# ATTACK AND Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum





**4YWD** 4-channel, FHSS Radio control system for EP Car

# INSTRUCTION MANUAL

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Thank you for purchasing a Futaba 4YWD FHSS 2.4GHz system.

This system is based on the combination of the newly developed 2.4GHz transmitter and its corresponding receiver. Before using your 4YWD 2.4GHz system, read this manual carefully and use your R/C set safely.

After reading this manual, store it in a safe place.

#### FHSS 4YWD 2.4GHz system

- •2.4GHzSS (Spread Spectrum) radio communication system
- •Frequency channel setting unnecessary: Sifting the channels within the 2.4GHz band automatically, this system minimizes the interference from other 2.4GHz systems.
- •Accepts no unwanted signals by using ID code
- •Built-in antenna (T4YWD-2.4G transmitter)
- •FHSS (Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum) minimizes interference from other 2.4GHz systems. This system is not compatible with FASST.

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(2) This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

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# **Safety Precautions**

For your safety as well as that of others, please read this manual thoroughly prior to installation and operation of your digital proportional R/C system.

## **Definition of Symbols**

The following defines the symbols used in this manual.

## **Explanation of Symbols**

<b>DANGER</b> Procedures which may lead to a dangerous condition and cause death serious injury to the user if not carried out properly.			
Procedures which may lead to a dangerous condition or cause death or serious injury to the user if not carried out properly, or procedures where the probability of superficial injury or physical damage is high.			
Procedures where the possibility of serious injury to the user is small, but there is a danger of injury, or physical damage, if not carried out properly.			

## **Explanation of Graphic Symbols**

▲ Indicates an operation that prompts a warning (including Caution).

S Indicates an operation that must not be performed.

Indicates an operation that always must be performed.

# 2.4GHz System Precautions

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Do not cover/hold the built-in antenna part of T4YWD-2.4G transmitter by your hand during running. Do not put any conductive plate/sticker on the antenna part. Otherwise, the operating range may become shorter.



Do not perform the linking procedure when motor's main wire is connected is operating as it may result in serious injury.



While the linking is done, please cycle receiver power and check if the receiver to be linked is really under the control of the transmitter to be linked.

Always use R214GF-E under 7.4V NiCd/NiMH battery or regulated output from your ESC. Using dry cell batteries may cause malfunction. Be sure that when using an ESC's regulated output, the capacity of the ESC meets your usage condition.

In order to maintain complete control of your car it is important that it remains visible at all times. Running behind large objects is not suggested. Doing so may result in the reduction of the quality of the radio frequency link to the model.

# **Operation Precautions**

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When using a NiCd/NiMH battery to power your system, always charge and check the battery voltage prior to operation. Should the battery discharge below the minimum voltage level, control will be lost.

Prior to operation always perform a range test. Even one abnormality in the R/C system may cause loss of control.

#### [Range Test Procedure]

Have a friend hold the model, or place on a stand where the wheels or prop can not come in contact with any object. Operate from a distance of about 100 feet. Be sure to check the movement of each servo to make sure it follows the movement of the steering stick and throttle stick. If the servos do not follow the commands from the transmitter or any type of interference is detected, do not operate the model.

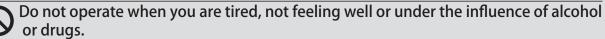
Never operate in the rain or run through puddles. The transmitter, receiver, batteries and most servos, and speed controls are not waterproof. Contact with any type of moisture or immersion in water or snow will cause damage along with possible loss of control. Should any type of moisture enter any component of the system, immediately stop using the R/C system and return it to our service center for inspection.

Do not operate when visibility is limited. Should you lose sight of the model, a collision or other dangerous situation may occur.

Do not operate near people or roads.

Do not operate near high tension power lines or communication broadcasting antennas.

Prior to the operation of any model be sure the area you plan to use is safe. Be aware of all objects that may be in the path of your model. Do not operate the model where people or any type of moveable object could stray in the path of your model. Control loss due to interference, component failure, loss of sight or low battery voltage could result in serious injury to yourself and others as well as damage to your model.



Your judgment is impaired and could result in a dangerous situation that may cause serious injury to yourself and others.

