

DF-MODELS 1239

DF-MODELS 120A Waterproof Brushless Electronic Speed Controller (ESC) Instruction Manual

Model: 1239

1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the DF-MODELS 120A Waterproof Brushless Electronic Speed Controller (ESC), Model 1239. This high-performance ESC is designed for 1:10 and 1:8 scale remote-controlled models, offering robust and reliable power delivery. Its waterproof design allows for operation in various conditions, while the integrated fan ensures efficient heat dissipation. This manual provides essential information for proper setup, operation, and maintenance to ensure optimal performance and longevity of your ESC.



Figure 1: The DF-MODELS 120A Waterproof Brushless Electronic Speed Controller. This image shows the main unit with its cooling fan, power input wires (red and black), motor output wires (three black wires), and a smaller signal wire for receiver connection.

2. SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Please read and understand all safety instructions before operating the ESC. Failure to do so may result in injury or damage to the product or property.

- Always disconnect the battery from the ESC when not in use to prevent accidental activation.
- Ensure all connections are secure and properly insulated to avoid short circuits.

- Do not operate the ESC in extreme temperatures or conditions beyond its specified limits.
- Keep the ESC away from children and pets.
- Never attempt to modify the ESC. Unauthorized modifications can lead to malfunction and void the warranty.
- Be aware of rotating parts (e.g., motor, propeller) when the ESC is powered on.
- Use only compatible batteries (LiPo 2-4S) and motors with the ESC.

3. SETUP AND CONNECTION

Follow these steps to properly connect your DF-MODELS 120A ESC to your RC model:

1. **Motor Connection:** Connect the three 4mm gold connectors from the ESC to your brushless motor. The order of connection may affect motor rotation direction; if the motor spins in the wrong direction, swap any two of the three wires.
2. **Battery Connection:** Connect your LiPo 2-4S battery to the ESC's power input wires, which are equipped with a T-Plug connector. Ensure correct polarity (red to positive, black to negative).
3. **Receiver Connection:** Plug the small signal cable from the ESC into the throttle channel of your RC receiver. The ESC's built-in BEC (Battery Eliminator Circuit) provides 6 volts and 10 amperes of power to your receiver and servos, eliminating the need for a separate receiver battery.
4. **Mounting:** Securely mount the ESC in your model, ensuring adequate airflow around the unit for optimal cooling.

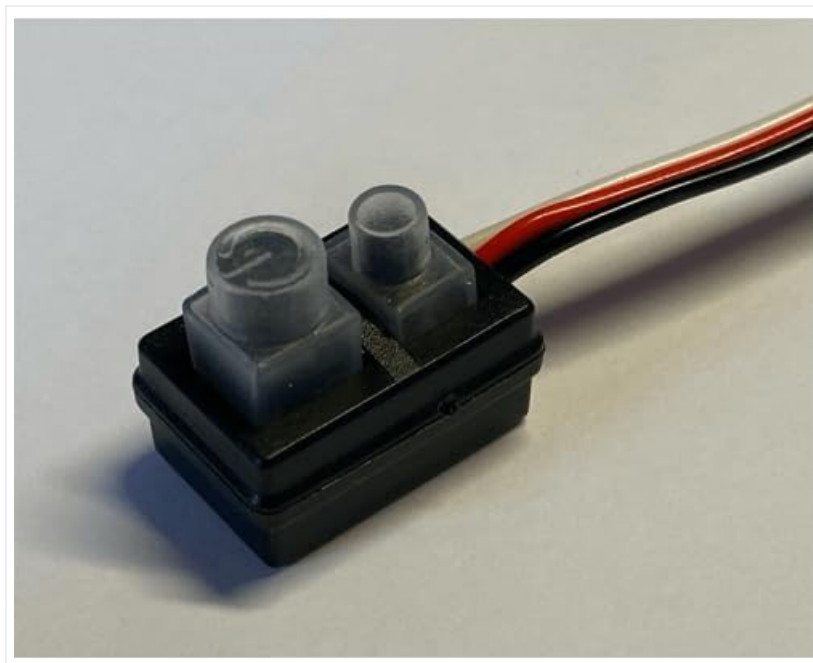


Figure 2: Close-up of the receiver connection cable and possibly a programming port on the DF-MODELS ESC. This cable connects to the throttle channel of your RC receiver.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The DF-MODELS 120A ESC offers standard functions for RC vehicle control:

- **Forward:** Provides power to the motor for forward movement.
- **Brake:** Applies braking force to the motor. The braking strength is adjustable to 25%, 50%, 75%, or 100% of maximum.
- **Reverse:** Allows the motor to spin in the opposite direction for backward movement.

Refer to your RC transmitter's manual for throttle calibration and adjustment to ensure proper synchronization with the ESC.

5. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance helps ensure the longevity and reliable performance of your ESC:

- **Cleaning:** After use, especially in dusty or wet conditions, gently clean the ESC with a soft brush or compressed air to remove dirt and debris. Ensure the cooling fan is free from obstructions.
- **Connection Check:** Periodically inspect all wires and connectors for signs of wear, corrosion, or damage. Replace any damaged components immediately.
- **Storage:** Store the ESC in a dry, cool place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your ESC, consider the following common troubleshooting steps:

- **No Power:** Check battery connection, ensure the battery is charged, and verify the T-Plug connector is fully engaged.
- **Motor Not Responding:** Ensure the ESC's signal cable is correctly plugged into the receiver's throttle channel. Check motor wire connections. Recalibrate the ESC with your transmitter if necessary.
- **Motor Runs in Wrong Direction:** Swap any two of the three motor wires connected to the ESC.
- **ESC Overheating:** Ensure the cooling fan is operating correctly and free from obstructions. Check for excessive load on the motor or an improperly geared setup.
- **Intermittent Operation:** Inspect all wiring for loose connections or damage. Check for interference from other electronic devices.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Function	Forward, Brake (adjustable 25/50/75/100%), Reverse
Operating Voltage	8.4 - 16.8 Volts
Battery Cells	LiPo 2-4S
Continuous Current	120 Amperes
BEC Output	6 Volts 10 Amperes
Protection Features	Low Voltage Cut-off (Undervoltage Protection), Waterproof
Cables & Connectors	12AWG, T-Plug (Battery), 4mm Gold Connectors (Motor)
Dimensions (LxWxH)	58 x 41 x 35 mm
Weight	130 g

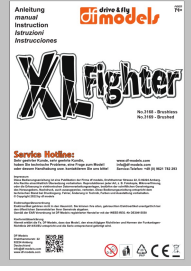
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Specific warranty information for the DF-MODELS 120A Waterproof Brushless ESC, Model 1239, is not provided in this manual. For details regarding warranty coverage, terms, and conditions, please refer to the documentation

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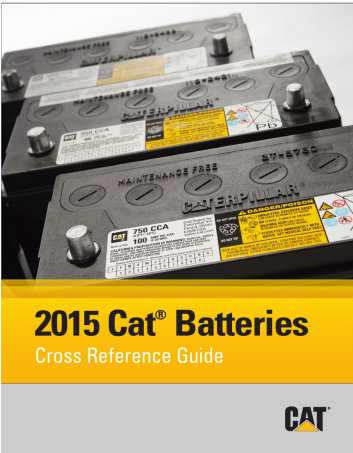
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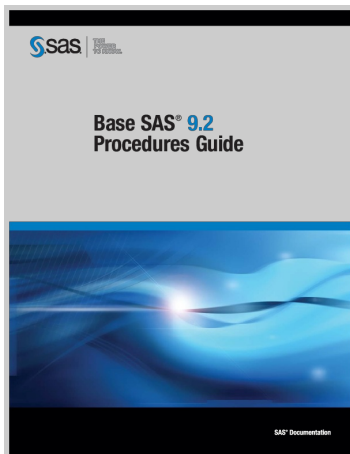
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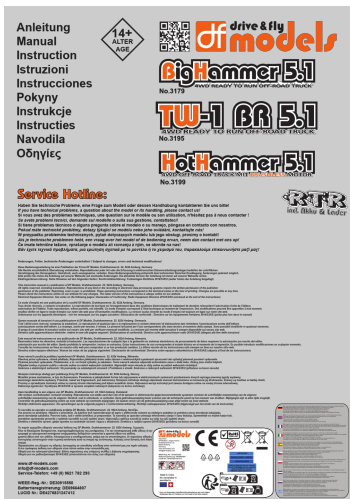
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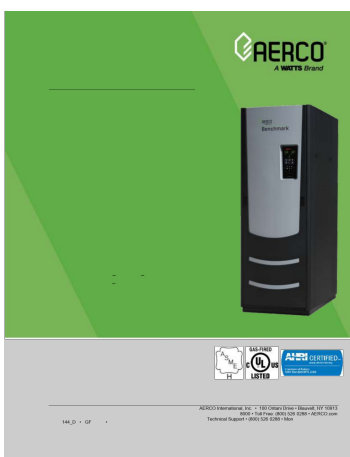
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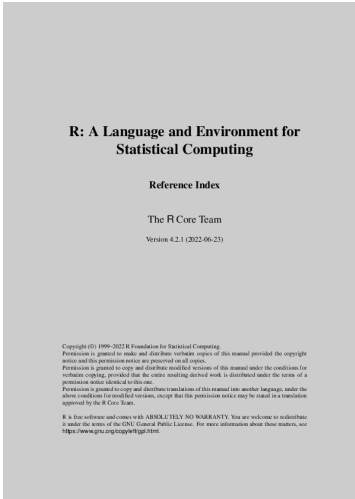
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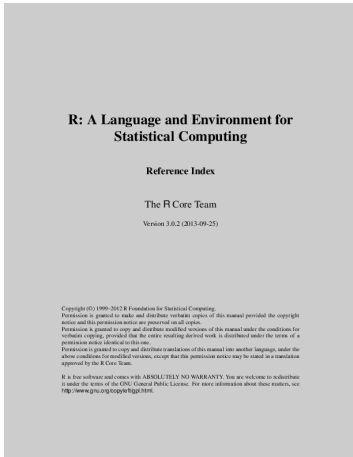


