

Thank you for purchasing this Team Associated product. This manual contains steps and instructions you will use to set up your RTR truck as well as your Team and Factory Team Truck. Please read this entire manual before attempting to start your gas truck. Follow the directions in this manual closely so you don't encounter any problems on start up. We hope that you will enjoy your new Team Asssociated gas truck kit.

# **FACTORY TEAM KIT**

Hard anodize, Teflon-coated shocks. Factory Team blue titanium tumbuckles. Pro-Line Ford F-150 racing body. Stealth Transmission.

Also includes: New. stiffer. long wheelbase chassis.

Precision, rubber-sealed ball bearings.

Graphite front & rear shock towers.

Blue screws, blue manifold, blue tuned

# **TEAM GT KIT**

Hard anodize, Teflon-coated shocks. MIP CVD's, Associated steel turnbuckles. Pro-Line Ford F-150 racing body. Stealth Transmission.

Also includes: New, stiffer, long Precision rubber-sealed ball bearings. Tuned pipe and manifold. wheelbase chassis.

# Ready-To-Run (RTR)

Oil-filled shocks Associated dogbone rear axles.
Associated steel turnbuckles. Painted truck body

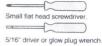
Also includes: .15 Associated engine and quality AM radio. New, stiffer chassis. Bushings.
Tuned pipe and manifold.

# REQUIRED EQUIPMENT TO RUN YOUR KIT

## for the RTR #7090:

Glow plug starter. Model car fuel. Fuel bottle. 12 AA size batteries Small tie wraps for the air filter.

### YOU WILL NEED THESE TOOLS Small Phillips screwdriver



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TOOLS SUPPLIED Allen wrenches, .050" 1/16", 3/32", 5/64".

Molded tools (#6956):



for the pull start version of Factory Team kit #7061 Team Kit #7067:

Glow plug starter. Model car fuel. Fuel bottle. Receiver battery pack.
Glow plugs (AE #MC-59).
R/C two channel surface
frequency radio system with two servos. .12 c.i. glow fuel R/C engine.

### YOU WILL NEED THESE TOOLS TO ASSEMBLE YOUR KIT

- Phillips screwdriver #2.
   1/8" flat head screwdriver.
   5/16" driver or glow plug wrench.
- Needlenose pliers.
   Thread locking com Thread locking compound (#242 Blue Loctite© or equivalent)
- Super glue (cyanoacrylic glue).
   Hobby knife WARNING! This knife cuts plastic and fingers with equal ease, so be careful.
- Precision ruler.

# for the non pull start version of Factory Team kit #7060 Team Kit #7068:

Glow plug starter Model car fuel. Fuel bottle. Receiver battery pack.
Glow plugs (AE #MC-59).
Starter box or electric hand starter with car starter donut 12 volt battery for starter system. R/C two channel surface frequency radio system with two servos. .12 c.i. glow fuel R/C engine.

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### WARNING!

Do not use a power screwdriver to install screws into nylon, plastic, or composite materials. The fast rotation speed can heat up the screws being installed. They can then break the molded parts or strip the threads during installation.

TOOLS SUPPLIED Allen wrenches, .050", 1/16", 3/32", 5/64".

Molded tools (#6956)



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# **READ THIS BEFORE BUILDING**

### READ THE MANUAL!

This manual is for three different GT kits and will help you assemble and set up each one. Read the manual before starting your kit and before contacting us for help. "Hello, Associated, I need some help." "Did you read the manual?" OPEN THE BAGS IN ORDER

The assembly is arranged so that you will open and finish that bag before you go on to the next bag. Sometimes you will have parts remaining at the end of a bag. These will become part of the next bag. Some bags may have a large amount of small parts. To make it easier to find the parts, we recommend using a partitioned paper plate for spreading out the parts so they will be easier to find. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEETS

We are constantly updating parts to improve our kits. These changes, if any, will be noted in supplementary sheets located in a parts bag or inside the kit box. Check the kit box before you start and each bag as it is opened. When a supplement is found, attach it to the appropriate section of the manual.

### MANUAL FORMAT

The following explains the format of these instructions. The beginning of each section indicates:

1 Which bag to open ("BAG A") and which steps you'll be using those parts for ("FOR STEPS 1-3").

2 Which parts you will use for those steps. Remove only the parts shown. "1:1" indicates an actual size drawing; place your part on top and compare it so it does not get confused with a similar part.

3 Which tools you should have handy for that section.
4 An asterix (\*) next to a part number indicates the part used in the Factory Team kits \*7060 & 7067. (You can use those numbers to upgrade your Team kit and RTR.)

5 The instructions in each step are ordered in the order you complete them, so read the words AND follow the pictures. The numbers in circles are also in the drawing to help you locate them faster.

6 When we refer to left and right sides of the truck, we are referring to the driver's point of view inside the car.

To further clarify the manual, we have used the following designations: RTR = Part or step is unique to #7090 Ready To Run. Team/FT = Part or step is unique to Team and Factory Team kits









7531, qty 1 large flanged bushing



9158, 9156B\*, qty servo saver tube



9158, qty 1 servo sa spring



7531, qty 1



# step 1

- SERVO SAVER ASSEMBLY

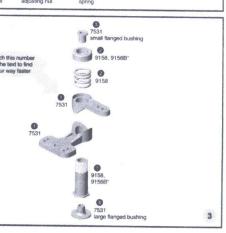
  Slide the two #7531 saver arms onto the #9158 tube.
  Orient the servo arm as shown.

  Slide the #9157 spring and the #9156 (9156\*) adjusting
- nut on the tube. Tighten the nut until it is even with the
- top.

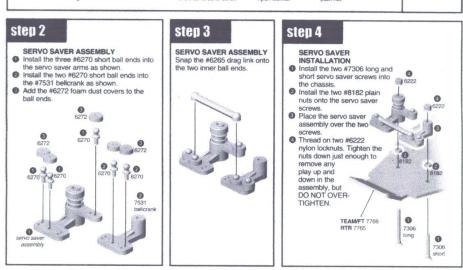
  Push the #7531 small flanged bushing into the top of
- the #9158 (9156") tube.

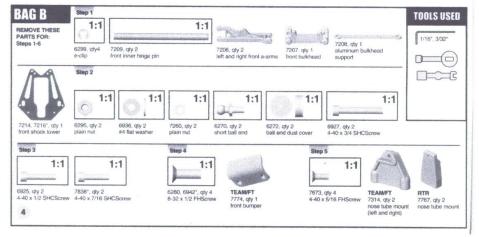
  Push the #7531 large flanged bushing into the bottom of the #9158 (9156\*) tube.
  - \* Asterix denotes Factory Team part number. Use this part number if you have the Factory Team kit #7060 or #7067.

