

# Alpha™ Sport 450 PNP

## Assembly Manual



### Specifications

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Wingspan:	48.5 in (1230mm)
Length:	40 in (1015mm)
Wing Area:	395 sq in (25.5 sq dm)
Weight w/o Battery:	23–24 oz (650–680 g)
Weight w/Battery:	28–29 oz (790–820 g)



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## Introduction

The Alpha Sport 450 PNP combines the mild manners of a high-wing trainer with all the fun of a sport aerobatic plane, making it the perfect companion for a few care-free hours at the local park or playground. Constructed from top-quality balsa and plywood, it comes out of the box covered in genuine UltraCote. And assembly takes just an evening or two thanks to convenient features like the bolt-on tail and pre-installed control horns.

### Important Warranty Information

Please read our Warranty and Liability Limitations section on Page 20 before building this product. If you as the Purchaser or user are not prepared to accept the liability associated with the use of this Product, you are advised to return this Product immediately in new and unused condition to the place of purchase.

### Using the Manual

This manual is divided into sections to help make assembly easier to understand, and to provide breaks between each major section. In addition, check boxes have been placed next to each step to keep track of its completion. Steps with a single circle (○) are performed once, while steps with two circles (○○) indicate that the step will require repeating, such as for a right or left wing panel, two servos, etc.

Remember to take your time and follow the directions.

## Product Registration

Register your product online at:  
[www.e-fliterc.com/register/](http://www.e-fliterc.com/register/)

### Contents of Kit/Parts Layout

EFL2826	Wing Set
EFL2827	Fuselage
EFL2828	Tail Set
EFL2829	Wing Tube
EFL2830	Main Gear
EFL2831	Pushrod Set
EFL2832	Fuselage Hatch
EFL2833	Nose Gear
EFL2834	Wheel Set
EFL2835	Hardware Set



### Covering Colors

HANU873	Deep Blue
HANU870	White
HANU866	True Red

## Recommended Radio Equipment

You will need a minimum of a 4-channel transmitter and receiver. You can choose to purchase a complete radio system. If you are using an existing transmitter, just purchase the receiver separately. We recommend the crystal-free, interference-free Spektrum™ DX5e 2.4GHz DSM® 5-channel system.

If you own a Spektrum radio, just add a DSM2™ receiver. We show the installation of the AR500 receiver in the manual.

### Complete Radio System

SPM5500      DX5e 5-Channel Full Range  
w/o Servos

### Or Purchase Separately

SPMAR500      AR500 5-Channel Receiver

## Optional Accessories

EFLA110	Power Meter
EFLC3005	Celectra™ 1- to 3-Cell Li-Po Charger
EFLC505	Intelligent 1- to 5-Cell Balancing Charger
EFLSP175	1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> -inch Aluminum Spinner
APC10070E	10x7 Electric Prop

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of Bachmann Industries, Inc.

## Replacement Propeller

EFLP1070      10x7 Slow Flyer Propeller

## Battery Requirements

EFLB18003S      1800mAh 3S 11.1V 20C Li-Po,  
13AWG EC3

or

THP21003SPL2      2100mAh 3S 11.1V 20C Li-Po,  
16AWG

## Required Tools and Adhesives

### Tools & Equipment

Scissors      Ruler (EFLA264)  
Nut driver: 5.5mm  
Hex Wrench or Ball Driver: 3/32-inch, 5/64-inch  
Phillips Screwdriver: #0, #1, #2 (EFLA257 and  
EFLA258)

### Adhesives

Clear tape      Threadlock

### Optional Tools and Adhesives

Paper towel      Epoxy mixing cup  
Epoxy mixing stick      Epoxy brush  
Rubbing alcohol      6-minute Epoxy (HAN8000)  
Propeller reamer      Drill  
Low tack tape  
Drill bit: 3/8-inch (9.5mm)  
Adjustable wrench or 10mm open-end wrench

## Note on Lithium Polymer Batteries



Lithium Polymer batteries are significantly more volatile than alkaline or Ni-Cd/ Ni-MH batteries used in RC applications. All manufacturer's instructions and warnings must be followed closely. Mishandling of Li-Po batteries can result in fire. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when disposing of Lithium Polymer batteries.

## Warning

An RC aircraft is not a toy! If misused, it can cause serious bodily harm and damage to property. Fly only in open areas, preferably at AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics) approved flying sites, following all instructions included with your radio.

Keep loose items that can get entangled in the propeller away from the prop, including loose clothing, or other objects such as pencils and screwdrivers. Especially keep your hands away from the propeller.

### ***E-tips***

During the course of building your model, we suggest that you use a soft base for the building surface. Such things as a foam stand, large piece of bedding foam or a thick bath towel will work well and help protect the model from damage during assembly.

## Installing the Main Landing Gear

### Required Parts

Fuselage assembly    Main landing gear  
#4 steel washer (2)  
4-40 x 3/8-inch socket head bolt (2)

### Required Tools and Adhesives

Hex wrench or ball driver: 3/32-inch  
Threadlock

- 1. Position the main landing gear on the bottom of the fuselage as shown. The main gear has a straight side and an angled side. The angled side goes forward and the straight side aft. Slide a #4 steel washer on the two 4-40 x 3/8-inch socket head bolts. The bolts go through the landing gear and in the blind nut installed inside the fuselage. The landing gear is secured using two bolts and washers. Tighten the bolts using a 3/32-inch hex wrench or ball driver.



**E-tips**

Use threadlock on all metal-to-metal fasteners to keep them from vibrating loose.

## Installing the Tail Surfaces

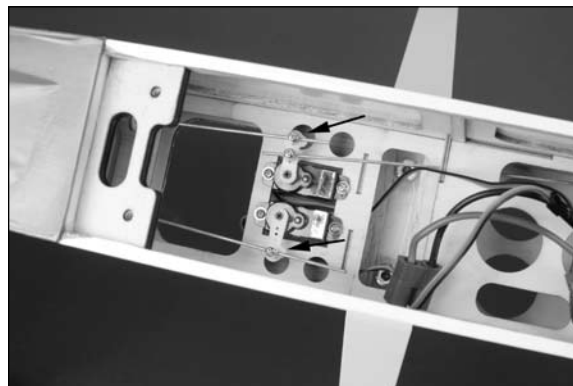
### Required Parts

Fuselage assembly    Elevator assembly  
Rudder assembly    3mm x 50mm machine bolt  
3mm locknut (3)    3mm steel washer (4)

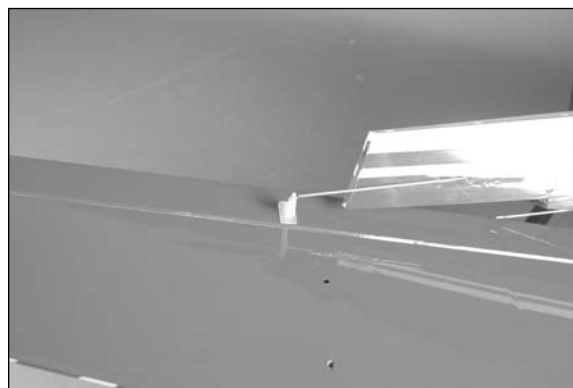
### Required Tools and Adhesives

Nut driver: 5.5mm    Phillips screwdriver: #1, #2

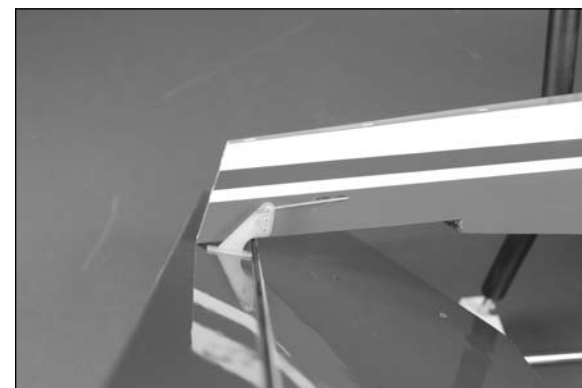
- 1. Use a #1 Phillips screwdriver to loosen the screws that secure the rudder and elevator pushrod to the connectors at the servo. This will allow you to move the pushrods without damaging the servos to install the rudder and elevator assemblies.



