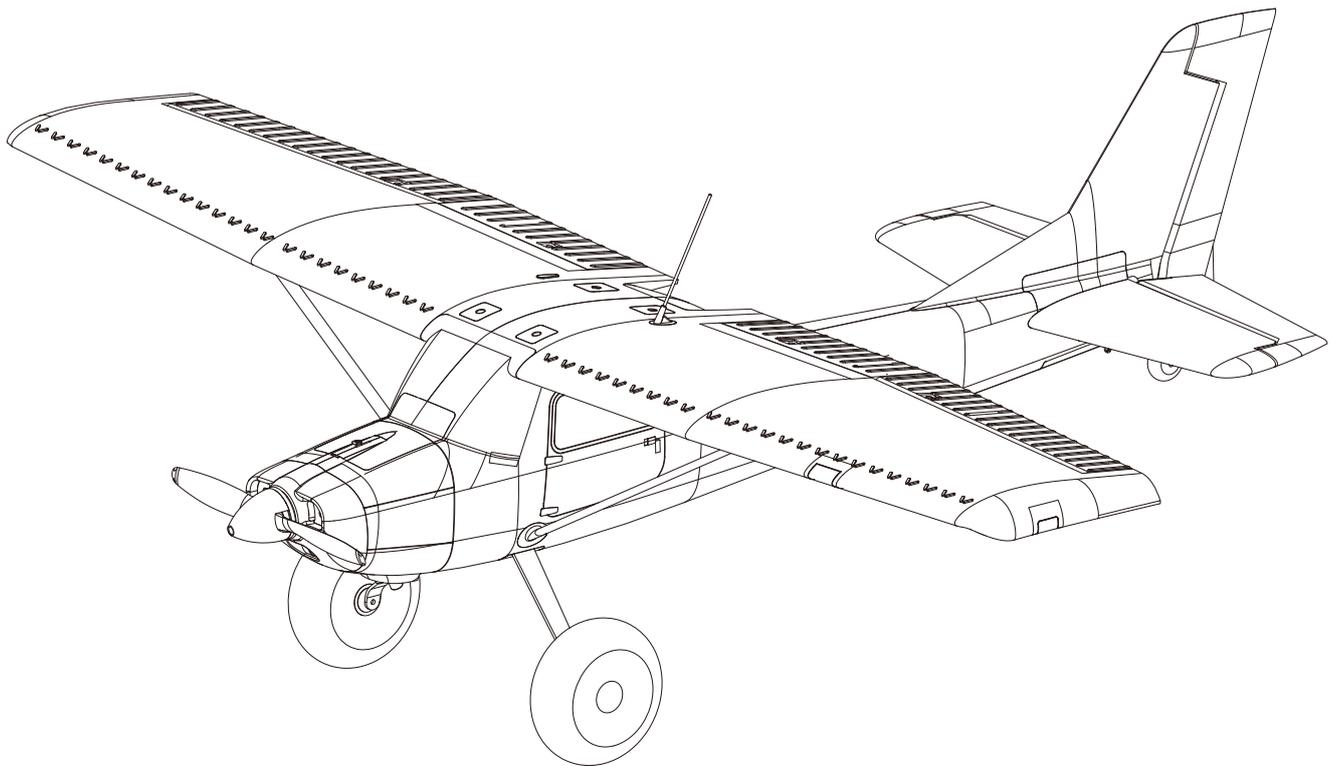


1300mm Bigfoot Operating Manual



Warning: This manual contains important information that will help you maintain and operate your model aircraft in a reliable and safe manner. Please read the instructions and warnings carefully prior to assembly, setup or use.

As this model aircraft is a sophisticated hobby product, it must be flown with safety and common sense in mind, failure in doing so may result in injury or property damage. This product is not intended for use by children without direct adult supervision.

Safety precautions and warnings

As the user, you are solely responsible for the safe operation and maintenance of this product. Follow the directions and warnings listed in this manual, as well as that of supporting equipment (chargers, batteries etc.) and always use common sense.

This is not a toy. Not for children under 14 years of age.