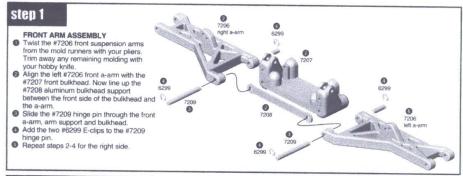
Also use this part number if you wish to upgrade your Team kit or RTR truck with titanium, graphite or lightweight aluminum parts.

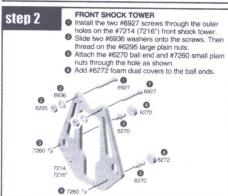


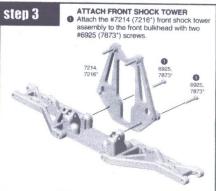




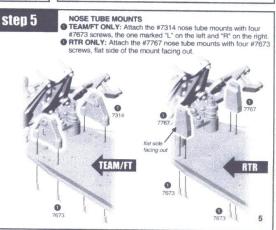


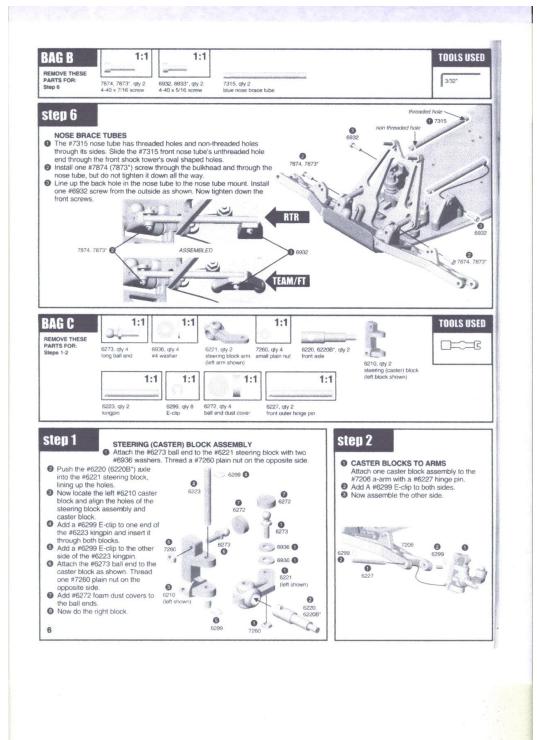


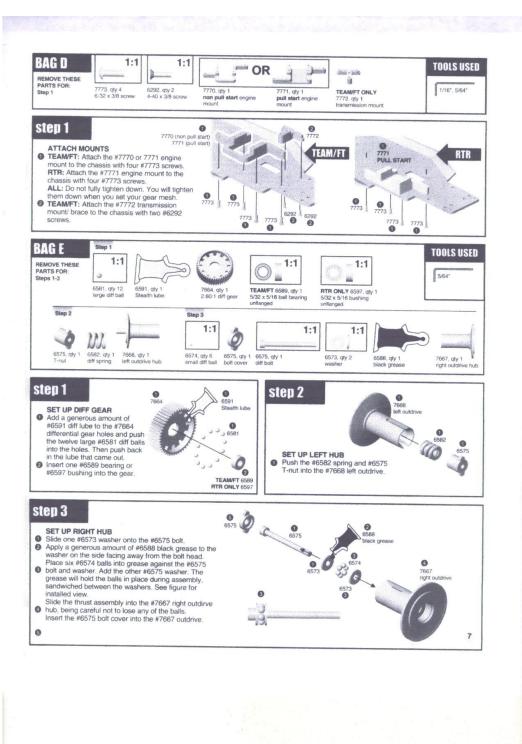


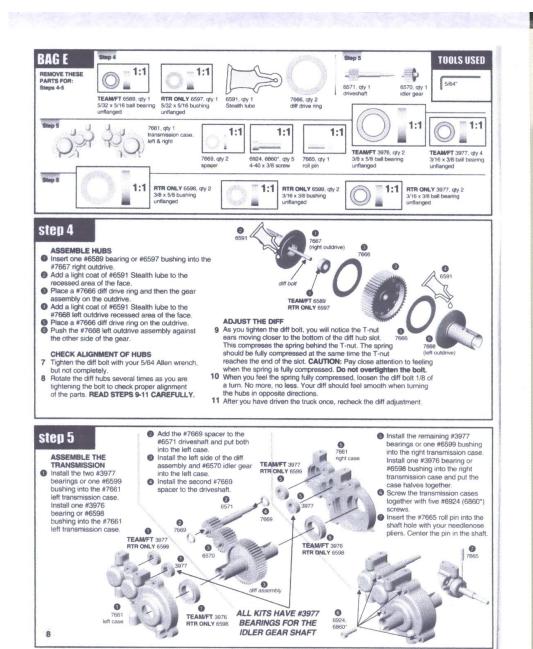


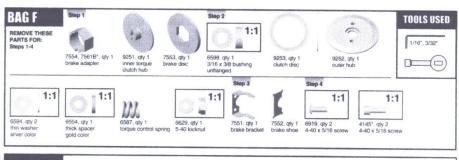








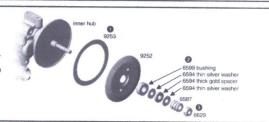








- ASSEMBLE TORQUE CONTROL
  Install the #9253 clutch disc into the inner hub, then add the #9252 cuter hub and #6599 bushing. Install parts in the following order: #6594 thin silver washer, #6594 thick gold spacer, #6594 thin silver washer and #6587 black spring.
  Thread on the #6629 locknut and tighten it down on the model of the shalt is flush with the end of the nut.



## step 3

### BRAKE BRACKET

 Slide the #7552 brake shoe onto the #7551 brake bracket so that the side with the rounded notch in the center is on the same side as the matching notch in the brake bracket.

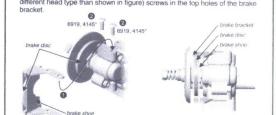


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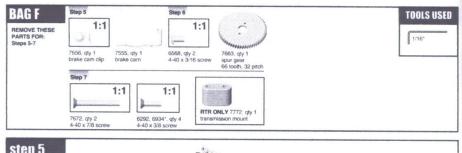
## INSTALL BRAKE BRACKET

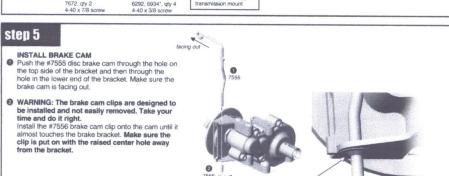
Slide the brake bracket assembly onto the transmission. Make sure the brake disc is centered between the brake bracket and brake shoe as shown.

