

MINDS-I® PRODUCT SAFETY INFORMATION

When safety precautions are followed, your MINDS-i[®] system will provide years of enjoyment. Use care and good sense at all times when operating this product. Failure to use your system in a safe, sensible manner can result in injury or damage to property. You and you alone must insure that the instructions are carefully followed and all safety precautions are obeyed.

- Water can cause the electronics to short out and can cause permanent damage.
- Always turn on the transmitter before turning on the receiver.
- Fully extend the transmitter antenna before operating your vehicle.
- Before turning on your radio system, check to make sure that no one else is running on the same frequency.
- CHOKING HAZARD: Do not allow children under age 3 or any individuals who have a tendency to place objects in their mouths to play with any part of the MINDS-i system, including, but not limited to: connectors, pieces, electronics, radio transmitters, wheels, tires. The system contains small parts which could accidentally be swallowed and cause suffocation.
- When the system is powered and/or in motion, keep fingers, face, tools, loose clothing, hair, and all other body parts away from gears, wheels, etc. Do no wear gloves while operating machinery. Even plastic parts can pinch, cut, or crush.
- The transmitter's antenna could also cause injury if played with violently or pointed towards someone's face.
- Never operate your MINDS-i® system on streets or in any areas where full-size vehicles are.
- Do not pick up your MINDS-i[®] system when it is in motion.
- Never charge, run or store your MINDS-i[®] system in a location subject to high temperatures, low temperatures or high humidity. Do not store in direct sunlight.
- To avoid electronic malfunction, do not allow the vehicle to become wet. Short circuits will produce a very strong electrical current. Should your MINDS-i[®] system become wet, stop using it immediately.

• C WARNING! Electrocution Hazard. Do not use the materials provided for other than its intended purpose.

- Do not put it into fire.
- Always use recommended batteries. If improper batteries are used, they may become hot, leak and may rupture.
- Do not attempt to recharge non-rechargeable batteries.
- Only batteries of the same equivalent type as recommended are to be used. Do not mix old and new batteries.
- Exhausted batteries are to be removed from the system and replaced with new ones. Recycle all used batteries.
- Do not lick batteries. If battery appears to be leaking or has a crystalline deposit on the outside, dispose of it immediately (wear gloves when handling, preferably nitrile or other non-reactive material).
- Do not run a wire between battery terminals, as wire will get very hot, can be irreparably damaged or explode.
- Make sure the batteries are installed with the correct polarity as shown. Do not disassemble your batteries. Never allow them to become hot or to burn. To avoid short-circuits, avoid getting them wet. Do not short circuit batteries.
- If liquid from inside the batteries contacts your skin or clothes, wash them with water. If leaked battery fluid gets into your eyes, flush
 them immediately with cool water and seek medical attention. Do not rub eyes.
- Always wear safety glasses to protect your eyes. Note that normal glasses, while usually made of impact-resistant plastic, will not
 afford sufficient protection from shrapnel or flying debris.
- Always wear close-toed shoes to protect your feet from heavy or sharp objects, which might be dropped.
- If you have long hair, keep it tied back or under a hat to avoid it becoming caught in moving parts.
- The MINDS-i[®] system contains small parts. Do not ingest. Do not insert into any orifice (e.g. nostrils, ears, etc).
- The system contains metal parts. Cutting or bending can cause parts to break; resulting in sharp edges which can cut skin.
- Battery disposal. Do not throw batteries into the trash, especially rechargeable batteries. Contact your local waste disposal office for information on battery disposal. Batteries should be stored as directed by your local hazardous materials disposal office until pickup (usually in a hard sided waterproof, non-conductive container, e.g. a plastic bucket).

WARNING! IMPORTANT! RESPONSIBLE ADULT SUPERVISION IS REQUIRED FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 14. THIS PRODUCT IS NOT DESIGNED FOR UNSUPERVISED USE BY CHILDREN YOUNGER THAN 14 YEARS OLD.

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MINDS-i[®] is a high-performance Construction/RC/Robotics System, which is NOT intended for use on the public roads or congested areas where its operation may conflict with or disrupt pedestrian or vehicular traffic. Read all enclosed information before operating. Fully illustrated, step-by-step instructions describe adjustment, operation, and required maintenance procedures. MINDS-i[®] should not be operated in a crowd, or without adequate space. In an effort to continually upgrade our products, MINDS-i[®] reserves the right to make improvements and modifications to this system, which may not be reflected in the photographs and specifications printed on this box. PROPOSITION 65 WARNING: This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and/or birth defects or other reproductive harm.

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MINDS-i[®] is Designed and Manufactured in the United States Some components are manufactured in China and the Philippines.

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PARTS INVENTORY PAGE 1 1:3 SCALE

XO 15-BEAM	x0 8-BEAM	110	XO 11-45 BEAM		x0 6-45 BEAM
x4 14-BEAM **************	x0 7-BEAM	D	XO 10-45 BEAM		x0 5-45 BEAM
x3 13-BEAM * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	x0 6-BEAM	5	x0 9-45 BEAM		x0 4-45 BEAM
X0 12-BEAM * * * * * * * * * * * *	x0 5-BEAM		x0 8-45 BEAM)	x8 3-45 BEAM
X3 11-BEAM	x5 4-BEAM		XO 7-45 BEAM		x3 2-45 BEAM
XO 10-BEAM	XO 3-BEAM		x10 x 3-LOCK 22	LOCK	x0 1.5-LOCK
x2 9-BEAM	x2 2-BEAM		x2 X 3-ROTATE 24	ROTATE	X4 PANEL-LOCK
x0 SUPPORT ARM TRANSITION	X2 DUAL TRANSITION	AXLE HOUSING	XO CENTER DIFFERENTIAL CASE	XO MOTOR CASE A	x0 MOTOR CASE B
x0 8-DRIVELINE	x0 4-DRIVELINE	XO BATTERY CAP	XO DIFFERENTIAL CASE		
x0 7-DRIVELINE	x0 3-DRIVELINE	x0	x0	XO LEAF SPRING	ANTENNA MOUNT
x0 6-DRIVELINE ↔	2-DRIVELINE				000
x0 5-DRIVELINE	x0 1-DRIVELINE	XO STEERING BAR	SERVO MOUNT	REAR WHEEL HUB	
X0 STEERING SERVO HORN LONG SERVO	HORN ROBOT SERVO HORI	N BODY POST	×0 12mm WHEEL NUT	XO 14mm WHEEL NUT	

