Manual of Sensorless Brushless Motor Speed Controller

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Features:

- Great innovation of **Balance Discharge Monitoring and Protection (BDMP) Design for lithium battery pack**, real time monitors the discharge voltage of each lithium (Li-ion/Li-poly) cell in a battery pack. Don't worry about the over discharge problem again, your lithium battery pack will have a much longer life. **(Remark: This function is ONLY available for the "Guard" series ESC)**
- Extreme low output resistance, super current endurance.
- Multiple protection features: Low-voltage cut-off protection / over-heat protection / throttle signal loss protection.
- 3 start modes: Normal / Soft / Super-Soft, compatible with fixed-wing aircrafts and helicopters.
- Throttle range can be configured and is fully compatible with all transmitters currently available on market.
- Smooth, linear and precise throttle response.
- Separate voltage regulator IC for microprocessor (except Pentium-6A and Pentium-10A), providing good anti-jamming capability.
- Supported motor speed (Maximum): 210000 RPM (2 poles), 70000 RPM (6 poles), 35000 RPM (12 poles).
- Our pocket-sized **Program Card** can be purchased separately for extremely easily programming the ESC at the field.
- With a program card, you can activate the music playing function of the ESC, and totally there are 15 songs can be selected.

Specifications:

Pentium Series

Class	Model	Cont. Current	Burst Current (>10s)	BEC Mode	BEC Output	Battery Cell Li-ion Li-poly	Battery Cell NiMH NiCd	User Programm-able	Balance Discharge Protection	Weight	Size L*W*H
6A	Pentium-6	6A	8A	Linear	5V/0.8	2-3	5-9	Available	N/A	6g	24*12*6
10A	Pentium-10	10A	12A	Linear	5V/1A	2-4	5-12	Available	N/A	9g	27*17*6
12A	Pentium-12	12A	15A	Linear	5V/1A	2-4	5-12	Available	N/A	12g	32*24*8
	Pentium-12E	12A	15A	Linear	5V/2A	2-4	5-12	Available	N/A	13g	32*24*10
18A	Pentium-18	18A	22A	Linear	5V/2A	2-4	5-12	Available	N/A	19g	45*24*11
25A	Pentium-25	25A	35A	Linear	5V/2A	2-4	5-12	Available	N/A	22g	45*24*11
	Pentium-25-OPTO	25A	35A	N/A	N/A	2-4	5-12	Available	N/A	21g	45*24*11
30A	Pentium-30	30A	40A	Linear	5V/2A	2-4	5-12	Available	N/A	25g	45*24*11
40A	Pentium-40	40A	55A	Linear	5V/3A	2-5	5-15	Available	N/A	33g	55*28*12
	Pentium-40-OPTO	40A	55A	N/A	N/A	2-6	5-18	Available	N/A	32g	55*28*11
60A	Pentium-60	60A	80A	Switch	5V/3A	2-6	5-18	Available	N/A	60g	70*31*14
	Pentium-60-OPTO	60A	80A	N/A	N/A	2-6	5-18	Available	N/A	56g	70*31*13
80A	Pentium-80	80A	100A	Switch	5V/3A	2-6	5-18	Available	N/A	62g	70*31*14
	Pentium-80-OPTO	80A	100A	N/A	N/A	2-6	5-18	Available	N/A	58g	70*31*13
100A	Pentium-100	100A	120A	N/A	N/A	2-6	5-18	Available	N/A	120g	78*55*15

Guard Series

Class	Model	Cont. Current	Burst Current (>10s)	BEC Mode	BEC Output	Battery Cell Li-ion Li-poly	Battery Cell NiMH NiCd	User Programm-able	Balance Discharge Protection	Weight	Size L*W*H
18A	Guard-18	18A	22A	Linear	5V/2A	2-4	5-12	Available	Available	24g	45*26*11
25A	Guard-25	25A	35A	Linear	5V/2A	2-4	5-12	Available	Available	27g	45*26*12
30A	Guard-30	30A	40A	Linear	5V/2A	2-4	5-12	Available	Available	29g	45*26*12
40A	Guard-40	40A	55A	Switch	5V/3A	2-5	5-15	Available	Available	40g	55*28*15
60A	Guard-60	60A	80A	Switch	5V/3A	2-6	5-18	Available	Available	65g	70*31*14
80A	Guard-80	80A	100A	Switch	5V/3A	2-6	5-18	Available	Available	67g	70*31*14

Combo Products

Class	Model	Cont. Current	Burst Current (>10s)	BEC Mode	BEC Output	Battery Cell Li-ion Li-poly	Battery Cell NiMH NiCd	User Programm-able	Balance Discharge Protection	Weight	Size L*W*H
25A	Pentium-25A + UBEC	25A	35A	Switch	5V/2A	2-4	5-12	Available	N/A	29g	45*24*11(ESC)
30A	Pentium-30A + UBEC	30A	40A	Switch	5V/2A	2-4	5-12	Available	N/A	32g	45*24*11(ESC)

