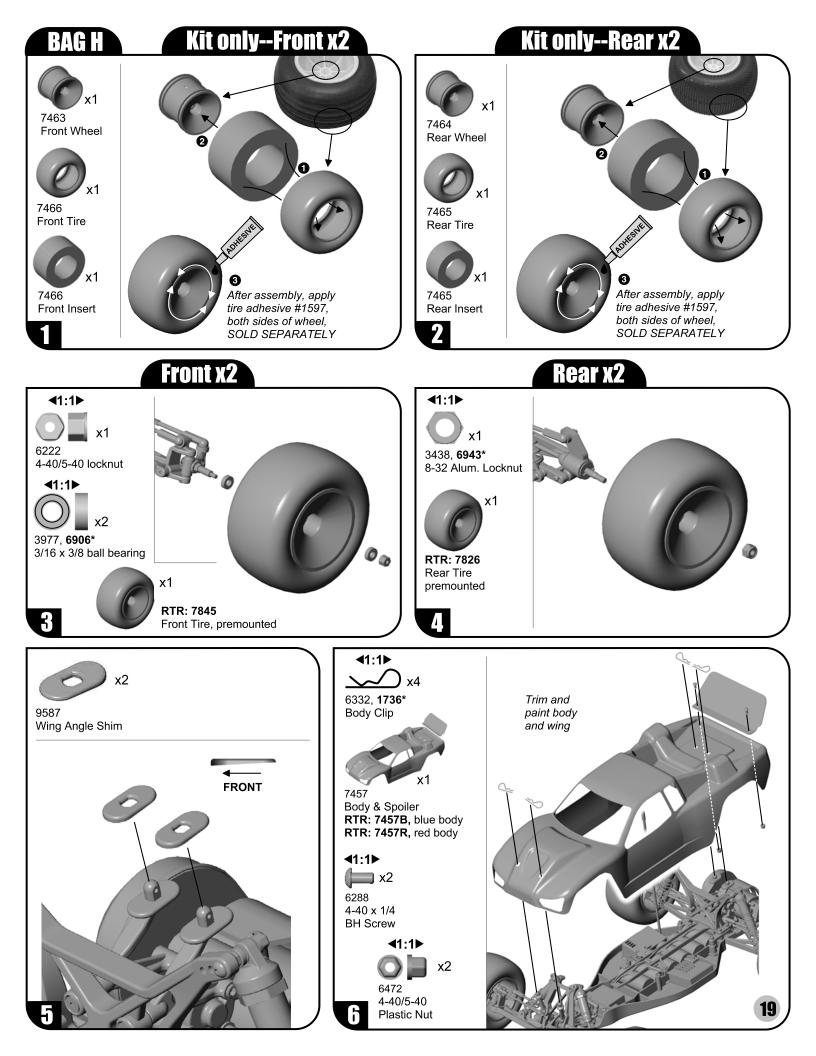


### BAG G 1. Feed ESC wire through holes as shown. 2. Attach servo tape under ESC and attach ESC where shown. 3. Feed antenna wire through antenna mount. SPEED CONTROL (ESC) 4. Attach servo tape under receiver and attach receiver where shown. INCLUDED IN RTR, NOT IN KIT 5. Thread ESC wires through tower and connect to motor. 6. Plug ESC wire into receiver channel 2. 7. Plug steering servo wire into receiver channel 1. х1 8. Thread antenna wire up antenna tube. Add antenna cap to end of tube. 6727 9. Screw two #6929 bolts where shown, Servo Tape leaving 1/16" gap. double-sided **∢1:1**▶ **x**2 11 6929 4-40 x 3/8 S.H. Screw with hole x1 6338 Antenna and Antenna Cap A RECEIVER NOT IN KIT 9 x1 x2 хЗ 6332 9238 7450, 7452\* Battery Holddown Strap Body Clip **Battery Spacer Block** Your OPTIONAL batteries may come in stick pack form, shown here. BATTERIES ARE SOLD SEPARATELY CONNECT BATTERY PLUG TO ESC (electronic speed control) PLUG

peed control) PLUG If you need help on assembling your battery pack, please see page 20.

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#### RADIO ADJUSTMENTS

Use the following steps to make the final adjustments on your car.