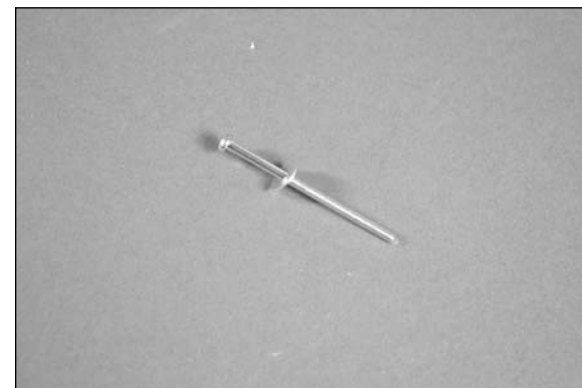
- 2. Insert the bend in the elevator pushrod wire into the outer hole of the elevator control horn.



- 3. Rotate the elevator into position, making sure the pushrod wire for the rudder is on the top side of the elevator.



- 4. Slide a 3mm steel washer on the 3mm x 50mm machine bolt.



- 4. Insert the 3mm x 50mm machine bolt through the hole in the stabilizer that is the closest to the rear of the aircraft. The bolt will pass through the fuselage through holes that have been previously made in the fuselage for this purpose.



- 5. Slide a 3mm steel washer on the bolt and then thread a 3mm locknut on the bolt. Leave the nut slightly loose at this time.



- 6. Insert the bend in the rudder pushrod wire into the outer hole of the rudder control horn.



- 7. Rotate the rudder into position as shown.



- 8. Insert the threaded rods from the rudder through the two forward holes in the stabilizer and into the holes in the fuselage.



- 9. Slide the rudder assembly into position, making sure it is fully seated on the fuselage as shown.



- 10. Slide two 3mm steel washers on the threaded rods from the rudder assembly. The rudder assembly is then secured using two 3mm locknuts. Use a 5.5mm nut driver and a #2 Phillips screwdriver to tighten the nuts. Make sure not to over-tighten the nuts and damage the fuselage.



## Installing the Receiver

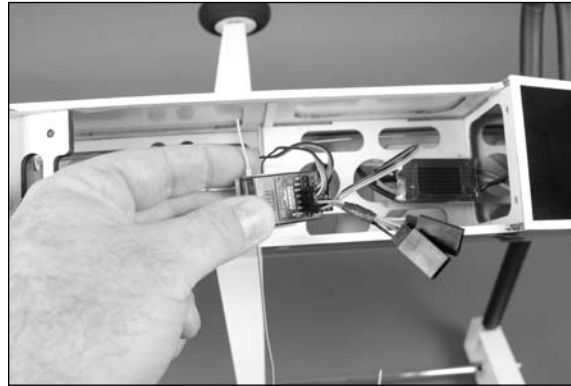
### Required Parts

Fuselage assembly	Receiver
Y-harness	Hook and loop tape

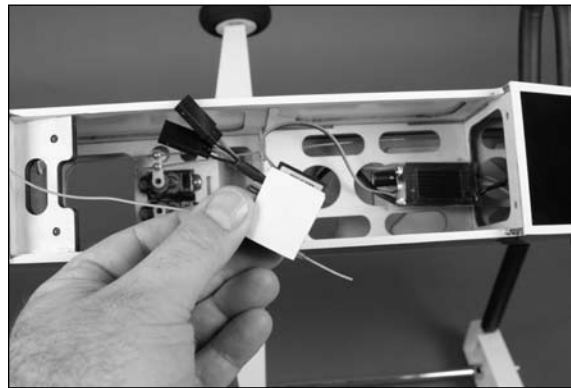
### Required Tools and Adhesives

Scissors	Clear tape
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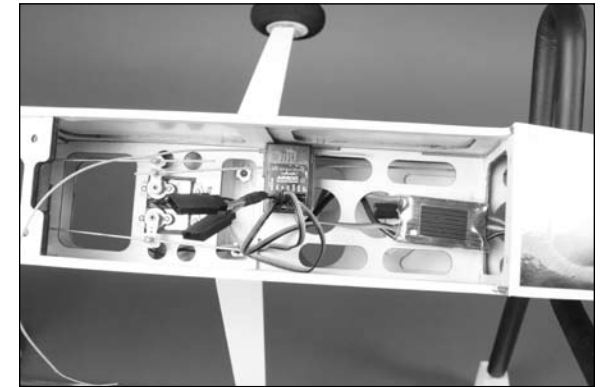
- 1. Plug the leads from the rudder servo, elevator servo and speed control into the appropriate ports of the receiver. Plug the Y-harness into the aileron port of the receiver.



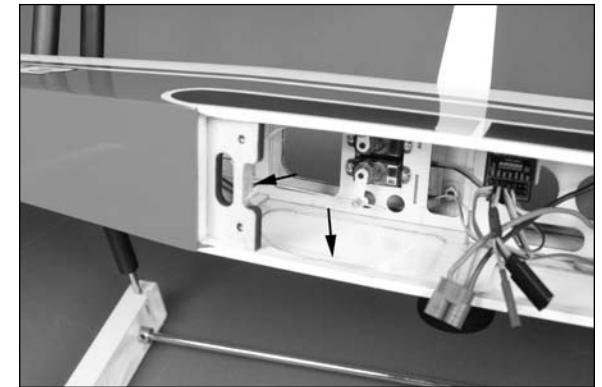
- 2. Use scissors to cut a small piece of hook and loop tape. Remove the backing and apply the hook and loop to the bottom of the receiver.



- 3. Remove the remaining backing from the hook and loop tape. Position the receiver in the fuselage as shown.



- 4. Use clear tape to secure the longer antenna wire from the receiver under the wing mounting plate and to the side of the fuselage to keep it from interfering with the operation of the servos and to provide the best reception for your radio system.



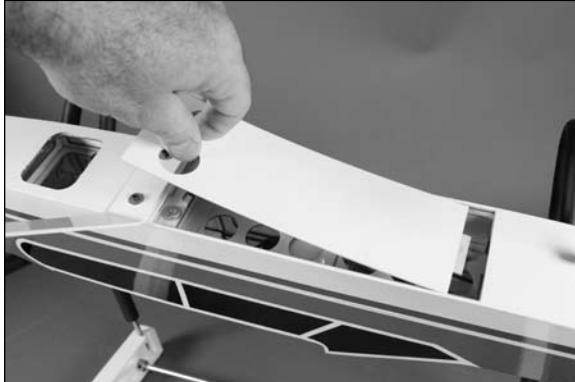
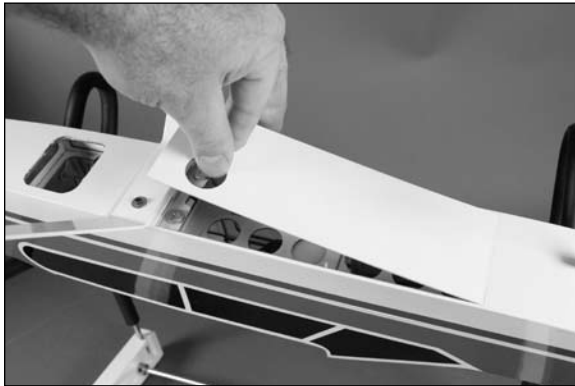


## Installing the Motor Battery

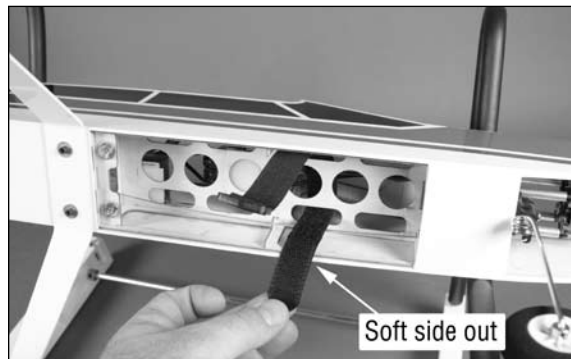
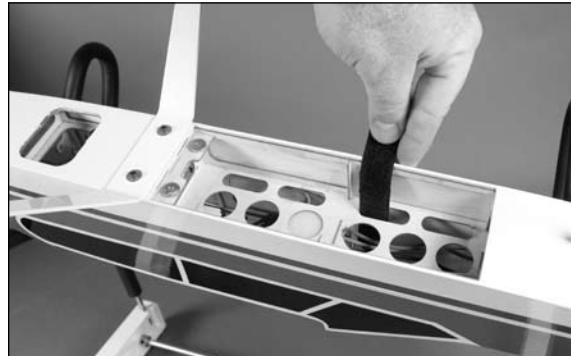
### Required Parts

Fuselage assembly    Motor battery (charged)  
Hook and loop strap    Hook and loop tape

- 1. Lift up at the rear of the battery hatch and slide it to the rear of the fuselage to remove. Set the battery hatch aside to install the motor battery.



