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FC6350HX Helicopter Flybarless System

FC6350HX Hubschrauber mit Flybarless-System

Système Sans Barre Stabilisatrice pour hélicoptère FC6350HX

Sistema per elicottero Flybarless FC6350HX

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SPMFC6350HX		
Туре	FC6350HX Helicopter Flybarless System	
Dimensions (L $\times$ W $\times$ H)	42.5 x 24 x 13.6mm (1.67 x 0.94 x 0.54in)	
Weight	16.2g (0.57oz)	
Voltage Range	4.8V - 8.4V	

#### Introduction

The Spektrum<sup>™</sup> FC6350HX flybarless system is the heart of your helicopter flying experience. As a 3-axis stability system for your flybarless helicopter, the FC6350HX can be set up and tuned using your Spektrum transmitter as a forward programming interface. That means all of the system settings can be programmed through your transmitter without the need for an additional interface or device. The FC6350HX utilizes AS3X technology to deliver pro-level flight performance for sport, precision, and aggressive 3D flying. And the optional-use SAFE technology offers panic recovery and self-leveling options.

Add a Spektrum Smart ESC to your heli to further expand integrated features with no extra wires or sensors. Whether you fly with Smart or non-Smart technology batteries, when the FC6350HX detects a Smart ESC connection, it provides a variety of real-time power system-related telemetry data to compatible AirWare<sup>™</sup> equipped transmitters while you fly. Available telemetry information includes motor RPM, current, battery voltage, and more.

The FC6350HX can also be programmed, updated, and backed up using the optional Spektrum USB programming cable (SPMA3065) and PC programmer application. Visit the SPMFC6350HX product page at HorizonHobby.com for more information.

#### Features

- Supports two DSMX remote receivers
- Optional and configurable SAFE Panic Recovery and Stability Flight Modes
- Easy to use Forward Programming interface for setup and gain adjustments from compatible Spektrum Transmitters
- Smart Technology ready for Smart ESC and Smart Battery Telemetry
- Supports DX, iX, and NX series transmitters
- Supports Digital and Analog servos
- 70Hz to 560Hz Adjustable Servo Frequency (760µs and 1520µs center)

# Contents

- (1) Helicopter Flybarless System (SPMFC6350HX)
- (1) DSMX SRXL2 Serial Receiver with Telemetry (SPM4651T)
- (1) FC6350HX to 4651T Cable
- (1) 4651T Update Cable
- (1) Product Manuals (SPMFC6350HX and SPM4651T)
- (2) Gyro Mounting Pad (SPMA3032)

#### FC6350HX to 4651T Cable



#### 4651T Update Cable

# Installation

- The FC6350HX Flybarless System must be attached to the airframe with the servo connector facing either forward or aft. The side of the FC6350HX facing the main rotor disc must be parallel to the rotor disc.
- Use one mounting pad (SPMA3032) to secure the FC6350HX to the airframe.

NOTICE: Do not connect the swash plate, throttle or tail rotor servos until the servo frequency has been configured. Failure to do so may result in damage to the servo and/or your model.

#### **Remote Receivers**

The FC6350HX Flybarless System uses a SRXL2<sup>™</sup> Telemetry Remote to access **Forward Programming** as well as other Smart features. Connect the 4651T using the supplied cable to the RX/PRG port as shown.



#### **Optional DSMX Remote Receiver**

An additional non-telemetry DSMX remote receiver connected to the side port labeled RX is recommended when flying models with blades longer than 360mm.

For information on binding remote receivers without a bind button, refer to the section

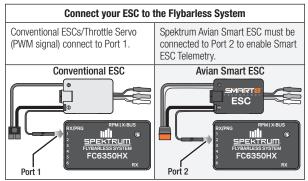
#### titled Binding with Second Remote Receiver.

**IMPORTANT:** Always ensure the remotes are connected to the transmitter before flying the model. A solid orange LED on each remote receiver indicates a successful connection.

# ESC Connection

WARNING: Always remove the pinion gear or disconnect the main drive motor from the ESC to disengage the drive system during initial setup. The main rotor blades may turn in response to setup changes or transmitter inputs. Failure to do so could result in serious personal injury or property damage.

**IMPORTANT:** For fuel powered models, do not connect the throttle servo until the throttle setup step 17.



#### Before Setup

The FC6350HX Flybarless System is setup, programmed, and tuned via the **Forward Programming** menu on a compatible Spektrum aircraft radio system.

A firmware update on your transmitter may be required to access Forward Programming. Visit **spektrumrc.com** to register and update your transmitter.