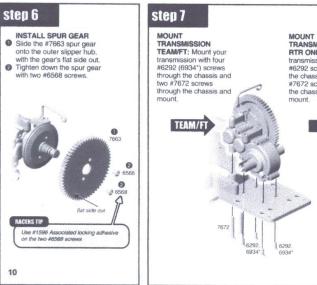
Secure the bracket to the transmission as shown, using two #6919 (4145\*, different head type than shown in figure) screws in the top holes of the brake bracket.

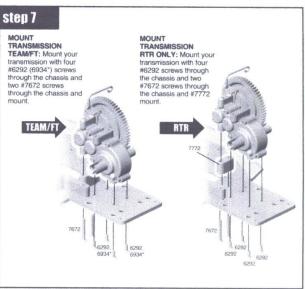


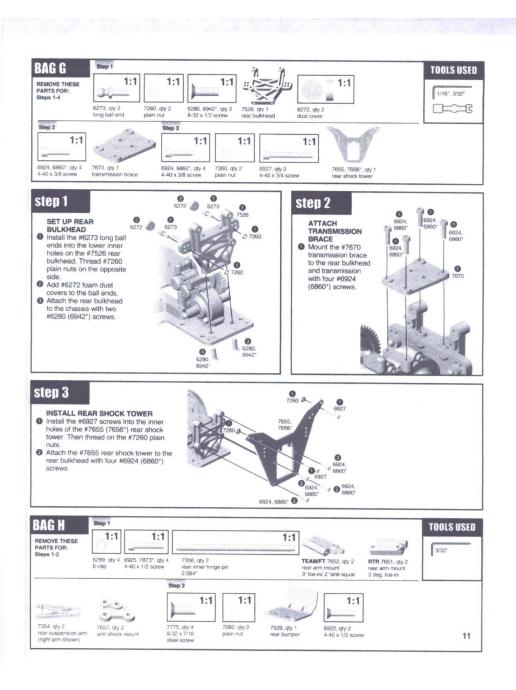
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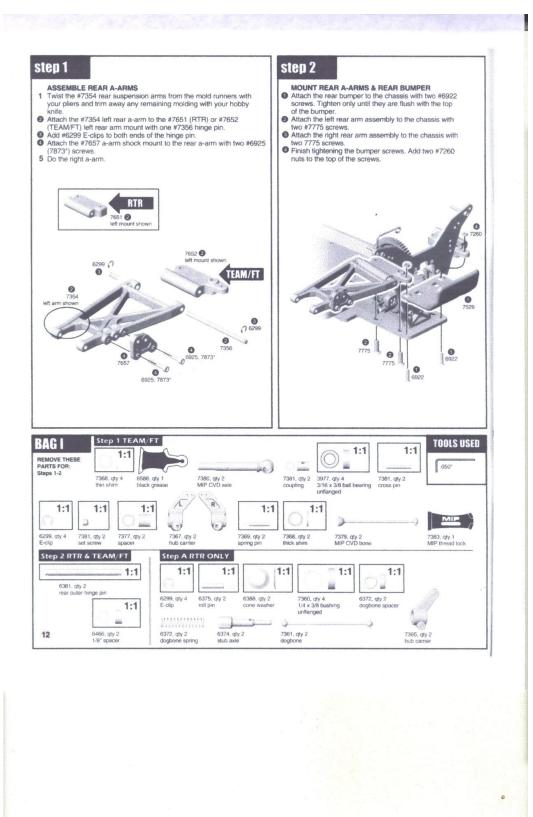