1. Turn the transmitter on.

**2.** Make sure the motor is disconnected.

**3.** Connect your battery pack and turn the power switch on.

**4.** Move the steering control on the transmitter to the right and left. Do the wheels move in the correct direction? If not, you must reverse the steering servo direction on your transmitter (see radio manual.)

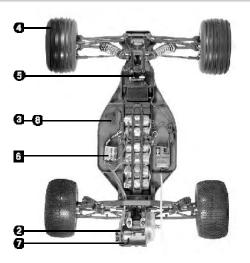
**5.** Adjust your steering trim (see radio manual) until the #9659 steering rack is centered under the top plate. Then, using the two steering

turnbuckles, adjust the front wheels so they are pointing straight ahead.

**6.** Adjust the ESC (electronic speed control) according to the speed control manufacturer's instructions. Some manufacturers have the motor connected during adjustment and some do not. Now turn the power switch off.

7. Connect the motor. Place your car on a block or car stand so that all four wheels are elevated. Turn the power switch on again. Check the ESC and steering settings you have made and then turn the power switch back off.

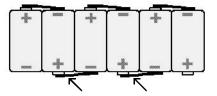
8. Remember this! The transmitter is always the FIRST TO BE TURNED ON and THE LAST TURNED OFF.



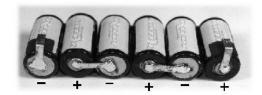
#### **ASSEMBLE BATTERY PACK**

If you are not using a stick battery pack, here is how to assemble your battery pack. Solder individual cell connections as shown.

Team racers prefer battery bars for sturdier connections. Insulated wire will not allow the pack to fit in the battery slot.



Solder connections with battery bars (#651)



Aim negative lead toward the front

## MOTOR GEARING

To get the most from your motor, proper gearing is important. The gear ratios listed in the chart are recommended starting gear ratios. Ratios can vary from track to track, but you should not change the pinion size more than one tooth from the recommended ratio.

# MAINTENANCE

### CHECK FOR FIT

You should periodically check all the moving parts: front and rear end, suspension arms, steering blocks, steering linkage, shocks, and so on. If any of these should get dirty or bind then your car's performance will suffer.

#### **MOTOR MAINTENANCE**

Between runs, inspect the brushes to ensure they are moving freely in the brush holder. This is done by carefully removing the spring and sliding the brush in and out of the holder. If there is any resistance or rough spots, remove the

### DIFFERENTIAL

Adjust the differential ("diff") as noted on page 6. Adjusting the diff is not meant to be a tuning option. If you can hear the diff making a "barking" or "chirping" sound on jump landings, either your diff is set too loose or your slipper clutch is set too tight. First check your slipper setting, then re-set the diff according to the instructions on step C-9. **CAUTION!** Increasing the pinion size by more than one tooth can damage your motor from excess heat.

			FINAL
MOTOR	PINION	SPUR	DRIVE RATIO
24° stock (torque-based)	20	87	11.31:1
24° stock (RPM-based)	19	87	11.91:1
19 turn	19	87	11.91:1
14 turn modified motor	22	87	10.28:1
13 turn modified motor	21	87	10.77:1
12 turn modified motor	20	87	11.31:1
11 turn modified motor	19	87	11.91:1
10 turn modified motor	18	87	12.57:1

Follow these steps to keep your truck in shape for racing

brush and carefully wipe the brush clean. This will clean off any buildup so the brush slides smoothly in the brush holder.

After every 3 to 5 runs, remove the brushes from the holders and inspect the tips for wear and/or burning. If there is a noticeable amount of wear, replace the brush with a new pair. If the tip is a burnt blue color, then the lubricant in the brush has been burned away and new brushes should be installed.

After every other battery charge you should carefully clean the motor. One recommended

method is to spray motor cleaner directly on the brush and commutator area. Run the motor for approximately 15 seconds. Disconnect the motor and spray it again, making sure the runoff is clear and clean. If the runoff is still dirty, repeat the spraying action until clean. After completing the cleaning, apply a small amount of lightweight oil to each bushing or bearing for lubrication. Be careful not to apply too much oil, for this will pick up dirt and contaminate the commutator and brushes.

## SLIPPER CLUTCH

The assembly instructions give you a base setting for your clutch. Turn the nut on the shaft so that the end of the top shaft is even with the outside of the nut. Tighten the nut 3 more turns. At the track, tighten or loosen the nut in 1/8 turn increments until you hear a

faint slipping sound for 1-2 feet on takeoffs.