- Before entering Forward Programming, engage Throttle Hold.
- Before exiting Forward Programming, lower the throttle to the full stop position. Wait until the LED flashes green before powering down to ensure settings are saved.
- Always exit forward programming before disconnecting the power source to ensure parameters are saved.
- The Flybarless System must be powered on and connected (bound) to your transmitter to access the forward programming menus.

# LED indications for reference, setup required

Red, green, blue rapid blinking	Initialization complete
Slow green strobe	Normal operation
Slow red strobe	Failsafe, remote receiver(s) are not connected to the transmitter.
Rapid red flash when exiting forward programming	Throttle not low; not in Normal/Hold
Slow cyan strobe	Forward programming mode
Yellow Flash (during calibration)	Calibration proceeding normally
Red Flash (during calibration)	Calibration Error, FC not level or is being moved during calibration

# **Transmitter Setup**

- 1. Create a new default helicopter model on your Spektrum Transmitter.
- Go to the Flight Mode Setup menu (System Settings in DX and NX transmitters, Model Setup in iX transmitters) and select Hold Switch: Inhibit and assign a switch.
- Go to the Trim Setup menu(System Settings in DX and NX transmitters, Model Setup in iX transmitters) and set Aileron, Elevator, and Rudder Trim Steps to zero. Set Trim Type: Common.
- Go to the Frame Rate menu (System Settings in DX and NX transmitters, Model Setup in iX transmitters). Set the Servo Mode to Hybrid 11/22ms.
- Go to the Gyro menu (Function List in DX and NX transmitters, Model Adjust in iX transmitters), select Switch: Inhibit and change to Flight Mode Switch. Set each flight mode gain to 75% to start.
- Configure the throttle curves and pitch curves in your transmitter for each flight mode. Refer to the manufacturer recommendations for the Helicopter, ESC, Motor/Engine, and Transmitter.

The swashplate type, servo reversing, subtrim and travel settings are made within the Flybarless System using the forward programming menu.

# FC6350HX Setup

 If you are using a remote receiver without a bind button see the section *Binding with Optional Second Remote Receiver* for binding instructions. Power ON the FC6350HX Flybarless System and press the bind button on the 4651T remote receiver.

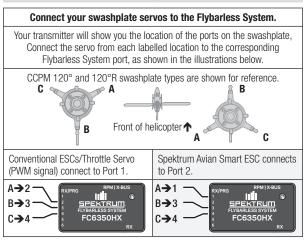
Lower the throttle stick to the stop position, and enter bind mode on the transmitter. See your transmitter manual for more information.

Once the binding process is complete, the remote receiver(s) LED turns solid orange, indicating the remote receiver is bound and connected to the transmitter.

The FC6350HX LED will begin flashing green, indicating a successful bind. A red flashing LED indicates binding was not successful. Repeat step 1.

- In the transmitter menu, select Forward Programming. The transmitter connects to the Flybarless System and the forward programming menu is displayed on the transmitter.
- 3. Navigate to the Setup→Swashplate→Output Setup menu.
- 4. Set the **Frame Rate** to the operating frequency specified by your servo manufacturer.
- Select the Type menu. Set the swashplate type to match your helicopter's configuration.

WARNING: You must select the swashplate type that matches your helicopter, and connect the servos as shown in forward programming. A mistake at this step will cause problems with tuning and flight performance.

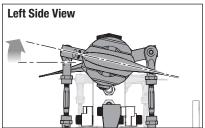


6. Select **Back**, and navigate to the **Direction** menu.

When you move the collective pitch stick up, the swashplate must respond with the correct positive pitch action. Set the Direction in the Output Setup menu to ensure a positive collective stick movement results in the correct positive blade movement.

**IMPORTANT:** Do not change servo reversing in the transmitter's servo menu.



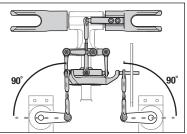


Select Back to return to the previous menu.

Select the Sub Trim menu. The swashplate servos move to the center position. For each of the swashplate servos, use the sub trim adjustments to ensure the servo horn is perpendicular to the servo linkage.

Adjust the linkages from the servo to the swashplate to ensure the swashplate is level. Ensure the main blades are at zero degrees collective pitch. If not, adjust the swashplate to main rotor grip linkage to acheive zero degrees pitch.

Select Back one to exit the Swashplate→Output Setup menu.



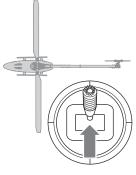
This image shows a neutral configuration set for zero degrees of blade pitch.

