

## JR R921 Receiver

The R921 receiver combines two internal with one or two (optional) remote receivers (JRPRR121), offering superior path diversity. The radio system simultaneously transmits on two frequencies, creating up to four RF paths on two different 2.4GHz channels. This multi path redundancy, plus the fact that each of the up to 4 receivers are located in different locations throughout the aircraft, exposes each to a different RF environment creating a superior RF link in all conditions. The JR R921 allows the use of an optional Flight Log Data Recorder (JRPA145). The Flight Log plugs into the data port and provides quality of RF link data of the previous flight, allowing the confirmation of the operational performance of the systems.

### Features

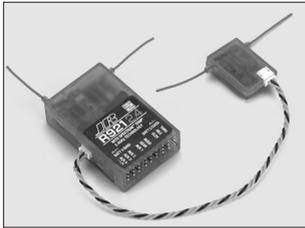
- 9 channels
- 2 internal receivers
- 1 or 2 (optional) remote receiver(s)
- Patented MultiLink™ technology
- Two types of fail-safe—SmartSafe™ and Preprogrammed fail-safe
- Flight Log compatible

### Specifications

- Number of channels—9
- Modulation—DSM2
- Band—2.400 to 2.4835GHz
- Dimensions (WxLxH)—.35" x 2.06" x 0.55"
- Weight—Main 15 g/ .6 oz; Remote 3 g/ .2 oz each
- Current—70mA
- Voltage range—3.5 to 9.6V

## Installing the R921 Receiver

The R921 incorporates dual internal receivers and one or two remote receivers, offering the security of up to four simultaneous RF links for the ultimate in multi-path RF security. Two internal receivers are located on the main PC board, while a third remote receiver must be plugged into one of the antenna ports in order for the system to operate. Optionally, a second remote receiver can be plugged into the remaining remote antenna port giving a total of four operational receivers. By locating these receivers in different locations throughout the aircraft, each receiver is exposed to its own RF environment, greatly improving path diversity (the ability of the receiver to see the signal in all conditions).



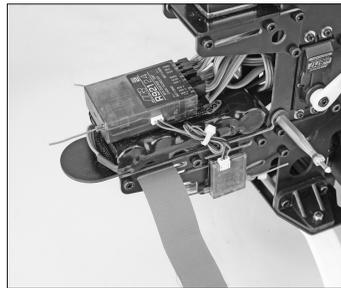
**Note:** The R921 requires that at least one remote receiver be used.

Install the main receiver using the same method you would use to install a conventional receiver in your aircraft. Typically wrap the main receiver in protective foam and fasten it in place using rubber bands or Velcro straps. Alternately, in electric models or in jets (low vibration), it's acceptable to use thick double-sided foam tape to fasten the main receiver in place.

Mounting the remote receiver(s) in a different location(s) from the primary receiver gives tremendous improvements in path diversity. Essentially each receiver sees a different RF environment, and this is the key to maintaining a solid RF link, even in aircraft that have substantial conductive materials (i.e. turbine engines with metal tail pipes, carbon fiber, tuned pipes, etc.) which can attenuate the signal.



In helicopters, there is generally enough room on the servo tray to achieve the necessary separation. If space is limited, a mount can be made using clear plastic to mount the external antenna.



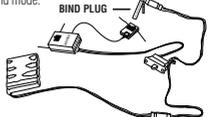
## R921 Binding Instructions

The R921 receiver must be bound to the transmitter before it will operate. Binding is the process of teaching the receiver the specific code of the transmitter or transmitter module so it will connect only to that specific transmitter. Once bound, the receiver will only connect to that specific transmitter (module) or when used with a Spektrum™ or JR® transmitter that has ModelMatch™, the receiver will only connect when the previously bound model memory is selected. If another model memory is selected, the receiver will not connect. This feature is called ModelMatch and prevents flying a model using the wrong model memory.