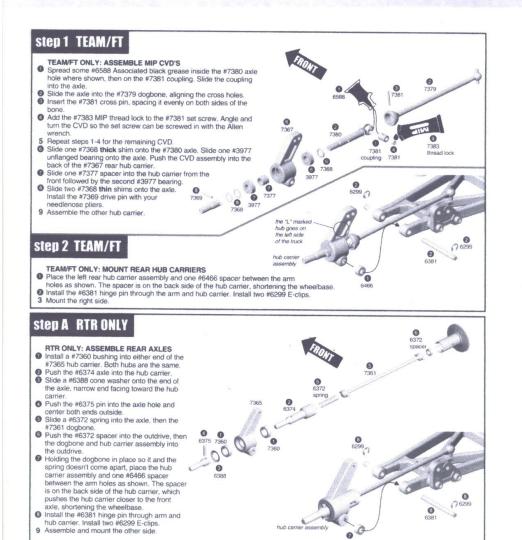




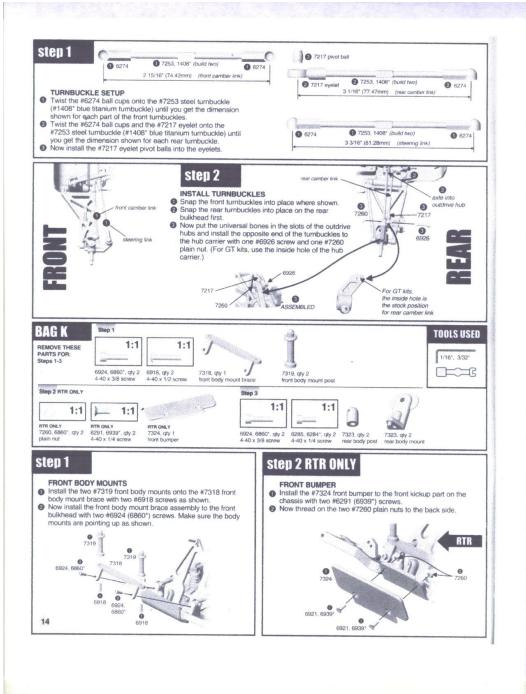


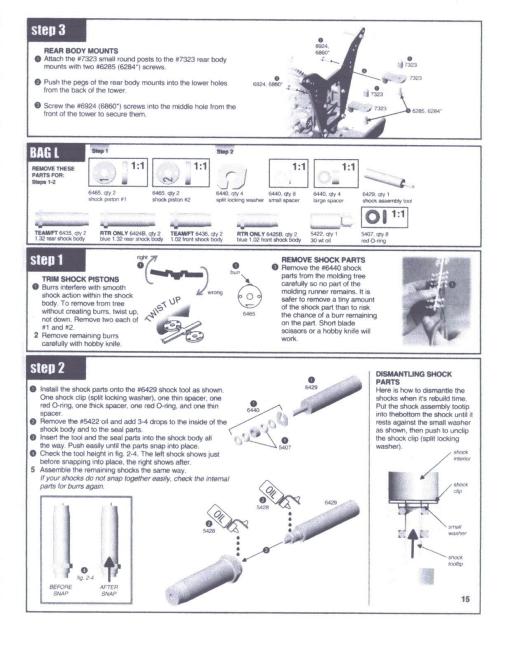


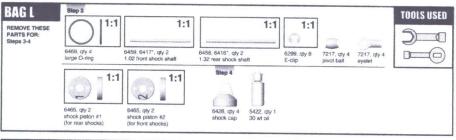


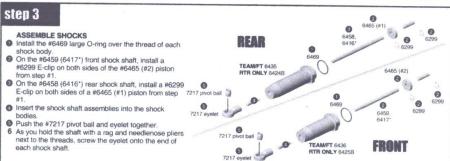














### FILLING THE SHOCKS

Holding the shocks upright, fill with oil to the top of the shock

Slowly move the shaft up and down several times to allow air bubbles to escape to the top.

Refill with oil to the top of the

Phenti with oil to the top of the shock body.

Push the shaft in until the piston is level with top of shock body. The oil will slightly bulge up above the shock body.

Fill the #6428 shock cap about

halfway with oil and install it onto the body. Try to retain as much oil as possible during assembly. The shaft will extend out as you tighten the cap down.

SETTING THE REBOUND

Move the shock shaft in and out a few times and then push it all the way in. It should be easy to push the shaft in until the eyelet hits the body.

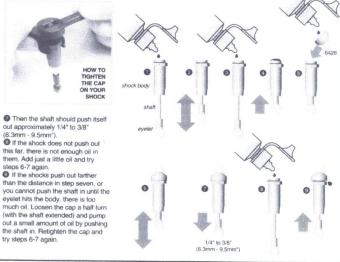
TIGHTEN THE CAP ON YOUR SHOCK

out approximately 1/4" to 3/8"
(6.3mm - 9.5mm").

If the shock does not push out this far, there is not enough oil in them. Add just a little oil and try steps 6-7 again.

If the shocks push out farther

than the distance in step seven, or you cannot push the shaft in until the eyelet hits the body, there is too eyelet hits me body, there is too much oil. Loosen the cap a half turn (with the shaft extended) and pump out a small amount of oil by pushing the shaft in. Retighten the cap and try steps 6-7 again.



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REMOVE THESE PARTS FOR: Steps 5-7



8846. qty 2-1/32", 2- 1/16", 4-1/8", 2-1/4"







7429, qty 2 front blue spring

3/32 

TOOLS USED

1:1

6473, qty 4 shock bushing

6472, qty 4 nylon locknut

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6925, qty 4 4-40 x 1/2 screw

# step 5

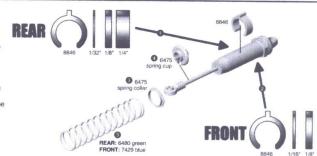
- Finish SHOCKS

  Slide one #8846 1/32°, one 1/8" and one 1/4" preload spacer onto the rear shock body.

  Slide one #8846 1/16" and one 1/8" preload spacer onto the front shock body.

  Slide on the #6475 spring collar, then #6480 green springs on the rear shocks, and #7429 blue springs on the front shocks.

  Compress the springs to add the #6475 spring cup.

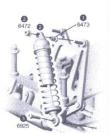


## step 6

### MOUNT FRONT SHOCKS

- Add the #6473 shock bushings to the front shock tower.

  Push the shock cap over
- Push the shock cap over the bushing and add the #6472 nylon locknut. Do not bind the cap; allow some free play.
   Fasten the lower shock into the outer hole in the arm with a #6925 screw.
   Do the other front shock.



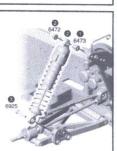
# step 7

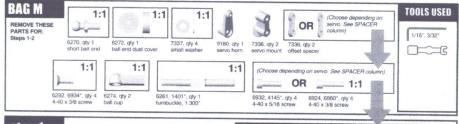
- MOUNT REAR SHOCKS
- Add the #6473 shock bushings to the rear shock
- tower.

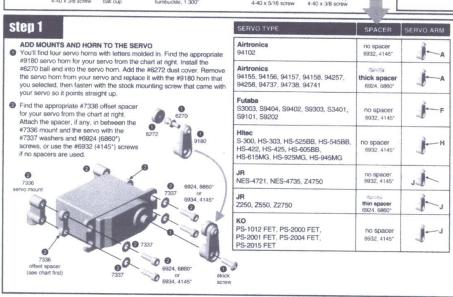
  Push the shock cap over the bushing and add the #6472 nylon locknut. Do not bind the cap; allow some free play.

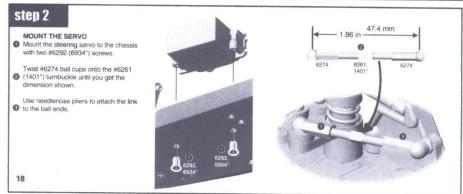
  Fasten the lower shock into the capt the capt and the
- the outer hole on the shock mount with a #6925 screw.

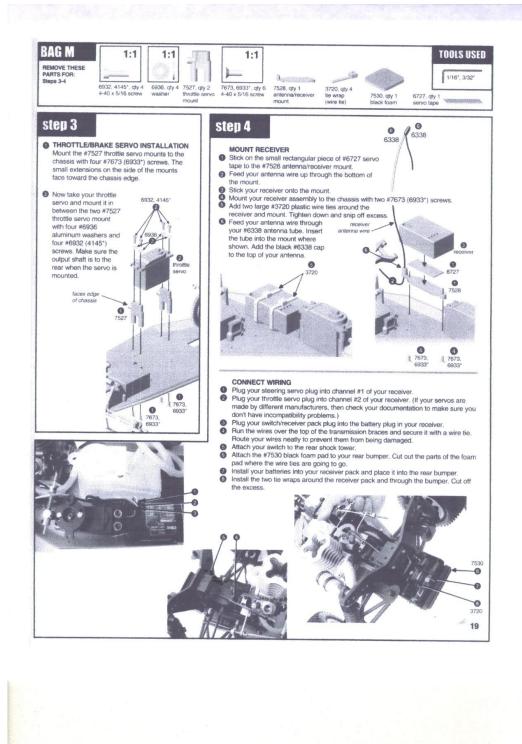
  4 Do the other rear shock.