- ★Always operate your model in an open area away from buildings, cars, traffic or people. Never operate near people—especially children who can wander unpredictably. Never operate in populated areas for any reason, where injury or damage can occur.
- ★Always keep a safe distance in all directions around your model to avoid collisions or injury. This model is controlled by a radio signal subject to interference from many sources outside your control. Interference can cause momentary loss of control.
- ★Never catch the aircraft while it is in flight, the structure of the fuselage was not designed and protected for this purpose.
- ★Never operate your model in bad weather, including in excessively windy or precipitating conditions.
- ★Never operate your model with low transmitter batteries.
- ★Keep your throttle quadrant in its lowest position prior and after every flight. Use the throttle cut function if able.
- ★Always use fully charged batteries and move batteries before disassembly.
- ★Avoid water exposure to all equipment not specifically designed and protected for this purpose.
- ★Avoid cleaning this product with chemicals.
- ★Never lick or place any part of your model in your mouth as it could cause serious injury or even death.
- ★Keep all chemicals, small parts and anything electrical out of the reach of children.

Introduction

As a do-it-all multi purpose aircraft, the Arrows Hobby Bigfoot has amazing features found on a whole multitude of aircraft. In terms of flight characteristics, Bigfoot is trainer-like and easy to handle. It also has bush plane genes, with oversized flaps that give unbelievable low and slow performance (takes off within 3 meters and flies on 1/3 throttle) and giant tundra tires for all-terrain performance!

If you are a fan of scale, you'll love the landing, navigation and strobe lights along with the eye catching red trim scheme. Designed to be easily assembled, Bigfoot features a completely screw-together design, taking mere minutes to assemble for experienced pilots.

Go where no plane has gone before with the Arrows Hobby Bigfoot!

Features

- Power system: 30A ESC, 3536-850KV motor, 6x 9g servos
- Unmatched STOL performance for bush flying!
- Landing, navigation and strobe lights
- Screw-together assembly
- Functional flaps
- EPO construction

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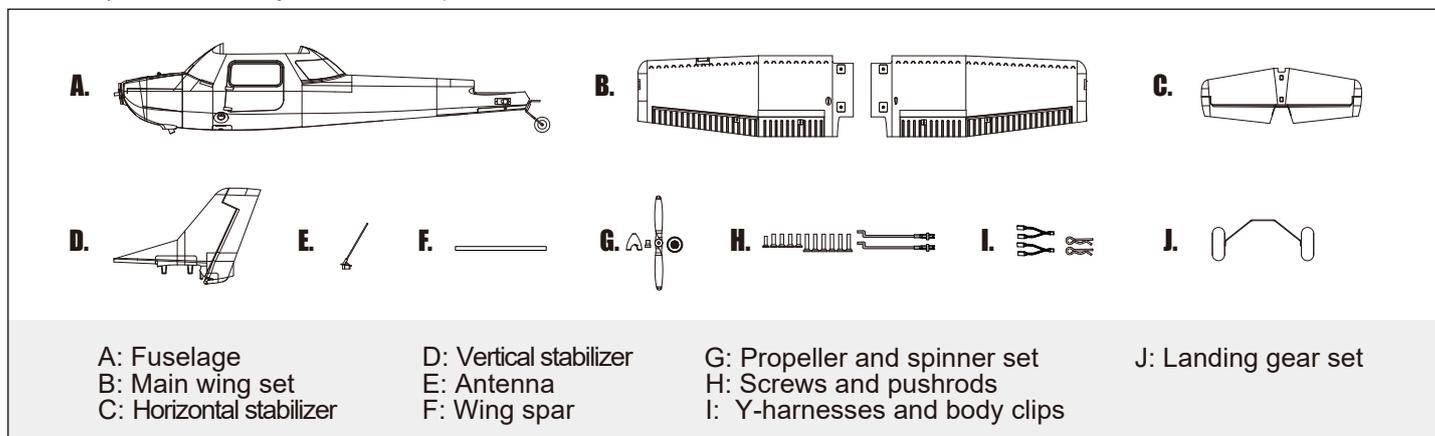
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Specifications

Wingspan	1300mm(51.1in)
Overall length	1060mm(41.7in)
Flying weight	~ 1310g
Motor size	3536-KV850
Wing load	44.4g/dm² (0.12oz/in²)
Wing area	29.5dm² (457.25sq.in)
Prop size	11*7, 2 blades
ESC	30A
Servo	9g Servo x 6
Recommended battery	11.1V 2200mAh 25C