- 2. Slip the hook and loop strap through the holes in the battery tray as shown. Make sure the softer loop tape is facing out or you will not be able to secure the battery with the strap.



**Etips**

When installing the hook and loop strap, make sure the wire to the nose gear does not interfere with the strap. The wire must remain free to move when the strap is installed.

- 3. Take the connector from the speed control for the battery and insert it through the hole in the battery tray into the battery compartment.



- 4. Use the hook and loop strap to secure the motor battery in the battery compartment. If the motor battery slides forward or rearward in the compartment, use a piece of hook and loop tape between the motor battery and battery tray to keep it from moving.



**Etips**

When balancing your model, you will be required to move the battery forward or aft to achieve the best CG for flight.

## Centering the Rudder, Nose Gear and Elevator

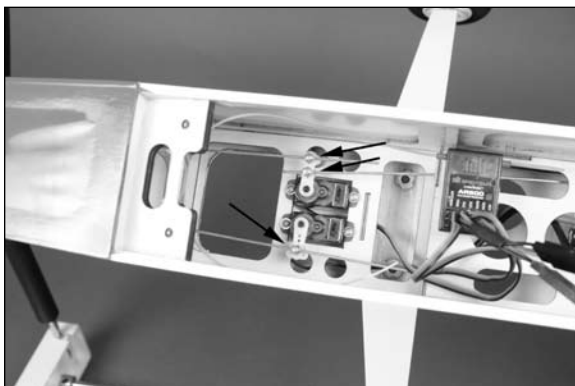
### Required Parts

Fuselage assembly Transmitter  
Motor battery (charged)

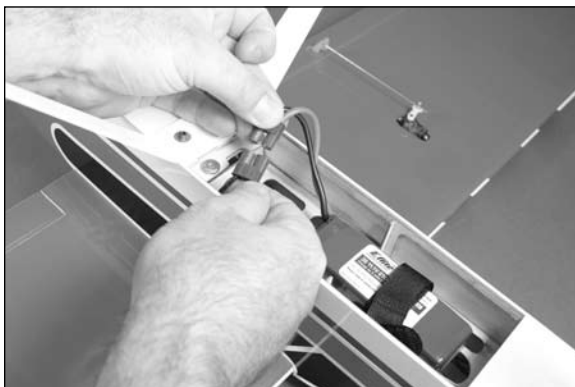
### Required Tools and Adhesives

Ruler Phillips screwdriver: #1  
Threadlock

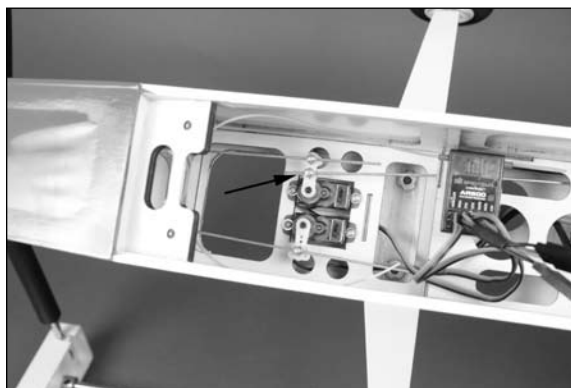
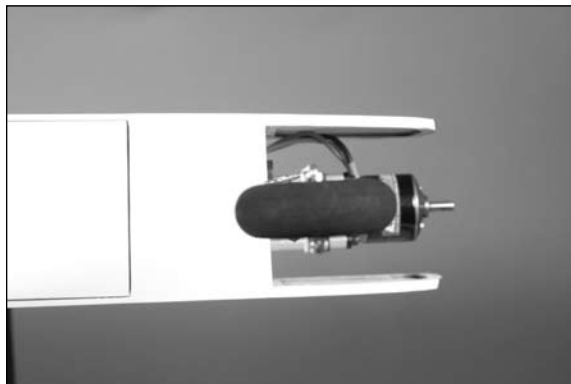
- 1. Use a #1 Phillips screwdriver to loosen the screws that secure the rudder, nose gear and elevator pushrod to the connectors at the servo.



- 2. Move the switch on your transmitter to the on position. Make sure the throttle stick is toward the bottom of the transmitter, or low throttle position. Connect the leads for the battery and motor.



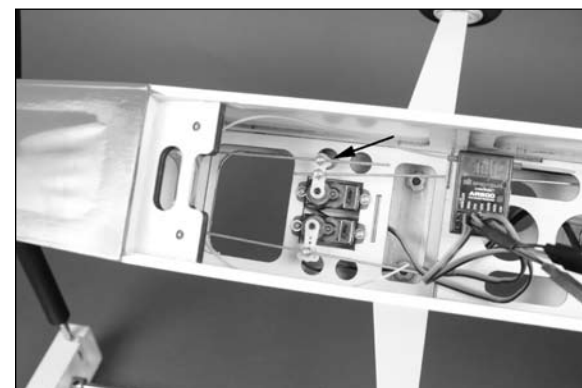
- 3. Make sure the rudder trim and stick have been centered at the transmitter. Position the nose wheel so it aligned with the sides of the fuselage as shown in the image below. Tighten the screw at the rudder servo using a #1 Phillips screwdriver to secure the nose gear pushrod wire to the connector at the servo.



### ***E-tips***

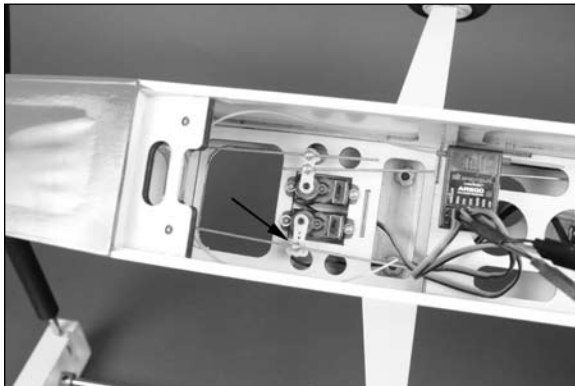
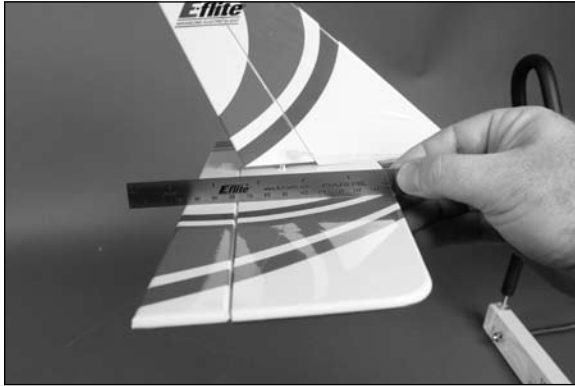
If you find your model does not track straight on the runway, you may need to re-center the nose wheel. Do not use the rudder trim to correct a tracking problem with your aircraft. The rudder trim is used to trim the model in flight.

- 4. Make sure the rudder trim and stick have been centered at the transmitter. Use a ruler to make sure the rudder is aligned with the fin. Tighten the screw at the rudder servo using a #1 Phillips screwdriver to secure the rudder pushrod wire to the connector at the servo.





- 5. Make sure the elevator trim and stick have been centered at the transmitter. Use a ruler to make sure the elevator is aligned with the stabilizer. Tighten the screw using a #1 Phillips screwdriver at the elevator servo to secure the elevator pushrod wire to the connector at the servo.



