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**User Manual
Brushless Speed Controller
Platinum V3 (50A / 100A)**

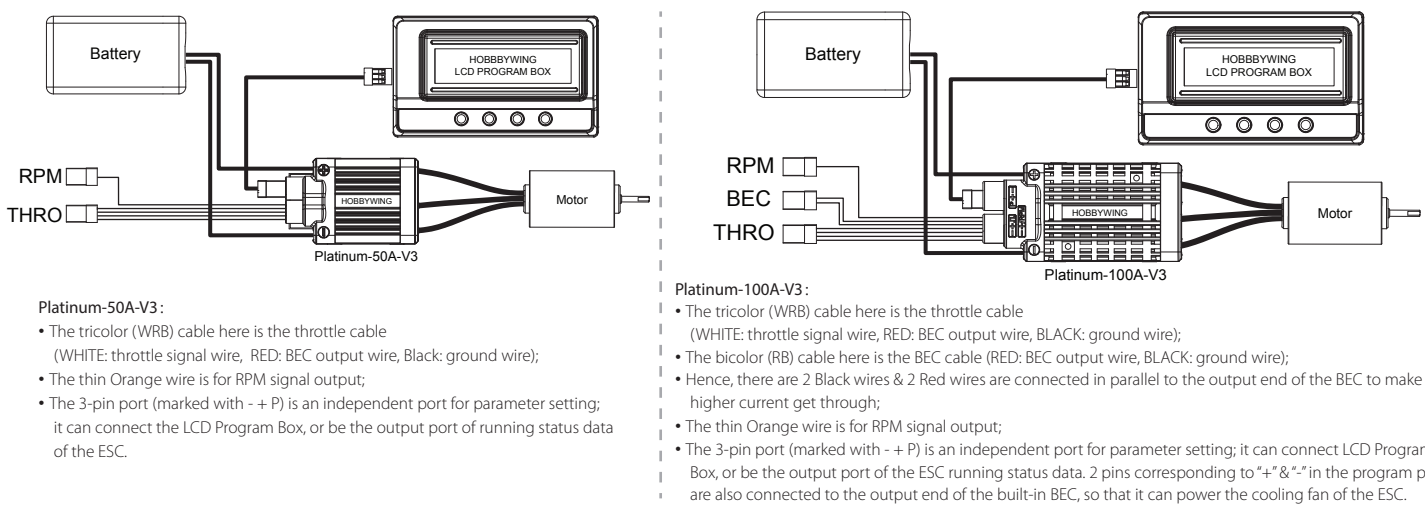
FEATURES

- High-performance microprocessor with the operating frequency up to 50MHz brings excellent compatibility (with most motors in the market) and high driving efficiency.
- The maximum motor speed can reach 21000 RPM (for 2-poles), 7000 RPM (for 6-poles) and 35000 RPM (for 12-poles).
- Multiple flight modes: Airplane Fixed Wing / Heli Governor Off / Heli Governor (EIF) / Heli Governor Store.
- Adjustable throttle range, compatible with various transmitters. It brings smooth, soft & linear speed adjustment and rapid throttle response.
- Microprocessor powered by independent DC regulator has better anti-interference performance, which greatly reduces the risk of losing control.
- Built-in high-efficient & high-power (switch mode) BEC can make the output voltage switched among 5.2V / 6.0V / 7.4V / 8.4V.
- (For the specific output voltage, please refer to the parameter list.)
- Brand new governor program, easy to operate; and its excellent speed-governing effect can make big rotor blades more stable even under rapid load change.
- "Restart in auto rotation" can manually interrupt the auto rotation and quickly restart the motor to avoid crashes caused by incorrect operations.
- Independent output port for RPM (that is: motor speed) signals.
- Compatible LCD program box (optional accessory), its simple and visual interface allows users to set/revise all the ESC parameters easily.
- (For detailed information, please refer to User Manual of LCD Program Box)
- Upgradeable firmware, you can upgrade the ESC after connecting it to a PC via the USB cable on the program box.
- The independent port, for connecting the program box and setting parameters, can also be the output port of the running status data of the ESC. When coordinating with the data transmission module, it can make the real-time data monitoring and logging possible.
- Multiple protection features including input voltage abnormality protection / low-voltage cutoff protection / throttle signal loss protection effectively prolong the service life of the ESC.