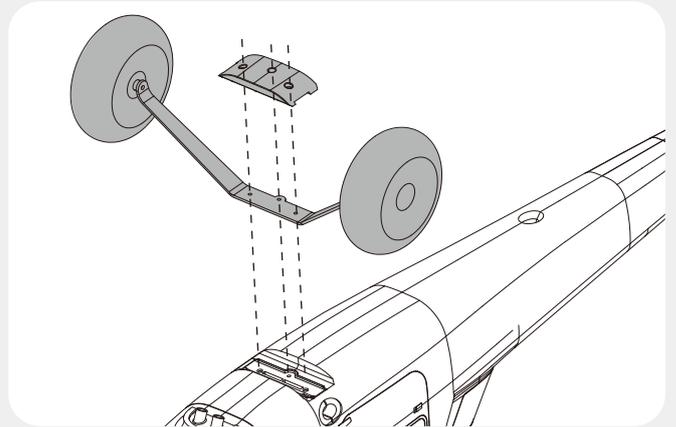
Kit contents

Before assembly, please inspect the contents of the kit. The photo below details the contents of the kit with labels. If any parts are missing or defective, please identify the name or part number (refer to the spare parts list near the end of the manual) then contact your local shop.

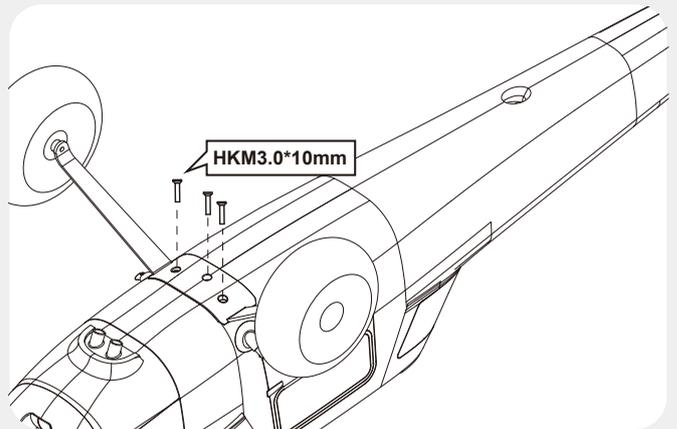


Landing gear installation

1. With the fuselage inverted, align the landing gear and plastic fairing with the slot in the fuselage.

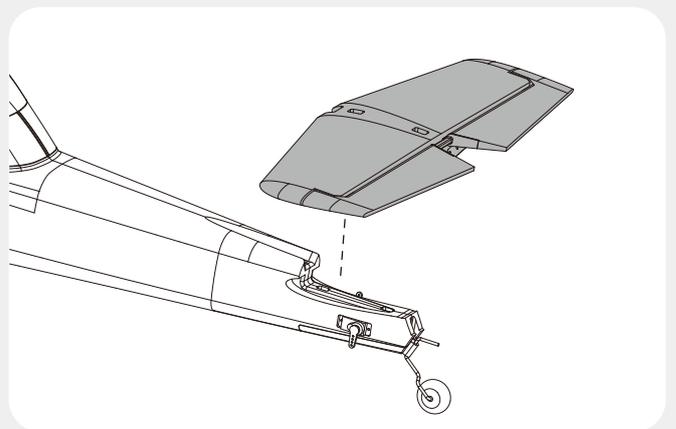


2. Secure the assembly using the included screws.

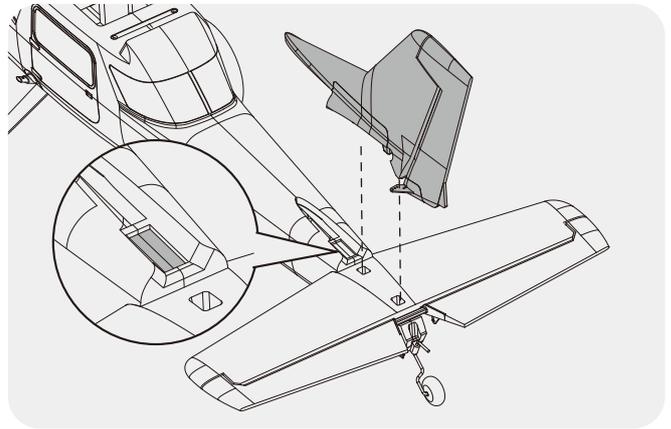


Horizontal and vertical stabilizer installation

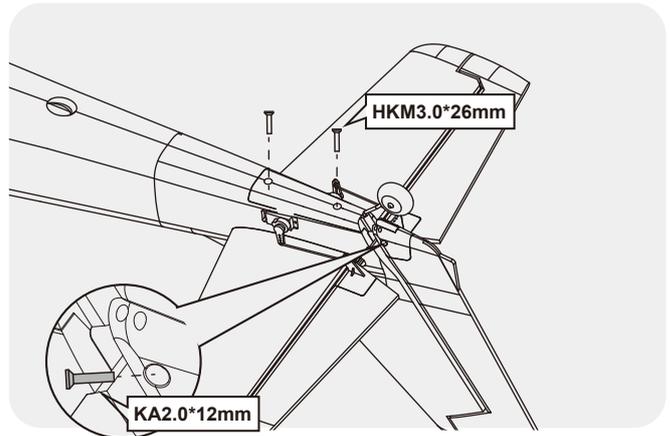
1. Align the horizontal stabilizer onto the fuselage.



