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### **[FEATURES]**

- ★ Integrated and compact design, very suitable for trucks (especially short course trucks) and buggies
- ★ The built-in switching mode BEC of EZRUN-SC8 ESC has a powerful output to supply all electronic equipments even with 4S Lipo input.
- ★ The major electronic components are sealed against splashing water and dust.
- ★ 2 mounting holes on the bottom are helpful for firmly installing the ESC at the chassis.
- ★ Excellent start-up, acceleration and linearity features.
- ★ Proportional ABS brake function with 5 steps of maximum brake force adjustment, 8 steps of drag-brake force adjustment and 4 steps of initial brake force adjustment. Also compatible with the mechanical disc-brake system.
- ★ Multiple protection features: Low voltage cut-off protection / Over-heat protection / Throttle signal loss protection / Motor blocked protection
- ★ Easily program with only one button and compatible with pocket-sized Program Card (Optional equipment) and the advanced LCD Program Box (Optional equipment).
- ★ ESC firmware can be updated through an USB adapter on the LCD Program Box (Optional equipment).

## **[SPECIFICATIONS]**

Model	EZRUN-SC10	EZRUN-SC8				
Cont./Burst Current	70A / 520A	120A / 760A				
Suitable Motor	Sensorless brushless motors					
Suitable Car	1/10 Truggy / Buggy /Monster	1/8 Truggy / Buggy ( Includes TRAXXAS 1/10 Truggy and buggy)				
Motor Turns	2S Lipo : KV≤6000 3S Lipo : KV≤4000	2S Lipo : KV≤6000 3S Lipo : KV≤4000 4S Lipo : KV≤3000				
Resistance	0.0007 ohm	0.0004 ohm				
Battery	6-9 cells Ni-xx (NiMH or NiCd) 2-3S Li-Po	6-12 cells Ni-xx (NiMH or NiCd) 2-4S Li-Po				
BEC Output Note 1	6V/3A (Linear mode built-in BEC)	6V/3A (Switching mode built-in BEC)				
Dimension	$53.5(L) \times 36(W) \times 36(H)$					
Weight	88g 98g					

NOTE1: The cooling fans of ESC is supplied by the built-in BEC, so it is always working under 6V.

### **[BEGIN TO USE THE NEW ESC]**

<u>WARNING!</u> THIS BRUSHLESS SYSTEM IS VERY POWERFUL! FOR SAFETY, PLEASE ALWAYS KEEP THE WHEELS AWAY FROM THE TRACK WHEN YOU BEGIN TO SWITCH ON THE ESC.

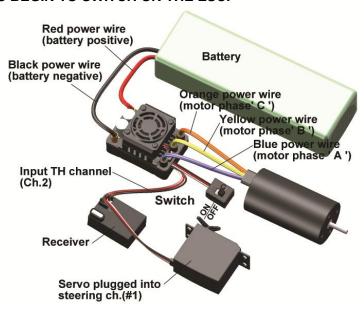
# 1. Connect The ESC, Motor, Receiver, Battery And Servo

The #A, #B, #C wires of the ESC can be connected with the motor wires freely (without any sequence). If the motor runs in the opposite direction, please swap any two wire connections.

# 2. Throttle Range Setting (Throttle Range Calibration)

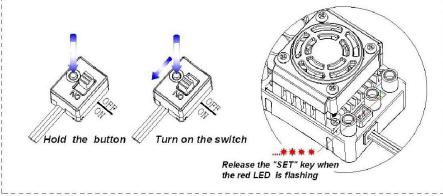
In order to make the ESC fit the throttle range, you must calibrate it when you begin to use a new ESC, or a new transmitter, or change the settings of neutral position of the throttle stick, ATV or EPA parameters, etc. Otherwise the ESC cannot work properly.

The following pictures show how to set the



throttle range with a **Futaba**<sup>TM</sup> transmitter.

- A) Switch off the ESC, turn on the transmitter, set the direction of throttle channel to "REV", set the "EPA/ATV" value of throttle channel to "100%", and disable the ABS function of your transmitter.
- B) Hold the "SET" key and then switch on the ESC, and release the "SET" key as soon as possible when the red LED begins to flash. (*Note2*)



Note2: If you don't release the "SET" key as soon as the red LED begins to flash, the ESC will enter the program mode, in such a case, please switch off the ESC and re-calibrate the throttle range again from step A to step D.

C) Set the 3 points according to the steps shown in the pictures on the right side.

# 1) The neutral point

Move the throttle stick at the neutral point, and then click the SET key, the green LED flashes 1 time.