SPECIFICATIONS

Model	Platinum-100A-V3	Platinum-50A-V3
Main Application	480-550 heli (425-550mm blade)	450&450L heli (325-380mm blade)
Battery Count	2-6S Lipo, 5.2V-25.2V	2-6S Lipo, 5.2V-25.2V
Cont./Burst Current	100A /150A (burst in 10 sec)	50A /75A (burst in 10 sec)
BEC Output	Switch Mode BEC, 6.0V / 7.4V / 8.4V, Cont.: 10A, Burst: 25A BEC has the cut-through protection (which means the battery voltage won't get through to the receiver if the BEC is accidentally damaged)	Switch Mode BEC, 5.2V / 6.0V / 7.4V Cont.: 7A, Burst: 15A
Input / Output Wire	Input: 12AWG / Output: 12AWG	Input: 14AWG / Output: 14AWG
Weight/Size	104g / 70mm x 35mm x 21mm (W/O Fan) 110g / 70mm x 35mm x 32mm (With Fan)	49g / 48mm x 30mm x 15.5mm

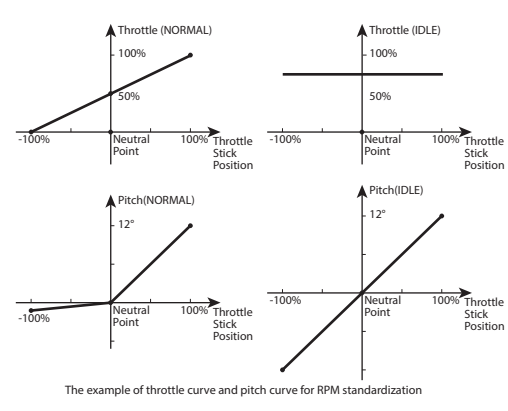
WIRING DIAGRAM



- When set as "LiPo battery", the ESC will automatically calculate the cutoff threshold of the battery pack according to the amount of LiPo cells. The low / middle / high cutoff voltage per cell is 2.85V / 3.15V / 3.30V. For example, when using a 3S LiPo, if set the cutoff voltage as "middle", the cutoff threshold of this battery pack should be 3.15x3=9.45V.
- When set as "NiMH battery", then the low / middle / high cutoff voltage is 50% / 62.5% / 75% of the initial input voltage (at boot/startup up). For example, when using a 6-cell NiMH battery pack, the voltage at starting up is 1.44x6=8.64V, and if set the cutoff threshold as "low", the cutoff threshold of this battery pack should be 8.64x50%=4.3V.
- When set as "Customized: 2.8V~25.2V", the cutoff threshold of the battery pack can be precisely set (the precision can reach 0.1V). But you need a LCD program box (optional accessory) or USB cable on the LCD program box to connect the ESC to a PC, then set relevant parameters via a special program (Hobbywing USB Link Software).

- 1) Airplane Fixed Wing:** The motor starts to spin at 5% throttle, then speeds up quickly and reaches the full speed from standstill in 300us. In this mode, the ESC will be enforced to set the 'Auto Rotation Restart Time' to 'OFF'.
- 2) Heli Governor Off:** When the motor starts at 5% throttle, the startup is very soft and it takes 11 seconds to reach the full speed from standstill. In this mode, if the transmitter is in NORMAL state, then usually the throttle curve is a slash (the start point is the lowest point / 0% throttle, the end point is the highest point / 100% throttle of the throttle range. And this throttle curve is often used by beginners). As the start point is only 5% of the full throttle, the motor rotates slowly that greatly reduces psychological pressure for beginners, so pilots can select this mode for basic practices like "frog leap". In this mode, the ESC will automatically set the 'Auto Rotation Restart Time' to 'OFF'.
- 3) Heli Governor (EIF) & Heli Governor Store:** The motor only starts at 40% (or above) throttle (in governor mode, the motor won't start when the throttle value is within 0%-40%); its startup is very soft and needs 11 seconds to reach the full speed from standstill. Besides, it has speed-governing function (works at 40%-100% throttle). As the motor rotates quickly in 'governor' mode, so it isn't suitable for beginner anymore but experienced pilots. In these two modes, the setting about "Auto Rotation Restart Time" comes into effect (please refer to "Auto Rotation Restart Time" for more information).
- 4) Heli Governor (EIF) & Heli Governor Store** have different ways of storing target rev data. In 'Governor Store' mode, the data are saved into the FLASH of the microprocessor (and the data won't disappear after powered off); while in 'Governor (EIF)' mode, the data of the nominal target rev are saved into the RAM of the microprocessor (and the data will disappear after powered off).
- In 'Governor (EIF)' mode, the ESC will automatically start the RPM standardization & regain the target rev data after powered on.
- In 'Governor Store' mode, if it needs to re-standardize the target RPM, pilots must modify and save the flight mode as any option except "Heli Governor Store" first (without restarting the ESC at this moment), then modify and save it as "Heli Governor Store"; the ESC will enter the RPM standardization and regain the target RPM data after it's powered on. After the first activation of the "speed-governing" function or changed accessories (like motor, battery cells amount, gear and different type of main/big rotor blades) on the plane, pilots need to standardize the RPM again next time.

