

USER GUIDE



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WARNING NOTES

- IMPORTANT:** Never leave your RC model unsupervised when the battery is plugged in. If a defect occurs, it could set fire to the model or the surroundings.
- Never wrap your speed-control in plastic film or metal foil. In fact, make sure it gets enough fresh air.
- Avoid soldering longer than 5sec per soldering joint when replacing the power wires to prevent possible damage to the speed-control due to overheating of the components!

IMPORTANT: Pay close attention to the following points, as they will destroy the speed-control and void your warranty:

- Never allow the speed-control or other electronic components to come in contact with water. Do not operate the speed-control in the rain. If you ever have to operate in the rain, protect your speed-control properly to avoid that water reaches the speedo.
- If the speed-control is connected to the motor, never run the motor directly with a separate battery or run-in device.
- Never connect the speed-control incorrectly or with reversed polarity.
- All wires and connections have to be well insulated. Short-circuits will destroy the speed-control. Pay special attention to the receiver- and switch wires.
- Never change the polarity of the receiver connector.
- Never open the speed control and never solder on the PCB (except on external solder-tabs).



CONNECTION

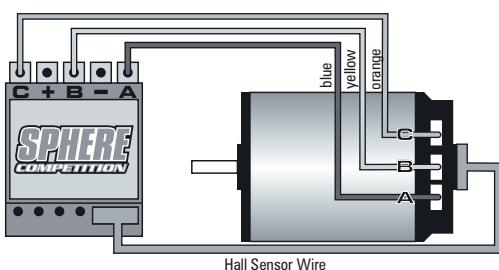
The SPHERE COMPETITION is supplied with 13AWG power-wires without connectors. Be very careful with the correct wire sequence/colors since an incorrect connection may damage the speed-control! Avoid creating solder bridges on the solder-tabs and isolate all connections carefully.

Caution: Avoid soldering longer than 5sec per soldering joint when replacing the power wires on speed-control and motor to prevent possible damage due to overheating of the components!

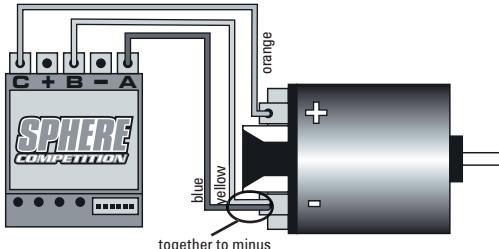
- Connect the speed-control to the receiver (position: channel 2)

BRUSHLESS MOTOR:

- Blue power-wire → Speedo MOT.A to motor „A“
 - Yellow power-wire → Speedo MOT.B to motor „B“
 - Orange power-wire → Speedo MOT.C to motor „C“
- Connect the hall sensor cable to the speed-control and the motor.

**BRUSHED MOTOR:**

- Blue/Yellow power-wire → Speedo MOT.A/MOT.B to „Minus“ on the motor.
- Orange power-wire → Speedo MOT.C to „Plus“ on the motor.



- Doublecheck all connections before connecting the speed-control to a battery.
- Caution:** If battery is connected with reversed polarity it will destroy your speed-control!
- Red power-wire → Speedo BAT+ to battery „Plus“
- Black power-wire → Speedo BAT- to battery „Minus“
- The speed-control is now ready to be set-up (see back side).

Dear Customer,

Thank you for your trust in this LRP product. By purchasing a SPHERE COMPETITION speed-control, you have chosen one of the most advanced speed-controls of today, which is full of new design features such as:

- Automatic Brushless / Brushed Adaptation
- IceDrive Design
- Super-Low Motorlimit
- Blue metallised case and blue LED
- Multi-Protection System
- Advanced Digital with 4 adj. Modes (AutoCell System, ADPC™, Initial-Brake, Automatic-Brake)
- Forward/Brake Racing Speed-Control
- AutoCell System - NiMH/LiPo Adaptation
- Sensored Brushless Technology
- 13AWG power-wires + external solder tabs
- Intuitive QC-style programming

Please read and understand these instructions completely before you use this product!
With operating this product, you accept the LRP warranty terms.

