





INSTRUCTION MANUAL for Futaba 7C-2.4GHz

7-channel FASST Radio control system for Airplanes/Helicopters

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Any time we mention a specific control on the radio itself, such as moving SWITCHA, KNOBVR, or the THROTTLE STICK, those words will be displayed as they are here.

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing a Futaba7C-2.4GHz FASST^{*1} digital proportional R/C system. This system is extremely versatile and maybe used by beginners and pros alike. In order for you to make the best use of your system and to fly safely, please read this manual carefully. If you have any difficulties while using your system, please consult the manual, our online FrequentlyAsked Questions (on the web pages referenced below), your hobby dealer, or the Futaba Service Center.

*1. FASST: Futaba Advanced Spread Spectrum Technology

Owner's Manual and Additional Technical Help

This manual has been carefully written to be as helpful to you, the new owner, as possible. There are many pages of setup procedures and examples. However, it need not be your sole resource of setup guidelines for your 7C. For example, pages 22-24 include setup instructions for a basic 4-channel airplane. The Frequently Asked Questions web page referenced below includes this type of step-by-step setup instructions for a variety of other model types, including multi-engine, complex gear installation, 7-servo aerobatic models, 140 degree CCPM, etc.

Due to unforeseen changes in production procedures, the information contained in this manual is subject to change without notice.

Support and Service: It is recommended to have your Futaba equipment serviced annually during your hobby's "off season" to ensure safe operation.

IN NORTH AMERICA

Please feel free to contact the Futaba Service Center for assistance in operation, use and programming. Please be sure to regularly visit the 7C Frequently Asked Questions web site at www.futaba-rc.com\faq\faq-7c.html. This page includes extensive programming, use, set up and safety information on the 7C radio system and is updated regularly. Any technical updates and US manual corrections will be available on this web page. If you do not find the answers to your questions there, please see the end of our F.A.Q. area for information on contacting us via email for the most rapid and convenient response.

Don't have Internet access? Internet access is available at no charge at most public libraries, schools, and other public resources. We find internet support to be a fabulous reference for many modelers as items can be printed and saved for future reference, and can be accessed at any hour of the day, night, weekend or holiday. If you do not wish to access the internet for information, however, don't worry. Our support teams are available Monday through Friday 8-5 Central time to assist you.

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FOR SUPPORT : (PROGRAMMING AND USER QUESTIONS) Please start here for answers to most questions: www.futaba-rc.com/faq/faq-7c.html FACSIMILE: 217-398-7721 PHONE: 217-398-8970 option 4

OUTSIDE NORTH AMERICA

Please contact your Futaba importer in your region of the world to assist you with any questions, problems or service needs.

Please recognize that all information in this manual, and all support availability, is based upon the systems sold in North America only. Products purchased elsewhere may vary. Always contact your region's support center for assistance.

Application, Export, and Modification

1. This product may be used for model airplanes or helicopters. It is not intended for use in any application other than the control of models for hobby and recreational purposes. The product is subject to regulations of the Ministry of Radio/Telecommunications and is restricted under Japanese law to such purposes.

2. Exportation precautions:

(a) When this product is exported from the country of manufacture, its use is to be approved by the laws governing the country of destination which govern devices that emit radio frequencies. If this product is then re-exported to other countries, it may be subject to restrictions on such export. Prior approval of the appropriate government authorities may be required. If you have purchased this product from an exporter outside your country, and not the authorized Futaba distributor in your country, please contact the seller immediately to determine if such export regulations have been met.

(b) Use of this product with other than models may be restricted by Export and Trade Control Regulations, and an application for export approval must be submitted. This equipment *must not* be utilized to operate equipment other than radio controlled models.

3. Modification, adjustment, and replacement of parts: Futaba is not responsible for unauthorized modification, adjustment, and replacement of parts on this product. Any such changes may void the warranty.

FCC Information

To assure continued FCC compliance:

(1) Any changes or modifications not expressly approved by the grantee of this device could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

FCC Label Compliance Statement:

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.



The RBRC[™] SEAL on the nickel-cadmium battery contained in Futaba products indicates that Futaba Corporation of America is voluntarily participating in an industry-wide program to collect and recycle these batteries at the end of their useful lives, when taken out of service within the United States. The RBRC[™] program provides a convenient alternative to placing used nickel-cadmium batteries into the trash or municipal waste system, which is illegal in some areas.

(for USA)

You may contact your local recycling center for information on where to return the spent battery. Please call 1-800-8-BATTERY for information on Ni-Cd battery recycling in your area. Futaba Corporation of America's involvement in this program is part of its commitment to protecting our environment and conserving natural resources.

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Usage Precautions

(1) Prior to utilizing any radio control system, it is strongly recommended that you read and abide by the Safety Code created by the Academy of Model Aeronautics as well as any site specific rules and regulations that might exist. Doing so will greatly increase your enjoyment of the hobby.

(2) In order to maintain complete control of your aircraft it is important that it remains visible at all times. Flying behind large objects such as buildings, grain bins, etc. is not suggested. Doing so may result in the reduction of the quality of the radio frequency link to the model.

(3) Please do not grasp the transmitter module's antenna during flight. Doing so may degrade the quality of the radio frequency transmission.

Meaning of Special Markings

Pay special attention to safety where indicated by the following marks:

- (1) DANGER Procedures which may lead to dangerous conditions and cause death/serious injury if not carried out properly.
- (1) WARNING Procedures which may lead to a dangerous condition or cause death or serious injury to the user if not carried out properly, or procedures where the probability of superficial injury or physical damage is high.
- (1) CAUTION Procedures where the possibility of serious injury to the user is small, but there is a danger of injury, or physical damage, if not carried out properly.

 \bigcirc = Prohibited **()** = Mandatory

Warning: Always keep electrical components away from small children.

FLYING SAFETY

To ensure the safety of yourself and others, please observe the following precautions:

Have regular maintenance performed. Although your 7C protects the model memories with non-volatile EEPROM memory (which does not require periodic replacement) and not a battery, it still should have regular checkups for wear and tear. We recommend sending your system to the Futaba Service Center annually during your non-flying-season for a complete checkup and service.

Ni-Cd Battery

- Charge the batteries! (See Charging the Ni-Cd batteries, p. 14, for details.) Always recharge the transmitter and receiver batteries for at least 15 hours before each flying session. A low battery will soon die, causing loss of control and a crash. When you begin your flying session, reset your 7C's built-in timer, and during the session pay attention to the duration of usage.
- Stop flying long before your batteries become low on charge. Do <u>not</u> rely on your radio's low battery warning systems, intended only as a precaution, to tell you when to recharge. Always check your transmitter *and* receiver batteries prior to each flight.

Where to Fly

We recommend that you fly at a recognized model airplane flying field. You can find model clubs and fields by asking your nearest hobby dealer, or in the US by contacting the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

You can also contact the national Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), which has more than 2,500 chartered clubs across the country. Through any one of them, instructor training programs and insured newcomer training are available. Contact the AMA at the address or toll-free phone number below.



Academy of Model Aeronautics 5151 East Memorial Drive Muncie, IN 47302-9252 Tele. (800) 435-9262 Fax (765) 741-0057 or via the Internet at http://www.modelaircraft.org • Always pay particular attention to the flying field's rules, as well as the presence and location of spectators, the wind direction, and any obstacles on the field. Be very careful flying in areas near power lines, tall buildings, or communication facilities as there may be radio interference in their vicinity.

At the flying field

① To prevent possible damage to your radio gear, turn the power switches on and off in the proper sequence:

- 1. Pull throttle stick to idle position, or otherwise disarm your motor/engine.
- 2. Turn on the transmitter power and allow your transmitter to reach its home screen.
- 3. Confirm the proper model memory has been selected.
- 4. Turn on your receiver power.
- 5. Test all controls. If a servo operates abnormally, don't attempt to fly until you determine the cause of the problem. *(Test to ensure that the Fail Safe settings are correct by turning the transmitter off and confirming the proper throttle movements. Turn the transmitter back on.)*
- 6. Start your engine.
- 7. Complete a full range check (see p. 18).
- 8. After flying, bring your throttle stick to idle position, engage any kill switches or otherwise disarm your motor/engine.
- 9. Turn off receiver power.
- 10. Turn off transmitter power.

If you do not turn on your system in this order, you may damage your servos or control surfaces, flood your engine, or in the case of electric-powered or gasoline-powered models, the engine may unexpectedly turn on and cause a severe injury.

• While you are getting ready to fly, if you place your transmitter on the ground, be sure that the wind won't tip it over. If it is knocked over, the throttle stick may be accidentally moved, causing the engine to speed up. Also, damage to your transmitter may occur.

I NEVER start taxiing and flying when the "Power Down Mode" is active.

The "Power Down Mode" will reduce your flying range and cause a loss of control. It is a good idea to avoid pointing the transmitter antenna directly at the model, since the signal is weakest in that direction. ("Power Down Mode": see p.18)

Don't fly in the rain! Water or moisture may enter the transmitter through the antenna or stick openings and cause erratic operation or loss of control. If you must fly in wet weather during a contest, be sure to cover your transmitter with a plastic bag or waterproof barrier. Never fly if lightning is expected.

A QUICK INTRODUCTION TO THE 7C SYSTEM

Note that in the text of this manual, beginning at this point, any time we are using a feature's specialized name or abbreviation as seen on the screen of the 7C, that name, feature, or abbreviation will be exactly as seen on the radio's screen, including capitalization, and shown in a DIFFERENT TYPE STYLE for clarity. Any time we mention a specific control on the radio itself, such as moving *SWITCHA*, *KNOBVR*, or the *THROTTLE STICK*, those words will be displayed as they are here.

TRANSMITTER:

- Large graphic liquid-crystal display panel with 4 buttons and an easy set up turn-and-press Dial for quick, easy setup.
- All transmitters include all 2 aircraft types with specialized programming for each, including:
 - Airplane (ACRO)
 - V-TAIL
- Twin Aileron Servos (FLAPRN)
 Twin Elevator Servos(AILVATOR)
- ELEVON
- Air Brake
- Snap Roll
- Helicopter (6 swashplate types, including CCPM, see page 61) (H-1,H-2,HR3,HN3,H-3,HE3)
 - 2 Idle Ups
- Throttle and Pitch Curves per Condition
- Revo. Mixing
- Gyro Mixing including Separate Settings per Condition
- Governor Mixing
- **BASIC** menu for quick, easy set up of less complex models.
- ADVANCE menu for more complex, unique setups.
- Four electronic *TRIM LEVERS* for rapid yet precise trim adjustment no remembering to "store trims" between models and no more "bumped trims" during transport.
- TH-CUT (ACRO/HELI) (engine shut off) setups to allow precise engine control for taxi and landings.
- 10 complete model memories
- New stick design with improved feel, adjustable length and tension.
- Triple rates available by setting dual rates to 3-position switches.
- Six *Switches* and 1 *Dials*; assignable in some applications.
- Trainer system includes the "functional" (**F**) setting, which allows the student to use the 7C's mixing, helicopter, and other programming functions even with a 4-channel buddy box. (Optional trainer cord required.)
- Permanent memory storage via EEPROM with no backup battery to service or have fail.
- 7CA transmitter features airplane friendly switch layout, with the trainer switch at the left hand, and a notched throttle to minimize throttle changes with rudder input. Defaults to **ACRO MODEL TYPE**.
- 7CH transmitter features helicopter-friendly switch layout, with idle-up switch at the left hand, and a smooth, ratchet-less (unsprung) throttle for perfect hovering. Defaults to H-1 MODEL TYPE.

RECEIVER: R617FS

• Futaba's small and light weight, powerful 2.4GHz FASST R617FS receiver for flight system can control giant-scale models as easily as park flyers.

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	R606FS — Okay		

FASST transmitter module, system and receiver compatibility

* Please note: The TM-7 module is NOT compatible with the R606FS receiver!

SERVOS

• Please see technical specifications page for specifics on the servos included with your system.

• The included receiver is compatible with all J-plug Futaba servos, including retract, winch, and digital servos.

CONTENTS AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

(Specifications and ratings are subject to change without notice.)

Your 7C-2.4GHz (packaged with a 7-channel FASST receiver) system includes the following components:

- R617FS Receiver
- Servos, S3004, S3152 or S3001, with mounting hardware and servo arm assortment
- Switch harness
- Extension cord
- Receiver battery
- Transmitter battery or battery holder
- 110V wall charger (North America)

(The contents depend on the type of set.)

Transmitter T7C-2.4G

7-channel transmitter of FASST system. Transmitting on 2.4GHz band. Operating system: 2-stick, 7 channels Power supply: 9.6V NT8S600B Ni-Cd battery Current drain: 170 mA

Receiver R617FS

7-channel receiver of FASST system.
Receiving on 2.4GHz band.
Power requirement: 4.8 or 6.0V Ni-Cd battery or regulated output from ESC, etc.
Current drain: 80mA (at no signal)
Size: 1.64 x 1.08 x 0.36 (41.6 x 27.5 x 9.2 mm)
Weight: 0.34 oz (9.8 g)
Channels: 7

Note: NEVER use dry battery for R617FS as it cause malfunction.

Servo S3152 (Standard, digital)

Control system: Pulse width control, 1.52 ms neutral Power requirement: 4.8V (from receiver) Output torque: 69.4 oz-in(5.0 kg-cm) at 4.8V Operating speed: 0.22 sec/60 at 4.8V Size: 1.57 x 0.79 x 1.50 (40 x 20 x 38.1 mm) Weight: 1.51 oz (42.8 g)

Servo S3001 (Standard, ball-bearing)

Control system: Pulse width control, 1.52 ms neutral Power requirement: 4.8 - 6.0V (from receiver) Output torque: 41.7 oz-in (3.0 kg-cm) Operating speed: 0.22 sec/60 Size: 1.59 x 0.78 x 1.41 (40.4 x 19.8 x 36 mm) Weight: 1.59 oz (45.1g)

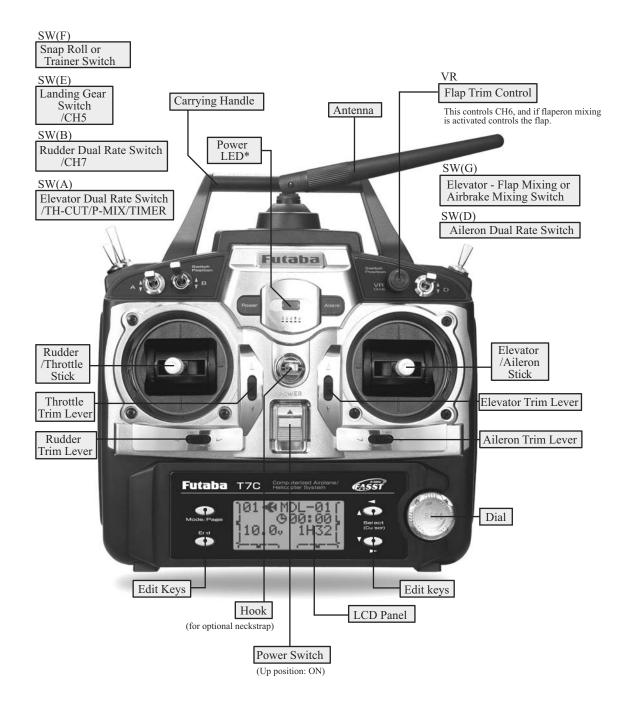
Servo S3004 (Standard, ball-bearing)

Control system: Pulse width control, 1.52 ms neutral Power requirement: 4.8 - 6.0V (from receiver) Output torque: 44.4 oz-in (3.2 kg-cm) at 4.8V Operating speed: 0.23 sec/60 at 4.8V Size: 1.59 x 0.78 x 1.41 (40.4 x 19.8 x 36 mm) Weight: 1.31 oz (37.2 g)

The following additional accessories are available from your dealer. Refer to a Futaba catalog for more information:

- NT8S Transmitter battery pack the (600mAh) transmitter Ni-Cd battery pack may be easily exchanged with a fresh one to provide enough capacity for extended flying sessions.
- Trainer cord the optional training cord may be used to help a beginning pilot learn to fly easily by placing the instructor on a separate transmitter. Note that the 7C transmitter may be connected to another 7C system, as well as to many other models of Futaba transmitters. The 7C transmitter uses the newer rectangular type cord plug. Both new-to-new and new-to-round plug style trainer cords are available.
- FTA8 Neckstrap a neckstrap may be connected to your T7C system to make it easier to handle and improve your flying precision, since your hands won't need to support the transmitter's weight.
- Y-harnesses, servo extensions, etc Genuine Futaba extensions and Y-harnesses, including a heavy-duty version with heavier wire, are available to aid in your larger model and other installations.
- 5-cell (6.0V) receiver battery packs All Futaba airborne equipment (except that which is specifically labeled otherwise) is designed to work with 4.8V (Ni-Cd 4 cells) or 6.0V (Ni-Cd 5 cells or alkaline 4 cells). Using a 6.0V pack increases the current flow to the servos, which accelerates their rate of response and their torque. However, because of this faster current draw, a 5-cell battery pack of the same mAh rating will last approximately ³/₄ the time of a 4-cell pack.
- Gyros a variety of genuine Futaba gyros are available for your aircraft or helicopter needs. See p. 56 for aircraft or p. 73 for helicopter gyro information.

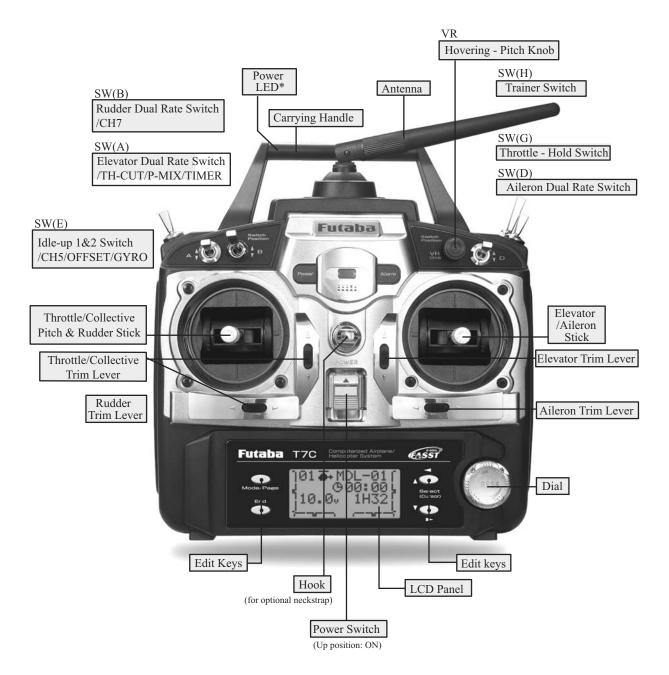
TRANSMITTER CONTROLS - AIRPLANE



This figure shows the default switch assignments for a Mode 2 system as supplied by the factory. You can change many of the switch positions or functions by selecting a new position within the setting menu for the function you wish to move. (Example: move aileron dual rates to switch G to create triple rates. See p. 33 for details.)

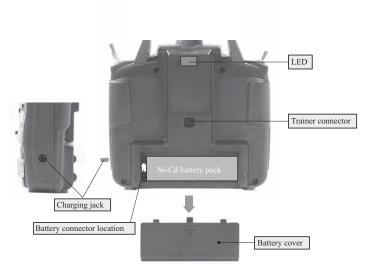
* Power LED blinks to indicate if any mix switches are activated.

TRANSMITTER CONTROLS - HELI



This figure shows the default switch assignments for a Mode 2 system as supplied by the factory. You can change many of the switch positions or functions by selecting a new position within the setting menu for the function you wish to move.

* Power LED blinks to indicate if any mix switches are activated.



LED indication

When the transmitter is powered up, the LEDs on the rear of the transmitter will begin to glow or blink accordingly. The chart below provides you with an easy reference as to the meaning of the LEDs.

Green	Red	Status	
Solid	Solid	Initializing (When Power Up)	
Alternate blink		Check RF condition nearby	
Solid	Off	RF power on	
Solid	Blink	RF power on (Power reduced to perform the range check function.)	

NOTE: If you need to remove or replace the transmitter battery, do not pull on its wires to remove it. Instead, gently pull on the connector's plastic housing where it plugs into the transmitter.

SWITCH ASSIGNMENT TABLE

- The factory default functions activated by the switches and knobs for a Mode 2 transmitter are shown below.
- Most 7C functions may be reassigned to non-default positions quickly and easily.
- Basic control assignments of channels 5 & 7 are quickly adjustable in PARA (see p. 28). For example, the channel 5 servo, which defaults to *Switch E* for retract use, can easily be unassigned (NULL) to allow for easy use as a second rudder servo in a mix, or to a dial for bomb door or other control.
- Note that most functions need to be activated in the programming to operate.
- Mode 1 transmitter functions are similar but reverse certain switch commands. Always check that you have the desired switch assignment for each function during set up.