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- Select the AFR menu. Verify the roll and pitch cyclic are moving in the correct directions by moving the cyclic stick.

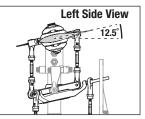
Most helicopters have a leading edge control main blade grip, and the Roll and cyclic Pitch values will be positive. The only reason to use a negative value to acheive proper swashplate control is for trailing edge main blade grip designs.

Verify proper fore/aft pitch and side to side roll control of the swashplate. If you do not achieve proper control, review the swashplate selection and servo ports at step 5.

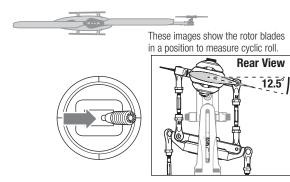
- 9. Center the collective stick and place a pitch gauge on a main rotor blade. The blades should be at zero pitch.
  - Turn the main rotor so the blades are 90° to the tail boom, apply full forward cyclic, and adjust the Pitch AFR until your pitch gauge reads 12.5.



These images show the rotor blades in a position to measure cyclic pitch.



 Align the main blades with the tail boom, apply full right cyclic, and adjust the AFR until your pitch gauge reads 12.5.



10. Move the collective pitch stick to full positive and full negative. Adjust the **Collective AFR** to set your desired collective pitch range. We recommend 12.5° positive and negative if you do not have a preferred range to start with. Remove the pitch gauge.

Select  ${\pmb{\mathsf{Back}}}$  twice to return to the  ${\pmb{\mathsf{Setup}}}$  menu. The swashplate setup is complete.

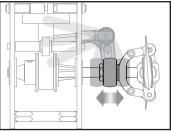
- 12. Connect the tail rotor servo to Slot 5.



Select Back to return to the previous menu.

- Navigate to the **Direction** menu. Move the tail rotor stick on the transmitter to the right and ensure the tail rotor servo is moving the correct direction. If not, reverse the channel direction on the FC6350HX.
- Select Subtrim to center the tail rotor servo. The linkage should be perpendicular to the servo arm. Select Back to return to the previous menu.
- 15. Select the Travel menu.
  - Select Left travel. Move the stick slowly to the left to determine if binding occurs, and adjust travel to ensure full travel and there is no binding.
  - Select the **Right** travel. Move the stick slowly to the left to determine if binding occurs, and adjust travel to ensure full travel and there is no binding.





**TIP:** 90% to 100% is recommended to achieve

optimal flight performance. If you are not in this range, we recommend moving the location of the ball on the tail servo arm to acheive the proper amount of travel on the tail pitch slider.

Press **Back** twice to return to the **Setup** menu. Tailrotor setup is complete. WARNING: Always remove the pinion gear or disconnect the main drive motor from the ESC to disengage the drive system during initial setup. The main rotor blades may turn in response to setup changes or transmitter inputs. Failure to do so could result in serious personal injury or property damage.

- Exit Forward Programming. Configure the throttle settings within the transmitter according to the instructions provided by your ESC manufacturer.
- Once throttle setup is complete, enter Forward Programming mode, and select the Setup→Throttle→Failsafe menu.
- Lower the throttle stick to the full stop position, and select Capture to record the throttle failsafe position.
   Select Back to return to the Setup→Throttle menu.
- 19. Select Throttle→Hover

This setting is the throttle point where your model hovers in normal mode. The Flybarless System applies special anti roll over algorithms or or below the hover throttle setting, helping to make takeoffs and landings easier. The Stunt 1 and Stunt 2 throttle curves should be above the hover throttle setting to ensure the roll over mitigation is disabled in flight.

During the initial setup, you can set **Throttle → Hover** to a high value and test the model. Once the throttle setting is determined for hovering in normal mode, set the **Hover Throttle** value.

Select Back to return to the Setup menu.

- 20. Select the Gyro Settings→Orientation Menu, and set the mounting orientation to match the FC6350HX mounting orientation on your helicopter. The system will ask you to perform the sensor calibration after setting the sensor mounting orientation. Level the side of the FC6350HX that faces upwards and select Apply to complete the sensor calibration step. Once complete, physically move the helicopter on each axis to ensure the system is compensating in the correct direction. Select Back twice to return to the Setup menu.
- 21. Select the FM Channel and select Inhibit.
- The Gain Channel defaults to the gear channel. This is the transmitter aux gyro gain channel for the tail rotor.
- 23. Press **Back** to exit the forward programming menu, and save the parameters.

The FC6350HX Flybarless System setup is complete.