2. Using the included double sided tape, adhere the vertical stabilizer to the fuselage as shown in the diagram.

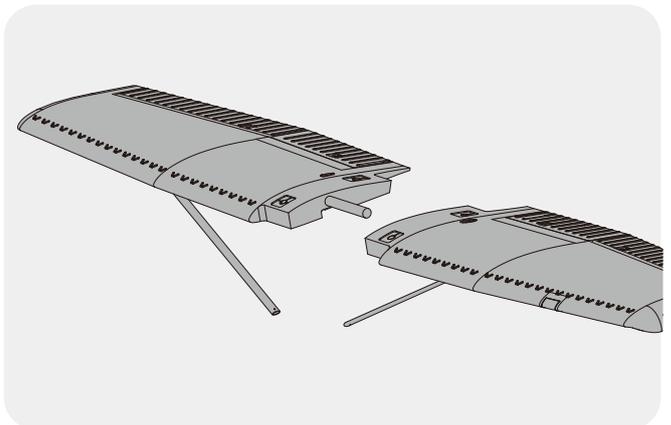


3. With the fuselage inverted, secure the installed horizontal and vertical stabilizers to the fuselage using the included HKM 3.0x26mm screws. Secure the rudder pushrod using the KA2.0x12mm screws.

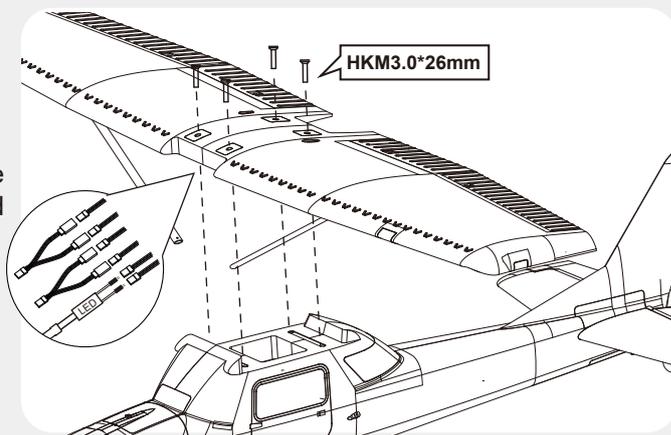


Wing installation

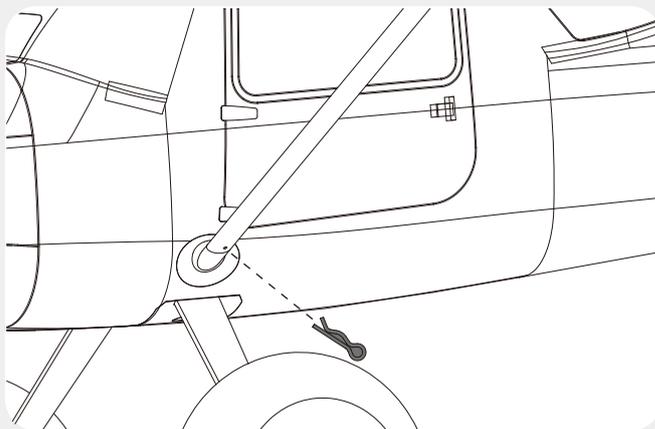
1. Slide the two wing halves onto the wing spar.



2. Connect the flap servos, then the aileron servos using the included Y harnesses. Secure the wing set using included screws. Connect the LED controller to receiver.



