ASSOCIATED 1:10 SCALE T3 MANUAL



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ASSOCIATED'S RC10T3 TRUCK--READER'S CHOICE OF THE YEAR TIMES!

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All kit versions include:

2.40:1 Associated transmission for effortless power handling. Lexan T3 racing body.

Quadra-symmetric suspension for greater stability and handling. Optimized front end geometry improves steerging and increases rigidity. Adjustable battery placement for fine tuning of traction or steering. 2.2" one-piece front and rear wheels.

Pro-Line Edge M2 front tires and Pro-Line "Bowtie" M2 rear tires.



BASIC+KIT

Shocks: Gold shocks. Rear Axles: Associated dogbones & stub axles.

Bushings throughout

and motor.

Shocks: Oil-filled shocks Rear Axles: Associated doabones & stub axles. Painted truck body.

Also includes:

Bushings throughout, quality AM radio, LRP Runner speed control, 20 turn motor, glued tires

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT TO RUN YOUR KIT

BUSHING KITS

for the T3 Sport kit #7013 R/C two channel surface frequency radio system with two servos. Battery pack (6 cell). Battery charger (we recommend a peak detection charger). 8 AA batteries.

for the T3 Basic+ kit #7003 R/C two channel surface frequency radio system with one servo. Battery pack (6 cell). Battery charger (we recommend a peak detection charger). Electronic speed control. Pinion gear, 48 ptich. Teeth to be determined by type and wind of motor.

FACTORY ASSEMBLED BUSHING TRUCKS

for the T3 ARR truck #7009 R/C two channel surface frequency radio system with one servo. Battery pack (6 cell). Battery charger (we recommend a peak detection charger). Electronic speed control. 8 AA batteries.

for the T3 RTR TRUCK #7010 Battery pack (6 cell). Battery charger (we recommend a peak detection charger). 8 AA batteries.

YOU WILL NEED THESE TOOLS TO ASSEMBLE YOUR KIT

Phillips screwdriver #2.

- Ø 1/8" flat head screwdriver. 3 5/16" driver or glow plug wrench.
- Needlenose pliers.
- Ø
- 6 Super glue (cyanoacrylic glue). Hobby knife WARNING! This knife 6 cuts plastic and fingers with equal ease, so be careful.
- ନ Precision ruler.

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Team Associated Locking Adhesive (#1596)

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 Molded tools (#6956):

TOOLS SUPPLIED

Allen wrenches. .050".

1/16", 3/32", 5/64".



Allen drivers (straight Allen wrenches with hex shaped handles) such as the following made • by Associated:

HELPFUL TOOLS (NOT REQUIRED)

8 AA batteries.

#6957 .050" Allen wrench 1/16" Allen wrench #6958 #6959 5/64" Allen wrench 3/32" Allen wrench #6960 #6961 2.5mm Allen wrench Hand drill with 1/8" & 1/4" bits Vernier calipers Hobby scissors

motor.

- Liquid dish soap
- Nut drivers (screwdriver-handled hex socket tools) such as the following from Associated:
- #SP-86 3/16" nut driver #SP-85 1/4" nut driver

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.

FACTORY TEAM

Shocks: Hard anodized. PTFEcoated gray. Rear Axles: MIP CVD's. Sealed ball bearings.

Pro-Line body in Team

and Factory Team kits shown.

Also includes: Factory Team parts, graphite chassis.

TEAM KIT Shocks: Hard

anodized. PTFEcoated gray. Rear Axles: MIP CVD's.

Also includes: Sealed ball bearings. Shocks: Gold shocks. Rear Axles: Associated dogbones & stub axles.

SPORT KIT

Bushings throughout.

Also includes: Mechanical speed control and motor.

Also includes:

BEARING KITS

for the Factory Team kit #7048

R/C two channel surface frequency radio system with one servo. Battery pack (6 cell). Battery charger (we recommend a peak detection charger). Electronic speed control. R/C electric motor. Pinion gear, 48 ptich. Teeth to be determined by type and wind of motor. 8 AA batteries.

for the T3 Team kit #7038

R/C two channel surface

a peak detection charger).

Electronic speed control.

Battery charger (we recommend

Pinion gear, 48 ptich. Teeth to be

determined by type and wind of

frequency radio system

Battery pack (6 cell).

R/C electric motor.

with one servo.

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READ THIS BEFORE BUILDING

READ THE MANUAL!

This manual is for several different T3 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 T3 kit. (You can use those numbers to upgrade your T3 kits to Factory Team specs.)

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 truck.





Hold the cup next to the ball with your pliers and twist the cup off.







About Tires & Inserts

REAR TIRES

Tire choice is one of the most crucial choices a racer has to make.

How do I know which tire to use?