Switch/Knob A or H Tx.	Airplane (ACRO)	Helicopter (HELI)
Switch A	elevator dual rate	elevator dual rate
Switch B Switch D	rudder dual rate aileron dual rate	rudder dual rate aileron dual rate
Switch E or G*	landing gear/ch 5	throttle hold
Switch F or H*	snap roll/trainer	trainer
Switch G or E*	up = ELE-FLP on down = AIRBRAKE on	idle-up 1 and 2, ch5/OFFSET/GYRO
KNOB VR	flap/ch 6 (flap trim if FLAPERON on)	HOVERING PIT

* On the 7CA (mode 2) transmitters, the Top Left Switches are spring-loaded switch and 2-position switch. On the 7CA (mode 1) and 7CH transmitters, the Top Left Switch is a 3-position with the spring loaded switch on the top right.

RECEIVER AND SERVO CONNECTIONS

Receiver Output and Channel	Aircraft (ACRO)	Helicopter (HEL)
1	ailerons/combined right flap & aileron ¹	aileron (cyclic roll)
2	elevator	elevator (cyclic pitch)
3	throttle	throttle
4	rudder	rudder
5	spare/landing gear/combined left flap and aileron ^{1,2}	spare/gyro
6	spare/ flap(s)/combined left flap and aileron ^{1,2}	pitch (collective pitch)
7	spare/combined left flap and aileron ^{1,2}	spare/governor

Flaperon mode. (See p. 42).

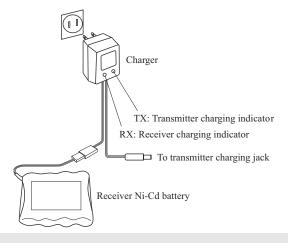
Within flaperon, the second aileron servo can be assigned to channel 5, 6 or 7. (See p. 42)

CHARGING THE Ni-Cd BATTERIES

Charging Your System's Batteries

1. Connect the transmitter charging jack and airborne Ni-Cd batteries to the transmitter and receiver connectors of the charger.

- 2. Plug the charger into a wall socket.
- 3. Check that the charger LED lights.



The initial charge, and any charge after a complete discharge, should be at least 18 hours to ensure full charge. The batteries should be left on charge for about 15 hours when recharging the standard NR-4J, NR-4RB and NT8S600B Ni-Cd batteries.

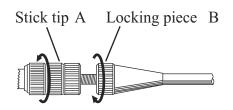
We recommend charging the batteries with the charger supplied with your system. Note that the use of a fast charger may damage the batteries by overheating and dramatically reduce their lifetime.

You should fully discharge your system's Ni-Cd batteries periodically to prevent a condition called memory. For example, if you only make two flights each session, or you regularly use only a small amount of the batteries' capacity, the memory effect can reduce the actual capacity even if the battery is fully charged. You can cycle your batteries with a commercial cycling unit*, or by leaving the system on and exercising the servos by moving the transmitter sticks until the transmitter shuts itself off. Cycling should be done every four to eight weeks, even during the winter or periods of long storage. Keep track of the batteries' capacity during cycling; if there is a noticeable change, you may need to replace the batteries.

*Note that your 7C transmitter system is protected from accidental reverse polarity, power surges and other electrical damage by a diode. The transmitter battery must be removed from the system to cycle. The battery easily unplugs from the battery compartment and has a standard J-plug for easy cycling.

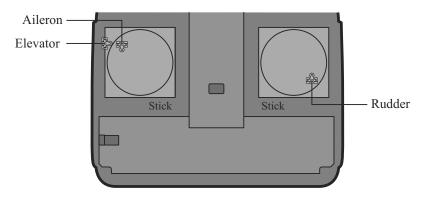
DO NOT attempt to charge your 8-cell transmitter pack on the 4-cell receiver plug of the wall charger!

Adjusting the length of the non-slip control sticks



Stick lever tension adjustment

You may change the length of the control sticks to make your transmitter more comfortable to hold and operate. To lengthen or shorten your transmitter's sticks, first unlock the stick tip by holding locking piece B and turning stick tip A counterclockwise. Next, move both pieces up or down (to lengthen or shorten). When the length feels comfortable, lock the position by turning locking piece B counterclockwise, while holding piece A.



Mode 2 transmitter with rear cover removed.

You may adjust the tension of your sticks to provide the feel that you prefer for flying. To adjust your springs, you'll have to remove the rear case of the transmitter. First, remove the battery cover on the rear of the transmitter. Next, unplug the battery wire and remove the battery from the transmitter.

Next, using a screwdriver, remove the four screws that hold the transmitter's rear cover in position, and put them in a safe place. Gently ease off the transmitter's rear cover.

Now you'll see the view shown in the figure above.

Using a small Phillips screwdriver, rotate the adjusting screw for each stick for the desired spring tension. The tension increases when the adjusting screw is turned clockwise.

When you are satisfied with the spring tensions, reattach the transmitter's rear cover. Check that the upper printed circuit board is on its locating pins.

When the cover is properly in place, reinstall and tighten the four screws. Reinstall the battery cover.

Adjusting Display Contrast

To adjust the display contrast, from the home menu press and hold the End button.

Turn the dial while still holding End button:

clockwise to brighten counterclockwise to darken the display Let go off the dial and the button.

Changing Modes:

Hold down the **Mode** and **End** buttons while turning on the transmitter. The screen reads "STK-MD". Change this to the correct mode. Note that this will NOT change the throttle and elevator rachets, etc. Those are mechanical changes that must be done by a service center.

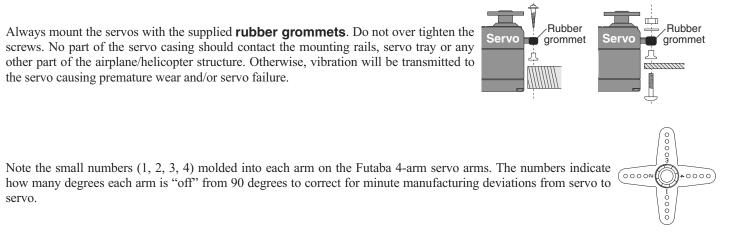
RADIO INSTALLATION

Follow these guidelines to properly mount the servos, receiver and battery.

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servo.

- Make certain the **alignment tab** on the battery, switch and servo connectors is oriented correctly and "keys" into the corresponding • notch in the receiver or connectors before plugging them in. When unplugging connectors, never pull on the wires. Always pull on the plastic connector instead.
- If any servo wires are not long enough to reach the receiver, servo extension wires (available separately) may be used.



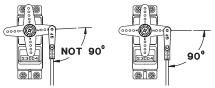
- To center the servos, connect them to the receiver and turn on the transmitter and receiver. Center the trims on the transmitter, then find the arm that will be perpendicular to the pushrod when placed on the servo.
- After the servos are installed, operate each servo over its full travel and check that the pushrods and servo arms do not bind or contact • each other. Also make sure the controls do not require excess force to operate. If there is an objectionable buzzing sound coming from a servo, there is probably too much resistance in the control. Find and correct the problem. Even if there is no servo damage, excess battery drain will result.
- Use the **mounting plate** from the receiver on/off switch as a template for the cutout and screw holes. Mount the switch on the side of . the fuselage opposite the engine exhaust, and where it won't be inadvertently turned on or off during handling or storage. Be certain the switch moves without restriction and "snaps" from ON to OFF, and that the cutout allows **full motion** of the switch in **both** directions.
- When you install the switch harness to the helicopter, please use the switch cover. Generally sandwich the frame by switch and switch cover and securely tighten the screws. Different models might require different installations. In that case, please follow the model instruction manual.
- To prevent the servo lead wires from being broken by vibration during flight, . provide a margin so that the wire sticks out slightly and fasten it at suitable points. In addition, periodically check the wire during daily maintenance.



Fasten about 5-10cm from the servo outlet so that the lead wire is neat.

Margin in the lead wire.

THE TRIMS ON THE RADIO SHOULD BE CENTERED.



• **IMPORTANT**: Since the 2.4GHz have different characteristics than that of the conventional 27MHz and 72MHz frequencies, please read this section carefully to enjoy safe flight with the 2.4GHz system.

Receiver's Antenna Installation:

- The R617FS has two antennas. These antennas have a diversity function to decrease the chance of a receiving error.
- Since the wavelength of the 2.4GHz is much shorter than that of the conventional frequencies 27MHz and 72MHz, it is very susceptible to loss of signal which results in a receiving error. In order to avoid this phenomenon, the R617FS adopted a diversity antenna system.
- To obtain the best results of the diversity function, please refer to the following instructions;

1. The two antennas must be kept as straight as possible. Otherwise it will reduce the effective range.

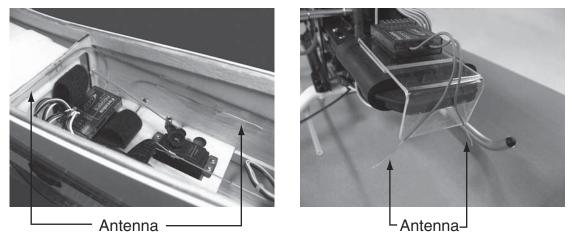
2. The two antennas should be placed at 90 degrees to each other.

This is not a critical figure, but the most important thing is to keep the antennas away from each other as much as possible.

Larger models can have large metal objects that can attenuate the RF signal.In this case the antennas should be placed at both sides of the model. Then the best RF signal condition is obtained at any flying attitude.

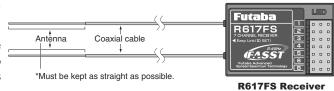
3. The antennas must be kept away from conductive materials, such as metal and carbon by at least a half inch. The coaxial part of the antennas does not need to follow these guidelines, but do not bend it in a small radius.

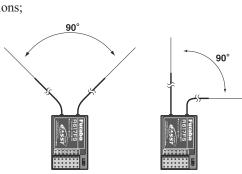
4. Keep the antennas away from the motor, ESC, and other noise sources as much as possible.



*The two antennas should be placed at 90 degrees to each other.

- *The main purpose of the photo demonstrates how the antenna should be placed.
- For actual installation the receiver must be wrapped with a sponge or placed with floating material to protect it from vibration.
- The receiver contains precision electronic parts. It is the most delicate radio component on-board the model and should be protected from vibration, shock and temperature extremes. To protect the receiver, wrap it in R/C foam rubber or other vibration-absorbing material. If appropriate, waterproof the receiver by placing it in a plastic bag and closing the open end with a rubber band before wrapping it in foam. If moisture enters the receiver, intermittent operation or a failure may result. Wrapping the receiver in a plastic bag also protects it from fuel and exhaust residue which, in some models, can work its way into the fuselage.





Transmitter Antenna

- 1. The transmitter antenna is adjustable so please make sure that the antenna is never pointed directly at the model when flying as this creates a weak signal for the receiver.
- 2. Keep the antenna perpendicular to the transmitter's face to create a better RF condition for the receiver. Of course this depends on how you hold the transmitter, but in most cases, adjusting the transmitter antenna so that it is perpendicular to the face will give the best results. Please adjust the transmitter antenna to the way you hold the transmitter.
- 3. **NEVER** grip the antenna when flying as this degrades RF quality.

Range Check the Radio

A range check **must** be performed before the **first** flight of a new model. It is not necessary to do a range check before every flight (but is not a bad idea to perform a range check before the first flight of each day). A range check is the final opportunity to reveal any radio malfunctions, and to be certain the system has adequate operational range.

- 1. We have installed a special "Power Down Mode" for doing a ground range check. To activate the "Power Down Mode" please hold down the **Dial** and then turn the transmitter switch on. During this mode, the RF power is reduced so the range test can be performed. When this mode is active the red LED on the back of the transmitter starts blinking and the green LED is solid. In addition, when the mode is activated the transmitter gives users a warning with a beep sound every 3 seconds, and visual indication.
- 2. Walk away from the model while simultaneously operating the controls. Have an assistant stand by the model and signal what the controls are doing to confirm that they operate correctly. You should be able to walk approximately 30 - 50 paces from the model without losing control.
- 3. If everything operates correctly, return to the model. Set the transmitter in a safe, yet accessible location so it will be within reach after starting the engine. Be certain the throttle stick is all the way **down**, then start the engine. Perform another range check with your assistant holding the plane and the engine running at various speeds. If the servos jitter or move inadvertently, there may be a problem. **Do not fly** the plane! Look for loose servo connections or binding pushrods. Also be certain that the battery has been fully charged.
- 4. The "Power Down Mode" continues for 90 seconds and after that the power will go back to the normal level.

To exit the "Power Down Mode" before the 90 seconds, press the **Dial** again. This mode is available 1 time only so if you need to re-use this function the transmitter power must be cycled.

5. **NEVER** start flying when the "Power Down Mode" is active.

Link Procedure

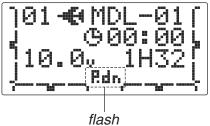
Each transmitter has an individually assigned, unique ID code. In order to start operation, the receiver must be linked with the ID code of the transmitter with which it is being paired. Once the link is made, the ID code is stored in the receiver and no further linking is necessary unless the receiver is to be used with another transmitter. When you purchase another R617FS, this procedure is necessary; otherwise the receiver will not work.

1. Place the transmitter and the receiver close to each other within one (1) meter

- 2. Turn on the transmitter.
- 3. Check the LED that is placed on the back side of the transmitter to see if the RF signal is active. When the green LED is ON solid, the RF signal is being sent.
- 4. Turn on the receiver.
- 5. Press down the "Easy Link(ID SET)" switch for more than one second, and release the switch. The receiver starts the linking operation.
- 6. When the linking is complete, the LED in the receiver will change to solid green. Please confirm that the servos will now operate by your transmitter. Please refer to the table below for the LED status of the receiver's condition.

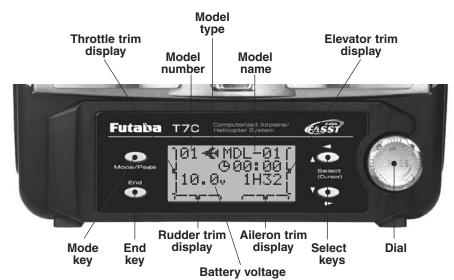
No signal reception	Red : On
Receiving signals	Green: On
Receiving signals, but ID is unmatched.	Green: Blink
Unrecoverable failure (EEPROM, etc.)	Red and Green turn on alternately.





TRANSMITTER DISPLAYS & BUTTONS

When you first turn on your transmitter, a confirmation double beep sounds, and the screen shown below appears. Before flying, or even starting the engine, **<u>be sure</u>** that the model type and name appearing on the display matches the model that you are about to fly! If you are in the wrong model memory, servos may be reversed, and travels and trims will be wrong, leading to an immediate crash.



Edit buttons and Start-up Screen (appears when system is first turned on):

Mode/PAGE BUTTON: (key)

Press and hold *Mode Button* for one second to open programming menus. Press *Mode Button* to switch between **BASIC** and **ADVANCE** menus. **HELI** only: Press *Mode Button* to scroll between conditions in certain functions.

END BUTTON: (key)

Press END BUTTON to return to previous screen. Closes functions back to menus, closes menus to start-up screen.

Select/Cursor Buttons: (key)

URSOR Press SELECT/CURSOR BUTTON to scroll through and select the option to edit within a function.

INFORM Press **SELECT/CURSOR BUTTON** to page up/page down within **BASIC** or **ADVANCE** menu.

Turn Dial:

Turn *DIAL* clockwise or counterclockwise to quickly scroll through functions within each menu.

Turn **DIAL** clockwise or counterclockwise to scroll through choices within an option of a function (for example, to select which switch controls dual/triple rates).

Press Dial:

Press **DIAL** to select the actual function you wish to edit from the menu.

Press **D***IAL* and hold one second to confirm major decisions, such as the decision to: select a different model from memory, copy one model memory over another, trim reset, store channel position in FailSafe, change model type, reset entire model. System will ask if you are sure. The Press **D***IAL* again to accept change.

WARNING & ERROR DISPLAYS

An alarm or error indication may appear on the display of your transmitter for several reasons, including when the transmitter power switch is turned on, when the battery voltage is low, and several others. Each display has a unique sound associated with it, as described below.

LOW BATTERY ERROR: Warning sound: Continuous beep until transmitter is powered off. The **LOW BATTERY** warning is displayed when the transmitter battery voltage drops below 8.5V.



Land your model as soon as possible before loss of control due to a dead battery.

MIXER ALERT WARNING: Warning sound: 5 Beeps (repeated until problem resolved or overridden)



The **MIXER ALERT** warning is displayed to alert you whenever you turn on the transmitter with any of the mixing switches active. This warning will disappear when the offending switch or control is deactivated. Switches for which warnings will be issued at power-up are listed below:

ACRO: Throttle cut, snap roll, airbrake HELI: Throttle hold, idle-up

If turning a switch OFF does not stop the mixing warning: When the warning does not stop even when the mixing switch indicated by the warning display on the screen is turned off, the functions described previously probably use the same switch and the OFF direction setting is reversed. In short, one of the mixings described above is not in the OFF state. In this case, reset the warning display by pressing both **SELECT BUTTONS** simultaneously. Then change one of the switch settings of the mixings duplicated at one switch.

BACKUP ERROR: Warning sound: 4 beeps (repeated continuously)

The **BACKUP ERROR** warning occurs when the transmitter memory is lost for any reason. If this occurs, all of the data will be reset when the power is turned on again.

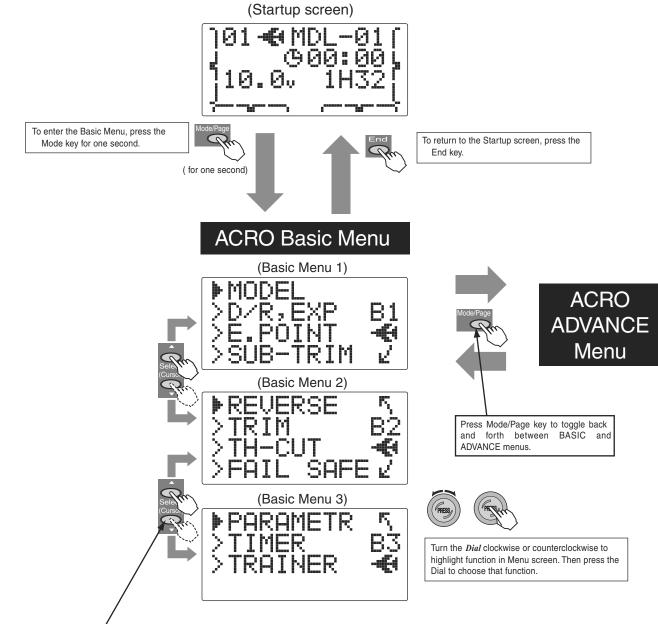
BACK-UP_ERR!

<u>Do not fly</u> when this message is displayed - all programming has been erased and is not available. Return your transmitter to Futaba for service.

AIRCRAFT (ACRO) MENU FUNCTIONS

Please note that all **BASIC** menu functions are the same for airplanes (**ACRO**) and helicopters (**H-1/H-2/HR3/HN3/H-3/HE3**); the helicopter **BASIC** menu includes additional features (swashplate adjustment and throttle/pitch curves and revo for Normal flight mode) that are discussed in the Helicopter section.

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Press Select/Cursor keys to page up and down through the 3 pages of screens in each menu.

- Mode/Page Select
 End Selection
 ↓ Cursor Down
 ↓ Cursor Up
 ↓ Dial Left
 ↓ Dial Right
- Dial Right or Left
 Press Button
 Switch Up
 Switch at Center
 Switch Down
- 🚯 Stick Up
- G Stick Right
- Stick Down
- Stick Left
- 🚯 Turn Knob Right
- **(b)** Turn Knob Left

A QUICK GUIDE: GETTING STARTED WITH A BASIC 4-CHANNEL AIRCRAFT

This guide is intended to help you get acquainted with the radio, to give you a jump start on using your new radio, and to give you some ideas and direction in how to do even more than you may have already considered. It follows our basic format of all programming pages: a big picture overview of what we accomplish; a "by name" description of what we're doing to help acquaint you with the radio; then a step-by-step instruction to leave out the mystery when setting up your model.

For additional details on each function, see that function's section in this manual. The page numbers are indicated in the goals column as a convenience to you.

See p.22 for a legend of symbols used.

