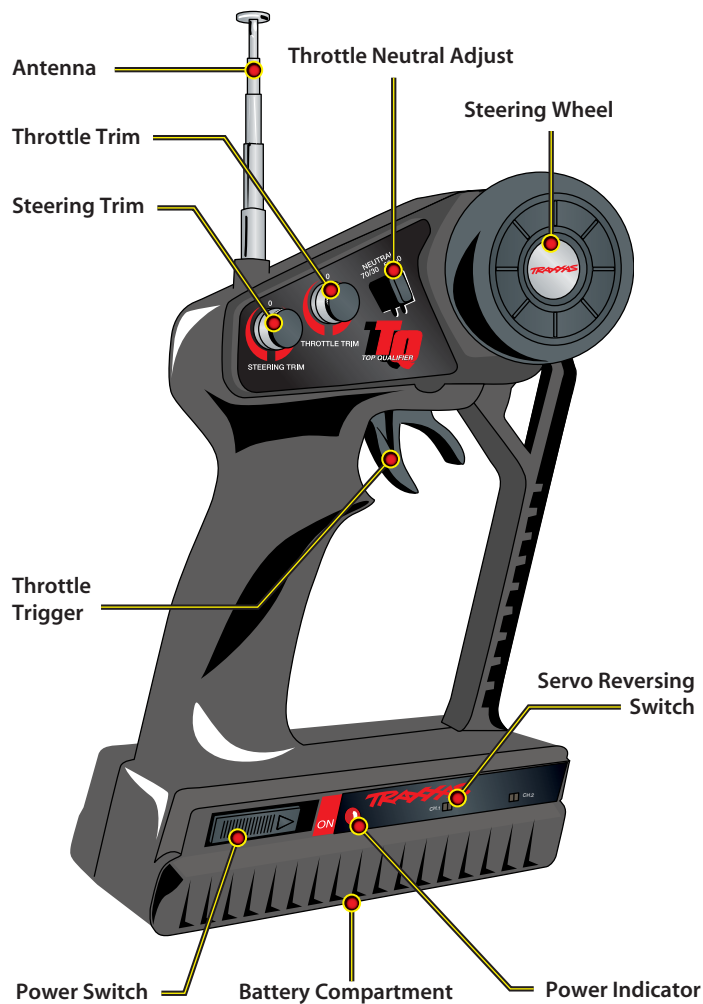




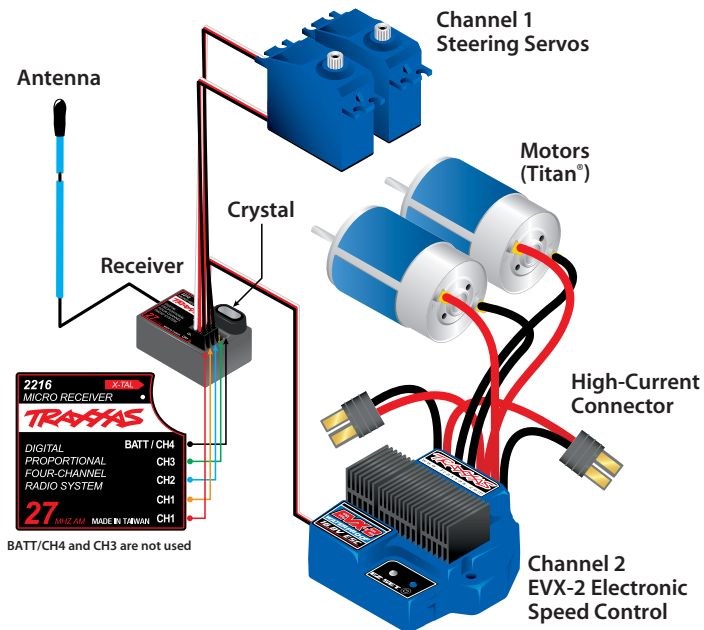
# THE TRAXXAS TQ RADIO SYSTEM

Your model is equipped with the Traxxas TQ Radio System. The Traxxas TQ Radio System is a 2-channel system that provides high-power output up to a quarter mile. Model 5605 uses two steering servos and an electronic speed control. The receiver is equipped with four channels and dual channel 1 outputs for the steering servos.

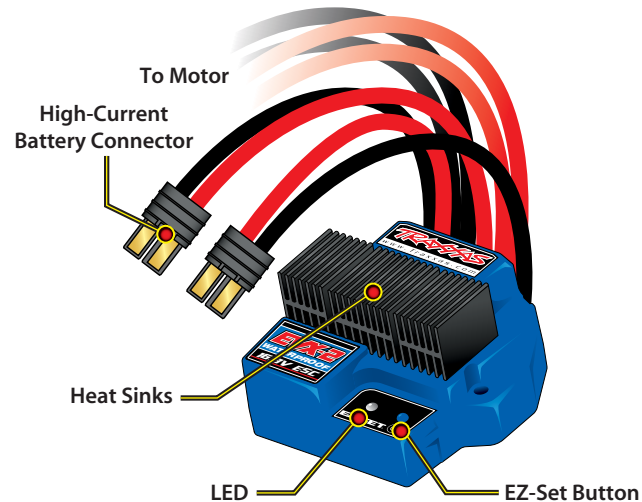
## TQ TRANSMITTER



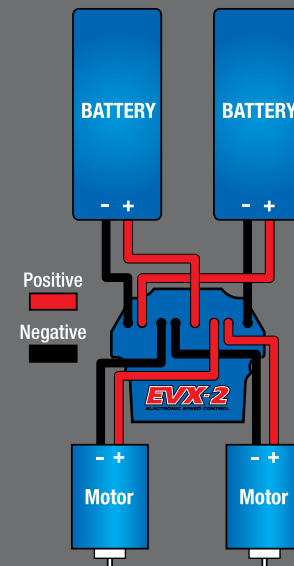
## E-REVO WIRING DIAGRAM



## EVX-2 ELECTRONIC SPEED CONTROL



## EVX-2 Wiring Diagram





### Use the Right Batteries

Your transmitter uses AA batteries. Use new alkaline batteries, or rechargeable batteries such as NiCad or NiMH (Nickel Metal Hydride) batteries in your transmitter. Make sure rechargeable batteries are fully charged according to the manufacturer's instructions.

If you use rechargeable batteries in your transmitter, be aware that when they begin to lose their charge, they lose power more quickly than regular alkaline batteries.







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

## RADIO SYSTEM TERMINOLOGY

Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with these radio-system terms. They will be used throughout this manual.

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

**Channel** - The 27 MHz frequency band is divided into 6 channels so that up to six models can be operated simultaneously. Each channel is referred to by its flag color and channel number, as shown below.

	CHANNEL	FREQUENCY BAND	FLAG COLOR	TRAXXAS PART NO.
	1	26.995	BROWN	2031
	2	27.045	RED	2032
	3	27.095	ORANGE	2033
	4	27.145	YELLOW	2034
	5	27.195	GREEN	2035
	6	27.255	BLUE	2036

**Clearing your frequency** - A routine, verbal check to make sure nobody else in your area is operating on the same channel. Always clear your frequency by calling out your channel number before operating your model. Wait or move to another area if your channel is already being used.

**Crystal (X-tal)** - The plug-in device that determines which channel the radio system will operate on. For each channel, there are two crystals, one for the receiver and one for the transmitter. Of those two crystals, the one marked with the lower number (.455 MHz lower) must be inserted into the receiver.

**ESC (Electronic Speed Control)** - An electronic speed control is the electronic motor control inside the model. The EVX-2 uses MOSFET power transistors to provide precise, digital proportional throttle control. Electronic speed controls use power more efficiently than mechanical speed controls so that the batteries run longer. An electronic speed control also has circuitry that prevents loss of steering and throttle control as the batteries lose their charge.

**Frequency band** - The radio frequency used by the transmitter to send signals to your model. All Traxxas RTR models operate on a 27 MHz frequency band.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Trim** - The fine-tuning adjustment of the neutral position of the servos, made by adjusting the throttle and steering trim sliders on the face of the transmitter.

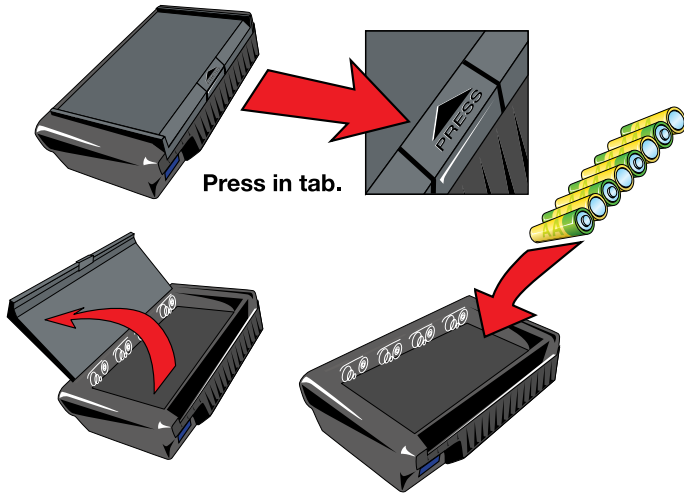
**Thermal Shutdown Protection** - Temperature sensing electronics are used in the ESC to detect overloading and overheating of the transistor circuitry. If excessive temperature is detected, the unit automatically shuts down to prevent damage to the electronics.

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

**550 and 540** - These numbers refer to the size of the motor. 550 motors have armatures that are 30% longer than 540 motors.

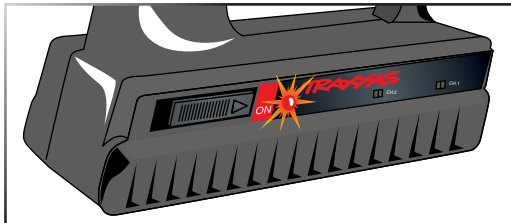
## INSTALLING TRANSMITTER BATTERIES

Your TQ transmitter uses 8 AA batteries (see sidebar, page 10). The battery compartment is located in the base of the transmitter.



