



1:8 Scale Nitro & Electric 4WD Off Road Competition Truggy Kit Manual

#80948 RC8T4e Team Kit #80947 RC8T4 Team Kit



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### :: Introduction

Thank you for purchasing this Team Associated product. This assembly manual contains instructions and tips for building and maintaining your new Kit. Please take a moment to read through this manual to help familiarize yourself with these steps. We are continually changing and improving our designs; therefore, actual parts may appear slightly different than in the illustrations. New parts will be noted on supplementary sheets located in the appropriate parts bags. Check each bag for these sheets before you start to build.

## **::** KIT Features

## Features in the RC8T4 / T4e Kit:

- New gearboxes are specific to front and rear with larger bearing sizes resulting in longer life of ring and pinion gears: Front gearbox is a 3.5° inclined pinion gear angle to straighten the center driveshaft for increased drivetrain efficiency and reduced phasing and vibration. Rear gearbox is a 0° pinion gear angle and rear chassis brace mount
- Innovative front-end geometry with new 8° steering blocks are paired with a new wider upper suspension arm pivot for improved steering balance and predictable handling in all conditions
- New front and rear gearbox designs are engineered for better drivetrain efficiency with reduced phasing and vibration. Larger bearing sizes resulting in longer life of ring and pinion gears
- New front shock tower design with updated suspension geometry and body mount positions for all styles of truck bodies.
- · Front lower and rear suspension arms have new material on rod ends and anti-roll bar links for improved durability.
- Front upper suspension arm updated to have bushing insert for improved fitment and performance.
- New rear wing mount has adjustable wing angle shims, significant strength improvements, an aerodynamic shape, and extra clearance for shock position adjustment
- The adjustable rear wing has more vertical fins for increased straight line stability, a taller rear lip height for increased downforce and increased strength in various areas to reduce bending fatigue
- New rear chassis brace is mounted centrally to the gearbox, which reduces material fatigue, centralizes shear forces, and improves the life of rear end drivetrain parts. There are three different chassis flex options using two chassis hole mounting locations and an optional turnbuckle ball for flex in more degrees of freedom
- · New rear hub features symmetrical left and right common design with axle height inserts for adjustable roll center tuning options
- Front and rear center dogbone driveshafts for improved drivetrain efficiency and durability.
- +2° steering block arms
- V3 differentials with 46T ring and 10T pinion gears for improved gear ratios
- RC8T3.2 split center diff mounts with aluminum center top plate
- · 16mm shocks equipped with improved material locking spring cups and rod ends, V2 springs, 'stiff' style shock bladder, combination bleeder/emulsion caps, and blue aluminum threaded collars
- RC8B3.2 narrow C and D arm mounts

#### RC8T4 Nitro Team Kit Features:

• Fuel tank with an ergonomically designed lid puller, high capacity, quick reference fuel markings and 1-, 2-, and 3cc stackable volume inserts for volume adjustment at sanctioned events

## RC8T4e Team Kit Features:

- New chassis layout featuring saddle pack style battery configurations. Both configurations include a centrally mounted center differential and in-line center driveshafts for superior drivetrain efficiency and equalized chassis balance.
- · Battery configurations are: Two 2s shorty or full size "saddle pack" for lowest CG and exceptional weight bias or one 4s shorty or full size simplified setup and more centralized weight bias

## :: Additional

Your new RC8T4 / T4e comes as a kit. There are some items you will need to complete your kit (refer to website for suggestions):

- 4.8-7.4v receiver battery (Flat style NiMH, Flat style LiPo, Flat style LiFe)
- 2 or 3 channel radio/transmitter set with switch (2.4GHz recommended)
- Polycarbonate body and specific paint
- Model car fuel (20-30% nitro recommended)
- .21 class rear exhaust engine
- CA (cyanoacrylic) glue (#1597)
- Thread-locking compound (#1596)

- Starter box (#1751)
- Exhaust system
- Needle-nose pliers
- Ride height gauge
- Transmitter batteries
- Throttle and Steering servos
- 1:8 scale buggy wheels/tires Reamer / hole punch (#1499)
  - Glow igniter (#27377)
  - Fuel bottle (#1747)
  - · Hobby knife

# :: Other Helpful Items

- Silicone Shock/Diff Fluids (Refer to website for complete listings)
- Shock Pliers (#1681)

Wire Cutters

- FT Hex Wrenches (#1518)
- Calipers or a Precision Ruler
- Body Scissors (AE #1737)
- FT Nut Drivers (#1519)

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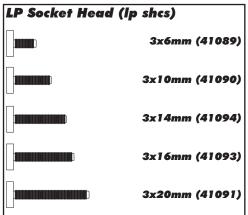
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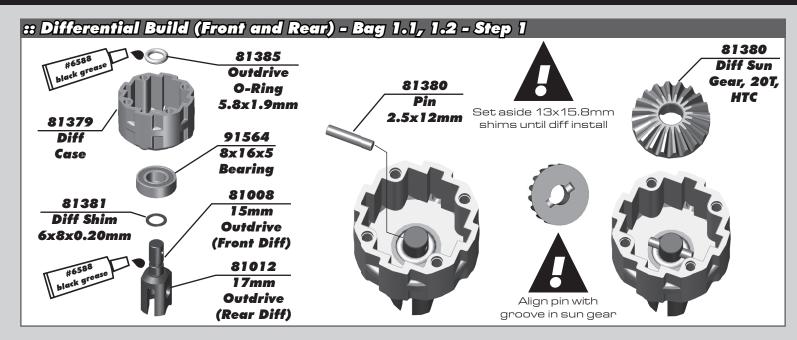
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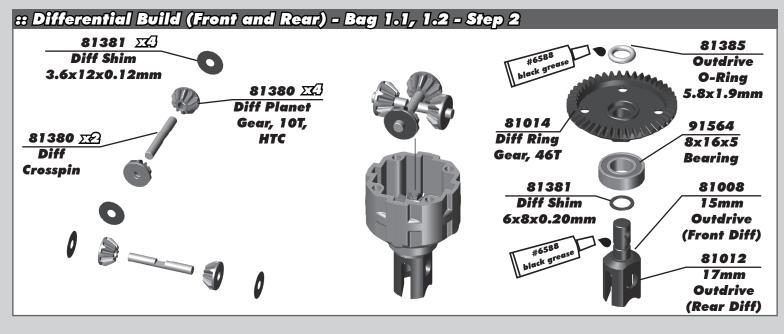
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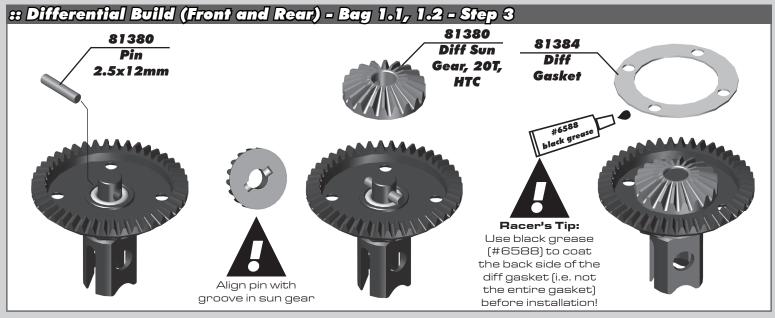
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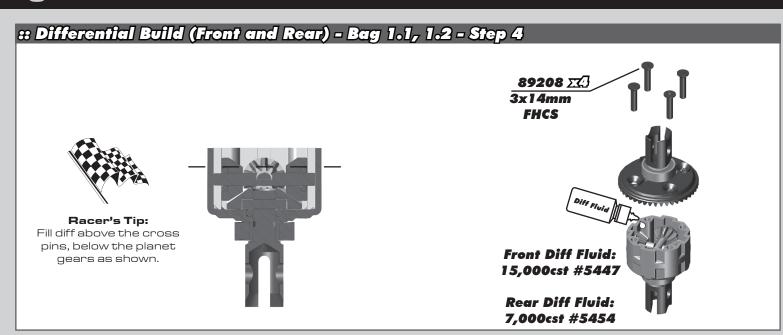


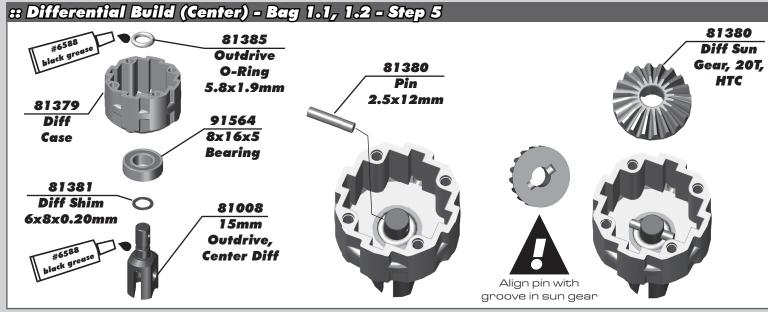
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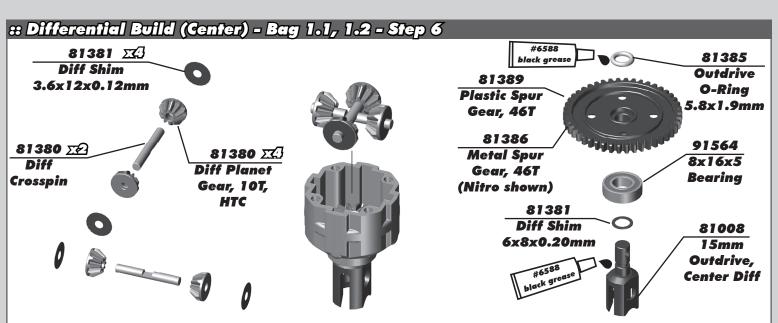