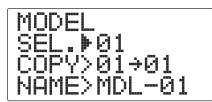
GOALS of EXAMPLE	STEPS	INPUTS for EXAMPLE
Prepare your aircraft.	Install all servos, switches, receivers per your model's instructions. Turn on transmitter then receiver; adjust all linkages so surfaces are nearly centered. Mechanically adjust all linkages as close as possible to proper control throws. Check servo direction. Make notes now of what you will need to change during programming.	
Name the model. P. 27. [Note that you do not need to do anything to "save" or store this data. Only critical changes such as a MODEL RESET require additional keystrokes to accept the change.]	Open the BASIC menu, then open the MODEL submenu.	Turn on the transmitter. Imode for 1 second. (If ADVANCE, MODE again.) Imode as needed to highlight MODEL. Imode to choose MODEL.
	Go to MODEL NAME.	(First character of model's name is flashed.)
	Input aircraft's name. Close the MODEL submenu.	 to change first character. When proper character is displayed, to move to next character. Repeat as needed. to return to BASIC menu.
Reverse servos as needed for proper control operation. P. 30.	In the BASIC menu, open (servo) REVERSE .	(C), 4 steps to REVERSE .
1. 50.	Choose desired servo and reverse its direction of travel. (Ex: reversing rudder servo.)	CURSOR CURSOR CURSOR CURSOR TO CH4: RUDD.
Adjust Travels as needed to match model's recommended throws (usually	From BASIC menu, choose END POINT .	2 steps to END POINT.
listed as high rates). P. 31.	Adjust the servo's end points. (Ex: throttle servo) Close the function.	 to THROTTLE. THROTTLE STICK. until carb barrel closes as desired. THROTTLE STICK. until throttle arm just opens carb fully at full THROTTLE STICK.

With digital trims you don't shut the engine off with THROTTLE TRIM. Let's set up throttle cut (THR-CUT) now.

GOALS of EXAMPLE	STEPS	INPUTS for EXAMPLE
THR-CUT shuts the engine off completely with the flip of a switch. P. 32.	From the BASIC menu, choose THR-CUT .	to THR-CUT.
	Activate, assign <i>SwitcH</i> and adjust. Close the function.	 to OFF. The to SW. to desired switch and position. (default: A and down position) to RATE. A to down position. <i>THROTTLE STICK.</i> until throttle barrel closes completely. ED
Set up dual/triple rates and exponential (D/R,EXP). P. 33. (<i>Note that in the middle of</i>	From the BASIC menu, choose D/R,EXP .	to D/R,EXP. to choose D/R,EXP.
(Note that in the made of the screen is the name of the channel AND the switch position you are adjusting. Two or even THREE rates may be set per channel by simply choosing the desired switch and programming percentages with the switch in each of its 2 or 3 positions.)	Choose the desired control, and set the first (Ex: high) rate throws and exponential.	$ \begin{array}{c} & & A \text{ to up position.} \\ \hline \bullet & A \text{ to up position.} \\ \hline \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \hline \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \hline \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet &$
	Set the second (<i>low</i>) rate throws and exponential.	$\begin{array}{c} \textcircled{P} \bullet & A \text{ to down position.} \\ & \textcircled{CUTRSOR} & \text{to } \mathbf{D/R} \text{ .} \\ & \text{Repeat steps above to set low rate.} \end{array}$
	Optional: change dual rate switch assignment. Ex: elevator to switch G (7CA) or E (7CH) with 3 positions.	to SW. (3) to G or E. \bigcirc G or E to center position. Repeat steps above to set 3rd rate. (NO) (NO)
Where next?	(Other functions you may wish to set up for your model.) TRAINER p. 37. Multiple wing and/or tail servos: see wing types and tail types, p. 41, 44. Elevator-to-flap, flap-to-elevator, and other programmable mixes p. 48.	
	Retractable Gear, Flaps on a Switch, Smoke systems, kill switches, auxiliary channel (ch5 and ch7) setups. p. 30.	

A LOOK AT THE RADIO'S FUNCTIONS STEP BY STEP

MODEL *submenu*: includes three functions that manage model memory: **MODEL SELECT**, **MODEL COPY** and **MODEL NAME**. Since these functions are all related, and are all *basic* features used with most models, they are together in the **MODEL** submenu of the **BASIC** menu.



MODEL SELECT: This function selects which of the 10 model memories in the transmitter to set up or fly.

(Each model memory may be of a different model type from the other memories.)

GOAL:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
Select Model #3.	Open BASIC menu, then open MODEL submenu.	MODE for 1 second. (If ADVANCE, MODE again.)
<i>NOTE: This is one of several functions</i>		if required to MODEL .
for which the radio requires confirmation to make a change.	Choose Model #3.	(3), to 3 .
confirmation to make a change.	Confirm your change.	From for 1 second.
		sure? displays.
	Close.	END END
Where next?	NAME the model: see p. 27. Change MODELTYPE (aircraft, heli): see p. 28. Utilize servo REVERSE: see p. 30. Adjust END POINTs: see p. 31. Set up TH-CUT for throttle management: see p. 32.	

MODEL COPY: copies the current model data into another model memory in the transmitter. The number of the model memory you are copying from and *into is displayed*.



- Notes:
- Any data in the model copied <u>to</u> will be written over and lost, including name and type. It *cannot* be recovered.

Examples:

- Start a new model that is similar to one you have already programmed.
- Copy the current model data into another model memory as a backup or before experimenting with new settings.
- Edit a copy of your model's data to fly the model in different conditions (i.e. Helicopter using heavier weight blades; airplane model at extreme altitudes).

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
Copy model 3 into model 5. NOTE: This is one of several	Open the BASIC menu, then open MODEL submenu.	MODE for 1 second. (If advance, MODE again.)
functions for which the radio requires confirmation to make a change.	Confirm you are currently using the proper model memory. (Ex: 3)	If SELECT does not indicate 3, use MODEL SELECT , p. 25.
	Go to MODEL COPY and choose the model to copy <i>into</i> . (Ex: 5)	CURSOR (C), to 5.
	Confirm your change.	for 1 second.
		sure? displays. 🕬 *
	Close.	END END
Where next?	SELECT the copy you just made: see p. 25. Rename it (it is currently named <i>exactly</i> the same as the model copied): see p. 27.	

*Radio shows progress on screen as the model memory is being copied. Note that if the power switch is turned off prior to completion, the data will not be copied.

MODEL NAME: assigns a name to the current model memory. By giving each model a name that is immediately recognizable, you can easily comfirm the correct model, and minimize the chance of flying the wrong model memory which could lead to a crash.



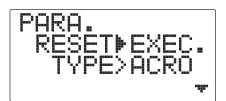
Adjustability and values:

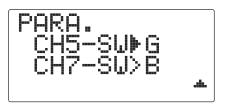
- Up to 6 characters long.
- Each character may be a letter, number, blank, or a symbol.
- The default names assigned by the factory are in MDL-xx format (MDL-01 for first model memory, etc.)

NOTE: When you **COPY** one model memory over another, **everything** is copied, including the model's name. Similarly, if you change **MODEL TYPE** or do a **MODEL RESET**, the entire memory is reset, including MODEL NAME. So the first thing you will want to do after you **COPY** a model, change its type, or start from scratch, is rename the new copy to avoid confusion.

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
Name model 3 "CAP-01" (where the underline represents a blank	Open MODEL submenu.	MODE for 1 second. (If advance, mode again.)
space.)		to MODEL - REST
	Confirm you are currently using the proper model memory. (Ex: 3)	If SELECT does not indicate 3, perform MODEL SELECT , p. 25.
	Go to NAME and change the first character. (Ex: M to C)	CURSOR CURSOR CO C.
	Choose the next character to change.	CURSOR
	Repeat the prior steps to complete naming the model.	 to A Repeat.
	Close.	END END
Where next?	Change the MODEL TYPE to helicopter: see p. 28. Utilize servo REVERSE : see p. 30. Adjust servo travel with END POINT : see p. 31. Set up dual/triple rates and exponential (D/R,EXP): see p. 33.	

PARAMETER submenu: sets those parameters you would likely set once, and then not disturb again.





Once you have selected the correct model you wish to work with, the next step is setting up the proper parameters for this specific model:

- What is the model's type?
- Assign the desired SW to CH5 and CH7.

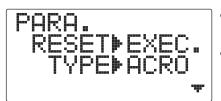
First it is important to clear out any old settings in the memory from prior use, using the **MODEL RESET**. **MODEL RESET:** completely resets all data in *the individual model you have currently selected*. Don't worry - there is no way you can accidentally delete all models in your radio with this function. Only a service center can completely reset your radio's entire memory at once. To delete each model in your radio's memory (for example when selling), you must **SELECT** each model, reset that memory, then go **SELECT** the next memory, etc.

Note that when you **COPY** one model memory into another or change the model's type, you need not delete all existing data first by using this function. **COPY** completely overwrites anything in the existing model memory, including **MODEL NAME**. The **MODEL TYPE** function overwrites all data except name.

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
Reset model memory 1.	Confirm you are currently using the	On home screen, check model name and
	proper model memory. (Ex: 1)	number on top left and right. If it is not
NOTE: This is one of several functions for which the radio requires confirmation to make a change.	Open PARAMETER submenu.	correct, use MODEL SELECT , p. 25.
	Reset the Memory.	For one second.
	Confirm the change.	sure? displays. 🕬 *
	Close.	END END
Where next?	Now that the memory is reset, name has returned to the default (Ex: MDL-01). NAME the model: p. 27. COPY a different model into this memory: p. 25. SELECT a different model to edit or delete: p. 25. Change the MODEL TYPE to helicopter: see p. 28. Utilize servo REVERSE: see p. 30. Adjust servo travel with END POINT: see p. 31. Set up dual/triple rates and exponential (D/R,EXP): see p. 33.	

*Radio shows progress on screen as the model memory is being reset. Note that if the power switch is turned off prior to completion, the data will not be reset.

MODEL TYPE: sets the type of programming used for this model. The 7C has 10 model memories, which can each support:



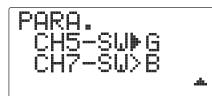
One powered aircraft (ACRO) memory type (with multiple wing and tail configurations. See FLAPERON, ELEVON and V-TAIL for further information.);
Six helicopter swashplate types, including CCPM. See Helicopter MODEL TYPE for details, p. 61.

Before doing anything else to set up your aircraft, first you must decide which **MODEL TYPE** best fits this particular aircraft. (Each model memory may be set to a different model type.) If your transmitter is a 7CA, the default is **ACRO**. If it is a 7CH, the default is **H-1**.

If you are using a heli **MODEL TYPE**, please go to that chapter now to select the proper model type and support your model setup. Note that changing **MODEL TYPE** resets all data for the model memory, including its name.

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
Select the proper MODEL TYPE for your		Turn on the transmitter.
model. Ex: ACRO.	PARAMETER submenu.	MODE for 1 second. (If Advance, MODE again.)
		URSOR then () to highlight PARAMETER .
[NOTE: This is one of several functions		to choose PARAMETER .
that requires confirmation to make a		
change. Only critical changes require additional keystrokes to accept	Go to MODEL TYPE.	to TYPE .
the change.]	Select proper MODEL TYPE.	(3) to ACRO. The for 1 second.
	Ex: ACRO.	sure? displays. 🕬 to confirm.
	Confirm the change. Close PARAMETER.	END to return to BASIC menu.

Auxiliary channel function (CH5 and CH7): defines the relationship between the transmitter controls and the receiver output for channels 5 and 7.



Adjustability:

- Channels 5 and 7 may be assigned to any *Switch* (*A-H*) or none (null). (for example, moving flaps to a switch)
- Multiple channels may be assigned to the same switch.
- Channels set to 'NULL' are only controlled by mixes.

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
Change channel 5 to switch D.	Open BASIC menu then PARAMETER submenu.	MODE for 1 second. (If advance, MODE again.)
	Go to channel 5 switch assignment.	CURSOR CURSOR to CH5-SW.
	Change to D .	to D .
	Close.	END END

(1) Remember that if you assign primary control of a channel to a switch which you later use for other functions (like dual/triple rates or airbrakes), every time you use that other function you will also be moving the auxiliary channel.

Servo reversing (**REVERSE**): changes the direction an *individual* servo responds to a *Control Stick* motion. For CCPM helicopters, be sure to read the section on **SWASH AFR** (p. 63) before reversing any servos.



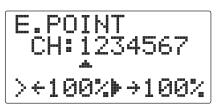
Except with CCPM helicopters, always complete your servo reversing <u>prior</u> to any other programming. If you use pre-built **ACRO** functions that control multiple servos, such as **FLAPERON** or **V-TAIL**, it may be confusing to tell whether the *servo* needs to be reversed or a setting in the *function* needs to be reversed. See the instructions for each specialized function for further details.

Always check servo direction prior to <u>every</u> flight as an additional precaution to confirm proper model memory, hook ups, and radio function.

NOTE: **THR-REV** is a special function that reverses the entire throttle control, including moving the trim functionality to the <u>Stick's</u> upper half. To use **THR-REV**, turn off the transmitter, hold down the **Mode** and **END** keys, turn on. **CURSOR DOWN** to **THR-REV** and turn the **DIAL** to **REV**. Turn the transmitter off and back on. This change affects all models in the radio.

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
Reverse the direction of the elevator	Open REVERSE function.	MODE for 1 second. (If Advance, Mode again.)
servo.		() to REVERSE.
	Choose proper channel and set direction. (Ex: ELE REV)	CURSOR CURSOR to ELE.
	direction. (Ex. ELE NEV)	to REV .
	Close.	END END
Where next?	Adjust servo travel with END POINT: se	ee p. 31.
	Set up dual/triple rates and exponential (D/R,EXP): see p. 33. Set up flight timers: see p. 36.	
	Set up trainer functions: see p. 37.	

End Point of servo travel adjustment (E.POINT, also called EPA): The most flexible version of travel adjustment available. It independently adjusts each end of each individual servo's travel, rather than one setting for the servo that affects both directions. Again, for CCPM helicopters, be sure to see SWASH AFR (see p. 63) prior to adjusting end points.



Adjustability:

- Can set each direction independently.
- Ranges from 0% (no servo movement at all) to 140%. At a 100% setting, the throw of the servo is approximately 40° for channels 1-4 and approximately 55° for channels 5-8.
- Reducing the percentage settings reduces the total servo throw in that direction.

Examples:

- Adjust the throttle high end to avoid binding at the carburetor, and low end to allow for proper carburetor closure.
- Adjust flap so up travel is only sufficient for straight and level flight trimming, with full down travel.
- END POINT may be adjusted to 0 to keep a servo from moving one direction, such as flaps not intended to also operate as spoilers.
- Retract servos are **not** proportional. Changing **END POINT** will not adjust the servo.

END POINT adjusts only the individual servo. It will have *no* effect on any other servo that is operated in conjunction with this servo via mix or preset programming such as **FLAPERON**, etc. This is so that each individual servo can be carefully fine-tuned to avoid binding and other conflicts. To adjust the total travel of a *function* such as **FLAPERON**, make the adjustments in that function's controls. For CCPM helicopters, adjust the total travel of the *function*, such as collective pitch, in **SWASH AFR**.

Adjust the linkage or the END POINT? It is nearly always best to adjust your linkages to get as close as possible prior to utilizing END POINT. The higher the END POINT setting, the better position accuracy *and* the more servo power available at nearly any position (except if using digital servos). Higher END POINT values also mean longer travel time to reach the desired position, as you are utilizing more of the servo's total travel. (For example, using 50% END POINT would give you only half the steps of servo travel, meaning every click of trim has twice the effect and the servo gets there in half the time).

- End point (and moving the linkage) = torque, accuracy, but transit time to get there.
- End point (instead of adjusting linkages) = travel time, but torque, accuracy.

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
Decrease the flap servo throw in the $\frac{1}{2}$	Open END POINT function.	MODE for 1 second. (If advance, Mode again.)
upward direction to 5% to allow trimming of level flight only and down		() to END POINT. :
travel to 85% to prevent binding.	Choose proper channel and set direction. (Ex: flap up 5%)	CURSOR CURSOR CURSOR CURSOR to flap.
	uncentini. (Ex. hap up 570)	(flap control [default is VR].
		© to 5% .*
		() <i>VR</i> () to 85% .
	Close.	END END
Where next?	Move auxiliary channels 5 or 7 to diffe Set up THR-CUT to cut the engine: see Set up dual/triple rates and exponentia Set up flight timers: see p. 36. Set up trainer functions: see p. 37. Set up twin aileron servos: see p. 42.	p. 32.

*You can reset to the initial values by pressing the **DIAL** for one second.

Engine idle management: **THR-CUT**: Functions which work with the digital *THROTTLE TRIM* to provide a simple, consistent means of engine operation. No more fussing with getting trim in just the right spot for landings!

Throttle cut (TH-CUT) (ACRO/HELI): Provides an easy way to stop the engine by flipping a switch (with *THROTTLE STICK* at idle). The movement is largest at idle and disappears at high throttle to avoid accidental dead sticks. In HELI, there is an additional setting, TH-CUT See p. 66.

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GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
Decrease the throttle setting (at idle) to	Open BASIC menu, then open	MODE for 1 second. (If ADVANCE, MODE again.)
stop the engine with the flip of a switch.	THR-CUT function.	() to THR-CUT.
(default: SWITCH A in the down	Activate the function. Choose desired	CURSOR to ON(OFF).
position)	switch, and the position which activates the function.	CURSOR CURSOR to SW. (3) to select the desired switch and position.
	With <i>THROTTLE STICK</i> at idle, adjust the	$\mathbf{P} \bullet \mathbf{A}$ to down position.
	rate until the engine consistently shuts off but throttle linkage is not binding.*	THROTTLE STICK.
		CURSOR URSOR to RATE. (3) until shuts off.
	Close.	END END
Where next?	Set up dual/triple rates and exponentia	1 (D/R,EXP): see p. 33.
	Set up TRAINER functions: see p. 37.	
	Set up twin aileron servos: see p. 42.	

*Normally, a setting of 10-20% is sufficient. Viewing the carburetor barrel until it fully closes is adequate to get an approximate setting; then test with engine running to confirm.

Dual/triple rates and exponential (D/R,EXP): assigns adjusted rates and exponential.

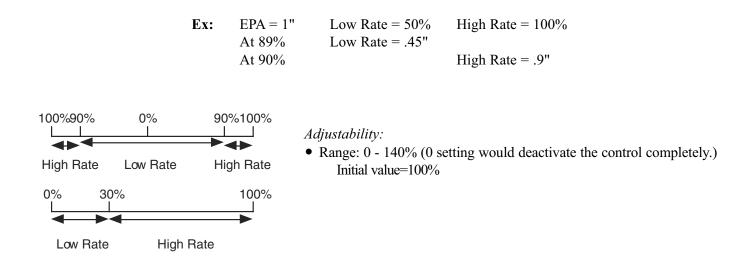


Dual/Triple Rates: Reduce/increase the servo travel by flipping a switch, or (**ACRO**) they can be engaged by any stick position. Dual rates affect the control listed, such as aileron, not just a single (ex: channel 1) servo. For example, adjusting aileron dual rate will affect both aileron servos when using **FLAPERON**, **ELEVON**, and a CCPM helicopter.

Activation:

• Any *Switch*, *A*-*H*. If you choose a 3-position switch, then that dual rate instantly becomes a triple rate (see example).

• Stick position (**ACRO**). (*Ex:* On rudder you normally use only the center 3/4 of the stick movement except for extreme maneuvers such as snaps/spins/stalls. As long as your *RUDDER STICK* does not exceed 90% of maximum throw, the rudder responds at your lower rate, allowing small, gentle corrections. When the stick passes 90% (ie. stall turn), the rudder goes to high rate's 90%, which is a MUCH higher amount of travel than your low rate at 89%.)



Exponential: Changes the response curve of the servos relative to the stick position to make flying more pleasant. You can make the servo movement less or more sensitive around neutral for rudder, aileron, elevator, and throttle (except **HELI** type - use **THROTTLE CURVE** instead).

Why use expo? Many models require a large amount of travel to perform their best tricks. However, without exponential, they are "touchy" around neutral, making them unpleasant to fly and making small corrections very difficult. Additionally, by setting different exponentials for each rate, you can make the effectiveness of small corrections similar in each rate, as in our example below.

The best way to understand exponential is to try it:

- Having made no changes yet in the D/R,EXP screen, move SWITCH D to "down" (toward the AILERON STICK).
- Cursor down to **EXP** and dial to **100%**.
- Move *Switch D* up. Hold the *AILERON STICK* at 1/4 stick and move *Switch D* down.
- Notice how much less travel there is.
- Go to 3/4 stick and repeat. Notice how the travel is much closer, if not identical.