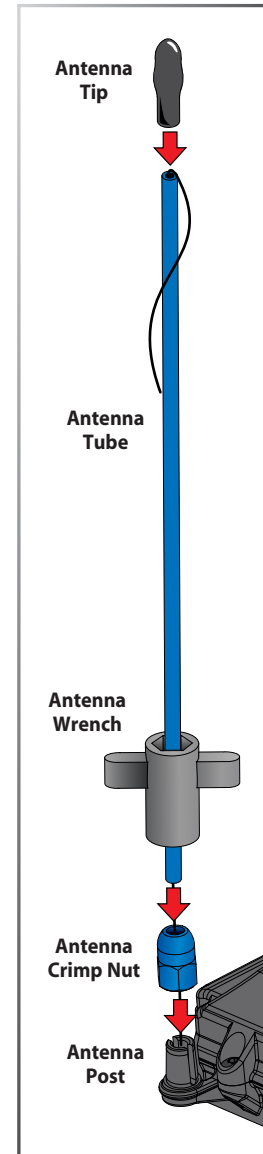
1. Remove the battery compartment door by pressing the tab and lifting the door up.
2. Install the batteries in the correct orientation as indicated in the battery compartment.
3. Reinstall the battery door and snap it closed.
4. Turn on the transmitter and check the power indicator for a solid red light.

If the power indicator light flashes, then the transmitter batteries are weak, discharged or possibly installed incorrectly. Replace with new or freshly charged batteries. The power indicator light does not indicate the charge level of the battery pack installed in the model.



## SETTING UP THE ANTENNA

1. Locate the black antenna wire that exits the receiver box.
2. Pull the wire straight with your fingers and then insert the end of the wire into one end of the antenna tube (the antenna tube, tip, crimp nut and sleeve are located in the documents bag). Push the wire all the way through the antenna tube.
3. Insert the base of the tube into the antenna post. Take care not to crimp the antenna wire.
4. Slide the crimp nut over the antenna tube and screw it onto the antenna post. Use the supplied tool to tighten the crimp nut on the post just until the antenna tube is securely in place. Do not over tighten or crush the antenna wire against the chassis.
5. Fold the top of the antenna wire over the top of the antenna tube. Slide the antenna tip onto the top of the antenna tube. Never cut or shorten the antenna wire.
6. On the transmitter, always fully extend the telescoping antenna when running your model. Make a habit of holding the transmitter so the antenna points straight up.



If the power indicator doesn't light red, check the polarity of the batteries. Check rechargeable batteries for a full charge.



Spray a little window cleaner on the antenna wire to make it easier to push through the antenna tube.



If there are any kinks in the black antenna wire, it will be more difficult to push through the antenna tube. Pull the wire straight by sandwiching it between your thumb and index finger and running your fingers along the length of the wire (with medium pressure).



Don't shorten the length of the antenna wire. Its length is tuned to the frequency band; cutting it could severely shorten the radio system's range.



See page 20 for more information about the receiver box and maintaining a watertight seal.





### Use the Right Charger

The most convenient type of charger is an AC peak-detecting charger that plugs directly into an AC wall outlet. It contains special peak-detection circuitry that automatically shuts the charger off when the battery is fully charged.

If you're using a 15-minute timed charger, always fully discharge the battery pack before each charge. Some high mAh battery packs (1500 mAh or higher) require more than the standard 15 minutes of charge time. If the battery pack is cold after 15 minutes of charging, add another 5 minutes of charge time. Closely monitor the battery pack and stop charging it when it begins to feel warm to the touch. Never leave a battery charging unattended. Always follow charger manufacturer's instructions.



## INSTALLING BATTERY PACKS

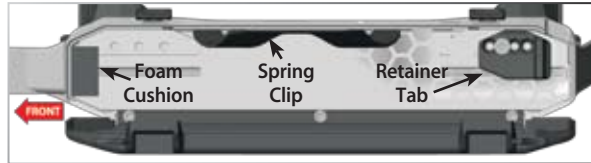
The E-Revo requires two fully charged 7.2 or 8.4-volt (stick style) NiMH battery packs. These batteries are not included with the model. For the best performance, use 8.4-volt (7-cell) NiMH battery packs.

### Using Different Battery Configurations

The battery compartments in the E-Revo are adjustable to accommodate a large variety of battery packs. From the factory, the battery compartments are configured to accept most common 7-cell NiMH stick packs.

The E-Revo battery compartments have three key features for keeping your batteries secure:

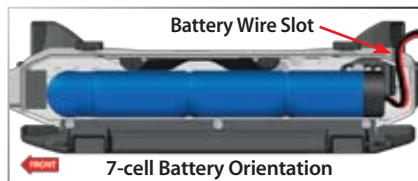
1. A foam rubber cushion
2. A spring clip. This is removable for use with taller batteries.
3. A battery retainer tab. This is adjustable to fit a variety of battery sizes.



We recommend using this combination for all NiMH batteries. Make sure to adjust the battery retainer tab to keep your battery pack snug against the foam rubber cushion. This does not need to be very tight. It only needs to prevent the battery from moving excessively during use.

### Battery Installation

1. Open the battery compartment door by pressing on the release tabs.
2. Install the battery pack with the battery wires facing the rear of the model.
3. Make sure the battery is snug in the compartment. If not, remove battery and make adjustment to the battery retaining tab.
4. Route the battery wire through the slot near the vent.



5. Close the battery door, making sure not to pinch the battery wires. Be sure both release tabs are fully engaged with the door. Do not connect the battery packs to the EVX-2 at this time. **Note:** always unplug the batteries and remove from the model after use.

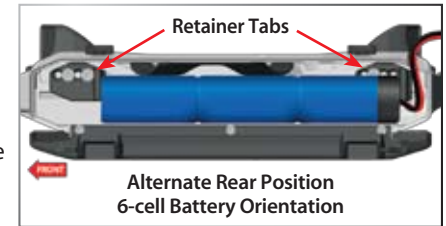
### 6-cell battery packs:

Swap the battery retainer tabs from the left and right battery compartments. This will provide additional adjustment needed to keep the 6-cell battery packs snug against the foam rubber cushions.



### Adjusting Battery Position

The best handling and performance is achieved when the batteries are positioned to the front of the battery compartment (against the foam rubber cushion). However, you can reposition the batteries to change the weight distribution and handling if desired. The E-Revo includes an extra set of battery retainer tabs that can be used in the front of the battery compartment to move the batteries toward the rear of the truck.



When using the battery retainer tabs in the front of the battery compartment, use two 3x10 countersunk cap screws to retain each battery retainer tab.

**Do not use the battery retainer tabs in the front of the battery compartments when using LiPo batteries that are not in a hard plastic case** (The EVX-2 is not compatible with LiPo batteries, see information below about using LiPo batteries).

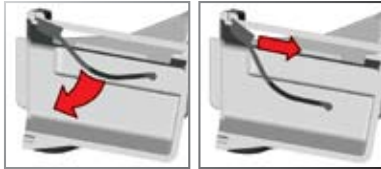
### Using LiPo Battery Packs in your E-Revo

**Warning:** The EVX-2 electronic speed control is not directly compatible with LiPo batteries. The EVX-2 electronic speed control is not equipped with low-voltage detection. For LiPo use, the EVX-2 power system requires an external low voltage detector for each battery pack (sold separately, consult your hobby dealer). If you are using an aftermarket electronic speed control, consult the manufacturer's instructions for information about LiPo compatibility.

The battery compartments can be reconfigured to accept many sizes of LiPo batteries. If you are using batteries that are very thick, the spring clip may need to be removed from the battery compartment.

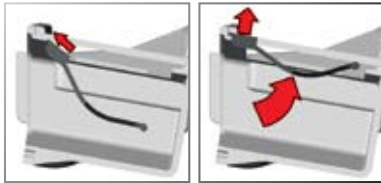
#### Spring Clip Removal

1. Pull down on the inside of the clip.
2. Push the clip in toward the center of the model to release.



#### Spring Clip Installation

1. Insert the two tabs on the spring clip into the rectangular tab slots in the chassis.
2. Rotate the spring clip upward.
3. Snap the tabs into place.



Many LiPo batteries do not use a hard plastic case. If using LiPo batteries that do not have a hard case, always be sure to use the foam rubber cushion in the front of the battery compartment.

**Do not use the battery retainer tabs in the front of the battery compartments when using LiPo batteries that are not in a hard plastic case.** A hard front impact or crash when driving can damage the LiPo batteries.

### THE TRAXXAS HIGH CURRENT CONNECTOR

Your model is equipped with the Traxxas High-Current Connector. Standard connectors restrict current flow and are not capable of delivering the power needed to maximize the output

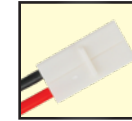


of the EVX-2. The Traxxas connector's gold-plated terminals with a large contact surfaces ensure positive current flow with the least amount of resistance. Secure, long-lasting, and easy to grip, the Traxxas connector is engineered to extract all the power your battery has to give.

To run this model, your batteries must be equipped with Traxxas High-Current Connectors. Batteries can either be purchased new

with Traxxas connectors installed or Traxxas connectors can be purchased to install on battery packs you already own. See sidebar for packages available from your hobby dealer.