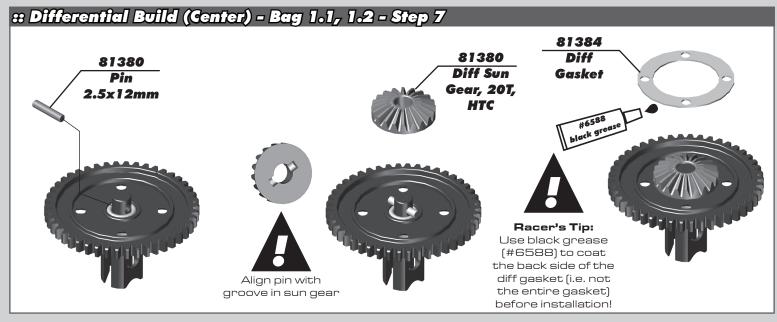


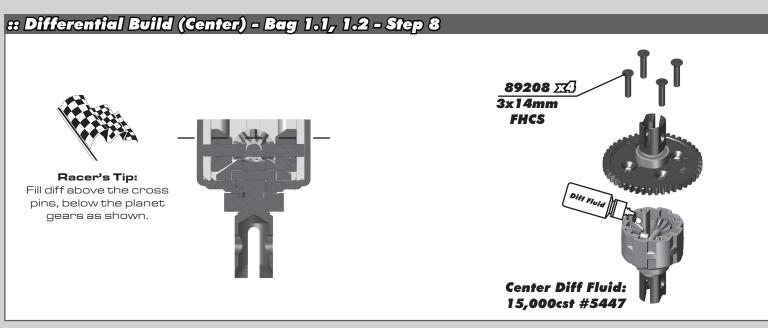




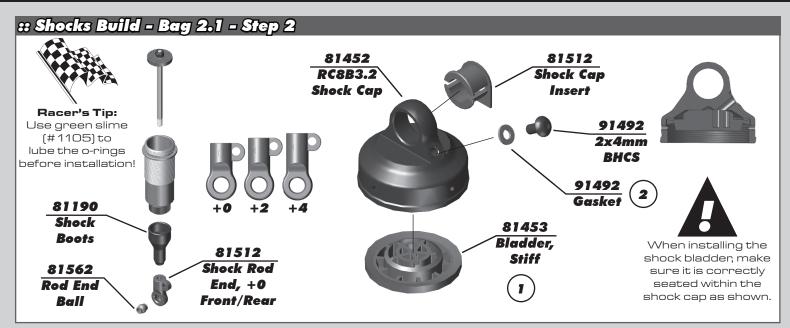


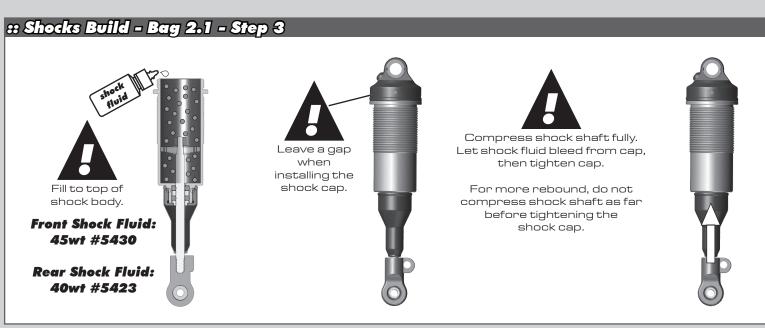


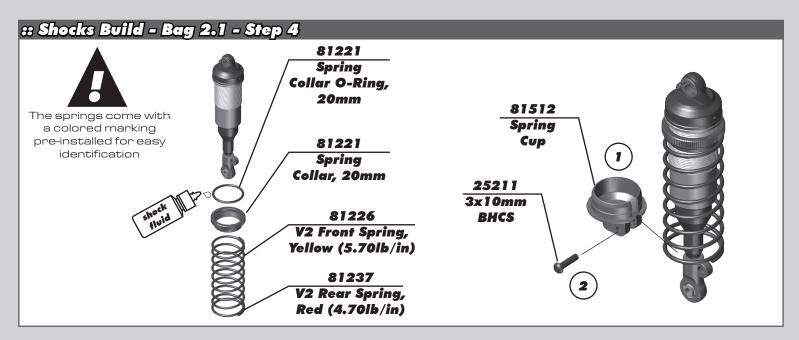


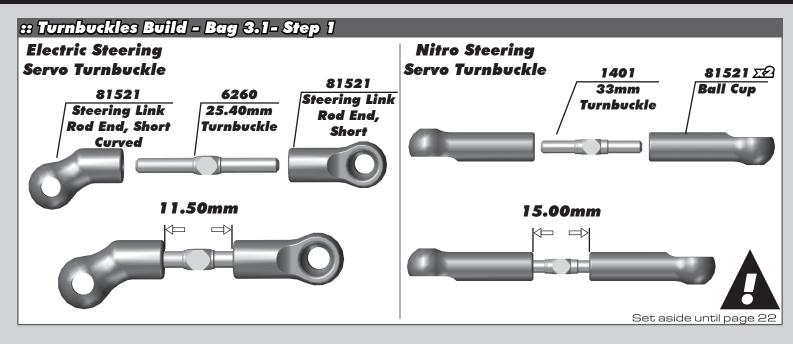


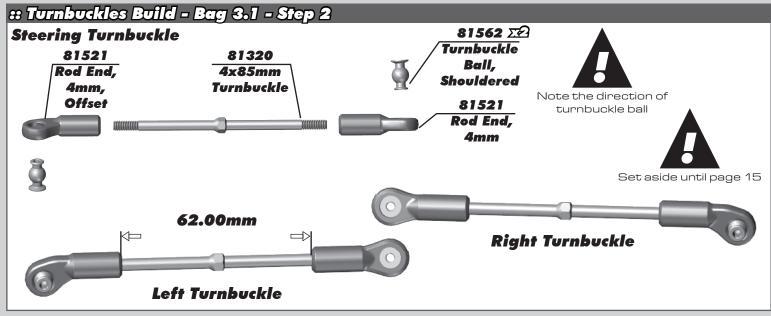


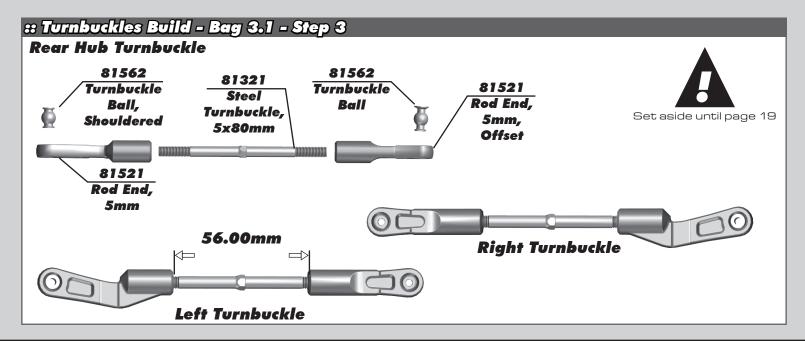


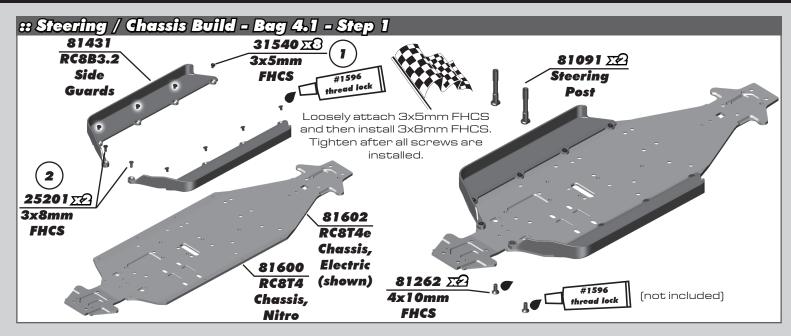


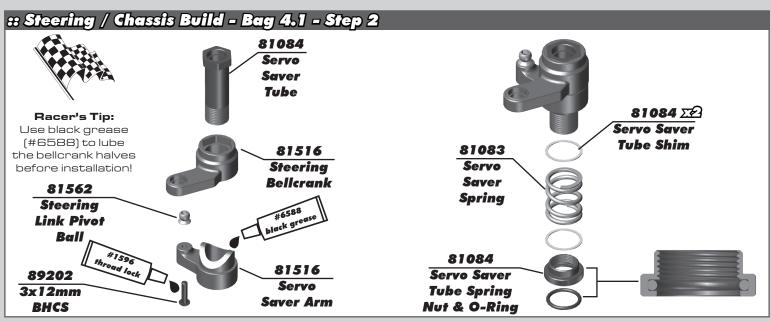


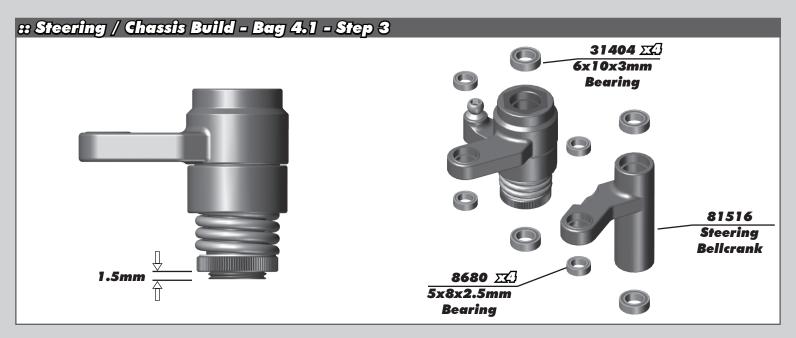


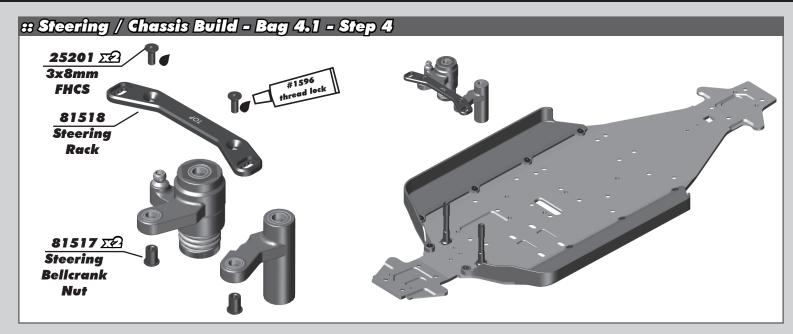


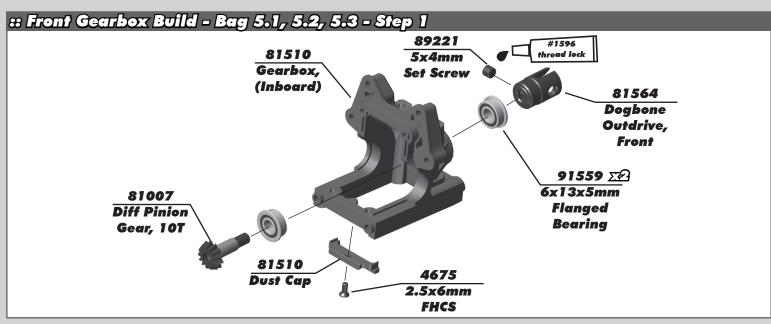