BEC Output Capability	Linear Mode BEC(5V/2A)				Switch Mode BEC(5V/3A)	
	2S Li-Poly	3S Li-Poly	4S Li-Poly	5S Li-Poly	2S — 4S Li-Poly	5S Li-Poly
Standard micro servos(Max.)	5	4	3	2	5	4

IMPORTANT! For ESC named "xxx-xxx-OPTO" or without a built-in BEC, an UBEC (Ultimate-BEC) or an individual battery pack should be used to power the receiver. And an individual battery pack is needed to power the program card when setting the programmable value of such ESCs, please read the user manual of program card for reference.

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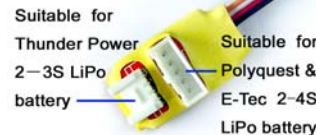
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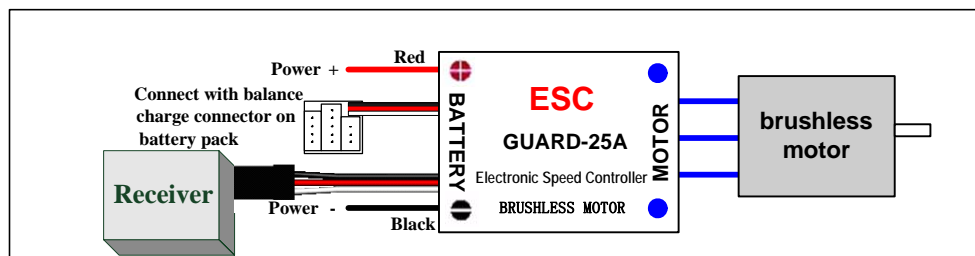
Lithium Battery Balance Discharge Monitoring and Protection (BDMP) Adapter For the "Guard" Series ESC:

We provide 2 kinds of Lithium Battery Balance Discharge Monitoring and Protection (BDMP) Adapters for user to choose.

Adapter #1   Adapter #2

VERY IMPORTANT! You MUST connect the BDMP adapter with the balance charge connector on battery pack BEFORE connecting the main power lead to ESC. And if you use banana-shape connectors on main power wires (Input wires), please connect the black wire (negative polarity) BEFORE red wire (positive polarity). So the right sequence is: BDMP Adapter → BLACK wire of main power → RED wire of main power

Feature Explanation:

1. **Brake Settings**：Enabled / Disabled, default is Disabled
2. **Battery Type**：Li-xx(Li-ion or Li-Poly) / Ni-xx(NiMH or NiCd)，default is Li-xx.
3. **Low Voltage Protection Mode(Cut-Off Mode)**:   Soft Cut-Off (Gradually reduces the output power) or Cut-Off (Immediately stops output power). Default is Soft Cut-Off.
4. **Low Voltage Protection Threshold(Cut-Off Threshold)**：Low / Medium / High, default is Medium.
   - ◆ **When NOT using balance discharge monitoring and protection function** (i.e. **Not** plugging the balance charge connector into the BDMP socket on the Guard series ESC, the ESC only monitors the voltage of the whole battery pack)
     1) For lithium batteries, the number of battery cells is calculated automatically. Low / medium / high cutoff voltage for each cell is: 2.6V/2.85V/3.1V. For example: For a 3 cell lithium pack, when medium cutoff voltage is set, the cut-off voltage will be: 2.85*3=8.55V.
     2) For nickel batteries, low / medium / high cutoff voltages are 0%/45%/60% of the startup voltage (i.e. the initial voltage of battery pack), and 0% means low voltage cut-off function is disabled. For example: For a 10 cell NiMH battery, fully charged voltage is 1.44*10=14.4V, when "medium" cut-off voltage is set, the cut-off voltage will be:14.4*45%=6.5V。
   - ◆ **When using balance discharge monitoring and protection function** (i.e. Plugging the balance charge connector on battery pack into the BDMP socket on the Guard series ESC, the ESC monitors not only the voltage of the whole battery pack but also the voltage of each cell). For lithium battery，low / medium / high cut off voltage for each cell is: 2.6V/2.85V/3.1V. When the voltage of any cell in battery pack is lower than the cut-off threshold, the protection function is activated.
5. **Startup Mode**：Normal /Soft /Super-Soft, default is Normal.
   Normal is preferred for fixed-wing aircraft. Soft or Super-soft are preferred for helicopters. The initial acceleration of the Soft and Super-Soft modes are slower in comparison, usually taking 1 second for Soft startup or 2 seconds for Super-Soft startup from initial throttle advance to full throttle. If the throttle is closed (throttle stick moved to bottom) and opened again (throttle stick moved to top) within 3 seconds of the initial startup, the restart-up will be temporarily changed to normal mode to get rid of the chances of a crash caused by slow throttle response in aerobatic flight.
6. **Timing**：Low / Medium / High, default is Low.
   Usually, low timing can be used for most motors. But for high efficiency, we recommend the **Low** timing for 2 poles motor and **Medium** timing for 6 poles and above. For higher speed, **High** timing can be chosen.
   Important!   After changing the timing setting, please test your RC model on ground prior to flight!