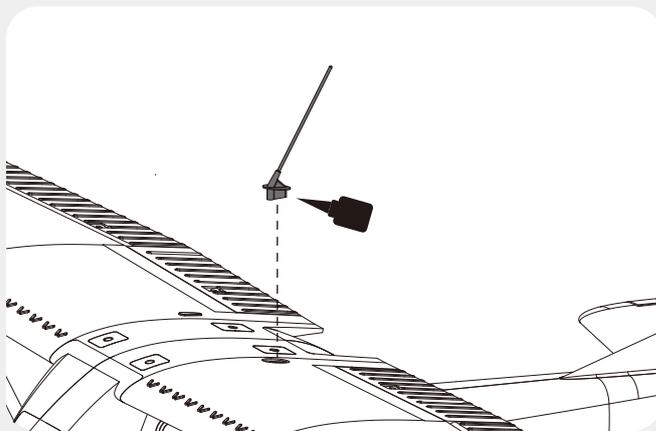
3. Install the wing struts onto the fuselage and secure using the included body clips.



Antenna installation

1. Adhere the antenna to the wing surface using the indicated adhesive.

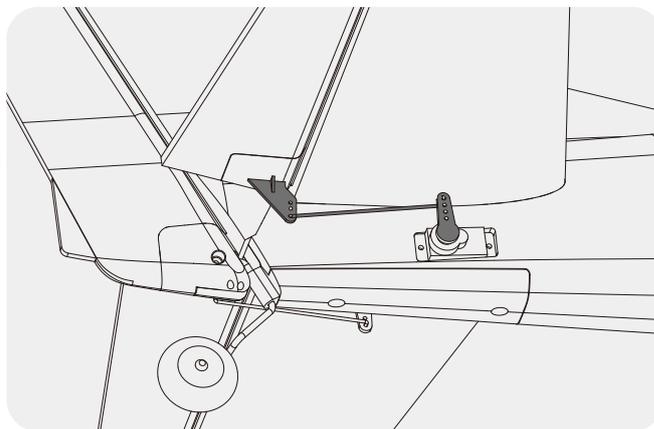
Required Adhesives:
Medium CA



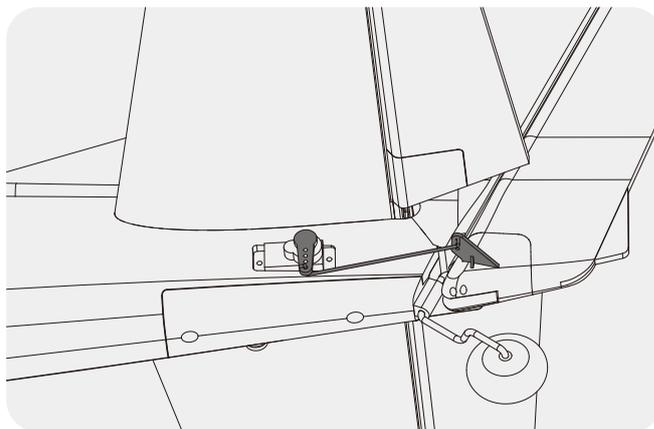


Pushrod installation

1. Connect the horizontal stabilizer pushrod to the control horn as shown.



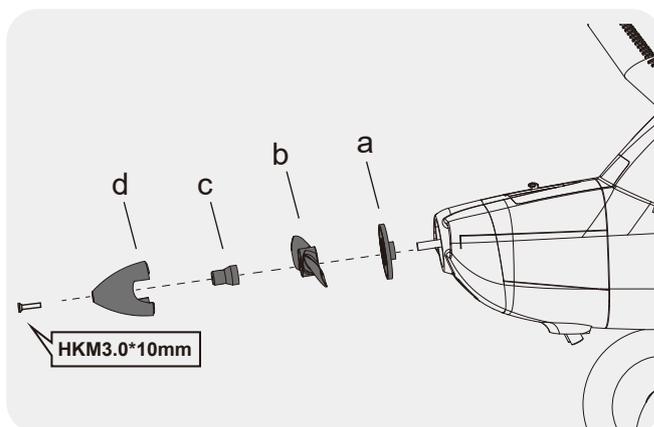
2. Connect the vertical stabilizer pushrod to the control horn.



Propeller installation

1. Assemble the spinner and propeller as shown.

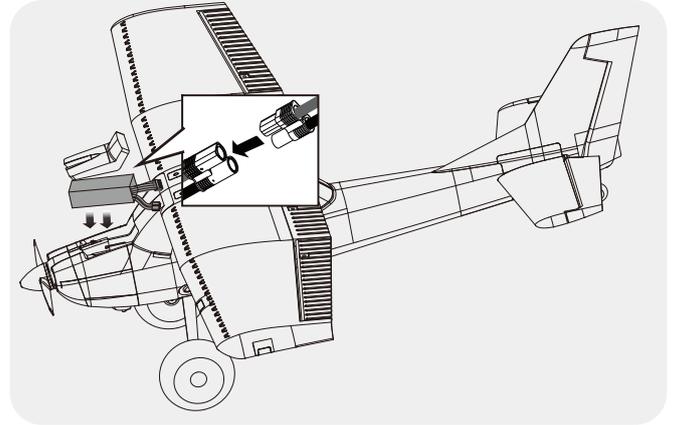
Note: the motor should rotate clockwise when viewing the plane from the rear.



