



# HITEC SPECTRA 2.4GHz Module Instruction

version 2.0

• Risk of explosion if battery is replaced by an incorrect type. Dispose of used battery according to the instructions.

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• FRANCE Frequency Range : 2.4056GHz~2.4482GHz



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2.4GHz-2.4835GHz Band for use in: AT, BE, BG, CH, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, GB, GR, HU, IE, IT, LT, LU, LV, MT, NL, PL, PT, RO, SE, SI, SK, 2.4GHz-2.45GHz Band for use in: FR

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## Introduction

Thank you for your purchase of the Hitec Adaptive Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum or AFHSS, 2.4GHz module and receiver system. This manual contains the complete directions on how to use the Optima series receivers and Spectra 2.4GHz module. We encourage you to review the entire manual before using these products.

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One of the benefits of the extensive RC on-line community is the vast wealth of archived information available. Hitec sponsors forums on most of the popular RC websites where a Hitec staff member or representative answers product-related questions. Bringing together strangers with common interests is proving to be one of the greatest gifts of the internet. If past history is any guide to the future, we are certain forums will be started about the Hitec 2.4GHz system creating valuable archived information for future access.

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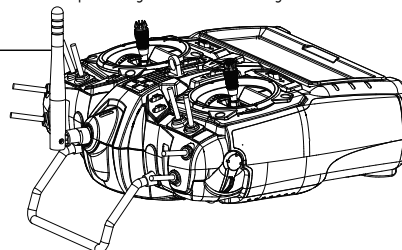
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## Warning!

1. For maximum performance, we recommend positioning the antenna at a 90 degree angle as shown below.

Recommended Position



2. The receiver antenna should not be placed near the engine, metal parts or high current batteries.
3. When using a large number of high-power digital servos, we recommend using the SPC feature to insure the receiver gets the power it needs in high-load conditions.
4. Depending on flying conditions, you may possibly experience a time delay in receiving telemetry data from the HTS-SS (Sensor Station).



Warning

\* When the Spectra 2.4GHz module is used for Futaba® radios, the PPM mode is required to be activated for proper work.

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## Spectra 2.4 GHz Module Features

### AFHSS 2.4GHz Telemetric Module

Stock # 28315

#### 1. Dual Blue and Red Status Indicator LEDs

- Indicates the set-up process codes and current status of the module.

#### 2. Function Button

- Used for linking the module to a receiver, entering the "power down" mode for range checks and switching system to the Scan / Normal Mode set-up.

#### 3. Sensor Data Output and System Update Connector Port

- A three-pin servo connector port is featured on the Spectra 2.4GHz module allowing you to upgrade the device software as well as download any information recorded when using Hitec's AFHSS 2.4GHz optional on-board sensors. This port also interfaces with our new Telemetry System Sensor Station, allowing real-time data display on the ground when flying with the Aurora 9 transmitter.

#### 4. Adjustable Omnidirectional Antenna

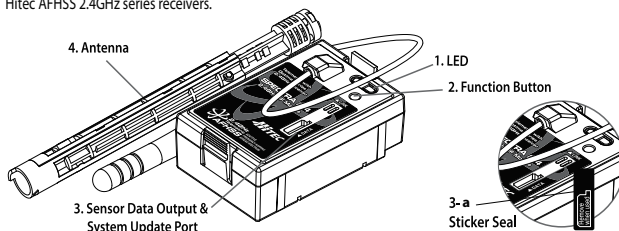
- The Spectra 2.4GHz antenna is an omnidirectional antenna which can transmit and receive the transmitter and receiver data.

For the best reception, refer to the set-up example picture in the above Warning box.

#### 5. Compatible Transmitters

- The Spectra 2.4GHz module and antenna can be used with the following Hitec transmitters: Eclipse 7, Optic 6, Aurora 9 and all future Hitec module-type transmitters.

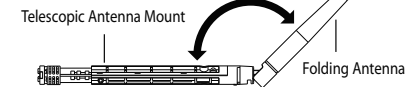
- In all cases, any transmitter using the Spectra 2.4GHz module will be compatible only with Hitec AFHSS 2.4GHz series receivers.



With the exception of the Aurora 9 and future Hitec 2.4GHz models, all other transmitter modules should be set up as PPM.

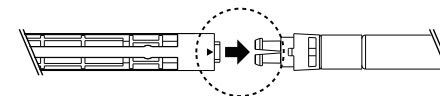
## Transmitter Antenna Installation

The antenna provided with your system is a two-part device that can be modified to fit the Hitec Eclipse 7, Optic 6, Aurora 9 and Futaba® transmitters that use the FP-TP-FM module.



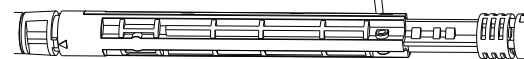
### 1. Disassembling the Telescopic Antenna Mount and Folding Antenna

- a. Snap the antenna apart. The antenna mount should be adjusted prior to installation into your transmitter as shown in Step 2. The upper folding antenna will be reconnected to the module in Step 4.
- b. Note where the antenna separates, grasp the two pieces and pull apart.

