

f31 speed controller series

not recommended in addition with SIMPROP System 90 transmitters



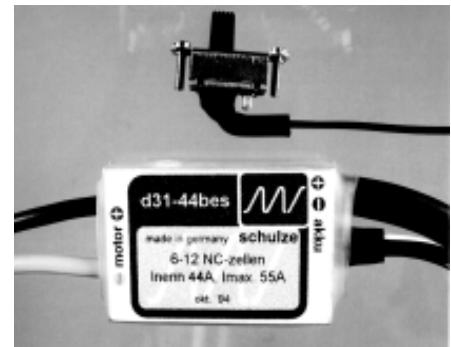
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1) CE-Certification:

The products described in this manual are manufactured in accordance with all specific and mandatory European CE guidelines:

EMI 89/336/EEC, 91/263/EEC and 92/31/EEC.

The products have been tested according to these norms:

EMI-emissions: EN 50 081-1:1992

EMI-resistance: EN 50 082-1:1992 or EN 50 082-2:1995

Design and construction of our products comply with the requirements for safe operation.

EMI emissions were tested under realistic conditions, i.e. using suitable motors and operating at 75% power settings, close to the maximum allowed currents. Testing at full power and/or using resistors instead of motors will not create maximum emission levels.

Further testing is done to ensure adequate EMI-resistance against emissions from other devices. The HF signals used for these tests are similar to those produced by mobile telephones or RC transmitters.

Again, our products are tested under realistic conditions for the most dangerous situation: Exposed to the field of a powerful Tx, the motor must not start while working on the model.

Problems using our products are most likely caused by unsuitable combinations of radio components or improper installations.

2) Safety Precautions:

Make sure that:

... your motor is suppressed by at least two, better: three, ceramic capacitors of 10 ... 100nF / 63 ... 100V.

Extra suppression can also be achieved using filters with coils.

... your receiver and its antenna are at least 3cm away from the motor, the speed controller and the high current cables.

... all high current cables are as short as possible. Maximum length between flight pack and speed controller: 20cm, between speed controller and motor: 12cm.

... all high current cables longer than 5cm are twisted, especially the motor cables.

... half of the receiver antenna is routed along the fuselage (in a boat above the waterline!) with the other half outside in a vertical position. On an aircraft model part of the antenna may hang down freely, but be careful not to step on it!

3) General Warnings:

Electric motors with propellers are dangerous objects which require due care for safe operation. Keep away from the danger zones when the battery-pack is connected.

The CE-Certificate on the speed controller is not a permit for careless handling!

Technical defects of electrical or mechanical nature may result in unintended motor runs and/or loose parts may cause serious personal injuries and/or property damage.

Every time you use your propulsion system - before turning on the Rx -, make sure that:

a) no one else is using the same frequency (identical channel number)

b) your transmitter is turned on and the throttle stick is in STOP position.

Also to be considered:

c) Electronic equipment is sensitive to humidity. Speed controllers which have got wet may not function properly even after thorough drying.

d) Protect the speed controller against mechanical loads.

e) The **f31** are not protected against reverse polarity (+ pole changed with -pole) and connection of your **battery pack** to the **motor leads** of the controller will almost certainly cause irreparable damage.

f) Use only compatible connectors. A 2mm pin in a 2.5mm socket will not provide reliable contact. The same applies for 2mm gold pins in 2mm tin sockets.

g) Regularly check the wiring of your RC-components for loose wires, oxidation, or damaged insulation, especially when using BEC.

h) The **f31** are exclusively designed for RC-models. Their use in man carrying aircraft is prohibited.

i) Never disconnect your flight pack while the motor is still running. The speed controller may suffer damage.



j) Never leave your flight pack connected while the model is not in use. Never charge it while connected to the speed controller.

k) Ensure that your electric motor is properly suppressed.

l) Check receiver performance via range tests (Tx-antenna retracted, motor running in mid range). Speed controllers with BEC are generally more sensitive to electromagnetic noise than those with opto-couplers.

m) Usage in RC-Helicopters: Always disconnect the flight pack before turning off the Rx. The still running gyro may provide sufficient voltage and create unwanted signals to cause uncontrolled motor runs.

n) Warning: The f31 content monitoring circuits. Their effectiveness depends on a fully functional speed controller. In case of a short within the throttle transistor, neither the Stop signal from the Tx nor the current limitation nor the temperature monitoring circuits can stop the motor.

o) Note: Be reminded that the monitoring circuits can not detect every abnormal condition. For example: Short circuits between motor wires or operations above the nominal controller current limit. As the maximum current of a cold f31 far exceeds the initial motor current, a permanent current close to the peak value can not be detected in older speed controllers without decreasing current limitation. Current reduction due to a blocked air screw will only occur if the motor current far exceeds the current limit value of the speed controller, i.e.: A stall current of only 20A would not be considered abnormal by an 80A controller.

p) Limits of Liability: As we can not control and ensure the proper usage of our products, Schulze Electronic GmbH can not be held liable for losses, damage or costs due to improper usage or during incidents caused by the operation of radio-controlled models.