Adjustability:

- More sensitive around neutral. (positive exponential, see example)
- Less sensitive around neutral. (negative exponential, see example)

For **ACRO** throttle, exponential is applied at the low end to help nitro and gasoline engines have a linear throttle response, so that each 1/4 stick increases engine RPM 25% of the available range. (In most engines this ranges from 5-60%.)

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
Set up dual rates and exponential in ACRO mode.	Open D/R,EXP .	MODE for 1 second. (If advance, MODE again.)
		(3), to D/R,EXP . 3005
	Choose channel and switch position.	MODE to desired channel.
	Set rate (Ex: high rate = 95%)	🕼 to 95%.
	Set expo (Ex: expo = -15%)	\bigcup_{CURSOR} (C) to -15%.
	Go to 2 nd switch position and set rate (Ex: low rate 70%)	to different position. $\overbrace{\text{URSOR}}^{\bullet}$ to 70%.
	Set 2^{nd} expo (Ex: expo = -3%)	\bigcup_{CURSOR} \bigotimes to -3%.
	<i>Optional: if using a 3 position switch,</i> set 3^{rd} rate.	
	Close.	END END

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
Set up dual rates and exponential in	Open D/R,EXP .	MODE for 1 second. (If ADVANCE, MODE again.)
HELI mode.		() to D/R,EXP.
Note: In HELI mode the switch does not change the rate being adjusted. Change switch channel and switch	Choose channel and switch position.	to desired channel and switch position.
position with mode button.	Set rate (Ex: high rate = 95%.)	💭 to 95%.
	Set expo (Ex: expo = -15%)	€ CURSOR € to -15%.

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
Set up aileron triple rates on <i>Switch G</i>	Open D/R,EXP function.	MODE for 1 second. (If advance, MODE again.)
with travel settings of 75% (normal), 25% (slow roll) and 140% (extreme		(C), to D/R,EXP (RIG)-
aerobatics) and exponential settings of 0% , +15%, and -40% respectively.	Choose the channel to change (Ex: aileron is already selected)	CURSOR (C) to desired channel.
	Optional: change switch assignment.	CURSOR C to G.
NOTE: This normal rate has no exponential so it has a very linear, normal feel. This slow roll rate has <i>positive</i> exponential (the opposite of what most people normally use),	Confirm switch is in desired position and set rate. (Ex: up = high rate, 75%).	
which makes the servos more responsive around center. This makes the servos feel the same around center in the normal and low rates, but still gives a very slow roll rate at full stick.	Move <i>Switch</i> to 2nd rate position and set this particular rate. (Ex: center = low rate, 25%).	G to center position.
The 3D rate (extreme aerobatics) has a very high distance of travel B nearly twice that of the normal rate.	Optional: if using a 3 position SWITCH , move SWITCH to 3rd position and set this rate (Ex: down = 3D rate, 140%).	G to down position.(∑) to 140%
Therefore, using a very high <i>negative</i> exponential setting softens how the servos respond around center stick. This makes the servos respond similarly around center stick for a more comfortable feel. Many modelers like to set up all 3 triple rates on a single 3-position	Optional: instead of using a switch, you can set high rates to be triggered when the stick moves past a certain point. To test this, set aileron high rate to 25%. Move AILERON STICK to the right and notice the huge jump in travel after the stick moves 90% of its distance.	CURSOR CURSOR (C) to 1. CURSOR CURSOR (C) to 25% You may also change the trigger point by holding the stick at the desired point,
switch, creating a "slow and pretty mode", a "normal mode", and a "wild stunts mode" all with the flip of a single switch. To do so, simply set up		then pressing and holding the DIAL .
rates for all 3 controls and assign all 3 to the same 3-position switch.	Set each rate's EXP . (Ex: 0%, +15%, -40%)	G to up position. $G to up position.$ $G confirm EXP reads 0.$
		$ \begin{array}{c} \textcircled{P} \bullet & G \text{ to down position.} \\ \hline & \textcircled{O} & \texttt{to } 15\% \end{array} $
		G to center position.
		CURSOR
	Repeat above steps for elevator and ru	udder.
	Close.	END END
Where next?	Set up flight timers: see p. 36. Set up TRAINER functions: see p. 37. Adjust the sensitivity of the trims: see Set up twin aileron servos: see p. 42. Set up programmable mixes to meet ye	-

TIMER *submenu* (stopwatch functions): controls an electronic clock used to keep track of allowed time remaining in a competition, flying time on a tank of fuel, amount of time on a battery, etc.



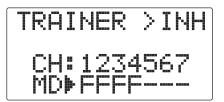


Adjustability:

- Count down timer: starts from the chosen time, displays time remaining. If the time is exceeded, it continues to count below 0.
- Count up timer: starts at 0 and displays the elapsed time up to 99 minutes 59 seconds.
- Independent to each model, and automatically updates with model change.
- In either **TIMER** mode, the timer beeps once each minute. During the last twenty seconds, there's a beep each two seconds. During the last ten seconds, there's a beep each second. A long tone is emitted when the time selected is reached.
- To Reset, choose the desired timer with the SELECT key (while at the startup screen), then press and hold DIAL for 1 second.
- Activation by either direction of *SWITCH A-H*, by *STICK* (1-4). *THROTTLE STICK* is convenient if you are keeping track of fuel remaining, or for an electric, how much battery is left.
- To quickly reset any timer from the home screen, cursor down until the timer blinks. Press dial to reset.

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
Set timer to count down 4-1/2 minutes, being controlled by	Open BASIC menu, then open TIMER function.	MODE for 1 second. (If ADVANCE, MODE again.)
<i>THROTTLE STICK</i> position. This is utilized to keep track of actual Throttle on time to better correlate		to page 3. (CURSOR) to TIMER. $=$ (RES) ²
with fuel/battery usage.	Activate the function.	CURSOR
	Adjust time to 4 min. 30 sec., count down.	to 4. CURSOR (C) to 30. CURSOR
	Assign to <i>THROTTLE STICK</i> and set trigger point (if timer is to trigger BELOW this throttle point, (C) so arrow points down).	to SW.
		THROTTLE STICK to desired position (Ex: 1/4 stick). For 1 second to set.
	Close.	END END
Where next?	Adjust END POINT s after first flight test: see p. 31. Adjust auxiliary channel assignments: see p. 28. Set up TRAINER functions: see p. 37.	

TRAINER: For training novice pilots with optional trainer cord connecting 2 transmitters. The instructor has several levels of controllability.



Adjustability:

- "N": When the *TRAINERSWITCH* is ON, the channel set to this mode can be controlled by the student. The set channel is controlled according to any programming set in the *student's* transmitter.
- "F": When the *TRAINERSWITCH* is ON, the channel set to this mode can be controlled by the student, controlled according to *any mixing* set in the *instructor's* transmitter.
- "-": The channel set to this mode cannot be controlled by the student even when the *TRAINER SWITCH* is ON. The set channel is controlled by the instructor only, even when the *TRAINER SWITCH* is ON.
- SWITCH: controlled by spring-loaded SWITCH F (7CA) or H (7CH) only. Not assignable.
- Compatibility: The 7C may be master or student with any Futaba FM transmitter compatible with the cord. Simply plug the optional trainer cord (For 7C series, sold separately) into the trainer connection on each transmitter, and follow the guidelines below.

Examples:

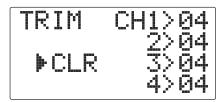
- When throttle/collective are set to "F", 5-channel helicopter practice is possible with a 4-channel transmitter.
- Set up the model in a second transmitter, use "N" mode to quickly and safely check proper operation of all functions, then allow the student radio to fully fly the model.
- Using "N" mode, set lower throws, different exponentials, even different auxiliary channel settings on the student radio (if it has these features).
- To ease the learning curve, elevator and aileron may be set to the "N" or "F" mode, with the other channels set to "-" and controlled by the instructor.

Precautions:

- NEVER turn on the student transmitter power.
- ALWAYS set the student transmitter modulation mode to **PPM**. (If using conventional system.)
- BE SURE that the student and instructor transmitters have identical trim settings and control motions. Verify by switching back and forth while moving the control sticks.
- FULLY extend the instructor's antenna. Collapse the student's antenna. (If using conventional system.)
- Always remove the student transmitter's RF module. (If using conventional system.)
- When the **TRAINER** function is active, the snap roll function is deactivated. Other functions, such as **THR-CUT**, which have been assigned to the same switch, are *not* deactivated. Always double check your function assignments prior to utilizing the **TRAINER** function.
- When you select a different model, the **TRAINER** function is deactivated in the current model for safety reasons.

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:		
Turn on the TRAINER system and set up so student has: fully functional control of aileron to support	Open BASIC menu, then open TRAINER function.	MODE for 1 second. (If ADVANCE, MODE again.)		
FLAPERON;	Activate TRAINER.	CURSOR (C) to OFF.		
normal control of rudder to allow lowered travel; and no throttle channel control (with the instructor for safety).	Choose desired channel(s) and proper training type(s).	\bigcirc past AlL and ELE (default OK). \bigcirc to THR, \bigotimes to "-": OFF. \bigcirc to RUD, \bigotimes to "N": NORM.		
	Close.			
	TEST student radio function fully prior to attempting to fly!			
Where next?	Set up dual/triple rates and exponential (D/R,EXP) on student 7C: see p. 33. Reset trims on student 7C: see p. 38.			

TRIM submenu: Resets and adjusts effectiveness of digital trims.



The 7C has digital trims which are different from conventional mechanical trim sliders. Each *TRIM LEVER* is actually a two-direction switch. Each time the *TRIM LEVER* is pressed, the trim is changed a selected amount. When you hold the *TRIM LEVER*, the trim speed increases. The current trim position is graphically displayed on the start up screen. The **TRIM** submenu includes two functions that are used to manage the trim options.

HELI models only: **OFFSET** is available in the idle ups. If **OFFSET** is inhibited, adjustment of the *TRIM LEVERS* will adjust the trims for all flight conditions. If **OFFSET** is active, then moving the trims within any one condition will affect only that condition. See **OFFSET**, p. 70.

Trim reset (CLR): Electronically centers the trims to their default values. Note that the SUB-TRIM settings and the trim STEP rate are not reset by this command.

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS: INPUTS:		
Reset trims to neutral after having	Open BASIC menu, then open	MODE for 1 second. (If Advance, MODE again.)	
adjusted all linkages.	TRIM submenu.	() to TRIM. INST	
NOTE: This is one of several	Request and confirm the reset.	for 1 second.	
functions for which the radio requires confirmation to make a change.		Beep sounds.	
	Close.	END END	
Where next?	Adjust SUB-TRIMs: see p. 39.		
	Adjust trim rate (STEP): see below. Adjust END POINT s: see p. 31.		
	Set up dual/triple rates and exponential (D/R,EXP): see p. 33.		

Trim step: Changes the rate at which the trim moves when the *TRIM LEVER* is activated. It may be set from 1 to 40 units, depending on the characteristics of the aircraft. Most ordinary aircraft do well at about 2 to 10 units. Generally larger trim steps are for models with large control throws or for first flights to ensure sufficient trim to properly correct the model. Smaller trim steps are later used to allow very fine adjustments in flight.

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
Double the sensitivity (larger step) of	Open TRIM submenu.	MODE for 1 second. (If Advance, MODE again.)
the AILERON TRIM LEVERS for a first flight of an aerobatic model to ensure		(C), to TRIM. : MINE
sufficient range to trim the model for level flight.	Choose the STEP you wish to change. (Ex: aileron)	URSOR to CH1.
	Adjust the size of the step. (Ex: incr. to 8)	$\bigcup_{\text{CURSOR}} \bigotimes \text{to 8.}$
	Repeat as desired for other channels.	CURSOR to ELEV . (3), to new setting.
		Repeat as needed.
	Close.	END END
Where next?	Adjust sub trims: see p. 39. Adjust END POINT s: see p. 31. Set up dual/triple rates and exponential (D/R,EXP): see p. 33.	

SUB-TRIM: Makes small changes or corrections to the neutral position of each servo. Range is -120 to +120, with 0 setting, the default, being no **SUB-TRIM**.

We recommend that you center the digital trims before making **SUB-TRIM** changes, and that you try to keep all of the **SUB-TRIM** values as small as possible. Otherwise, when the **SUB-TRIM**s are large values, the servo's range of travel is restricted on one side.

The recommended procedure is as follows:

- Measure and record the desired surface position;
- Zero out both the trims (TRIM RESET menu) and the SUB-TRIMs (this menu);
- Mount servo arms and linkages so that the control surface's neutral is as correct as possible; and
- $\bullet\,$ Use a small amount of $\ensuremath{\text{SUB-TRIM}}$ to make fine corrections.

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
Adjust the flap servo's SUB-TRIM until its center exactly matches the aileron servo's center, as they will work	Open BASIC menu, then open SUB-TRIM .	MODE for 1 second. (If advance, MODE again.)
together as flaperons.	Choose the channel to adjust, and adjust until surfaces match. (Ex: flap)	$\begin{array}{c} \\ \hline \\ \hline$
	Repeat for other channels.	💮 as needed.
	Close.	END END
Where next?	Adjust trim steps: see p. 38. Adjust END POINT s: see p. 31. Set up dual/triple rates and exponentia	1 (D/R,EXP): see p. 33.

FailSafe (loss of clean signal and low receiver battery) submenu (F/S): Sets responses in case of loss of signal or low Rx battery



FailSafe (F/S): instructs a receiver what to do in the event radio interference is received. *Adjustability:*

- Only channel 3(throttle) may be set.
- The NOR (normal) setting holds the servo in its last commanded position.
- The **F/S** (FailSafe) function moves servo to a predetermined position.
- NOTE: the setting of **F/S** also applies to the Battery **F/S**(see below).

Examples:

- Set the throttle channel so that the engine idles when there is interference (**ACRO**). This may give enough time to fly away from and recover from the radio interference and minimize damage if crashed.
- For helicopters, **NOR** is typically the safest choice.

Updating $\mathbf{F/S}$ *Settings:* If you specify a $\mathbf{F/S}$ setting, the FailSafe data is automatically transmitted always. When you choose the $\mathbf{F/S}$ mode, check that your settings are as desired by turning off the transmitter power switch and verifying that the servos move to the settings that you chose.

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
Change the receiver FailSafe command for channel 3 to a preset position.	Open the BASIC menu, then open F/S function.	MODE for 1 second. (If ADVANCE, MODE again.) (If ADVANCE, MODE again.) ((3) to F/S . 1000
NOTE: This is one of several functions for which the radio requires confirmation to make a change.	Set and <i>confirm</i> fail safe command.	 throttle stick to desired position (idle position: ACRO) to F/S. for 1 second to store.
	Close.	
Where next?	 Wait two minutes and confirm F/S settings as described above. Read below for information on Battery FailSafe. Adjust END POINTs to gain proper F/S responses if needed: see p. 31. Adjust SUB-TRIM to gain proper F/S responses if needed: see p. 39. 	

Battery FailSafe (F/S): A second battery low warning feature (built into the 2.4GHz receiver).

When the *airborne* battery voltage drops below approximately 3.8V, the *receiver*'s battery F/S function moves the throttle to a predetermined position. When the Battery F/S function is activated, your engine will move to idle (if you haven't set a position) or a preset position. You should immediately land. You may temporarily reset the Battery F/S function by moving the *Throttle Stick* to idle. You will have about 30 seconds of throttle control before the battery function reactivates.

Adjustability:

- NOR F/S setting for throttle results in Battery F/S going to the servo position reached by moving *THROTTLE STICK* to the bottom with *TRIM LEVER* centered;
- POSF/S setting for throttle results in Battery F/S also going to the same throttle servo position as the regular F/S.

If using a 6V (5-cell) receiver battery, it is very likely that your battery will be rapidly running out of charge before battery FailSafe takes over. It is *not* a good idea to count on battery Fail Safe to protect your model at any time, but especially when using a 5-cell battery.

ACRO ADVANCE MENU FUNCTIONS:

Aircraft wing types (ACRO):

There are 3 basic wing types in aircraft models:

- Simple. Model uses one aileron servo (or multiple servos on a Y-harness into a single receiver channel) and has a tail. This is the default setup and requires no specialized wing programming.
- Twin Aileron Servos. Model uses 2 aileron servos and has a tail. see Twin Aileron Servos.
- Tail-less model (flying wing). Model uses 2 wing servos working together to create both roll and pitch control. see **ELEVON**.

Twin Aileron Servos (with a tail) (ACRO): Many current generation models use two aileron servos, plugged into two separate receiver channels. (If your model is a flying wing without separate elevators, see ELEVON, p. 44.)

Benefits:

- Ability to adjust each servo's center and end points for perfectly matched travel.
- Redundancy, for example in case of a servo failure or mid-air collision.
- Ease of assembly and more torque per surface by not requiring torque rods for a single servo to drive 2 surfaces.
- Having more up aileron travel than down travel for straighter rolls aileron differential. (see glossary for definition.)
- Using the two ailerons not only as ailerons but also as flaps, in which case they are called flaperons.

Options:

- 5-channel receiver. Set up AIL-2 (see p. 42) in FLAPERON.
- FLAPERON:
 - Uses CH6 for the second servo (see AlL-2 to use CH5 orCH7.)
 - Allows flap action as well as aileron action from the ailerons.
 - Provides FLAP-TRIM function to adjust the neutral point of the flaperons for level flight.
 - Also allows aileron differential in its own programming.

Channel 6 = normal flaperons, 2 servos operate together as flaps;

Channel 5 or 7 = act like aileron differential did in prior radios; channel 6 is still FLAPS, and the 2 ailerons never act together as flaps EXCEPT in the airbrake function.

NOTE: Only one of the two wing-type functions (**FLAPERON** and **ELEVON**) can be used at a time. Both functions cannot be activated simultaneously. To activate a different wing type, the first must be inhibited.

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
De-activate FLAPERON so that ELEVON can be activated.	Open the FLAPERON function.	MODE for 1 second.(If basic, MODE again.) (() to FLAPERON.
	Inhibit the function.	CURSOR (3) to INH.
	Close function.	END END
Where next?	Set up ELEVON (see p. 44).	

Using FLAPERON (ACRO):



The **FLAPERON** mixing function uses one servo on each of the two ailerons, *and* uses them for both aileron and flap function. For flap effect, the ailerons raise/lower simultaneously. Of course, aileron function (moving in opposite directions) is also performed.

Once **FLAPERON** is activated, any time you program CH6 or "Flap" (ie. **FLAP-ELEVATOR** mixing), the radio commands both servos to operate as flaps. A trimming feature is also available (see **FLAP-TRIM**) to adjust both neutral positions together for straight-and-level flight or slight increases/decreases of the flap angle. **END POINT** and **SUB-TRIM** both still adjust each servo individually.

Second aileron servo (AIL-2): The default for the second aileron servo is CH6 and this allows both servos to work as ailerons and flaps. If CH5 or CH7 is selected the flap function only works CH6, and the two aileron servos function only as ailerons except in the air brake (A. BRAKE) function. In the air brake function the flap servo CH6 and the aileron servos CH1 and (CH5 or CH7) work together.

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
Activate twin aileron servos, FLAPERON .	Open the FLAPERON function.	MODE for 1 second. (If basic, MODE again.)
Input 10% more up travel than down		to FLAPERON 🗺 *
travel (aileron differential) within the	Activate the function.	CURSOR
FLAPERON programming.	<i>Optional: adjust the aileron differential.(Ex: +10%)</i>	to +10%.
	<i>Optional: If using a 5 channel receiver, change AIL-2 from CH6 to CH5.</i>	CURSOR (C) to CH5.
	Close menu.	END END
Where next?	Set FLAP-TRIM : see p. 43. Set up AIRBRAKE mix: see p. 52. View additional model setups on the internet: www.futaba-rc.com/faq/faq-7c.html	

*If the **FLAPERON** function does not activate there is a conflicting mix activated such as **ELEVON**.



FLAP-TRIM allows the flap action to be set in a way that it can be adjusted with the **VR** dial. **AIRBRAKE** will also move the flaps to a specified position via movement of a switch. The flaps can also be moved with switch using a programmable mix. See offset as master p.53.

Add FLAP-TRIM to allow the model's ailerons to drop 30% together as flaps	Open FLAP-TRIM.	MODE for 1 second.(If basic, MODE again.)		
from the VR dial.		to FLAP-TRIM. 🕬		
The FLAPERON function must be	The function is automatically activated with	The function is automatically activated with the FLAPERON .		
active with the second servo set to CH6.	Set the dial to desired zero flap side.	🕲 full left.		
	Set the OFS so that the flap will work for the full range of the dial.	CURSOR 		
	Set the dial to desired full flap side.	🚯 full right.		
	Set flap throw (Ex 30%).			
		💮 to 30%.		
	Close menu.	END END		

*If the **FLAP-TRIM** is inhibited the flap control defaults to the **VR** dial. You can use **E.POINT** to set the travel of the flap if you are using one flap servo. If you are using flaperons with **CH1** and **CH6** DO NOT inhibit **FLAP-TRIM**.