- The harder the surface, the smaller the pin or spike on the tire. If the surface is soft or has a loose layer on top, the tire pin or spike will become longer to try and get down to the harder surface below.
- The smoother the surface, the softer the tire compound can be. With rougher surfaces, choose medium compound.
- Grass calls for hard compounds.
- Rougher surfaces and many corners favor rounded profile tires for their cornering traction. Smoother surfaces favor flatter profile tires for their maximum flat surface traction.
- Choose the tire that the most successful racers are using at that track. This saves you money--it keeps you from buying tires that won't work on the track.



TIPS FOR TIRES 1. With one piece rims, glue the tires to the rims with CA. Remember afterwards to vent the tires with a small hole so they won't bounce.

2. Try applying tire traction compound to all four tires when encountering slick surfaces. Use traction compound when on dry, clean tracks when you need more traction, especially through the corners.



TIP FOR INSERTS 1. Trim your foam inserts at the inside edge of the foam. This will allow the beads of the tire to fit to the rim better and the foam will also support the tire much better.

FOAM TIRE INSERTS

Today's tires are thin and need support to retain their shape. Tire inserts give this support.

How do I know which foam to use?

- The foam insert's density is important. The foam insert that comes with the tires nine times out of ten is the insert you should use.
- Too firm an insert will cause your car to bounce, resulting in loss of traction.
- Too light a foam will cause the car to wander and to be very unstable.

(This information and more is found in the **Complete Tuning Guide: T3** booklet. For more about this booklet, turn to page 30.)









RIGHT OUTDRIVE HUB

- Insert one #6597 bushing or #6589 bearing into the #9375 right hub.
- Add a **light** coat of #6591 diff lube to right hub where shown.
- Place a #9367 diff drive ring and then the gear assembly on the hub.

ASSEMBLE THE HUBS

- Add a **light** coat of #6591 diff lube to left hub where shown.
- 9 Place a #9367 diff drive ring on the hub.
- Push the #9370 left hub over the diff bolt and center the hub.

CHECK ALIGNMENT OF HUBS

- 7 Tighten the diff with your 5/64" Allen wrench, but not completely.
- 8 Rotate the diff hubs several times as you are tightening the bolt to check for proper alignment of the parts.
- 9 We'll adjust the diff on the next page.



ADJUST THE DIFFERENTIAL

• As you tighten the diff bolt, you will notice the T-nut ears moving closer to the bottom of the diff hub slot. This compresses the spring behind the T-nut. The spring should be fully compressed at the same time the T-nut reaches the end of the slot. *Caution:* Pay close attention to feeling when

the spring is fully compressed. **Do not overtighten the bolt.** When you feel the spring fully compressed, loosen the diff bolt 1/8 of a turn. No more, no less. Your diff should now operate very smoothly when turning the hubs in opposite directions. After you have driven the car once, recheck the diff adjustment. Never adjust the diff any other way.





center pin about shaft



TEAM & FACTORY TEAM KITS ONLY



step1 TEAM/FT

TEAM/FT ONLY: ASSEMBLE MIP CVD'S

- 0 Spread some #6588 Associated black grease inside the #7380 axle hole where shown, then on the #7381 coupling. Slide the coupling into the axle
- Ø Slide the #7380 axle into the #7379 dogbone, aligning the cross holes.
- 0 Insert the #7381 cross pin, spacing it evenly on both sides of the bone.
- 7379 0 0 0 Add the #7383 MIP thread lock to the #7381 set screw. Angle and turn 7381 6588 the CVD so the set screw can be screwed in with the Allen wrench. Repeat steps 1-4 for the remaining CVD. Ó 10 Slide two #7368 thin shims onto the #7380 axle. Slide one 7260 #3977 unflanged bearing onto the axle. Push the CVD Ð 0 assembly into the back of the #7366 rear hub carrier. 6273 7380 6 6272 Ø Slide one #7377 spacer into the hub carrier from the 7368 Ø 7383 front followed by the second #3977 bearing. 0 7381 thread lock Ø Slide one #7368 thick shim onto the axle. 7381 coupling ß Install the #7369 drive pin with your needlenose pliers. Θ 3977 Assemble the other hub carrier. q 1 Thread on the #6273 ball end into the REAR 0 0 hole shown and add the #7260 nut to 7366 7369 7377 ଡ the other side. (When you do the other 7368 3977 hub carrier, thread the ball end into the other side so both ball ends will point to the front when assembled.) Add a #6272 dust cover to the ball ends.

step 2 TEAM/FT

TEAM/FT ONLY: MOUNT REAR HUB CARRIERS

- 0 Place the left rear hub carrier assembly and two 1/16" #6466 spacers between the holes as shown. The spacers are on the back side of the hub carrier, shortening the wheelbase.
- 0 Install the #9263 hinge pin through the arm and hub carrier. Install two #6299 E-clips.
- 3 Follow steps 1 & 2 for the right side.