**E-tips**

Use threadlock on all metal-to-metal fasteners to keep them from vibrating loose.

## Attaching the Wing and Centering the Ailerons

### Required Parts

Fuselage assembly	Wing panel (right and left)
Wing tube	#4 steel washer (2)
Wing bolt plate	Motor battery (charged)
Transmitter	
4-40 x 3/4-inch socket head bolt (2)	

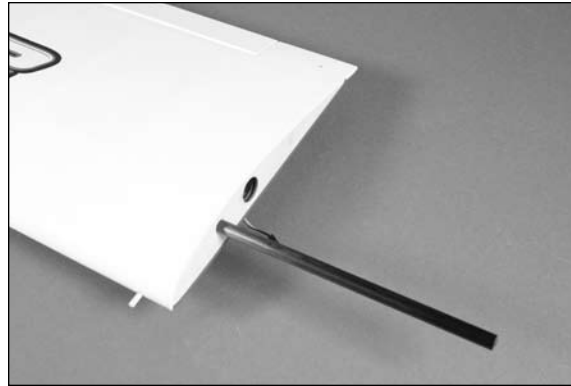
### Required Tools and Adhesives

Ruler	Phillips screwdriver: #0
Threadlock	
Hex wrench or ball driver: 3/32-inch	

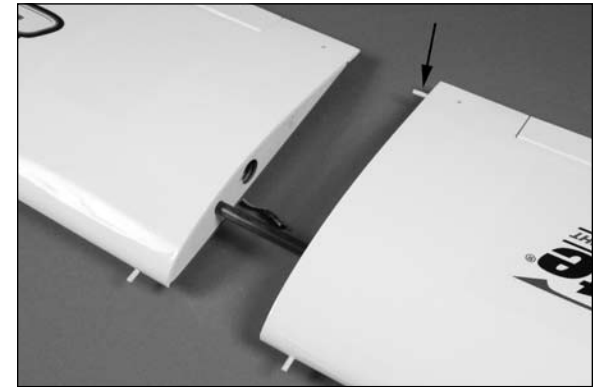
### Optional Tools and Adhesives

6-minute epoxy	Paper towel
Rubbing alcohol	Epoxy brush
Mixing stick	Mixing cup
Low-tack tape	

- 1. Slide the wing tube in the socket in the root end of the wing. The tube will slide in easily. Do not force the wing tube in farther than it can easily slide.



- 2. Slide the remaining wing panel on the wing tube. The pin at the rear will fit into the hole in the opposite wing panel.



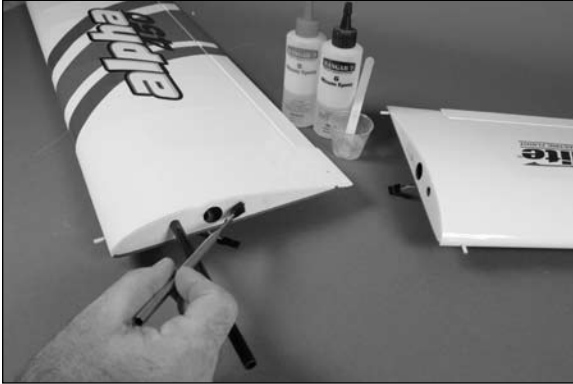
- 3. The wing panels will fit tightly together. This is necessary for the wing to fit on the fuselage.



## OPTIONAL - EPOXY THE WING HALVES

As an option, you can use epoxy to join the wings together of your Alpha 450. Make sure your vehicle is large enough to accept the assembled wing before gluing the two panels into a one-piece wing.

- A. Mix 1/2 oz (15ml) of 6-minute epoxy. Use an epoxy brush to apply a thin layer of epoxy to the exposed plywood on the left and right wing panels as shown.



- B. Use six 3-inch (76mm) pieces of low-tack tape, three on the top of the wing and three on the bottom of the wing, to hold the wing panels together until the epoxy fully cures.



- C. Use a paper towel and rubbing alcohol to remove any excess epoxy from the wing before it has a chance to cure. You may need to use two or three clean paper towels to remove all the epoxy residue from the wing.



- 4. Plug the leads from the aileron servos into the Y-harness from the receiver that is plugged into the AIL port of the receiver.



- 5. To fit the wing to the fuselage, rest it on the fuselage as shown. The dowels at the front of the wing will fit into the holes in the fuselage. Slide the wing forward until the leading edge of the wing is against the fuselage as shown in the bottom photo.





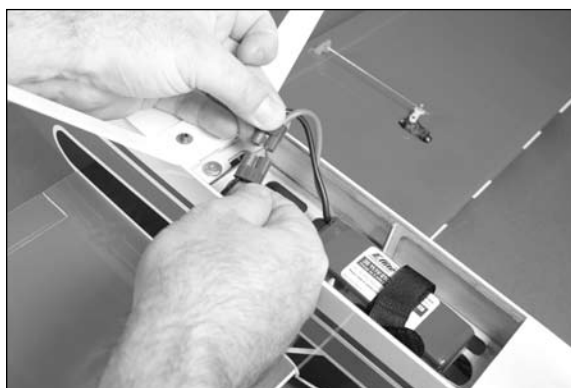
- 6. Position the wing bolt plate as shown in the photo. The rounded end will face to the front of the airframe. The holes in the plate will align with the holes in the wing.



- 7. Slide a #4 steel washer on a 4-40 x 3/4-inch socket head bolt. Then slide the bolt through the hole in the wing bolt plate and wing. You will use two steel washers and two bolts to secure the wing to the fuselage. Blind nuts are installed in the fuselage to accept the bolts. Use a 3/32-inch hex wrench or ball driver to tighten the wing bolts that secure the wing to the fuselage.



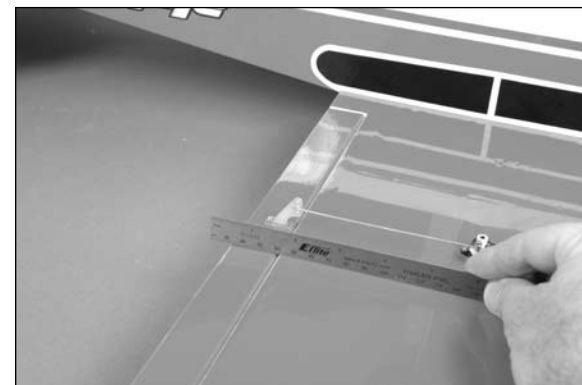
- 8. Move the switch on your transmitter to the On position. Make sure the throttle stick is toward the bottom of the transmitter, or low throttle position. Connect the leads for the battery and motor.



- 9. Loosen the screw that secures the aileron pushrod wire to the servo using a #1 Phillips screwdriver. Do this for both ailerons.



- 10. Make sure the aileron stick and trim are centered at the transmitter. Use a ruler to align the aileron with the bottom of the wing. Use a #1 Phillips screwdriver to tighten the screw at the aileron servo connector to secure the aileron pushrod wire. Do this for both ailerons.



**E-tips**

Use threadlock on all metal-to-metal fasteners to keep them from vibrating loose.

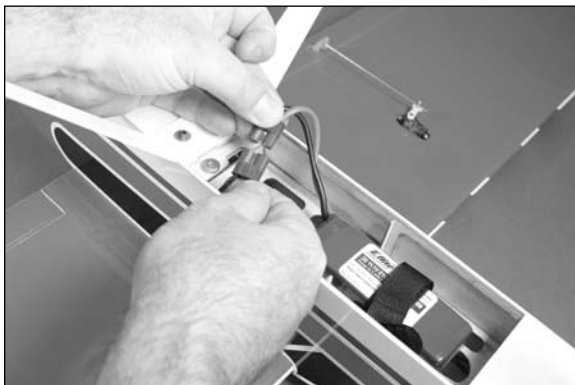
- 11. Unplug the motor battery and then turn off the transmitter if you are not continuing to the next section of this manual.