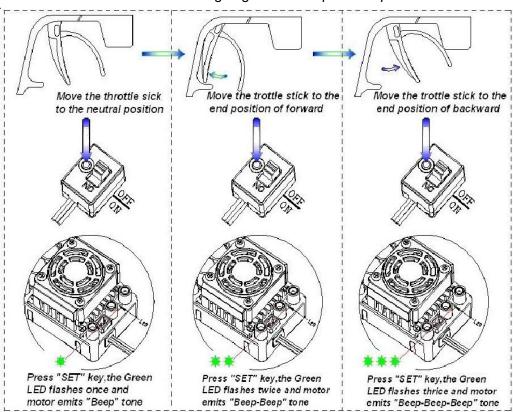
# 2) The end point of forward direction

Move the throttle stick at the end point of forward direction, and then click the SET key, the green LED flashes 2 times.

# 3) The end point of backward direction

Move the throttle stick at the end point of backward direction, and then click the SET key, the green LED flashes 3 times.

D) Throttle range is calibrated; motor can be started after 3 seconds.



## 3. Check The LED Status In Normal Running

- ▶ Normally, if the throttle stick is in the neutral range, neither the red LED nor the green LED lights.
- ▶ The red LED lights when the car is running forward or backward and it will flash quickly when the car is braking.
- ▶ The green LED lights when the throttle stick is moved to the top point of the forward zone.

### 4. Check The Lipo Cells Setting If You Are Using Lithium Battery

If you are using Lipo battery, we strongly suggest setting the programmable item # 11 --- "Lipo Cells" manually to avoid the over-discharge problem. Please read the instructions on page 2.

In normal case, when the ESC is switched on, the motor will emit several "Beep" tones to express the cells amount of the battery pack. For example, "Beep-Beep-" means 2S Lipo, "Beep-Beep-" means 3S Lipo, etc.

#### [PROGRAMMABLE ITEMS LIST] (The italics texts in the above form are the default settings)

Programmable	Programmable Value								
Items	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Basic Items									
1. Running Mode	Forward with Brake	Forward/Reverse with Brake	Forward and Reverse						
2.Drag Brake Force	0%	5%	10%	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	
3.Low Voltage Cut-Off Threshold	Non-Protection	2.6V/Cell	2.8V/Cell	3.0V /Cell	3.2V /Cell	3.4V /Cell			
4.Start Mode(Punch)	Level1	Level2	Level3	Level4	Level5	Level6	Level7	Level8	Level9

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Programmable	Programmable Value								
Items	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Advanced Items									
5.Max Brake Force	25%	50%	75%	100%	Disable				
6.Max Reverse Force	25%	50%	75%	100%					
7.Initial Brake Force	= Drag Brake Force	0%	20%	40%					
8.Neutral Range	6% (Narrow)	9% (Normal)	12% (Wide)						
9.Timing	0.00°	3.75 °	7.50 °	11.25°	15.00°	18.75 °	22.50°	26.25°	
10.Over-heat Protection	Enable	Disable							
11.Motor Rotation	Counter Clockwise	Clockwise							
12.Lipo Cells	Auto Calculate	2 Cells	3 Cells	4 Cells					

## **Programmable Values**

1.1. **Running Mode:** In "Forward with Brake" mode, the car can go forward and brake, but cannot go backward, this mode is suitable for competition; "Forward/Reverse with Brake" mode provides backward function, which is suitable for daily training.

**Note:** "Forward/Reverse with Brake" mode uses "Double-click" method to make the car go backward. When you move the throttle stick from forward zone to backward zone for the first time (The 1<sup>st</sup> "click"), the ESC begins to brake the motor, the motor speeds down but it is still running, not completely stopped, so the backward action is NOT happened immediately. When the throttle stick is moved to the backward zone again (The 2<sup>nd</sup> "click"), if the motor speed is slowed down to zero (i.e. stopped), the backward action will happen. The "Double-Click" method can prevent mistakenly reversing action when the brake function is frequently used in steering.

By the way, in the process of braking or reversing, if the throttle stick is moved to forward zone, the motor will run forward at once.

"Forward/Reverse" mode uses "Single-click" method to make the car go backward. When you move the throttle stick from forward zone to backward zone, the car will go backward immediately. This mode is usually used for the Rock Crawler.