There are 4 basic tail types in aircraft models:

- Simple. Model uses one elevator servo and one rudder servo (or multiple servos on a Y-harness). This is the default.
- Dual Elevator servos. Model uses 2 elevator servos, see AILVATOR(ACRO.) see p. 45.
- Tail-less model. Model uses 2 wing servos together to create roll and pitch control. see ELEVON. see p. 44.
- V-TAIL Model uses 2 surfaces, at an angle, together to create yaw and pitch control. see V-TAIL. see p. 46.

<u>Note</u>: Only one of the three tail-type functions (**AILVATOR**, **V-TAIL**, and **ELEVON**) can be used at a time. (See the wing type example on page 41.)

Using **ELEVON**(**ACRO**): Used with delta wings, flying wings, and other tailless aircraft that combine aileron and elevator functions, using two servos, one on each elevon. The aileron/elevator travel can be adjusted independently. This is also popular for ground model use, such as tanks, which drive two motors together for forward, and one motor forward/one backward for turning. Also aileron differential can be adjusted in this programming.



Adjustability:

- Requires use of CH1 and CH2.
- Independently adjustable aileron/elevator travel.
- Adjustable aileron differential.

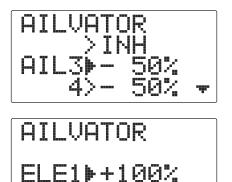
NOTE: If **ELEVON** is active, you cannot activate **FLAPERON** or **AILVATOR**. You must inhibit the last function to activate **ELEVON**.

NOTE: Be sure to move the elevator and aileron sticks to full deflection during setup. If a large amount of travel is specified, when the *AILERON* and *ELEVATOR STICKS* are moved at the same time the controls may bind.

(For details on setting up a complex aerobatic plane, such as "space shuttle" style controls, please visit www.futaba-rc.com\faq\faq-7c.html. Many other setup examples are also available at this location.)

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
Activate ELEVON .	Open the ELEVON function.	MODE for 1 second.(If basic, MODE again.)
Adjust aileron differential to +10%.		to ELEVON. : MISS-
	Activate the function.	CURSOR
	<i>Optional: adjust the aileron</i> <i>differential.</i> <i>(Ex: +10%.)</i>	CURSOR CURSOR CURSOR CONSOR
	<i>Optional: adjust the aileron/elevator travel as desired.</i>	CURSOR (Elevator travel)
Where next?	Close menu.	END END
	Adjust individual servo's SUB-TRIM s: see p. 39 and END POINT s: see p. Set up dual/triple rates and exponential (D/R,EXP) : see p. 33. View additional model setups on the internet: www.futaba-rc.com/faq/fac	

Dual Elevator Servos (with a rudder) (AILEVATOR) (ACRO): Many models use two elevator servos, plugged in separate receiver channels. (Flying wings without a separate aileron control use ELEVON. V-shaped tail models use V-TAIL, p. 51.



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Benefits:

- Ability to adjust each servo's center and end points for perfectly matched travel.
- Ease of assembly, not requiring torque rods for a single servo to drive 2 surfaces.
- Elevators acting also as ailerons for extreme stunt flying or more realistic jet flying (optional).
- Redundancy, for example in case of a servo failure or mid-air collision.

Adjustability:

- Direction of each servo 's travel may be reversed in **REVERSE** or the set percentages may be reversed here.
- Elevator travels independently adjustable (both directions and percent).
- Optional action as ailerons (defaults to 50% response). This response *cannot* be activated/deactivated in flight. Setting AlL3 and 4 to 0 disables this feature. Note: if you want this, but on/off with a switch, set AlL3 and 4 to 0 here, and use 2 mixes AlL-to-ELEV and AlL-to-AUX2(assign a switch) to get aileron action from the elevator servos when the assigned switch is on.

The AILEVATOR mixing function uses one servo on each of the two elevators, *and* combines the elevator function with the aileron function (unless aileron travel is set to 0). For aileron effect, the elevators are raised and lowered opposite of one another in conjunction with the ailerons.

Once **AILEVATOR** is activated, unless you zero out the aileron figures (see below), any time you move your ailerons or any programming moves your ailerons (ie. **RUDDER-AILERON** mixing), the radio automatically commands both elevator servos to also operate as ailerons. To deactivate this action, simply set the 2 aileron travel settings to **0** in the **AILEVATOR** function. This way the elevators will work *only* as elevators.

If using the elevators as ailerons as well, be sure to move the elevator/aileron stick while checking the servo motions. If a large amount of travel is specified, when the sticks are moved at the same time, the controls may bind.)

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
Activate twin elevator servos.	Open the AILEVATOR function.	MODE for 1 second.(If basic, MODE again.)
Deactivate the elevator-acting-as- ailerons portion of this function.		URSOR CON to AILEVATOR
Note: Depending upon your model's	Activate the function.	CURSOR CO
geometry, you may need to reverse one	<i>Optional: adjust up/down travel</i> <i>when operating as ailerons. (Ex:</i> 0 <i>.)</i>	(URSOR (∑), to 0% .
servo or set a negative percentage here.	when operating as allerons. (Ex. 0.)	URSOR (3), to 0% .
	<i>Optional: adjust total elevator travel</i> <i>of each servo. (Ex: right servo</i>	URSOR (C) to 98%.
	elevator travel to 98%, left to 96%.)	CURSOR (C) to 96%.
	Close menu.	END END
Where next?	Adjust individual servo's SUB-TRIM s: see p. 41 and END POINT s: see p. 31.	
	Set up <i>Twin Aileron Servos</i> : see p. 43. Set up AIRBRAKE mix: see p. 52.	



V-TAIL mixing is used with *v-tail* aircraft so that both elevator and rudder functions are combined for the two tail surfaces. The elevator and rudder travel can be adjusted independently.

NOTE: If V-TAIL is active, you cannot activate AILEVATOR or ELEVON functions. See the wing example on page 41.

NOTE: Be sure to move the elevator and rudder sticks regularly while checking the servo motions. If a large amount of travel is specified, when the sticks are moved at the same time, the controls may bind. Decrease the travel until no binding occurs.

Adjustability:

• Independently adjustable elevator/rudder travels.

CH (2/1 CH): This allows you to utilize V-TAIL function with v-tail aircraft so that elevator and aileron are combined. Ex: A v-tail polyhedral wing with no ailerons would use this option. The v-tail will have both pitch and roll on the right stick.

(For details on setting up a complex plane, such as one with a v-tail AND a separate steerable nosewheel, please visit our FAQ at www.futaba-rc.com/faq/faq-7c.html. Many other setup examples are also available at this location.)

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
Activate V-TAIL.	Open the V-TAIL function.	MODE for 1 second.(If basic, MODE again.)
Adjust the elevator/rudder travels		() to V-TAIL R
as desired.	Activate the function.	CURSOR
	optional: adjust the travels separately	CURSOR (Elevator travel)
	as desired.	CURSOR (Rudder travel)
	optional: change the channel from <i>4 to 1. (If needed.)</i>	CURSOR (C) to 2/1CH.
	Close menu.	END END
Where next?	Adjust END POINTs: see p. 31 and SUB-TRIMs: see p. 39. Set up dual/triple rates and exponential (D/R,EXP) : see p. 33. Set up ELEV-FLAP mix: see p. 49. View additional model setups on the internet: www.futaba-rc.com\faq\faq-7c.html.	



This function allows you to execute snap rolls by flipping a switch, providing the same input every time. It also removes the need to change dual rates on the 3 channels prior to performing a snap, as **SNAP-ROLL** always takes the servos to the same position, regardless of dual rates, inputs held during the snap, etc.

Note: Every aircraft snaps differently due to its C.G., control throws, etc.

Some models snap without aileron; others snap on elevator alone. Most models snap most precisely with a combination of all 3 surfaces. Additionally, rate of speed and acceleration when using the snap switch will affect how the model snaps. For information on using gyros with airplanes for cleaner precision maneuvers, such as snaps and spins without over rotation, see p. 56.

Adjustability:

- *Travel*: Adjust the amount and direction of elevator , aileron and rudder travel.
- *Range:* -120 to +120 on all 3 channels. Default is **100%** of range of all 3 channels.
- Directions: (up/right, down/right, up/left, down/left).
- This snap-roll function is fully adjustable regarding travels and direction on each of the 3 channels.

	AIL	ELE	RUD
Right positive(up)	+	+	+
Right negative(down)	+	-	-
Left positive(up)	-	+	-
Left negative(down)	-	-	+

Note: Always deactivate the TRAINER function prior to activating SNAP-ROLL function.

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
Activate SNAP-ROLL Adjust elevator travel to 55% , rudder travel to 120% in	Open the SNAP-ROLL function.	MODE for 1 second.(If basic, $MODE_{again.}$)
the right/up snap.		to SNAP-ROLL.
	Activate the function.	CURSOR (€) to OFF or ON. €
	Adjust the travels as needed. (Ex: elevator to +55% , rudder to +120% .)	€ (CURSOR (C) to +55% .
	elevator to +35%, rudder to +126%.)	. (CURSOR (C), to +120% .
Where next?	Close menu.	END END
	Set up programmable mixes: see p. 53 View additional setups on the internet:	

MIXES: the backbone of nearly every function

Mixes are special programs within the radio that command one or more channels to act together with input from only one source, such as a stick, switch or knob.

There are a variety of types of mixes.

Types:

- *Linear*: Most mixes are linear. A 100% linear mix tells the slave servo to do exactly what the master servo is doing, using 100% of the slave channel's range to do so. An example is **FLAPERON**. When aileron stick is moved, the flap servo is told to move exactly the same amount. A 50% linear mix would tell the slave servo, for example, to move to 50% of its range when the master's control is moved 100%.
- *Offset*: An **OFFSET** mix is a special type of linear mix. When the mix is turned on (usually a flip of a switch), the slave servo is moved a set percent of its range. An example of this is **AIRBRAKE** --- moving flaps, flaperons, and elevator all to a set position at the flip of a switch. (see p. 52.)

Essentially every feature in the radio's programming is really a mix, with all assignments/programming set up and ready to use. Additionally, the7C **ACRO** and **HELI** programs provide 3 linear fully-programmable mixes that allow you to set up special mixes to resolve flight difficulties, activate additional functions, etc.

Let's look quickly at a few examples that are features we've already covered. This may help to clarify the mix types and the importance of mixes.

Additional examples:

- Exponential is a preprogrammed curve mix that makes the servos' response more (+) or less (-) sensitive around center stick (works in conjunction with dual rate, a linear mix that adjusts the total range). see D/R,EXP, p. 33.
- **THR-CUT** is an **OFFSET** pre-programmed mix. This tells the throttle servo, when below a certain point, to move toward idle an additional set percentage to help close the carburetor. See p. 32.
- ELEV-TO-FLAP mixing is a pre-programmed linear mix to move the flaps proportionally to elevator control, helping the model loop even tighter than it can on elevator alone. (see p. 49.)

Next, we'll get an in-depth look at some pre-programmed mixes (*mixes whose channels are predefined by Futaba for simplicity*) we've not covered yet, and last, look at the fully-programmable mix types.



ELEV-FLAP mixing is the first pre-programmed mix we'll cover. This mix makes the flaps drop or rise whenever the *ELEVATOR STICK* is moved. It is most commonly used to make tighter pylon turns or squarer corners in maneuvers. In most cases, the flaps droop (are lowered) when up elevator is commanded.

Adjustability:

- Rate: -100% (full up flap) to +100 (full down flap), with a default of +50% (one-half of the flap range is achieved when the *ELEVATOR STICK* is pulled to provide full up elevator.)
- Switch: assignable, or null (mix is always active.)

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
Activate ELEV-FLAP mixing. Adjust flap travel to 45% flaps .	Open the ELEV-FLAP function.	to ELEV-FLAP (MBDE again.)
	Activate the function.	
	Adjust the travels as needed. (Ex: +45%)	CURSOR CURSOR CURSOR to 45%.
Set switch assignment to null so the mix is always active.	Optional: change SWITCH control. Ex: change to NULL so flaps only respond to ELEVATOR STICK input.	CURSOR CONULL. ()
	Close menu.	
Where next?	Adjust flaperons' flap travel available (FLAPERON): see p. 42. Set up AIRBRAKE : see p. 52. Set up programmable mixes (ex: FLAP-ELEVATOR): see p. 50. View additional setups on the internet: www.futaba-rc.com\faq\faq-7c.html.	

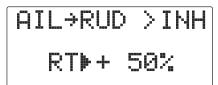


FLAP-ELEV mixing is a pre-programmed linear mix. This mix makes the elevator move whenever the flaps are moved. This mix is used to compensate for any pitching created by the flap.

Adjustability:

- Rate: -100% (full up elevator) to +100 (full down elevator), with a default of +50% (one-half of the elevator range is achieved when the flaps are lowered to full range.)
- Offset: offsets the elevator's center relative to the flaps.

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
Activate FLAP-ELEV mixing. Adjust elevator travel to 45% .	Open the FLAP-ELEV function.	MODE for 1 second.(If basic, MODE again.)
		() to FLAP-ELEV.
	Activate the function.	CURSOR (C) to ON.
	Adjust the travels as needed. (Ex: +45%)	€URSOR € to 45%.
	Close menu.	END END
Where next?	View additional setups on the internet	: www.futaba-rc.com\faq\faq-7c.html.



AILE-RUDD mixing is a pre-programmed linear mix. This mix is used to mix rudder operation with aileron operation automatically, to make realistic coordinated turns. It is especially effective when turning and banking scale models or large models that resemble full-sized aircraft.

Adjustability:

• Rate: -100% to +100, with a default of +50% (one-half of the rudder range is achieved when the *AILERON STICK* is pulled to provide full left or right aileron.)

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
Activate AILE-RUDD mixing. Adjust rudder travel to 45% .	Open the AILE-RUDD function.	MODE for 1 second.(If basic, MODE again.)
		(), to AILE-RUDD.
	Activate the function.	CURSOR
	Adjust the travels as needed. (Ex: +45%)	€URSOR (C) to 45%.
	Close menu.	END END
Where next?	View additional setups on the internet:	www.futaba-rc.com\faq\faq-7c.html.



Like **FLAPERON**, **AIRBRAKE** is one function that is really made up of a series of pre-programmed mixes all done for you within the radio. **AIRBRAKE** simultaneously moves the flap and elevator, and is usually used to make steep descents or to limit increases in airspeed in dives.

This function is often used even on models without flaps as an easy way to use the flaperons.

Adjustability:

• *Activation*: Set positions by flipping *Switch G*.

Provides **AIRBRAKE** response immediately upon switch movement, going to a pre-set travel on each active channel without means of in-flight adjustment.

Channels controlled: Elevator and flap may be set independently in AIRBRAKE, including set to 0 to have no effect.

Note: If using **FLAPERON** with channel 5 or 7 the **AIRBRAKE** has separate settings for the aileron servos working as flaperons and the flap.

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
Activate AIRBRAKE on a FLAPERON	Confirm FLAPERON is active.	see FLAPERON instructions.
model. Adjust the flap travel to 50%, with negative elevator (push) of 10% .	Open the AIRBRAKE function.	MODE for 1 second.(If basic, MODE again.)
		to AIRBRAKE REST
	Activate the function.	Switch G in up position.
		CURSOR (C) to OFF.
	Adjust the travels as needed. (Ex:	CURSOR
	Flap 50% , Elevator -10% .)	(3) , to -10% .
		URSOR (C) to 50% .
	Close menu.	END END
Where next?	Adjust flaperons' total flap travel available (FLAPERON): see p. 42. Set up ELEV-FLAP mixing: see p. 49.	
	View additional model setups on the internet: www.futaba-rc.com\faq\faq-7c.html.	



Your 7C contains three separate linear programmable mixes.

There are a variety of reasons you might want to use these mixes. A few are listed here.

Sample reasons to use linear programmable mixes:

- To correct bad tendencies of the aircraft (such as rolling in response to rudder input).
- To automatically correct for a particular action (such as lowering elevator when flaps are lowered).
- To operate a second channel in response to movement in a first channel (such as increasing the amount of smoke oil in response to more throttle application, but only when the smoke switch is active).
- To turn off response of a primary control in certain circumstances (such as simulating one engine flaming-out on a twin, or throttle-assisted rudder turns, also with a twin).

Adjustability:

- *Defaults* : The 3 programmable mixes default to aileron to rudder mixes.
 - **PROG.MIX1-3** aileron-to-rudder for coordinated turns
- *Channels available to mix*: All three mixes may be changed to use any combination of CH1-7. Offset may also be set to the master channels. (see below.)
- *Master*: The controlling channel. The channel whose movement is followed by the slave channel.
 - Another channel: Most mixes follow a control channel. (Ex: rudder-to-ailerons, 25%, no switch, corrects roll coupling.) MASTER SLAVE SWITCH & POSITION RATE OFFSET RUDD AILE NULL (--) 25% center(default)
 - *Offset as master*: To create an **OFFSET**mix, set the master as OFST. (Ex: move flap 20% of their total throw when *SWITCH A* is in down position.)

MASTER	SLAVE	SWITCH & POSITION	RATE
OFST	CH6	A DOWN	20%

- *Slave*: The controlled channel. The channel that is moved automatically in response to the movement of the master channel. The second channel in a mix's name (i.e. aileron-to-rudder).
- On/off choices:
 - *Switch*: Any of the positions of any of the 5 switches may be used to activate a mix. **Up&Cntr, Cntr&Dn** options allow the mix to be **ON** in 2 of the 3 positions of a 3-position *Switch*.
 - NULL (--): No SWITCH can turn this mix OFF. This mix is active at all times.
- *Rate*: the percentage of the *slave*'s range it will move upon maximum input from the master channel. Ex: **RUDDER**-AILERON mix, 50%. Ail range=1". When rudder is moved full right, ailerons move 1/2".

MASTER	SLAVE	SWITCH & POSITION	RATE	OFFSET
RUDD	AILE	NULL ()	50%	center(default)

• *Offset*: Offsets the slave's center relative to the master. Ex: Smoke valve opens wider per throttle servo position when smoke *Switch* is **ON**. Smoke servo's neutral is moved down from *Throttle Stick* center to the bottom.

MASTER	SLAVE	SWITCH & POSITION	RATE OFFSET
THRO	CH7	E DOWN	0%(Hi) half throttle(default)
			100%(Lo)

*Assign the CH7 switch to NULL(--). See p.28.

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
Set up a Smoke system:	Open an unused programmable mix. (Ex: use PROGMIX3 .)	MODE for 1 second.(If basic, MODE again.)
ON when <i>SWITCH E</i> is in the		to PROGMIX3. : 🐠
down position.	Activate the function.	CURSOR CURSOR
*Adjust the CH7 switch to NULL	Choose master and slave channels.	URSOR (), to CH3.
prior to this setting. See page. 28.		URSOR (C) to CH7.
	Assign <i>Switch</i> and position.	URSOR (C) to E DOWN .
	(Ex: E DOWN.)	
	Set rates. (Ex: Lo=100%, Hi=0%.)	URSOR THROTTLE STICK past center.
		()) to +10 0%.
		THROTTLE STICK past center.
		(C) to 0% .
	Set OFFSET, if needed.	Stick to desired point.
		$= (RES)^{2}$ for 1 second to set.
	Close menu.	END END
Where next?	View numerous additional mix setups:	: www.futaba-rc.com\faq\faq-7c.html.

Other Examples:

- **RUD-THR**(**HELI**) mix: When right rudder is applied, additional torque is needed from the motor to drive the tail left. Left rudder requires less torque. A rudder-throttle mix, positive on the left side and negative on the right, adjusts for this.
- RUD-ELEV(ACRO) mix: Compensate for pitching up or down when rudder is applied.
- **ELEV-PIT**(**HELI**) mix: Compensate for the loss of lift when tilting the model.

Special Additions, Functions, And Added Equipment Commonly Used On Powered Aircraft

Gyros: Just as torque rotates an aircraft on the runway during take-off, helicopters struggle with torque twisting the model every time throttle is applied. For many years gyroscopes have been used on model helicopters to control this. In competition aerobatics and scale aircraft competition alike, the usefulness of gyros has recently come to light. For in-depth information on gyro types, please see p. 73.