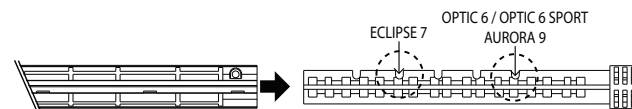


### 2. Adjusting the length of the lower antenna mount.

- a. Pull out the locking pin as shown.

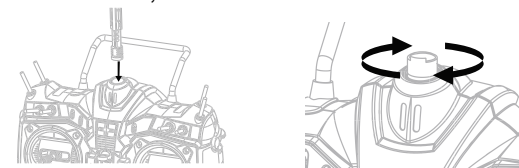


- b. Adjust the length of the telescopic antenna mount to fit your transmitter, and slide the locking pin back in place. See the graphic below for guidance on where to place the pin on your transmitter.



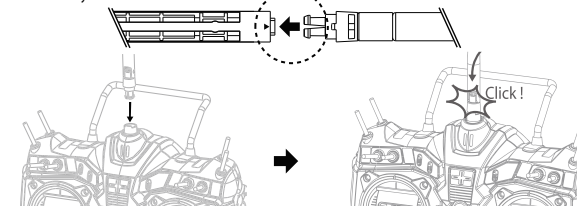
### 3. Installing the antenna mount into the transmitter

- a. Insert the telescopic antenna mount into the transmitter making sure the tab at the end of the antenna mount faces the front of the transmitter.
- b. Turn clockwise until it is securely screwed into the transmitter.



### 4. Assembling the folding antenna top

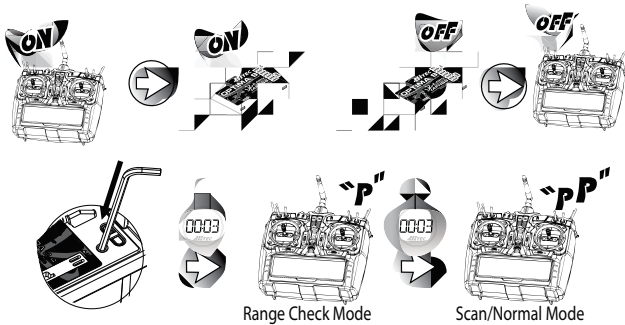
- a. Snap the top of the antenna back into the mount as pictured below. Push in until you hear it click.



## General Use Guidelines

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To turn the system on and off, use the following sequence at all times.

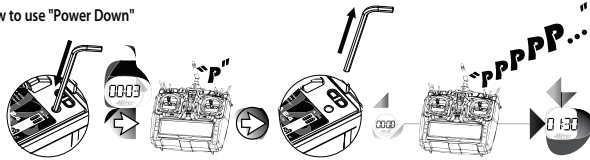


## Range Check Function

Before each flight, it is critical that you perform a range check to confirm the signal between the receiver and transmitter is appropriate. Unlike the FM/PPM or PCM signal radios, 2.4GHz systems use a fixed, shorter transmitter antenna commonly called a "rubber duck" antenna. Therefore, the traditional method of range check, lowering the transmitter antenna, is not applicable.

The Hitec 2.4GHz system uses a "power down" mode to reduce the transmitter signal strength. Once the "power down" mode is activated, it runs for about 90 seconds effectively shortening the range to 30 meters or 100 feet. During this "power down" mode, you should walk away from the secured aircraft carrying the transmitter to a minimum distance of approximately 30 meters or 100 feet in order to test the effective range.

### How to use "Power Down"



- Use before each flying session to confirm the radio system is working properly.
- Use before the engine or motor is started.
- Turn on the system as explained above and make sure all servos and control surfaces are working properly.
- If any control surface is not moving properly, DO NOT fly the aircraft until the problem is solved.
- If you are unable to accomplish a successful range check of 30 meters or 100 feet, DO NOT ATTEMPT TO FLY.

## Link (ID Setting)

Your Hitec AFHSS 2.4GHz system uses a communication protocol that links and binds the Optima receiver to your transmitter. Once the receiver and module are "bound," no other transmitter can interfere with your receiver during its operation. In the case of multiple model memory transmitters, you can bind as many Optima receivers to your transmitter as necessary, one per model memory.

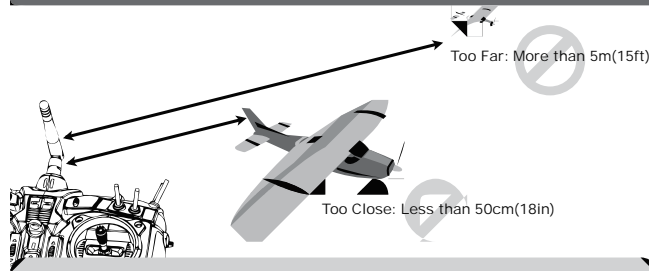
Each module and receiver set is paired at the factory in Normal Mode for your convenience. To change the transmitter to Scan Mode see page 2 (Scan and Normal Mode Information).