4) Range of Applications:

All f31 speed controllers are specially designed for small and medium sized models.

They contain a 5V BEC system. There is no need for a receiver battery.

There are two types with brake for the use in models with folding props and one type without brake for the use in helicopters and acrobatic models.

f31-33bes: 33A / 40A, 6-12 cells

is the universal speed controller with brake for pylon models and small sailplanes. Max. motorsize/type: Ultra 900 - Ultra 1000 Neodym.

f31-44bes: 44A / 55A, 6-12 cells

is the speed controller with brake for pylon models and medium sized sailplanes. Lower losses and stronger brake than f31-33bes. Max. motorsize/type: Ultra 1000 Neodym.

f31-33Hes: 33A / 40A, 6-10 cells, controller without brake.

to be used in ECO, Whisper or EP-Concept helicopters as well as in acrobatic models or ships. (Attention: f31 is not water protected)

5) Features:

Power-On Reset:

f31 controllers include a power on reset circuit.

Motor will not run while connecting the power battery pack, **if Tx throttle stick is at STOP position.**

Soft Start Circuit:

f31 controllers include a soft start circuit. You can activate f31 controllers from a switch instead of the normal throttle stick.

BEC:

For those who want to save the weight of a separate receiver battery, these controllers are equipped with a 1 Amp BEC system capable of providing power for as a rule 2 servos.

LED Monitor:

LED helps to adjust and to indicate power settings.

Switching Frequency:

Switching frequency of 1.1 kHz is optimized for low power loss and high efficiency.

EMF-brake (not f31-33Hes):

The brake is activated automatically when f31 is set to the STOP position.

Brake is recommended when using folding props.

Shottky Diodes (f31-33Hes only):

By means of the shottky diodes, f31-33Hes works with highest efficiency using half throttle.

Transistors:

Power mosfets of the latest technology are used for throttle and brake circuit.

Housing:

f31 controllers are suited in clear high temperature heat shrink tube.

Cables:

All controllers are sold with highly flexible cables.



6) Monitoring and Safety Circuits:

Current monitoring: Current monitoring will limit the current in case of a stalled motor. Motors with current consumptions above the specified current limit will not reach Full Power. The throttle indicator LED will remain at half intensity.

Temperature monitoring: Temperature monitoring will stop the motor.

caution: if f31 has cooled down, it will switch the motor on again by itself if you have not moved the throttle stick into stop position!

Note: In case there is a short circuit between the motor windings or motor cables, the monitoring circuits may not act fast enough. Immediately turn off the motor to avoid permanent damage to the speed controller.

Low-voltage monitoring: This feature will automatically reduce motor power when the battery voltage has dropped to 5.5V. Below 5.5V the motor is turned off. You have to verify (model on the ground) how much longer you can move the controls because there are many parameters which effect this time: number and type of cells, number and type of servos, motor current and steering habits. It is recommended to turn off the motor as soon as the low-voltage monitoring circuit starts to reduce power.

7) Remarks to the Slide-Switch:

The slide switch of the f31 types has 2 switch positions: On, Off.

The Off position does not separate your power battery pack from the motor. It only switches off the supply-voltage of your receiver and the internal circuits of the speed controller.

Consider, that in the On position of the switch the motor starts immediately, if you have not put the transmitter stick in the STOP position.

8) Adjustment:

8.1) Tx-Programming for Helicopters:

Steps to be followed before adjusting the f31 as described in next chapter.

For a stationary hover an electric helicopter requires usually 75-85% of available power.

As trim travels or settings on the transmitter are often limited, it is recommended to offset the neutral position (hover position) by changing the throttle end point adjustments to 150% (Power-Off) and 50% (Full Power). This little trick will enable you to use the full trim range for the final set-up.

8.2) f31 speed controller adjustment:

f31 is factory set-up to suit GRAUPNER mc-10/ mc-20 systems.