(Turning on the power switches)

Always check the throttle stick on the transmitter to be sure it is at the neutral position.

1. Turn on the transmitter power switch.

2. Turn on the receiver or speed control power switch.

(Turning off the power switches)

Always be sure the motor is stopped.

1. Turn off the receiver or speed control power switch.

2. Then turn off the transmitter power switch.

If the power switches are turned off in the opposite order the model may unexpectedly run out of control and cause a very dangerous situation.

Make all adjustments to the radio control system with the electric motor disconnected.

If the motor is connected while adjustments are made, the model may run out of control.

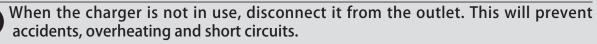
Remove the main battery source from electric powered models when they are not being used.

Should you accidentally leave the receiver switch on, the model could run out of control.

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Do not touch the motor, speed control or any part of the model that will generate heat while running.

Touching hot parts will result in serious burns.



# **Storage and Disposal Safety Precautions**

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At the end of a day's operation, store the system with NiCd/NiMH battery discharged. Be sure to recharge the system before it is used again.

You should fully discharge your system's batteries periodically to prevent a condition called "memory". For example, if you only make two runs in a day or you regularly use a small amount of battery's capacity, the memory effect can reduce the actual capacity even if the battery is charged for the recommended amount of time.

**O** Do not throw a NiCd/NiMH battery into a fire. Do not disassemble or attempt to repair a NiCd/NiMH battery pack.

Overheating, damage and acid leakage may lead to burns, loss of eye sight as well as numerous other types of injuries. The electrolyte in NiCd/NiMH batteries is a strong alkali. Should you get even the smallest amount of the electrolyte in your eyes, Do Not rub. Wash immediately with water, and seek medical attention at once. The electrolyte can cause blindness. If electrolyte comes in contact with your skin or clothes, wash with water immediately.

Do not leave the radio system or models within the reach of small children. A small child may accidentally operate the system. This could cause a dangerous situation and injuries. NiCd/NiMH batteries can be very dangerous when mishandled and cause chemical damage.

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Do not store your R/C system where it will be exposed to the following conditions.

- Extreme heat or coldness
- Exposed to direct sunlight
- Where humidity is high
- Where vibration is prevalent
- Where dust is prevalent
- Where there is steam and condensation

Storing your R/C system under adverse conditions could cause deformation and numerous other problems with operation.

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If the system will not be used for a long period of time, remove the batteries from the model and store in a cool, dry place.

If the batteries are left in the model, electrolyte may leak and damage the model.

#### <NiCd/NiMH Battery Recycling>

A used NiCd/NiMH battery is valuable resource. Insulate the battery terminals and dispose of the battery by taking it to a battery recycling center.

# **Other Safety Precautions**

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When operating two or more models at the same time, have a third person act as a spotter. They will be in charge of safety and you should follow their instructions.



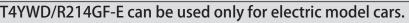
Beginners should receive instructions regarding safety and operation from an experienced modeler.



Always use only genuine Futaba transmitter, receivers, servos, and electronic speed controls, along with other optional parts and components.

Futaba will not be held responsible for damages caused by other than genuine Futaba parts and components. Use only genuine Futaba parts and components listed in the instruction manual and catalog.

Never use the T4YWD/R214GF-E in GP models (engine models), model boat and air models (airplane, helicopter, glider, etc.).



Do not short circuit the battery terminals.

Short circuiting the terminals will lead to sparks and overheating and could cause a fire and burns as well.

O not expose plastic parts to fuel, motor spray, waste oil or exhaust. The fuel, motor spray, waste oil and exhaust will penetrate and damage the plastic.