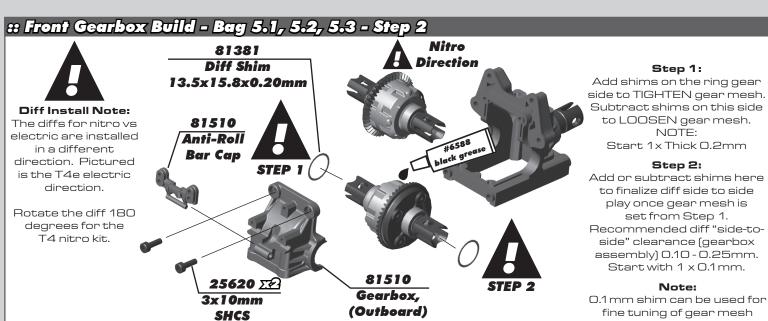


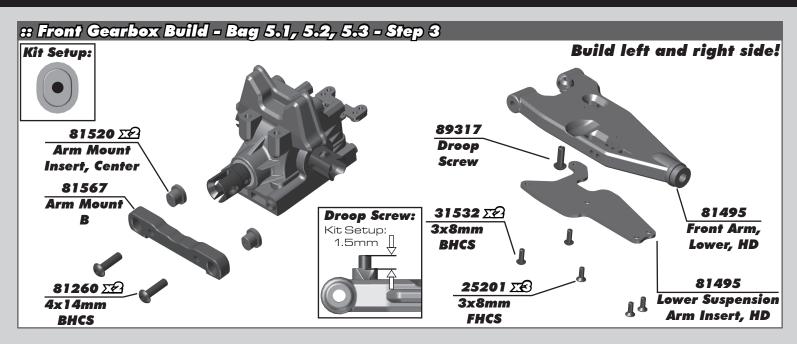


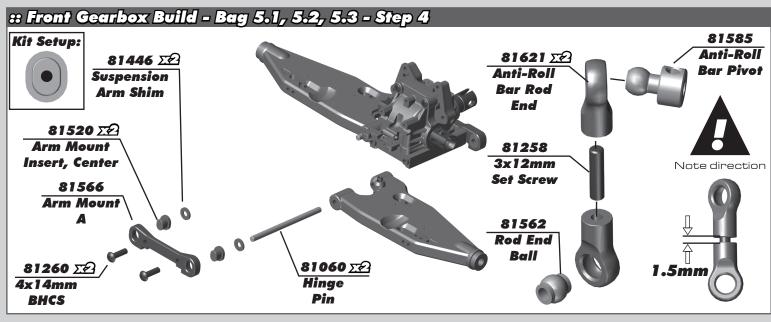


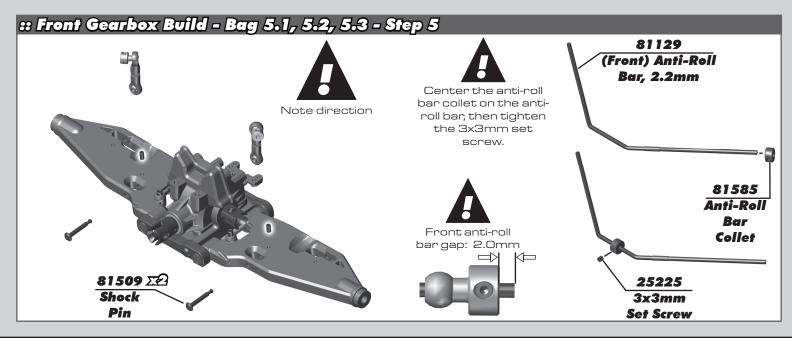


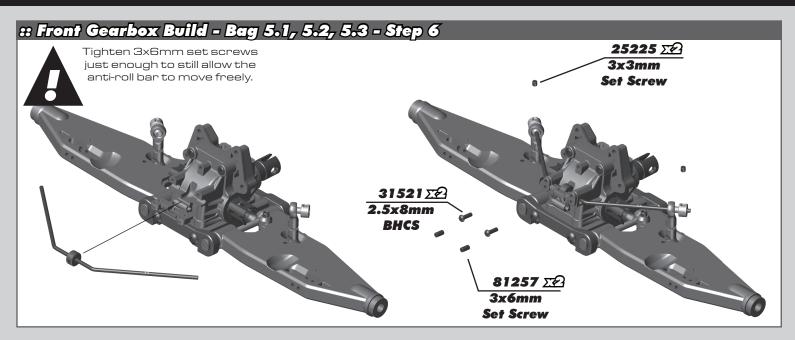


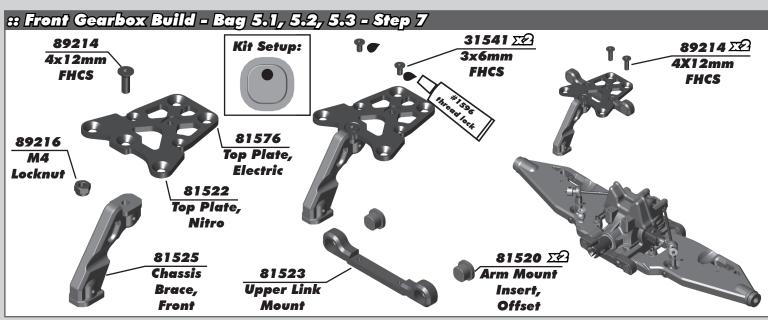


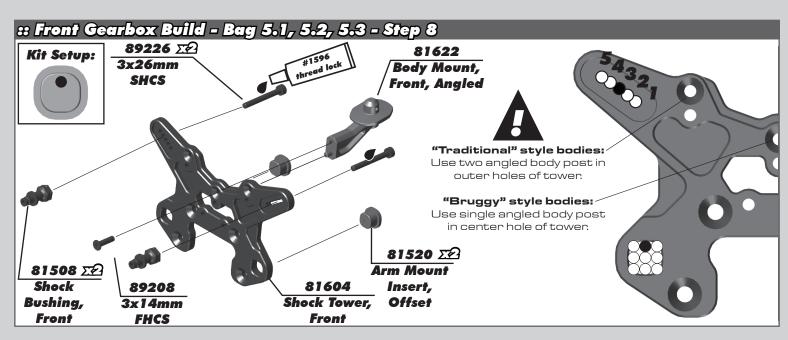


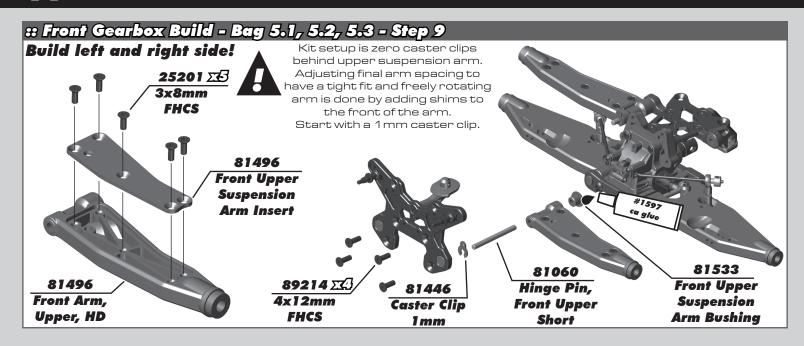


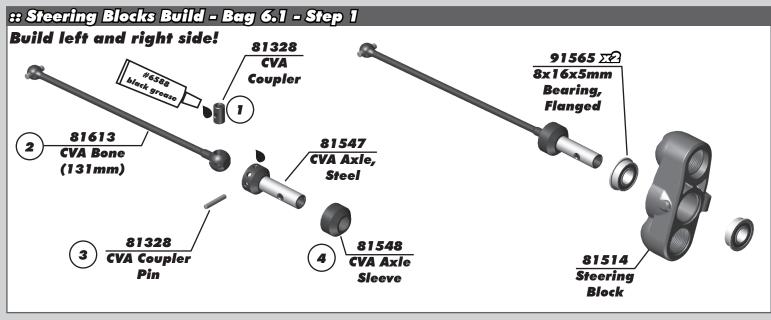


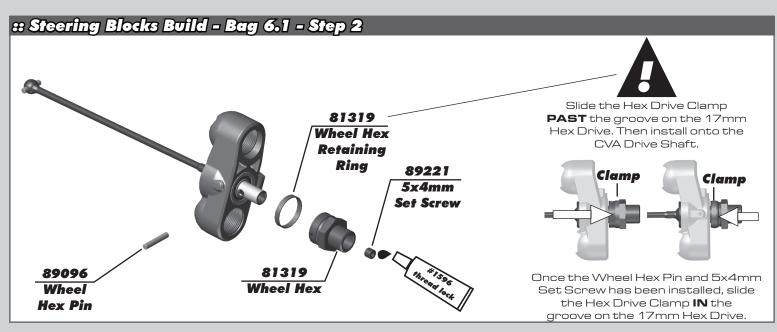


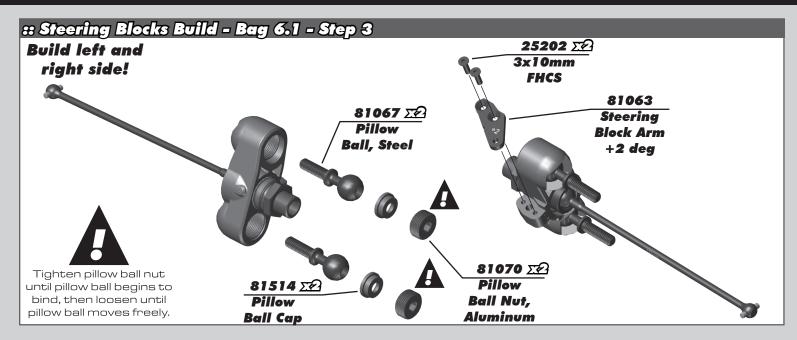


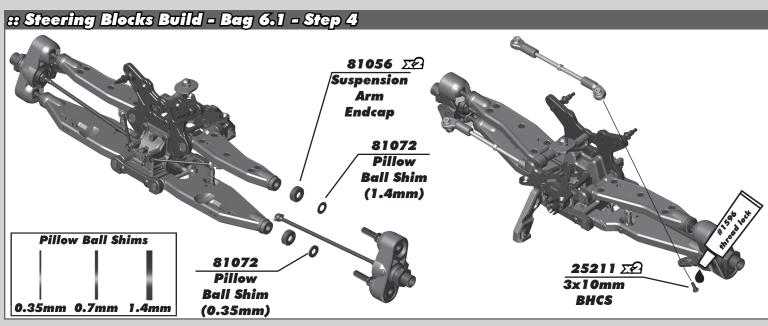