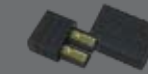
The typical Molex style connector is inadequate for use in your model. It creates resistance that becomes a bottleneck to current flow. **If your battery pack is equipped with a Molex connector, it must be replaced with a Traxxas High-Current Connector to mate with the EVX-2 electronic speed control.**



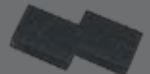
Molex connector



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



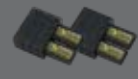
Part #3060  
Single Male/Female



Part #3080  
2-Pack Female



Part #3061  
Male Charge Adapter



Part #3070  
2-Pack Male



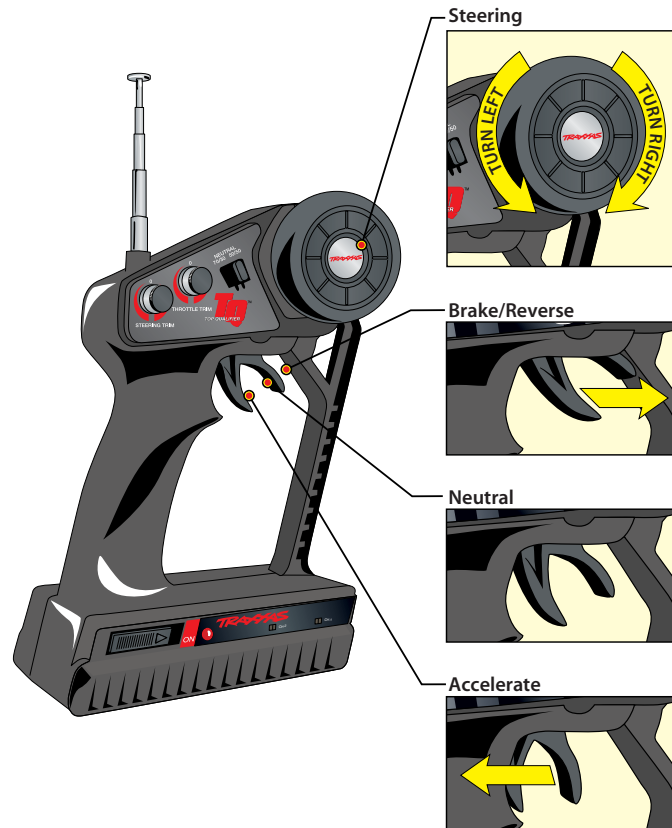
Part #3062  
Female Charge Adapter





Don't push the transmitter antenna down from the top. Pull it down from the bottom, one segment at a time, to prevent binding and kinking the antenna mast.

## TQ RADIO SYSTEM CONTROLS



## TQ RADIO SYSTEM ADJUSTMENTS

In addition to the electronic throttle and steering trim controls, your radio system features throttle neutral adjustment and servo reversing switches. **These are preset at the factory and should not require further adjustment.**

### Throttle Neutral Adjustment

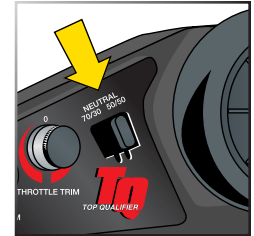
The throttle neutral adjustment is located on the transmitter face and controls the forward/reverse travel of the throttle trigger. Change the adjustment by pressing the button and sliding it to the desired position.

There are two settings available:

**50/50:** Allows equal travel for both acceleration and reverse.

**70/30:** Allows more throttle travel (70%) and less reverse travel (30%).

**Note:** If you change throttle travel, you will need to reprogram the electronic speed control.



### Electronic Throttle Trim

The electronic throttle trim located on the face of the transmitter adjusts the neutral (center) point of the electronic speed control. This control has been preset for you at the factory.

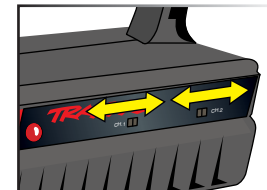
### Electronic Steering Trim

The electronic steering trim located on the face of the transmitter adjusts the neutral (center) point of the steering servos when the servos are at rest. Adjust this control to make the model drive straight with no steering input at the wheel.

### Servo Reversing Switches

The servo reversing switches are located on the front of the transmitter, next to the on/off switch. Moving a switch reverses the direction of the corresponding servo.

Each switch corresponds to a channel, as shown below. For example, if you turn the steering wheel to the right and your wheels turn left, you would move the Channel 1 switch to correct the servo direction. It may be necessary to adjust the corresponding trim control after moving a switch.

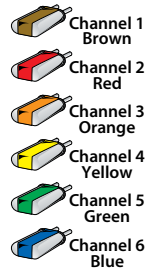


Channel	Servo
1	Steering
2	Throttle

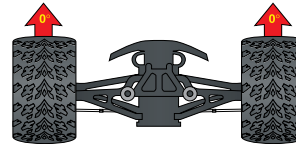
Default Setting

## TQ RADIO SYSTEM RULES

- ⚙ Each time you prepare to run your model, you must clear your frequency to be sure no one else in the area is using the same channel as you. There are six possible channels, numbered 1 through 6. Each is represented by a color. Look at the crystal plugged into the back of your transmitter to determine which channel your model is assigned to.
- ⚙ Always turn your TQ transmitter on first and off last. This procedure will help to prevent your model from receiving stray signals from another transmitter, or other source, and running out of control.
- ⚙ Always have the transmitter turned on before plugging in the batteries.
- ⚙ Always use new or freshly charged batteries for the radio system. Weak batteries will limit the range of the radio signal between the receiver and the transmitter. Loss of the radio signal can cause you to lose control of your model.



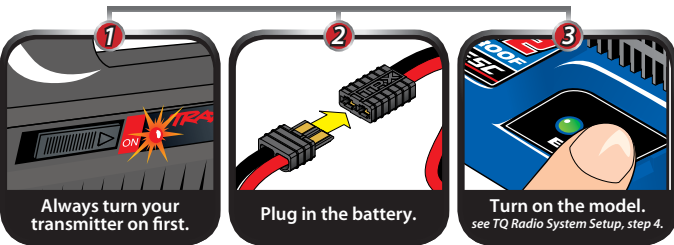
4. The on/off switch is integrated into the speed control. With the transmitter on, press the EVX-2 set button for ½ second, until the LED shines GREEN, then immediately release the button. This turns the model on (see page 16 for more on EVX-2 setup and operation). To turn the EVX-2 off, press the set button until the green LED turns off. **Always disconnect your batteries when the model is not in use.**
5. Turn the steering wheel on the transmitter back and forth and check for rapid operation of the steering servos. Also, check that the steering mechanism is not loose or binding. If the steering operates slowly, check for weak batteries.
6. When looking down at model, the front wheels should be pointing straight ahead. If the wheels are turned slightly to the left or right, slowly adjust the steering trim control on the transmitter until they are pointing straight ahead.
7. **Gently** apply the throttle trigger to ensure that you have full forward and reverse operation, and that the motors stop when the throttle trigger is at neutral.
8. Once adjustments are made, turn off your model, followed by the hand held transmitter.



## RANGE-TESTING THE TQ RADIO SYSTEM

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

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



## TQ RADIO SYSTEM SETUP

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

1. Fully extend the chrome antenna mast on the transmitter and turn the switch on. The red indicator light on the transmitter should be solid red (not flashing).
2. **Elevate the model so that all four tires are off the ground.** If you are holding the model, grip it firmly by the wing and front bumper. Make sure hands and clothing are clear of the wheels and other moving parts on the model.
3. Plug the battery pack in the model into the speed control.



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



Your speed control was adjusted to the radio from the factory. It is possible for the throttle trim control on the transmitter to have moved during transit or while handling the transmitter. If the motors run when the model is switched on, then move the throttle trim control on the transmitter until the motors stop. If anything more than a slight adjustment of the throttle trim control is required, then you should readjust your speed control. Refer to the adjustments section on page 16.



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



## ADJUSTING THE ELECTRONIC SPEED CONTROL



### EVX-2 Specifications

#### Input voltage:

6 to 14-cells  
(7.2 to 16.8 volts DC)

#### Motor limit:

12-turns (550)

#### Continuous current:

30A

#### Peak current :

180A

#### BEC voltage:

6.0V DC

#### Transistor type:

MOSFET

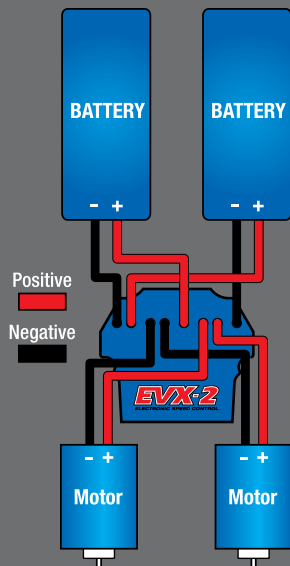
#### Motor/Battery Wiring:

14-gauge

#### Protection:

Thermal shutdown

### EVX-2 Wiring Diagram



The EVX-2 electronic speed control is factory set and should not require any adjustments. These instructions are provided for your reference.

### Transmitter Adjustments for the EVX-2 ESC

Before attempting to program your EVX-2, it is important to make sure your TQ transmitter is properly adjusted (set back to the factory defaults). Otherwise, you may not get the best performance from your speed control.

### The transmitter should be adjusted as follows:

1. Set the throttle neutral switch to the 50/50 setting. This adjusts the transmitter's throttle trigger throw to 50% for throttle and 50% for braking and reverse.
2. Set the throttle trim control to the middle "0" setting.
3. Set the Channel 2 servo reversing switch to the left position. Do not change the position of any of the servo reversing switches after programming the EVX-2.
4. You are now ready to program your speed control.

### Setup Programming (Calibrating your ESC and transmitter)

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

1. Disconnect each of the motor wires between the EVX-2 and the motors. This is a precaution to prevent runaway when the speed control is turned on before it is programmed.
2. Connect two fully charged battery packs to the EVX-2.
3. Turn on the transmitter (with the throttle at neutral).
4. Press and hold the EZ-Set button (A). The LED will first turn green and then red. Release the EZ-Set button.
5. When the LED blinks RED ONCE. Pull the throttle trigger to the full throttle position and hold it there (B).



6. When the LED blinks RED TWICE. Push the throttle trigger to the full reverse and hold it there (C).
7. When the LED turns solid GREEN, programming is complete. The LED will continuously shine green indicating the EVX-2 is on and at neutral (D).



### EVX-2 Operation

To operate the speed control and test the programming, place the vehicle on a stable block or stand so all of the driven wheels are off the ground. Reconnect the motor wires. Always make sure that objects and fingers are clear of the wheels.