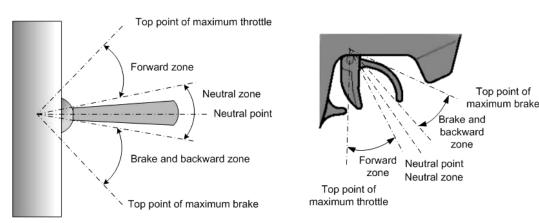
- 1.2. **Drag Brake Force:** Set the amount of drag brake applied at neutral throttle to simulate the slight braking effect of a neutral brushed motor while coasting.
- 1.3. **Low Voltage Cut-Off:** The function prevents the lithium battery pack from over discharging. The ESC detects the battery's voltage at any time, if the voltage is lower than the threshold for 2 seconds, the output power will be cut off, and the red LED flashes in such a way: " $^{\sim}$ - $^{\sim}$ -."

There are 6 preset options for this item. You can customize the cutoff threshold by using a LCD program box (optional equipment) to trim it with a step of 0.1V, so it will be more suitable for all kinds of batteries (NiMH, NiCd, Li-ion, Lipo, LFP,etc).

- 1.4. **Start Mode (Also called "Punch"):** Select from "Level1" to "Level9" as your like, Level1 has a very soft start effect, while level9 has a very aggressive start effect. From Level1 to Level9, the start force is increasing. Please note that if you choose "Level7" to "Level9" mode, you must use good quality battery pack with powerful discharge ability, otherwise these modes cannot get the burst start effect as you want. If the motor cannot run smoothly (the motor is trembling), it may caused by the weak discharge ability of the battery pack, please choose a better battery or a softer gear ratio.
- 1.5. **Maximum Brake Force:** The ESC provides proportional brake function. The brake force is related to the position of the throttle stick. Maximum brake force refers to the force when the throttle stick is located at the end point of the backward zone. A very large brake force can shorten the brake time, but it may damage the gears. The "Disable" option inhibits the inherent brake function of the speed controller. When this option is selected, the brake function is realized by a traditional mechanical disc-brake system driven by a servo.
- 1.6. **Maximum Reverse Force:** Sets how much power will be applied in the reverse direction. Different value makes different reverse speed.
- 1.7. **Initial Brake Force:** It is also called "minimum brake force", and it refers to the force when the throttle stick is located at the initial position of the backward zone. The default value is equal to the drag brake force, so the brake effect can be very smoothly.
- 1.8. Throttle Neutral Range: Please refer to the picture on the right side to adjust the neutral range as your like.
- 1.9. **Timing:** There are many differences among structures and parameters of different brushless motors, so a fixed timing ESC is difficult to compatible with all brushless motors. It is necessary to make the timing value programmable.

Please select the most suitable timing value according to the motor you are just using. Generally, higher timing value brings out higher power output, but the whole efficiency of the system will be slightly lower down.

1.10. **Over-Heat Protection:** If the function is activated, the output power will be cut-off when the temperature of the ESC is higher than a



factory-preset value for 5 seconds. When the protection happens, the Green LED will flash in such a way: " $\stackrel{\leftarrow}{x}$ -,  $\stackrel{\leftarrow}{x}$ -,  $\stackrel{\leftarrow}{x}$ -".

- 1.11. **Motor Rotation:** You can use this item to change the rotation direction. Face to the motor shaft (That means the rear cover of the motor is far from your face), and move the throttle stick to the top point of the forward zone. If this item is set to "CCW", the shaft runs counter-clockwise; If this item is set to "CW", the shaft runs clockwise.
- 1.12. **Lipo Cells:** We strongly suggest setting the "Lipo Cells" item manually because sometimes the default setting "Auto Calculate" will cause mistake. For example, if you are using a discharged 4S Lipo battery, the ESC may mistakenly consider it as a fully charged 3S Lipo battery, and then the "Low voltage cut-off" protection function will be inordinate.

#### 2. Reset All Items To Default Values

At any time when the throttle is located in neutral zone (except in the throttle calibration or parameters program process), hold the "SET" key for over 3 seconds, the red LED and green LED will flash at the same time, which means each programmable item has be reset to its default value.