For aerobatics, gyros on rudder and elevator fix over-rotation of snaps and spins as well as tail wagging in stall turns. (Fut aba offers a twin-axis gyro, GYA-352, that controls two axis with a single gyro.) For 3D aerobatics (below stall speed, such as tor que rolls), heading-hold/AVCS gyros on rudder and elevator dramatically simplify these maneuvers. For scale models, gyros are frequently used to simplify take-offs and landings by keeping the model straight during throttle application.

Always be careful if using a heading-hold/AVCS gyro, as it will correct any change in yaw that is not caused by movement of the rudder (like making a turn with just aileron and elevator). Typically, modelers use heading-hold/AVCS settings only for specific maneuvers, such as take-offs and torque rolls, then switch to normal mode or OFF for the remainder of the flight to avoid this risk.

While the 7C's **ACRO** programming does not offer gyro-specific programming, simply adjusting the **END POINT**s of the channel that is used to control the gyro's gain will adjust the gyro's performance in flight. For details on gain and other gyro functions, please see the **HELI GYRO** programming, p. 73.

Retracts: Retractable landing gear is often used on scale models for increased realism and on high performance models to decrease drag. The gear servo is typically plugged into CH5, which defaults to a 2-position switch for simplicity.

(1) Mechanical retracts require the use of a specialized non-proportional retract servo. Retract servos go from full travel one direction to full travel the other direction, then mechanically hold the gear into the locked position. A regular servo used for mechanical retracts will continue to draw full power the entire time, prematurely draining the battery and risking crash of your model. End point will **not** adjust a retract servo.

Pneumatic (air driven) retracts use a standard servo to control an air valve which directs air into or out of the retract units, moving the gear up or down. Pneumatics are easier to install but require added maintenance of the air system.

Gear Doors: Some scale models with retracts also have separate gear doors to cover the scale gear. For one example of how to operate the gear doors separately from the retracts, please visit our website: www.futaba-rc.com\faq\faq-7c.html.

Smoke Systems: Many scale and aerobatic models use smoke systems to provide increased realism or a more impressive demonstration. There are many smoke systems available, with varying types of control. Most use a servo to increase/decrease the flow of smoke fluid into the specialized smoke muffler. The oil is heated in the muffler, creating smoke.

It is a good practice to set up a "safety" that shuts off the smoke oil if the throttle is lowered below half-stick. For a detailed example of a smoke system setup, please visit our website: www.futaba-rc.com/faq/faq-7c.html.

Kill Switches: For safety reasons, it is strongly recommended that an electronic kill switch be installed in all gasoline-powered aircraft. In case of any type of in-flight problem (such as prop failure, exhaust vibrating off, throttle servo failure, radio interference), the modeler can shut the engine off quickly and safely in flight. Additionally, FailSafe (**F/S**) settings are recommended to shut the engine off in case of sufficient interference to trigger the PCM FailSafe settings.

Lastly, an electronic kill switch set to "off" prior to the aircraft's power being shut off adds an additional safety should someone accidentally turn on the mechanical kill switch on the exterior of the model.

Bomb Drops, Paratroopers, and other Released Items: Many sport and scale models include one or more of these fun add-ons. Typically, all are controlled by a simple micro-switch plugged into CH7. The switch is assigned in **PARAMETER**.

HELICOPTER MODEL FUNCTIONS

Please note that nearly all of the **BASIC** menu functions are the same for airplane (**ACRO** setup) and helicopter (**H-1/H-2/HR3/HN3/H-3/HE3**) setups. The features that are identical refer back to the **ACRO** chapter. The Helicopter **BASIC** menu includes the normal condition's throttle and collective pitch curves and revo. mixing. (idle-ups and throttle hold are advanced features and are in the **ADVANCE** menu).

Helicopter Setup Example	p. 58.
HELI (H-1/H-2/HR3/HN3/H-3/HE3) BASIC MENU	
MODEL SUBMENU:	
• MODEL SELECT	See ACRO , p. 25.
• MODEL COPY	See ACRO, p. 26.
• MODEL NAME	.See ACRO , p. 27.
PARAMETER SUBMENU:	
• MODEL RESET	· •
MODEL TYPE: Information specific to HELI models, including CCPM	
CH5, CH7 (Auxiliary Channel assignment)	
REVERSE	· •
SWASH AFR(swashplate control direction and travel correction) (not in H-1)	1
END POINT	
Setting Up the NORMAL Condition: (TH-CV/NOR, PI-CV/NOR, REVO./NOR)	1
THR-CUT(specialized settings for helicopter specific models)	•
D/R,EXP (Specialized settings for helicopter specific models)	-
TIMER	
TRAINER	See ACRO , p. 37.
TRIM SUBMENU:	
• RESET	· 1
• STEP	· •
SUB-TRIM	See ACRO , p. 39.
F/S FAILSAFE (loss of clean signal and low receiver battery) SUBMENU (Throttle channel only):	
• F/S	
• Battery Fail Safe (F/S)	See ACRO , p. 40.

HELI (H-1/H-2/HR3/HN3/H-3/HE3) ADVANCE MENU

THROTTLE HOLD	p. 67.
THR-CURVE, PIT-CURVE, and REVO. MIX	
IDLE-UPS	p. 69.
<i>TRIMS/OFFSET</i>	p. 70.
HOVERING SETUPS	p. 71.
GYROS and GOVERNORS	p. 73.
Mixes	See ACRO , p. 48.
• SWASH-TH	p. 72.
• PROG.MIX1-3(Linear Programmable mixes, default to AIL-RUD)	See ACRO, p. 53.

GETTING STARTED WITH A BASIC HELICOPTER

This guideline is intended to help you set up a basic (**H-1**) heli, to get acquainted with the radio, to give you a jump start on using your new radio, and to give you some ideas and direction on how to do even more with this powerful system than you may have already considered. It follows our basic format of all programming pages: a big picture overview of what we're trying to accomplish; a "by name" description of the steps to help acquaint you with the radio; and then a step-by-step instruction to leave out the mystery and challenge of setting up your model.

Briefly, the typical helicopter's controls are as follows:

- Aileron: changes cyclic lateral (roll) . Rolls the helicopter. Tilts the swashplate to the left or right. CH1.
- Elevator: changes cyclic pitch. Changes the helicopter's angle of attack (nose up or nose down). Tilts the entire swashplate fore and aft. CH2.
- Rudder: changes the angle of the tail rotor. Yaws the helicopter left or right. CH4.
- Collective Pitch: adjusts main rotor collective [angle of the paddles], changing the main blades' pitch. Increased collective pitch (with throttle) causes the helicopter to rise. Moves in conjunction with throttle on the *THROTTLE STICK*. CH6.
- Throttle: opens/closes carburetor. Moves in conjunction with collective pitch on the *THROTTLE STICK*. CH3.
- REVO: mix that adds rudder in conjunction with pitch. This helps compensate for rotation of the helicopter caused by the increased engine torque. (Never use revo. mixing with a heading-hold/AVCS gyro which is in heading-hold/AVCS mode. However, revo. mixing is still used when a heading-hold/AVCS gyro is in normal mode.)

For additional details, see that function's section in this manual. The page numbers are indicated in the first column for you.

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
Prepare your helicopter.	Install all servos, switches, receiver per your model's instructions. Set all trims and dials to neutral. Confirm all control linkages are 90 degrees (or per instructions) from the servo horn to the ball link for proper geometry and that no slop is present. Mechanically adjust all linkages to get as close as possible to proper control throws and minimize binding prior to radio set up.	
Select the proper MODEL TYPE for your model. Ex: HELI (H-1) . See p. 61. [NOTE: This is one of several functions for which the radio requires confirmation to make a change. Only critical changes require additional	In the BASIC menu, open the PARAMETER submenu.	Turn on the transmitter. MODE for 1 second.(If ADVANCE, MODE again.) URSOR (URSOR ()) to highlight PARAMETER. To choose PARAMETER.
keystrokes to accept the change.]	Go to MODEL TYPE.	CURSOR to TYPE .
(If the correct model type was already displayed, be sure to do a model reset to discard any unwanted settings.)	Select proper MODEL TYPE . Ex: H-1 . <i>Confirm the change</i> . Close PARAMETER .	 to H-1. : for 1 second. sure? displays. : to confirm. to return to BASIC menu.
	In the BASIC menu, open the MODEL submenu.	 as needed to highlight MODEL. to choose MODEL.
Then, NAME the model. P. 25.	Go to MODEL NAME.	CURSOR (First character of model's name is highlighted.)
(You do not need to do anything to "save" or store this data.)	Input aircraft's name. Close the MODEL submenu when done.	 to change first character. When proper character is displayed, to move to next character. Repeat. to return to BASIC menu.

Reverse servos as needed for proper control operation. Ex: <i>LEFT RUDDER</i> <i>STICK</i> results in leading edge of tail rotor blades moving left. Reverse to operate properly. P. 30.	In the BASIC menu, open REVERSE .	() to REVERSE.
	Choose desired servo and reverse its direction of travel. (Ex: reverse rudder servo.)	to choose REVERSE . URSOR CURSOR CURSOR to CH4: RUDD. So REV is selected. Repeat as needed.
Adjust Travels as needed to match model's recommended throws (usually	In the BASIC menu, choose END POINT .	to END POINT.
listed as high rates). P. 31.	Adjust the servo's end points. (Ex: flap servo)	 to ELEV. ELEVATOR STICK. until up travel is as desired. ELEVATOR STICK. until down travel is as desired.
	Return to BASIC menu.	Repeat as needed.
Activate THR-CUT. P. 66.	Open THR-CUT function. Activate the function. Choose desired switch and position to activate.	to THR-CUT. (1) to OFF. To SW. (1) to A-DOWN.
	With <i>THROTTLE STICK</i> at idle, adjust the rate until the engine consistently shuts off, but throttle linkage is not binding. ¹	 A to down position. THROTTLE STICK. CURSOR to RATE. (€) until shuts off.
Set up throttle curve for normal. ² (Usually changes will not need to be made prior to first flight.) P. 65.	Close. Open the THR-CV/NOR function. Adjust if needed. Close the function.	END C to THR-CV/NOR. → (MD) ² C to 95%. ↓ to next point. Repeat. END
Set up collective pitch curve for normal as base of -4, center of +5, end of +8 to +10 degrees of blade pitch for aerobatics. ² (If just learning to fly, ask your instructor.) P. 65.	Open the PIT-CV/NOR function. Adjust each point to match desired curve. (Ex first point: 89% .) Close the function.	 (∑), to PIT-CV/NOR. (™)⁵ (∑), to 89%. (↓), to next point. Repeat.
Set up revo. mixing for normal. (For heading-hold gyros, inhibit revo.) P. 65.	Open the REVO-MIX function. Adjust to your desired starting point. (Ex: 10% .) Close the function.	(3), to REVO-MIX. →(100) ²⁻ (100) (100) (100) (100)
Confirm Gyro direction. (Note: if using a heading-hold/AVCS gyro, use the GYRO programming for proper setup.) See p. 73.	With radio on, move helicopter's tail to the right by hand.The gyro should give right rudder input (leading edge of the tail rotor blades move left).If the gyro gives the opposite input, reverse direction on the gyro unit itself.	

Be sure to follow your model's instructions for preflight checks, blade tracking, etc. *Never* assume a set of blades is properly balanced and will track without checking.

(*Never assume being plugged in all night means your radio gear is ready to fly). Insufficient charge, binding servo linkages, and other problems can result in a dangerous crash with the possibility of injury to yourself, others and property.*

Confirm the swashplate is level at 0 travel. Adjust arms if needed.

Apply full collective and check that the swashplate remained level and there is no binding. Repeat for full cyclic pitch and roll. If not, adjust as needed to correct in **END POINT**: see p. 31.

Important note: prior to setting up throttle hold, idle-ups, offsets, etc., be sure to get your normal condition operating properly.

Checking setup prior to going airborne: *Check voltage!* Then, with the assistance of an instructor, and having completed all range checks, etc, gradually apply throttle until the helicopter becomes "light on the skids." Adjust trims as needed to correct for any roll, pitch, or yaw tendencies. If the tail "wags," the gyro gain is too high. Decrease gyro gain.

Where next? (Other functions you may wish to set up for your model.)

THROTTLE HOLD: P. 67.

SUB-TRIM p. 39 and separate trims for conditions (**OFFSETS**): p. 70.

IDLE-UP p. 69.

SWASH-TH p. 72.

Rudder-to-throttle and other programmable mixes p. 53.

¹Periodically move the throttle stick to full and back down to ensure proper servo settings.

 $^{\rm 2}$ It is critical that VR dials be centered when the pitch and throttle curves are setup.

HELI-SPECIFIC BASIC MENU FUNCTIONS

MODEL TYPE: This function of the **PARAMETER** submenu is used to select the type of model programming to be used. Before doing anything else to set up your model, first you must decide which **MODEL TYPE** best fits your aircraft. If your transmitter is a 7CA, the default is **ACRO**. If it is a 7CH, the default is **HELI(H-1)**.

HELICOPTER SWASHPLATE TYPES:

The 7C radios support 6 basic swashplate setups, including "single servo" (H-1 - most helicopters use this type) and 5 types of CCPM (cyclic and collective pitch mixing). A "single servo" swashplate uses one servo for each axis: aileron, elevator (cyclic pitch), and collective pitch. CCPM helicopters utilize a combination of servos working together to achieve the 3 axes of motion. There are 5 basic CCPM types, displayed below. CCPM has several advantages, the most obvious of which is far less mechanical complexity to properly move the swashplate of the helicopter. Additionally, several servos working in unison (ex: HR3, all 3 servos together create elevator movement) dramatically increases the torque available as well as the precision and centering.

Please note that some helicopters are type HR3 or HN3, except off by 180 degrees. For example, the Kyosho[®] Caliber[®] is HR3 but with the 2 parallel servos to the rear of the helicopter, not front. If your model's swashplate is off by 180 degrees, you will still use that swashplate type, but also use **SWASH AFR** (p.63) to adjust the functions as needed until it operates properly. Additionally, different angles of CCPM may also be created utilizing the fully assignable programmable mixes. (See our Frequently Asked Questions area at www.futaba-rc.com\faq\faq-7c.html for specific examples.)

Not operating quite like you expected? In many CCPM installations you need to either reverse the direction of a specific function (**SWASH AFR**) or reverse a single servo's direction (**REVERSE**). See **SWASH AFR** for details.(p.63)

Swashplate Type Setting Procedure

HELI H-1 Type: Independent aileron, pitch and elevator servos linked to the swashplate. Most kits are H-1 type.

HELI H-2 Type: Pushrods positioned as shown. Elevator operates with a mechanical linkage. With Aileron input, the aileron and pitch servos tilt the swashplate left and right; with Pitch input, the aileron and pitch servos raise the swashplate up and down.

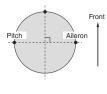
HELI HE3 Type: Pushrods positioned as shown. With Aileron input, the aileron and pitch servos tilt the swashplate left and right; with Elevator input, the servos tilt the swashplate fore and aft; with Pitch input, all three servos raise the swashplate up and down.

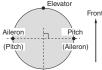
HELI HR3 Type: Pushrods positioned as shown. With Aileron input, the aileron and pitch servos tilt the swashplate left and right; with Elevator input, the three servos tilt the swashplate fore and aft; with Pitch input, all three servos raise the swashplate up and down.

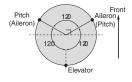
HELI H-3 Type: Pushrods positioned as shown. Fundamentally, the servo operations of **H-3** type are almost that same as **HR3** type.

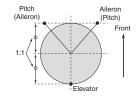
However, the servo arrangement for elevator operation differs.

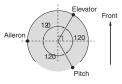
HELI HN3 Type: Pushrods positioned as shown. With Aileron input, the three servos tilt the swashplate left and right; with Elevator input, the elevator and pitch servos tilt the swashplate fore and aft; with Pitch input, all three servos raise the swashplate up and down.











GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
Change the MODEL TYPE of model #3	Confirm you are currently using the	On home screen, check model name
from aircraft to 120 degree CCPM with 2	proper model memory. (example: 3)	and # on top left and right.
servos working in unison for collective		If it is not the correct model (example:
pitch and aileron [HELI(HR3)].		3), see MODEL SELECT, p. 25.
	Open PARAMETER submenu.	MODE for 1 second.(If Advance, MODE again.)
		() to PARAMETER .
	Change to the desired MODEL	CURSOR (C) to HR3.
	TYPE(example, HR3.) <i>Confirm the change</i> .	for one second.
		"sure?" displays. 🕬 to confirm.
	Close.	END END
Where next?	If a single servo is not operating properly, REVERSE : see p. 30.	
	If a control is operating backwards (i.e. Elevator), see SWASH AFR, p. 63. If unsure see SWASH AFR.	

Note: Radio shows progress on screen as the model type is being changed and beeps once upon completion. If the power switch is turned off prior to completion, the data will not be changed.

SWASH AFR [HELI(H-2/HE3/HR3/H-3/HN3)only]:



Swashplate function rate settings (SWASH AFR) reduce/increase/reverse the rate (travel) of the aileron, elevator (except H-2) and collective pitch *functions*, adjusting or reversing the motion of all servos involved in that function, *only when using that function*. Since these types utilize multiple servos together to create the controls, simply adjusting a servo's **REVERSE** or **END POINT** would not properly correct the travel of any one control. Since **H-1**uses one servo for each function, there is no need for AFR in H-1.

This is fairly hard to explain but easy to see, so let's set up Kyosho Caliber's swashplate settings as an example. With everything installed per factory instructions, set the model to **HELI(HR3)**. Now let's adjust the swashplate properly.

Since aileron *always* uses no more than 2 servos, check it first. Either both operate properly (no change needed), both operate backwards (reverse the whole function), or one servo operates backwards (reverse that servo alone).

Next check elevator. Remember, the aileron servo(s) operate correctly, so if elevator does not, we should only have 2 choices left - the whole function needs to be reversed, or the servo(s) not shared with aileron need to be reversed.

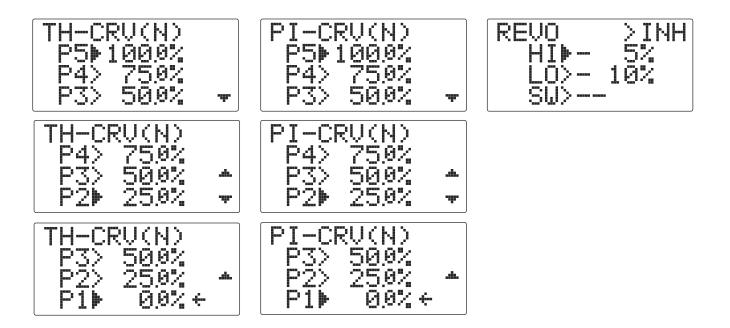
Last is collective. If aileron and elevator are working properly, the only thing that could be wrong is the whole direction collective operates (reverse the whole function). In our example, **HR3** is 180 degrees off from the swashplate of the Caliber. The collective pitch operation is backwards; but reversing all three servos would also reverse the aileron and elevator operations. Changing the collective pitch rate, however, from **+50%** to **-50%**, will reverse the collective pitch without affecting the aileron action.

CHECKING FOR PROPER MOTION ON AN HR3 SWASHPLATE			
HR3 Swash Type	PROPER MOTION	WRONG MOTION	HOW TO FIX
Aileron Stick.	Swashplate tilts right.	Swashplate tilts left.	Reverse AIL setting in SWASH to -50% .
		Back of Swashplate moves up.	Ch6 servo moves incorrectly; REVERSE .
		Back of Swashplate moves	Ch1 servo moves
		down.	incorrectly; REVERSE .
(b) ELEVATOR STICK.	Front of swash plate moves	Swashplate moves the	Reverse ELE setting in SWASH.
ELEVATOR STICK.	down; back of swashplate	opposite.	(ex: +50 to -50)
	moves up.	Entire swashplate moves up.	Ch2 servo moves
			incorrectly; REVERSE .
G Rudder Stick.	The leading edges of tail blades rotate left.	Blades rotated right.	REVERSE the rudder servo.
THROTTLE STICK.	Entire Swashplate lifts.	Swashplate lowers.	Reverse PIT setting in SWASH .

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
Adjust the travel of the collective pitch from +50% to -23% , reversing the	Open SWASH AFR function.	MODE for 1 second.(If advance, MODE again.)
travel of all 3 servos and decreasing		to SWASH :
their travel <i>in collective pitch only</i> , on an HR3 MODEL TYPE .	Adjust PIT travel to -23.	CURSOR CURSOR (C) to -23%.
	Close the menu.	END END
Where next?	 Confirm the swashplate is level at 0 travel. Adjust arms if needed. Apply full collective and check that the swashplate remained level. If not, adjust servo's travels as needed to correct. END POINT: see p. 31. Set up the normal condition: (TH-CV/NOR, PI-CV/NOR, REVO./NOR): see p. 65. Set up D/R,EXP: see p. 33. 	