«—— Battery installation

1. Remove the battery cover.
2. Remove the hook and loop tape from the fuselage. Apply the looped surface to the battery.
3. Install the battery into the fuselage- securing it with the preinstalled battery straps.

Note: The weight of each battery may vary due to different manufacturing techniques. Move the battery fore or aft to achieve the optimal center of gravity.



Receiver diagram

The cables from the servo connector board should be connected to your receiver in the order shown. Note that the LEDs can be powered by any spare channel on the receiver. Tuck the wire leads into the recessed cavity towards the rear of the battery hatch.

		Receiver
Aileron	1	Channel-1 — Aile
Elevator	2	Channel-2 — Elev
Throttle	3	Channel-3 — Thro
Rudder	4	Channel-4 — Rudd
Gear	5	Channel-5 — Gear
Spare	6	Spare Channel

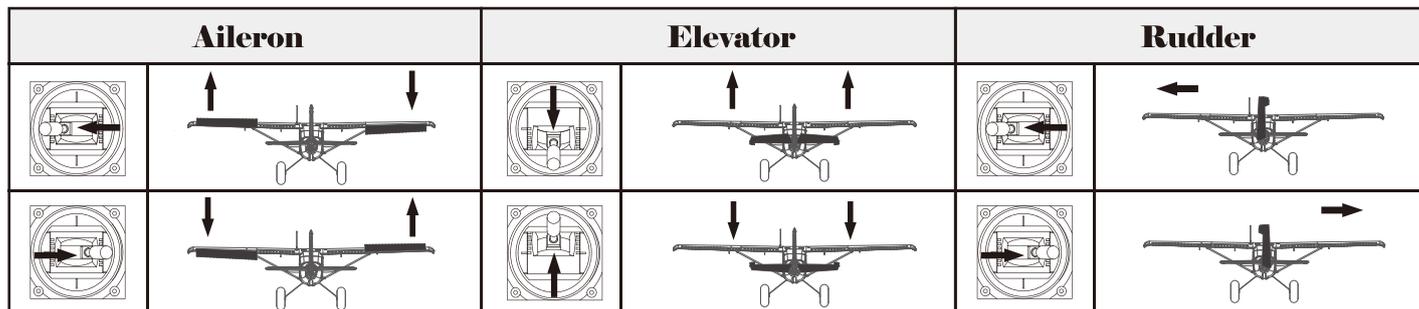
«—— Preflight check

Important ESC and model information

1. The ESC included with the model has a safe start. If the motor battery is connected to the ESC and the throttle stick is not in the low throttle or off position, the motor will not start until the throttle stick is moved to the low throttle or off position. Once the throttle stick is moved to the low throttle or off position, the motor will emit a series of beeps. Several beeps with the same tune means the ESC has detected the cells of the battery. The count of the beeps equals the cells of the battery. The motor is now armed and will start when the throttle is moved.
2. The motor and ESC come pre-connected and the motor rotation should be correct. If for any reason the motor is rotating in the wrong direction, simply reverse two of the three motor wires to change the direction of rotation.
3. The motor has an optional brake setting. The ESC comes with brake switched off and we recommend that the model be flown with the brake off. However, the brake could be accidentally switched on if the motor battery is connected to the ESC while the throttle stick is set at full throttle. To switch the brake off, move the throttle stick to full throttle and plug in the motor battery. The motor will beep one time. Move the throttle stick to low throttle or the off position. The motor is ready to run and the brake will be switched off.
4. Battery Selection and Installation. We recommend the 11.1V 2200mAh 25C Li-Po battery. If using another battery, the battery must be at least a 11.1V 2200mAh 25C battery. Your battery should be approximately the same capacity, dimension and weight as the 11.1V 2200mAh 25C Li-Po battery to fit the fuselage without changing the center of gravity significantly.

transmitter and model setup

After assembly and prior to your first flight, make sure all control surfaces respond correctly to your transmitter by referring to the diagram below.



