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### WARNING

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WARNING: Read the ENTIRE instruction manual to become familiar with the features of the product before operating. Failure to operate the product correctly can result in damage to the product. personal property and cause serious injury.

This is a sophisticated hobby product and NOT a toy. It must be operated with caution and common sense and requires in injury or damage to the product or other property. This product is not intended for use by children without direct adult supervision.

This manual contains instructions for safety operation and maintenance. It is essential to read and follow all the instructions and warnings in the manual prior to assembly, setup or use, in order to operate and avoid damage or serious injury.

#### **Safety Precautions and Warnings**

As the user of this product. you are solely responsible for operating in a manner that does not endanger yourself and others or result in damage to the product or the property of others. This model is controlled by a radio signal subject to interference from many sources outside your control. This interference can cause momentary loss of control so it is advisable to always keep a safe distance in all directions around your model, as this margin will help avoid collisions or injury.

Age Recommendation: Not for children under 14 years. This is not a toy.

•Never operate your model with low transmitter batteries.

•Always operate your model in an open area away from cars, Traffic or people.

•Avoid operating your model in the street where injury or damage can occur.

•Never operate the model in the street or in populated areas for any reason.

•Carefully follow the directions and warnings for this and any optional support equipment ( chargers. Rechargeable battery packs, etc. ) you use.

•Keep all chemicals, small parts and anything electrical out of the reach of children.

•Moisture causes damage to electronics. Avoid water exposure to all equipment not specifically designed and protected for this purpose.

•Never lick or any place of any your model in your mouth as it could cause serious injury or even death.

#### Safety

Lithium Polymer (Li-Po) Battery Warning

CAUTION: Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for safe use and disposal of batteries. Fire, property damage, or serious injury can result from the mishandling of Li-Po batteries.

>By handing, charging or using a Li-Po Battery you assume all risks associated with lithium batteries.

If at any time the batteries begin to swell, or balloon, discontinue use immediately!

Always store the batteries at room temperature in a dry area to extend the life of the battery, Always transport or temporarily store the battery in a temperature range of 40-120F. Do not tore the battery or model in a car or in direct sunlight. If stored in a hot car, the battery can be damaged or even catch fire.

>Never use a Ni-Mh Charger to charger Li-Po Batteries. Failure to charge the battery with a Li-Po compatible charger may cause fire resulting in personal injury and property damage.

Never discharge Li-Po Cells below 3V.

>Never leave charging batteries unattended.

>Never charge damaged batteries.

Charging the Flight Battery Warning

Use a battery charger that is designed to safely charge the Li-Po Battery. Read the charger instructions care fully before use. When charging the battery, make certain the battery is on a heat resistant surface. It is also highly recommended to place the Li-Po Battery inside a fire resistant charging bag readily available at hobby shops or online.

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### Introductions

Introducing the version 2 1100mm MXS 3D aerobatic plane from FMS Models. Designed for the intermediate to advanced 3D pilot & built specifically for 3D Flight, the version 2 MSX is now even better to please the most capable of 3D pilots.

Built from super strong EPO foam, the receiver ready MXS is glueless - ready to assemble requiring only 10 screws. Add your 4 channel receiver and 3s 2200mAh battery and you are ready to fly. Strong tube spars in the wing and tail create a super rigid structure that can withstand even the harshest 3D punishment. The updated powerful 3541-1230kv Outrunner, 40amp ESC, & 4 full Metal Gear Digital servos are pre-installed and ready to fly out of the box. The preinstalled precision ball links and rods expedite assembly time and provide precise control of nearly any aerobatic maneuver desired. Extra long, servo arms are designed in an over-center position from the control surface horns to provide massive amounts of control surface throw for low speed Harrier & hovering flight. Wing tip Side Force Generators further enhance the low speed performance by directing the airflow over the ailerons for more positive control. Tough but lightweight aluminum landing gear and large 2 1/2" wheels make grass takeoffs and landings a breeze. A large, magnetic hatch makes changing the battery quick and easy!

Painted in bright green and black, the new version 2 MXS is sure to get attention at the flying field... Easy to assemble, built tough & 3D ready.... Look no further than the New MXS from FMS Models!

#### Features:

- 1. Easy to assemble. Only needs glue for wing tip Vortex generators.
- 2. New hollow wing design for reduced weight and rigidity.
- 3. Wing tip Side Force Generators for superior Knife Edge and slow maneuvering.
- 4. Super strong laminated control surface hinges.
- 5. Upgraded Powerful 3541-1230kv Outrunner motor.
- 6. 40amp ESC.
- 7. Upgraded 4 digital full metal gear servos.
- 8. Wings and tail remove for transport, however the 1100mm size makes transportation easy.
- 9. New ultra-visible green & black high contrast paint scheme.
- 10. Upgraded extended Horizontal stabilizers and Vortex Generator for better performance.