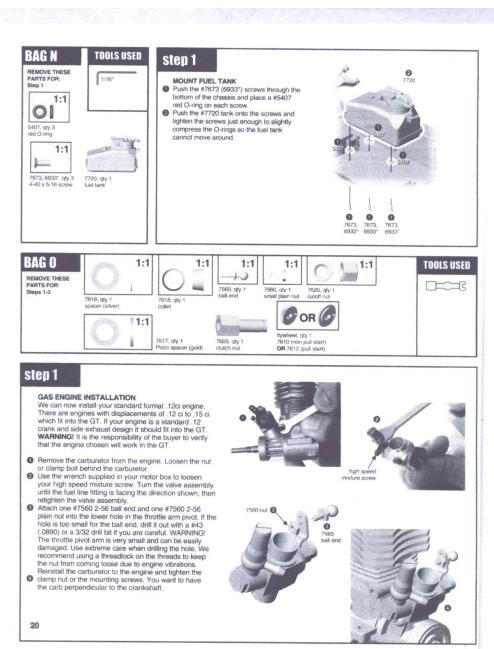












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# step 2

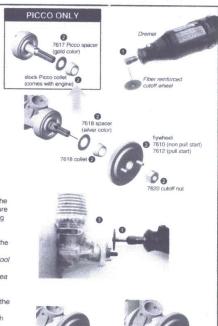
# O.S., TOP, NOVAROSSI OR PICCO

### CUTTING THE CRANK

Items needed:

• Dremel tool.

- Fiber reinforced cutoff wheel. WARNING! For your own safety, we recommend using only the fiber reinforced wheels, not the cutoff stones. The cutoff stones can shatter and cause injury.
- Safety glasses or goggles
- Install the fiber reinforced cutoff wheel on the Dremel tool and put on
- On the gas engine install one #7618 or #7617 spacer, one #7618 collet, and your #7610 or #7612 flywheel. The flywheel will fit over the collet (they are a tapered wedge fit). Now install the #7620 cutoff nut so the threaded end is away from the flywheel.
- Place the engine inside the plastic bag supplied to you in the sub bag. Push the end of the crankshaft through the plastic bag until the end of the crankshaft and the special cutoff nut protrude through the bag. Make sure the hole is tight around these parts to prevent metal shavings from going into the engine.
- Take your time to do this step. Cut the crankshaft flush with the end of the special cutoff nut using your Dremel tool. Don't slip and damage the flywheel clutch pin while cutting. WARNING! Never work with a power tool without wearing safety glassese or googleel Make sure all parts of your body and any clothing are away from the Dremel tool and the cutting area to prevent injury.
- After you have cut the erankshaft, clean off all the metal shavings from the part. Then remove the engine from the bag. Unthread the special cutoff nut, remove the flywheel, collet spacer and collet. Take the #7603 clutch nut and see if the clutch nut will thread onto the crankshaft easily. If not, then put your motor again into the plastic bag to protect it from metal shavings, with the cranshaft sticking out, and file or grind the crankshaft a little from the top of the first threads. Do not damage the threads.







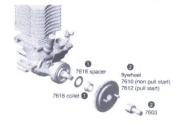
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BEFORE CUTTING

## step 3

FLYWHEEL ASSEMBLY This step is only for standard engines which needed the crankshaft cut.

- Reinstall one #7618 collet spacer followed by one #7618 collet.
  Install the #7610 or 7612 flywheel followed by the
- #7603 clutch nut. Tighten the clutch nut securely down, locking the flywheel to the collet. Get it as tight as you can.
- 3 Continue to Step 5 for Clutch Assembly.







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TOOLS USED 

7618, qty 2

7618, qty 1 collet

7602, qty 1 clutch nut (Dynamite engine)

flywheel, qty 1 7610 (non puli start) OR 7612 (pull start)

# step 4

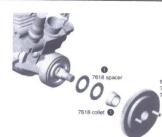
# **DYNAMITE ENGINES only**

- FLYWHEEL ASSEMBLY

  Install two #7618 collet spacers followed by one #7618 collet.
- #7618 collet.

  Install the #7610 or #7612 flywheel followed by the #7602 special clutch nut. Tighten the clutch nut securely down, locking the flywheel to the collet. Get it as tight as you can.

  Continue to Step 5 for Clutch Assembly.







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REMOVE THESE PARTS FOR: Step 5





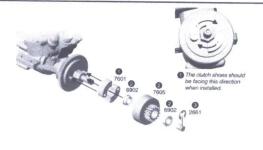






# step 5

- CLUTCH ASSEMBLY
  Install your #7601 clutch shoes on the clutch pins on the flywheel as shown.
  Install one #6902 flanged bearing followed by the #7605 15 tooth clutch bell and the second #6902 flanged bearing.
  Install the #2661 clutch nut E-clip where shown.
  Continue to Step 7.



# BAG O

REMOVE THESE PARTS FOR: Step 6















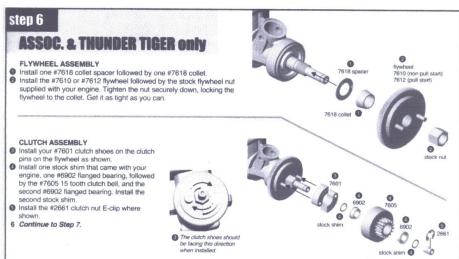


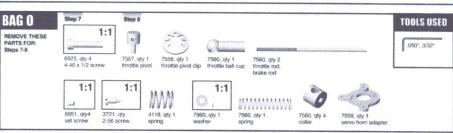
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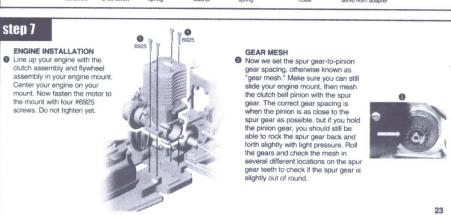
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flywheel, qty 1 7610 (non pull start) OR 7612 (pull start)

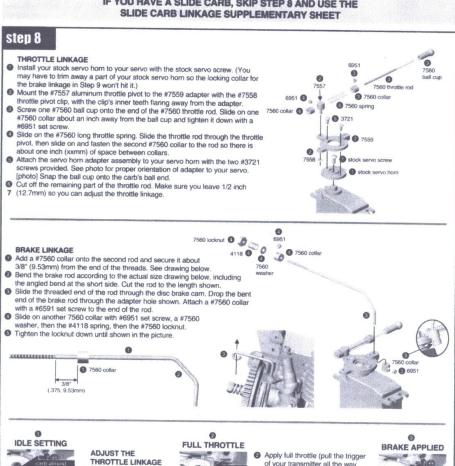
7618, qty 1 spacer







# IF YOU HAVE A SLIDE CARB, SKIP STEP 8 AND USE THE





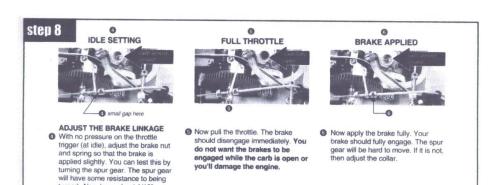
# THROTTLE LINKAGE

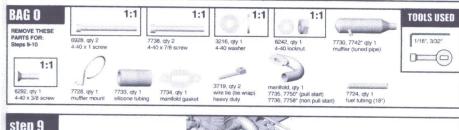
Turn on your transmitter then the kit's electronics (don't start the engine). When at idle (trigger of transmitter not pulled), adjust the collar near the adapter so there is up to 1/16" (1.58 mm) of space between the collar and pivot.



