

Electron 12/18 & 18/25

By Century Helicopter Products

12/18A Brushless speed control #CNE412

18/25A Brushless speed control #CNE418

A. Introducing the Electron 12/18 ESC

The Electron is a revolutionary electric speed controller dedicated for micro and super-micro R/C applications. The Electron is the result of years of research and development. It is the missing link that the electric community has been waiting for. The Electron has multiple, complex, yet easy to program built-in functions, gentle to the gears and pilots/racers can program the Electron in the field with ease and comfort.

B. Items needed to connect the Electron 12/18 ESC

Wire cutters, Wire strippers, Soldering iron, solder & appropriate battery connector

C. Features / Specs:

- Features Easy to Use: 4 Flying Modes
- Supports Quick Throttle Response
- Supports Linear Throttle Output
- Supports Stable RPM Control
- Supports Compatibility with Most Brushless Motors
- Supports High Speed Brushless Motors
- 2-Pole Brushless Motors up to 240,000rpm
- 6-Pole Brushless Motor up to 80,000rpm
- 12-Pole Brushless Motor up to 40,000rpm
- Built-in Heat Sink (18/25 version only)
- Built-in Throttle Calibration Function
- Built-in Soft Start Function for Helicopter
- Built-in Governor Function for Helicopter
- Built-in Auto Motor Timing Function
- Built-in World Famous Brand MOSFET with High Quality, Reliability & Low Impedance Two Stage Protection Soft Cut then Hard Cut
- Low Battery Protection for LiPo/LiOn Battery
- High Temperature Protection for ESC Body

PWM Frequency..... 12Khz

BEC Continuous Output 2.0A

BEC 15-Sec Peak Output..... 2.5A

BEC Servo Support

2-Cell / 7.4V..... 4 Micro servo

3-Cell / 11.1V 4 Micro servo

4-Cell / 14.8V..... 4 Micro servo

Continuous / 15-Sec Peak Current

BL-ESC 12-04 12A / 18A

BL-ESC 18-04 18A / 25A

Maximum Operation Voltage / Li-Po Cell

BL-ESC 12-04 17V / 4-Cell

BL-ESC 18-04 17V / 4-Cell

Low Battery Protection

Soft Cut Voltage 2.9V per Li-Po Cell

Hard Cut Voltage 2.6V per Li-Po Cell

High Temperature Protection

Soft Cut Temperature 110° / 230°

Hard Cut Temperature 120° / 248°

Warning:

Electric motor systems can be dangerous! Electricity can heat wires and batteries causing fires or severe burns. Follow the directions carefully! Model aircraft with high RPM motors can hurt or even kill. Always fly at a sanctioned flying field. Never fly over or near people. Even though the speed control is equipped with safety features caution must be used.

D. Adding Connectors

The battery connects to the thick red/black wires on the left side of the speed control label. (ALWAYS CONNECT RED/RED BLACK/BLACK) Examine the application for the speed controller to determine if any wire must be shortened. Use wire strippers to expose enough wire on the speed controller to apply the required connector. Use solder to connect the cylindrical brass motor connectors to the three thick wires coming out of the right side.

E. Connecting the motor

The motor connects to the three thick leads coming from the right hand side of the speed control. DO NOT CUT the motor wires from the motor only shorten the wires on the ESC. There should be 3 wires extending from the motor. Solder the appropriate connectors to the three wires coming from the right side of the ESC.

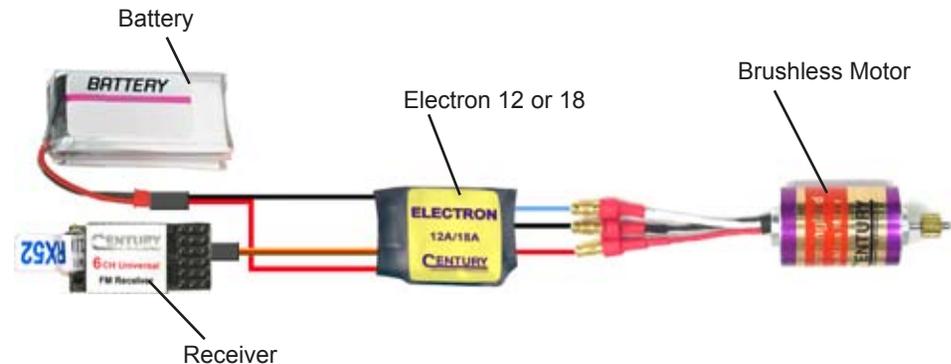
F. Reversing the motor

The motor turning direction can be reversed at any time by revering the two red/black power wires connected to the motor. (DO NOT REVERSE POLARITY FROM THE BATTERY CONNECTOR AT ANY TIME)

G. Connecting the receiver

Connect the lead with red/brown/orange wires to the throttle channel on the receiver (normally channel 3). Battery power will transfer to the receiver from the speed controller.