1. With the transmitter on, press the EZ-Set button for ½ second, until the LED shines GREEN, then immediately release the button. This turns on the EVX-2. If you press and release too quickly, you may hear the steering servos jump but the LED may not stay on. (Note: If the throttle is not at neutral or if the throttle trim has been altered, the LED will turn off after one second and the wheels may begin to drive.)
2. Apply forward throttle. The LED will turn off until full throttle power is reached. At full throttle, the led will shine GREEN.
3. Move the trigger forward to apply the brakes. Note that braking control is fully proportional. The LED will turn off until full braking power is reached. At full brakes, the LED will shine GREEN.
4. Return the throttle trigger to neutral. The LED will shine GREEN.
5. Move the throttle trigger forward again to engage reverse (Profile #1). The LED will turn off. Once full reverse power is reached, the LED will shine GREEN.
6. To stop, return the throttle trigger to neutral. Note that there is no programmed delay when changing from reverse to forward. Use caution to avoid slamming the speed control from reverse to forward. On high-traction surfaces, this could result in transmission or driveline damage.
7. To turn the EVX-2 off, press the EZ-Set button until the green LED turns off.

### Thermal Shutdown Protection

The EVX-2 is equipped with thermal shutdown protection to guard against overheating caused by excessive current flow. If the operating temperature exceeds safe limits, the EVX-2 will automatically shut down and the EVX-2 LED will flash red. The LED on the face of the EVX-2 will continuously flash red, even if the throttle trigger is moved back and forth. After the speed control cools down to a safe level, the LED will continuously shine green. The EVX-2 will once again function normally.

### EVX-2 Profile Selection

The speed control is factory set to Profile #1. To change the profile, follow the steps on described below. The speed control should be connected to the receiver and battery, and the transmitter should be adjusted as described previously. The profiles are selected by entering the programming mode.

#### EVX-2 Profile Description

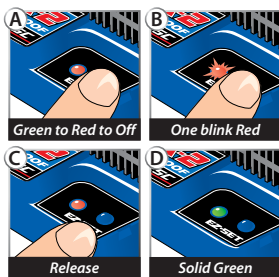
Profile #1 (Sport Mode): 100% Forward, 100% Brakes, 100% Reverse

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

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

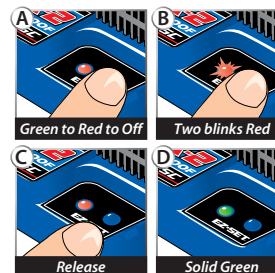
### Selecting Sport Mode (Profile #1)

1. Connect two fully charged battery packs to the EVX-2 and turn on your transmitter.
2. With the EVX-2 off, press and hold the EZ-Set button until the light turns solid green, then solid red and then begins blinking red (indicating the Profile numbers).
3. When the light blinks red once, release the EZ-Set button.
4. The light will then turn green and the model is ready to drive.



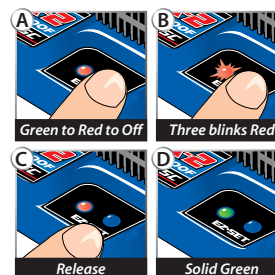
### Selecting Race Mode (Profile #2)

1. Connect two fully charged battery packs to the EVX-2 and turn on your transmitter.
2. With the EVX-2 off, press and hold the EZ-Set button until the light turns solid green, then solid red and then begins blinking red (indicating the Profile numbers).
3. When the light blinks red twice, release the EZ-Set button.
4. The light will then turn green and the model is ready to drive.



### Selecting Training Mode\* (Profile #3)

1. Connect two fully charged battery packs to the EVX-2 and turn on your transmitter.
2. With the EVX-2 off, press and hold the EZ-Set button until the light turns solid green, then solid red and then begins blinking red (indicating the Profile numbers).
3. When the light blinks red three times, release the EZ-Set button.
4. The light will then turn green and the model is ready to drive.



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



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



#### Tip For Fast Mode Changes

The EVX-2 is set to Profile 1 (Sport Mode) as the default. To quickly change to Profile 3 (Training Mode), with the transmitter on and the EVX-2 turned off, press and hold the SET button until the light blinks red three times and then release. For full power, turn off the EVX-2 then quickly change back to Profile 1 (Sport Mode) by pressing and holding the SET button until the light blinks red one time and then releasing.

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

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

### About Run Time

A large factor affecting run time is the type and condition of your batteries. The milliamp hour (mAh) rating of the batteries determines how large their "fuel tank" is. A 3000 mAh battery pack will theoretically run twice as long as a 1500 mAh sport pack. Because of the wide variation in the types of batteries that are available and the methods with which

they can be charged, it's impossible to give exact run times for the model. Another major factor which affects run time is how the model is driven. Run times may decrease when the model is driven repetitively from a stop to top-speed and with repetitive hard acceleration.

### Tips for Increasing Run Time

- ⚙️ Use batteries with the highest mAh rating you can purchase.
- ⚙️ Use a high-quality peak-detecting charger.
- ⚙️ Read and follow all maintenance and care instructions provided by the manufacturer of your batteries and charger.
- ⚙️ Keep the EVX-2 cool. Get plenty of airflow across the ESC heat sinks.
- ⚙️ Lower your gear ratio. Installing smaller pinion gears will lower your gear ratio and cause less power draw from the motors and batteries, and reduce overall operating temperatures. Always replace both pinion gears together.
- ⚙️ Maintain your model. Do not allow dirt or damaged parts to cause binding in the drivetrain. Keep the motors clean.

### mAh Ratings and Power Output

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

### RUNNING IN WET CONDITIONS

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

### Precautions

- ⚙️ **Without proper care, some parts of your model can be seriously damaged due to contact with water. Know that additional maintenance procedures will be required after running in wet conditions in order to maintain the performance of your model.**





**Do not run your model in wet conditions if you are not willing to accept the additional care and maintenance responsibilities.**

- ⚠ Not all batteries can be used in wet environments. Consult your battery manufacturer to see if their batteries can be used in wet conditions. Do not use LiPo batteries in wet conditions (note: the EVX-2 is not LiPo compatible).
- ⚠ The Traxxas TQ transmitter is not water resistant. Do not subject it to wet conditions such as rain.
- ⚠ Do not operate your model during a rain storm or other inclement weather where lightning may be present.
- ⚠ Do NOT allow your model to come in contact with salt water (ocean water), brackish water (between fresh water and ocean water), or other contaminated water. Salt water is highly conductive and highly corrosive. Use caution if you plan to run your model on or near a beach.
- ⚠ Even casual water contact can reduce the life of your motors. Special care must be taken to modify your gearing and/or your driving style in wet conditions to extend the life of the motors (details below).

#### **Before Running Your Vehicle in Wet Conditions**

1. Consult the section "After Running Your Vehicle in Wet Conditions" before proceeding. Make sure you understand the additional maintenance required with wet running.
2. The wheels have small holes molded in to allow air to enter and exit the tire during normal running. Water will enter these holes and get trapped inside the tires if holes are not cut in the tires. Cut two small holes (4mm or 3/16" diameter) in each tire. Each hole should be near the tire centerline, 180 degrees apart.
3. Confirm that the RX box O-ring and cover are installed correctly and secure. Make sure the screws are tight and the blue O-ring is not visible protruding from the edge of the cover.
4. Confirm that your batteries can be used in wet conditions.
5. Use lower gearing (smaller pinion gears, as low as 12T) when running in mud, deep puddles, snow, or other similar situations that will restrict the tires and put much higher loads on the motors.

#### **Motor Precautions**

- ⚠ Titan motor life can be greatly reduced in mud and water. If the motors get excessively wet or submerged, use very light throttle (run the motors slowly) until the excess water can run out. Applying full throttle to a motor full of water can cause rapid motor failure. Your driving habits will determine motor life with wet motors. Do not submerge the motors under water.
- ⚠ Do not gear the motors by temperature when running in wet conditions. The motors will be cooled by water contact and will not give an accurate indication of appropriate gearing.

#### **After Running Your Vehicle in Wet Conditions**

1. Drain the tires by spinning the tires at full throttle to "sling" the water out. An easy way to do this is to remove the body and set the truck upside down on a flat surface. Apply full throttle so the tires spin and throw the excess water out of the holes you cut into the tires.
2. Remove the batteries.
3. Rinse excess dirt and mud off the truck with low-pressure water, such as from a garden hose. Do NOT use pressure washer or other high-pressure water. Avoid directing water into the bearings, transmission, differentials, etc.
4. Blow off the truck with compressed air (optional, but recommended). Wear safety glasses when using compressed air.
5. Remove the wheels from the truck
6. Spray all the bearings, drivetrain, and fasteners with WD-40® or similar water displacing light oil
7. Let the truck stand or you may blow off with compressed air. Placing the truck in a warm sunny spot will aid drying. Trapped water and oil will continue to drip from the truck for a few hours. Place it on a towel or piece of cardboard to protect the surface underneath.
8. As a precautionary step, remove the sealed receiver box cover. While unlikely, humidity or tiny amounts of moisture or condensation may enter the receiver box during wet running. This can cause long-term problems with the sensitive electronics in the receiver. Removing the receiver box cover during storage allows the air inside to dry. This step can improve the long-term reliability of the receiver. It is not necessary to remove the receiver or unplug any of the wires.

9. **Additional Maintenance:** Increase your frequency of disassembly, inspection and lubrication of the following items: This is necessary after extended wet use or if the vehicle will not be used for an extended period of time (such as a week or longer). This additional maintenance is needed to prevent any trapped moisture from corroding internal steel components.

- **Stub axle housing bearings:** Remove, clean, and re-oil the bearings.
- **Front and rear differential:** Remove, disassemble, clean, and re-grease the differentials. Refer to your exploded view diagrams for help with disassembly and reassembly.
- **Transmission:** Remove, disassemble, clean, and re-grease the transmission components. Use a light coating of wheel bearing grease (from an auto parts store) on the metal gear teeth. No grease is required for the nylon gears. Refer to your exploded view diagrams for help with disassembly and reassembly.
- **Titan motors:** Remove the motors, clean with aerosol motor cleaner, and re-oil the bushings with lightweight motor oil. Be sure to wear eye protection when using spray aerosol cleaners.