#### <NiCd/NiMH Battery Electrolyte>

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# **Before Operation**

## **System Contents**

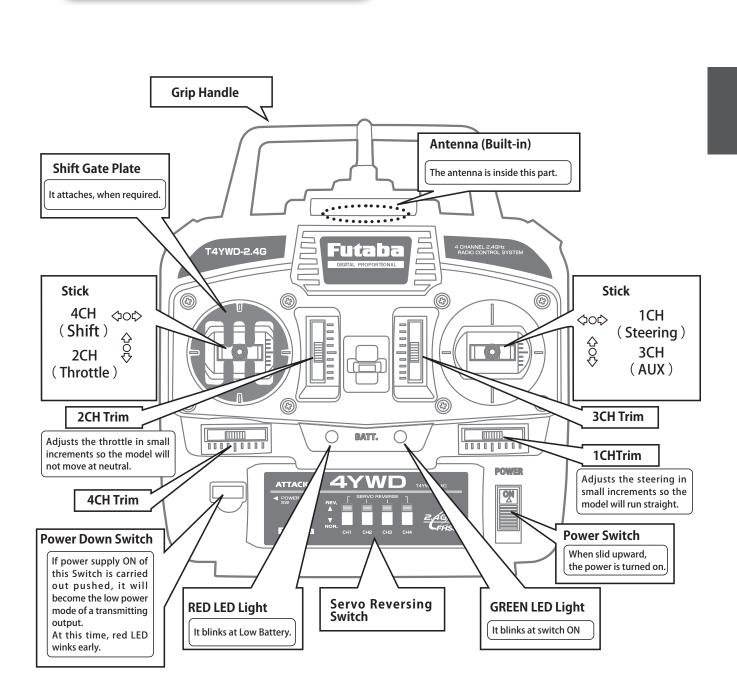
After opening the container, check the contents for the following items. The contents will vary with the system purchased.

	4YWD-2.4GHz System Contents		
Transmitter	T4YWD-2.4G (x1)		
Receiver	R214GF-E (x1)		
Servo		S3003 (x3)	S3003 (x2)
E.S.C.			MC231CR (x1)
Switch	SSW-GS (x1)		
Miscellaneous	Mini Screwdriver Shift Gate Plate Manual *Servo mounting hardware and servo horns (only servo set)		

**NOTE: Futaba FHSS** system, **T4YWD** transmitter and **R214GF-E** receiver, does **not** work with current Futaba **FASST** systems. Please use **T4YWD** and **R214GF-E** in **pairs**. **Futaba FASST** system and **FHSS** system are **not compatible** each other.

# Nomenclature / Handling

## Transmitter T4YWD



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O not cover/hold the built-in antenna part of T4YWD transmitter by your hand during running.

Do not put any conductive plate/sticker on the antenna part. Otherwise, the operating range may become shorter.

#### **Battery Replacement Method**

**1** Remove the battery cover from the transmitter by sliding it in the direction of the arrow in the figure.

Remove the used batteries.

- B Load the new AA size batteries. Pay very close attention to the polarity markings and reinsert accordingly.
- 4 Slide the battery cover back onto the case.

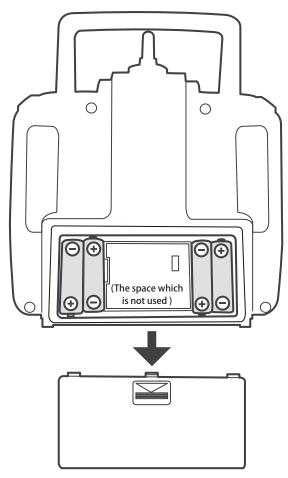
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Always be sure you reinsert the batteries in the correct polarity order.

If the batteries are loaded incorrectly, the transmitter may be damaged.

When the transmitter will not be used for any short or long period of time, always remove the batteries.

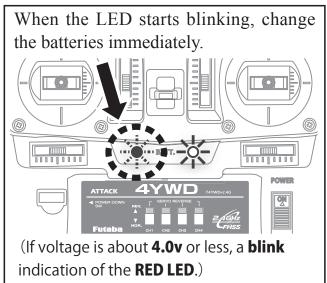
If the batteries do happen to leak, clean the battery case and contacts thoroughly. Make sure the contacts are free of corrosion.