After completing initial setup and test flights, see the Forward Programming Menu Reference in this manual for more information about flight modes and governor setup for fuel powered models.

# Operation

#### Preflight Checklist

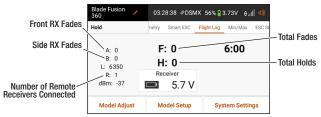
- Inspect the model, wiring, and electrical components.
- Power ON the transmitter. Activate Normal Flight Mode on the transmitter.
- Activate Throttle Hold on the transmitter. Lower the throttle to stop or idle.
- Dever ON the model, and wait for initialization to complete.
- Verify that all connected remote receivers display a solid orange LED.
- Confirm that the transmitter roll, pitch, yaw and collective inputs correspond to the helicopter controls and are operating the controls in the correct direction.
- Confirm that the FC6350HX is compensating in the correct directions for roll pitch and yaw.
- Review all operational instructions before flying your model.
- Place the model on a level surface for take off.

#### Postflight Checklist

- For electric models, disconnect the flight battery
- Power down the FC6350HX
- Always turn the transmitter off last

#### **Telemetry Flight Log**

The transmitter telemetry flightlog will provide the following information.



**NOTICE:** After a flight, if total fades higher than 30 occur, evaluate the remote receiver positioning and ensure the antennas have a clear signal path to the transmission signal.

To help troubleshoot total fades and holds, review your transmitter and remote receiver manual for additional instructions.

#### Main Menu

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#### →Swashplate

#### →Roll

Degrees°/per second: Roll rate at 100% travel.

Proportional, Integral, Derivative: See Gain Adjustment in this manual for more information

#### →Pitch

Degrees°/per second: Cyclic Pitch rate at 100% travel.

Proportional, Integral, Derivative: See Gain Adjustment in this manual for more information

→Agility Defines how quickly the flybarless system reacts to your inputs. Smaller helis usually will have a smaller value and bigger helis will have a larger value, adjust to suit.

#### →Tail Rotor

Degrees°/per second: Yaw at 100% travel.

Start: Determines how quickly the tail rotor begins to respond

Stop: Determines how quickly the tail rotor stops.

Proportional, Integral, Derivative: See Gain Adjustment in this manual for more information

#### →Governor

Proportional: 100 is the recommended default and starting value. If you notice the head speed drops on quick cyclic commands, then enable the transmitters cyclic to throttle mixing. If the cyclic to throttle mixing was already enabled, then raise the proportional gain for the governor. To high of proportional gain will result in erratic kicking engine operation in a hover and often show as a tail kick.

Integral: 30 is the recommended default and starting value. If you notice engine over speed on long loaded conditions, or when transitioning from a loaded condition to an unloaded condition then decrease the Integral gain. To high of integral gain will result in a slow oscillation of the head speed in a hover.

Headspeed: Set the target headspeed per flight mode (requires FM channel to be configured).

#### → SAFE

#### →Stability

Gain: Determines how aggressively the Flybarless System attempts to hold level flight with no input.

Envelope: An angle setting which determines the limit where the helicopter will no longer pitch or roll past

Stability: May be set On or Off for each flight mode.

#### →Panic

Envelope: An angle setting which determines the limit where the helicopter will no longer pitch or roll past.

Yaw: Maximum yaa rate in Panic mode.

#### →Attitude Trim

Roll, Pitch: Trim applied to the model to level it in flight when you are in Safe mode.

#### → Setup

#### → Swashplate

#### →Output Setup

Frame Rate: Select the frame rate to match your servos. Refer to your servo manufacter's recommended operating frequency.

Type: Select the swashplate configuration to match your helicopter.

Direction: Swashplate servo direction.

Sub Trim: Swashplate servos locked at neutral in this menu, trim for center.

→AFR (Adjustable Function Rate- These control the rate of travel of a function which requires more than one servo operating together. These adjustments change the function, not a single servo.)

Roll: Defines the roll travel. Must be matched to 12.5  $^\circ$  at max input with collective pitch centered.

Pitch: Defines the cyclic pitch travel. Must be matched to 12.5  $^\circ$  at max input with collective pitch centered.

Collective: Defines collective pitch range.

Differential: Changing this value will increase the collective travel on one side of neutral so you can match positive and negative pitch. A positive value will only increase positive pitch, a negative value will only increase negative pitch. E-Ring: Prevents binding or overdriving swash servos when moving sticks to the extremes. Forces the swashplate to operate in a circular motion if you stir the stick into corners of the gimbal.