### QuickConnect

In the event of a power interruption, the receiver will reconnect with the transmitter immediately when power is restored. This feature helps avoid control loss during short interruptions in power. **NOTE:** If a power loss occurs, the LEDs on the main receiver and remote receiver rapidly flash indicating a power loss has occurred. If this happens, it is strongly suggested that the cause be determined and corrected before further flying.

**Note:** The R921 features DSM2™ technology and is compatible with all Spektrum and JR DSM2 aircraft transmitters. The R921 is not compatible with the DX6 first-generation DSM® park flyer system.

1. With the system hooked up as shown, insert the bind plug in the charge plug receptacle. The switch must be a 3-wire type switch (JRPA001 or JRPA004) to enter the bind mode through the switch. If a 3-wire switch is not available, install the male bind plug into the charge plug receptacle and power the receiver through any other open port to enter bind mode.
2. Turn on the receiver switch. Note that the LED's on both receivers should be flashing, indicating that the receiver is ready to bind. To program SmartSafe™, leave the bind plug in the receiver during the entire bind process. To program Preset Failsafe with the LED's flashing, remove the bind plug prior to step 4. This will program the receiver in the Preset Failsafe mode.
3. Establish the desired failsafe stick positions: normally low throttle and flight controls neutral.
4. Press and hold the bind button on the back of the transmitter while turning on the power switch. The bind button should flash and within a few seconds the system should connect. The LED's on the receivers should go solid, indicating the system has connected.
5. Remove the bind plug and store it in a convenient place.
6. After you've programmed your model, it's important to rebind the system so the true low throttle and neutral control surface positions are programmed.  
**Note:** To bind an aircraft with an electronic speed controller that powers the receiver through the throttle channel (BEC), insert the bind plug into the battery port and proceed to Step #2.

## The R921 features two types of failsafe: SmartSafe™ and Preset Failsafe

### SmartSafe Failsafe

SmartSafe is ideal for most types of electric aircraft and is also recommended for most types of gas- and glow-powered models. With SmartSafe, when signal is lost the throttle channel only is driven to its preset failsafe position (normally low throttle) while all other channels hold last command. Here's how SmartSafe works:

#### Receiver power only

When the receiver only is turned on (no transmitter signal is present), all servos except for throttle are driven to their preset failsafe positions, normally control surfaces at neutral and the landing gear down. These failsafe positions are stored in the receiver during binding. At this time the throttle channel has no output, to avoid operating or arming the electronic speed control. In glow-powered models, the throttle servo has no input signal so it remains in its current position.

#### After connection

When the transmitter is turned on and after the receiver connects to the transmitter, normal control of all channels occurs. After the system makes a connection, if loss of signal occurs SmartSafe drives the throttle servo only to its preset failsafe position (low throttle) that was set during binding. All other channels hold their last commanded position. When the signal is regained, the system immediately (less than 4ms) regains control.

#### SmartSafe:

- Prevents unintentional electric motor response on start-up.
- Eliminates the possibility of over-driving servos on start-up by storing preset failsafe positions.
- Establishes low-throttle failsafe and maintains last-commanded control surface position if the RF signal is lost. **Note:** Failsafe positions are stored via the stick and switch positions on the transmitter during binding.

### Preset Failsafe

Preset Failsafe is ideal for sailplanes and is preferred by some modelers for their glow- and gas-powered aircraft. With Preset Failsafe, if the signal is lost all channels are driven to their preset failsafe positions. Here's how Preset Failsafe works:

#### Receiver power only

When the receiver only is turned on (no transmitter signal is present), all servos except for throttle are driven to their preset failsafe positions, normally control surfaces at neutral and the landing gear down. These failsafe positions are stored in the receiver during binding. At this time the throttle channel has no output, to avoid operating or arming the electronic speed control. In glow-powered models, the throttle servo has no input signal so it remains in its current position.