#### **TROUBLE SHOOTING**

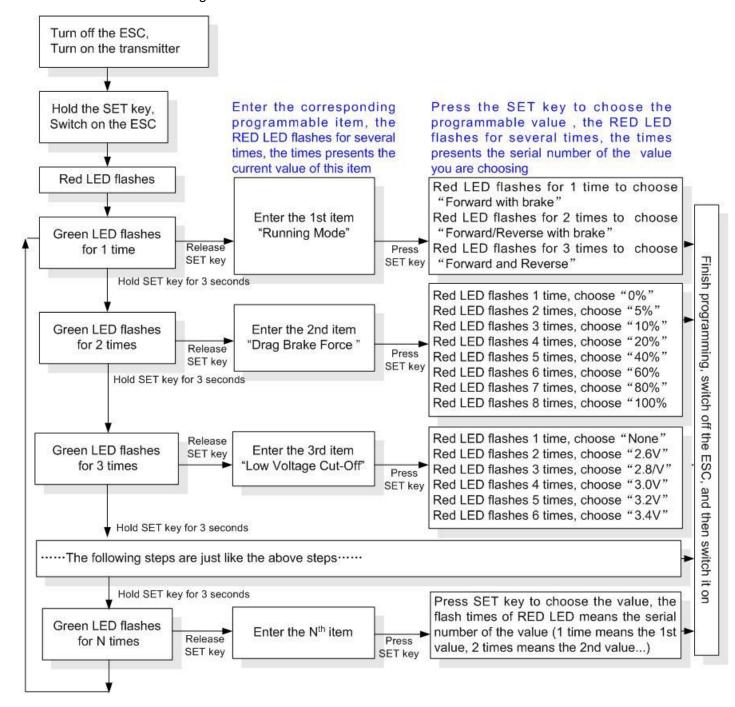
Trouble	Possible Reason	Solution			
After power on, motor doesn't work, and the cooling fan doesn't work	The connections between battery pack and ESC are not correct	Check the power connections Replace the connectors			
After power on, motor can't work, but emits "beep-beep-, beep-beep-" alert tone. (Every "beep-beep-" has a time interval of 1 second)	Input voltage is abnormal, too high or too low	Check the voltage of the battery pack			
After power on, red LED always lights, the motor doesn't work	Throttle signal is abnormal	Plug the control wire into the throttle channel of the receiver correctly.			
The motor runs in the opposite direction when it is accelerated	1)The wire connections between ESC and the motor are not correct 2)The chassis is different from the popular design	Swap any two wire connections between the ESC and the motor. Or change the programmable item #11 (Motor Rotation) to "CW(Clockwise)"			
The motor suddenly stops running while in working state	The throttle signal is lost	Check the transmitter and the receiver Check the signal wire from the throttle channel of your receiver			
	The ESC has entered the Low Voltage Protection Mode or Over-heat Protection Mode	Red LED flashing means Low Voltage. Green LED flashing means Over-heat			
When accelerating quickly, the motor stops or trembles	1) The battery has a bad discharge performance	1) Use a better battery			
	<ul><li>2) Gear ratio is too aggressive</li><li>3) The "Start Mode (Punch)" of the ESC is too aggressive</li></ul>	<ul><li>2) Use lower KV motor or softer gear ratio</li><li>3) Set the "Start Mode (Punch)" to a softer value</li></ul>			
When the throttle stick is in the	Over current protection, motor	1) Reduce the load (Use softer gear ratio or			
neutral range, the red LED and the green LED flashes synchronously	demagnetization, or motor is over load	reduce the input voltage) 2) Change the motor			

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### [PROGRAM THE ESC]

## 1. Program the ESC with the SET button on the ESC

Please refer to the following instructions.



- In the program process, the motor will emit "Beep" tone at the same time when the LED is flashing.
- ► If the "N" is bigger than the number "5", we use a long time flash and long "Beep---" tone to represent "5", so it is easy to identify the items of the big number.

For example, if the LED flashes as the following:

- "A long time flash + a short time flash" (Motor sounds "Beep---Beep") = the No. 6 item
- "A long time flash + 2 short time flash" (Motor sounds "Beep---BeepBeep") = the No. 7 item
- "A long time flash + 3 short time flash" (Motor sounds "Beep---BeepBeepBeep") = the No. 8 item And so on.
- 2. Program the ESC with the LED program box (Optional equipment )

Please refer to the user manual of LED program box. (Note3)

3. Program the ESC with the advanced LCD program box (Optional equipment)
Please refer to the user manual of LCD program box. (Note3)



Connect program box here

<u>Note3:</u> The control wire of the ESC (for connecting receiver) CANNOT be used to connect with the LED Program Box or LCD Program Box to program this ESC.

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You must use the 3 pin port between the soldering terminal #A and #B. Normally, this 3 pin port is used to connect cooling fan, when programming the ESC, please unplug the cooling fan connector.

Please also make sure that the 3 pin program port of the ESC must be connected with the Program Box through the port marked with " 19 - 9" in parallel, the cross connection is not correct.