Another popular way to set the clutch is to hold both rear tires firmly in place and apply short bursts of throttle. If the clutch is properly set, the front tires should lift slightly up off the surface.

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# **TUNING & SETUP TIPS**

### FRONT CAMBER LINKS

Changing the length of the camber link is considered a bigger step than adjusting the ball end height on the tower. Shortening the camber link (or lowering the ball end) will give the front end less roll and quicken steering response. Lengthening the camber link (or raising the ball end) will give the front more roll and slower steering response.

Longer camber links are typically used on high grip tracks and shorter links tend to work better on medium-grip loose tracks.

#### These steps prepare your buggy for maximum performance



Raise or lower the ball end by adding or subtracting washers here

#### STEERING BLOCKS

The included trailing steering blocks (#9581) should be used in most cases. The Team especially recommends the trailing blocks on high-grip or "blue-groove".

Changing to the optional inline steering blocks (#9577) and axles (#7459) will give the car an overall aggressive feeling. Steering entering and exiting the corners is increased, but straight line stability is reduced.

## CASTER

Caster describes the angle of the kingpin as it leans toward the rear of the vehicle. Positive caster means the kingpin learns rearward at the top.

The supplied 25° caster blocks (#9580) are recommended in most cases. For more corner entry steering and less exit steering, try the optional 30° blocks (#9593).

The optional 20° blocks (#9592) will give you more exit steering and less entry steering.

## FRONT TOE-IN

Toe-in describes the angle of the front tires when viewed from the top. With toe-in, the front of the tires point inward.

Zero degree toe-in (tires pointing straight forward) is the setting that should be used in almost all track conditions. Occasionally you can increase turn in by adding a little toe-out (front of tires point slightly out). Front toe-in is not a typical tuning adjustment used by the Team.

## CAMBER

Camber describes the angle at which the tire and wheel rides when looked at from the front. Negative camber means that the tire leans inward at the top.

A good starting camber setting is  $-1^{\circ}$ . Use the included #1719 camber gauge to set your camber as shown. Positive camber, where the top of the tire is leaning out, is not recommended.

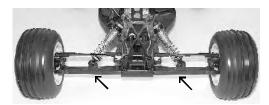


Testing camber with the camber gauge

#### **FRONT RIDE HEIGHT**

Ride height is the distance from the ground to the bottom of the chassis.

The standard front ride height setting is with the front arms level (referred to as "arms level"). Check the ride height by lifting up the entire car about 8-12 inches off the bench and drop it. After the suspension "settles" into place, add or remove pre-load clips so that the left & right arms appear to be flat as seen in the following picture.



Front arms should be in a straight line when ride height is set as "arms level"

## ANTI-SQUAT

Anti-squat denotes the angle of the rear arms relative to the ground. Zero anti-squat means that the rear arms are flat, parallel with the ground. The kit setting is 2°, and can be adjusted by installing or removing the included

shims underneath the arm mount.

The shim with 2 tabs is for 2° and the shim with 1 tab is for 1°. You can use any combination of shims to get 0, 1, 2, or 3° anti-squat. Adding anti-squat tends to make the car "rotate" more in corners, but doesn't handle as well through the bumps.



Upper shim (with one tab), 1° Lower shim (with two tabs), 2°

#### REAR CAMBER LINK

Changing the length of the camber link is considered a bigger step than adjusting the ball end height on the rear chassis brace. Shortening the camber link (or lowering the ball end) will give the rear end less roll and the car will tend to accelerate or "square up" better. Lengthening the camber link (or raising the ball end) will give the rear more roll and more cornering grip. Longer camber links are typically used on high grip tracks, while shorter links tend to work better on med-grip loose tracks. The kit setting is the best compromise of cornering grip and acceleration.



Raise or lower the ball end by adding or subtracting washers here

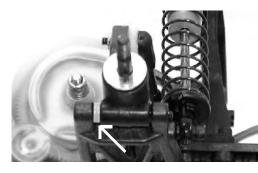
#### **REAR CAMBER**

Camber describes the angle at which the tire and wheel rides when looked at from the back. Negative camber means that the tire leans inward at the top.