## Checking the Control Movements

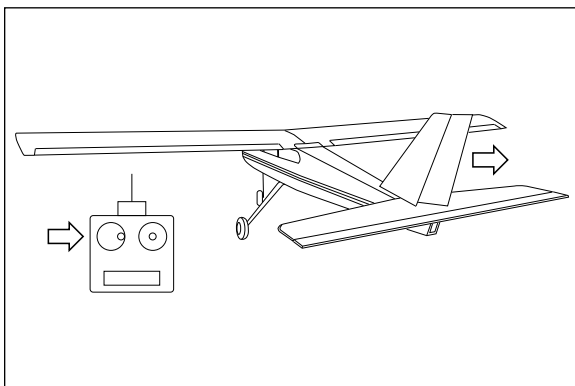
### Required Parts

Assembled airframe Transmitter  
Motor battery (charged)

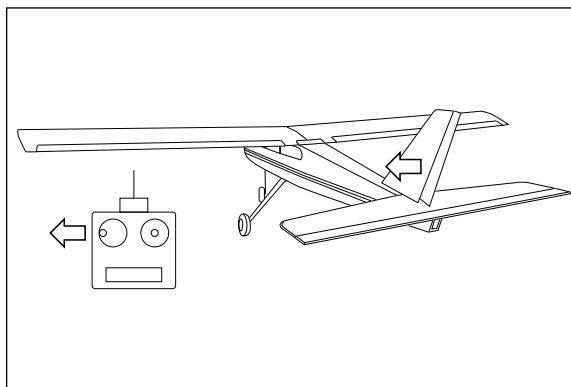
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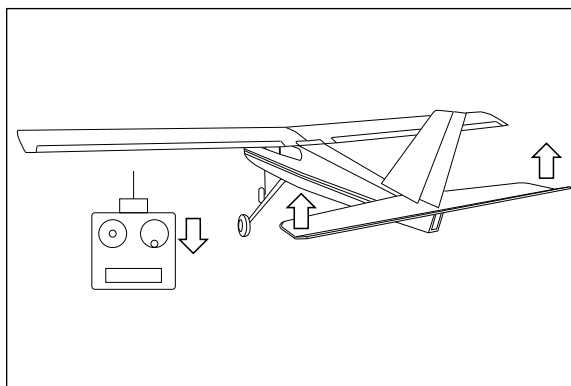
- 2. Check the movement of the rudder using the transmitter. When the left stick is moved right, the rudder should also move right.



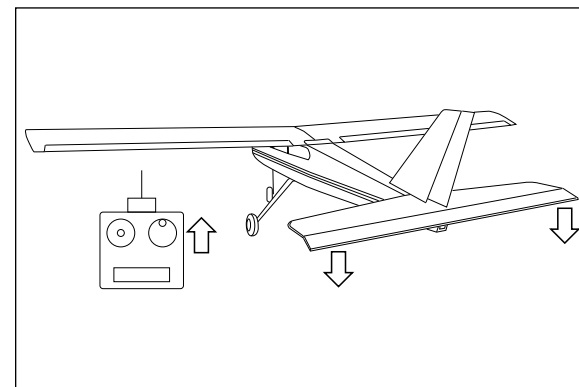
- 3. Check the movement of the rudder using the transmitter. When the left stick is moved left, the rudder should also move left.



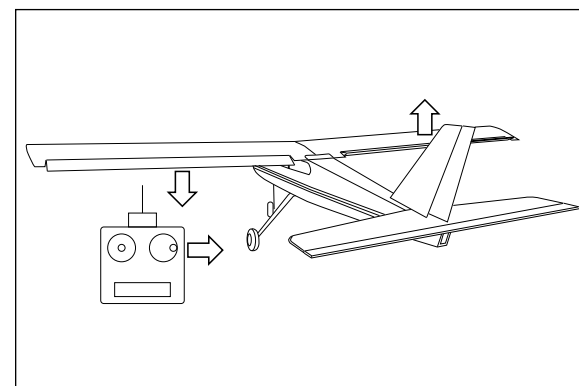
- 4. Check the movement of the elevator with the radio system. Pulling the right stick back will make the airplane elevator move up.



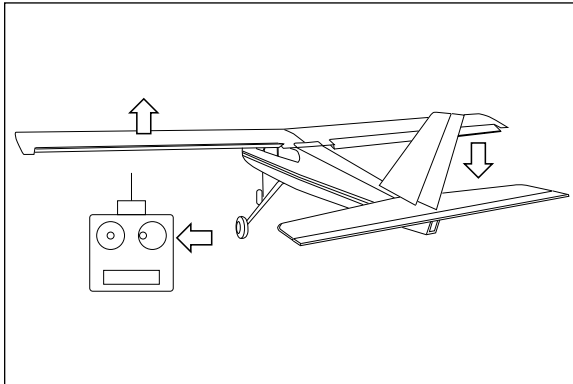
- 5. Check the movement of the elevator with the radio system. Pushing the right stick forward will make the airplane elevator move down.



- 6. Check the movement of the aileron using the transmitter. When the right stick is moved right, the right aileron will move up and the left aileron will move down.



- 7. Check the movement of the aileron using the transmitter. When the right stick is moved left, the left aileron will move up and the right aileron will move down.



- 8. Unplug the motor battery and then turn off the transmitter if you are not continuing to the next section of this manual

## Checking the Control Throws

### Required Parts

Assembled airframe Transmitter  
Motor battery (charged)

### ***E-tips***

The first part of the Checking the Control Throws section details the basics for setting the control throws. We at E-flite have also detailed how to measure the control throws if this is the first time you have set the control throws for a model aircraft.

- 1. Turn on the transmitter and receiver of your model. Check the movement of the rudder using the transmitter. When the stick is moved right, the rudder should also move right. Reverse the direction of the servo at the transmitter if necessary.
- 2. Check the movement of the elevator with the radio system. Moving the elevator stick toward the bottom of the transmitter will make the airplane elevator move up.
- 3. Check the movement of the ailerons with the radio system. Moving the aileron stick right will make the right aileron move up and the left aileron move down.
- 4. Use a ruler to adjust the throw of the elevator, ailerons and rudder. Adjust the position of the pushrod at the control horn to achieve the following measurements when moving the sticks to their endpoints.

**Note:** If using the DX5e you will find your control throws to be slightly different than listed in the manual on both high and low rates. The control throws will work fine as delivered by the DX5e on both high and low rate.

### Aileron Low Rate

Up	1/4-inch	(6mm)
Down	1/4-inch	(6mm)

### Aileron High Rate

Up	1/2-inch	(12mm)
Down	1/2-inch	(12mm)

### Elevator Low Rate

Up	3/8-inch	(9mm)
Down	3/8-inch	(9mm)

### Elevator High Rate

Up	1/2-inch	(12mm)
Down	1/2-inch	(12mm)

### Rudder High Rate

Up	1/2-inch	(12mm)
Down	1/2-inch	(12mm)

### ***E-tips***

Measurements are taken at the inner or widest point on the control surface.

These are general guidelines measured from flight testing here at E-flite. You can experiment with higher rates to match your preferred style of flying.

### ***E-tips***

If using a computer radio the Travel Adjust and Sub Trims are not listed and should be adjusted according to each individual model and preference.

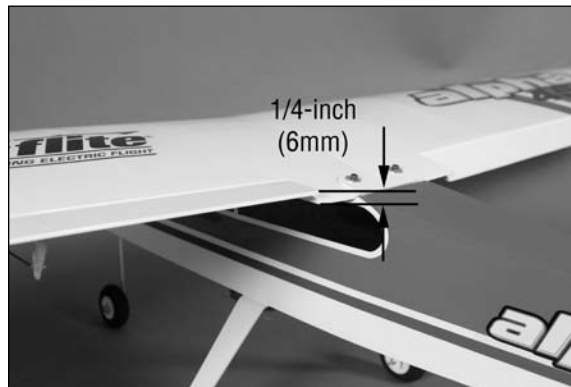
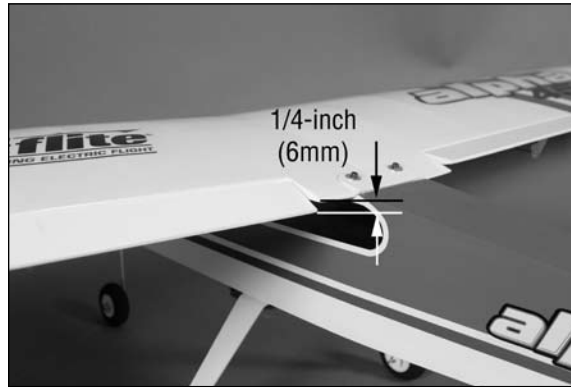


## AILERON THROW

- 5. Use a ruler to check the control throws on the ailerons. The dimensions are shown below. For your reference the aileron pushrods are set up in the following holes: the middle hole on the aileron control horn and the outside hole on the aileron servo arm.
- 6. From center, use a ruler to measure the movement of the ailerons. Make sure the ailerons move up 1/2-inch (12mm) from center and down 1/2-inch (12mm) from center. Measure both the right and left ailerons to make sure they are working in unison. This is the setting for the high rate.