Control throws

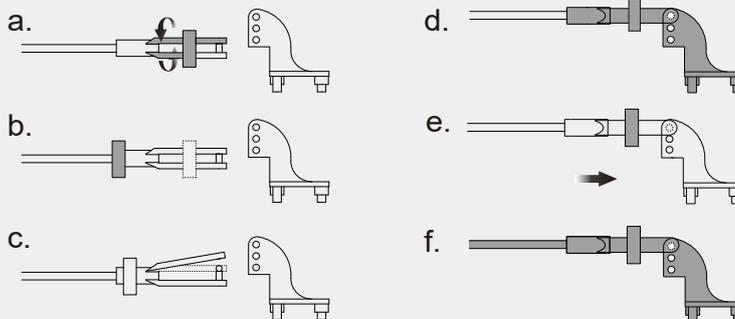
The suggested control throw setting for the Bigfoot are as follows (dual rate setting):

Tip: The maiden flight should always be flown using low rates, fly the aircraft until you are familiar with its characteristics prior to trying high rates. Make sure the aircraft is flying at altitude and adequate velocity prior to using high rates, as the aircraft will be sensitive to control inputs with the larger control surface movements.

	High Rate	Low Rate
Elevator	15mm up / down	10mm up / down
Aileron	15mm up / down	10mm up / down
Rudder	12mm left / right	8mm left / right

Clevis installation

1. Pull the tube from the clevis to the linkage.
2. Carefully spread the clevis, then insert the clevis pin into the desired hole in the control horn.
3. Move the tube to hold the clevis on the control horn.



Control horn and servo arm settings

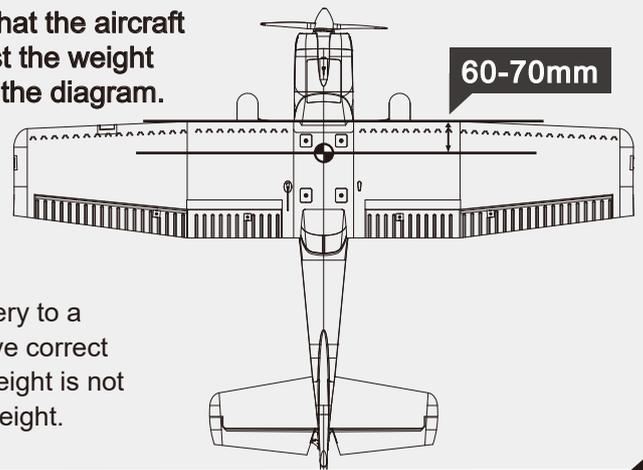
1. The table shows the factory settings for the control horns and servo arms. Fly the aircraft at the factory settings before making changes.
2. After flying, you may choose to adjust the linkage positions for the desired control response.

	Horns	Arms	More control throw
Elevator			
Rudder			
Ailerons			
			Less control throw

Finding the center of gravity

Finding the correct center of gravity is critical in ensuring that the aircraft performs in a stable and responsive manner. Please adjust the weight distribution so the aircraft balances in the range stated on the diagram.

- Depending on the capacity and weight of your chosen flight batteries, move the battery forward or backward to adjust the center of gravity.
- If you cannot obtain the recommended CG by moving the battery to a suitable location, you can also install a counterweight to achieve correct CG. However, with the recommended battery size, a counterweight is not required. We recommend flying without unnecessary counterweight.



Before flying the model

Find a suitable flying site

Find a flying site clear of buildings, trees, power lines and other obstructions. Until you know how much area will be required and have mastered flying your plane in confined spaces, choose a site which is at least the size of two to three football fields - a flying field specifically for R/C planes is best. Never fly near people - especially children, who can wander unpredictably.

Performing a range check

A radio range check should be performed prior to the first flight of the day. This test may assist you in detecting electronic problems that may lead to a loss of control- problems such as low transmitter batteries, defective or damaged radio components or radio interference. This usually requires an assistant and should be done at the flying site.

«—— Before flying the model ———»

Always turn your transmitter on first. Install a fully charged battery in the battery bay, then connect it to the ESC. In this process, make sure that the throttle cut functionality is on, and that the throttle stick is secured in its lowest position- otherwise, the propeller/fan will engage and possibly cause bodily harm.

Note: Please refer to your transmitter manual that came with your radio control system to perform a ground range check. If the controls are not working correctly or if anything seems wrong, do not fly the model until you correct the problem. Make certain all the servo wires are securely connected to the receiver and the transmitter batteries have a good connection.