A good starting camber setting is  $-1^{\circ}$ . Use the included #1719 camber gauge to set your camber (shown above). Adding a small amount of positive camber, where the top of the tire is leaning out, will tend to improve straight-line acceleration on loose tracks.

## WHEELBASE ADJUSTMENT

You have three options for rear hub spacing, Forward, Middle, & Back. The kit setting provides the most rear traction, and will be used most often. For improved handling in bumps or rhythm sections, try moving the hubs to the Middle or Back position. This can also make the car handle better in 180° turns.



Spacers to the rear will place hubs forward, shortening the wheelbase

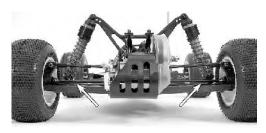
# ANTI-ROLL BAR

The optional #9635 B4/T4 rear anti-roll bar kit (also called the "swaybar") allows you to add roll resistance to the rear end with minimal effect on handling over bumps and jumps. It is an especially helpful tuning item on high-grip tracks (try the gold bar). The silver and black anti-roll bars are typically used on medium-grip loose tracks.

# REAR RIDE HEIGHT

Ride height is the distance from the ground to the bottom of the chassis.

The rear ride height setting you should use most often is with the outdrive, driveshaft, and axles all on the same imaginary horizontal line (referred to as "bones level"). Check the ride height by lifting up the entire car about 8-12 inches off the bench and dropping it. After the suspension "settles" into place, add or remove pre-load clips so that the left & right driveshafts appear to be flat as seen in the following picture.



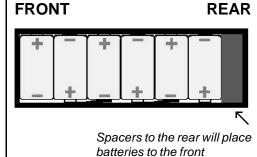
Dogbones should be in a straight line when ride height is set as "dogbones level"

## BATTERY PLACEMENT

This is one of the best adjustments on the car, and it can have the biggest effect on handling. Most of the time, moving the battery pack back will yield more rear traction and decrease steering. Conversely, moving the battery pack forward will yield less rear traction and increase steering. But in some cases on extremely high grip or extremely low grip tracks, moving the pack forward will make the car feel more balanced and actually improve rear grip.



Spacers to the front will place batteries to the rear



# SETUP SHEETS

The best way to get your car handling right is to go to our website, <u>www.rc10.com</u>, and click on the links for setup sheets. Our Team Drivers help develop these setups at National events.

Also, most drivers have a "base" setup that they use as a starting point for every event. Try running some of these base setups or look for track conditions and tires that are similar to your local track and mimic that setup.

Remember, each adjustment has a purpose, so copy everything from the setup sheet and then make adjustments based on the recommendations in here.

## TEAM ASSOCIATED ONLINE

Get online help, tips, and new product information for your kit through Team Associated's web site, www.TeamAssociated.com.

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	Driver
	Track/City
SETUP SHEET for the Team Associated RC10T4	Event Date
FRONT SHOCK MOUNTING & CAMBER LINK	REAR SHOCK MOUNTING & CAMBER LINK
#WASHERS CAMBER°	#WASHERS CAMBER ^A B C
	RIDE HEIGHT
TOE-IN (+) / OUT (-) °	ANTI-SQUAT ANTI-ROLL BAR
BUMP STEER SPACER AXLE HEIGHT CASTER Up	<ul> <li>□ 1°</li> <li>□ 2°</li> <li>□ 3° WHEELBASE</li> <li>□ long</li> <li>□ medium</li> <li>□ short</li> </ul>
STEERING BLOCK  trailing inline	
FRONT SHOCKS OILwt	REAR SHOCKS OIL wt
SPRING (color) PISTON #	SPRING (color) PISTON #
SHAFT I unobtainium I STD #LIMITERS	SHAFT unobtainium STD #LIMITERS
FRONT TIRES & WHEELS	REAR TIRES & WHEELS
FRONT TIRES	REAR TIRES
INSERTS WHEELS	INSERTS WHEELS
TRACTION COMPOUND	
RADIO/BATTERIESMO	OTOR OTHER
	SPOILER CHASSIS
BATTERIES PINION/SPUR_	
BATTERY PLACEMENT: spacers in front spacers in rear	
CONDITIONS COMMENTS	
bumpy soft dirt	
□ low traction □ grass □ med traction □ blue groove	
high traction clay	
☐ wet ☐ dusty ☐ dry ☐ other	

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