

DRIFT SPEC MOTOR INSTRUCTIONS



#55-3074M-1 Rev.1
6-2014

SPECIFICATIONS

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| Motor Turn | 13.5-turn |
| Design | Sensored |
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| Weight | 5.8 oz / 164 g |
| Shaft Diameter | 1/8" |
| Rotor | 2-pole, sintered Neodymium |

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ACCESSORIES

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- 5832 Lead-Free 3% Silver Solder--15g Tube--Low-resistance, high-conductivity solder.
- 5836 Heavy Duty Lead-Free 3% Silver Solder--25g Tube--Thicker 1.5mm solder.
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- 5851 Heat Shrink Tubing Assortment--24pcs--6" pieces in 6 sizes from 1/16-3/8"--Black.
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- 5853 Heat Shrink Tubing Box Set--160pcs--4" pieces in 6 sizes from 1/16-3/8"--Black.
- 5860 Speed Lube--10ml--Premium American-made bearing oil with penetrative additives
- 5861 Pro Solder Flux--10ml--Liquid rosin flux for easy soldering of lead-free solders--Dropper bottle.

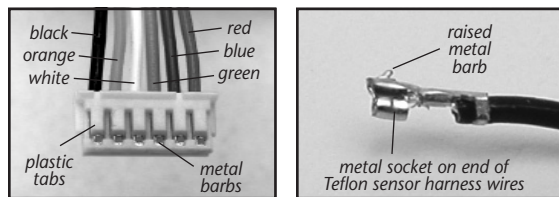
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- **CLEAN INSIDE MOTOR** periodically by removing front end bell, removing the rotor, and blowing out the inside of the motor with compressed air. *Be sure not to lose any small shim washers that may be on the ends of the rotor shaft & keep them in the correct location.*

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Because Novak R/C, Inc. has no control over the connection & use of motor or other related electronics, no liability may be assumed nor will be accepted for damage resulting from the use of this product. Every motor is thoroughly tested and cycled before leaving our facility and is, therefore, considered operational. This product is not a toy, and is not intended for use by children under 14 years of age without the strict supervision of an adult. Use of this product in an uncontrolled manner may result in physical damage or injuries. Take extra care when operating any remote control vehicle. *By the act of connecting/operating speed control, the user accepts all resulting liability.*

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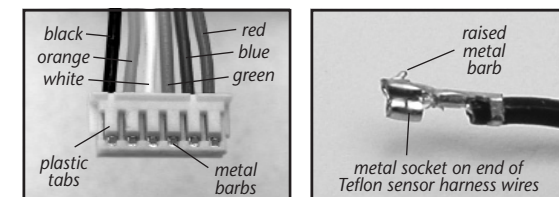
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- Insert the motor mounting screws that came with your vehicle through the motor mounting plate. **540-size motors need no more than 1/8" of screw extending past the vehicle's mounting plate (2-4mm)**--Too little can strip the motor's threads, too much will cause internal motor damage & will void warranty.
- Attach motor to vehicle's motor mount using one of the sets of threaded mounting holes--**select a mounting position that keeps the solder tabs clear of conductive surfaces like aluminum or graphite.**

3. INSTALL PINION GEAR (see GEAR SELECTION)

Install pinion on motor and test fit in vehicle to align pinion and spur gears. Tighten pinion's set screw on the flat of motor shaft.

4. ADJUST MOTOR FOR PROPER GEAR MESH

- Adjust the motor position for proper amount of free play. You **NEED** to have a small amount of play between the pinion gear and the spur gear (about the thickness of piece of paper)--**check the free play at several positions around the spur gear to ensure a proper mesh (just in case the gears are out of round).**

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Due to the nature of racing, extended runtimes, timing advance ESCs, motor tolerances/settings, vehicle performance, and track conditions, it has become virtually impossible to provide installation and operation recommendations that will allow you to use these motors at their highest performance levels without the potential for unwanted damage.

You must, use extreme caution when setting up these electronics and carefully test your application to avoid overloading and overheating either the speed control or the motor.

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The motor should be 160-175°F MAX at end of run!

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Change the gearing to avoid overheating.

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The Drift Spec Motor was developed to be used with Novak's Drift Spec Brushless Speed Control

MOTOR TIMING ADJUSTMENT

The Drift Spec timing is adjusted by loosening the bearing cap's three M2.5 flat head screws, rotating cap to desired setting, and re-tightening screws--**DON'T OVER-TIGHTEN.**

The motor's factory timing marks are located on the side of the back bearing cap and lines up with a groove milled into the top of the back end bell.

Retarding the timing will reduce RPM range & increase torque--this usually reduces current draw and lowers operating temperatures.

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