H. Wiring diagram



I. How it works

- 1.) Turn on your transmitter.
- 2.) Connect the main power to the Electron.
- 3.) You will hear 4 beeps once power is supplied to the Electron.
- 4.) The Electron will remain disarmed until the throttle stick is moved to the upright position (The Electron has an 8 second slow spool up feature, this feature is a power saver and to prevent the motor from accidentally powering up).
- 5.) The BEC will not cutoff in flight it will continuously supply power to the controller for the aircraft to slowly descend and land safely.

J. Entering Programming mode.

- The Electron software is easy to program you can select 1) Soft start without governor 2) Soft start with Governor 3) Regular Fast start. NO BRAKE 4) Regular fast start with Brake.
- 1.) Turn the transmitter on and move the throttle stick to the top position.
 - 2.) Supply power to the Electron. After roughly 2 seconds, the Electron will emit a series of tones indicating entry to program mode.
 - 3.) Move throttle stick to the lowest position and the Electron will ask which mode or program you want to use based on the number of beeps.
 - 4.) Select a mode by moving the throttle to the top position.
 - 5.) The Electron will verify that you have activated a mode by the number of beeps pertaining to the mode selected.
 - 6.) Disconnect power source from the electron once the Electron is programmed.
 - 7.) Move throttle stick down and you are ready to fly!

K. Using Programming mode.

Soft start (heli) w/o governor	1.) Throttle stick UP 2.) Connect battery (this will be followed by a series of tones indicating "programming mode"). 3.) Move throttle stick DOWN . 4.) Wait for ONE BEEP . 5.) Move throttle stick UP confirming selection. 6.) Unplug battery and move throttle stick DOWN and reconnect battery to fly.
Soft start (heli) with governor	1.) Throttle stick UP 2.) Connect battery (this will be followed by a series of tones indicating "programming mode"). 3.) Move throttle stick DOWN . 4.) Wait for TWO BEEPS . 5.) Move throttle stick UP confirming selection. 6.) Unplug battery and move throttle stick DOWN and reconnect battery to fly.
Fast start (airplane) No brake	1.) Throttle stick UP 2.) Connect battery (this will be followed by a series of tones indicating "programming mode"). 3.) Move throttle stick DOWN . 4.) Wait for THREE BEEPS . 5.) Move throttle stick UP confirming selection. 6.) Unplug battery and move throttle stick DOWN and reconnect battery to fly.
Fast start (glider) with brake	1.) Throttle stick UP 2.) Connect battery (this will be followed by a series of tones indicating "programming mode"). 3.) Move throttle stick DOWN . 4.) Wait for FOUR BEEPS . 5.) Move throttle stick UP confirming selection. 6.) Unplug battery and move throttle stick DOWN and reconnect battery to fly.
30 second "Safe spool-up"	The Electron has a 30 second re initialization function (in soft start modes only). This will be activated if the throttle is in the low position for 30 seconds or more. This function will cause a "soft start" or slow increase in throttle no matter how quickly the throttle is moved.

L. The First flight

- 2.) Turn on the transmitter
- 3.) Connect the main power battery (or activate battery switch) to the speed controller
- 4.) The speed controller will remain disarmed (will not work) until it sees minimum throttle.
Move the throttle stick to the lowest point and lower any throttle trim until you discover the arming point on the throttle on the speed control.
- 5.) Fly!
- 6.) If BEC cutoff occurs before landing, immediately move the throttle to the lowest point then back up to regain control until you land.

M. Troubleshooting

Everything is hooked up correctly, the BEC (receiver & servos) work, but throttle does not respond.

The Electron is not seeing "low stick" and is not arming. Try moving the throttle stick and trims to low positions until the speed control arms. Observe any endpoint adjustments that may also relate to the throttle. The throttle channel may need to be reversed in the transmitter to allow the proper throttle response.

Every time when throttle is at maximum the ESC cuts off after a moment, even with new fully charged batteries.

Electron will turn off the motor if the battery voltage drops below the programmed voltage safeguard. This is to prevent unexpected and erratic results. If the cutoff occurs on new fully charged batteries the motor may be drawing too much current from the battery. This will cause the battery voltage to drop very rapidly and initiate the safeguard. The motor may be compromised in some way by too much resistance in the gearing or a prop or blades that are too large for the motor. The battery being used may not be capable of supplying enough power to the motor. Try other batteries.

Nothing works!

Check all the connections to ensure correct polarity and power supply. Also check transmitter for any inhibitors. If there is nothing else that can be done then call the dealer where you purchased the Electron or Century directly. Please refer to the warranty section.

N. Contact Warranty Information

Your Electron ESC is warranted for 90 days from the original purchase to be free from manufacturing and component defects. Warranty is only valid for the original purchaser (warranty is non transferrable). This warranty does not include misuse, neglect or tampering or any damage caused by improper wiring. Warranty does not cover damage caused by overloading.

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