Setting up the Normal Flight Condition: The Normal flight condition is typically utilized for hovering. The throttle and collective pitch curves are adjusted to provide consistent engine RPM despite the increase/decrease in collective pitch of the blades. This keeps the engine from "bogging down" under excessive load (like trying to accelerate a car on a steep hill in 5th gear) or excessive RPM under insufficient load (like flooring the throttle while in neutral), risking engine damage. As the 2 curves and revo. mixing are all interrelated, we will discuss all three first, then complete a sample setup.

Note that the normal throttle and pitch curves and revo mix are all available in the **BASIC** menu for simplicity. These may also be updated later in the **ADVANCE** menu with the settings for the other 3 conditions [idle-up 1 (**IDL1**), idle-up 2 (**IDL2**) and throttle hold (**HOLD**)]. *Note*: The throttle and pitch curves for the normal condition are always on. They cannot be inhibited. The other three conditions are activated with their throttle curves or throttle hold. For idle-ups, see p. 69. For throttle hold, see p. 67.



- **TH-CV/NOR**: Inputs the normal (**NORM**) throttle curve, which is usually not a linear response to *THROTTLE STICK* motion. Adjusting point 3 of the curve adjusts the engine's RPM at the *THROTTLE STICK* midpoint the desired position for hovering. The other 4 points are then adjusted to create the desired idle and maximum engine speed, and a smooth transition in-between. For more on throttle curves, see p. 69.
- **PI-CV/NOR:** Inputs the normal (**NORM**) collective pitch curve, the collective pitch curve for flight near hover. The normal collective pitch curve is adjusted to match the throttle curve, providing the best vertical performance at a constant engine speed, with a starting curve of -4 base, +5 neutral, and +8 to +10 degrees of blade pitch maximum*. You can program the response over a 5-point curve for the best collective pitch angle relative to *Throttle Stick* movement. For more on collective pitch curves, see p. 69.
- **REVO**.: Mixes collective pitch commands to the rudder (a PITCH-RUDDER mix) to suppress the torque generated by changes in the main rotor's collective pitch angle, keeping the model from yawing when throttle is applied. **REVO**. is extremely helpful in "taming the tail" of models not using heading-hold/AVCS gyros. Never use revo. mixing in conjunction with a heading-hold/AVCS gyro while in heading-hold/AVCS mode. Revo. mixing is still used with these gyros while set to the normal mode. For details on revo, including default points for clockwise and counterclockwise rotating rotors, see p. 69.

*These default recommendations assume you are doing forward flight. If you are just learning, please follow your instructor's guidance. Some instructors like a +1 base point for training so that the helicopter comes down very slowly, even if your instincts pull the throttle/collective stick to the bottom in a hurry.

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
Set up Normal Flight Condition Throttle/Collective Pitch Curves and Revo. Base point: Adjust base point of	Open the THR-CV/NOR function. Adjust the first point. (Ex: 5% .)	MODE for 1 second.(If ADVANCE, MODE again.) (3) to THR-CV/NOR (MIN) (URSOR CURSOR CURSOR (CURSOR CORSOR) (CORSOR CURSOR) (CORSOR CURSOR) (CORSOR)
throttle curve until engine idles reliably on ground. Adjust base point of collective pitch curve to achieve -4 degrees of blade pitch.	Open the PIT-CV/NOR function. Adjust the first point. (Ex: 8% .)	 (2), to PIT-CV/NOR. 2005 (2), to 8%. END
Apply throttle until the model sits "light" on its skids. Adjust base point of REVO . until model does not rotate its nose at all.	Open the REVO . function. (Ex: High 5%, Low 10% .)	 (∑), to REVO. →(№)⁵ (∑), to 5%. (∑), to 10%. END
Hover point: Adjust collective pitch curve	Adjust THR-CV/NOR.	Repeat above as needed.
to +5 degrees. Ease heli into a hover. Land/shut engine off. Adjust throttle	Adjust PIT-CV/NOR.	Repeat above as needed.
curves and rudder trim. Repeat until model hovers smoothly at half throttle. Rapidly apply throttle from 1/4 to 1/2 stick. Adjust REVO . points 2 and 3 until the model does not rotate its		
nose upon throttle application.		
High point: Adjust collective pitch	Adjust THR-CV/NOR.	Repeat above as needed.
curve to +8 to +10 degrees. From hover, throttle up rapidly. If engine bogs, increase the throttle curve. If engine over-revs, increase the collective pitch curve at points 4 or 5.	Adjust PIT-CV/NOR.	Repeat above as needed.
Apply full throttle while hovering, then descend back to hover. Adjust REVO . until the nose does not change heading.		
Where next?	GYRO function: see p. 73. Adjust HOV-THR and HOV-PIT if needed: see p. 71. Setting up Throttle Hold: see p. 67. Setting up idle-ups 1 and 2: Throttle and collective pitch curves and revo. mixing (TH-CURVE, PI-CURVE, REVO. MIX): see p. 69. D/R,EXP: see p. 33.	

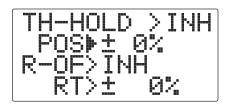
THROTTLE CUT: The **THR-CUT** function is used to kill the engine at the end of a flight. The engine can be stopped with one touch of any switch, eliminating the need to move the trim to kill the engine and then readjust prior to each flight. The helicopter **THR-CUT** includes an ON/OFF throttle position (normally a little above idle). You must move the **THROTTLE STICK** back below the set point before the **THR-CUT** function can be reset, to avoid sudden engine acceleration. For a detailed example of throttle cut setup, see **ACRO** p. 32.



Note: Be sure to add the step of setting a trigger point by cursoring to **THR**, then putting the *THROTTLE STICK* in the desired position and pressing and holding the dial for one second. Notice that this function cannot be reversed to trigger only *above* the stick point.

HELI-SPECIFIC ADVANCE MENU FUNCTIONS

THR-HOLD: This function holds the engine in the idling position and disengages it from the *THROTTLE STICK* when *SWITCH* E (7CH) or G (7CA) is moved. It is commonly used to practice auto-rotation.



Prior to setting up **THR-HOLD**, hook up the throttle linkage so that the carburetor is opened fully at high throttle, then use the digital trim to adjust the engine idle position. To have **THR- HOLD** maintain idle, move the *THROTTLE STICK* to the idle position, then move the hold *SWITCH* on and off and keep changing the offset value until the servo does not move. To lower the engine idle speed, or if you want to shut off, input a more negative number.

Adjustability:

- *Idling position*: Range of **-50%** to **+50%** centered about the throttle idle position to get the desired engine RPM.
- *Rudder offset*: Offsets the tail rotor pitch. Keeps the fuselage from rotating in throttle hold.
- Switch assignment: Assigned to SWITCH G (7CA) or E (7CH) down. Not adjustable.
- Throttle curve: Since the throttle is moved to a single preset position, no curve is available for THR-HOLD
- *Collective pitch curve*: Independent curve, typically adjusted to create a blade pitch range of -4 to +6 to +12, is automatically activated with **THR-HOLD**
- Revo. mix: Since revo. mix adjusts for torque from the engine, no revo. mix is available for THR-HOLD
- *Priority*: The throttle hold function has priority over idle-up. Be sure that the throttle hold and idle-up *Switches* are in the desired positions before trying to start the engine. (We recommend starting your engine in throttle hold for safety reasons.)

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:	
Set up throttle hold.	Open THR-HOLD function.	MODE for 1 second.(If basic, MODE again.)	
		() to THR-HOLD.	
Determine desired throttle position by idling engine, turn on THR-HOLD , and	Activate the function.	CURSOR (C) to OFF.	
	Set desired engine position.	() to desired percent.	
adjust percentage as required to reach the desired running point.	Optional: set up a rudder offset.	(\bigcirc) to OFF . (\bigcirc) to desired offset.	
	Close.	END END	
Where next?	PIT-CURVE for THR-HOLD: see p. 68.		
	GYRO setup: see p. 73.		
	Setting up the Idle-Ups: Throttle and Collective pitch Curves and Revo. Mixing (TH-CURVE, PIT-CURVE, REVO. MIXING) for idle-ups: see p. 69. D/R,EXP: see p. 33.		

THR-CURVE and **PIT-CURVE**: These 5-point curves are utilized to best match the blade collective pitch to the engine RPM for consistent load on the engine. Curves are separately adjustable for normal, idle-up 1 and idle-up 2. In addition, a separate collective pitch curve is available for throttle hold. Sample curves are displayed in the appropriate setup types (ex: normal flight condition, p. 65) for clarity.

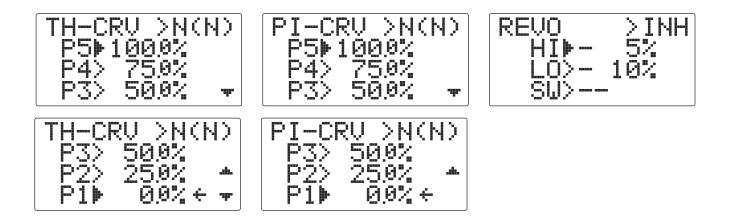
Suggested defaults:

- *Normal*: Collective pitch curve that results in points 1, 3 and 5 providing -4, +5, (+8 to +10)* degrees pitch. A throttle curve setting of 0, 30, 50, 70, 100%.
- *Idle-up 1*: Idle-ups 1 is typically the same except for the gyro settings, with heading-hold/AVCS mode. The pitch curve will likely be similar to the normal curve above.
- *Idle-up 2*: Collective pitch curve that results in points 1, 3 and 5 providing (-8 to -10), 0, (+8 to +10) degrees. A throttle curve of 100, 75, 50, 75, 100 to provide full throttle for inverted maneuvers.
- *Throttle Hold pitch curve*: Start with the normal pitch curve (for inverted autos, start from the idle-up 2 pitch curve), but increase the last point approximately 1-2;, if available, to ensure sufficient pitch at landing.

*(These default recommendations assume you are doing forward flight. If you are just learning, please follow your instructor's guidance. Some instructors like a +1 base point for training so that the helicopter comes down very slowly, even if your instincts pull the throttle/collective stick to the bottom in a hurry.)

Adjustability:

- Normal condition curves are editable in the **BASIC** menu for convenience.
- All curves may be adjusted in the **ADVANCE** menu.
- Automatically selected with the proper condition.
- The idle-up curves are adjusted by the modeler to maintain constant RPM even when the collective pitch is reduced during flight (including inverted).
- To change which condition's curve is being edited, simply press the *MODE/PAGE BUTTON* to scroll through the curves available, or cursor up above point 1 and change the curve named.
- For clarity, the name of the condition currently active (switched on in the radio) is shown in parentheses behind name of condition whose curve is being edited.
- Idle-ups and throttle hold pitch curves may be edited even before the conditions have been made active or while they
- are active but not selected.



REVO. MIX: This linear curve mix adds opposite rudder input to counteract the changes in torque when the speed and collective pitch of the blades is changed.

Adjustability:

- REVO.MIX: normal for hovering and idle-ups (1 and 2) combined.
- REVO.MIX is editable in the **BASIC and ADVANCE** menu.

- Revo. mixing rates are linear curves. For a clockwise-turning rotor, the rudder is mixed in the clockwise direction when collective pitch is increased; for counterclockwise-turning, the opposite. Change the operating direction setting by changing the signs of the numbers in the curve from plus (+) to minus (-) and vice versa.
- Revo. curves for idle-ups are often v-shaped to provide proper rudder input with negative pitch and increased throttle during inverted flight. (Rudder is needed to counter the reaction whenever there is increased torque. In inverted flight, throttle stick below half has increased throttle and negative pitch, therefore increasing torque and rotating the helicopter unless the revo. mix is also increasing appropriately.)

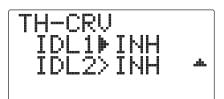
IDLE-UPS: Additional flight conditions available specifically for helicopters. These additional flight conditions contain different throttle curves, collective pitch curves, and trims to make the helicopter perform certain maneuvers more easily. Lastly, the gyro and dual rate functions may be set to provide separate rates per condition selected, including one for each idle-up.

One of the most common flight conditions can easily flip from upright to inverted and back. To do so, the pitch curve is set to 0 pitch at half stick, positive pitch (climb upright) above half, and negative pitch (climb when inverted) below half stick. The throttle curve is adjusted to allow the engine to run consistently throughout the changes in pitch.

Additional idle-ups may be used to maximize the helicopter's flight characteristics in certain types of flight (i.e. fast forward motion, backward) or maneuvers (loops, rolls, stall turns), or even the same maneuver but changing from heading-hold/AVCS gyro mode to normal gyro mode. The 7C provides 2 idle-ups to allow the modeler 2 additional setups along with the normal flight condition.

Adjustability:

- SWITCH G (7CA) or E (7CH) is programmed for normal (NORM), idle-up 1 (IDL1), and idle-up 2 (IDL2) curves. This switch/position assignment is *not* adjustable.
- Activated with the throttle curve for that condition in **THR-CURVE**.



- Curves are adjusted to maintain constant RPM even when the collective pitch is negative (inverted).
- Gyro settings may be set separately for each idle-up. (See p. 73.)
- Activating **OFFSET** makes the *Trim Levers* adjust the trim separately in each of the idle-up conditions.
- Dual rates may be set up to allow tri rates a rate for each of the 3 primary controls in normal/idle up conditions.

For an example of throttle and pitch curves and revo, please see Normal Flight Condition Setup, p. 65.

OFFSET: Optional separate trims in addition to those for the normal condition. This function is used to automatically change the trim of a helicopter, for example, when transitioned from hover to flying at high speed. A clockwise-rotation rotor helicopter tends to drift to the right at high speed, so an aileron offset may be applied to offset the helicopter to the left. The necessary elevator offset varies with model geometry, so it must be determined by noting collective pitch changes at high speed. The rudder offset is affected by both revo. mixing and trim lever movement while in the offset function.



Adjustability:

- Complete switch assignability, plus a **CONDITION** option that creates/switches between individual trims for each of the idle-ups.
- When **OFFSET** is active (its switch is on), moving the *TRIM LEVERS* adjusts the stored offset, *not* the trims in the normal condition.
- When **OFFSET** is inactive (its switch is off), the **OFFSET** and any trim adjustments to it have no effect (model obeys the trim settings of the currently-active flight condition.)
- Defaults to INH.
- When **OFFSET** is inhibited, trim adjustments made in any flight condition affect all flight conditions.

NOTE: Remember, offsets and revo. mixes are not recommended when using heading-hold/AVCS gyros in AVCS mode because they conflict with the automatic corrections to trim and torque that AVCS provides.

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
Set up separate trims for each of the two idle-up conditions.	Open the OFFSET function.	MODE for 1 second.(If basic, MODE again.)
two fale-up conditions.		() to OFFSET.
Adjust the idle-up 2 rudder trim to	Activate the function.	CURSOR CURSOR CURSOR CORF.
correct for torque at high speeds.	Change switch setting to E	CURSOR (3), to E.
	Select IDL2.	URSOR (IDL2).
	Adjust trim settings as needed. (Ex: rudder to $+8\%$.)	CURSOR CURSOR
		(), to +8%.
	Close menus and confirm difference in	END END
	trims between normal and idle-up 2.	\mathbf{D}^{\bullet} E (7CH) or G (7CA) from
		NORMAL to IDL2. Check that rudder
		trim changes.
Where next?	THR-HOLD: see p. 67.	
	Setting up the Idle-Ups: Throttle and Collective pitch Curves and Revo. Mixing (TH-CURVE, PIT-CURVE, REVO. MIXING for idle-ups: see p. 69.	

HOVERING ADJUSTMENTS (HOV-THR and HOV-PIT):

Hovering throttle and hovering pitch are fine-tuning adjustments for the throttle and collective pitch curves individually, affecting performance only around the center point. They allow in-flight tweaking of the curves for ideal setup.

Note: HOV-THR is active in normal with an option for normal and idle up 1. HOV-PIT is only active in normal condition.



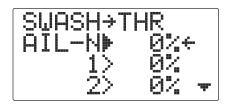


Adjustability:

- Rotor speed changes caused by temp., humidity, altitude or other changes in flying conditions are easily accommodated.
- Both adjustments may be inhibited if not desired.
- HOV-THR and HOV-PIT can assign the knob VR only to one of these functions at a time. Each time, assign the knob in these functions, temporarily turning off the knob but maintaining the last *memorized* setting.
- Adjustments may be memorized and then the knobs returned to center point to use that amount of adjustment. Allows easy use of the trimming knobs for multiple models. (Note that when memorization is repeated with the knob offset from center, the trim value accumulates.)
- Adjustments are quickly reset to the initial value by turning the dial until the trim reads 0%, memorizing, then returning the knob to its center position.
- Note that all functions, including these, assume the model hovers at half stick.
- Available in normal condition only.

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
Fine-tune hovering with the hovering adjustments. Remember these affect <i>only</i> the hovering (normal) condition.	Open the HOV-PIT function.	MODE for 1 second.(If basic, MODE again.)
Adjust throttle and collective pitch	Store the current dial settings prior to setting HOV-THR function.	for one second to store. ($$ or $$ VR to center.
curves until model hovers nicely. In flight, adjust collective pitch and	Change VR to OFF.	CURSOR 🕼 to OFF.
throttle curves near hover point independently with HOV-THR and HOV-	Close.	END
PIT knobs.	Open the HOV-THR function.	(C), to HOV-THR.
	Assign the dial VR.	
Store new settings after flight.	In flight, adjust throttle curve near hover point with the knob.	
	Store the current dial settings prior to selecting another model.	Tor one second to store.
		$\langle \diamond \rangle$ or $\langle \diamond \rangle$, VR to center.
	Close.	END END
Where next? THR-HOLD: see p. 67.		
	Setting up the Idle-Ups: Throttle and Collective pitch Curves and Revo. Mixing (TH-CURVE , PIT-CURVE , REVO . MIXING for idle-ups: see p. 69.	
	D/R,EXP : see p. 33.	

Throttle mixing (SWASH-THR):



SWASH-THR mixing corrects slowing of engine speed caused by swash plate operation due to aileron or elevator operation.

Engine speed can be increased independently at aileron or elevator operation in each flight condition (normal/idle-up 1/idle-up 2.)



SUASH→THR

MIX) INH

Adjustability:

• Rate: 0% to 100%, with a default of 0%.

• **SWASH-THR** does not affect the throttle servo when the throttle control stick is all the way up or the idle position without affecting throttle settings.

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
Activate SWASH-THR mixing. Adjust mixing amount (AIL-N) to 10% .	Open the SWASH-THR function.	MODE for 1 second.(If basic, MODE again.)
	Activate the function.	CURSOR (C)
	Adjust the mixing amount as needed. (Ex: 10%)	CURSOR (3), to 10%.
	Close menu.	END END
Where next?	View additional setups on the internet	: www.futaba-rc.com\faq\faq-7c.html.

GYROS and GOVERNOR: Using electronics to take some of the complexity out of setups and flight.

What is a gyro? A gyroscope is an electronic unit that senses motion and corrects for it. For example, if the wind blows your helicopter's tail to the left, a gyro will sense that motion (and confirm that no input was given) and will correct for it.

How does it help in helicopter setup? A good gyro will totally eliminate the need for revo. mixing. The gyro will sense and correct the unwanted motion for you, so you don't have to spend time to get a complex curve operating properly.

Gyro sensor kinds: There are many different kinds of gyros. Early gyros were mechanical, with a spinning drum similar to a child's gyroscope toy. The next generation utilized a special type of crystal, called piezoelectric, which sensed the motion and provided an electrical pulse. The finest gyros at the time of this writing are SMM technology. These silicone micro machines, or computer chips, sense the motion. SMM is far more accurate and less susceptible to inaccuracies caused by temperature changes, etc.

Types of gyro responses:

- Normal: sense motion and dampen it (if the gyro rotates off course for 2 seconds, it corrects for 2 seconds).
- Heading-hold/AVCS: calculate the angle of rotation (by tracking the time/rate of change) and then provide correction until the same rotation is achieved.
- Stick priority: a feature on most high-end gyros. The more input given on the channel the gyro controls, the less sensitive the gain is automatically. This way, if you give a large input for a stall turn, for example, the gyro turns itself off and does not fight the stall turn. As you ease off the rudder, the gain increases again, minimizing tail wag and keeping the model straight. (If your gyro does not include stick priority, you can manually create it. Please see www.futaba-rc.com\faq\faq-7c.html.)