### **Contents of Kit**

Before assembly, please inspect the contents of the kit. The photo below details the contents of the kit and labels. If any parts are missing or defective, please indentify the name or part number (refer to the spare parts list near the end of the manual) then contact your local shop or email us: support@fmsmodel.com



### **Assemble the plane**

1. Unpack the elevator parts bag and assemble PA 2.3\*10 mm and connecting pipe as shown in Figure 1 and 2.





2. Install the elevator servo arms and linkage rods as shown in Figures 3 and 4.



- 3. Attach the main landing gear using 3 PM 3.0 X 10mm screwsas shown in Figure 5.
- 4. Find the Y-harness and connect it to both aileron servos.Connect the Y-harness to the receiver, then place the receiver into the fuselage as shown in Figure 6.





5. Assemble the main wing as shown in Figure 7. Use four screws to lock the wing as shown in Figure 8.





6.Glue on the Vortex Generator on the wing tip using the applied glue (fig9).



### **Install the battery and Radio installation**

1. Apply the hook tape to the cable end of the battery (fig10).

2. Slide the battery into the battery hatch with the power supply cable toward the rear end of the plane and the hook tape facing the bottom of the battery hatch. Note: You may need to relocate the battery position to achieve the correct CG for your model.



Attach the aileron servo leads to the previously installed "Y" harness. Elevator servo lead goes to elevator channel of your receiver. The rudder servo goes to the rudder channel. Attach the ESC connector to the throttle channel of the receiver.

## Get your model ready to fly

#### **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 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.

#### The transmitter and model setup

Before getting started, bind your receiver with your transmitter. Please refer to your Transmitter Manual for proper operation

CAUTION: To prevent personal injury, DO NOT install the propeller assembly onto the motor shaft while testing the control surfaces. DO NOT arm the ESC and do not turn on the transmitter until the Transmitter Manual instructs you to do so.

Tips: Make sure all control sticks on your radio are in the neutral position (rudder, elevator, ailerons) and the throttle in the OFF position. Make sure both ailerons move up and down (travel) the same amount. This model tracks well when the left and right ailerons travel the same amount in response to the control stick.

1. Move the controls on the transmitter to make sure aircraft control surface move correctly. See diagrams below.





#### **Check the control throws**

The suggested control throw setting for FMS MODEL are as follows (dual rate setting):

 High Rate		Low Rate		
Elevator Aileron Rudder	30mm up/down 25mm up/down 70mm left/right	20mm up/down 18mm up/down 40mm left/right		

Tips: At first flight, fly the model in low rate. The first time you use high rates, be sure to fly at low to medium speeds. High rate, as listed, are listed, are only for EXTREME maneuvering.

#### **Check the motor rotating direction**

The motor should rotate clockwise when viewing the plane from the rear.



#### Linkage rod Installation

Press the socket-style linkage connector over the corresponding ball end on the control horn.









The table shows the factory settings for the control horns and servo arms. Fly the aircraft at the factory settings before making changes.

After flying, you may choose to adjust the linkage positions for the desired control response.



#### Install the propeller and spinner

Assemble the spinner and propeller as shown below.



#### Check the C.G. (Center of Gravity)

When balancing your model, adjust the motor battery as necessary so the model is level or slightly nose down. This is the correct balance point for your model. After the first flights, the CG position can be adjusted for your personal preference.

1. The recommended Center of Gravity (CG) location for your model is (85-90mm) forward from the leading edge of the main wing (as shown) with the battery pack installed. Mark the location of the CG on top of the wing.

2. When balancing your model, support the plane at the marks made on the bottom of the main wing with your fingers or a commercially available balancing stand. This is the correct balance point for your model. Make sure the model is assembled and ready for flight before balancing.



### **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.

#### Perform the range check for your plane

As a precaution, an operational ground rage test should be performed before the first flight each time you go out. Performing a rang test is a good way to detect problems that could cause loss of control such as low batteries, defective or damaged radio components, or radio interference. This usually requires an assistant and should be done at the actual flying site you will be using.

First turn on the transmitter, then install a fully - charged battery into the fuselage. Connect the battery and install the hatch.

Remember, use care not to bump the throttle stick. otherwise, the propeller/fan will turn and possibly cause damage or injury.

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 on a wristwatch or in your transmitter if available). When the batteries are getting low you will usually notice a performance drop before the ESC cuts off motor power, so when the plane starts flying slower you should land. 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.

### **Flying course**

#### **Take off**

While applying power, slowly steer to keep the model straight. the model should accelerate quickly. As the model gains flight speed you will want to climb at a steady and even rate. MXS 3D will climb out at a nice angle of attack (AOA).

#### **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 field. Consult laws and ordinances before choosing a location to fly your aircraft. After takeoff, gain some altitude. Climb to a aspects of flight does not make sense, including high speed passes, inverted flight, loops, and point rolls.