- When both red and blue LEDs are "on" and both module and receiver are powered up and bound together, the Scan Mode is active. Two beeps will be heard when the system is turned on.
- When the red LED is "on" and both module and receiver are powered up and bound together, the Normal Mode is active. Four quick beeps will be heard when the system is on.

Use one of the following binding methods to bind additional Optima receivers to your transmitter.

## Link Guidelines



- Link must be established within 15 feet of the transmitter and receiver.
- Transmitter and receiver need to be at least 18 inches from each other to link properly.
- In the Scan Mode, if the transmitter or receiver has been shut off or disconnected for more than one second, both module and receiver need to be rebooted (turn the power off and back on).

### Note

## How to Link (ID Setup or Bind in Normal Mode)

Module	Receiver
<p><b>1</b> Press and hold the button on the module and turn on the transmitter.</p>	<p><b>4</b> Press and hold the button on Optima 6, and turn on the power.</p>
<p><b>2</b> Release the button.</p>	<p><b>5</b> Release the button.</p>
<p><b>3</b> Red LED will blink to indicate it's searching for a receiver.</p>	<p><b>6</b> When the link is completed, the red LED glows solid and the blue LED flashes on the module.</p>
<p><b>6</b> When the link is completed, the red LED glows solid and the blue LED flashes on the module.</p>	<p><b>7</b> To save the setting, turn the power off for both the receiver and transmitter.</p>
<p><b>8</b> Turn the power on for both the transmitter and receiver. When you hear four continuous beep sounds with LED status as indicated in the drawing below, the system is in Normal Mode.</p>	

## Scan and Normal Mode Information

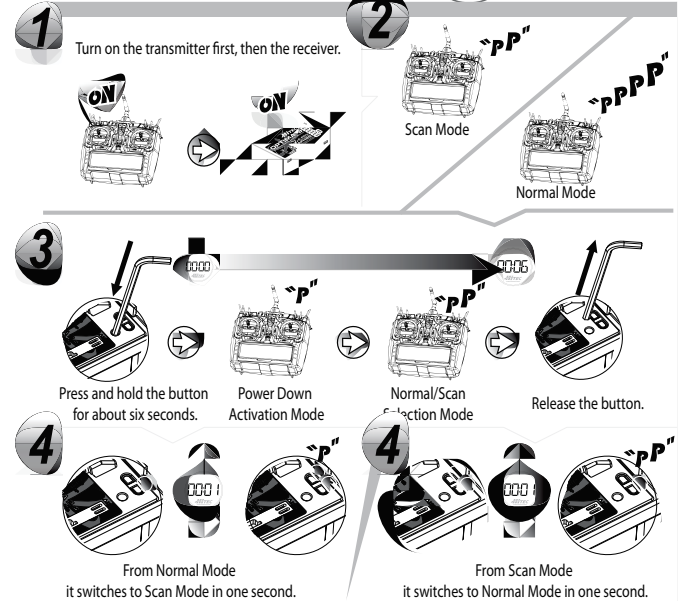
Hitec's Spectra AFHSS 2.4GHz systems can be operated with two different modes: Normal Mode or Scan Mode. Each mode selection can be controlled only from the Spectra 2.4GHz module; however, you can view the current system status from the receivers.

### Normal Mode

- The single LED will light up to indicate the system is in Normal Mode.

### Scan Mode

- Both LEDs will light up to indicate the system is in Scan Mode.



## Telemetry System

The Hitec Spectra 2.4GHz module and Optima series receivers feature full telemetry capabilities (except for the Optima 6) and include a Low Receiver Battery Warning as a basic function.

### I. Basic Function: Low On-board Battery Warning - for All Optima Receivers

- When the Optima series receiver is powered up, it will automatically detect the battery voltage level and recognize between 4-cell or 5-cell NiMH and NiCd batteries (4-cell < 5.8V < 5-cell).
- If a 2-cell LiPo battery is being used, you can customize the battery warning level by using our HPP-22 program.
- When battery level is safe (4-cell > 4.5V, 5-cell > 5.6V), no changes will appear to the LED lights.
- When battery level is low (4-cell < 4.5V, 5-cell < 5.6V), the blue LED glows constantly and the red LED blinks fast. Three continuous beeps from the module serve as a low receiver battery warning. Upon hearing the alarm, we advise you to land at once.

### II. Optional Functions: GPS, FUEL, TEMP, O-RPM, M-RPM Sensors - Applicable for Optima 7 & 9 Only

- More devices will be available in the future. Check the Hitec website at [www.hiteccrd.com](http://www.hiteccrd.com) for more up-to-date information.



- Low Battery Warning function is only for reference. The actual battery level may differ. Be aware that lazy battery effect or battery memory effects could impact the Low Battery Warning function from operating properly.
- When 2.4GHz system and HV servos are used together, we strongly recommend using a large capacity battery pack in a fully charged condition. You must constantly monitor the battery status.