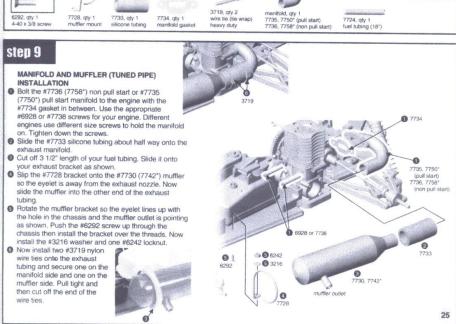
- of your transmitter all the way back). Your carb should be fully open. If it is not, then adjust the collar nearest to the adapter. (You may also adjust your throttle trim according to your radio's instructions.)
- Now apply the brake. Your carb should be at idle position. The spring should not be completely compressed







turned. Also, keep about 1/16" (1.58mm) gap between the collar and disc brake cam at idle.



# step 10

FUEL TUBING

Slide one end of the #7724 fuel tubing onto the fuel tank outlet fitting. Bring the other end of the tubing over to the other fitting. When you have the correct length without kinks in the tubing or rubbing against other parts of the truck, then mark the fuel tubing and cut it to that length. Again check to make sure the fuel line clears the sour gear or any other parts. spur gear or any other parts.



- Install the tubing into the fitting on the top of the fuel tank.
   Take one of the small #7709 wire ties and loop it around the muffler bracket, leaving as large a loop in it as possible. Take your fuel tubing and run it through the wire tie, then loop it around and bring it back through the same side of the wire tie again.
   Now take the end of the tubing and squeeze it into the hole in the #7730 tuned pipe muffler about 3/8" (xmrm).
   Now tighten the wire tie, but not so tight that it will begin to compress the tubing. Cut off the end of the wire tie.



# BAG O









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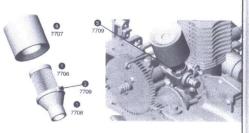
7709. qty 2 wire tie (tie wrap) light duty

# step 11

### AIR FILTER

- AIR FILTER
  Install the open ended part of the #7706 paper filter element into a groove in the #7708 rubber boot.
  Take one small wire tie and secure the filter to the boot.
  Apply Associated's #7710 Foam Pre-Filter Treatment to help keep the dirt out. Dab the treatment all around the filter, put the filter in a plastic sandwich bag, and knead it until the filter is saturated, but not soaked.
  Now slide the #7707 foam prefilter over the paper filter element as shown.
- as shown.

  Attach the air filter assembly to your carb with one small wire tie, the cut off the wire tie excess.













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### REAR WHEELS AND TIRES

- Make a 1/8" hole in the #7803 wheel.
  Make sure the #7880 foam insert is
- Make Sure the #7880 foam insert is centered in the #7824 fire.
   Install the tire onto the wheel. Glue the tire to the wheel with cyanoacrylic glue in four spots around the tire on both sides.
   WARNING: Follow the adhesive instructions for proper use and safety. Wear eye and hand protection.
- Initial the wheel assembly onto the axle, lining up the roll pin with the slot in the wheel. Thread on the #3438 locknut. Finish the second rear wheel and tire.

### FRONT WHEELS AND TIRES

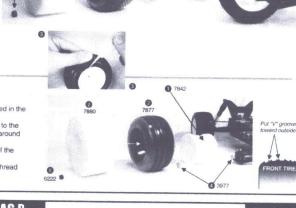
- Make a 1/8" hole in the #7842 wheel.
  Make sure the #7880 foam insert is centered in the #7877 tire.
- #787 Tire.

  Install the tire onto the wheel. Glue the tire to the wheel with cyanoacrylic glue in four spots around the tire on both sides.

  Insert the #3977 bearings into both sides of the front when.
- front wheel.

  In Install the wheel assembly onto the axle. Thread on the #6222 locknut.

  Finish the second front wheel and tire.





## **BODY MOUNTING**

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  Tim the #6155 body where shown.

  Mask off your design and spray-paint the inside of the body with Lexan-safe paint such as Pactra. (Other paints may not adhere to the Lexan.)

# BAG P

# REMOVE THESE PARTS FOR:





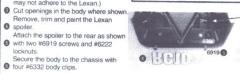






# TOOLS USED









## **BEFORE YOU RUN YOUR TRUCK**

PLEASE READ THIS SECTION OF THE MANUAL FIRST. AFTER YOU READ THIS SECTION, READ YOUR ENGINE MANUAL BEFORE YOU START YOUR ENGINE

# FINAL ADJUSTMENTS

MAKE THESE ADJUSTMENTS BEFORE RACING





### MODEL CAR FUEL

The proper fuel is very important for long engine life. Improper fuel can cause hard starting , poor performance, and excessive wear on the engine. The fuels we recommend for R/C car use are: O'Donnell Racing fuel, Duratrax Red Alert fuel, Blue Thunder Race Formula, FSR fuel, Trinity, Byron's Originals, and Traxxas Top Fuel. There are many other racing fuels, however, they must meet two requirements.

 The fuel must contain at least 18% of both castor and synthetic oils.

2) You should try to keep the nitro (nitromethane) between 10% to 20%. The best fuels also contain rust and corrosion inhibitors, anti wear agents, anti foaming agents and lubrication additives.

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3) IMPORTANT: DO NOT use any type of airplane fuels. Airplane fuels may not have the necessary oil types and ratios needed for R/C cars.

### **GETTING THE RADIO READY**

Read your radio instructions that come in the box with your radio. You should understand the operation of your transmitter. Place eight of your AA cells in the transmitter, and put four more in the receiver pack, at the rear end of the truck.