### RECEIVER BOX: MAINTAINING A WATERTIGHT SEAL Removing and Installing Radio Gear

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

#### Removing the Receiver

1. To remove the cover, remove the two 3x10mm button-head cap screws.
2. To remove the receiver from the box simply lift it out and set to the side. The antenna wire is still inside the clamp area and cannot be removed yet.
3. Remove the wire clamp by removing the two 2.8x8mm cap screws.
4. Unplug the servo cables from the receiver and remove the receiver.

#### Receiver Installation

1. Always install the wires into the RX box before installing the receiver.
2. Install the antenna wire and the servo cables into the receiver box.
3. Arrange the wires neatly using the wire guides in the receiver box. The excess wire will be bundled inside the receiver box. Label which wire is for which channel.
4. Apply small bead of silicone grease (Traxxas part #1647) to the wire clamp.
5. Install the wire clamp and tighten the two 2.8x8mm cap screws securely.
6. Install the receiver into the box and plug the wires into receiver. Refer to page 9 for the wiring diagram.
7. Make sure the O-ring is properly seated into the groove in the receiver box so that the cover will not pinch it or damage it any way.
8. Install the cover and tighten the two 3x10mm button-head cap screws securely.
9. Inspect the cover to make sure that the O-ring seal is not visible.



## BASIC TUNING ADJUSTMENTS

This tuning and setup guide is separated into two sections- Basic and Advanced. E-Revo does not require any specialized knowledge or understanding of its unique suspension and drive train to perform typical, everyday setup and track tuning adjustments. Adjustment procedures for alignment, spring rate, damping, steering, and ride height are covered in the basic tuning section. Adjustments for the gear ratio, two-speed shift point, slipper clutch, and brake are also covered. In most cases, the basic information is all that is needed to tune E-Revo to perform well on a variety of surfaces.

E-Revo was engineered to provide sophisticated additional tuning options well beyond the basics that allow expert users to extract the maximum performance from the truck. The advanced tuning section (beginning on page 28) covers topics such as optional suspension rockers, roll center adjustment, caster adjustment, bump steer tuning, differential setup, and fine tuning the two-speed gear ratios. Make sure you fully understand the basic adjustments before experimenting with the advanced adjustments. Improper combinations of adjustments can adversely affect the performance of the truck, resulting in poor handling. If you don't know why you are changing an adjustment then you should leave it at its factory setting. Also included are instructions for using the Long-Travel rockers and springs supplied with E-Revo. The long travel rockers allow extreme suspension travel for rock crawling and rough, large-scale terrain. The long travel rockers allow the suspension to operate at its extreme mechanical limits and is recommended for advanced users.

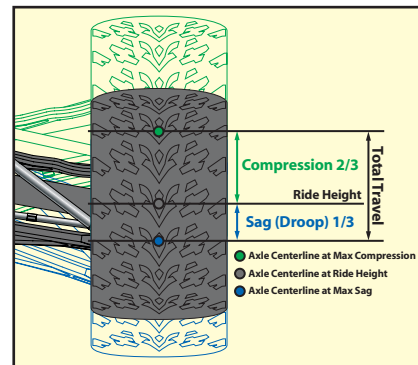
### SUSPENSION TUNING

#### Springs

The front and rear springs on E-Revo have different spring rates. The rear springs are about 20% stiffer than the front springs. The spring's pre-load tension can be adjusted by turning the spring pre-load adjuster. Adjusting the pre-load changes the suspension sag. Suspension sag basically defines how much the suspension compresses when the truck is at rest. Adjust the pre-load so that the suspension compresses about one third of its full suspension travel (see illustration). If suspension sag is severe and requires a large increase of the spring pre-load to compensate, then a firmer spring should be used. Firmer springs (supplied) must be used when the Long Travel rocker arms are installed.

Use a stiffer spring to reduce sag, reduce body lean, control brake dive, and provide a firmer, more responsive overall feel. If E-Revo is

lightened significantly for racing applications, softer springs will be necessary to allow the suspension to sag properly. Heavier configurations will require stiffer springs. Ride height is adjusted by changing the length or position of the pushrods in the lower suspension arms. See the next section for ride height adjustments. The suspension sag and spring pre-load should be readjusted anytime the springs are removed and/or replaced.



#### 90mm Travel

Dot Color	Spring Rate
● Yellow	14.8 lb/in (2.6 N/mm)
○ White	16.6 lb/in (2.9 N/mm) (Standard Front)
● Orange	18.3 lb/in (3.2 N/mm)
● Green	20.0 lb/in (3.5 N/mm) (Standard Rear)
● Gold	21.7 lb/in (3.8 N/mm)
● Tan	23.4 lb/in (4.1 N/mm)
● Black	25.1 lb/in (4.4 N/mm)

#### 120mm Travel

Dot Color	Spring Rate
○ Silver	28.0 lb/in (4.9 N/mm) (Standard Front)
● Pink	30.8 lb/in (5.4 N/mm)
● Blue	33.7 lb/in (5.9 N/mm) (Standard Rear)
● Purple	36.5 lb/in (6.4 N/mm)

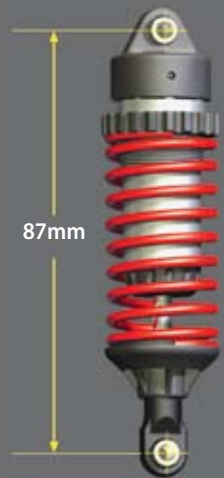
Note: 90mm Travel springs are not recommended for use with the Long Travel Rockers.

#### Ride Height Adjustment

The rocker arm suspension uses push rods on each suspension arm. Changing the length and/or position of the push rod adjusts the ride height without affecting or compromising other suspension parameters. For example, you can raise and lower the ride height without changing up/down travel distribution, changing springs, or affecting your progressive rate. This feature is unique to E-Revo and is extremely beneficial in a racing environment where you can achieve a low center of gravity (by lowering the ride height) without losing any suspension capability. Increasing the ride height will increase ground clearance for rough terrain.

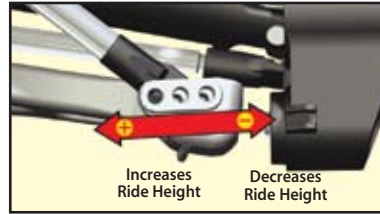


**Important:** The shocks are assembled at the factory with a center-to-center distance (between the rod end balls) of 87mm. Any time the shocks are removed and disassembled, this distance should be checked to ensure proper operation of the suspension.



The ride height of the model can be changed by mounting the push rod in a different hole in the lower suspension arm.

From the factory, the push rod comes installed in the center hole of the lower suspension arm's push rod mount. If the push rod is mounted in the inner hole, the ride height of the vehicle increases. If mounted in the outer hole, the ride height decreases.



The ride height can be finely tuned by adjusting the sag of the suspension. **Do not attempt to make large changes to the ride height by adjusting the spring pre-load on the shock bodies.** If suspension sag is severe and requires a large increase of the spring pre-load to compensate, then a firmer spring should be used. The lowest ride height can be achieved by installing the optional adjustable push rod in the outermost hole of the lower suspension arm's push rod mount. Turn the rod ends all the way in until they stop (shortening the length).

The optional Long Travel rocker arms are designed to be used only with the standard non-adjustable push rods installed in the hole labeled "LT" (the middle hole of the lower suspension arm's push rod mount). Any minor adjustments to the ride height are accomplished by adjusting the spring pre-load.

#### Adjusting the Pivot Ball Caps

The pivot ball caps should be adjusted so that the pivot balls operate freely in the axle carriers with no excess play. Use the provided four-way suspension multi-tool to tighten or loosen the pivot ball cap.



#### Shock Oil

The 4 oil-filled aluminum shocks (dampers) effectively control the suspension movement by preventing the wheels and tires from continuing to "bounce" after rebounding from a bump. Changing the oil in the shocks can vary the suspension damping effect. Changing the

oil to a higher viscosity oil will increase damping. Lowering the viscosity of the oil will cause the suspension damping to be reduced. Damping should be increased (with higher viscosity oil) if the model is bottoming easily over jumps. Damping should be decreased (with thinner viscosity oil) if the model is hopping over small bumps and feels unstable. The viscosity of shock oil is affected by extremes in operating temperature; an oil of certain viscosity will become less viscous at higher temperatures and more viscous at lower temperatures. Operating in regions with cold temperatures may require lower viscosity oil. From the factory, the shocks are filled with SAE-40W silicone oil. Only use 100% silicone oil in the shock.

For shock piston tuning see *Advanced Tuning Adjustments* on page 28.

#### Replacing Shock Oil

The shocks have to be removed from the vehicle and disassembled to change the oil.



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

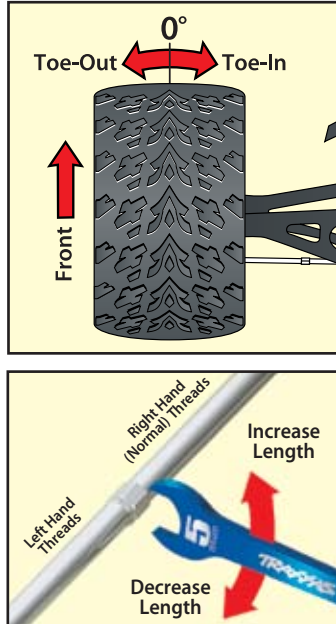
## ALIGNMENT SETTINGS

The alignment settings are critical for optimizing the performance of E-Revo. Adjust your alignment as carefully and precisely as you possibly can.

### Toe Adjustment

The wheels can be adjusted to point straight ahead or have a toe-in or toe-out setting. To help you remember, look down at your feet. For toe-in, your feet point towards each other. For toe-out, your feet point away from each other.

The toe angle of the front wheels can be adjusted by varying the length of the toe links that connect the steering linkage to the front axle carriers. The toe angle of the rear wheels can be adjusted by varying the length of the metal toe links that connect the rear bulkheads to the rear axle carriers. The front toe links and rear toe links are equipped with turnbuckles. The lengths of the toe links can be adjusted by turning them with the included 5mm Traxxas wrench.