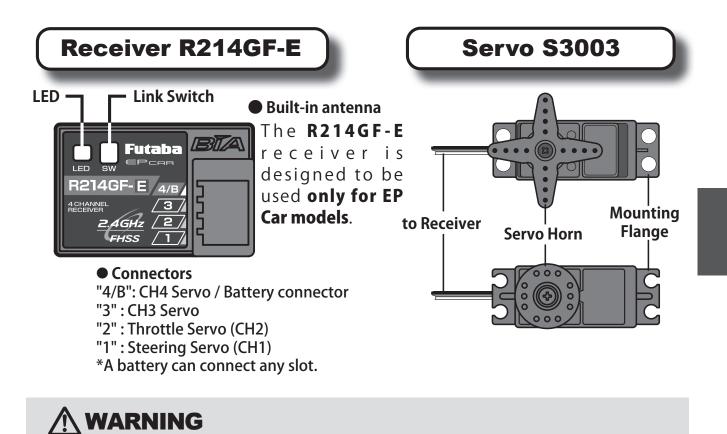
**Battery Cover** 

#### (4 AA size batteries)

#### Low Battery :

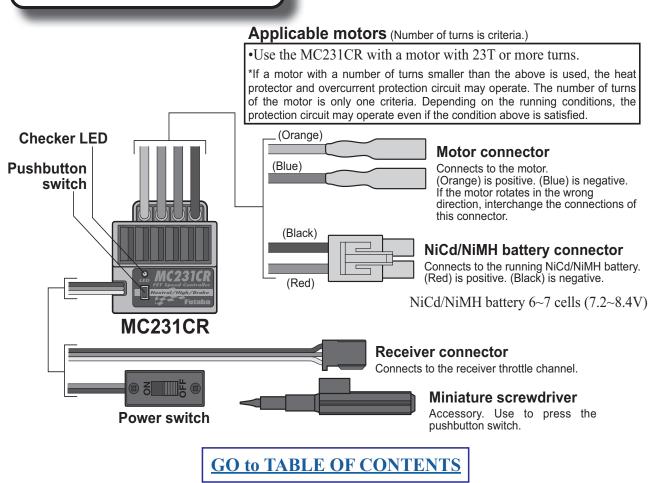


The low battery alarm is meant to be a safety feature only. Do NOT operate your radio below low battery. Always shut your radio off as soon as possible after the low battery warning loss of control.



Keep the receiver as far away from the motor, ESC and other noise sources as possible.

#### E.S.C. MC231CR



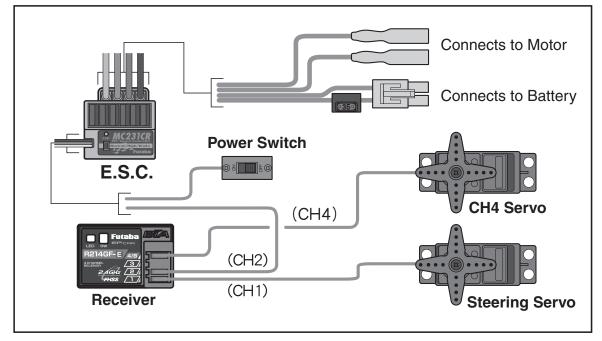
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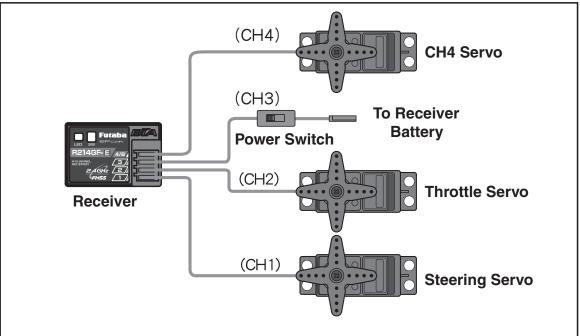
## **Receiver and Servo Connection**

As you connect the receiver, servos and other components, do so in accordance with the "Assembly Precautions".