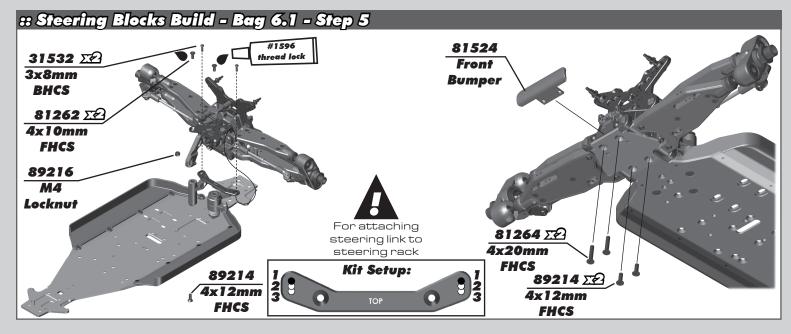


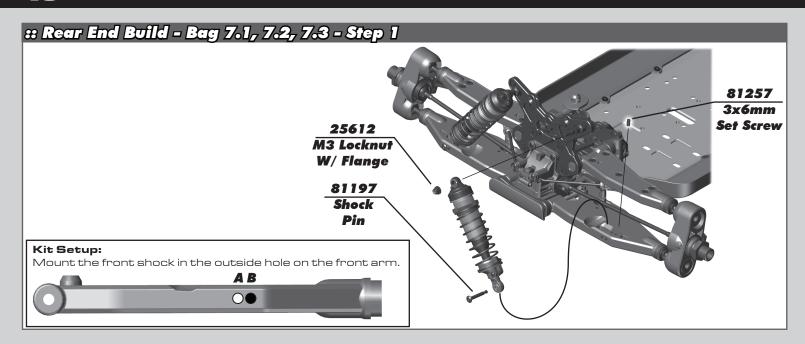


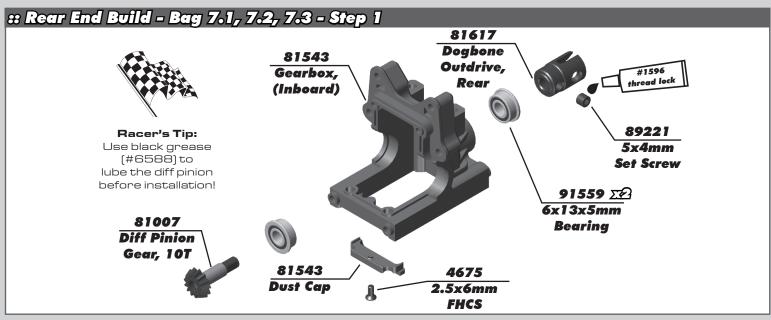


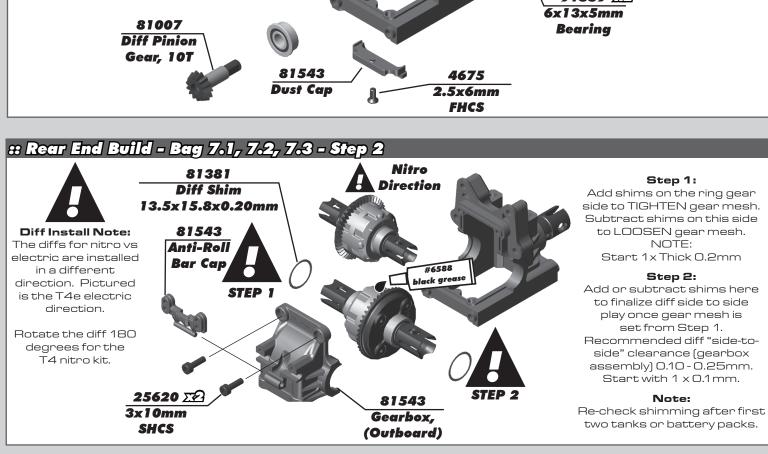


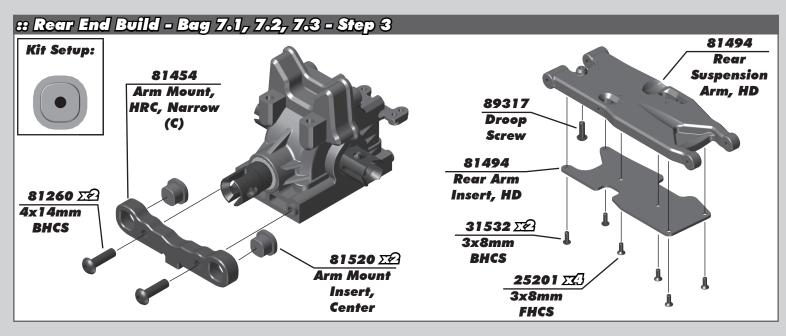


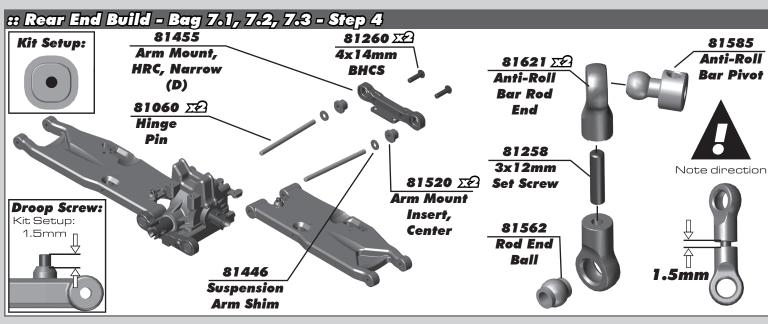


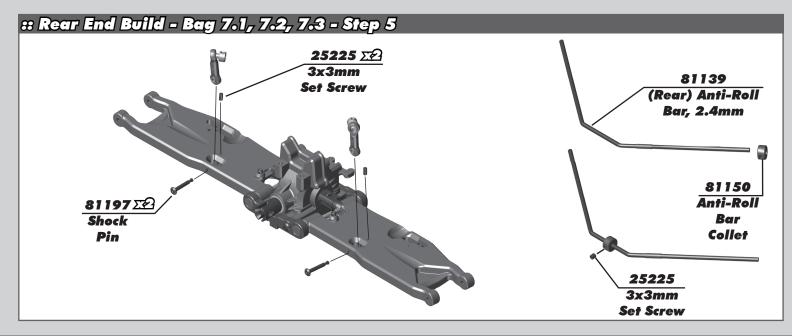


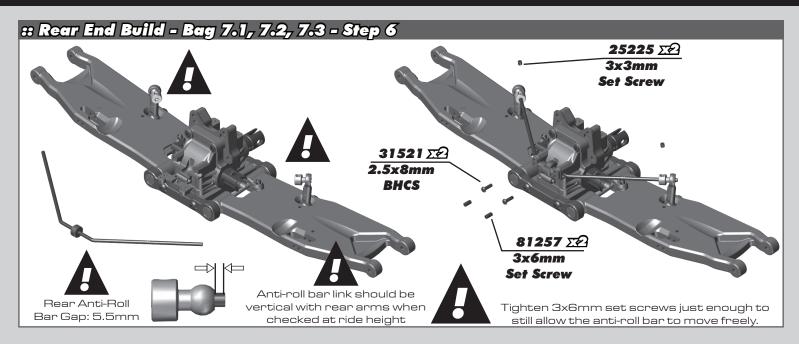


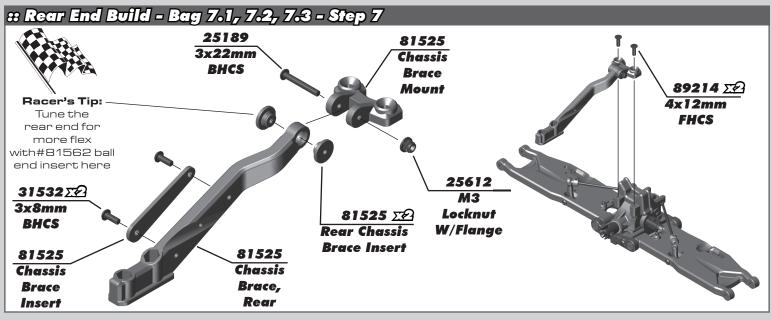


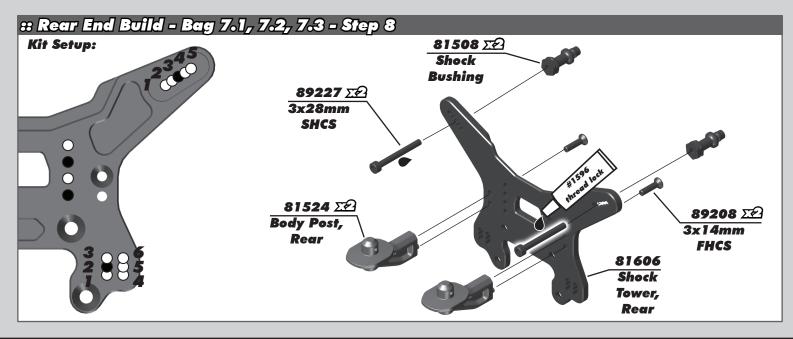


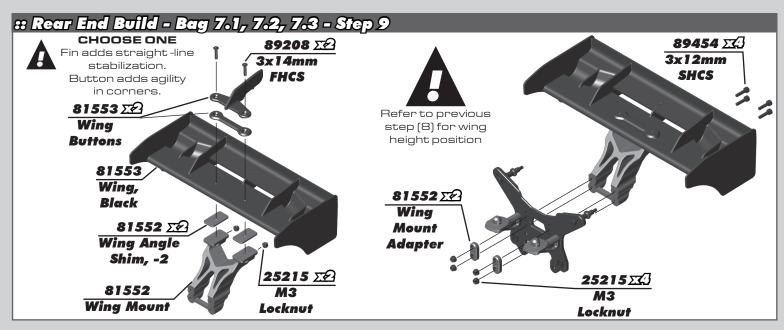


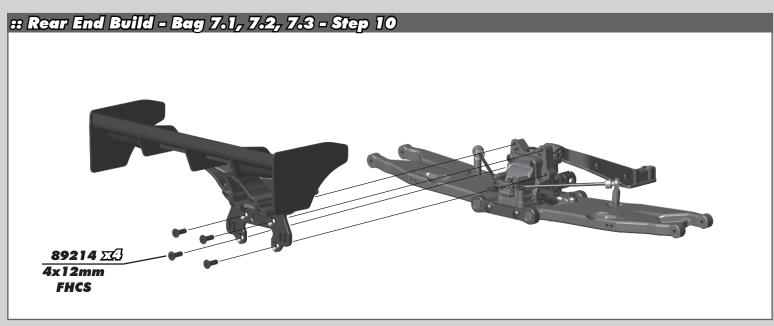


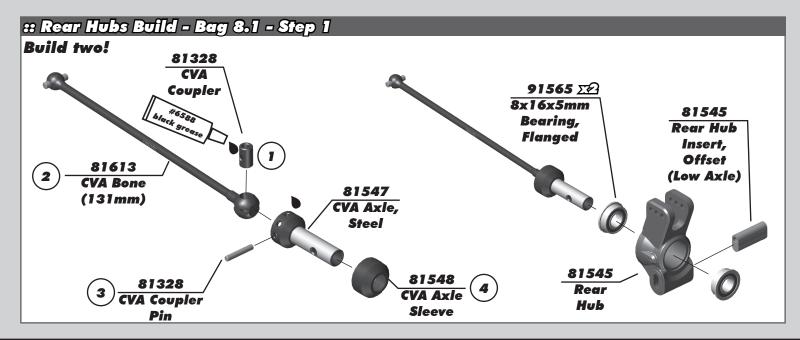