### Toe Base Factory Settings

**Front:** 0-degrees

**Rear:** 1-degree toe-in each side

Under certain conditions, toe-in can be increased to a maximum of 3 degrees. To avoid potential interference of suspension components with the long travel rockers installed, see the maximum alignment limits table on page 24.

### Static Camber Adjustment

The wheels can be set to have either positive or negative camber (see illustration below). The camber angle changes as the wheel moves up and down through its range of travel. Static camber is the camber angle at the wheel when the vehicle is set at its normal, stationary ride height.

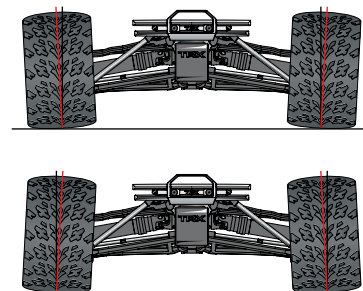


The suspension pivot balls located in the axle carriers adjust the static camber. The pivot balls are protected by blue dust plugs. To adjust your static camber, insert the supplied 2.5 mm hex wrench through the slit in the dust plug and engage the end of the pivot ball (compressing the suspension until the arms are parallel to the ground will allow for easier hex wrench engagement). The upper pivot ball is normally screwed all the way in. Negative camber is achieved by screwing the pivot ball of the lower control arm out. **Note:** When camber is changed, the toe angle of the wheel has to be reset.

### Static Camber Base Factory Settings

**Front:** 1-degree negative camber each side

**Rear:** 1-degree negative camber each side



Positive camber

Negative camber



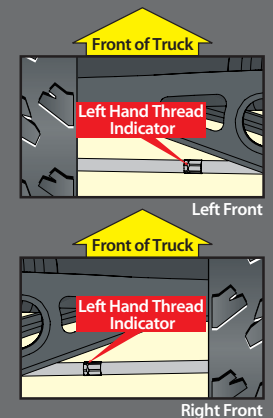
For caster, roll center, and optional rocker arm tuning see *Advanced Tuning Adjustments* on page 28.



A camber gauge (available at your local hobby shop) can be a useful tool for alignment setting.



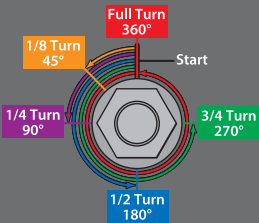
All of the toe links are installed on the truck so that the left hand thread indicators point to the same direction. This makes it easier to remember which way to turn the wrench to increase or decrease toe link length (the direction is same at all four corners). Note that the groove in the hex indicates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







To achieve a good starting point for the slipper clutch, tighten the slipper clutch adjusting nut clockwise until the slipper clutch adjusting spring fully collapses (do not over tighten), and then turn the slipper clutch nut counter-clockwise ¼ to ½ turn.



### Maximum Alignment Limits (using stock push rod length)

E-Revo's maximum toe and camber alignment settings can be limited by the ride height setting. Do not exceed the maximum limits or you could experience interference between suspension components. The ride height is controlled by where the push rod is installed in the lower suspension arm. First determine which of the following configurations you are using:

- Stock Configuration** – When the pushrod is in the middle position of the lower control arm.
- Raised Configuration** - When the pushrod is in the raised position to increase the vehicle's ride height (innermost hole in lower control arm).
- Lowered Configuration** - When the pushrod is in the lowered position to decrease the vehicle's ride height (outermost hole in lower control arm).
- Long Travel Configuration** – When the pushrod is in the middle position of the lower control arm with the Long Travel rockers installed.

### Front Suspension

The following are suggested maximum settings for the front suspension in order to avoid interference between suspension components:

Configuration	Available Camber (degrees)	Available Toe (degrees)	
		Toe In	Toe Out
Stock	+3 to -5	3	3
Raised	+3 to -1	1	1
Lowered	+3 to -5	3	3
Long travel	+3 to -1	1	1

### Rear Suspension

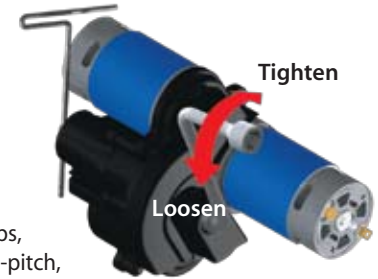
The following are suggested maximum settings for the rear suspension for all configurations. Toe out is not normally used on the rear of E-Revo.

Configuration	Available Camber (degrees)	Available Toe (degrees)	
		Toe In	Toe Out
All	+3 to -5	3	2

### TRANSMISSION TUNING

#### Adjusting the Slipper Clutch

The E-Revo is equipped with an adjustable Torque Control slipper clutch which is built into the large spur gear. The purpose of the slipper clutch is to regulate the amount of power sent to the rear wheels to prevent tire spin. When it slips, the slipper clutch makes a high-pitch, whining noise.



To adjust the slipper clutch, remove the rubber slipper clutch plug on the transmission cover. The slipper clutch is integrated into the main spur gear on the transmission. The slipper clutch is adjusted using the spring-loaded locknut on the slipper shaft. Use the supplied universal wrench. To tighten or loosen the slipper nut, insert the 2.0mm hex wrench into the hole in the end of the slipper shaft. This locks the shaft for adjustments. Turn the adjustment nut clockwise to tighten (less slippage) and counter-clockwise to loosen (more slippage).

### WHEELS AND TIRES

Many types of aftermarket tires and wheels can be adapted for use on your model. Most will affect the overall width and the suspension geometry of the model. The offsets and dimensions designed into the model's wheels are intentional; therefore, Traxxas cannot recommend the use of other non-Traxxas wheels with different specifications. The diameter of the wheels is an innovative design, and there is a variety of different tires available for you to experiment with in addition to the included tires on the model (listed in your parts list). Experimentation with different types of tires is recommended to see which ones work the best on the terrain where the model is run. When selecting tires, consider the overall diameter and the rubber compound (hard or soft). If the overall diameter of the tire is significantly increased, you will need to use a smaller pinion gear to compensate for the larger tire. Soft compound tires with many short spikes generally work better on hard, dry surfaces. In loose dirt, a tire with large spikes should perform better. See your parts list for accessory wheels and tires.

## MOTORS AND GEARING

The Titan™ 550 Motors on your E-Revo have been carefully designed to match the needs of the E-Revo. The Titans are made to run efficiently at high voltage to provide more torque and longer run times. We do not recommend converting the E-Revo to a typical low voltage setup using traditional 540 size motors. While these components will physically fit into the E-Revo, the system will not run as efficiently, losing power in the form of motor and battery heating. The result will be shorter run times, high current draw, and extreme battery and motor temperatures.

The E-Revo is equipped from the factory with a 68-tooth spur gear and 19-tooth pinion gears. E-Revo has a large range of gearing making it suitable for many different types of applications and environments. If you want more acceleration and less top speed, use a smaller pinion gear (fewer teeth, higher numerical ratio). The overall reduction is the number of turns the motor makes for one revolution of the tire. Higher numerical ratios provide more torque, lower numerical ratios provide more top speed. **With the Titan motors, do not use a pinion gear larger than 20-tooth with the stock 68-tooth spur gear with 6-cell battery packs or a pinion gear larger than 19-tooth with the stock 68-tooth spur gear when using 7-cell battery packs.** Use the following formula to calculate the overall ratio for combinations not listed on the gear chart:

$$\frac{\text{\# Spur Gear Teeth}}{\text{\# Pinion Gear Teeth}} \times 5.22 = \text{Final Gear Ratio}$$

### Motor Configuration

The E-Revo uses an innovative, opposed motor mounting system for the Titan™ motors. To optimize efficiency and performance, **the front and rear motors on the E-Revo are not the same.** Their opposed mounting system requires special attention to correct motor installation.

If you remove the motors for cleaning or service, always be sure to install them in the correct location on the model. The motor with the "Reverse Rotation" label (#3975R) will always install to the front of the model. This motor is also identified by having longer motor wires. The second motor (#3975) will always mount to the rear of the model.

- If the motors are installed incorrectly, the model will run backward. **Reversing the motor wires if installed incorrectly is not recommended**, as this will reduce efficiency, performance, and cause premature motor failure.

- Using two of the same part number motors is not recommended. Only use the correct motors in E-Revo. Be sure they are installed in the correct locations (#3975R in the front location, #3975 in the rear location).

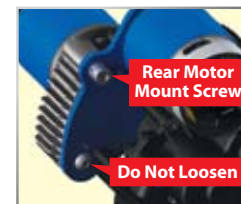
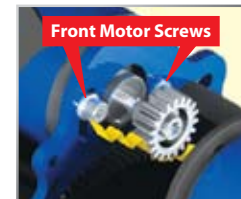
If you are considering replacing the motor with aftermarket motors, look for 550 motors capable of 12 or more volts with 0° timing. If motors with internal timing are used, the front motor must have equal, but "reverse" timing of the rear motor. See page 31 for more information on motor replacement.

### Adjusting Gear Mesh

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

To set the gear mesh, cut a narrow strip of notebook paper and run it into the gear mesh of the front motor. The front motor is held in place with two motor screws. Loosen the motor screws and slide the motor and pinion gear into the spur gear. Retighten the motor screws and then remove the strip of paper. You should be able to run a fresh strip of paper through the gears without binding them.

Next, run the strip of notebook paper into the gear mesh of the rear motor. The rear motor is mounted to an aluminum motor mount. Loosen the single motor mount screw with the provided 3mm wrench to slide the motor mount. Slide the motor and pinion gear into the spur gear. Retighten the motor mount screw and then remove the strip of paper. You should be able to run a fresh strip of paper through the gears without binding them.



### Gearing Compatibility Chart:

The chart below shows a full range of gear combinations. This does NOT imply that these gear combinations should be used. Over-gearing (bigger pinions, smaller spurs) can overheat and damage the motor and/or speed control.