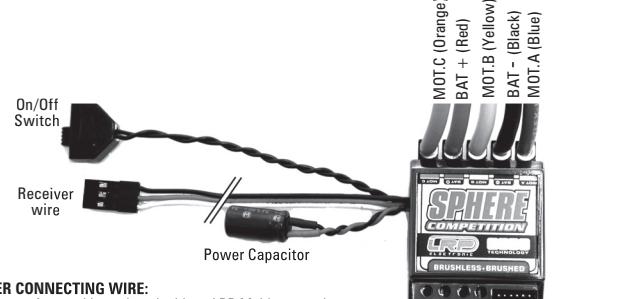
SPECIFICATIONS

Brushless AND Brushed	yes (automatic adaptation)	Typ.Volt.Drop (Brushed)* @20A	0.013V
Forward/Brake	yes (racing style)	Rec. Motor Limit (Brushed)**	>5 turns
Case Size	33.1x37.6x14.9	Rated Current (Brushed)*	400A
Weight (excl. wires)	24.5g	B.E.C.	5.5V / 3.0A
Voltage Input	4-7 cells (4.8-8.4V)	High Frequency	yes
Typ.Volt.Drop (Brushless)* @20A	0.018V / phase	Sensored Brushless System	yes
Rated Current (Brushless)*	400A / phase	Multi-Protection-System	yes
Rec. Motor Limit (Brushless)**	>3.5 turns	Power Wires	13awg
4 adj. Modes (NiMH/LiPo, ADPC™ Power Profiles, Initial Brake, Automatic Brake)			yes

* Transistors rating at 25°C junction temperature. Specifications subject to change without notice.

** @ 6cells (7.2V)

CONNECTIONS

**RECEIVER CONNECTING WIRE:**

This LRP speed-control is equipped with an LRP Multicon receiver wire. As supplied, it will easily fit in all ordinary receivers.

HALL SENSOR WIRE:

This bi-directional multiple wire (which comes with the motor and NOT the speed-control!) connects the speed-control and the motor. Do not alter or modify this cable! There are replaceable/optional hall sensor wires available:

- #81910 (20cm) • #81920 (10cm)

POWER WIRES:

For maximum performance, 13AWG power wires without any connectors are used. The unique splitted solder-tabs allow easy and convenient replacement of the power wires. Nevertheless some soldering skills are required. Avoid soldering longer than 5sec per soldering joint to prevent possible damage to the speed-control due to overheating of the components! There is a full 13awg replacement power wire set available: #82505

INSTALLATION TIPS

- Mount the speedo using the supplied thick/black doubled-sided tape. **Do not use the clear Scotch 468MP tape!**
- Position the speed-control where it is protected in the event of a crash.
- Install the speed-control so that you have easy access to the connector and buttons.
- Make sure there is enough clearance (about 3cm) between the speed-control, power-wires, antenna and receiver. Avoid any direct contact between power components, the receiver or the antenna. This can cause interference. If interference occurs, position the components at a different place in the model.
- The aerial should be run vertically up and away from the receiver. Avoid contact with any parts made of carbon fibre or metal. If the aerial is too long, don't coil up the excess length. It is better to cut it down to a length of about 35 cm. See also the instructions supplied with your radio control system.
- Make sure there are enough cooling slits in the body. This will increase the performance and life of all the electronic components.

HEATSINK: We recommend using the supplied heatsink in order to achieve best performance even under extreme circumstances. Clean the heatsink and stickerplate before you attach the clear/thin Scotch 468MP thermal tape to guarantee perfect heat dissipation.

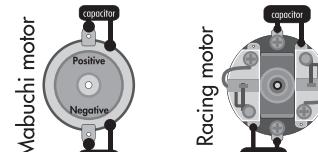
Caution: Use ONLY the supplied clear/thin Scotch 468MP thermal tape to attach the heatsink! Do not use standard double sided tape!

Because of the physical principles of brushless technology, the speed-controls do get a little hotter than brushed systems. Therefore it is required to let the speed-control cool down completely after every run. When running in extreme conditions (high ambient temperature, low-tum motors, high gear ratios, etc.) we recommend using LRP's brushless cooling set #82500, which includes a pre-wired and perfectly sized fan and a spare power-capacitor.



SUPPRESSION

ONLY FOR BRUSHED MOTORS! Motors with no capacitors or not enough capacitors may interfere with the speed-control. To avoid this, solder the supplied capacitors to your motor (see picture).



Mount the power-capacitor in a position where it is protected in the event of a crash. The best place is right below the solder tabs and secure it with doubl-sided tape.