- Here we suggest pilots take the "Governor Store" mode as their first option to avoid standardizing rev every time.**
- a) RPM standardization in "Governor (EIF)" mode:** when the throttle value switches to over 40% from 0%, the motor starts in a super soft way and accelerates slowly; it completes RPM standardization in 11 seconds and then enters the "governor" mode. After changed batteries, the ESC will standardize the RPM again.
 - b) RPM standardization in "Governor Store" mode:** when the throttle value switches to over 40% from 0%, the motor starts in a super soft way and accelerates slowly; it completes RPM standardization in 11 seconds and then enters the "governor" mode. After flight, please move the transmitter throttle stick to the bottom position, the motor stops spinning and the ESC will save the standardized (target) RPM into the FLASH. After changed batteries, the ESC will read the target RPM from the FLASH, so there is no need to standardize the rev again.
 - c) Example for RPM Standardization:**



- In this example, we take the neutral point (50%) of the throttle stick as reference points for standardizing RPM.**
- Set the throttle curve (throttle value at the neutral point=50%) & pitch curve (the pitch at the neutral point is 0) in "NORMAL" mode, and keep the throttle HOLD switch "locked" to ensure safety.
 - Connect the fully charged battery to the ESC, let the ESC complete the initialization, then move the transmitter throttle stick to the neutral point (here the throttle value at the neutral point is 50% and the pitch of main rotor blades is 0 degree), and then "unlock" the throttle HOLD switch; the motor will start from standstill in a super soft way, accelerate slowly and completes the target rev standardization in 11 seconds later.
 - Trial flight. If the target rev is too low, then raise the throttle curve; if the target rev is too high, and then lower the throttle

PARAMETERS PROGRAMMING/SETTING VIA THE TRANSMITTER

4 steps to set parameters via the throttle stick:

- I. Enter "programming" mode:**
- II. Select items:**
- III. Select option(s) / parameters under item(s).**
- IV. Exit 'setting':**

I. Enter "Programming / Setting" Mode

- Turn on the transmitter, move the throttle stick to the top position (full throttle);
- Connect battery to the ESC, then the motor emits "123" indicating the ESC is powered on normally.
- 2 seconds later, the motor emits two short "beep-beep";
- 4.5 seconds later, the motor emits "2 56712" indicating it's already entered the 'programming' mode.

II. Select Items

After entered the "programming" mode, you can hear 12 sets of tone repeat sequentially. Move the throttle stick to the bottom position in 3 seconds after the motor emitted certain set of tone, and then you enter the corresponding item.

- Brake (1 short) "B"
- Battery Type (2 short) "BB"
- Cutoff (3 short) "BBB"
- Low-voltage Cutoff Threshold (4 short) "BBBB"
- Flight Mode (1 long) "B--"
- Auto Rotation Restart Time (1 long & 1 short) "B-B"
- Timing (1 long & 2 short) "B--BB"
- PWM Frequency (1 long & 3 short) "B--BBB"
- BEC Voltage (1 long & 4 short) "B--BBBB"
- LiPo Cells (2 long) "B--B--"
11. Reset to Factory Default (3 long & 1 short) "B--B--B"
- 12.Exit (3 long & 2 short) "B--B--B-B"

Note: as 1 long "Beep—" equals to 5 short "beep"; e.g. in step II "Select Items", 1 long & 1 short ("Beep—Beep") represents option 6.

III. Select Options / Parameter Values

The motor beeps in loops, move the throttle stick to the top position when heard some "beep(s)" tone indicating you selected its corresponding option value; then the motor will sound "2 1515" means the value has been saved. (And if you don't want to set other items but quickly exit 'setting', please move the throttle stick to the bottom position in 3 seconds; while if you still want to set other items, please wait for returning to Step II and choose other items.)