Phasing: If the helicopter flips and rolls off axis phasing can be adjusted so the performance is precisely on axis with no cross control.

Decay: Default value is 50%, increase this value to increase takeoff stability. Experienced pilots can reduce this value to reduce drift in normal mode once the model has taken flight.

#### → Tail Rotor

#### →Output Setup

Frame Rate: Select the frame rate to match your servos. Refer to your servo manufacter's recommended operating frequency.

Direction: Set to acheive yaw control in the correct direction.

Sub Trim: Adjust to center the tail servo, mechanically center the tial pitch slider.

Travel: Adjust to acheive maximum travel without binding.

#### →Advanced Setup

Phasing: If you feel like the cyclic response is lagging behind your inputs during pirouetting maneuvers, you increase this value.

Pre-Comp

Swashplate, Collective: Tail rotor Pre-compensation mix.

#### → Throttle

Failsafe: Defines the failsafe position the FC will move the throttle channel to in the event of a signal loss for 2 seconds.

Hover: Defines the throttle position the helicopter requires for hovering.

Governor: Access the governor menu for a fuel powered model.

Governor: Select Inhibit or Nitro

Main gear: Define the number of teeth on the main gear

Pinion: Define the number of teeth on the pinion gear

Filter: 85 is the default value and starting value. This filter is applied to the head speed measurement and helps to ensure accurate RPM measurement even with the rich mixture generally used on model helicopter engines. This value should not require adjustment on most modern helicopter 2-cycle engines.

Low Throttle: 35 is the default and starting value. This parameter is used to ensure the clutch remains engaged and the engine can be

used for braking during overspeed conditions or unloaded conditions.

RPM Sensor: Allows setup and testing of RPM sensor

RPM Sensor: Normal or Reverse

Soft Start: Allows for slow start to prevent damage.

#### →Gyro Settings

Orientation: Select the orientation that matches your mouting configuration.

Calibration: Follow the calibration procedure after selecting an Orientation.

FM Channel: Enables separate flight mode gains and the ability to enable or disable SAFE features per flight mode. When using this option always check to ensure all gains for every axis are set properly per flight mode.

**IMPORTANT:** When the selected flight mode is displayed on a page (switch position on your transmitter), it is because there is a set of programming values available for each flight mode for the values listed below the flight mode. It will only show flight modes when FM Channel is assigned. If FM Channel is not assigned, these Flight mode callouts will always say NORMAL.

Gain Channel: This is an optional feature and can be set to INH if desired. The Tailrotor gains in the FC6350HX are the base gains and the optional Gain Channel is used to increase or decrease the tail gain per flight mode.

Output Channel 6: Determines the transmitter channel which will operate the number 6 port on the Flybarless System. This is intended for auxillary functions which are not related to flight controls.

#### →System Setup

Calibrate Sensor: Select this option to calibrate the sensor

Factory Reset: Select this option to reset the FC6350HX setting back to the factory default values. This option will wipe all settings on the Flybarless System and the setup process will need to be repeated.

# Gain Adjustment

The main Forward Programming displays flight control adjustments under Swashplate and Tailrotor.

After the tail gains are fairly close, use the transmitter gyro gain function to adjust the gain for each flight mode.

1. Cyclic P Gain Adjustment (Default 50%)

*Higher gain* will result in greater stability. Setting the gain too high may result in random twitches if your model has an excessive level of vibration. High frequency oscillations may also occur if the gain is set too high. *Lower gain* will result in less stability. Too low of a value may result in a less stable model, particularly outdoors in winds.

If you are located at a higher altitude or in a warmer climate, higher gains may be beneficial—the opposite is true for lower altitude or colder climates.

2. Cyclic I Gain Adjustment (Default 50%)

Higher gain will result in the model remaining still, but may cause low frequency oscillations if increased too far.

Lower gain will result in the model drifting slowly.

If you are located at a higher altitude or in a warmer climate, higher gains may be beneficial—the opposite is true for lower altitude or colder climates.

3. Cyclic D Gain Adjustment (Default 7%)

*Higher gain* will improve the response rate of your inputs. If the gain is raised too much, high frequency oscillations may occur. *Lower gain* will slow down the response to inputs.

4. Cyclic Response (Default 100%)

Higher cyclic response will result in a more aggressive cyclic response Lower cyclic response will result in a less aggressive cyclic response.