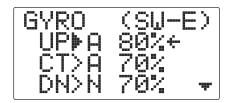
Choosing the right gyro for your skills, your helicopter, and your budget:

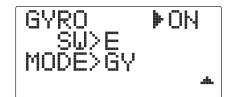
- Mechanical: some are still available. They are very challenging to set up and not as reliable as piezo or SMM.
- Non-Heading-Hold Piezo: these are now inexpensive gyros that are reliable and easy to set up. Some have dual rates and remote gain control to adjust sensitivity in flight. Lack heading-hold capabilities for precision flying.
- Heading-Hold Piezo: Until recently, the cream of the crop. Expensive, and more complex to set up. Adds GPS-like heading recognition. Exhibits minor difficulties with temperature drift (position setting varying with unit's temperature).
- Heading-Hold SMM: 21st Century gyro technology. Computer chip technology. Expensive, easier set up, higher durability. Significant decrease in temperature sensitivity. Many include frame rate settings to allow faster response when using specialized digital servos. Examples:
 - GY401: Simpler set up. Ideal for learning aerobatics through 3D.
 - GY502: Better centering than 401 for more advanced aerobatics. Ideal through Class III competition.
 - GY601: Exceptional center. Extremely fast response time. Requires specialized servo.
- **GYRO**: Simplifies adjusting/selecting the gyro sensitivity, and can provide more than 2 gyro gain settings. (The higher the gain, the more correction the gyro provides and the "softer" or less responsive the helicopter feels.) This function makes the best possible use of the inflight adjustable gain of most gyros..

Adjustability:

- Plug the gyro's sensitivity adjustment to channel 5 of the receiver. (not assignable)
- STD and AVCS/Heading-hold (GY) setup types available to simplify adjustments for AVCS/Heading-hold gyros.
- Full switch assignability or may select **Cond**. option.
- Each gyro setting may be set from 0 to 100% gain.
- Dual mode gyros (heading-hold/AVCS and normal) are easily triggered to each mode by changing the gyro setting's sign.
- Larger percentages indicate more gain, or gyro responsiveness.
- Tail wagging or shaking indicates excessive gain settings. Turn down gyro setting until wag stops.

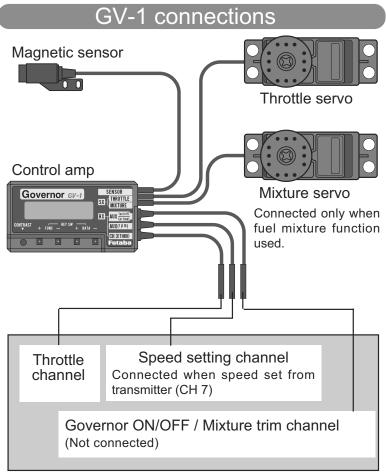
Gain Example for AVCS/Heading-hold Gyros (**GY**)





GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:	
Set up a heading-hold/AVCS gyro with heading-hold/AVCS setting in idle-up 1 and normal mode setting in	Open and activate the GYRO function.	MODE for 1 second.(If basic, MODE again.) (3), to GYRO. $= (MSE^{-1} \oplus (CURSOR))$ (3) to ON.	
idle-up2 and normal.	Optional: change gyro type to Heading-hold (GY).		
	Optional: change switch assignment. Ex: select E .	$ \begin{array}{c} \bigoplus_{\text{CURSOR}} & \text{to SW.} \\ \hline $	
	Adjust gyro rates as needed. (Ex: NORM to A80%, IDL1 to A70%, IDL2 to N70% as starting points.)	Image: Cursor Image: Cursor <th cursor<<="" image:="" td=""></th>	
	Close the function.	END END	
Where next?	D/R,EXP : see p. 33.		

GOVERNORS:

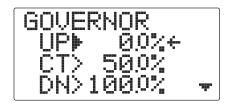


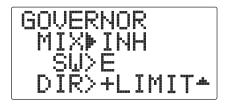
Receiver

What is a governor? A governor is made up of a set of sensors which read the RPM of the helicopter's head, and a control unit that automatically adjusts the throttle setting to maintain a constant head speed regardless of changes in pitch of blades, weather conditions, etc. Governors are extremely popular in competition helicopters due to the consistency provided.

How does it help in helicopter setup? The governor eliminates the need to spend large amounts of time setting up throttle curves, as it automatically adjusts the engine's RPM to maintain the desired head speed.

GOVERNOR: The Governor mixing function is used to adjust the GV-1 (Governor) speed settings (rS1, rS2, rS3) from the transmitter. (If you are using a different governor, follow the manufacturer's instructions.)





Adjustability:

- Speed switching and governor ON/OFF may be used together on one switch.
- Speed setting control uses CH7.
- The GV-1 controls throttle when it is active, so the throttle will not obey any FailSafe settings preset for throttle in the transmitter. Always set the FailSafe setting for the GV-1's on/off channel to OFF. This way the governor is shut off and the throttle obeys the FailSafe throttle commands.

Expert Tip: Mounting the GV-1 to the counter gear instead of the fan dramatically simplifies installation in many models.

Setting example: When speed and ON/OFF are using one switch:

Governor Speed	Switch Position (Switch B or E)	Rate (%)	Adjustment from Tx.
RS1: OFF	Up or NORM	0	Use up to 0%. (Governor speed display reads "off".)
RS2: 1400	CNTR or IDL1	50	Speed adjusted by raising and lowering rate.
RS3: 1700	DOWN or IDL2	100	Speed adjusted by lowering rate.

The relationship of the governor speed setting rS1~rS3 and the switch positions conforms to the table above.
 In throttle hold, always check that the governor is *off*. If the speed value rises in throttle hold, reverse the "DIR" setting from +LIMIT to -LIMIT or vice versa.

GOAL of EXAMPLE:	STEPS:	INPUTS:
Switch between the governor settings automatically when changing conditions.	Open and activate the GOVERNOR function.	MODE for 1 second.(If basic, MODE again.) CURSOR to GOVERNOR. (RED) CURSOR CURSOR CURSOR to ON.
Consider setting the battery FailSafe settings and other helpful functions on	<i>Optional: change switch assignment to select governor settings. Ex: select switch that selects the conditions.</i>	$\begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet $
the GV-1 itself.	Adjust governor speed settings per switch position or condition as needed. (Ex: defaults are fine.) Allows head speed adjustment from transmitter.	to each <i>SwittCH</i> position. (\bigcirc) or (\bigcirc) as needed. (\bigcirc) to next <i>SwittCH</i> position. Repeat.
	Close the function.	END END
Where next?	GYRO : see p. 73. Adjust FailSafe (F/S) settings (p. 40).	
	Adjust elevator/aileron response to fr POINT/SWASH AFR: p. 33, 31, 63.	t your flying style: see D/R,EXP and END

GLOSSARY

3D: Common name for certain types of aerobatic maneuvers. Aircraft: flying below the model's stall speed, such as torque rolls. Helicopters: combining 2 or more maneuvers, such as rolling loop.

4.8V: 4.8 volt battery pack, made of 4 Ni-Cd 1.2V cells. See Accessories.

5-cell: 6.0 volt battery pack, made of 4 alkaline cells or 5 Ni-Cd cells. See Accessories.

6V (6Volt): battery pack, made of 4 alkaline cells or 5 Ni-Cd cells. See Accessories.

ACT. Active: Make a feature able to be utilized. Opposite of **INH**. Only visible in certain features.

Adjustable Function Rate: see SWASH AFR.

ADVANCE menus: Specific menus for each model type which allow the modeler to access and program the radio's more advanced features.

AFR: Adjustable function rate. Used only in HELI model types with CCPM heads. See SWASH AFR.

AlL-2: Second aileron servo assignment. See Twin aileron servos.

Aileron: Surface that controls the roll of the model. Also called cyclic roll on a helicopter.

Aileron-to-flap mixing: Mixing used to create full-span aileron action. Not a preprogrammed mix. See *Programmable mix*.

Aileron-to-rudder mix: Mixing that automatically creates a "coordinated turn". Not a preprogrammed mix. See *Programmable mix.*

AST: Adjustable Servo Travel. A specific type of end point adjustment. See END POINT.

ATV: Adjustable Travel Volume. Older, less clear terminology for end point adjustment. See END POINT.

Autorotation: The ability of a helicopter to land safely without engine power, using the stored energy in the blade's rotation to produce lift for flaring.

Backup battery: Battery used to protect data storage in case of removal of master transmitter battery. In most Futaba radios, including the 7C, EEPROM data storage is used, so no backup battery is used or needed.	
BACKUP ERROR: Transmitter's hard-coded memory has been lost. Send for service immediately	0
Base-Loaded antenna: Also called Whip antenna. Aftermarket equipment not approved by Futaba.	
Basic model setups: Guidelines to setting up the most basic models of each type	
BASIC menus: Specific menus with most commonly used features for each model type	
Battery care and charging. (Charging the Ni-Cd batteries)	4

BEEP: Tone emitted by transmitter to signify a variety of situations. See *Error messages*.

Binding: Friction in a joint exceeding the movement of the linkage. Sticking or inability to continue movement. The servo continues to attempt to move the surface beyond its power/capabilities, rapidly draining battery power as it continues to struggle.

Buddy Box: See Trainer box.

CCPM: Cyclic (pitch and roll) Collective Pitch Mixing. Multiple servos work in unison on the helicopter's head to create one or more of the control functions. Ex: 3 servos set at 120 degrees operate the entire head. The 2 forward servos work together to rotate both the blade's pitch and the roll cyclic (aileron) in a **HR3**head type. See **MODEL TYPE,HELI**.

Charge: To increase the electrical energy, measured as voltage, available in a battery pack. See Battery care and charging.

Condition: (HELI) Separate flight setup that has significant adjustability separate from the basic model setup. See IDLE-UP 1, 2 and THROTTLE HOLD.

Copy model: see **MODEL COPY**.

Crow: see AIRBRAKE(ACRO).

Cursor: See SELECT BUTTONS.

Cyclic: Horizontal controls on a helicopter. Cyclic pitch is typically called elevator. Cyclic roll is typically called aileron.

Data reset: Erase all data in a specific model. See **RESET**.

Delta peak charger: Common name for a specialized charger designed and required to properly peak charge both NiMH and NiCd batteries, actually called a Zero Delta V Peak Charger. See *Battery Care and Charging*.

Differential: Uneven movement in each direction of a control surface. Usually used when discussing ailerons or when describing an undesirable unevenness in movement of other controls. See *Twin aileron servos*.

Discharge: To deplete the electrical energy in a battery pack, usually to its lowest safe voltage, for storage or as a part of regular maintenance. See *Battery care and charging*.

Dual elevator servos: (**ACRO**) a model using 2 servos on 2 separate channels to operate elevators. Includes elevon, V-tail.

Elevator: Surface which controls the model's rate of climb or descent. Also called cyclic pitch on helicopters.

Elevator-to-flap mix: (**ACRO**) Used to apply flaps along with elevators to increase lift, allowing modeler to fly at slower speeds, make tighter loops or turns, etc.

Elevator-to-pitch mix: (**HELI**) Used to adjust pitch to counter the loss of angle of attack when elevator input is given. Not a preprogrammed mix. See *Programmable mix*.

END BUTTON: Control button used during programming to return to previous menu or close menu altogether.

Engine cut: see **THR-CUT**

Error messages: Warnings/cautions provided by the radio when potential problems may exist.	

FailSafe (F/S): Sets servo positions when interference is encountered or signal is lost. Also includes Battery FailSafe settings. .40
Flap-to-aileron mix: (ACRO) Used to create full span flap reaction in flight. Not a preprogrammed mix. See <i>Programmable mix.</i>
Flap-to-elevator mix: (ACRO) Used to counteract unwanted changes in pitch when flaps are deployed.
FLAPERON: One servo on each aileron, plugged into channels 1 and 6, which operate both as ailerons and as flaps42
FLAP-TRIM : Adjustment of central position of flaperons, default assigned to <i>CHANNEL 6 KNOB</i> . May also be used as primary or only control of flaperons acting as flaps, or other mixes may be set up
Function (F) mode of TRAINER , allows student radio to use the computer programming for that channel in the master radio. Ex: Allows a student with a 4-channel transmitter to fly an 8-servo aerobatic plane or a 5-servo helicopter. See TRAINER .

Gain: The responsiveness or amount of control given the gyro. On a high gain, the gyro is very active and overrides nearly all other actions. Too high a gain may result in "wagging" at the surface as the gyro over-corrects repeatedly in each direction. See **GYRO SENS**.

GV-1: Part number/name for Futaba electronic governor. See Gyros and Governors and Governor for details.

Heading-hold gyro: Gyro that specifically measures the unwanted deflection angle and compensates until a corresponding angle has been returned. See *Gyros*.

HELI: Model type, rotary wing. See MODEL TYPE.

Helicopter radio: Transmitter that includes helicopter-friendly switch and control layout and sufficient programming to at least support a 5-channel helicopter. The 7CA and 7CH radios both contain all needed programming. The 7CH has a more heli-friendly layout (through switch positioning and no ratchet on throttle for easier hovering)

High Rate: See D/R,EXP.

Hover: To maintain a stationary position relative to a point on the ground.

HOVERING PITCH: see *Hovering setups*.

HOVERING THROTTLE: see *Hovering setups*.

Hovering setups:	In-flight a	adjustments	to pitch an	d throttle cu	ves around cent	er Throttle Stic	CK position (the ideal
hovering point).							

INH. Inhibit: Makes a feature inactive/unable to be used. When a function is inhibited, it cannot be used even if the assigned switch is ON. Turns off functionality without losing any settings. Only visible in specific features.

Inverted: To fly a model upside-down.

Inverted flight control programming: Not available in the 7C. Most modelers no longer use this "crutch" to fly inverted, instead learning to recognize the model's behaviors when inverted and compensate appropriately.

 Linear Mix: A mix that maintains the same relationship of master to slave throughout the whole range. Ex: a mix from one flap servo to another flap servo at 100% causes the 2nd servo to follow the first servo's movement exactly through all points of travel. See *Programmable mix*.

Lithium battery: see *Backup battery*.

LOW BATTERY warning: Transmitter's battery is below a safe flight voltage. Recharge immediately. See *Error messages*. Low rate: see **D/R**, **EXP**.

Master: The primary control. See Programmable mix.

Mechanical gyro: Uses a mechanical gyroscope (like a child's toy gyro) to sense change of angle. See Gyros.

MHz: Megahertz. Unit used to express frequency.

Mix, mixing rate, mix offset: see Programmable mix.

MIXER ALERT warning: Notifies user that a mix is activated which is not considered desirable for engine startup. See *Error messages*.

Mode: Definition of which channels are assigned to which *STICK* movements. All 7C radios shipped in the US are Mode 2, with elevator and aileron on the right *STICK*. To change mode, please visit <u>www.futaba-rc.com</u>.

MODEL RESET: Restore all data in a single model memory to defaults, including name and model type. See RESET.

Neckstrap: Optional strap to suspend transmitter during use. Futaba stock # FTA8. See Accessories.

Ni-Cd: Nickel Cadmium rechargeable battery. Typically used to power transmitter and receiver. See *Battery care and charging*.

NiMH: Nickel Metal Hydride rechargeable battery. Newer battery technology than Ni-Cd. Longer run times but more specific peak charging requirements. [Require a (zero) delta peak charger labeled specifically for use with NiMH batteries.]

NORMAL(N): Trainer mode that does not give student radio the computer programming features of the master radio. See *Trainer*.

NT8S: Standard transmitter battery pack. See Accessories.

NULL(--): Not assigned or never changed. Ex: a mix which has a null switch assignment is always active, and can never be changed in flight (turned off) no matter which switch is moved.

OFFSET: (**HELI**) Separate trim settings available to each idle-up setting, or assigned to separate switches from the idle-up switch. When offset is **ON**, movement of the trim levers adjusts the **OFFSET**, not the normal condition's trims70

Offset mix: Mix that independently moves the slave servo a set percentage of its total throw, not in relation to any master. See *Programmable mix*.

PA2: Pilot Assist. Optional onboard device that uses optical sensors to correct model's orientation to upright.

Peak Charger: Charger that automatically stops charging when the battery is fully charged (commonly called "peaked"). See *Battery care and charging*.

Piezo gyro: Gyro that uses a piezo crystal to sense angular changes. See Gyros.

Pitch-to-rudder mix: see **REVO**.

PPM: Pulse Position Modulation. Also known as FM. Type of signal transmission. See Modulation.

Programmable mix: Used to cause specific servo responses to specific inputs separate from the basic control setups.	
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Rate: Amount of control given. Ex: see *Programmable mix*.

RESET : To delete all data in the existing model only. User CAN NOT erase all data in the radio. Only service center can
do so. Part of PARAMETER submenu
Retractable landing gear: Landing gear that is brought up into the model during flight

Rudder-to-aileron mix: (**ACRO**) Used to counteract undesirable roll (roll coupling) that happens with rudder input, especially in knife-edge. Gives proper aileron input to counteract roll coupling when rudder is applied. Not a preprogrammed mix. See *Programmable mix*. This is the default programming for one linear and one curve mix in **ACRO**.

Rudder-to-elevator mix: Used to counteract undesirable pitch (pitch coupling) with rudder input, especially in knife edge flight. Not a preprogrammed mix. See *Programmable mix*.

Rudder-to-throttle mix: (**HELI**) Adds throttle to counter the added load from increasing pitch of the tail blades, maintaining a constant head-speed with rudder. (This is a minor effect and is not critical in most helicopters.) Not a preprogrammed mix. See *Programmable mix*.

Rx: Receiver

SELECT (CURSOR) BUTTONS: Controls used in various ways during programming
Select a model: see MODEL SELECT .
Service Center
Servo reversing: see REVERSE .
SET: To accept. Usually done by pressing and holding the dial when instructed.
Slave: Channel that moves in response to the command of the master. See Programmable mix.
Smoke system: Injects a specialized smoke oil into the hot exhaust to create air-show like smoke trails
SNAP ROLL : (ACRO) Combines rudder, elevator and aileron movement to cause the aircraft to snap or spin at the flip of a switch
Stick adjustments: Change stick tension and height
SUB-TRIM : Used to fine tune the center or neutral point of each servo. Allows full trim function from the trim sliders for flight trimming
SWASH AFR : (HELI ,CCPM types only) Adjustment of the travel of all servos involved in the particular control's movement <i>only</i> during the movement of that control. Ex: reverse the direction of movement of collective pitch while not affecting the direction of movement of either cyclic control
Swashplate type: (HELI). Part of the model type selection process. Selects specific heli swashplate geometry, such as one of four available types of "CCPM."
SWASH-THR : (HELI , CCPM types only) Corrects slowing of engine speed caused by swash plate operation at aileron or elevator operation. See throttle mixing
Switch programmability: MANY features are reassignable to a variety of switches, including simply moving an auxiliary control such as flaps from the stock dial to a switch or other location.

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THR-REV : Reverses the throttle trim function to the top of the <i>ThrottleStick</i>	.30

Throttle-to-rudder mix: Used to compensate with rudder when throttle is applied on take off. Not a preprogrammed mix. See *Programmable mix.*

THROTTLE CURVE: (**HELI**) Adjusts how the servo responds to the *THROTTLE STICK* position along a 5 point curve. Separate curves available for each idle-up and normal. For simplicity, normal curve may be edited from **BASIC** menu. All curves may be edited together in the **ADVANCE** menu. Activating an idle-up's throttle curve is what activates that idle-up. .65,68

Throttle trim adjustment: See **ATL** to change throttle trim from "idle only" to full trim control like all other channels. See **THR-REV** to reverse *THROTTLE STICK* completely, including moving trim to the top of the *THROTTLE STICK*. See also *Idle management* for details on idle down and throttle cut functions.

Trainer cord: cord used to connect two compatible radios to use for flight instruction. See Accessories.

TRIM OFFSET: (HELI) Sets an offset or adjustment of trim when switching between conditions. See OFFSET.

Triple rate: 3rd control travel setting available in flight. See D/R,EXP.

Twin aileron servos: Use of 2 or more servos on separate channels to control aileron action. Includes flaperon and elevon.
Twin elevator servos: Use of 2 or more servos on separate channels to control the elevator of a model. Includes elevon,V-tail

Tx: Transmitter

VR : Variable rate control. Knob on the radio. See switch assignment chart for default assignments.

V-tail model Mix: (**ACRO**) Programming used to control a V-tail model's tail surfaces, with 2 servos operating 2 control surfaces as both rudder and elevator.

Warning messages: Cautions provided by the radio when certain potential problems exist. See <i>Error messages</i> .
Warranty information
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