*****In the form below indicate factory defaults**

Item	Option	1 short beep	2 short beeps	3 short beeps	4 short beeps	5 1long beep	6 1 long & 1 short beep	7 1 long & 2 short beep	8 1 long & 3 short beep	9 1 long & 4 short beep
1. Brake	*Off		Soft	Hard	Very hard					
2. Battery type	*LiPo		NI-MH							
3. Cutoff mode	*Soft cut		Hard cut							
4. Low-voltage Threshold	Off		Low	*Middle	High					
5. Flight mode	Airplane Fixed Wing		Heli Governor Off	*Heli Governor (EIF)	Heli Governor Store					
6. Auto rotation restart time	Off		5s	*10s	15s	30s	90s			
7. Timing (degree)	0 deg.		4 deg	8 deg	12 deg.	*15 deg.	18 deg.	22 deg.	26 deg.	30 deg.
8. PWM frequency	8KHz		16KHz	24KHz	*32KHz					
9. BEC output	*5.2V		6V	7.4V	8.4V					
10. LiPo cells	*Auto Calculate	1 cell	2 cells	3 cells	4 cells	5 cells	6 cells			

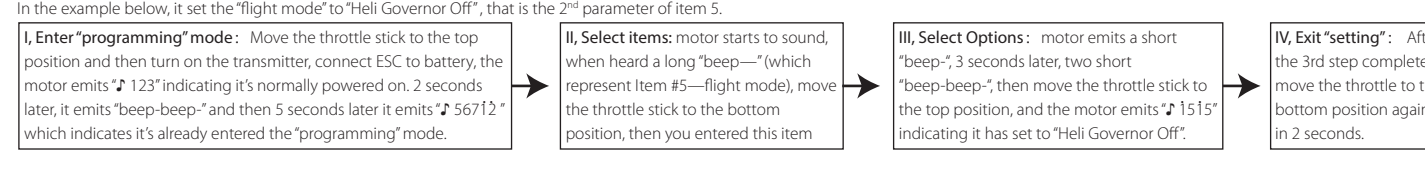
IV. Exit "Setting"

Two ways to exit "setting" mode:

- In Step III, after heard the special tone "2 1515" while selecting optional values, move the throttle stick to the bottom position in 2 seconds, then you exit 'setting'.
- After heard 3 long & 2 short beeps which represent item 12 while selecting options in Step II, move the throttle stick to the bottom position in 3 seconds, then you exit 'setting'.

Note: After revised ESC parameters via the transmitter throttle stick or program card/box, please save those settings and exit; then the motor emits 5 long "beep-" and 5 seconds later you can restart the ESC.

ESC PROGRAMMING SAMPLE



TROUBLESHOOTING

Trouble	Cause	Solution
After powered on, the motor doesn't rotate and there is no sound emitted.	Poor connection between power connectors.	Re-plug or change the connectors.
After powered on, the motor doesn't spin, but emits the warning tone "beep-beep, beep-beep, beep-beep" (the interval between each group of "beep-beep" is 1 second).	The battery voltage is abnormal.	Please check the battery voltage.
After powered on, the motor doesn't spin but emits the warning tone "beep-, beep-" (the time interval each "beep-" is 2 seconds).	No signal output from the throttle channel of the receiver.	Please check whether the communication between the transmitter & receiver is normal or not, and if the control wire (that is, Rx wire) has been firmly plugged into the throttle channel in the correct direction.
After powered on, the motor doesn't run but emits "beep-, beep-, beep-, beep-, beep-" (each beep is very short and hurried).	Didn't move the throttle stick to the bottom position or the throttle range is too narrow.	Move the throttle stick to the bottom position or reset the throttle range.
After powered on, the motor doesn't run but emits "beep-beep" then the special tone "2 1515".	Incorrect "Normal / Reverse" direction of the throttle channel.	Please refer to the transmitter's user manual and reset the "Normal / Reverse" direction of the throttle channel.
The motor rotates in the wrong direction.	Connected ESC output wires to motor wires in the wrong order.	Swap any of two wire connections.
	Throttle signal loss protection is activated.	Please check the communication between the transmitter & receiver, and also check the connection between ESC and the receiver.
	Low-voltage cutoff protection is activated.	Charge the battery pack or change a new one.
The motor stops halfway.	Poor wire connections.	Please check the battery connector and the connection between ESC output wires and motor wires.

OUTPUT PORT FOR RPM SIGNALS

Platinum V3 series speed controllers have independent output ports / interfaces for RPM signals, so it can connect to flybarless systems like Mikado V-Bar as RPM signal source. Undoubtedly, this reduces peripheral devices which need to be connected to the flybarless helicopter and simplifies the wiring.

