

# Getting Started

**NOTE:** Before you start running your new Mini-DT, it is absolutely necessary that you read through all of the operating instructions to prevent unnecessary damage and get the maximum enjoyment from your vehicle.

## Step 1



Plug the AC charger into the proper wall receptacle (110V). Plug the battery pack into the charger and let it charge for 3 hours for the first time. After running, or when the Mini-DT slows noticeably, recharge the battery pack for 5-6 hours for a full charge.

## Step 3

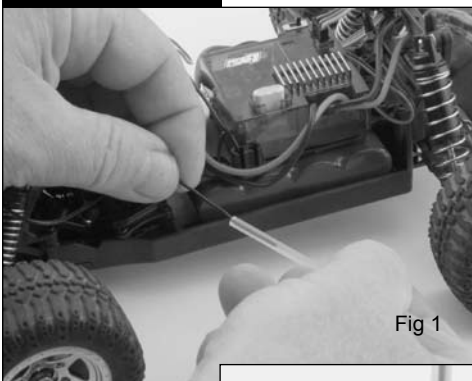


Fig 1

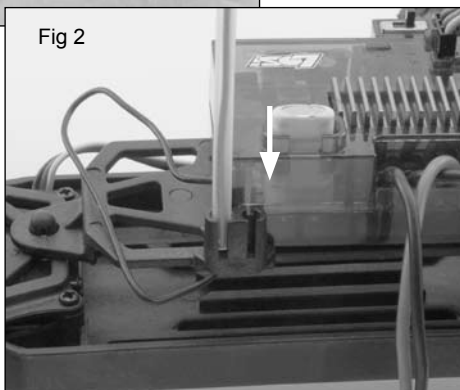


Fig 2

Insert the antenna wire through the antenna mount and into the antenna tube (fig. 1) pushing it through until it comes out the other end. Push the antenna tube (fig. 2) into the antenna mount.

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Remove the transmitter battery cover by sliding the cover from left to right. Install eight (8) AA batteries into the battery holder. Pay close attention to the correct direction of the positive (+) and negative (-) ends as marked in the tray. Once all 8 batteries have been installed, reinstall the battery cover by sliding it on from right to left.

## Step 4

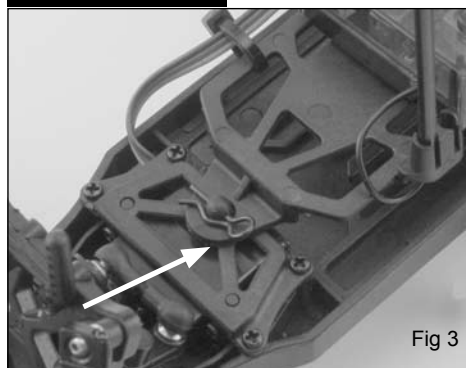


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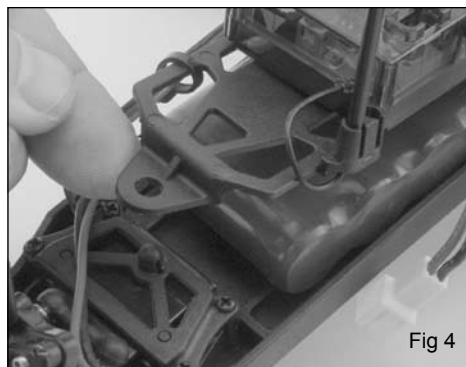


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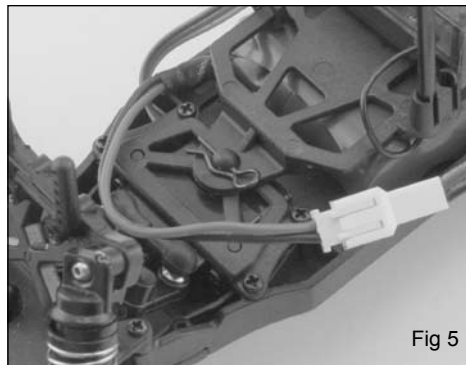


Fig 5

Once the battery is charged, remove the body clip from the front of the battery tray (fig. 3) and lift up the front of the tray (fig. 4). Install the battery pack as shown (fig. 5), reinstall the body clip and plug the battery pack into the ESC.

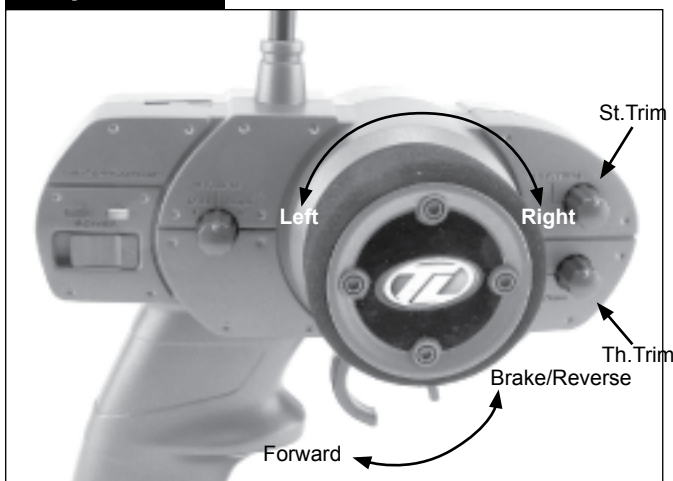


## Step 5



Always turn on the transmitter first by sliding the switch on the left side of the wheel from left to right. The small red and green lights above the switch should both light up. If not, check for low or incorrectly installed batteries.