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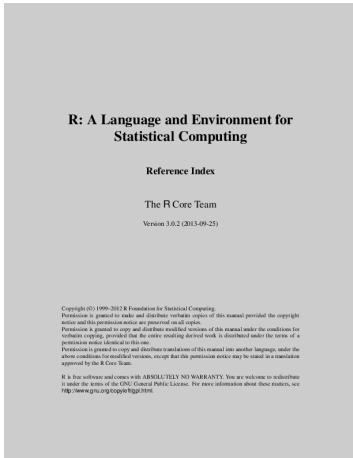
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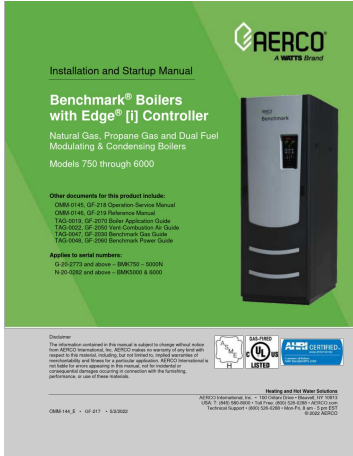
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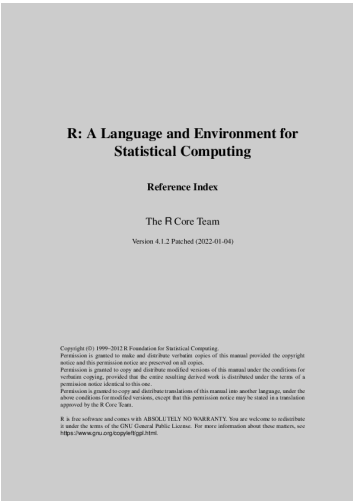


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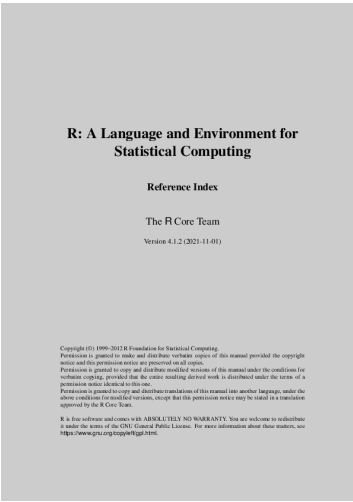
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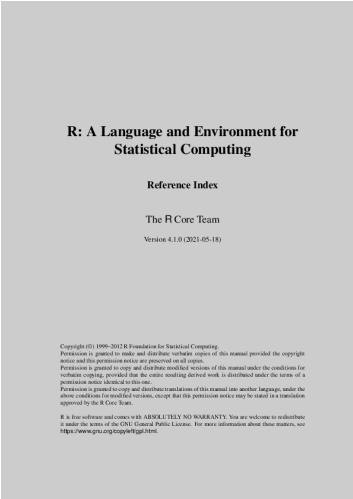
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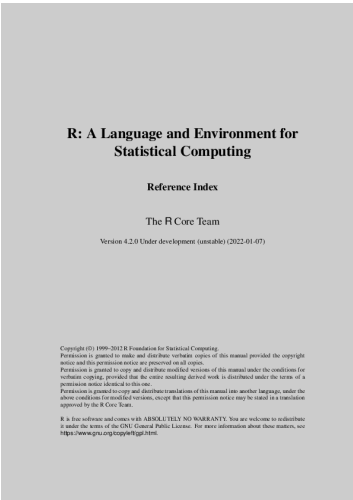


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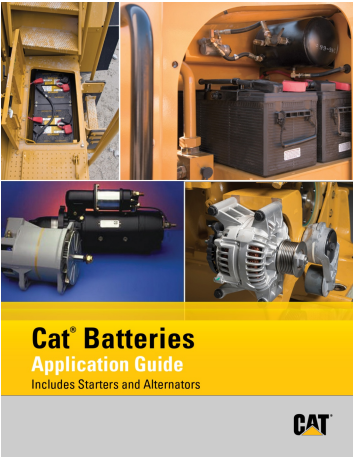


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