# Connections when a E.S.C. MC231CR used.

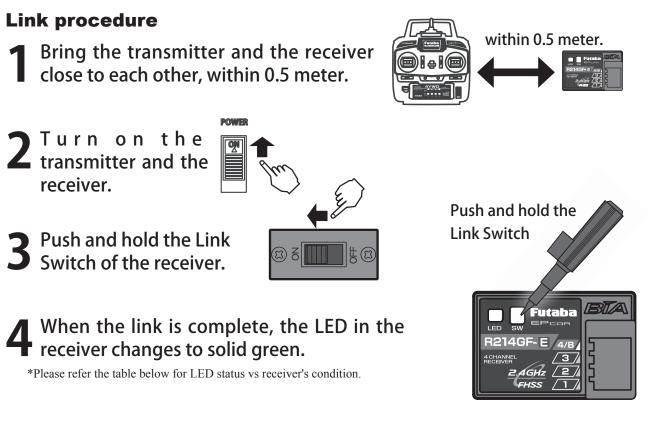


# E.S.C not used Model



# How to Link Transmitter and Receiver

Each transmitter has an individually assigned, unique ID code. In order to start operation, the receiver must be linked with the ID code of the transmitter with which it is being paired. Once the link is made, the ID code is stored in the receiver and no further linking is necessary unless the receiver needs to be used with an other transmitter. (For T/R set, the link is already done at factory.)



#### LED status vs receiver's condition:

Receiving no signals	OFF
Receiving signals	On
Receiving signals, but ID is unmatched.	Blink

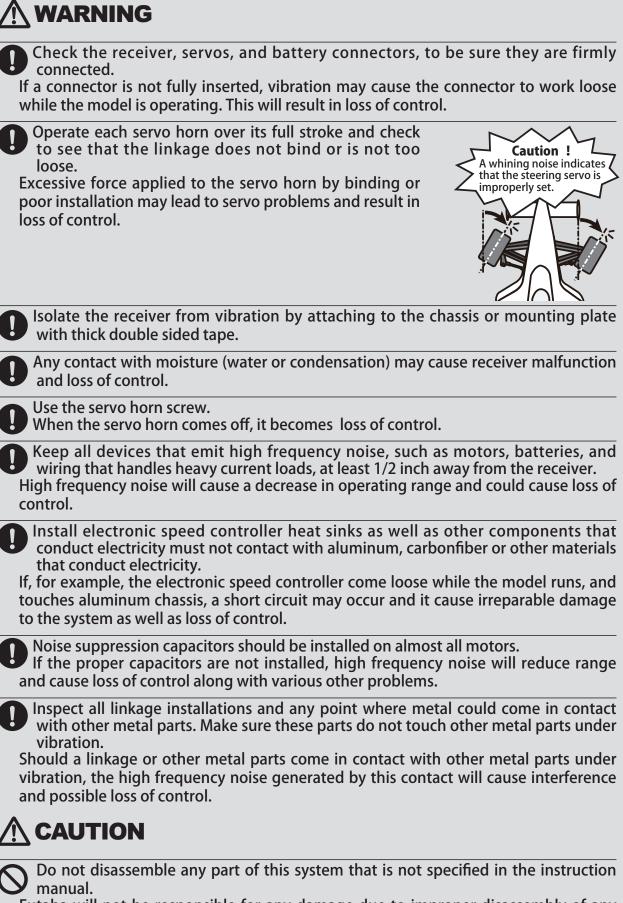
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After the linking is done, please cycle receiver power and check that the receiver to be linked is really under the control of the transmitter.



Do not perform the linking procedure with motor's main wire connected as it may result in serious injury.

# **Assembly Precautions**



Futaba will not be responsible for any damage due to improper disassembly of any part of the radio control system.

## **Transmitter Set-Up Procedures**

\*When making these settings adjustments, with the motor connector disconnected.

#### Servo Horn Installation Instructions

Connect the receiver, servos, and other components and then turn on the power switches to transmitter and receiver.

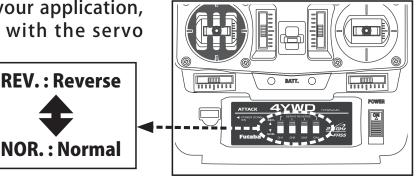


\*Both servos will move to the neutral position.

At this time install the servo horn in the manner described In the instruction manual provided with the model this system will be used in.