## Step 7



Once the transmitter has been turned on, turn on the Mini-DT by sliding the switch on the speed controller to the "On" position. If the rear wheels turn, adjust the "TH. Trim" knob located to the lower right of the steering wheel until they stop. To go forward, pull the trigger back. If you should need reverse, wait for the model to stop then push the trigger forward. When going forward the model should move in a straight line. If not, adjust the "ST. TRIM" so that it tracks in a straight line without having to turn the steering wheel. After you are finished, turn the Mini-DT off **FIRST** by sliding the switch to the "OFF" position. After the model has been turned off, turn off the transmitter. If you wish to clean your Mini-DT, use compressed air and/or a soft paintbrush to remove dust and dirt. **NEVER** use chemicals or anything wet as it can cause damage to both electronics and plastic parts.

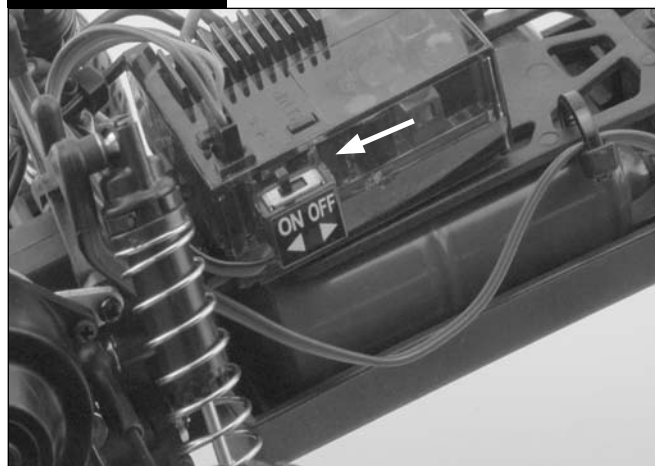
### Safety Precautions

This is a sophisticated hobby Product and not a toy. It must be operated with caution and common sense and requires some basic mechanical ability. Failure to operate this Product in a safe and responsible manner could result in injury or damage to the Product or other property. This Product is not intended for use by children without direct adult supervision. The Product 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 correctly and avoid damage or injury.

### Questions, Assistance, and Repairs

Your local hobby store and/or place of purchase cannot provide warranty support or repair. Once assembly, setup or use of the Product has been started, you must contact Horizon directly. This will enable Horizon to better answer your questions and service you in the event that you may need any assistance. For questions or assistance, please direct your email to [productsupport@horizonhobby.com](mailto:productsupport@horizonhobby.com), or call 877.504.0233 toll free to speak to a service technician.

## Step 6



The On/Off switch for the receiver/ESC is located on the right side toward the back of the unit. Locate the switch and slide the switch lever back to the "ON" position, which is clearly marked on the side of the switch. The Mini-DT should now be powered up. If not refer to the Troubleshooting Guide for help in locating the cause.

### ALWAYS

- Turn on the transmitter before the vehicle
- Use caution when running your vehicle near people
- Turn both the Mini-DT and transmitter "off" when done
- Check the battery condition of the transmitter before running

### NEVER

- Operate the Mini-DT with low battery power
- Run the Mini-DT through water or wet grass
- Use chemicals to clean the chassis
- Run the Mini-DT without a gear cover

# Mini-DT Troubleshooting Guide

Doesn't operate	Battery not charged or plugged in Receiver switch not "on" Transmitter not 'on' or low battery	Charge battery / plug-in Turn on receiver switch Turn on / replace batteries
Motor runs but rear wheels don't move	Pinion not meshing with spur gear Pinion spinning on motor shaft Slipper too loose Transmission gears stripped Drive pin in axle missing	Adjust pinion/spur mesh Replace pinion gear on motor Check & adjust slipper Replace transmission gears Check & replace
Steering doesn't work	Servo plug not in receiver Servo gears or motor damaged	Check if plug in / all the way Replace or repair servo
Won't turn one direction	Servo gears damaged	Replace servo gears
Motor doesn't run	Motor plugs loose Motor wire broken ESC damaged	Plug in completely Repair or replace as needed Call Electronics Tech
ESC gets hot	Motor over-gearred Driveline bound up	Put smaller pinion on motor Check wheels & trans for binds
Poor run time and/or sluggish acceleration	Battery pack not fully charged Charger not allowing full charge Slipper slipping too much Motor worn out Driveline bound up	Recharge Try another charger Check/adjust slipper Replace motor Check wheels & trans for binds
Poor range/glitches	Transmitter battery low Transmitter antenna loose Battery low in truck Loose plugs or wires	Check & replace as necessary Check & tighten Replace or recharge Check motor and power plugs
Slipper won't adjust	Drive pin missing in shaft Spur gear face worn out	Replace drive pin Replace spur gear & adjust slipper

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Champaign, Illinois 61822

or

Horizon Hobby UK  
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