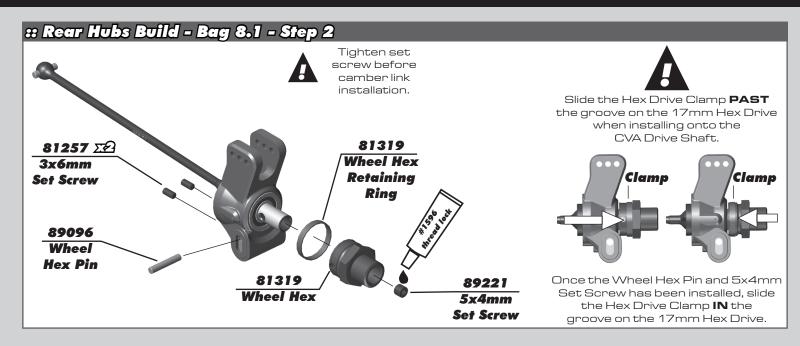


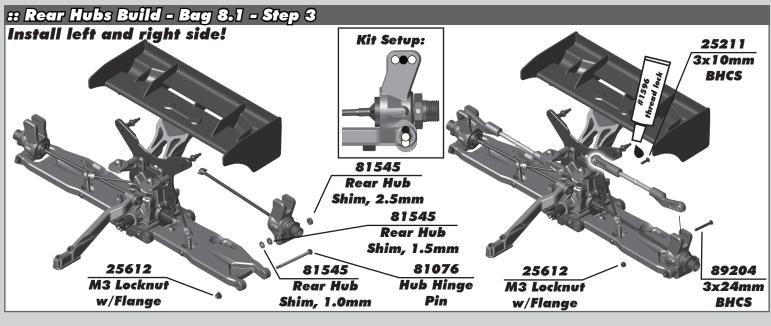


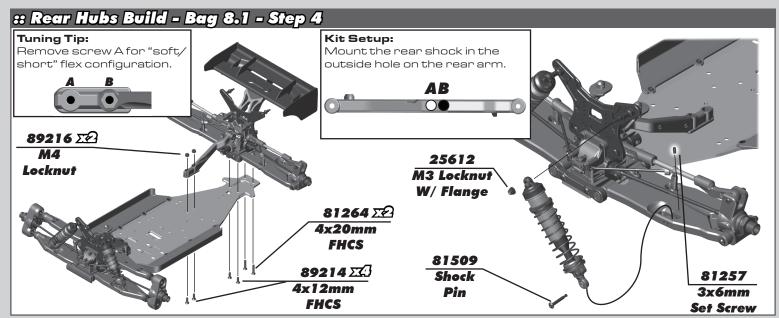








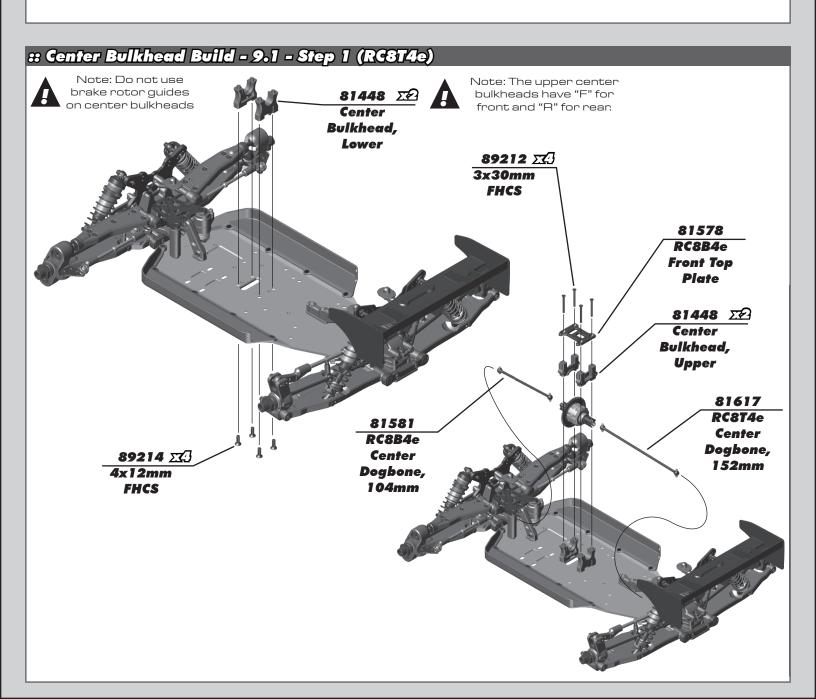


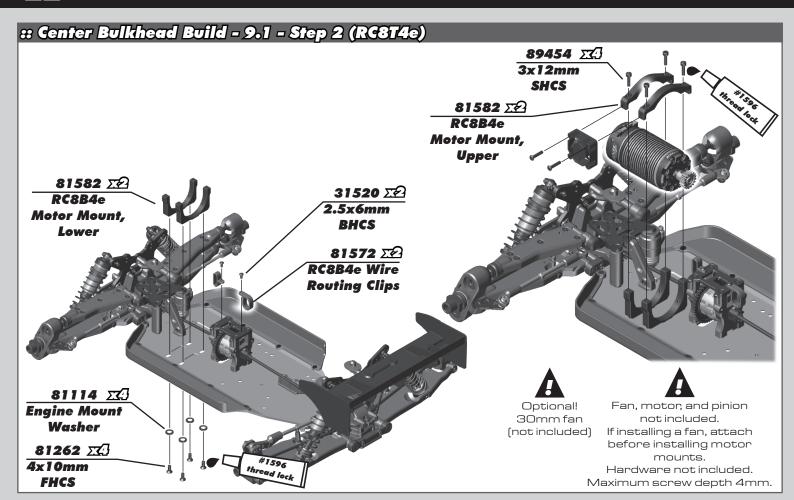


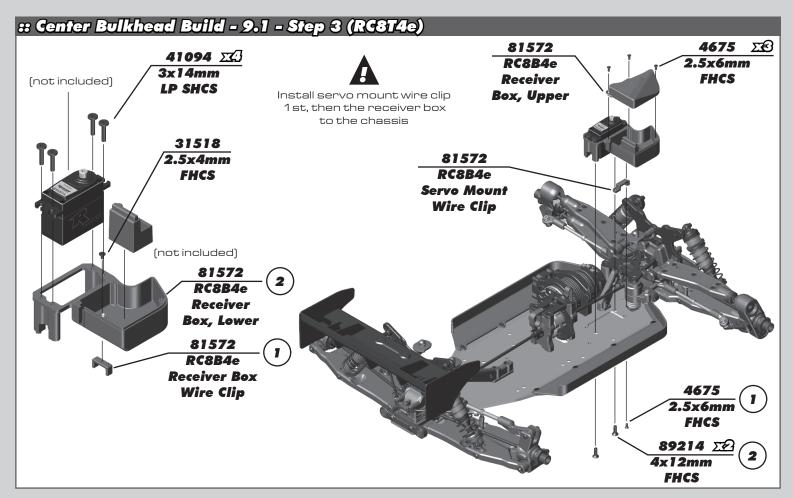
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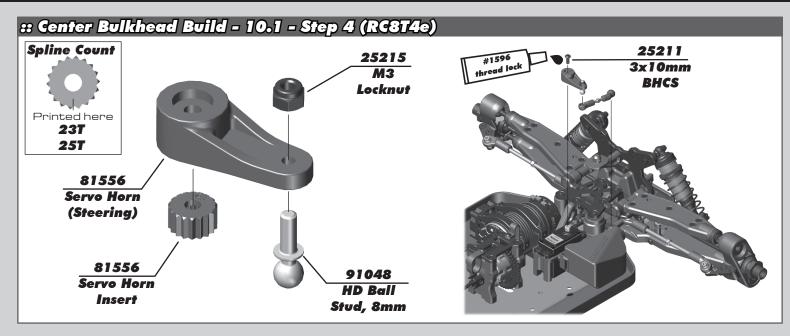
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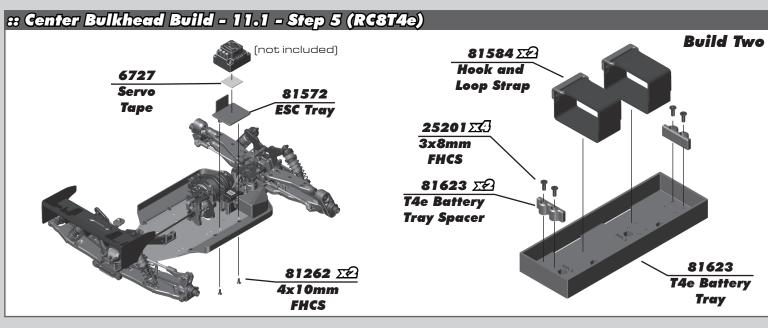
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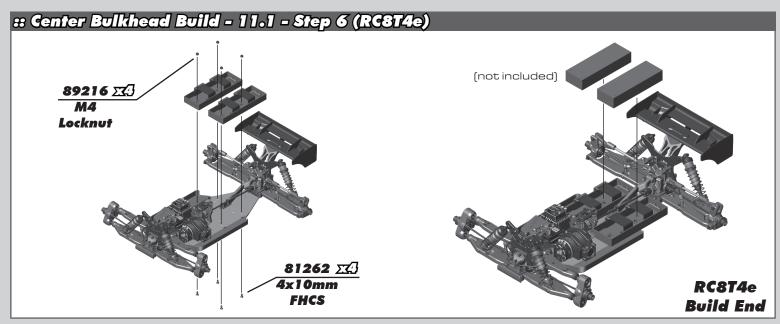