#### **Reversing The Servo Operation Direction**

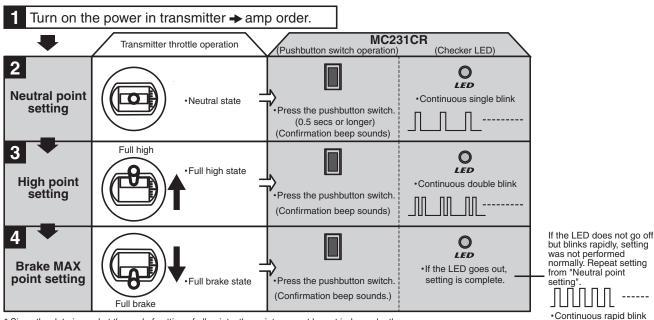
Should the servo operate in the opposite direction required for your application, reverse the direction with the servo reversing.



#### E.S.C. MC231CR

#### **NEUTRAL, HIGH, AND BRAKE MAX POINT SETTINGS**

Before setting each point, set the transmitter throttle channel trim to neutral.



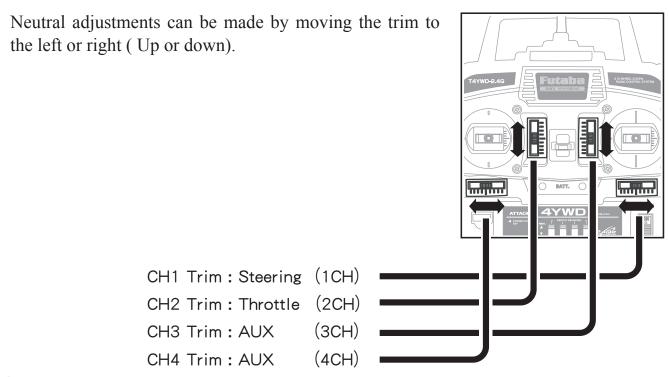
\* Since the data is read at the end of setting of all points, the points cannot be set independently.
 \* If the amp power was turned off during setting, the setting points cannot be memorized. (The previous settings are retained.)
 \* The confirmation beep sounds only when the motor was connected.





# **4YWD Functions**

## Trim



#### Servo install

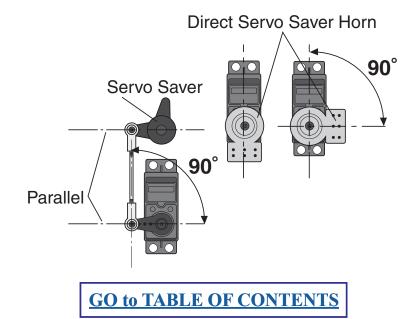
When you install a servo, always check to be sure the servo is at its neutral position. Adjust the servo horn hole position and linkage so both are parallel. When a servo saver is used, place it as close to center position as possible. Be sure the steering trim on the transmitter is at the neutral position.

#### **Trim Operation And Maximum Position**

Changing the trim can affect the overall settings. When adjustments are made with the trims, recheck your installation for maximum position.

#### When Trim usage is extreme

If it takes most of your trim movement to get a servo to the neutral position, reposition the servo horn or servo saver on the servo and inspect your linkage installation.

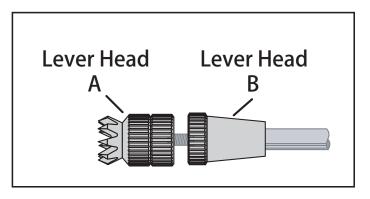


# **Stick Adjustment**

Adjustment of the stick lever length.

You can adjust the length of stick levers, as you like. It is recommended to adjust the length of the sticks in line with your hand size.

- **1** Hold the lever head "B" and turn the lever head "A" counter-clockwise. The lock will be released.
- 2<sup>Turn the lever-head "A"</sup> clockwise as you hold the lever-head "B" after placing it as you like.

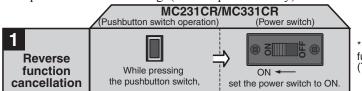


## **MC231CR** Operation **Forward: Brake: Reverse:** Operation can be switched Throttle stick is turned Throttle stick is turned to reverse operation by up, the speed increases. down, the brake works. returning the throttle stick from the brake position to the neutral position. Then turn down the stick. Stick is turned down from the neutral. • • • •

## **MC231CR Function**

#### **CANCELLING THE REVERSE FUNCTION**

The amp reverse function can be cancelled by the following method so that the model can be used even in races that prohibit reverse running. (Brake operation only)



\* When desired, you can enable the cancelled reverse function by repeating the operation shown at the left. (The reverse function is switched alternately.)

