User Manual of "SEAKING" Series Brushless Speed Controller for Boat

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[Features]

- Specially designed for RC boat, with excellent start-up, acceleration and linearity features. ►
- Use top quality electronic components to enhance the current endurance ability of the ESC.
- With water cooling system and the whole ESC is waterproof to get a longer life.
- 2 running modes, "Forward Only" mode and "Forward/Backward" mode for various of boats.
- Multiple protection features: Low voltage cut-off protection for lithium or nickel battery / Over-heat protection / Throttle signal loss protection.
- 8 steps of timing adjustment, compatible with all kinds of sensorless brushless motor.
- Pocket-sized Program Card can be purchased separately for easily setting the programmable items. Note1: The program card is an optional equipment for the ESC.

Constitutions

| Class | Model | Cont. | Burst | BEC | BEC | Batter | y Cells | Weight | Water | Size |
|---|-----------------|---------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|----------|
| | | Current | Current | Mode | Output | Lipo | NiMH | | Cooling | L*W*H |
| | | | (10s) | | | | | | Pipe | |
| Normal ESC (Supports 2-6 cells Lipo) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 25A | SEAKING-25A | 25A | 50A | Linear | 6V/1.5A | 2-3 | 5-9 | 48g | Ф4 | 48*35*20 |
| 35A | SEAKING-35A | 35A | 70A | Linear | 6V/1.5A | 2-3 | 5-9 | 50g | Ф4 | 48*35*20 |
| 60A | SEAKING-60A | 60A | 120A | Switch | 6V/3A | 2-6 | 6-18 | 76g | Φ5 | 94*33*18 |
| 90A | SEAKING-90A | 90A | 180A | Switch | 6V/3A | 2-6 | 6-18 | 81g | Φ5 | 94*33*18 |
| 120A | SEAKING-120A | 120A | 240A | Switch | 6V/3A | 2-6 | 6-18 | 91g | Φ5 | 94*33*18 |
| 180A | SEAKING-180A | 180A | 360A | Switch | 5.8V/3A | 2-6 | 6-18 | 165g | Φ5 | 72*68*34 |
| High Voltage ESC (Supports 5-12 cells Lipo) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 80A-HV | SEAKING-80A-HV | 80A | 160A | None | None | 5-12 | 15-36 | 91g | Φ5 | 94*33*18 |
| 130A-HV | SEAKING-130A-HV | 130A | 180A | None | None | 5-12 | 15-36 | 182g | Φ5 | 88*58*23 |

Warning! For safety, please always keep the propeller away from human body or any other object.

STEP #1. Connect the ESC, motor, receiver, battery and servo according to the following diagram.

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

STEP #2. Throttle Range Setting (Throttle Range Calibration)

In order to make the ESC fit the throttle range, you must calibrate it for the following cases; otherwise the ESC cannot work properly.

- Begin to use a new ESC; ►
- Begin to use a new transmitter;
- Change the settings of neutral position of the throttle stick, ATV or EPA parameters, etc.



2.1 Turn on the transmitter, set the "EPA/ATV" value of throttle channel to "100%", and disable the "ABS" brake function of your transmitter if it does has this function. If you are using a Futaba transmitter, please set the direction of the throttle channel to "REV"

- 2.2 If you are using a Handgun-style transmitter:
- a) Move the throttle stick to the maximum position (that is: full throttle position), and then connect the battery pack to the ESC, after 2 seconds, "Beep-Beep- " tone can be heard, that means the full throttle position has been confirmed.

b) Release the throttle stick to the neutral position, a "Beep" tone can be heard, that means the neutral position has been confirmed.

Now the throttle range setting process is finished.





[The Normal Start Process]

- 1. Move the throttle stick to the neutral position or the bottom position, and then turn on the transmitter.
 - 2. Connect the battery pack to the ESC.
 - 3. The motor emits several "Beep" tones to represent the cells number of your lithium battery pack. Please make sure that the number is correct. If only one "Beep" tone is emitted, that means the "Low Voltage Cutoff Threshold" battery is very easy to be damaged.
- 4. Move the throttle stick upwards, the motor begins to run and speeds up.