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SUPPLEMENTARY SHEET

For RC10T3 Team Built Trucks only. This page replaces page 13 of your RC10T3 instruction manual.



step 1

ASSEMBLE REAR AXLES

- Slide one #3977 bearing onto the #7378 axle and one #7377 bearing spacer on the axle. Push the axle into the back of the #7366 left hub carrier.
- Install the second #3977 bearing into the hub carrier.
 Slide two #7368 thin shims onto the axle. Push
- Slide two #7368 thin shims onto the axle. Push the #7369 roll pin into the axle hole and center both ends outside.
- Thread the #6273 ball end into the hole shown and add the #7260 nut to the other side. (When you do the other hub carrier, thread the ball end into the other side so both ball ends will point to the front when assembled.) Add a #6272 dust cover to the ball end.
- Slide the #7361 dogbone into the axle.



step 2

MOUNT REAR HUB CARRIERS

- Push the #5407 O-ring into the outdrive of the transmission, then the dogbone and hub carrier assembly into the transmission outdrive. The dogbone pins should slide into the slots of the outdrive.
- Place the hub carrier assembly and two 1/16" #6466 spacers between the arms holes. The spacers are on the back side of the hub carrier, which pushes the hub carrier closer to the front axle, shortening the wheelbase.
- Install the #9263 hinge pin through arm, spacers and hub carrier. Install two #6299 Eclips.
- 4 Assemble and mount the other side.



BASIC, SPORT, RTR, ARR ONLY



step 1 BASIC, SPORT, RTR, ARR trucks

ASSEMBLE REAR AXLES

- Install a #6599 bushing into both ends of the #7366 left hub carrier.
- Push the #7378 axle into the #7366 hub carrier.
- Slide two #7368 thin shims onto the end of the axle.
- Push the #7369 drive pin into the axle hole and center both ends outside.
- Thread on the #6273 ball end into the hole shown and add the #7260 nut to the other side. (When you do the other hub carrier, thread the ball end into the other side so both ball ends will point to the front when assembled.) Add a #6272 dust cover to the ball end.
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step 2 BASIC, SPORT, RTR, ARR trucks

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- 4 Assemble and mount the other side.



ALL KITS



step 3 REAR VIEW

COMPLETED REAR ASSEMBLY



Connect ball ends with the turnbuckle ball cups as shown, using your needlenose pliers. Assemble both right and left sides.









SNAP

SNAP



ASSEMBLE SHOCKS

- Install the #6469 large O-ring over the thread of each shock body.
- On the #6459 (6417*) front shock shaft, install a #6299 E-clip on both sides of the #6465 (#2) piston from step #1.
- On the #6458 (6416*) rear shock shaft, install a #6299 E-clip on both sides of a #6465 (#1) piston from step #1.
- Insert the shock shaft assemblies into the shock bodies.
- Push the #7217 pivot ball and eyelet together.
- **6** As you hold the shaft with a rag and needlenose pliers next to the threads, screw the eyelet onto the end of each shock shaft.



step 4

FILLING THE SHOCKS

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

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 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.

G 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

(b) 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.



Then the shaft should push itself out approximately 1/4" to 3/8" (6.3mm - 9.5mm").

3 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 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.







step 3 RIGHT SIDE

INSTALL THE MOTOR

- Attach three capacitors to your motor according to the instructions that came with your motor, if they are not on already. For the **Sport kit**, solder the colored plug wire to a positive tab on the motor and the black wire to a negative tab. For the **Basic, Team & Factory Team kits,** you must buy your own motor, then follow this step.
- Install the #6681 gear with the #6951 set screw going to the flat side of the shaft. For the Basic, Team & Factory Team kits, you must buy your own pinion gear. If you use an electonic speed control, see its directions for installing motor capacitors.
- Use two #6515 screws and two #6936 washers to mount the motor as shown so the gears mesh.

SET THE GEAR MESH

You should be able to rock the spur gear back and forth in the teeth of the pinion gear without making the pinion gear move. If the plastic gear is tight, then loosen the #6515 screws and move the motor away, then try again. A gear mesh that is too tight or too loose will reduce power and damage the gear teeth.

SPORT KIT ONLY

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6681

6951

6515

6936



step 4

MOUNTS TO SERVO

Attach the #7527 mounts to the servo with four #6932 screws and four #6936 washers. Orient your servo output shaft as shown here.

1 6932 **(2) RESISTOR TO SERVO** 9 6932 🕤 2 Push the #8850 brackets **1** 6936 into the #6711 resistor. 6 A 6936 **(** Attach the brackets to the **1** 6932 mounts with two #6932 6932 🕦 screws and two #6936 **1** 6936 Θ washers. 6 6936 🛈 0 0 7527 8850 a 3 6936 7527 The **3** 6932 0 6711 Ø 3 6936 8850 **3** 6932 <u>O</u>mm

step 5

MODIFY THE SERVO HORN

• There are many servo horns available. The round one is the best one.