#### After connection

When the transmitter is turned on and after the receiver connects to the transmitter, normal control of all channels occurs. After the system makes a connection, if loss of signal occurs Preset Failsafe drives all servos to their preset failsafe positions that were set during binding. For sailplanes, it's recommended that the spoilers/laps deploy to de-thermalize the aircraft, preventing a flyaway. Some powered modelers prefer to use this failsafe system to program a slight turn and low throttle to prevent their aircraft from flying away. When the signal is regained, the system immediately (less than 4ms) regains control.

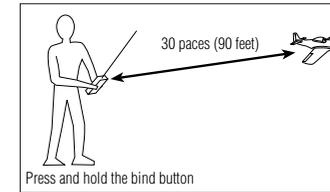
#### Preset Failsafe:

- Prevents unintentional electric motor response on start-up.
- Eliminates the possibility of over-driving servos on start-up by storing preset failsafe positions.
- Establishes preset failsafe servo positions for all channels if the signal is lost. **Note:** Failsafe positions are stored via the stick and switch positions.

## Standard Range Testing

Before each flying session, and especially with a new model, it's important to perform a range check. The X9303 2.4 incorporates a range testing system which, when the bind button on the transmitter is pressed and held, reduces the output power, allowing a range check.

### Range Testing the X9303 2.4



1. With the model resting on the ground, stand 30 paces (approx. 90 feet) away from the model.
2. Face the model with the transmitter in your normal flying position and depress and hold the bind button on the back of the transmitter. This causes reduced power output from the transmitter.
3. You should have total control of the model with the button depressed at 30 paces (90 feet).
4. If control issues exist, call the JR Service Center at 1-877-504-0233 for further assistance.

## Advanced Range Testing Using a Flight Log

While the above Standard Range Testing procedure is recommended for most sport aircraft, for sophisticated aircraft that contain significant amounts of conductive/reflective materials (i.e. turbine-powered jets, some types of scale aircraft, aircraft with carbon fuselages, etc.) the following advanced range check will confirm that all internal and remote receivers are operating optimally and that the installation (position of the receivers) is optimized for the specific aircraft. This Advanced Range Check allows the RF performance of each individual internal and remote receiver to be evaluated and to optimize the locations of each individual remote receiver.

### Advanced Range Testing the X9303 2.4

1. Plug a Flight Log (JRPA145, optional) into the data port in the R921 receiver and turn on the system (transmitter and receiver).
2. Advance the Flight Log until F- frame losses are displayed, by pressing the button on the flight log.
3. Have a helper hold your aircraft while he observes the Flight Log data.
4. Standing 30 paces away from the model, face the model with the transmitter in your normal flying position and depress and hold the bind button on the back of the transmitter. This causes reduced power output from the transmitter.

5. Have your helper position the model in various orientations (nose up, nose down, nose toward the transmitter, nose away from the transmitter, etc.) while your helper is watching the Flight Log, noting any correlation between the aircraft's orientation and Frame Losses. Do this for 1 minute. The timer on the X9303 can be used here. For giant-scale aircraft, it's recommended that the airplane be tipped up on its nose and rotated 360 degrees for one minute, then record the data. Next place the airplane on its wheels and do a second test, rotating the aircraft in all directions for one minute.

6. After one minute, release the bind button. A successful range check will have recorded zero frame losses. Scrolling the Flight Log through the Antenna fades (A, B, L, R) allows you to evaluate the performance of each receiver. Antenna fades should be relatively uniform. If a specific antenna is experiencing a high degree of fades, then that antenna should be moved to a different location.

7. A successful Advanced test will yield the following:

H- 0 holds

F- 0 frame losses

A, B, R, L- Antenna fades will typically be less than 100  
It's important to compare the relative antenna fades and if a particular receiver has significantly higher antenna fades (2 to 3X), then the test should be redone, and if the same results occur, move the offending receiver to a different location.

## Flight Log (JRPA145)—Optional for R921 Receiver



The Flight Log is compatible with R921 receivers. The Flight Log displays overall RF link performance as well as the individual internal and external receiver link data. Additionally it displays receiver voltage.