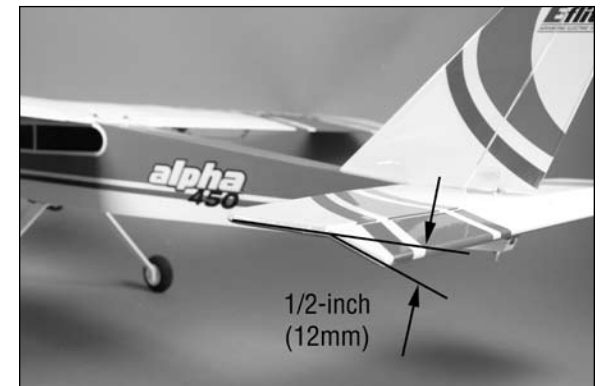
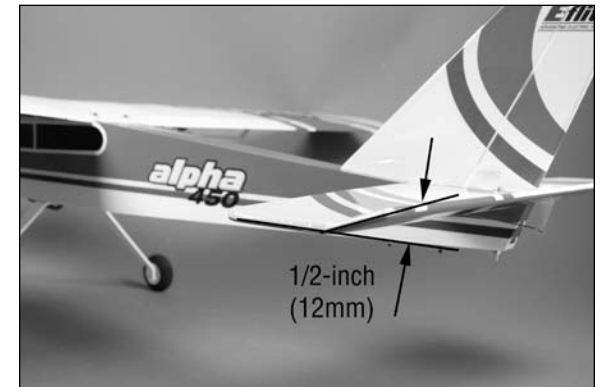


- 7. From center, use a ruler to measure the movement of the ailerons. Make sure the ailerons move up 1/4-inch (6mm) from center and down 1/4-inch (6mm) from center. Measure both the right and left ailerons to make sure they are working in unison. This is the setting for the low rate.

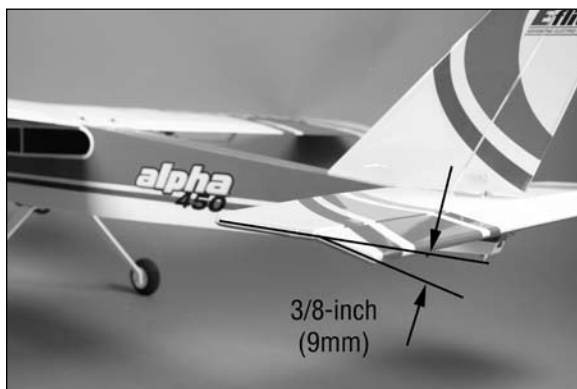
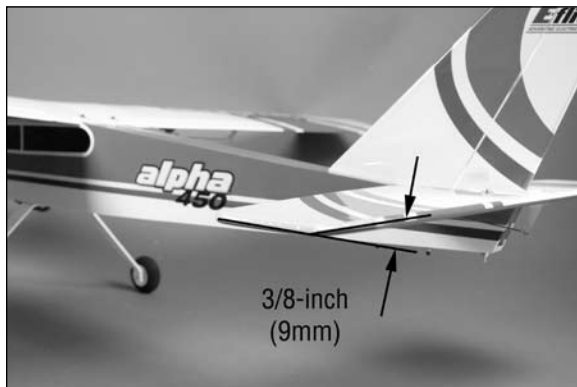


## ELEVATOR THROW

- 8. Use a ruler to check the control throws on your elevator. The dimensions are shown below. For your reference the elevator pushrod is set up in the following holes: The outside hole on the elevator control horn and the outside hole in on the elevator servo arm.
- 9. From center, use a ruler to measure the movement of the elevator. Make sure the elevator move up 1/2-inch (12mm) from center and down 1/2-inch (12mm) from center. This is the setting for the high rate.

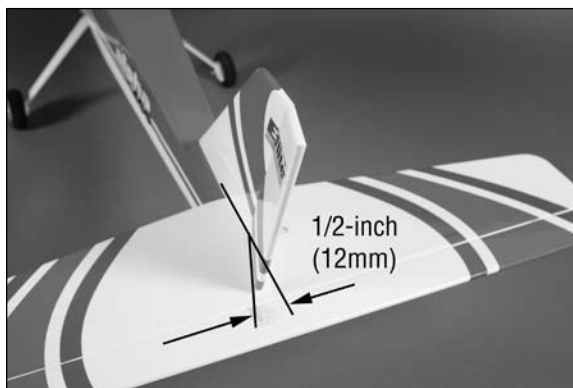
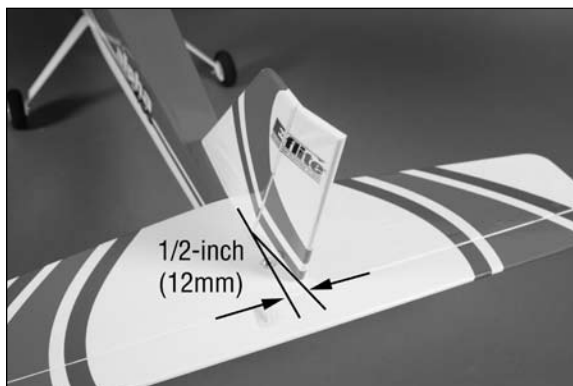


- 10. From center, use a ruler to measure the movement of the elevator. Make sure the elevator move up 3/8-inch (9mm) from center and down 3/8-inch (9mm) from center. This is the setting for the high rate.



## RUDDER THROW

- 11. Use a ruler to check the control throws on your rudder. The dimensions are shown below. For your reference the rudder pushrod is set up in the following holes: the outside hole on the rudder control horn and the outside hole on the rudder servo arm.
- 12. From center, use a ruler to measure the movement of the rudder. Make sure the rudder moves left 1/2-inch (12mm) from center and right 1/2-inch (12mm) from center. This is the setting for the rudder throw. There is only one rate for the rudder.



- 13. Unplug the motor battery and then turn off the transmitter before installing the propeller.

## Installing the Propeller and Spinner

### Required Parts

Fuselage assembly    Propeller  
Spinner backplate    Spinner cone  
Propeller adapter with nut

### Required Tools and Adhesives

Adjustable wrench  
Hex wrench or ball driver: 5/64-inch

### Optional Items

1 3/4-inch aluminum spinner  
APC 10x7E propeller  
Drill                      Drill bit: 3/8-inch (9.5mm)  
or  
Propeller reamer with 3/8-inch (9.5mm) step

Important: Make sure the motor battery has been unplugged and the transmitter switch is in the off position before installing the propeller. Although rare, the motor could start and cause personal injury if these conditions are not met.

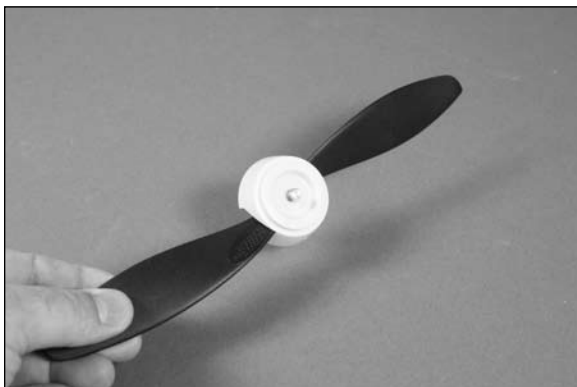
### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PROPELLER

It is very important to check to be sure the propeller is balanced before installation. An unbalanced propeller may strip the gears or cause poor flight characteristics.