Monitor your flight time

Monitor and limit your flight time using a timer (such as a stopwatch or on the transmitter, if available). As modern Lithium Polymer batteries are not designed to discharge completely, when the battery runs low, the ESC will lower then completely cut the power to the motors to protect the battery. Often (but not always) power can be briefly restored after the motor cuts off by holding the throttle stick all the way down for a few seconds. To avoid an unexpected dead-stick landing on your first flight, set your timer to a conservative 4 minutes. When your alarm sounds you should land right away.

—— Flight tips ———»

Take off

Point the aircraft into the wind while slowly applying power until the aircraft starts to track straight, use the rudder when necessary. When the aircraft reaches takeoff speed, ease back on the elevator stick until the aircraft is climbing at a constant rate without decelerating. Climbing at too steep of an angle at the relatively low speeds of a takeoff-climb may result in an aerodynamic stall.

Flying

Always choose a wide-open space for flying your plane. It is ideal for you to fly at a sanctioned flying field. If you are not flying at an approved site always avoid flying near houses, trees, wires and buildings. You should also be careful to avoid flying in areas where there are many people, such as busy parks, schoolyards, or soccer fields. Consult laws and ordinances before choosing a location to fly your aircraft. After takeoff, gain some altitude. Climb to a safe height before trying technical manoeuvres.

Landing

Land the aircraft when you start to feel sluggish motor response. If using a transmitter with a timer, set the timer so you have enough flight time to make several landing approaches. The model's three point landing gear allows the model to land on hard surfaces. Align model directly into the wind and fly down to the ground. Fly the airplane down to the ground using 1/4-1/3 throttle to keep enough energy for proper flare. Before the model touches down, always fully decrease the throttle to avoid damaging the propeller or other components. The key to a great landing is to manage the power and elevator all the way to the ground and set down lightly on the main landing gear. With some practice, you will be able to set the aircraft gently on its main gear and hold it that way until the speed reduces enough where the nose wheel (tricycle landing gear aircraft) or tail wheel (tail draggers) settles onto the ground.

Maintenance

Repairs to the foam should be made with foam safe adhesives such as hot glue, foam safe CA, and 5min epoxy. When parts are not repairable, see the spare parts list for ordering by item number. Always check to make sure all screws on the aircraft are tightened. Pay special attention to make sure the spinner is firmly in place before every flight.

« Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Aircraft will not respond to the throttle but responds to other controls.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESC is not armed. • Throttle channel is reversed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower throttle stick and throttle trim to lowest settings. • Reverse throttle channel on transmitter.
Excessive vibration or propeller noise.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damaged spinner, propeller, motor or motor mount. • Loose propeller and spinner parts. • Propellor installed backwards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace damaged parts. • Tighten parts for propeller adapter, propeller and spinner. • Remove and install propeller correctly.
Reduced flight time or aircraft underpowered.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flight battery charge is low. • Propeller installed backward. • Flight battery damaged. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completely recharge flight battery. • Replace flight battery and follow flight battery instructions.
Control surfaces unresponsive or sluggish.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Control surface, control horn, linkage or servo damage. • Wire damaged or connections loose. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace or repair damaged parts and adjust controls. • Do a check of connections for loose wiring.
Controls reversed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Channels are reversed in the transmitter. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do the control direction test and adjust controls for aircraft and transmitter.
Motor loses power Motor power pulses then motor loses power.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damage to motor, or battery. • Loss of power to aircraft. • ESC uses default soft Low Voltage Cutoff(LVC). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do a check of batteries, transmitter, receiver, ESC, motor and wiring for damage(replace as needed). • Land aircraft immediately and recharge flight battery.
LED on receiver flashes slowly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power loss to receiver. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check connection from ESC to receiver. • Check servos for damage. • Check linkages for binding.

» Spare parts list

AHAF101	Fuselage	AHAF117	LED set
AHAF102	Main wing	AHAF118	LED controller
AHAF103	Horizontal stabilizer	AHPROP008	Propeller
AHAF104	Vertical stabilizer	AHMount001	Motor mount
AHAF105	cowl	AHBoard007	Motor board
AHAF106	Battery cover	AHShaft001	Motor shaft
AHAF107	Spinner	AHKV850	Brushless motor 3536-KV850
AHAF108	Antenna	AHESC30A	30A ESC
AHAF109	Linkage rods	AHSER9GP	9g servo positive
AHAF110	Wing struts		
AHAF111	R Clasp		
AHAF112	Screws		
AHAF113	Front landing gear set		
AHAF114	Rear landing gear set		
AHAF115	Wheel set		
AHAF116	Sticker		

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