The LED Status

There is a red LED in the ESC, the usages are:

- 1. The LED lights when the throttle stick is moved to the maximum position (full throttle).
- 2. When setting the throttle range or setting the programmable items of the ESC, the LED flashes at the same time when the motor beeps.

[Programmable Items] Note2: The italics texts in the following form are the default settings.

| Programmable Items | | Value | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|----------|--------|--------|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | |
| 1. Running Mode | Note3 | Forward Only | Forward and Backward | | | | | | | |
| 2. Lipo Cells | Note4 | Auto Calculate | 2 cells | 3 cells | 4 cells | 5 cells | 6 cells | | | |
| | Note5 | Auto Calculate | 5 cells | 6 cells | 8 cells | 10 cells | 12 cells | | | |
| 3. Low Voltage Cutoff Threshold | | No Protection | 2.8V/Cell | 3.0V/Cell | 3.2V/Cell | 3.4V/Cell | | | | |
| 4. Timing | | 0.00° | 3.75° | 7.50° | 11.25° | 15.00° | 18.75° | 22.50° | 26.25° | |

Note3: Seaking-130A-HV only has option #1(Forward Only), it hasn't option #2(Forward and Backward) Note4: The parameters in this line are available for normal voltage ESC (Supports 2-6 cells lipo) Note5: The parameters in this line are available for high voltage ESC (Supports 5-12 cells lipo)

- 1. Running Mode: With "Forward Only" mode, the boat can go forward, but cannot go backward; "Forward and Backward" mode provides backward function, which is suitable for some specially designed boats. Please read the user manual of your boat to confirm whether it is possible to run backward.
- 2. Lipo Cells: We strongly suggest setting the "Lipo Cells" item manually. If you choose "Auto Calculate", the ESC will measure the battery's voltage when it is just connected, and then the ESC judges the cells number. For example, if the battery's voltage is lower than 8.8V, it will be judged as 2 cells Lipo battery. In order to let the ESC



(Please refer to the "Programmable Items" in the following form) is set to "No protection", this is only suitable when you are using a NiMH battery pack. Please never use "No protection" mode for lithium battery, otherwise the

judge the cells number correctly, please always use a fully charged battery to connect the ESC. If the battery is partly discharged, the "Auto Calculate" may get a wrong result.

Hint: In the startup process, the motor will emits several "Beep" tones to represent the Lipo cells number, it is helpful for you to check whether it is coincident with the actual battery pack or not.

3. Low Voltage Cutoff Threshold: This 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 reduced 50%. Please replace the battery pack as soon as possible.

Warning! If you ignore the low voltage cutoff phenomenon and keep running, the battery pack will be damaged!

- How to calculate the cutoff threshold of a whole battery pack: The cutoff threshold of a battery pack = The threshold of each cell * cells number For example, if the threshold of each cell is set to "3.2V/Cell", and the battery pack is 3S (3 Cells), then the cutoff threshold of this battery pack is 3.2*3=9.6V.
- If you are using NiMH or NiCd battery: b) NiMH and NiCd battery are not easy to be damaged, usually you needn't worry about the over-discharge problem, so you can set this programmable item to "No Protection".
- 4. Timing: Please select the most suitable timing value according to the motor you are just using. The correct timing value makes the motor running smoothly. And generally, higher timing value brings out higher output power and higher speed.

[Program the ESC]

1. Program the ESC with you transmitter

4 Steps: Enter program mode \rightarrow Select programmable item \rightarrow Choose the new value of the selected item \rightarrow Exit

STEP #1. Enter the program mode

- 1. Switch on the transmitter, move the throttle stick to maximum position (Full throttle position), and then connect the battery pack to the ESC.
- 2. Wait for 2 seconds, the motor emits "Beep-Beep-"tone.
- Wait for 5 seconds, the motor emits "Jisis" special tone, that means the program mode is entered.