- 1. Slide the propeller adapter in the hole in the center of the propeller. The E-flite logo will be on the side with the threads to be installed in the correct direction.



- 2. Slide the spinner backplate in position over the threads of the propeller adapter.



- 3. Thread the propeller nut on the threads of the propeller adapter. Only thread the nut on a few turns, as tightening it now will not allow you to install the adapter on the motor.



- 4. Slide the propeller assembly on the motor shaft. It should slide easily on the motor shaft.



- 5. Use a hex wrench to tighten the propeller nut to secure the assembly to the motor shaft.



- 6. Snap the spinner cone on the spinner backplate. It will take a slight amount of force to snap the spinner cone securely.

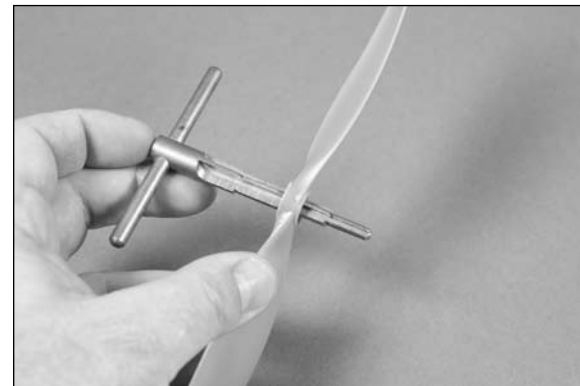


### **OPTIONAL - ALUMINUM SPINNER AND APC PROPELLER INSTALLATION**

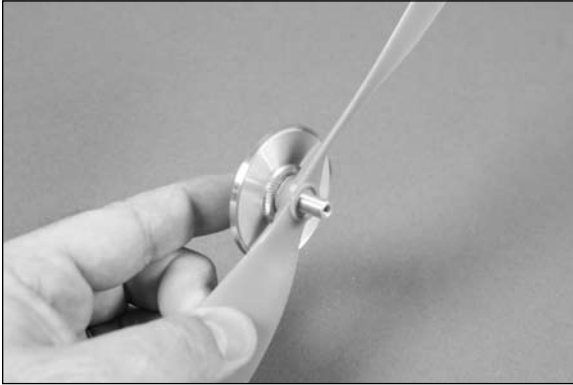
#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PROPELLER**

It is very important to check to be sure the propeller is balanced after the hole has been enlarged. An unbalanced propeller may strip the gears or cause poor flight characteristics.

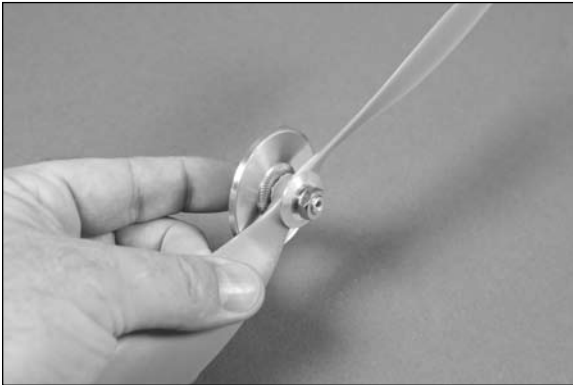
- A. Use a drill and 3/8-inch (9.5mm) drill bit or a propeller reamer to enlarge the hole in the propeller so it will fit on the aluminum spinner.



- B. Slide the propeller on the threaded shaft of the spinner adapter. Make sure the numbers embossed on the propeller are facing away from the spinner backplate.



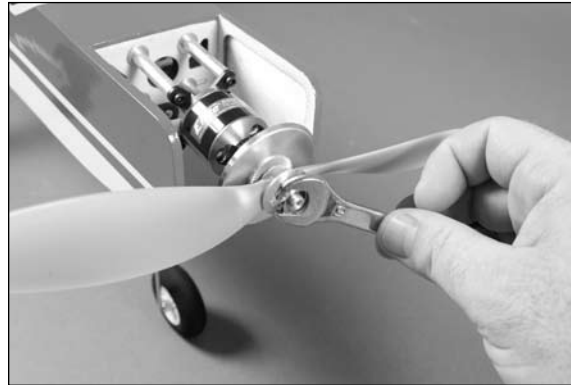
- C. Slide the washer included with the spinner assembly on the threaded shaft. The nut included with the spinner assembly is then threaded on the shaft. Only thread the nut 2–3 turns: it does not need to be tightened at this time.



- D. Slide the assembly on the motor shaft. It should fit snugly on the shaft. If it seems to be excessively loose, you have used the wrong motor adapter and need to return to Step B and swap the adapter out with the remaining adapter included with the spinner assembly.



- E. Use an adjustable wrench or 10mm open-end wrench to tighten the nut. This will secure the adapter and propeller to the motor shaft.



- F. Place the spinner cone on the backplate. Position the spinner cone so the openings in the spinner cone are not in contact with the propeller. Use the screw included with the spinner assembly and a 3/32-inch hex wrench or ball driver to tighten the screw to secure the spinner cone in position.

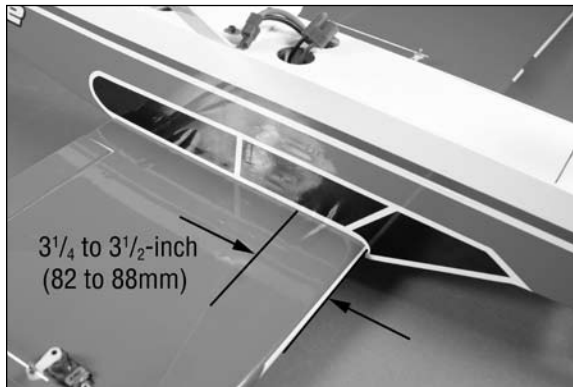


## Center of Gravity

An important part of preparing the aircraft for flight is properly balancing the model.

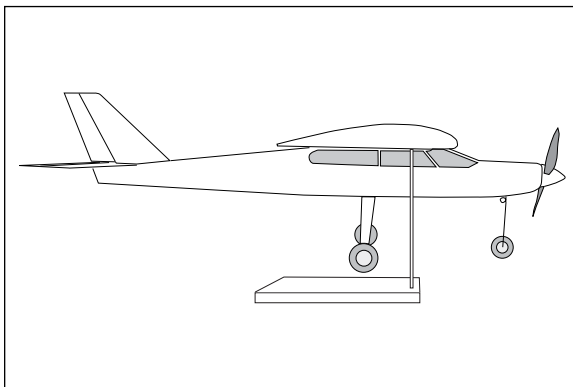
**Caution: Do not inadvertently skip this step!**

The recommended Center of Gravity (CG) location for the Alpha 450 is  $3\frac{1}{4}$  to  $3\frac{1}{2}$  (82 to 88mm) back from the leading edge of the top wing. Mark the location for the Center of Gravity on the bottom of the top wing in the center as shown.



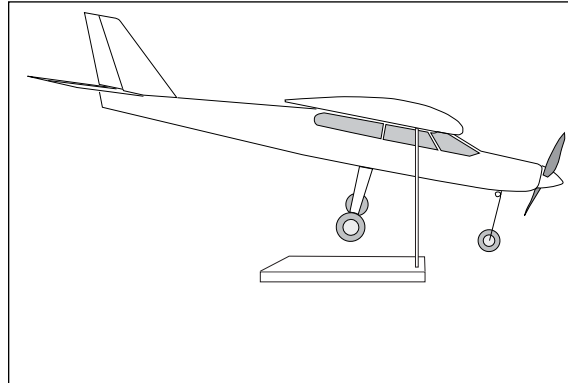
When balancing your Alpha 450 Sport 450, support the plane upright at the marks made on the bottom of the wing with your fingers or a commercially available balancing stand. Move the motor battery as necessary so the model hangs level or slightly nose down. This is the correct balance point for your model.