OUTPUT THE REAL-TIME RUNNING STATUS DATA OF THE ESC

Platinum V3 series speed controllers have independent ports for parameter setting, which can also be the output ports of the running status data of the ESCs. When coordinating with the data transmission module, it can make the real-time data monitoring and logging possible.

For more information, please read detailed explanations in "Developer's Guide".

PROGRAMMABLE ITEMS

*****In the form below indicate factory defaults.**

Item	Option	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1 Brake	*Off	Soft	Hard	Very hard							
2 Battery Type	*LiPo	NI-MH									
3 Cutoff Mode	*Soft cut	Hard cut									
4 Low-voltage Cutoff Threshold	Off	Low	*Middle	High	Customized: 2.8V-25.2V, Step:0.1V						
5 Flight Mode	Airplane Fixed Wing	Heli Governor Off	*Heli Governor (EIF)	Heli Governor Store							
6 Auto Rotation Restart Time	Off	5sec	*10sec	15sec	30sec	90sec					
7 Advanced Timing	0deg	4deg	8deg	12deg	*15deg	18deg	22deg	26deg	30deg	Customized: 0deg-30deg, Step:1deg	
8 PWM Frequency	8KHz	16KHz	24KHz	*32KHz							
9 BEC Voltage	*5.2V	6.0V	7.4V	8.4V							
10 Lipo Cells	*Auto calculate	1 cells	2 cells	3 cells	4 cells	5 cells	6 cells				

PROGRAMMABLE ITEMS

- ***In explanations below indicate factory defaults.**
- 1. Brake:** *Off / Soft / Hard / Very hard
 - 2. Battery Type:** *LiPo / NI-MH
 - 3. Cutoff Mode:** *Soft cut / Hard cut. Soft means gradually reduce the output power. Hard means cut off the output immediately.
 - 4. Low-voltage Cutoff Threshold:** Off / Low / *Middle / High / Customized: 2.8V~25.2V, Step: 0.1V

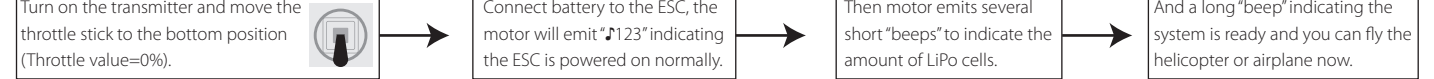
EXPLANATIONS FOR WARNING TONE

- Warning tone for abnormal input voltage: when powered on the ESC, it will start testing the input voltage. If the voltage is not in the normal scope, the motor will emit the warning "beep-beep, beep-beep" till the voltage returns to normal (the time interval among each group of "beep-beep" is 1 second).
- Warning tone for throttle signal loss: when detected no throttle signal, the ESC will issue the following warning: "beep-, beep-, beep-" (the time interval among these "beeps" is 2 seconds).
- Warning tone if the throttle stick is not at the bottom position when the ESC is powered up: When the throttle is not at the bottom position, the ESC will issue the following warning: "beep-beep-beep-beep—" (every "beep" is very short and hurried).

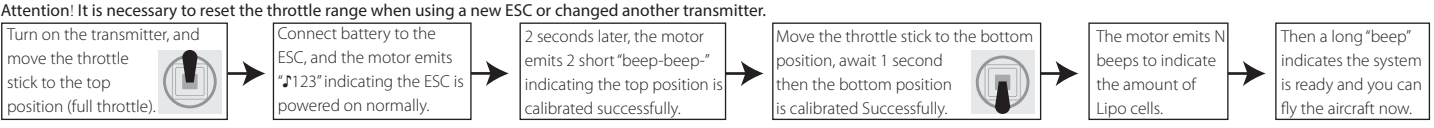
EXPLANATION FOR OTHER PROTECTIONS

- Startup Protection:** The ESC will shut down the motor after failed to start the motor normally in 2 seconds by increasing the throttle value, then you need to move the transmitter throttle stick to the bottom position again and restart. (Causes to this problem: poor wire connection between the ESC and the motor or disconnection of some output wire, propellers are blocked by other objects, gears are blocked and cannot move and etc.)
- Overheat Protection:** When the internal operating temperature exceeds 110 Celsius degree, the ESC will reduce its output power and start protection; it won't cut off the output, but reduce it to 50% to ensure that the motor still has some power for avoiding crash caused by insufficient power. And the ESC will gradually resume its maximum power after the temperature returns to the safe level.
- Throttle Signal Loss Protection:** When detected the signal loss for over 0.25 second, the ESC will cut off the output immediately to avoid even greater loss which may caused by the continuous high-speed rotation of propellers or rotor blades.
- Overload Protection:** The ESC will cut off the power or restart automatically when the load suddenly increases to a very high value. And the common cause of load soar is the lockout of propellers.