It is important that all of the AA radio batteries are strong or fully charged. Always check the path and the condition of the battery pack wires as well as the switch wires. A melted wire can cause a short-circuit and lead to a loss of control. Large metal objects such as chain link fences, light poles, cars, vans, trailers or even fluorescent lights can occasionally cause local interference by momentarily blocking or reflecting a signal.

### TESTING THE TRANSMITTER

Important: Always turn your transmitter on first and off last. Remember this rule. If you start your truck before turning on your transmitter then you will lose control of the truck and damage your engine quickly. Test the following radio functions without the engine running.

These following steps will help you understand the operation of your transmitter.

- Turn on the transmitter . You should see an indicator light showing that the radio is
- 2. Turn the car receiver battery pack switch on. Both the steering servo and the throttle servo should move to their respective neutral settings.
- 3. Turn the steering wheel on the transmitter left and right. The front wheels should

turn left and right (when viewed from behind), then go to a perfectly straight-ahead position when the wheel is released. If they're a little off, you can set them with the steering trim control on your transmitter. If your servos are slow, you might want check your batteries before you run.

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  4. Pull on the throttle trigger, which should open the throttle on the engine.
- 5. Push the throttle trigger forward, which will activate the brakes.
- 6. Hold the throttle open and roll the truck on the ground. The truck should roll freely, While it is still rolling, push on the brakes. The truck should come to an immediate stop. If these steps do not produce these results refer to the linkage assembly setup in this manual.

### CHECKING THE CARBURETOR

Let's check the carburetor linkage before you fire up the engine for the first time. Pull off the air filter. Turn the transmit-

ter on first, followed by the truck.

With your finger off the throttle w

With your finger off the throttle, which is the neutral position, the throttle should be almost closed, with an opening about 1/32" (.71mm), as shown below.



Pull the throttle wide open and look into the carburetor and see if it's opening all the way up. If you don't see the gap shown below, then adjust the "throttle trim adjustment" on your transmitter according to the radio manual, or adjust the linkage shown to you earlier in this manual to achieve full throttle.



When everything is adjusted OK, turn the switch off in your truck first, followed by your transmitter. You must remember to turn off your truck's electronics every time in this order.

Now, place the air filter back on your carburetor and fasten it back down with a new tie wrap.

# MAINTENANCE

# FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO KEEP YOUR TRUCK IN SHAPE FOR RACING

You will find your RC10GT truck will give you many more hours of trouble-free operation when you familiarize yourself with these maintenance procedures. You should periodically check all the moving parts: front

and rear a-arms, steering blocks, steering linkage, servo saver, shocks, clutch, brake parts, bushings and bearings, and other moving areas.

Check the radio system, the condition

of the batteries, the fuel tank, and the hoses for leaks. Also check the firmness of mounting of the receiver and servos, and check for any frayed wires or loose connections.

### FREQUENCY CRYSTALS

Every radio system comes with a set of two frequency crystals. One is marked for the transmitter (TX) and the other for the receiver (RX). They should be the same frequency for both places. Your kit will come with either 27MHZ or 75MHZ crystals. Some of these frequencies are shown here.

27MHZ crystals are not interchangeable with 75MHZ crystals.

If you run by yourself only, then you will not have any frequency conflict problems. If you run with someone else, then you must make sure that you are on different frequencies. If you and another person are both using the same frequency, you

can crash each other's trucks or cause it to go out of control simply by turning on your radio while his truck is running.

27MHZ	Color	Channel #	75MHZ	Channel #
26.995	brown	1	75.430	62
27.045	red	2	75.510	66
27.095	orange	3	75.630	72
27.145	yellow	4	75.750	78
27.195	green	5	75.870	84
27.255	blue	6	75.990	90
	(Ther	e are many moi	e crystals avail	able.)





### AIR FILTER

NEVER run your truck without the air filter on. The air filter is essential for keeping dirt out of the engine. The

#7710 optional Foam Prefilter Treatment

air filter should be inspected carefully every time you refuel. When the air filter starts to get dirty, do the following steps:

1. Clean the foam out with fuel. Do this by pouring a little fuel in a small can and kneading the filter in the fuel. When the foam looks cleaner, then dispose of the fuel

properly.

2. Dry the filter. Squeeze out the fuel with a paper towel until it's dry.

3. Apply Associated's #7710 foam pre-fil-ter treatment to help keep the dirt out. Dab the treatment all around the filter, put the filter in a plastic bag and knead it until the filter is saturated, but not soaked.

### **CLEANING YOUR TRUCK**

If your truck should get any dirt in the moving or pivoting locations, it can reduce handling or performance. The easiest way to keep your gas truck clean is with a small

paint brush or toothbrush. This will help you to get the dirt and mud out of the moving locations.

Whenever your bushing and bearings are not moving freely, spray them with electric motor cleaner and lightly oil the bushings or bearings with a lightweight electric motor oil. It is good to do a visual inspection before you start your truck every time.

### DIFFERENTIAL MAINTENANCE

You should rebuild the differential when the action gets somewhat "gritty" feeling. To check, hold one rear wheel stationary while turning the other one. It should feel smooth, not gritty. Usually cleaning the diff parts and applying new lube as in the instructions will bring it back to new condi-

tion. The standard 3/32" carbide balls rarely need replacing. Normally, as the parts seat, the diff will get smoother. If the diff still feels gritty after carefully cleaning and re-lubing the diff parts, the thrust balls, thrust washers, and the drive rings should be checked and possibly replaced. The parts will nor-mally wear out in the following order:

- #6575 5/64" diff thrust balls (qty 6)
- #6573 diff thrust washers (2)
- #6579 diff drive rings (2)

Refer to the differential section to correctly assemble the diff.

# **TUNING & SETUP TIPS**

## THESE STEPS PREPARE YOUR TRUCK FOR MAXIMUM PERFORMANCE

There are several different adjustments on your RC10GT truck can help you adjust steering, traction, and the handling for different track conditions.

### CLUTCH ADJUSTMENT AND ENGAGE-MENT

When the engine revs increase, the clutch shoes, attached to the flywheel on the shaft within the clutch bell, are flung outward by centrifugal force. The shoes engage the inside of the clutch bell to turn the bell and accelerate your truck. The shorter the clutch shoes, the higher the engine must rev before the shoes engage (a shorter contact patch contributes to this too). A clutch shoe at stock length engages the clutch bell more quickly than the short ones (we recommend using the stock clutch shoe length for most conditions).

To adjust when your clutch engages, you can change the number of clutch shoes or alter their length. Changing your clutch

shoes mainly depends on the track conditions.

In general, the better the traction, the longer the shoes (quicker clutch engagement, quicker acceleration).