5. Tailrotor P Gain Adjustment (Default 85%)

Higher gain will result in greater stability. Setting the gain too high may result in random twitches if your model has an excessive level of vibration. High frequency oscillations may also occur if the gain is set too high. *Lower gain* may result in a decrease in stability. Too low of a value may result in a less stable model particularly outdoors in winds. If you are located at a higher altitude or in a warmer climate, higher gains may be beneficial—the opposite is true for lower altitude or colder climates.

6. Tailrotor I Gain Adjustment (Default 95%)

*Higher gain* results in the tail remaining still. If the gain is raised too far, low speed oscillations may occur.

Lower gain will result in the tail drifting in flight over time.

If you are located at a higher altitude or in a warmer climate, higher gains may be beneficial—the opposite is true for lower altitude or colder climates.

7. Tailrotor D Gain Adjustment (Default 10%)

*Higher gain* will improve the response rate to your inputs. If raised too far, high frequency oscillations may occur.

Lower gain will slow down the response to inputs, but will not have an effect on stability.

#### SAFE® Technology and Panic Recovery (Optional)

The SAFE Panic Recovery function is enabled by setting up the following mix within the transmitter:

Before enabling the SAFE Stability mode, test the operation by activating SAFE Panic Recovery function in flight at a safe altitude with the transmitter sticks centered. The model should return to within 4 degrees of level.

Mixing				
P-Mix 1	Normal			
	Channels	Ger	Ger > Gyr	
	Rate	1259	125%/0%	
	Offset	-10	-100%	
	Switch	Swi	Switch I	
	Position	0	1	

To activate the SAFE Panic Recovery function, move the collective stick to the center position and press the bind button (switch I) on your transmitter.

**NOTICE:** Vibration can lead to attitude drift in flight. When SAFE Panic Recovery is activated, if the model is outside of 4 degrees of level, evaluate the model for vibration and, if necessary, perform the calibration step.

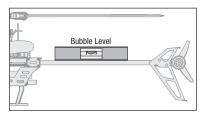
SAFE offers a self leveling mode which can be applied to any flight mode you select; it may be configured if desired. Always complete test flights and gain adjustments before enabling SAFE Technology features. All gains, flight mode setup, envelope and gain settings are available within the Forward Programming SAFE menu. To enable or disable the stability function per flight mode set the FM Channel to the appropriate channel within the Setup menu.

# Calibration

The FC6350HX is calibrated at the factory. Recalibrate the unit if the panic or stability functions do not return to level or if there is a slow drift in the roll, pitch, or yaw axis:

The calibration is performed in the selected mounting orientation with the FC6350HX side facing upward being level. When changing the mounting orientation setting the system will ask you to calibrate the gyro. Once the model is level, select Apply to complete the calibration step.

 Level the model using a bubble level on the roll and pitch axis, power on and initialize the system.



2. Go to the System Setup menu and select Calibrate.

#### 3. Select Apply.

A red flashing light during calibration indicates the model is either not level or not stationary. Level the model, taking care to keep it still. A yellow flashing light during calibration indicates the calibration is proceeding normally.

4. After the calibration is successful, the LED flashes green.

# SMART Technology Telemetry (Optional)

Spektrum SMART Technology provides telemetry information including battery voltage and temperature.

A firmware update for your transmitter may be required.

To view SMART Telemetry:

- 1. The SMART Logo appears under the battery logo on the home page. A signal bar appears in the top left corner of the screen.
- 2. Scroll past the servo monitor to view SMART technology screens.

For more information about compatible transmitters, firmware updates, and how to use the SMART Technology on your transmitter, visit www.SpektrumRC.com.

# Binding with Second Remote Receiver

- 1. Remove the telemetry remote cable from the BND/PRG/RX2 port.
- 2. Insert a bind plug into the BND/PRG/RX2 port.
- Power ON the FC6350HX, the orange LED on the remote receiver will begin to flash to indicate it is in bind mode.
- 4. Leave power connected and remove the bind plug.
- Reconnect the telemetry remote cable to the BND/PRG/RX2 port and press the bind button on the telemetry remote receiver. The orange LED on the telemetry remote will flash when it enters bind mode. Release the bind button.
- Put your transmitter into bind mode. The Orange LED on the remotes will remain lit when the bind is successful.

Repeat the process if necessary.

# FM Channel (Optional)

It is not neccesary to use this feature for many configurations, and may add confusion when not required (a set of PID values of for each flight mode results in up to 45 separate values which require separate tuning).

Only use this feature to tune for isolated problems, or for enabling SAFE features in specific flight modes. You may enable or inhibit Stability mode (SAFE) for each FM channel.