NORMAL START-UP PROCESS



SET THE THROTTLE RANGE



DEVELOPER'S GUIDE

(Note: This guide is only for developers, common users needn't read it.)

[Output the real-time running data of the ESC]

The PLATINUM V3 series of ESC has independent port for connecting the LCD program box and output the running status data of the ESC via the SCI (Serial Communication interface). When coordinating with the data transmission module, they can make the real-time data monitoring and logging possible.

Here, we open this functionality to the public so users can develop this ESC to expand its application fields.

When the motor rotates, the parameter setting port works as single-way mode SCI (Serial Communication Interface), the baud rate is 19200bps. The port outputs 1 data package (/frame) every 20 milliseconds. The format of each data frame is shown as below:

1 First Byte	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Last Byte
Package Head: 0x9B	Package Number: 0xxx	Package Number: 0xxx	Package Number: 0xxx	Rx Throttle Value: High Octet	Rx Throttle Value: Low Octet	Actual Output PWM: High Octet	Actual Output PWM: Low Octet	Actual RPM Cycle: High Octet	Actual RPM Cycle: Low Octet

- Package Head: Each data package (/ frame) is always started with the code "0x9B".
- Package Number: number of each data package.
- Rx Throttle Value: throttle signal value got from the receiver. Now, the "high octet of the Rx throttle value" is temporarily set at 0, and the valid scope of the low octet of Rx Throttle Value is 0~255, that means the entire "throttle range (0~100%) is equally divided into 255 parts. For example, when the low octet value is 85, it means the throttle signal got from the receiver is 33% of the maximum; when it's 128, the throttle signal received from the receiver is 50% of the maximum.
- Actual Output PWM: throttle signal value actually output by the ESC. Its high octet is also temporarily set at 0, and the valid range of the low octet is 0~255, that means the entire output range (0~100%) is equally divided into 255 parts.
- Actual RPM Cycle: actual electric RPM signal cycle of the motor (1/s). For example: The actual rev of a 8-pole motor is 600 RPM, then its electric rev is $600 \times 8 = 2400$ RPM, which means the ESC commutates 2400 times in 60 seconds to drive the motor, and the commutation cycle = $60 \div 2400 = 0.025s = 25000\mu s$. Therefore, the decimal digit represented by the actual RPM cycle is 25000.

[Output Port for RPM Signals]

- Platinum V3 series of speed controllers have independent output ports for RPM signals.
- **Specification for interface signals:** It is the periodic signal with duty ratio of 17%, and 0V for low level, 3.3V for high level.
- It represents the electric rev of the brushless motor (electric rev means the rev of a 2-pole brushless motor). And here is the formula used for converting the actual rev of multi-pole brushless motor into the electric rev of 2-pole brushless motor:
Electric rev = Actual rev of the multi-pole brushless motor × Pole number ÷ 2
E.g. the actual rev of a 12-pole motor is 5000rpm, so its corresponding electric rev is: $5000 \times 12 \div 2 = 30000$ rpm

[ESC throttle Rang & Throttle Signal Specification]

- Factory default of the ESC throttle range is 1100~1940 μs , the acceptable minimum time of high level is 815 μs and the acceptable maximum time of high level is 2256 μs . The acceptable minimum signal cycle equals to the high level time (100 μs) plus 10 μs .
- In PPM throttle signals, only signal cycle & high level time impact; changes of the high level time correspond to the notion of throttle value (0%~100%), here whether the low level time changes or not is not taken into consideration.
- Different manufacturers have varied definitions of the high level time of throttle signal. For FUTABA radio system, it is 1100 μs ~1940 μs and 1520 μs is the midpoint (or so called "neutral point"), while for JR radio system, it's 1100 μs ~1900 μs and the midpoint is 1500 μs .
- The receiver outputs analog signals, and the ESC converts the analog signals into 8 to 12bits digital signals (the resolution for 8 bits is 0~255, and it is 0~4095 for 12 bits).
- Because of the above differences exist among different radio systems, so it's necessary to calibrate the throttle range on the ESC. If users want to utilize the whole throttle range of the transmitter.