The stop point can be adjusted if necessary by rotating the trim-pot on the f31.

The range direction and range widths between stop and full throttle is fixed. if you will adjust, please use *servo reverse* and *servo travel* facility in your transmitter.

Caution:

1) For safety, remove prop before adjusting f31.

9) Control:

You can control the state of the f31 by observing light emitting diode (LED). The brightness of the LED is inverse proportional to the voltage (= rotations) of the motor. If f31 is in overcurrent state, LED will not extinguish.

10) Warranty:

All f31 have been examined carefully before the delivery under practice conditions with accumulators at the motor. If you should have reason for the complaint, please send the device back to us with a clear error description. The text "No 100% function" is not enough! Test the f31 carefully once more before returning it. If our tests show no problem with your device, you have to buy the costs of our testing. It is insignificant, whether the device will be send back within the time of warranty or later.

Hint: If you have a problem with a device of us, please send it directly back to us without previously soldering in it. So the results of repair are the fastest, the costs remain low and warranty errors are recognized without doubt. Then you can be sure too, that only original parts will be inserted (We have had to make already bad experiences with alleged service stations). Cause of previously done repair outside of our firm and/or by improper repair the costs of repair can not longer be estimated, a repair of such devices is possibly refused by us completely.



11) Installation Instructions:

Using others than reverse polarity protected connectors will void your warranty. Suitable for up to 35A are Gold 2mm (with limitations), Gold 2.5mm or the green MPX 6-pin systems. For higher currents 4mm systems like the Conzelmann CT4 may be used (available as accessory).

Soldering instructions for f31 cables to 4mm (CT4) connectors:

f31 battery +: Feed red cable from the rear through the tighter red tube of the double housing, solder (female) socket and press it in*

f31 battery -: Feed black cable from the rear through the wider tube of the double housing, solder (male) pin and press it in*

f31 motor +: Feed red cable from the rear through the wider yellow tube of a split double housing**, solder pin and press it in*

f31 motor -: Feed black cable through the wider yellow tube of a split double housing**, solder pin and press it in*

Please use red housings on cables of accumulator pack and yellow housings on cables of your motor.

[*] For correct installation of connectors we recommend to use a parallel vice and a hammer.

Damage to the socket during installation can be avoided by leaving a single pin inserted.

[**] The cut-off tighter housing halves are used to insulate the sockets soldered to the motor cables.

If motors with integrated sockets are used, the leftover housing halves are replaced by yellow heat shrink tubing.

Whenever possible the motor should be directly soldered to the motor cables (red and yellow of the f31). Keep the length of the cables short to reduce EMI emissions!

To change the direction of motor rotation simply swap the motor cables. Never reverse the battery cables!

Avoid excessive heat built-up by packing the f31 in foam rubber. Fix it with Velcro!

12) Technical Data

	f31-33Hes	f31-33bes	f31-44bes
Range of voltage [V]	7,2...12	7,2...14,4	7,2...14,4
Number of Ni-Cd cells	6-10	6-12	6-12
Nominal- / peak-current [A]*	33 / 40	33 / 40	44 / 55
FET resistance throttle/brake [mΩ]**	6 / -	6 / 18	3,3 / 10
Voltage loss at 10A [mV]***	64	64	43
Cable cross section [mm ²]	1.5	2.5	2.5
Weight with cables approx.[g]	51	55	55
Dimensions approx. [mm]	46 x 31 x 11	46 x 31 x 11	46 x 31 x 11
Overheat limit approx. [°C]	135	135	135
Switching frequency approx. [kHz]	1.1	1.1	1.1
5V-Battery Elimination Circuit (BEC)	5V/1A	5V/1A	5V/1A
Under voltage recognition at approx. [V]	5,5	5,5	5,5

[*] f31 can operate at full throttle and nominal current for the length of a 2000mAh battery charge.

If using with a low number of cells or using with half throttle, the maximum of permissible current of the motor, measured at full power,

may be lower (50%) depending on the position of the throttle and/or the number of cells in use.

The value of the specified peak current corresponds approximately to the threshold point of the current limiting circuit, varying with temperature.

Peak current is higher when f31 is cold and could be lower than the specified value when it is warm/hot.

[**] Data sheet values, varies with gate-voltage and temperature.

[***] Typical measured data at 13V input voltage, 30A load and 25°C temperature.

Measuring points nearest to f31 between pins in minus battery wire (- akku) and minus motor (- motor) wire.