IMPORTANT - „2007 EDITION“ - SUPPLEMENTARY MANUAL - IMPORTANT

Dear Customer,

Thank you for your trust in this LRP product. By purchasing a Sphere Competition „2007 Edition“, you have chosen one of the most advanced speed-controls of today. All the latest features and developments have been incorporated into this speed-control. All our products get improved continually in order to give you the best possible performance and reliability.

This supplementary manual explains you the improvements which the „2007 Edition“ offer you and how it differs from the regular Sphere Competition.

Pay attention, this is not a complete new manual but just a supplement to the enclosed full manual!

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„2007 EDITION“ IMPROVEMENTS

HARDWARE IMPROVEMENTS

1) larger external power capacitor

- more power.
- troublefree operation, easily handles latest generation of cells and very powerful motors.

2) revised internal components

- further improved 4-cell operation.
- troublefree operation, easily handles latest generation of cells and very powerful motors.

SOFTWARE IMPROVEMENTS / CHANGES

1) improved ADPC

- 8 maps instead of 6 for finer adjustments.
- latest team maps are incorporated for all classes.
- revised maps for new Vector X11 4.5t motor with sintered magnet.
- improved and more precise throttle control for all motors.

2) improved „Push“ Brake

- new/more efficient brake software, more control and lower motor-/speedo-temperature.

3) improved Automatic Brake

- more precisely adjustable in smaller increments.
- revised brake maps for perfect operation with sintered- and bonded-magnets.

4) Internal-Temp-Check System

- allows you to read-out the max. internal temperature the speedo reached!
- you can accurately check if all is running well or if you're close to shutdown already.

5) Launch Control

- The known and famous „automatic start“ is back! First time for brushless.
- More power off the line (only recommended for TC!).



The crossed-out wheeled bin means that within the European Union the product must be taken to separate collection at the product end-of-life. Do not dispose of these products as unsorted municipal waste.

WICHTIG - „2007 EDITION“ - ZUSATZ-ANLEITUNG - WICHTIG

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Sehr geehrter Kunde,
vielen Dank für Ihr Vertrauen in dieses LRP Produkt. Mit dem Kauf eines Sphere Competition „2007 Edition“ haben Sie sich für ein sehr hochwertiges Produkt entschieden in welches alle neuesten Erkenntnisse eingeflossen sind. Alle unsere Produkte werden ständig weiterentwickelt um Ihnen ein Höchstmaß an Performance und Zuverlässigkeit zu bieten.

Dieses Anleitungsatzblatt erklärt Ihnen die Verbesserungen welche Ihnen die verbesserte „2007 Edition“ bietet und wie sich dieser vom normalen Sphere Competition unterscheidet.

Bitte beachten Sie daß dies nicht die komplette Anleitung ist sondern nur die inneliegende Anleitung ergänzt und teilweise korrigiert!

Bitte lesen und verstehen Sie Anleitung vollständig bevor Sie dieses Produkt einsetzen. Mit der Inbetriebnahme dieses Produktes erklären Sie sich mit den LRP Gewährleistungsbedingungen einverstanden.

„2007 EDITION“ VERBESSERUNGEN

HARDWARE VERBESSERUNGEN

1) grösserer externer Powerkondensator

- mehr Power
- zuverlässigste Funktion, speziell mit neuester Akkugeneration und sehr leistungsstarken Motoren.

2) geänderte Bauteile im Regler

- nochmal verbessertes 4-Zellenbetrieb.
- zuverlässigste Funktion, speziell mit neuester Akkugeneration und sehr leistungsstarken Motoren.

SOFTWARE VERBESSERUNGEN / ÄNDERUNGEN

1) verbessertes ADPC

- 8 Power-Profilen anstelle 6 für feinere Einstellungsmöglichkeiten.
- aktualisierte Team Profile enthalten für alle Klassen.
- angepasste Kennlinien für neuen Vector X11 4.5t Motor mit gesintertem Magnet.
- verbesserte und präzisere Gaskennlinie für alle Motoren.

2) verbesserte „manuelle“ Bremse

- neu/effizientere Bremssoftware, mehr Kontrolle und niedrigere Motor-/Reglertemperatur.

3) verbesserte Automatikbremse

- präziser einstellbar durch feinere Abstufung.
- geänderte Bremskennlinien für optimale Funktion mit Sintered- und Bonded-Magneten.