The slicker the track, the shorter the shoes (slower engagement), which prevents tire spinning.

To decrease the clutch engagement, try cutting the Teflon shoes one hole shorter using a hobby knife. Do not trim away more clutch than necessary, or engine damage may occur.

For best performance, try the Associated 4 shoe clutch #7611 (requires two sets of #7601 clutch shoes, see photo). This clutch will allow it to accelerate harder than a 2-shoe clutch and engages more smoothly. The four shoe clutch shoes need to be trimmed before using them. We recommend cutting the shoes between the second and third hole.



Standard, for quickest engagement (recommended for most conditions).



Middle



Maximum cut, for slowest engagement.





### CASTER

Caster describes the angle of the kingpin in relation to the vertical plane, when looked at from the side of the truck. 30° of caster means the kingpin leans rear-

ward at the top. 30° of caster (stock caster blocks) will give your truck increased steering exiting corners. It will also be more stable when accelerating through fast bumpy track conditions. Less caster (changing to block carriers with 25° of caster) will decrease the amount of steering in the middle and exiting corners. It will also tend to be less stable in fast, bumpy conditions.

Recommended: 30° caster blocks

To get this: Use this: 5° caster #6211 fro

10° caster 15° caster 20° caster 25° caster

#6211 front block carrier #6212 front block carrier #6213 front block carrier #6214 front block carrier #6215 front block carrier

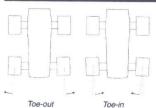
30° caster #6210 front block carrier



### CAMBER

Describes the angle at which the tire and wheel rides relative to the ground when looked

at from the front or rear. Negative camber means that the tire leans inward at the top. Positive camber means just the opposite. (Positive camber should never be used.) Increasing negative camber (more than 3 degrees) will decrease traction and improve stability in bumps. Less negative camber (0 to 1 degrees) will have maximum amount of traction but will be less stable in bumpy conditions. We suggest using between 1 and 3 degrees of negative camber at all times.



### FRONT TOE-IN AND TOE-OUT

Toe-in will make your truck easier to drive by improving stability during acceleration. Toe-out will increase steering when entering corners but will be slightly more difficult to drive. The front toe can be adjusted by adjusting the steering tumbuckles. We suggest using 0 degree toe on your gas truck.

### REAR TOE-IN

Rear toe-in affects front and rear traction. Decreasing rear toe-in decreases rear traction and adds steering. Increasing rear toe-in will do the opposite. Your Team and Factory Team kit comes with 3 deg. toe-in in each rear arm mount and 1.5 deg. toe-in for each rear hub carrier. The RTR comes with 0 deg. toe-in in each rear hub carrier. These combinations work best for almost all track conditions.

For less rear toe-in for your Team or Factory Team kit, change to the #7365 hub carriers. For more toe-in for the RTR, change to the #7367 rear hub carriers.



### WHEELBASE ADJUSTMENT

The RC10GT wheelbase can be changed easily to allow further fine tuning of your truck for different track conditions. This can be accomplished by moving the 1/8" (3.17mm) plastic spacer on the rear outer hinge pin (next to the rear hub car-

rier). If the spacer is located in front of the rear hub carrier, it will lengthen the wheelbase and increase steering. If the spacer is located in the rear of the rear hub carriers (which is the stock position) it shortens the wheelbase and give more rear traction.



### CAMBER LINK ADJUSTMENT

Changing the mounting position of the camber links can affect traction, stability, and handling on rough tracks. Use the following guidelines to try and find the correct handling for your track conditions.

Using a longer mounting position will increase traction but decrease stability and rough track handling.

rough track handling.

Using a shorter mounting position will decrease traction but increase stability and rough track handling.

### RIDE HEIGHT

Now we check the ride height of your RC10GT to make sure the settings are correct. Before we make this adjustment we should have the truck ready to race (meaning fully loaded with fuel and receiver batteries), but leave off the body.

For the front, push down on the front suspension and then let go. When the suspension stops, the front arms should be level with the bottom of the chassis kick up. If not, you can make adjustments by using the shock preload clips that come in your kit.

Now push down on the back suspension and let go. The axle driveshafts should be level. Look at the rear end photo to compare. You can make the adjustment by using the shock pre-load clips that come in your kit.



Adjust ride height by adding or subtracting clip-on preload spacer #6475.

### SHOCK SPRINGS

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Springs are to keep your car level during acceleration , de-	#7426	#6481	Black	Soft
celeration, and cornering. Stiffer springs will help your suspen-	#7427	#6480	Green	1
sion respond more quickly, but because of their stiffness will not	#7428	#6478	Silver	1
absorb bumps as well. Use stiffer springs in high traction condi-	#7429	#7434	Blue	1
tions. Softer springs are best for slippery or bumpy conditions.	#7425	#7435	Gold	1
	#7430	#7436	Red	Firm

### GEARING

The RC10GT features the ability to change the gear ratio. The drive reduction of the GT gearbox is 2.60 to 1. Use the following formula to calculate the final drive ratio:

### # Spur gear teeth

× 2.60 = final drive ratio

# Clutch bell teeth

Your RC10GT come stock with a 66 tooth spur gear and a 15 tooth clutch bell. This combination will provide the best overall performance for most tracks. Here is a chart showing you different ratios (includes our optional clutch bells):

Clutch Bell:	Part #	Spur Gear:	Final Drive:	
14	7609	66	12.26:1	More Acceleration
15	7605	66	11.44:1	1
16	7606	66	10.76:1	
17	7607	66	10.09:1	1
18	7608	66	9.56:1	More Top Speed

The 14 tooth clutch bell may not fit with a non pull start engine. The 18 tooth clutch bell may not fit with a pull start engine.

#7193, Complete Tuning Guide: GT, \$3.95



Need more help tuning your GT? More than 50 illustrations detailing over 40 tuning options to set up your truck to win! For beginner to intermediate racers. Includes setup sheet with numbered links to each page of the booklet that help explain how the changes affect your truck's handling. Size: 5 1/2" X 8 1/2," to fit neatly in your toolbox. Stiff covers

protect the pages and ensures your booklet will last many races.

Includes help and tips on:

Spur gear; clutch shoes; tuned pipe; fuel; shocks; engine and engine temperature; carb; glow plug; clutch bell; and more!

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SETUP SHEET for Team Associated's RC10GT	event date		
White numbers in squares are cross-referenced to the #7193 Complete Tuning Guide: GT FRONT SUSPENSION	FRONT SHOCKS		
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REAR SUSPENSION	REAR SHOCKS		
8 CAMBER • WHEELBASE			
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