#### Landing

Land the model when you hear the motor pulsing (LVC) or if you notice a reduction in power. If using a transmitter with a timer, set the timer so you have enough flight time to make several landing approaches. Recharge the battery and repair the model as needed .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 done, 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. After a few flights you will find the model can be set down lightly on the mains and you can hold the nose wheel off balancing the model on the mains until it slows and gently settles the nose.

#### 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.	- ESC is not armed. - Throttle channel is reversed.	<ul> <li>Lower throttle stick and throttle trim to lowest settings.</li> <li>Reverse throttle channel on transmitter.</li> </ul>
Extra propeller noise or extra Vibration.	<ul> <li>Damaged spinner, propeller, motor, or motor mount.</li> <li>Loose propeller and spinner parts.</li> <li>Propellor installed backwards.</li> </ul>	- Replace damaged parts. - Tighten parts for propeller adapter, propeller and spinner.
Reduced flight time or aircraft underpowered.	<ul> <li>Flight battery charge is low.</li> <li>Propeller installed backward.</li> <li>Flight battery damaged.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Remove and install propeller correctly.</li> <li>Completely recharge flight battery.</li> <li>Replace flight battery and follow flight battery instructions.</li> </ul>
Control surface does not move, or is slow to respond to control inputs.	<ul> <li>Control surface, control horn, linkage or servo damage.</li> <li>Wire damaged or connections loose.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Replace or repair damaged parts and adjust controls.</li> <li>Do a check of connections for loose wiring.</li> </ul>
Controls reversed.	Channels are reversed in the transmitter.	Do the Control Direction Test and adjust controls for aircraft and transmitter.
- Motor loses power. - Motor power pulses then motor loses power.	<ul> <li>Damage to motor, or battery.</li> <li>Loss of power to aircraft.</li> <li>ESC uses default soft Low Voltage Cutoff(LVC).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Do a check of batteries, transmitter, receiver, ESC, motor and wiring for damage (replace as needed).</li> <li>Land aircraft immediately and recharge flight battery.</li> </ul>
LED on receiver flashes slowly.	Power loss to receiver.	<ul> <li>Check connection from ESC to receiver.</li> <li>Check servos for damage.</li> <li>Check linkages for binding.</li> </ul>

# Spare parts list content

ROCKL101	Fuselage
ROCKL102	Main Wing Set
ROCKL103	Horizontal Stabilizer
ROCKL104	Cowl
ROCKL105	Battery Hatch
ROCKL106	Main Landing Gear Set
ROCKL107	Rear Landing Gear Set
ROCKL108	Spinner Set
ROCKL109	Linkage Rod
ROCKL110	Vortex Generator
ROCKL111	Decal Sheet
ROCKL112	Pipe Set
FMSPROP047	Propeller
FMSDJ009	Motor Mount
FMSBM026	Motor Board
FMSDZ010	Propeller Adapter
PRKV1230	3541-KV1230 Motor
FMSESC40A200	40A ESC(200mm input cable)
FMSSER9MGDP	9g digital metal gear servo positive

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# **ESC** instruction

#### Wires Connection:

The electronic speed controller can be connected to the motor by soldering directly, or with high quality connectors.

Always use new connectors, which should be soldered carefully to the cables and insulated with heat shrink tubes. The maximum length of the battery pack wires shall be within 6 inches.

- Solder controller to the motor wires.
- Solder appropriate connectors to the battery wires.
- Insulate all solder connectors with heat shrink tubes.
- Plug the "JR" connector into the receiver throttle channel.
- Speed Controller Red and Black wires connect to battery pack Red and Black wires respectively.



#### Programming Mode Audible Tones

Programming Mode Audible Tones	ESC Functions	
0 Throttle Calibration		
(within the first 4 Sec ) 🗢 🗢 🗢		

1 Brake	
_* _* _* _*	Brake On /Off
2 Battery type	
$\sim$ $\sim$ $\sim$ $\sim$	NiCad
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3 Low Voltage Cutoff Threshold	
* * * * * * * * *	Low2.8V/50%
***_********	Medium3.0V/60%
* * * * * * * * * * * * *	High3.2V/65%
	5
4 Restore Factory Setup Defaults	
	Restore
5 Timing Setup	
	Automatic (7-30 $^{\circ}$ )
	Low (7-22°)
	High (22-30 $^\circ$ )
6 Soft Acceleration Start Ups	
	Very Soft
$\vee$ $\vee$ $\vee$ $\vee$	Soft Acceleration
	Start Acceleration
7 Governor Mode	
_****	Rpm off
	Heli first range
	Heli second range
8 Motor Rotation	
W W W W	Positive/Reverse
9 Switching Frequency	
	8kHz
\\ \\ \\ \\	16kHz
10 Low Voltage Cutoff Type	
	Reduce Power
	Hard Cut Off
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