		Spur Gear		
		62	65	68
Pinion Gear	12	-	-	29.57
	13	-	-	27.29
	14	-	24.23	25.34
	15	-	22.61	23.65
	16	-	21.20	22.18
	17	19.03	19.95	20.87
	18	17.97	18.84	19.71
	19	-	17.85	18.67
	20	-	-	17.74
	21	-	-	-
	22	-	-	-

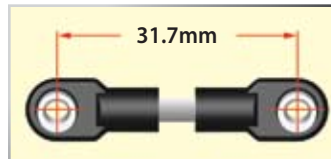
- Stock factory gearing
- Not for 14-cell battery running
- Not recommended

## DUAL SERVO STEERING SYSTEM

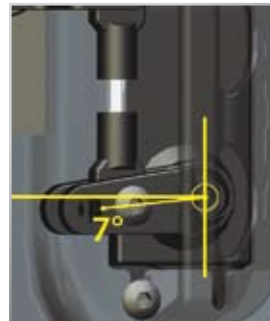
E-Revo uses dual-servo steering and a single heavy-duty servo saver for powerful, responsive steering. To prevent unnecessary receiver battery drain it is important to make sure that the servos are “at rest” when the steering is at neutral. If one servo is out of adjustment, then both servos will work against each other, fighting to find center.

### Adjusting The Steering System

1. Remove the servo horns and steering links from the servos.  
Disconnect the steering links from the servo saver.
2. Adjust both the steering links to be the exact same length (31.7mm - use “Steering Servo Horn Link Length Template” to set length).
3. Switch on the power to the receiver and the transmitter.
4. Adjust the steering trim on the transmitter to the neutral “0” position.
5. Connect one end of a steering link to the steering servo saver arm and the other end to the servo horn.
6. Position the steering servo saver arm perpendicular to the centerline of the vehicle.
7. While holding the steering servo saver arm in the position mentioned in step 6, install the servo horn onto the servo such that the steering link is parallel with the centerline of the vehicle. This will automatically set the servo horn at the 7-degree offset shown in the illustration.
8. Install the second servo horn on the other side following the same procedure.



Steering Link Length Template



If necessary, fine-tune the length of the second steering link to eliminate any load on the steering system in the neutral position. If you are using aftermarket servos, it is important to use servo horns designed for E-Revo. Optional steering servo horns are sold separately for use with non-Traxxas servos.

### Servo Saver Tuning

An optional stiffer spring is available for the servo saver when using servos with metal gear sets (see parts list for details). Do not use this spring with standard Traxxas high-torque servos.

### Maximum Travel Steering (optional)

The stock E-Revo steering system provides a good balance between steering sensitivity and turning radius. E-Revo includes an optional maximum travel steering stop which can be installed for maximum steering throw, which may be desired in racing applications. This provides sharper turning at low speeds, but also makes the steering more sensitive at high speeds.



Maximum Travel Steering Stop

To increase the steering throw, replace the stock steering stop with the included maximum travel steering stop on the model. This part has modified steering stops to allow increased travel. Once installed, reposition the steering links to the outer holes on both steering servo horns. Refer to the exploded views included with the model to assist installation.



Stock Steering System



Maximum Travel System Installed

## MAINTAINING YOUR MODEL

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

### Inspect the vehicle for obvious damage or wear. Look for:

1. Cracked, bent, or damaged parts
2. Check the wheels and steering for binding.
3. Check the operation of the shock absorbers.
4. Check the wiring for any frayed wires or loose connections.
5. Check the mounting of the receiver and servo(s) and speed control.
6. Check the tightness of the wheel nuts with a wrench.
7. Check the operation of the radio system, especially the condition of the batteries.
8. Check for any loose screws in the chassis structure or suspension.
9. Inspect the gears for wear, broken teeth, or debris lodged between the teeth.
10. Check the tightness of the slipper clutch.
11. Check the tightness of the front pivot balls.

### Other periodic maintenance:

#### ⚙️ Slipper clutch pads (friction material):

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



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

- ⚙️ Motors: Every 10-15 runs, remove, clean, and lubricate the motors. Use a product such as electric motor cleaning spray to flush dirt out of the motors. After cleaning, lubricate the bushings at each end of the motors with a drop of light-weight electric motor oil.

- ⚙️ Shocks: Keep the oil level in the shocks full. Use only 100% pure silicone shock oil to prolong the life of the seals. If you are experiencing leakage around the top of the shock, inspect the bladder in the top cap for signs of damage or distortion from overtightening. If the bottom of the shock is leaking, then it is time for a rebuild. The Traxxas rebuild kit for two shocks is part #2362.

- ⚙️ Suspension: Periodically inspect the model for signs of damage such as bent or dirty suspension pins, bent turnbuckles, loose screws, and any signs of stress or bending. Replace components as needed.

- ⚙️ Driveline: Inspect the driveline for signs of wear such as worn drive yokes, dirty axle half shafts, and any unusual noise or binding. Remove the gear cover and inspect the spur gear for wear and check the tightness of set screws in the pinion gears. Tighten, clean, or replace components as needed.

### Storage

When you are through running the model for the day, blow it off with compressed air or use a soft bristled paint brush to dust-off the vehicle. Always disconnect and remove the batteries from the model whenever the model is stored. If the model will be stored for a long time, then also remove the batteries from the transmitter.



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



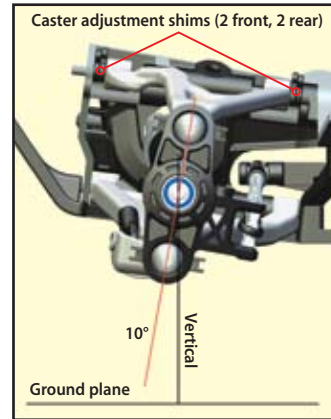
## ADVANCED TUNING ADJUSTMENTS

This advanced tuning guide will take you one step further into the cutting edge technology that has been designed into E-Revo. Follow the instructions provided here to take advantage of E-Revo's maximum performance potential.

### SUSPENSION AND ALIGNMENT SETTINGS

#### Caster Adjustment

The caster angle of the front suspension may be used to adjust the understeer (push)/oversteer handling characteristics of the model. Generally, increasing the caster angle will move the truck towards an oversteer condition (more traction on the front tires, less on the rear tires). Decreasing the caster angle will create a tendency towards understeer (pushing in the turns). From the factory, the front suspension is set to a caster angle of 10-degrees. The rear caster angle is not adjustable. The caster angle of the front suspension can be adjusted from 5° to 15°. Adjust the caster by positioning the caster adjustment shims on the upper control arms of the front suspension as shown in the table to the right.



Number & Position of Caster Adjustment Shims (Front Upper Control Arm)

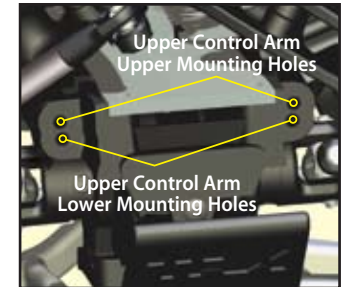
Caster	In Front of Hinge Pin Boss	Behind Hinge Pin Boss
5.0°	None	Four
7.5°	One	Three
10.0°	Two	Two
12.5°	Three	One
15.0°	Four	None

#### Caster Angle, and Bump Steer

Bump steer is unwanted change in the steering angle of the front wheels as the suspension travels up and down. It can result in unstable and unpredictable handling. Bump steer is affected by the position of the outer toe link end on the axle carrier. From the factory, the toe links are positioned so that bump steer is virtually eliminated (about 3/100 of a degree through the entire range of travel). When the caster angle is changed, the outer toe link end should be repositioned on the axle carrier to maintain zero bump steer geometry. Adjustment is achieved using the shims and hollow balls provided with the vehicle. Refer to the Bump Steer Elimination chart on page 29, and look up your caster angle setting to find the correct position for the outer toe links. Positioning the toe-links correctly will maintain the original factory geometry and eliminate the unwanted steering angle changes caused by bump steer.

#### Roll Center

There are two holes on the bulkheads to mount each upper suspension arm. The roll center of the vehicle can be raised by mounting the upper control arm in the lower of the two holes. This will effectively increase the roll stiffness of the vehicle (similar to installing swaybars). Adding roll resistance to one end of the vehicle will tend to add traction to the opposite end. For example, increasing roll resistance in the rear by installing the upper arms in the lower holes will provide more traction for the front wheels and potentially more steering. Installing the upper arms in the lower holes on the front and rear will increase overall roll resistance without changing the handling balance. The arms are installed in the upper position from the factory to make the truck easier and more forgiving to drive and less likely to traction roll in turns. The lower holes should be reserved for track tuning. **Note:** When the upper suspension arms are moved to the lower holes, the front outer toe link ends and the rear toe control links should be repositioned to eliminate bump steer. Refer to the Bump Steer Elimination chart on page 29, and look up your suspension combination (caster angle and roll center position) to find the correct position for the front outer toe links and the rear toe control links. Adjustment is achieved using the shims and hollow balls provided with the vehicle.



#### Rockers (Progressive Rate/ Suspension Travel)

One of the most exciting aspects of E-Revo's suspension is the inboard shock (damper) arrangement that uses pivoting rockers to translate vertical wheel travel into linear shock motion. The rockers can be changed to increase or decrease the maximum wheel travel and also to change the progressive rate of the suspension.

The progressive rate determines how much the force at the wheel produced by the springs being compressed (wheel force) will vary with suspension travel (or vertical travel of the wheel). On a progressive suspension arrangement, the wheel force will increase at a faster and faster rate as the suspension is compressed. It feels as though the shock spring gets progressively stiffer the more you compress the suspension. On a linear suspension arrangement, the wheel force increases linearly as the suspension is compressed. The spring does not feel any stiffer, even when the suspension is fully compressed. This provides a very "plush" feeling suspension with seemingly bottomless suspension travel.