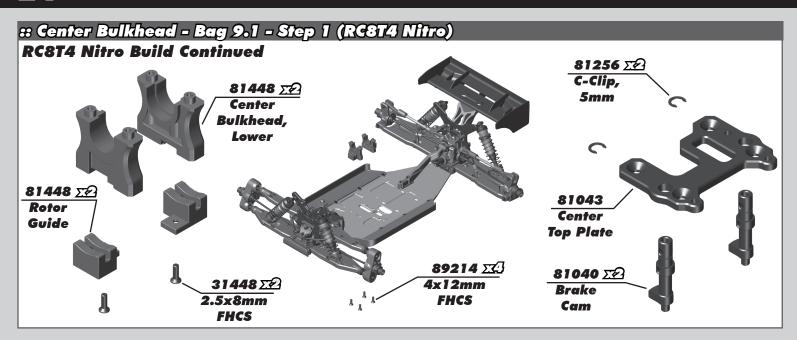


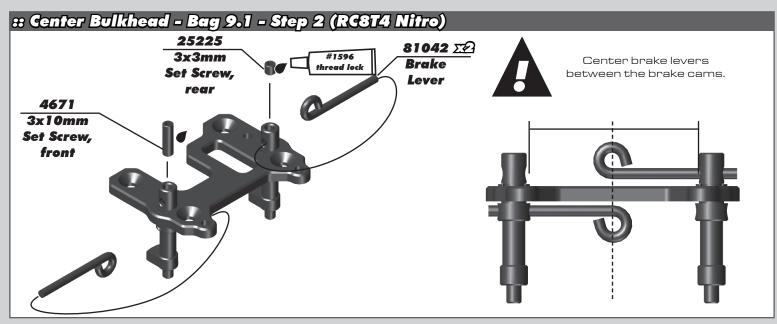


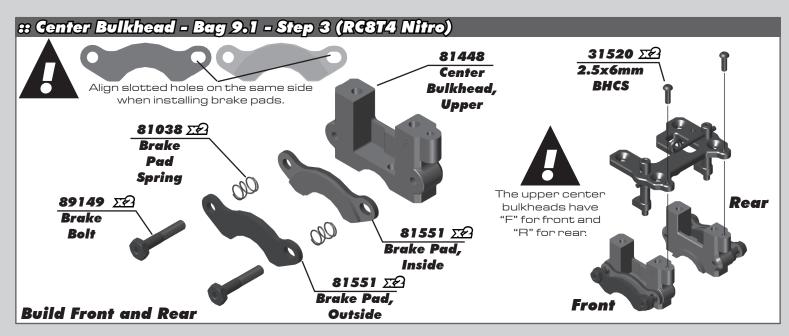


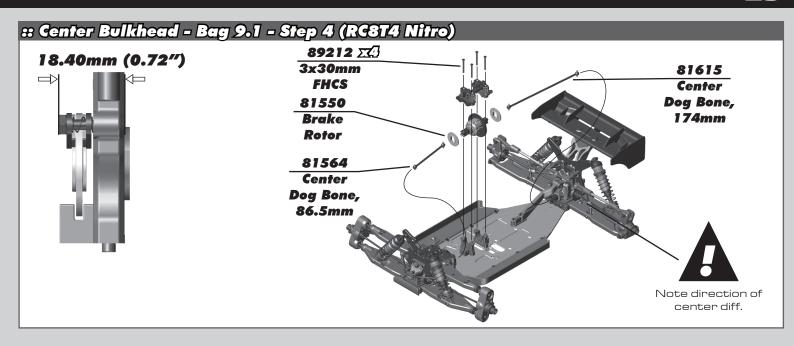


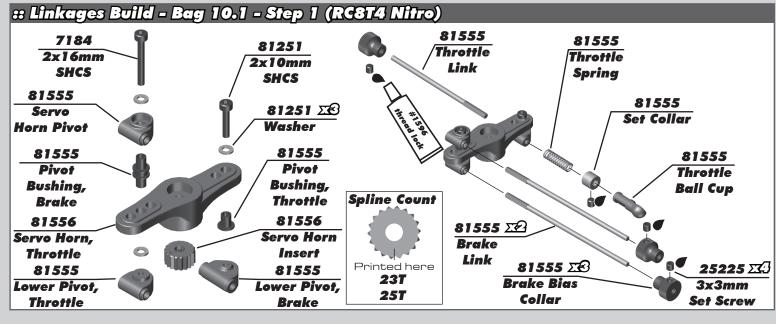


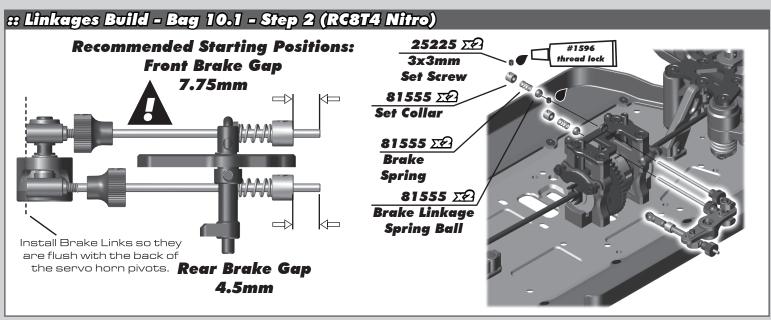


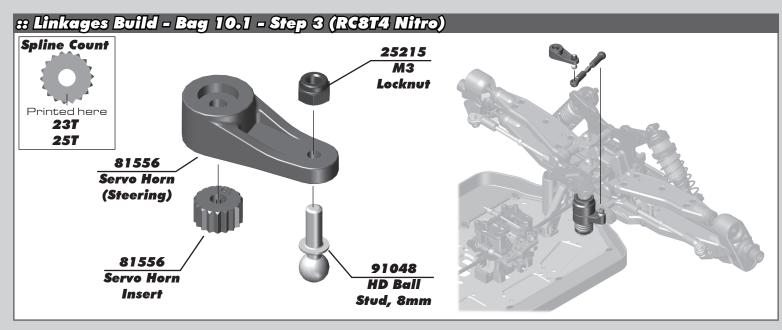


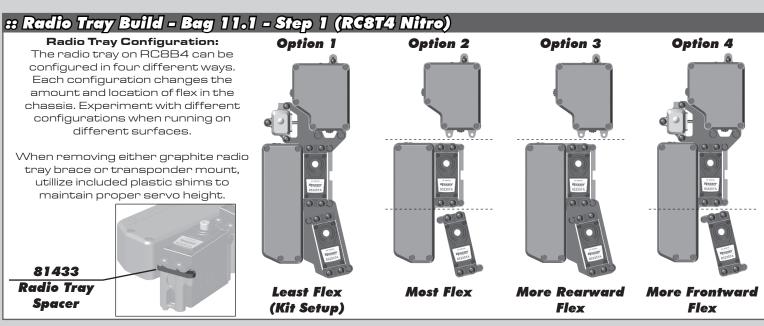


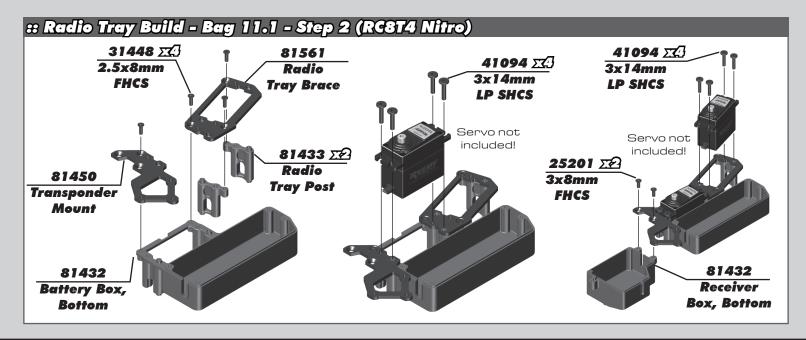


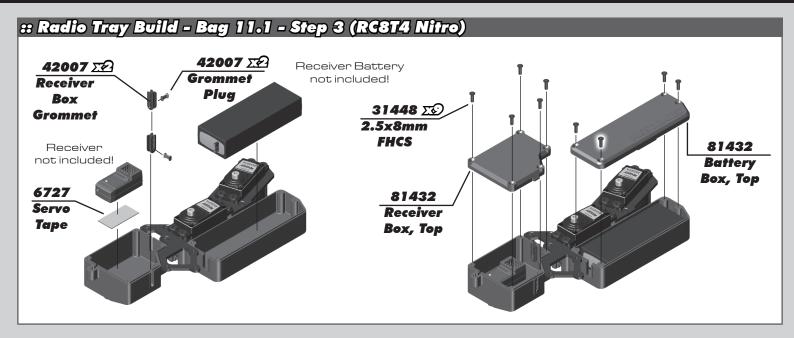