#### Flight mode set up in main transmitter menu

- Select System Setup on DX and NX or Model Setup on iX -> Flight Mode Setup
   Assign a switch for the flight mode selection. See your transmitter manual
   for more information about setting up Flight Modes on your transmitter.
- Select System Setup on DX and NX or Model Setup on iX -> Channel Assign

Link the functions by assigning the Flight Mode channel. Select any auxillary channel that is not in use and assign it to Flight Mode.

#### Forward Programming Setup

- Select Forward Programming -> Setup Select FM Channel, assign the channel which was previously selected in transmitter programming.
- Select Forward Programming -> SAFE® -> Stability
   Each FM channel within Forward Programming can have Stability (self
   leveling/ SAFE) enabled or disabled. Take into account your FM channel
   switch position, then set Stability on or off as desired for that flight mode.
- 3. FM channel have PID tuning options for each axis (pitch, roll and yaw).
- Move the FM channel switch to the other positions; a setup screen will appear for each mode. Set the Stability function on or off as desired and tune the PID values for each FM channel as required.

# Governor Setup (Optional)

#### **RPM Sensor (Nitro Governor)**

Most 3.3V or 5V hall effect sensor or optical sensor intended for R/C helicopters can be used with the FC6350HX.

IMPORTANT: The SPMA9569 IS NOT compatible with the FC6350HX.

Check the polarity of your sensor wiring based on the diagram below before connecting the RPM sensor to the AUX port of the FC6350HX. The connector type used is a JST ZH 3-Pin or the same as a Spektrum remote receiver extension. SPMAJST1UL can be used to convert standard servo connector to the AUX port.



To verify the RPM sensor is operating correctly enter **Forward Programming** on the transmitter and select the **Setup** -> **Throttle** -> **Governor** -> **RPM Sensor** menu. Once in the RPM Sensor menu the FC6350HX will show a solid blue LED indicating that the RPM sensor is active.

Slowly rotate your engine until the magnet or optical surface is aligned with the sensor and the FC6350HX will show a solid blue LED indication. If the LED indication occurs when the sensor is not aligned with the magnet or optical surface, then invert the sensing direction using the **RPM Sensor** [Normal/ Reverse] option.

#### Flight Control Setup

Setup your FC6350HX and test fly your model. Leave the nitro governor function disabled until you have completed initial setup, test flights, break-in and tuning of your motor. The governor function should not be enabled until the setup is complete and the helicopter is flying optimally.

Per the throttle end point (EPA) setup the idle / stop and the full throttle position must be between 90% and 100% to ensure the governor functions optimally. If necessary, adjust the linkage and/or position on the servo arm/carburetor arm to achieve these goals.

#### Prerequisite Engine Tuning (Nitro Governor)

Once the flight control setup, model setup, motor setup and pre-flight check has been completed it is time to move onto test flying your model. Setup your throttle curves per the engine or helicopter instruction manual. Set the engine's needle valves to the engine manufactures recommended starting positions and prepare for test flying the model. During the test flights adjust the throttle curves and engine mixture until desired performance is achieved.

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Once the throttle curves and engine mixture setup are complete, intermediate to advanced pilots can also use the transmitters cyclic to throttle mixing to help compensate for large cyclic inputs leading to increased motor loads during flight. 15% cyclic to throttle mix is a good starting point. Generally, the tail rotor to throttle mixing is not needed, so this function can be set to disabled.

With the governor function disabled it is paramount to tune the engine and throttle curves to maintain the proper head speed through most maneuvers. Only in some cases will you hear the motor under-speed or over-speed and that is where the governor will step in and compensate during flight.

Once the model is flying optimally on the throttle curves alone and you have determined what head speeds you want to run on the model you can begin setting up the FC6350HX Nitro Governor.

#### Nitro Governor Setup

To utilize different a head speed for each flight mode it is necessary to assign a channel to the FM Channel function to enable Flight Mode Switching, further details can be found in the FM Channel section of this manual. Enabling Flight Mode Switching will enable separate gains for the cyclic and tail rotor for each flight mode so make sure you verify that the swashplate and tail rotor gains have been set and are correct for each flight mode.

Based on your personal preferences you can run a Normal mode head speed since the governor does not become active until the head speed has reached 50% of the set head speed and the throttle must be above 25%. These requirements will allow you to operate the engine safely in Normal mode down to idle and provide safe governor operation during spool up. Once you land and lower the throttle below 25% in normal mode the governor will deactivate, and you can return the throttle to the idle position to allow the model to spool down.