4) Internal-Temp-Check System

- Möglichkeit die maximal erreichte interne Reglertemperatur auszulesen.
- präzise Erkennung ob alles korrekt läuft oder der Temp.Abschaltung bereits nahe ist!

5) Launch Control

- der bekannte und legendäre „Automatikstart“ ist zurück! Erstmalig für Brushless.
- Mehr Beschleunigung am Start (nur für Tourenwagen empfohlen!).



Das Symbol einer durchgestrichenen Abfalltonne auf Rädern bedeutet, dass das Produkt in der Europäischen Union einer getrennten Müllsammlung zugeführt werden muss. Diese Produkte dürfen nicht über den unsortierten Hausmüll entsorgt werden.

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MODE'S

Changes from „2007 Edition“ over normal Sphere Competition (factory defaults: grey shaded):

- Mode.2 (ADPC): contains 8 instead of 6 values
- Mode.4 (Automatic Brake): more precisely adjustable in smaller increments. revised maps for perfect operation with sintered- and bonded-magnets.

MODE.1 (AutoCell System):

MODE LED	Value 1	Value 2
Yellow	Lipo/NiMH Automatic	4-cell NiMH Racing Mode

MODE.2 (ADPC):

Higher value means more overall power and aggressive throttle response

MODE LED	Value 1	Value 2	Value 3	Value 4	Value 5	Value 6	Value 7	Value 8
Red	Smooth Power: 1X	Smooth Power: 2X	Smooth Power: 3X	Smooth Power: 4X	Linear Power: 4X	Linear Power: 5X	Progressive Power: 5X	Aggressive Power: 6X

Team tips: following settings are the preferences from our teamdrivers:

- Touring Car: Bonded: 4-7 Sintered: 3-5
- Off-Road 2wd + Truck: Bonded: 1-2 Sintered: 1
- Off-Road 4wd: Bonded: 1-4 Sintered: 1-3
- 1/12: Bonded: 3-5 Sintered: 2-4

MODE.3 (Initial Brake):

allows you to set a certain level of „hand-brake-effect“

MODE LED	Value 0	Value 1	Value 2	Value 3	Value 4	Value 5	Value 6
Yellow/Red (alternate)	No Initial Brake						

Going from lowest to highest initial brake setting
(value 1 = minimum / value 6 = maximum)

Team tips: good starting point for the brake is 80% (bonded) and 70% (sintered) on the radio, for all classes. But make sure you do the radio-setup with all settings on the radio on 100%.

MODE.4 (Automatic Brake):

allows you to set a slight braking action in neutral range

MODE LED	Value 0	Value 1	Value 2	Value 3	Value 4	Value 5	Value 6
Yellow/Red (same time)	No Automatic Brake						

Going from lowest to highest automatic brake setting
(value 1 = minimum / value 6 = maximum)

Team Tips: You achieve the same natural slowdown as a brushed motor with no autobrake when you set value 2/3 (for bonded magnet) or 0/1 (for sintered magnet).

Internal-Temp-Check System: as a world-exclusive the „2007 Edition“ allows you to read-out the maximum internal temperature that the speedo reached. To save it to the memory you have to briefly apply brakes after the run before you turn the switch off. You can conveniently read-out the temperature back in the pits since it remains stored until you turn it on the next time regularly (which will reset the memory). This new feature allows you to accurately check if all is running well or if you're close to shutdown already!

How to read-out the temperature:

- Switch at „OFF“ position.
- Keep MODE button pressed while you turn switch to „ON“ (then release button)
- SET LED will start to flash blue (MODE LED is off), now count the number of flashes.
 - thermal shutdown of the speedo would occur at 5 flashes.
 - the higher the number of flashes, the cooler the speedo ran (e.g. the better it is!).
 - every flash over 5 equals to ~8°C lower internal temp. (e.g. 10 flashes is 40°C below shutdown)

Launch Control: Well known and famous from our brushed speedos! Now also available for brushless, the launch control allows „rocket like“ starts. After activation it gives you more power one time for the start (this feature is only recommended to be used with touring cars on high traction surfaces!).

How to activate launch control:

- Hold trigger of transmitter at full brake for 5sec before start. Ready and active!!!

MODE'S

Änderungen der „2007 Edition“ zum normalen Sphere Competition (Werkseinstellungen: grau hinterlegt).