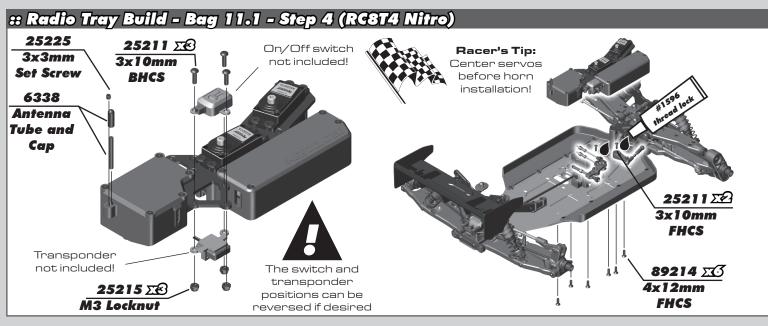


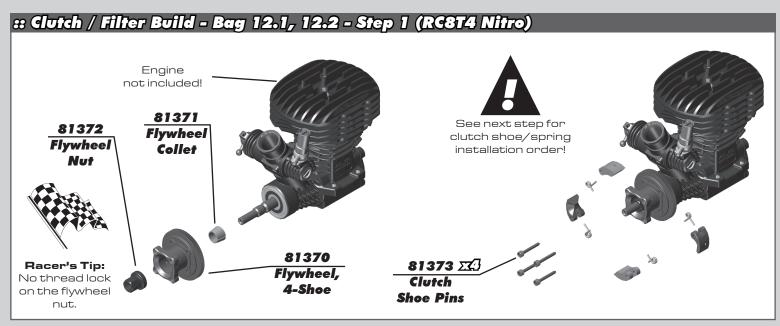


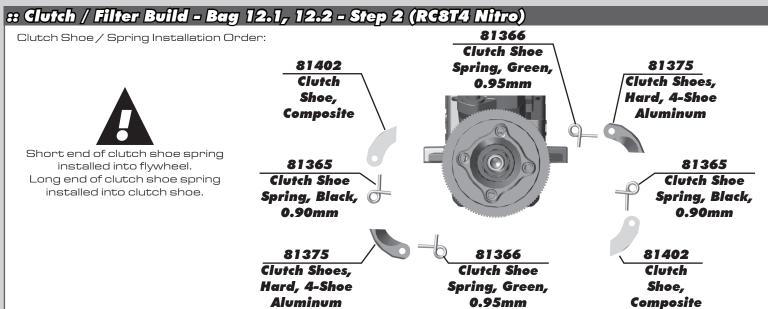


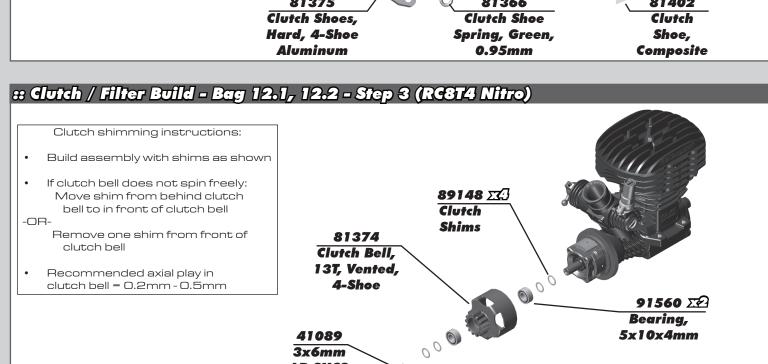




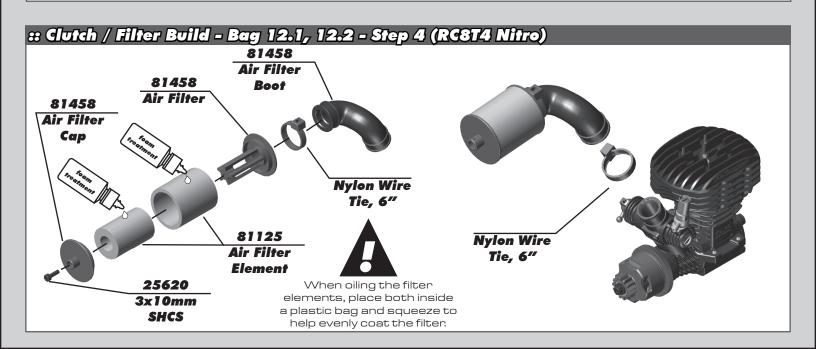


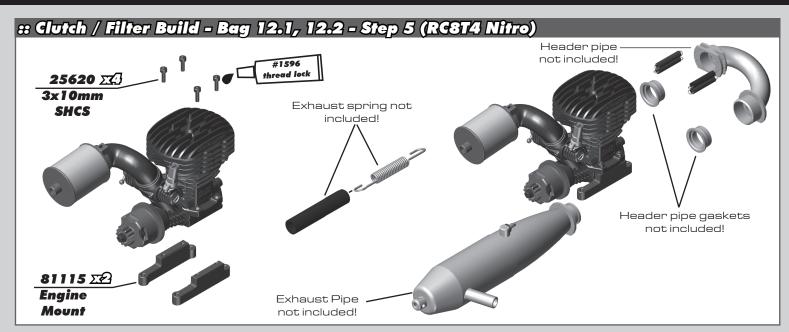


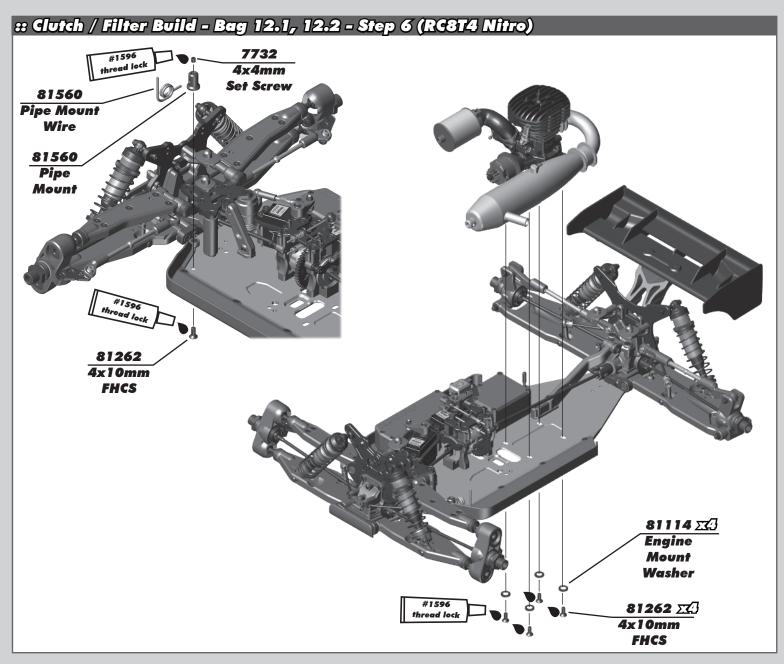




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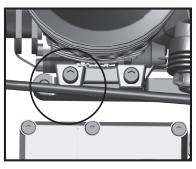