### Using the Flight Log

After a flight and before turning off the receiver or transmitter, plug the Flight Log into the Data port on the R921 receiver. The screen will automatically display voltage i.e. 6v2= 6.2 volts.

**Note:** When the voltage reaches 4.8 volts or less, the screen will flash indicating low voltage.

Press the button to display the following information:

- A - Antenna fades on internal antenna A
- B - Antenna fades on internal antenna B
- L - Antenna fades on the left external antenna
- R - Antenna fades on the right external antenna
- F - Frame loss
- H - Holds

Antenna fades—represents the loss of a bit of information on that specific antenna.

Typically it's normal to have as many as 50 to 100 antenna fades during a flight.

If any single antenna experiences over 500 fades in a single flight, the antenna should be repositioned in the aircraft to optimize the RF link.

Frame loss—represents simultaneous antenna fades on all attached receivers. If the RF link is performing optimally, frame losses per flight should be less than 20.

A hold occurs when 45 continuous (one right after the other) frame losses occur.

This takes about one second. If a hold occurs during a flight, it's important to re-evaluate the system, moving the antennas to different locations and/or checking to be sure the transmitter and receivers are all working correctly.

**Note:** A servo extension can be used to allow the Flight Log to more conveniently be plugged in without having to remove the aircraft's hatch or canopy. On some models, the Flight Log can be plugged in, attached and left on the model using double-sided tape. This is common with helicopters, mounting the Flight Log conveniently to the side frame.

## Receiver Power System Requirements

With all radio installations, it is vital that the onboard power system provides adequate power without interruption to the receiver even when the system is fully loaded (servos at maximum flight loads). This becomes especially critical with giant-scale models that utilize multiple high torque/high current servos. Inadequate power systems that are unable to provide the necessary minimum voltage to the receiver during flight loads have become the number one cause of in-flight failures. Some of the power system components that affect the ability to properly deliver adequate power include: the selected receiver battery pack (number of cells, capacity, cell type, state of charge), switch harness, battery leads, regulator (if used), power bus (if used).

While R921 receivers' minimum operational voltage is 3.5 volts, it is highly recommended the system be tested per the guidelines below to a minimum acceptable voltage of 4.8 volts during ground testing. This will provide head room to compensate for battery discharging or if the actual flight loads are greater than the ground test loads.

### Recommended Power System Guidelines

- When setting up large or complex aircraft with multiple high torque servos, it's highly recommended a current and voltmeter (Hangar 9 HAN172) be used. Plug the voltmeter in an open channel port in the receiver and with the system on, load the control surfaces (apply pressure with your hand) while monitoring the voltage at the receiver. The voltage should remain above 4.8 volts even when all servos are heavily loaded.
- Note:** The optional Flight Log has a built in voltmeter and it can be used to perform this test.
- With the current meter inline with the receiver battery lead, load the control surfaces (apply pressure with your hand) while monitoring the current. The maximum continuous recommended current for a single heavy-duty servo/battery lead is three amps while short duration current spikes of up to five amps are acceptable. Consequently, if your system draws more than three amps continuous or five amps for short durations, a single battery pack with a single switch harness plugged into the receiver for power will be inadequate. It will be necessary to use multiple packs of the same capacity with multiple switches and multiple leads plugged into the receiver.
- For really large aircraft or complex models (for example 35% and larger or jets), multiple battery packs with multiple switch harnesses are necessary or, in many cases, one of the commercially available power boxes/ busses is recommended. No matter what power systems you choose, always carry out test #1 above making sure that the receiver is constantly provided with 4.8 volts or more under all conditions.
- The latest generation of Nickel Metal Hydride batteries incorporate a new chemistry mandated to be more environmentally friendly. These batteries, when charged with peak detection fast chargers, have tendencies to false peak (not fully charge) repeatedly. These include all brands of Ni-MH batteries. If using Ni-MH packs, be especially cautious when charging making absolutely sure that the battery is fully charged. It is recommended to use a charger that can display total charge capacity. Note the number of mAh put into a discharged pack to verify it has been charged to full capacity.

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