#### **BRAKE/REVERSE OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

Operation can be switched to reverse operation by returning the throttle stick from the brake position to the neutral position.

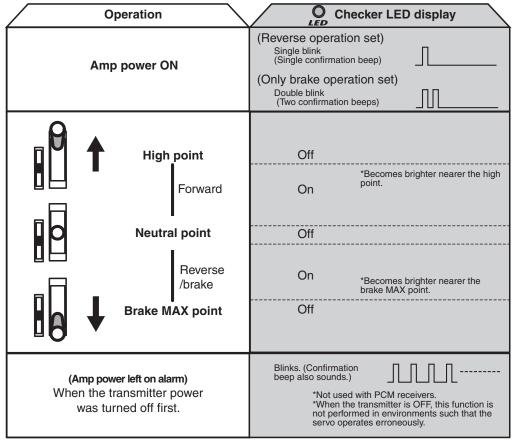
#### **PROTECTION CIRCUIT OPERATION**

The following protection circuits are built into the MC231CR. When a protection circuit operates, remove the cause before operating the model again.

Overcurrent protection	When an overcurrent flows due to an output short circuit, etc., the overcurrent protection circuit automatically limits the current to protect the FET.		
Heat protector	When abnormal heating of the FET due to an overload, etc. is detected, the heat protector operates so that the speed is gradually reduced. When the FET temperature drops, the heat protector automatically resets. However, remove the cause of the overheating before operating the model again.		
Low voltage operation	When the NiCd/NiMH battery voltage drops, this function limits the motor output current and ensures steering operation.		

#### **CHECKER LED DISPLAY**

The amp operates linearly in proportion to the amount of forward, reverse, and brake operation. The amp operating state can be checked with the checker LED as shown below.



\* Confirmation beep only sounds when the motor was connected.



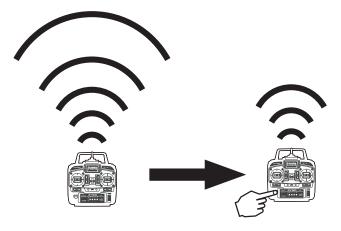
## **Power Down Mode**

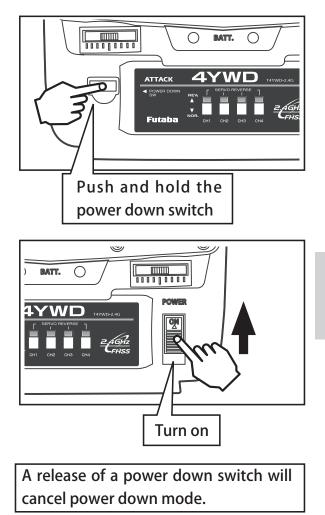
#### **Range Testing Your R/C System**

It is extremely important to range check your models prior to each running session. This enables you to ensure that everything is functioning as it should and to obtain maximum enjoyment from your time running. The T4YWD transmitter incorporates a system that reduces its power output and allows you to perform such a range check.

#### **Power down mode Instructions**

- Push and hold the power down switch of the transmitter.
- **2** Turn on the transmitter.
- **3** It is shown that red LED blinks quickly and has become power down mode. In order to cancel a power down, a power down switch is released. Even if it continues pushing a power down switch, it is canceled in 90 seconds.





With the "Power down mode" on, walk away from the model while simultaneously operating the controls. Have an assistant stand by the model to confirm that all controls are completely and correctly operational. You should be able to walk approximately 30-50 paces from the model without losing control. In the case of abnormalities, it does not run. It must be checked and fixed.

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Do not operate in the range check mode.

\*Since the range of the radio waves is short, if the model is too far from the transmitter, control will be lost and the model will crash.





# Reference

## Ratings

\*Specifications and ratings are subject to change without prior notice.