- Mode.2 (ADPC, Power Profile): enthält 8 statt 6 Einstellungen
- Mode.4 (Automatic Brake): präziser einstellbar durch feinere Abstufung. Geänderte Kennlinien für optimale Funktion mit Sintered- und Bonded-Magneten

MODE.1 (AutoCell System):

MODE LED	Wert 1	Wert 2
Gelb	Lipo/NiMH Automatic	4-cell NiMH Racing Mode

MODE.2 (ADPC):

höherer Wert bedeutet mehr Leistung und aggressiveres Ansprechverhalten.

MODE LED	Wert 1	Wert 2	Wert 3	Wert 4	Wert 5	Wert 6	Wert 7	Wert 8
Rot	Smooth Power: 1X	Smooth Power: 2X	Smooth Power: 3X	Smooth Power: 4X	Linear Power: 4X	Linear Power: 5X	Progressive Power: 5X	Aggressive Power: 6X

Team Tipps: die folgenden Einstellungen sind die Favoriten unserer Teamfahrer

- Tourenwagen: Bonded: 4-7 Sintered: 3-5
- Off-Road 2wd + Truck: Bonded: 1-2 Sintered: 1
- Off-Road 4wd: Bonded: 1-4 Sintered: 1-3
- 1/12: Bonded: 3-5 Sintered: 2-4

MODE.3 (Initial Bremse):

ermöglicht die Einstellung eines gewissen „Handbremseffekts“.

MODE LED	Wert 0	Wert 1	Wert 2	Wert 3	Wert 4	Wert 5	Wert 6
Gelb/Rot (abwechselnd)	Keine						

Von niedrigster zu höchster Initial-Bremse Einstellung
(Wert 1 = Minimum / Wert 6 = Maximum)

Team Tipps: für alle Klassen ist ein guter Startpunkt für die Bremseinstellung am Sender 80% (bonded) oder 70% (sintered). Stellen Sie aber sicher daß Sie das Sender-Setup immer mit 100% machen und erst danach diese Sender-einstellung niedriger einstellen!

MODE.4 (Automatik Bremse):

Bremswirkung im Neutralbereich.

MODE LED	Wert 0	Wert 1	Wert 2	Wert 3	Wert 4	Wert 5	Wert 6
Gelb/Rot (gleichzeitig)	Keine						

Von niedrigster zu höchster Automatik-Bremse Einstellung
(Wert 1 = Minimum / Wert 6 = Maximum)

Team Tipps: Sie erreichen gleiches natürliches „Ausrollen“ wie mit einem Brushed Motor mit den Einstellungen 2/3 (für Bonded Magnete) oder 0/1 (für gesinterte Magnete).

Internal-Temp-Check System: als Weltneuheit erlaubt die „2007 Edition“ das Auslesen der maximal erreichten internen Reglertemperatur. Um diese zu speichern müssen Sie, bevor Sie den Regler ausschalten, kurz die Bremse antippen. Das Auslesen der Temperatur muss dann sofort geschehen, da die Temperatur so lange gespeichert bleibt bis Sie den Regler das nächste mal „normal“ einschalten (was den Temp.Speicher löscht). Dieses neue Feature erlaubt die präzise Erkennung ob alles korrekt eingestellt ist und sauber läuft oder ob Sie bereits nahe an der Temperaturabschaltung operieren.

Und so funktioniert es:

- Schalter auf „OFF“ Position.
- Drücken und halten Sie die MODE Taste gedrückt während Sie den Schalter auf „ON“ umlegen.
- SET LED beginnt blau zu blinken (MODE LED ist aus), zählen Sie nun wie oft die LED blinkt.
 - die Temperaturabschaltung des Reglers spricht bei einem Wert von 5 an.
 - je öfter die LED blinkt, umso kürzer lief der Regler (also je öfter sie blinkt, desto besser!).
 - jedes blinken über 5 bedeutet ~8°C niedrigere Innenstemperatur (10x Blinken bedeutet dann also daß Sie 40°C unter Abschaltung waren).

Launch Control: bekannt und legendarisch als Automatikstart von unseren Brushed Reglern! Nur erstmalig auch für Brushless, die „Launch Control“ erlaubt „Raketenstarts“. Nach der Aktivierung gibt es Ihnen die Extrarapide beim Start (diese Funktion wird nur für Tourenwagen auf griffigen Strecken empfohlen!).

Wie aktivieren Sie die Launch Control?

- Halten Sie am Sender 5sec Sender Vollbremse vor dem Start. Bereit und Aktiv!!!