ROUTINE PREFLIGHT CHECKLIST

Internal (Before attaching wing)

- 1. Check that servo mount, servos, and servo arms are secure.
- 2. Check that pushrods are secure.
- 3. Check that receiver and battery are secure.
- 4. Check for loose items/wires that could foul servo arms/pushrods.

Wing

- 1. Check for breaks, warps, cracks, etc.
- 2. Check aileron pushrods, linkage, clevises and hinges prior to securing wing.

Engine Area

- 1. Check engine mount, engine, muffler, prop nut and/or spinner.
- 2. Check prop for nicks, cracks, etc.
- 3. Check nose steering mechanism (if equipped).
- 4. Check that cowl is secure (if equipped).

Tail Section

- 1. Check vertical fin, rudder, hinges and rudder clevis for security.
- 2. Check tail wheel (if equipped).
- 3. Check horizontal stabilizer, elevator, hinges and elevator clevis for security.

Range Check/Fight Control Check

- 1. Synthesized Transmitters check frequency
- 2. When frequency pin is available, attach to antenna and range check aircraft with antenna collapsed.
- 3. For computer transmitters, be sure correct model has been selected
- 4. Check that flight controls move in the proper direction.
- 5. Check transmitter for correct rates.
- 6. Check that flight control surfaces are in proper trim
- 7. If using trainer box connect transmitters and repeat steps 4, 5, and 6 for student's Tx
- 8. Tx antenna fully extended after successful check.

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MAIDEN PREFLIGHT CHECKLIST

Internal (Remove wing if attached)

- 1. Check that servo mount, servos, and servo arms are secure.
- 2. Check that pushrods are secure.
- 3. Check that receiver and battery are secure.
- 4. Check for loose items/wires that could foul servo arms/ pushrods.

Wing

- 1. Check for breaks, warps, cracks, etc
- 2. Insure center section is adequately reinforced.
- 1. Check aileron pushrods, linkage, hinges and clevises
- 2. Brief new pilots on adequacy of rubber bands.
- 3. After wing is in place, check for proper incidence and alignment, as best you can.

Engine Area

- 1. Check that the firewall area is fuel proofed.
- 2. Check that engine mount, engine, muffler, prop nut and/or spinner are secure.
- 3. Check prop for nicks, cracks, etc.
- 4. Check nose steering mechanism (if equipped).
- 5. Check that cowl is secure (if equipped).

Tail Section

- 1. Check vertical fin, rudder, hinges and rudder clevis' for security.
- 2. Check tail wheel (if equipped)
- 3. Check horizontal stabilizer, elevator, hinges and elevator clevis' for security.

Balance

- 1. Balance aircraft with fuel tank empty.
- 2. Show new pilots proper balance point and balance technique.
- 3. Explain danger of a tail-heavy aircraft.

Range Check/Starting Engine

- 1. Insure batteries have been adequately charged.
- 2. Check transmitter frequency.... Crystal or synthesize module
- 3. * When frequency pin is available, attach to antenna and range check aircraft with antenna collapsed.
- 4. For computer transmitters, be sure correct model has been selected
- 5. Check transmitter for correct rates.
- 6. Check that flight controls move in the proper direction.
- Check for any servo and linkage binding while moving flight controls.
- 8. Check that flight control surfaces are in proper trim.
- 9. Fuel aircraft
- 10. * Start engine
- 11. * Tune engine (AWAY FROM PIT AREA).
- * Explain How/ Why to new pilots.