Special Note

Some high KV out-runner motors have very special construction, the space between each magnet is very large, and many ESCs can't drive these motors. After much testing, our ESCs have proven to work very well with these types of motors. Some RC enthusiasts still have several questions about the programming value for these special motors. Therefore, we have provided some suggestions as follows:

Motor	Programmable Value Suggestion	Timing	Startup Mode
Generic in-runner motor		Low	Usually, aircraft use "normal" startup mode and helicopter use "super-soft" startup mode
Generic out-runner motor		Low or Medium	
Align 420LF (Made in TAIWAN, out-runner)		High (MUST)	
450TH (Made in TAIWAN, out-runner)		Low	Soft (MUST)

Begin To Use Your New ESC

Please start the ESC in the following sequences:
1. Move the throttle stick to the bottom position and then switch on the transmitter.
2. Connect the battery pack to the ESC, the ESC begins the self-test process, a special tone " ♪ 123" is emitted, which means the voltage of the battery pack is in normal range, and then N "beep" tones will be emitted, means the number of lithium battery cells. Finally a long "beep------" tone will be emitted, which means self-test is OK, the aircraft/helicopter is ready to go flying.
   - ◆ If nothing is happened, please check the battery pack and all the connections;

- ◆ If a special tone "♪ 567i2̇" is emitted after 2 beep tones ("beep-beep-"), means the ESC has entered the program mode, it is because the throttle channel of your transmitter is reversed, please set it correctly;
- ◆ If the very rapid "beep-beep-, beep-beep-" tones is emitted, means the input voltage is too low or too high, please check your battery's voltage.

3. "**VERY IMPORTANT!**" Because different transmitter has different throttle range, we strongly suggest you using the "Throttle Range Setting Function" to calibrate throttle range. Please read the instruction on page 4------"Throttle Range Setting".

Alert Tone
1. Input voltage is abnormal: The ESC begins to check the voltage when the battery pack is connected, if the voltage is not in the acceptable range, such an alert tone will be emitted: "beep-beep-, beep-beep-,beep-beep-" (Every "beep-beep-" has a time interval of about 1 second.)
2. Throttle signal is abnormal: When the ESC can't detect the normal throttle signal, such an alert tone will be emitted: "beep-, beep-, beep-". (Every "beep-" has a time interval of about 2 seconds)
3. Throttle stick is not in the bottom position: When the throttle stick is not in bottom (lowest) position, a very rapid alert tone will be emitted: "beep-, beep-, beep-". (Every "beep-" has a time interval of about 0.25 second.)

Protection Function
1. Start up protection: If the motor fails to start within 2 seconds of throttle application, the ESC will cut-off the output power. In this case, the throttle stick **MUST** be moved to the bottom again to restart the motor. (Such a situation happens in the following cases: The connection between ESC and motor is not reliable, the propeller or the motor is blocked, the gearbox is damaged, etc.)
2. Over-heat protection: When the temperature of the ESC is over 110℃, the ESC will reduce the output power.
3. Throttle signal loss protection: The ESC will reduce the output power if throttle signal is lost for 1 second, further loss for 2 seconds will cause its output to be cut-off completely.

Program example
Setting "Start Mode" to "Super-Soft", i.e. value #3 in the programmable item #5

1. Enter Program Mode Switch on transmitter, move throttle stick to top position, connect battery pack to ESC, wait for 2 seconds, "beep-beep" tone should be emitted. Then wait another 5 seconds, special tone like "♪ 567i2̇" should be emitted, which means program mode is entered.
2. Select Programmable Items Now you'll hear 8 tones in loop. When a long "beep------" tone is emitted, move throttle stick to bottom to enter the "Start Mode"
3. Set Item Value (Programmable Value) "Beep-", wait for 3 seconds; "Beep-beep-", wait for another 3 seconds; then you'll hear "beep-beep-beep", move throttle stick to top position, then a special tone "♪ i5̇i5̇" is emitted, now you have set the "Start Mode" item to the value of "Super-Soft"
4. Exit Program Mode After the special tone "♪ i5̇i5̇", move throttle stick to bottom within 2 seconds.