STEP #2. Select the programmable item

You will hear 4 groups of "Beep" tone circularly, If you move the throttle stick to bottom position or the neutral position within 3 seconds after one kind of tones, this item will be selected.

- 1 "Beep-" **Running Mode**
- 2 "Beep-Beep-" Lipo Cells
- 3 "Beep-Beep-Beep-" Low Voltage Cutoff Threshold
- 4 "Beep-Beep-Beep" Timing

STEP #3. Choose the new value for the selected item

After entering an item, you will hear several tones in loop. Set the value matching to a tone by moving the throttle stick to the maximum position (Full throttle position) when you hear the tone, then a special tone "Jisis ' emits, means the value is chosen and saved in the ESC. (Keep the throttle stick at the maximum position (Full throttle position), you will go back to step #2 and you can select other items; Move the stick to bottom or neutral position within 2 seconds will exit program mode directly.)

| Tone | "B" | "BB" | "BBB" | "BBBB" | "Веер—" | "Веер—В" | "Beep—BB" | "Beep—BBB" |
|---|----------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|
| | 1 short Beep | 2 short Beeps | 3 short | 4 short | 1 long | 1 long | 1 long | 1 long |
| Items | | | Beeps | Beeps | Веер | 1 short | 2 short | 3 short |
| Running Mode | Forward Only | Forward & | | | | | | |
| | | Backward | | | | | | |
| Lipo Cells | Auto Calculate | 2 Cells | 3 Cells | 4 Cells | 5 Cells | 6 Cells | | |
| Low Voltage | No Protection | 2.8V/Cell | 3.0V/Cell | 3.2V/Cell | 3.4V/Cell | | | |
| Cutoff Threshod | | | | | | | | |
| Timing | 0° | 3.75° | 7.5° | 11.25° | 15° | 18.75° | 22.5° | 26.25° |
| Note6: One long "Beep—" = 5 short "Beep". For example, "Beep—Beep" tone means the No.6 value. (5+1=6) | | | | | | | | |

STEP #4. Exit program mode

There are 2 methods to exit the program mode:

- 1. In Step #3, after choosing the value, the motor will emits special tone "Jisis", move the throttle stick to the bottom position or the neutral position in 2 second to exit the program mode.
- 2. Disconnect the battery pack from the ESC to exit the program mode forcibly.

2. Program the ESC with the Program Card

Program card is an optional equipment for boat ESC, it has 3 digital LEDs to show the programmable items and their values, so the user interface is very friendly. It is quite easy for programming the ESC with this small equipment. Please read the user manual of program card for more information.

[Trouble Shooting]

| Trouble | Possible Reason | Action | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| After power on, motor does not work, no sound is emitted | The connection between battery pack and ESC is not correct | Check the power connection. Replace the connector. | | | |
| After power on, motor does not work, such an alert tone is emitted: "beep-beep-, beep-beep-" (Every "beep-beep-" has a time interval of about 1 second) | Input voltage is abnormal, too high or too low. | Check the voltage of battery pack | | | |
| After power on, motor does not work, such an alert tone is emitted: "beep-, beep-, beep- "(Every "beep-" has a time interval of about 2 seconds) | Throttle signal is irregular | Check the receiver and transmitter | | | |
| The motor runs in the opposite direction | The connection between ESC and the motor need to be changed. | Swap any two wire connections between ESC and motor | | | |
| The boat cannot run backward | The ESC is not set to "Forward and Backward" running mode | Program the ESC correctly | | | |
| | The ESC cannot recognize the neutral point of throttle channel | Calibrate the throttle range again according to the instructions on page 1 | | | |
| After power on, motor does not work, a special tone "♪ 56712 " is emitted after 2 beep tone ("Beep-Beep-") | Direction of the throttle channel is reversed, so the ESC has entered the program mode | Set the direction of throttle channel correctly | | | |
| The motor suddenly speeds down even if at the full throttle situation | The ESC has entered the low voltage cutoff protection mode | Replace the battery pack as soon as possible Stop running the boat for several | | | |
| | The ESC is over heat | minutes to cool the ESC | | | |