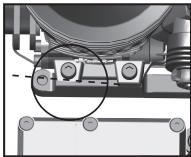


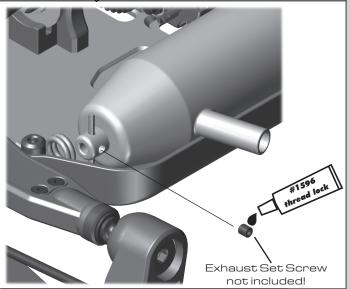
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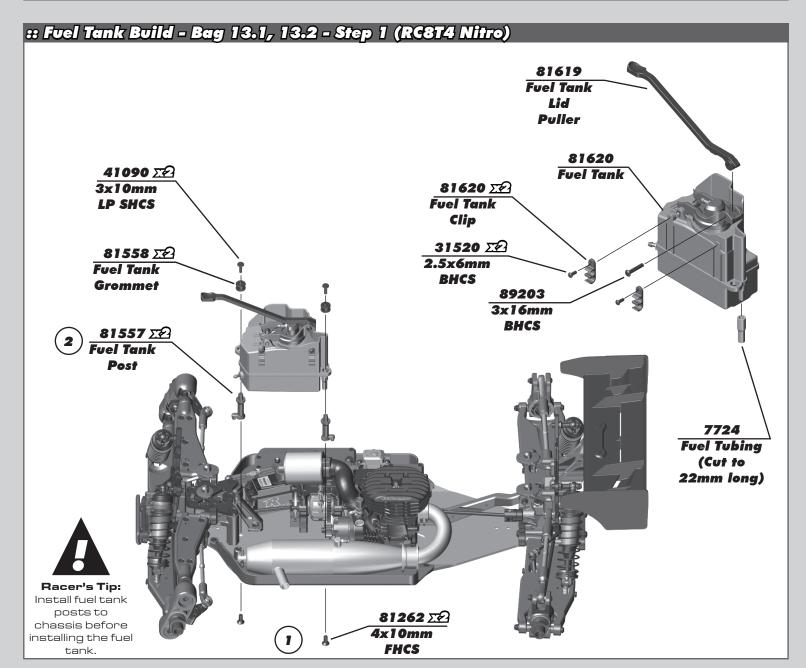


When installing your engine, make sure the rear drive shaft does not interfere with the engine block.
You may need to remove material from the engine block for fitment.



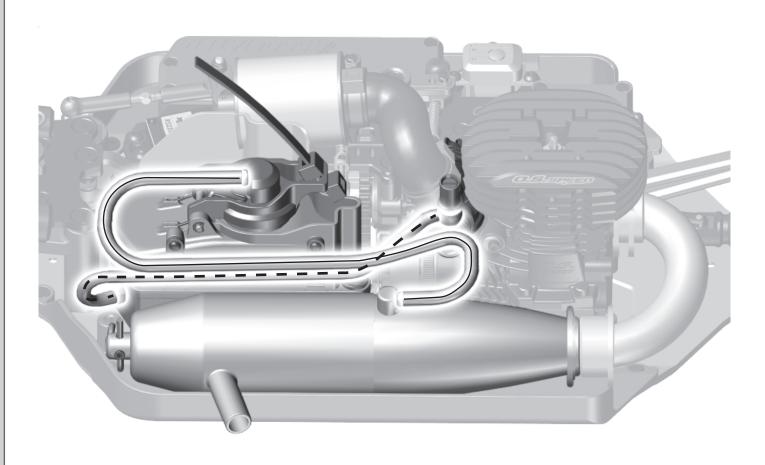






# :: Fuel Tank Build - Bag 13.1, 13.2 - Step 2 (RC8T4 Nitro)

Pressure line from fuel tank lid to exhaust pipe Fuel line from fuel tank to carburetor



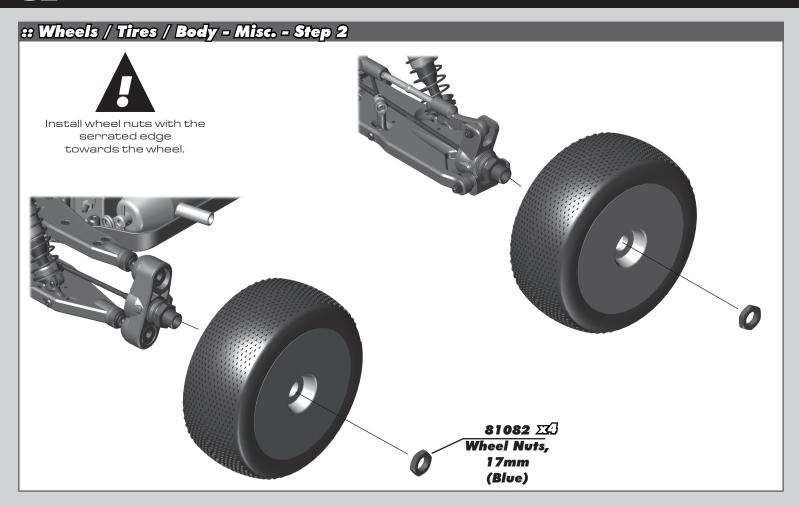
# :: Wheels / Tires / Body - Misc. - Step 1

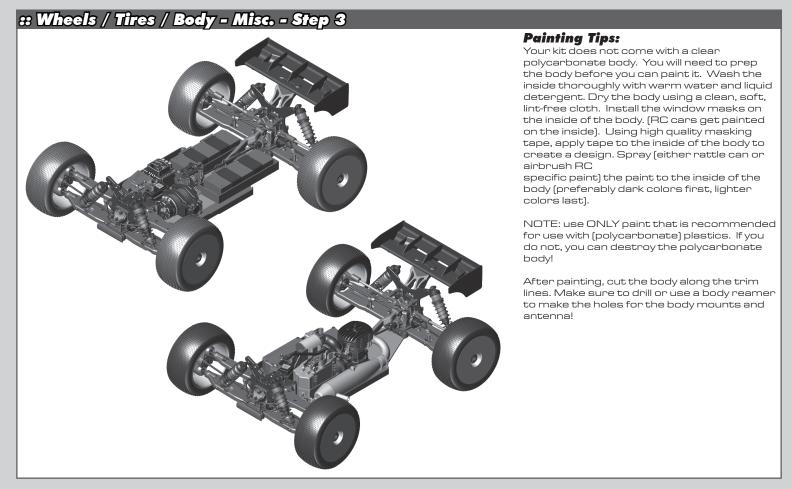




#### Tires:

When gluing tires to wheels, use a fast-curing tire glue (CA) (AE # 1597). This is available at your local hobby shop. Make sure to clean the mounting surface of the tire and wheel with alchohol for best adhesion.





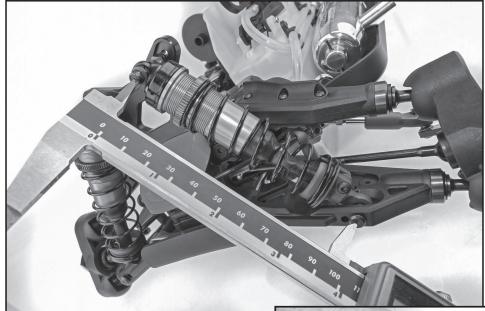
## :: Droop Settings

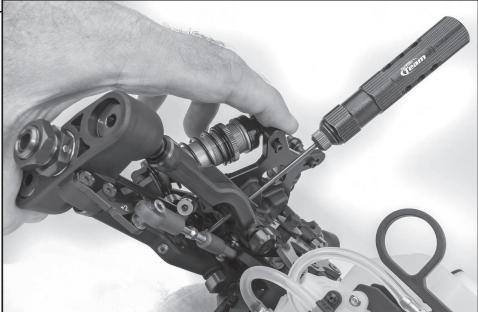
Set droop by measuring overall length of shock (from standoff to shock pin) while the chassis is elevated above your working surface. The shocks should be fully extended.

Kit setup for front droop is 105mm shock length, and 127mm shock length for the rear.

If the shock length is too long, adjust by turning the droop screws clockwise.

If the shock length is too short, adjust by turning the droop screws counter-clockwise.





**Front Droop:** Increasing front droop (loosen droop screws) will increase off-throttle steering. It also allows the front end to lift more, giving more rear grip and less front grip on-power. Remember to never loosen the screws beyond the FULL DROOP setting. Decreasing front droop (tighten droop screws) yields more on-power steering and quicker response at the expense of some stability in bumpy sections. It will also give less off-throttle steering.

**Rear Droop:** Increasing rear droop (loosen droop screws) will increase traction in bumpy sections, but will reduce high-speed stability. Remember to never loosen the screws beyond the FULL DROOP setting. Decreasing rear droop (tighten droop screws) will increase stability in high speed sections, but will reduce stability in bumpy sections.

## Setup Sheets:

To find different setups for your kit, visit our website, https://www.associatedelectrics.com/teamassociated/and click on the "Setup Sheets" link, and then the link to your model. Our team of professional drivers help develop these setups at races worldwide. Additionally, most drivers have a "base" setup that they use as a starting point for most races. Try running some of our base setups or look for track conditions and tires that are similar to your local track and replicate that setup. Remember, each adjustment has a purpose, so copy everything from the setup sheet and then make adjustments based on the recommendations in here.

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