Trouble Shooting

Trouble	Possible Reason	Action
After power on, motor does not work, no sound is emitted	The connection between battery pack and ESC is not correct	Check the power connection. Replace the connector.
After power on, motor does not work, such an alert tone is emitted: "beep-beep-, beep-beep-,beep-beep-" (Every "beep-beep-" has a time interval of about 1 second)	Input voltage is wrong, too high or too low. The balance charge connector is not located properly in BDMP adapter.	Check the voltage of battery pack Check the connection of the balance charge connector and the BDMP adapter.
After power on, motor does not work, such an alert tone is emitted: "beep-, beep-, beep- "(Every "beep-" has a time interval of about 2 seconds)	Throttle signal is irregular	Check the receiver and transmitter Check the cable of throttle channel
After power on, motor does not work, such a alert tone is emitted: "beep-, beep-, beep-" (Every "beep-" has a time interval of about 0.25 second)	The throttle stick is not in the bottom(lowest) position	Move the throttle stick to bottom
After power on, motor does not work, a special tone "♪ 567i2̇" is emitted after 2 beep tone (beep-beep-)	Direction of the throttle channel is reversed, so the ESC has entered the program mode	Set the direction of throttle channel correctly
The motor runs in the opposite direction	The connection between ESC and the motor need to be changed.	Swap any two wire connections between ESC and motor
The motor stop running while in working state	Throttle signal is lost	Check the receiver and transmitter Check the cable of throttle channel
	ESC has entered Low Voltage Protection mode	Land RC model as soon as possible, and then replace the battery pack
	Some Connections are not reliable	Check all the connections: battery pack connection, throttle signal cable, motor connections, etc.
Random stop or restart or irregular working state	There is strong Electro - Magnetic interference in flying field.	Reset the ESC to resume normal operation. If the function could not resume, you might need to move to another area to fly.

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Normal startup procedure:

Move throttle stick to bottom and then switch on transmitter.	Connect battery pack to ESC, special tone like "♪123" means power supply is OK	Several "beep-" tones should be emitted, presenting the number of lithium battery cells	When self-test is finished, a long "beep-----"tone should be emitted	Move throttle stick upwards to go flying

Throttle range setting: (Throttle range should be reset whenever a new transmitter is being used)

Switch on transmitter, move throttle stick to top	Connect battery pack to ESC, and wait for about 2 seconds	"Beep-Beep-" tone should be emitted, means throttle range highest point has been correctly confirmed	Move throttle stick to the bottom, several "beep-" tones should be emitted, presenting the number of battery cells	A long "Beep-" tone should be emitted, means throttle range lowest point has been correctly confirmed

Program the ESC with your transmitter (4 Steps):

1. Enter program mode
2. Select programmable items
3. Set item's value (Programmable value)
4. Exit program mode

1. Enter program mode

1) Switch on transmitter, move throttle stick to top , connect the battery pack to ESC

2) Wait for 2 seconds, the motor should emit special tone like "beep-beep-"

3) Wait for another 5 seconds, special tone like " ♪ 567í2" should be emitted, which means program mode is entered

2. Select programmable items:

After entering program mode, you will hear 8 tones in a loop in the following sequence. If you move the throttle stick to bottom within 3 seconds after one kind of tones, this item will be selected.

1. "beep"   brake   (1 short tone)
2. "beep-beep-"   battery type   (2 short tone)
3. "beep-beep-beep-"   cutoff mode   (3 short tone)
4. "beep-beep-beep-beep-"   cutoff threshold   (4 short tone)
5. "beep-----"   startup mode   (1 long tone)
6. "beep-----beep-"   timing   (1 long 1 short)
7. "beep-----beep-beep-"   set all to default (1 long 2 short)
8. "beep-----beep-----"   exit   (2 long tone)

Note: 1 long "beep-----" = 5 short "beep-"

3. Set item value (Programmable value):

You will hear several tones in loop. Set the value matching to a tone by moving throttle stick to top when you hear the tone, then a special tone " ♪ í5í5" emits, means the value is set and saved. (Keeping the throttle stick at top, you will go back to step 2 and you can select other items; Moving the stick to bottom within 2 seconds will exit program mode directly)

Items \ Tones	"beep-" 1 short tone	"beep-beep-" 2 short tones	"beep-beep-beep" 3 short tones
Brake	Off	On	
Battery type	Li-ion / Li-poly	NiMH / NiCd	
Cutoff mode	Soft-Cut	Cut-Off	
Cutoff threshold	Low	Medium	High
Start mode	Normal	Soft	Super soft
Timing	Low	Medium	High
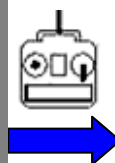
4. Exit program mode

There are 2 ways to exit program mode:

1. In step 3, after special tone " ♪ í5í5", please move throttle stick to the bottom position within 2 seconds.

2. In step 2, after tone "beep-----beep-----"(ie. The item #8), move throttle stick to bottom within 3 seconds.