To disable the governor function for a specific flight mode, set the head speed for that flight mode to 0. Once the governor activates it will smoothly ramp up to the set head speed in 3-4 seconds. If you activate throttle hold or drop the throttle to below 25% the governor will be disabled.

To enable the governor function, enter **Forward Programming** on the transmitter and select the **Setup** -> **Throttle** -> **Governor** menu. Set the **Governor** parameter to [Nitro], set **Main Gear** to the number of teeth on the main drive gear, and set the **Pinon** to the number of teeth on the pinon gear. Leave the **RPM Filter** and **Low Throttle** at the default values. Verify the RPM sensor is sensing correctly, please see the RPM Sensor (Nitro Governor) section above for further details on how to verify the sensor operation.

Exit back to the forward programing Main Menu. Select the **Governor** menu. Set the desired head speed for each flight mode via the [Head Speed] setting. Leave the rest of the settings at the default values.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution	
Helicopter will not bind to the transmitter (during bind- ing)	Low flight battery or trans- mitter battery voltage	Fully charge or replace the flight battery and/or transmitter batteries	
	Transmitter is not in bind mode	Power on the transmitter while hold- ing the Trainer/Bind switch. Hold the Trainer/Bind switch until binding is complete	
	Transmitter too close to the helicopter during binding process	Power off the transmitter. Move the transmitter further away from the helicopter. Disconnect and reconnect the flight bat- tery to the helicopter and follow binding instructions	
Helicopter will not link to the transmitter (after binding)	Helicopter is bound to a different model memory (ModelMatch™ radios only)	Disconnect the flight battery. Select the correct model memory on the transmit- ter. Reconnect the flight battery	
	Flight battery/Transmitter battery charge is too low	Replace or recharge batteries	
Flybarless	Helicopter was moved during initialization	If windy, lay helicopter on its side during initialization	
System will not	Transmitter is powered off	Power on the transmitter	
initialize	Controls are not centered	Center elevator, aileron and rudder controls. Make sure the throttle is at idle	
Helicopter will not respond to the throttle but responds to other controls	Throttle not at idle and/or throttle trim is too high	Lower the throttle stick and lower the throttle trim	
	Transmitter is not in normal mode or throttle hold is on	Verify the transmitter is in normal mode and throttle hold is off	
	Motor is not connected to the ESC or the motor wires are damaged	Connect the motor wires to the ESC and check motor wires for damage	
	Flight battery charge is too low	Replace or recharge flight battery	
	Throttle channel is re- versed	Reverse the throttle channel on the transmitter	

# Troubleshooting Guide

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution	
Helicopter power is lacking	Flight battery has low voltage	Fully charge the flight battery	
	Flight battery is old or damaged	Replace the flight battery	
	Flight battery cells are unbalanced	Fully charge the flight battery, allowing the charger time to balance the cells	
	Excessive current is being drawn through the BEC	Check all servos and the helicopter motor for damage	
	Main rotor head is not spinning in the correct direction	Make sure the main rotor head is spinning clockwise. Refer to the motor control test	
Helicopter will	Transmitter settings are not correct	Check throttle and pitch curve settings and pitch control direction	
	Flight battery has low voltage	Fully charge the flight battery	
	Main rotor blades are installed backwards	Install the main rotor blades with the thicker side as the leading edge	
	Rudder control and/or sensor direction reversed	Make sure the rudder control and the rudder sensor are operating in the correct direction	
Helicopter tail spins out of	Tail servo is damaged	Check the rudder servo for damage and replace if necessary	
control	Inadequate control arm throw	Check the rudder control arm for ad- equate travel and adjust if necessary	
	Tail belt is too loose	Make sure the tail drive belt tension is adjusted correctly	
Helicopter	Cyclic gain is too high	Tuning options using forward program- ming are available under the "Advanced Settings" section in this manual	
wobbles in flight	Headspeed is too low	Increase the helicopter's head speed v your transmitter settings and/or using a freshly charged flight pack	
	Dampers are worn	Replace the main rotor head dampers	
Flybarless System won't complete calibration and displays a flashing red LED	Helicopter and/or Flybarless System is not level.	Ensure the Flybarless System is level on the helicopter, and the helicopter is sitting on a level surface.	
	Vibration from the cooling fan on the ESC	Unplug the cooling fan for calibration. Plug it back in after calibration is completed.	
	Vibration or noise on the helicopter	Unplug all servos from the flight controller and power the flight controller from a receiver battery in order to complete calibration.	

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- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
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Spektrum Heli Flybarless System (SPMFC6350HX)

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