



# **Quick-Start Guide**



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This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm.

This product is not a toy! (14+) Recommended for ages 14 and up. Adult supervision required for ages under 18 years old. Contains small parts, keep out of reach of children 3 years of age and younger.

HLNA0743 Animus 18DT Desert Truck (US) HLNA0744 Animus 18DT Desert Truck (UK-EU)

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- 1 Remove the components from the box and ensure the contents are correct:
  - 1x Animus 18DT
  - 1x 1100mAh 6-cell NiMH battery pack
  - 1x 2.4GHz 2-channel transmitter
  - 1x 6-cell wall charger
  - 1x 4-way cross spanner
  - 1x 1.5mm Allen key
  - 2x shock spacers and antenna tube
  - · 1x Quick Start Guide



Carefully remove the contents using side cutting pliers to cut the tie straps. Peel the protective wrapping from the body of your car and remove the four body clips, followed by the body itself.



Locate the battery cradle on the left side of the car. Remove the body clips and the battery retainer, then withdraw the battery pack.



Plug the charger into a wall socket. Connect the battery to the charger and place the battery on a non-flammable surface. Switch the wall socket ON. The charger's LED will light red when the battery is fully discharged, yellow when 50% charged, and green when fully charged. Disconnect the battery when the charge status light turns green.



Slide the receiver aerial into the antenna tube then firmly push the tube into the mount that's built into the receiver module. Use the 1.5mm Allen key to tighten the retaining grub screw and secure the antenna tube.



Re-insert the fully charged battery pack into the cradle and secure it with the retainer and body clips. Be sure to install the clips into the lowest possible holes of the battery mounting posts for the tightest fit.



Remove the transmitter battery cover and insert eight AA alkaline cells.



8 Ensure the radio switch is in the OFF position, then connect the battery to the ESC.



Connect the lights using the servo-style connector on the HCT adapter. Ensure the headlight wires are stowed clear of any moving parts and lower the body over the mounts.



10 Secure the body with the four clips.



11 Switch ON the transmitter and ensure the LED is lit solid green. This indicates that the batteries are supplying adequate voltage for proper operation.



12 Locate the switch and turn ON your Animus 18DT. In the unlikely event that the car does not operate, see the BINDING/PAIRING instructions at the back of this guide.



Check the operation of the throttle and steering. Pulling the throttle trigger back will drive the car forward, pushing the trigger forward will apply the brakes or drive the car in reverse. Turning the wheel to the right will cause the car to turn right and vice versa.





14 Use the throttle and steering trim dials to fine tune the controls of your car. In doing so, ensure that your Animus tracks in a straight line. Also that it doesn't creep forwards or backwards at zero throttle.



The steering dual rate (ST.D/R) dial is used to reduce the sensitivity of the steering control and is very useful for beginners who may initially have a tendency to oversteer the vehicle. A good starting point for this dial is position 3.



### **Break-in Procedure**

IMPORTANT: To help increase the life and performance of the motor, it is recommended to drive the first battery pack at half throttle.

## **Pairing The Transmitter**

Having followed steps 1 to 12, in the unlikely event that your car does not operate please follow the 6 stage binding process detailed below.

1 Remove the body, install a fully charged battery into the car, then connect it to the ESC. Ensure that the car is powered OFF.



Use a small blunt tool to press and hold the 'Bind' button on the electronics module, then move the switch to the ON position.



Release the Bind button on the module. The red LED will begin to flash quickly.



### **BINDING/PAIRING GUIDE**

Press and hold the Bind button on the transmitter, move the switch to the ON position, then release the Bind button.



The green LED on the transmitter will flash slowly whilst the red LED on the receiver will change to flashing slowly, then turn off, then back on again. Switch the car OFF, followed by the transmitter.



Now switch the transmitter back ON, followed by the car. You should now have normal operation of throttle and steering. Return to Step 13 of this guide to complete the set-up of your Animus Vehicle.





NOTE: If you experience any problems, please consult online troubleshooting guide.