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You must modify the horn if you are not using the round one. Trim them so they don't go beyond the #6712 throttle wiper arm outer edge. Also trim so it will clear the resistor.



- FINAL RESISTOR/ SERVO ASSEMBLY Attach the #6712 arm to the horn with the #3721 screw and #2 washer.
- Mount the arm and horn to the servo with the screw from your servo. Trim the #3721 screw tip if it contacts the servo body.
- Add the #6714 mount using #6925 screw and #6242 locknut.
- Add the #6714 bypass tab to the #6714 mount with a #6924 screw and #6936 washer.





ASSEMBLED THROTTLE ARM AND RESISTOR

SPORT KIT ONLY





step 9 LEFT SIDE

RADIO RECEIVER TO CHASSIS

- Cut a piece of servo tape, remove the paper from one side, and attach it to the bottom of your receiver.
- **2** Slip the receiver wire through the built-in chassis antenna mount.
- Bemove the paper from the other side and attach to the chassis as shown.
- Plug the small #6747 BEC plug (of step 7) into the receiver's on/off switch.
- 5 Follow the instructions that accompany your radio receiver system.





step 1 LEFT SIDE

INSTALLING THE BATTERY PACK

- 1 Install the three #9235 foam battery pads.
- Install the four #9238 foam battery spacers. (The tuning section will show you how to adjust your steering or traction by moving these spacers.)
- Install your battery pack. (See section at right if you need to assemble it first.)
- Thread on the #6929 screw. Aim the body clip hole across the chassis. Add the #7333 (7334*) battery hold down strap. Adjust the screw so the batteries are held tight, but you are still able to push the #6332 body clip through the screw.



SOLDERING INDIVIDUAL CELLS

Solder connections properly to assemble a battery pack from individual cells. *TIP:* Team racers prefer battery bars or braid for sturdier connections. Insulated wire will not allow the pack to fit in the battery slot.





REAR

step 4

MOUNT THE ANTENNA

- Push your reciever wire through the built-in antenna mount hole.
- Phread the wire through the #6338 antenna and push the antenna firmly into the chassis' antenna mount hole.
- 3 Add the #6338 cap to the other end of the antenna tube.



BAG H

REMOVE THESE PARTS FOR:

Step 5



6919, qty 2 4-40 x 5/16 screw

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TEAM & FACTORY TEAM

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TOOLS USED



BASIC & SPORT KITS

(spoiler is not included in kit)

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cut openings

for body

spoiler

body mount

antenna

body mounts

step 5



- painted before.) Trim the spoiler from the Chevy body as shown in step 3 below.
- Secure the body to the chassis with three #6332 body clips where shown.

TEAM & FACTORY TEAM



cut openings for wheels

BASIC & SPORT KITS (spoiler is not included in kit)



front body clips





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SPOILER MOUNTING

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(Spoiler is not included in Basic & Sport kits. Order #7185 Spoiler from Associated.) Cut spoiler from Chevy body where shown. Mount to rear of body using 4-40 nuts and

Mount to rear of body using 4-40 nuts as screws.













REAR WHEELS AND TIRES

- Make a 1/8" hole in the #7803 wheel.
- Make sure the #7880 foam insert is centered in the #7824 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. WARNING: Follow the adhesive instructions for proper use and safety. Wear eye and hand protection.
- Install the wheel assembly onto the axle, lining up the roll pin with the slot in the wheel. Thread on the #3438 locknut.
- 5 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.
- 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 or #6599 bushings into both sides of the front wheel.
- Install the wheel assembly onto the axle. Thread on the #6222 locknut.
- 6 Finish the second front wheel and tire.

POWER 20 MOTOR MAINTENANCE

Between runs let your motor cool and inspect it for dirt or other deposits. Make sure not to overheat the motor or this will cause serious damage. After inspection, if your motor is dirty, remove it from your truck and follow these instructions.

- 1 One recommended method of cleaning is to spray motor cleaner (electric contact cleaner) directly in through the can area onto the brushes and commutator area.
- 2 After spraying, run the motor for approximately 15 seconds.
- **3** Disconnect the motor and spray it again, making sure the spray comes out clear and clean.
- 4 After completing the cleaning, apply a small amount of lightweight oil (such as 3-in-1[™] brand) to each bushing for lubrication. Be careful not to apply too much oil, for this will pick up dirt and damage the commutator and brushes.

Use the recommended gearing for this motor, 18 tooth pinion gear with 87 tooth spur gear.

Reinstall the motor according to page 19.







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