### BALANCED MODEL



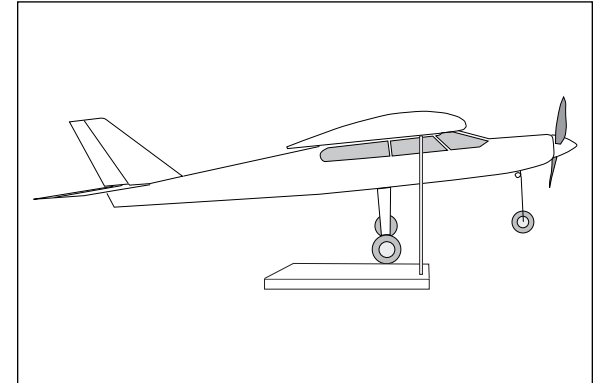
### NOSE HEAVY - MOVE BATTERY BACK

If the model is positioned with the nose facing downward as shown in the illustration, it will be necessary to move the battery rearward in the battery compartment to achieve the correct Center of Gravity.



### TAIL HEAVY - MOVE BATTERY FORWARD

If the model is positioned with the tail facing downward as shown in the illustration, it will be necessary to move the battery forward in the battery compartment to achieve the correct Center of Gravity.



Once your model is balanced correctly, it is recommended to mark the position of the battery in the battery compartment using a pencil or felt-tipped pen. This way it can be returned to the same location after it has been removed for charging.

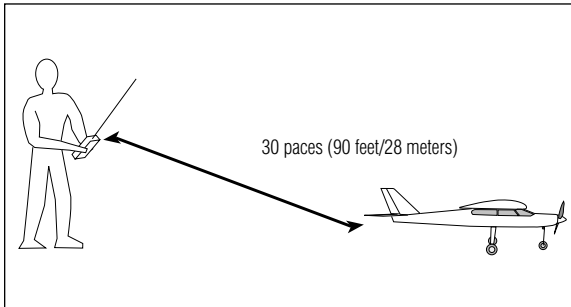
After the first flights, the CG position can be adjusted for your personal preference.



## Range Test Your Radio

Before each flying session, and especially with a new model, it is important to perform a range check. It is helpful to have another person available to assist during the range check. If you are using a Spektrum transmitter, please refer to your transmitter's manual for detailed instructions on the range check process.

- 1. With the model resting on the ground, stand 30 paces (approximately 90 feet) away from the model.
- 2. Face the model with the transmitter in your normal flying position. Be sure the throttle is in the full down position and plug the flight battery into the speed control.
- 3. As you move the controls, watch to be sure the airplane's motor and controls operate smoothly. You should have total control of the model at 30 paces (90 feet).



- 4. If control issues exist, call the Horizon Support Team at 1 877 504 0233 or go to **horizonhobby.com** to find a local Spektrum distributor in your country for service if you are using a Spektrum radio system.

## Flying Your Alpha Sport 450 PNP

The Alpha Sport 450 is a park flyer version of the famous Hangar 9 Alpha trainer but with reduced dihedral for a more spirited flight envelope. Takeoffs are easily accomplished with the addition of full power and a slight amount of up elevator. Takeoff rolls are routinely in the 20–30 foot range with a strong climb out. Once at altitude, trim the plane for level flight at 3/4 throttle. You will find the model behaves in a very benign way in all aspects of the flight envelope. Inverted flight requires a fair amount of down elevator, and the roll authority is quite good with the prescribed high rate. This model is not capable of extreme performance flight and was never designed for that. Gentle majestic flight is its main purpose.

Landings are easily accomplished by reducing power and gliding down to your favorite landing spot on the runway with a very short roll out. We hope you enjoy flying the Alpha as much as we do.

Happy landings.

## Age Requirements

Age Recommendation: 14 years or over. This is not a toy. This product is not intended for use by children without direct adult supervision.

### Safety Do's and Don'ts for Pilots

- Check all control surfaces prior to each takeoff.
- Do not fly your model near spectators, parking areas or any other area that could result in injury to people or damage of property.
- Do not fly during adverse weather conditions. Poor visibility can cause disorientation and loss of control of your aircraft. Strong winds can cause similar problems.
- Do not take chances. If at any time during flight you observe any erratic or abnormal operation, land immediately and do not resume flight until the cause of the problem has been ascertained and corrected. Safety can never be taken lightly.
- Do not fly near power lines.

## Daily Flight Checks

- 1. Check the battery voltage of the transmitter battery. Do not fly below the manufacturer's recommended voltage. To do so can crash your aircraft.

### ***E-tips***

When you check these batteries, ensure that you have the polarities correct on your expanded scale voltmeter.

- 2. Check all hardware (linkages, screws, nuts, and bolts) prior to each day's flight. Be sure that binding does not occur and that all parts are properly secured.
- 3. Ensure that all surfaces are moving in the proper manner.
- 4. Perform a ground range check before each day's flying session.
- 5. Prior to starting your aircraft, turn off your transmitter, then turn it back on. Do this each time you start your aircraft. If any critical switches are on without your knowledge, the transmitter alarm will sound a warning at this time.
- 6. Check that all trim levers are in the proper location.
- 7. All servo pigtails and switch harness plugs should be secured in the receiver. Make sure that the switch harness moves freely in both directions.

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Your local hobby store and/or place of purchase cannot provide warranty support or repair. Once assembly, setup or use of the Product has been started, you must contact Horizon directly. This will enable Horizon to better answer your questions and service you in the event that you may need any assistance. For questions or assistance, please direct your email to [productsupport@horizonhobby.com](mailto:productsupport@horizonhobby.com), or call 877.504.0233 toll free to speak to a service technician.

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### United States:

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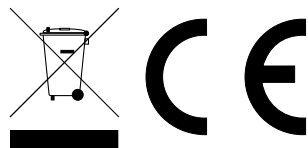
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## 2009 Official Academy of Model Aeronautics Safety Code

### GENERAL

1. A model aircraft shall be defined as a non-human-carrying device capable of sustained flight in the atmosphere. It shall not exceed limitations established in this code and is intended to be used exclusively for recreational or competition activity.
2. The maximum takeoff weight of a model aircraft, including fuel, is 55 pounds, except for those flown under the AMA Experimental Aircraft Rules.
3. I will abide by this Safety Code and all rules established for the flying site I use. I will not willfully fly my model aircraft in a reckless and/or dangerous manner.
4. I will not fly my model aircraft in sanctioned events, air shows, or model demonstrations until it has been proven airworthy.
5. I will not fly my model aircraft higher than approximately 400 feet above ground level, when within three (3) miles of an airport without notifying the airport operator. I will yield the right-of-way and avoid flying in the proximity of full-scale aircraft, utilizing a spotter when appropriate.
6. I will not fly my model aircraft unless it is identified with my name and address, or AMA number, inside or affixed to the outside of the model aircraft. This does not apply to model aircraft flown indoors.
7. I will not operate model aircraft with metal-blade propellers or with gaseous boosts (other than air), nor will I operate model aircraft with fuels containing tetranitromethane or hydrazine.

8. I will not operate model aircraft carrying pyrotechnic devices which explode, burn, or propel a projectile of any kind. Exceptions include Free Flight fuses or devices that burn producing smoke and are securely attached to the model aircraft during flight. Rocket motors up to a G-series size may be used, provided they remain firmly attached to the model aircraft during flight. Model rockets may be flown in accordance with the National Model Rocketry Safety Code; however, they may not be launched from model aircraft. Officially designated AMA Air Show Teams (AST) are authorized to use devices and practices as defined within the Air Show Advisory Committee Document.
9. I will not operate my model aircraft while under the influence of alcohol or within eight (8) hours of having consumed alcohol.
10. I will not operate my model aircraft while using any drug which could adversely affect my ability to safely control my model aircraft.
11. Children under six (6) years old are only allowed on a flightline or in a flight area as a pilot or while under flight instruction.
12. When and where required by rule, helmets must be properly worn and fastened. They must be OSHA, DOT, ANSI, SNELL or NOCSAE approved or comply with comparable standards.

### RADIO CONTROL

1. All model flying shall be conducted in a manner to avoid over flight of unprotected people.
2. I will have completed a successful radio equipment ground-range check before the first flight of a new or repaired model aircraft.







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