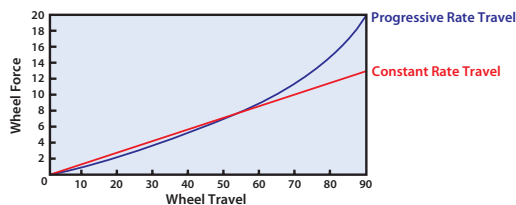


Rocker Arm	Total Travel	Progressive Rate
Progressive 1	90mm (60mm up / 30mm down)	Low
Progressive 2	90mm (60mm up / 30mm down)	Medium
Progressive 3	90mm (60mm up / 30mm down)	High
Long Travel	120mm (80mm up / 40mm down)	Low

A total of four different rocker arm sets are available for E-Revo. All rocker arms except the Long Travel rocker arms will allow the wheel to travel a total of 90mm in the vertical direction. From the ride height position, the wheel will be able to travel 60mm in the upward direction (bump), and 30mm in the downward direction (droop). The Long Travel rocker arm increases total travel to 120mm. The progressive rate can be increased or decreased by installing different rocker arm sets. The rockers are labeled Progressive 1 to Progressive 3. Progressive 1 rockers will provide a low progressive rate that maintains consistent damping force across through the whole range of suspension travel. These are best for extremely rough terrain that requires maximum suspension articulation. Progressive 3 rockers use high progressive rate that will improve high-speed cornering on smooth surfaces by providing a firmer feel. Body roll, brake dive and rear squat will also be reduced. Always change all four rockers as a complete set. Do not mix rates and travel.

Using rockers with lower progressive rate may require the use of stiffer springs to maintain proper spring pre-load and ride height. The spring pre-load adjuster on each shock is designed for minor adjustments. If the adjuster needs to be turned all the way down (compressing the spring) in order to maintain proper ride height, then the next stiffer spring should be used.

The chart below demonstrate the effect of the various rocker arms on wheel force as the suspension is compressed. On the progressive rate, wheel force is light at first and increases as the suspension is compressed.



### Bump Steer Elimination Chart

The illustrations and the following table detail the position of the outer toe link end for various caster and roll center settings to eliminate bump steer. The shims and the hollow balls used to adjust bump steer are provided with your vehicle.

#### FRONT

Outer Toe Link End Setup	5°	7.5°	10°	12.5°	15°	Control Arm Mounting Hole on Front Bulkhead
Standard Hollow Ball					⊙	Upper
Thin Shim				⊙		Lower
Thick Shim				⊙		Lower
Thin Shim				⊙		Upper
Standard Hollow Ball			⊙			Lower
Thick Shim			⊙			Upper
Tall Center Hollow Ball			⊙			Lower
Thin Shim			⊙			Upper
Standard Hollow Ball			⊙			Lower
Thick Shim			⊙			Upper
Thin Shim			⊙			Lower
Standard Hollow Ball			⊙			Upper
Thick Shim			⊙			Lower
Thin Shim			⊙			Upper
Standard Hollow Ball			⊙			Lower
Thick Shim			⊙			Upper
Thin Shim			⊙			Lower
Standard Hollow Ball			⊙			Upper

#### REAR

When the rear upper control arms are mounted in the lower of its two mounting holes in the bulkhead (roll center), the tall hollow ball should be used as shown.

Outer Toe Link End Setup	Control Arm Mounting Hole on Rear Bulkhead
Tall Lower Hollow Ball	Upper
Tall Center Hollow Ball (stock)	Lower



When using Long Travel rockers, A correspondingly thicker shock oil (or pistons with smaller diameter bypass holes) should also be used to ensure a proper relationship between the spring and damping forces.

### Shock Piston Hole Sizes



Piston 1: 1.10 mm



Piston 2: 1.00 mm



Piston 3: 0.95 mm



Never slide the threads on the shock rod past the X-ring seal when it is installed and compressed by the bottom cap of the shock. Doing so will damage the seal and cause shock oil to leak.

## SHOCK TUNING

### Shock Pistons

The shock pistons can be replaced with the available optional pistons to vary the amount of damping. Optional pistons with bypass holes that are larger or smaller (1, 2, or 3) than the factory installed stock pistons can be used to decrease or increase damping respectively. Change the pistons if you only have one weight of shock oil available to you. From the factory, E-Revo is equipped with #1 pistons in the front and #2 pistons in the rear.

### Shock disassembly

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

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

### Shock assembly

1. Replace the stock piston with desired optional piston. Be careful not to lose the small washer located below the piston.
2. Position the new piston onto the shock shaft above the small washer. Grip the threads of

### Multi-tool Shock Functions



A. Tighten/Loosen Upper Cap



B. Tighten/Loosen Lower Cap



C. Remove/Install Rod End



Piston Installation/Removal

the shaft with side cutters or needlenose pliers and tighten the nut with the 4-way wrench to secure the assembly.

3. Insert the shock shaft assembly through the shock body until the piston bottoms out.
4. Lubricate the shaft and X-ring with silicone oil.
5. Install the X-ring over the shaft and into the bore of the shock body.
6. Install the lower cap using the suspension multi tool (B).
7. Slide the bump stop onto the shaft.
8. Grip the shaft close to the threads with needle nose pliers or side cutters and thread the rod end onto the shock shaft until the rod end bottoms out (C).
9. Fill the shock with new silicone shock oil up to the top of the shock body. Slowly move the piston up and down (always keeping it submerged in oil) to release the air bubbles. Let the shock sit for a few minutes to allow any remaining air bubbles to surface.
10. Slowly thread the upper cap with the installed shock bladder onto the shock body with the suspension multi tool (A). The excess oil will bleed out of the small hole in the shock cap. Tighten the shock cap until snug. Use the included steel shock wrench to hold onto shock body while tightening.
11. Reinstall the spring and lower retainer.

### Tuning The Sealed Gear Differentials

E-Revo's front and rear gear differentials allow the left and right wheels to spin at different speeds while turning so that the tires do not scuff or skid. This decreases the turning radius and increases steering performance.

The performance of the differentials can be tuned for different driving conditions and performance requirements. The differentials are filled with silicone differential fluid, and are sealed to maintain consistent long-term performance. Changing the oil in the differential with either lower or higher viscosity oil will vary the performance characteristics of the differentials. Changing to a higher viscosity oil in the differential will reduce the tendency for engine power to be transferred to the wheel with the least traction. You may notice this when making sharp turns on slick surfaces. The unloaded wheels on the inside of the turn have the least traction and tend to spin up to extremely high rpms. Higher viscosity (thicker) oil causes the differential to act like a limited-slip differential, distributing more equal power to the left and right wheels. E-Revo will generally benefit from higher viscosity oil when climbing,

rock crawling, or racing on low traction surfaces. **Note:** Heavier oil will allow power to be transferred even with one or more tires off the ground. This can make the vehicle more likely to overturn.

From the factory, both the differentials are filled with SAE 30,000W viscosity silicone oil. Only use silicone oil in the differentials. Traxxas sells SAE 10,000W and SAE 50,000W viscosity oil (see your parts list). The differentials have to be removed from the vehicle and disassembled to change/replace oil.

### Installing the Long Travel Rockers

Use the exploded views included with the model to aid in the installation process. All of the rockers have labels identifying their proper location; RF (right front), LF (left front), RR (right rear), and LR (left rear). **Note:** The exhaust system must be removed to access the rear rocker arms.

#### 1. Remove shock absorbers

Remove the screws that secure the shocks to the chassis shock mounts, and to the rocker arms.

#### 2. Install long travel shock springs

Replace all four of the 90mm travel shock springs with the four 120mm long travel shock springs. The front shock springs are indicated by a silver dot, and the rear shock springs are indicated by a blue dot.

#### 3. Install long travel rockers

Replace the 90mm travel rockers with the long travel rockers by removing the four 4x6 buttonhead cap screws from the rocker pivot posts. Remove the 5x11 ball bearings from the rockers. Install the same 5x11 ball bearings in the long travel rockers. Secure the long travel rockers to the pivots with the same 4x6 buttonhead cap screws.

#### 4. Locate push rods

Make sure that all four of the suspension push rods are located and secured into the middle position (marked LT) on the lower suspension arms.

#### 5. Reinstall shock absorbers

Reinstall all four shock absorbers back into their respective locations.

### GOING BRUSHLESS

Brushless motors provide increased power output and greater efficiency. The E-Revo is designed with extra transmission and driveline strength to make it capable of handling extreme brushless power. One or two brushless motors may be used. A specially designed motor plate (part # 5690X) and gear cover (part # 5677X) are available for optimized, single-motor installations. If you plan to run two brushless motors,

be certain that the front motor is wired for reverse rotation. If you plan to run LiPo battery packs to power a LiPo-compatible brushless system, see *Using LiPo battery Packs in your E-Revo* on page 12 for more information.

### MOTOR INSTALLATION

To access the motors, remove the gear cover by removing the single screw on the top of the gear cover.

The front motor is held in place with two motor screws. Simply remove the two screws to remove the motor. The rear motor uses an aluminum mount for quick, easy motor access and gearing adjustment. To remove the rear motor, remove the single large hex screw using the supplied 3mm wrench. Then rotate the motor and mount to the side of the model, and slide backward off the post.

The rear motor mount was carefully engineering to provide additional features and adjustability. Two sets of holes are provided for use with aftermarket motors. These use 3mm screws with 25mm spacing that is compatible with most aftermarket motors. These are:

1. Low CG (center of gravity) installation (mounts the motor low to the chassis for best handling performance)
2. High CG installation (mounts motor higher for more clearance for larger motors or aftermarket heat sinks)

An additional set of motor mounting holes is included for custom application. This is for larger aftermarket motors with 4mm screws and 29 - 30mm spacing.



- Low CG
- High CG
- Big Motors



#### Use higher viscosity (thicker) diff oil for:

- More power to the wheels with the most traction.
- Racing on low-traction smooth surfaces.
- Better performance for climbing on uneven terrain.

#### Using lower viscosity (thinner) diff oil for:

- More power to the wheels with least traction.
- Racing on low-traction rough surfaces.



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