#### **Communication method:**

One-way operation system **Maximum operating range:** 80m (Optimum condition)

#### **Transmitter T4YWD**

(FHSS system, 2 Stick type, 4 channels)
Transmitting frequency:
2.4GHz band
Power requirement:
(Dry cell battery) Penlight x 4(6V)
Current drain:
100mA or less
Transmission antenna:
1/2λ di-pole (Built-in)

#### **Receiver R214GF-E**

(FHSS/S-FHSS system, 4 channels, Used only for EP Car models.)
Power requirement:

4.8V ~ 7.4V Rechargeable battery

Size:

35.1x23.2x9mm (excluding a projection part)

Weight:

6g (0.21oz.)

#### E.S.C. MC231CR

(Electronic speed control) **Operating system:** Forward, reverse, and brake operations are all linear. **Power requirement:** NiCd/NiMH battery 6-7 cells (7.2 to 8.4V) **PWM frequency:** 1.5kHz (fixed) Setting: One-touch input by pushbutton switch. Set data is saved to built-in EEPROM. **Current capacity (FET rating):** Forward=90A, reverse=45A Size: 27.1x33.3x12.8mm (1.07x1.31x0.50in.) (excluding protruding parts) Silicon cord gauge size: AWG16 equivalent Weight: 48g (1.69oz.) (including connectors and switches) **BEC voltage:** 6.0V

#### Servo S3003

(Standard servo) **Power requirement:** 6V (common with receiver) **Current drain:** 8mA (at 6V / Idle) **Output torque:** 4.1kgf-cm (57in.-oz.) at 6V **Operating speed:** 0.19sec/60 degree at 6V **Size:** 40.4x19.8x36mm (1.59x0.78x1.42in.) **Weight:** 

37.2g (1.31oz.)

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## Troubleshooting

If your system fails to operate or you experience a short range problem or erratic control, check the table below for possible causes. If after you have followed the suggestions listed the problem is not corrected, return the system to our service department for inspection and repair.

#### (Item Check)

#### Transmitter

#### **Battery**

Dead battery — Change the batteries.

Batteries inserted incorrectly. — Reload the batteries in accordance with the polarity markings

Faulty contact — Check to see if the contacts are bent and not making good contact

Dirty contacts — Clean the contacts and check for corrosion.

#### Receiver

#### Battery

Low battery — Recharge

#### **Monitor LED**

Check the LED of the receiver. Refer to the "How to link the transmitter and the receiver".

#### **Connector connections**

Wiring incorrect — Insert all connectors firmly Loose connections — Push the connector in firmly

## Linkage

Binding or loose — Adjust the linkage in model Is movement stiff — Adjust linkage in model

## Motor

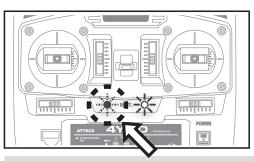
Noise problems — Install capacitors on motor

# **Error Displays**

## **Low Battery**

When the LED starts blinking, replace the batteries immediately.

#### LED light:



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When a low battery alarm is generated, cease operation immediately and retrieve the model. If the battery goes dead while in operation, you will lose control.

# When Requesting Repair

Before requesting repair, read this instruction again and recheck your system. Should the problems continue, request as follows.

#### (Information needed for repair)

Describe the problem in as much detail as possible and send the letter along with the system in question.

- Symptom (Including the conditions and when the problem occurred)
- R/C System (Send transmitter, receiver and servos)
- Model (Type of model, brand name and model number or kit name)
- Detailed packing list (Make a list of all items sent in for repair)
- Your name, address and telephone number.

#### (Warranty)

Read the Warranty card.

• When requesting warranty service, send the card or some type of dated proof of purchase.

#### Hobby Services (U.S. only)

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#### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION INTERFERENCE STATEMENT (for U.S.A.)

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation.

This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

--Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.

--Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.

--Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.

--Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

#### **CAUTION:**

To assure continued FCC compliance: Any changes or modifications not expressly approved by the grantee of this device could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

#### **Exposure to Radio Frequency Radiation**

To comply with FCC RF exposure compliance requirements, a separation distance of at least 20 cm must be maintained between the antenna of this device and all persons. This device must not be located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.

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