PARTS INVENTORY PAGE 2 1:3 SCALE **XO** 4.8" FOUR LINK ARM **XO** DIFFERENTIAL SPOOL **XO** DIFFERENTIAL CARRIER **XO** 15-T PINION **XO** 78-T SPUR **XO** 87-T SPUR **XO** 23-T PINION Ô -XO 3.6" FOUR LINK ARM **XO** 90mm SHOCK **XO** MOTOR SHAFT **XO** OUTPUT GEAR SHAFT **XO** 2.4" FOUR LINK ARM XO HS-311 SERVO • **x0** 2.4Ghz 2-CHANNEL TRANSMITTER 0 **XO** SPIDER GEAR **XO** RING GEAR **XO** 2.0" THREAD COLLAR **XO** M5 WHEEL END SHAFT XO ANTENNA TUBE XO HS-485HB SERVO **XO** M4 WHEEL END SHAFT **x0** 1.2" THREAD COLLAR 0 **XO** CARRIER SHAFT **XO** PINION GEAR XO HSR-<u>1425CR SER</u>VO **XO** COTTER PIN **XO** 0.4" THREAD COLLAR **XO** CARRIER SCREW $\overline{\frown}$ 0 **x0** 7.2v 2400 mAh BATTERY **XO** BATTERY CHARGER XO SERVO Y-HARNESS w/REVERSER ≝(€@**₫**₿₽ **XO** 3-CHANNEL RECEIVER XO SERVO Y-HARNESS **XO** SPEED CONTROLLER XO MOTOR WIRE - BLACK TERIT **XO** MOTOR WIRE - RED XO MASHER 3.2" TIRE & VELOCITY WHEEL XO BADLANDS 2.2" TIRE & DESPERADO WHEEL **XO** 23,500 RPM MOTOR **XO** 5,000 RPM MOTOR **XO** DUAL MOTOR BATTERY CABLE **XO** 3/32" ALLEN WRENCH **XO** 1/16" ALLEN WRENCH XO 0.050" ALLEN WRENCH **XO** 1/4" FLAT WRENCH **XO** CROSS WRENCH XO 3" SERVO WHEEL **XO** RACECAR WHEEL **XO** #1 PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER

XO MINDS-i TOOL



PARTS INVENTORY PAGE 4







x1 13-BEAM ******************



x2 TRANSITION x2 2-LOCK









x1 13-BEAM ***************





x4 TRANSITION x2 3-LOCK









x4 3-45 BEAM

x6 2-LOCK











x3 2-45 BEAM







x3







x2 3-ROTATE







X2 IR DISTANCE SENSOR









x4 #4-40 x 1/2" SCREW

x4 #4-40 NUT



X4 CLEARANCE THREAD ADAPTER











x1 ARDUINO COVER



x1 13-BEAM ******************

x1 11-BEAM ***********

X4 PANEL-LOCK





FOR USE WITH:







FOR USE WITH:







6x6 SUSPENSION





REFER TO ARDUINO USERS GUIDE FOR PROPER INSTALLATION AND SET-UP. USING THE WIRE TIES AND DOUBLE-SIDED TAPE PROVIDED, PLACE THE ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS ON THE FRAME SO THAT THEY ARE SECURE AND OUT OF THE WAY OF MOVING PARTS.



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WIRING POLARITY GUIDE



Quick Start Guide; Autonomous Unmanned Vehicle AUV

Getting started:

1. Open the following link to access the file download. Once you have clicked the link corresponding to your operating system a pop-up window will appear asking you to "open" or "save" the file, save the file to "My Documents".

Link: http://arduino.cc/en/Main/Software



- 2. Plug in your board and wait for Windows to begin it's driver installation process. After a few moments, the process will fail, despite its best efforts .
- 3. Click on the Start Menu, and open up the Control Panel.
- 4. While in the Control Panel, navigate to System > Hardware > Device Manager.
- 5. Look under Ports (COM & LPT). You should see an open port named "Arduino UNO (COMxx)"
- 6. Right click on the "Arduino UNO (COmxx)" port and choose the "Update Driver Software" option.



- 7. Next, choose the "Browse my computer for Driver software" option.
- 8. Finally, navigate to and select the Uno's driver file, named "ArduinoUNO.inf", located in the "Drivers" folder of the Arduino Software download (not the "FTDI USB Drivers" subdirectory).
- 9. Windows will finish up the driver installation from there.
- 10. Once the Driver installation is complete open the Arduino program.
- 11. Next, click "File" > "Examples"> "0.MINDS-I"> "Projects"> "AUV____" Select "AUV4X4" or "AUV6X6" to match your chassis.
- 12. Once the file opens click the "UPLOAD" arrow, wait till it says "done uploading"

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<pre>//[<o>]MINDS-1 Projects. mymindsi.com //created by MINDS-1 20 Dec 2011 #include <servo.h> #include <mindsi.h></mindsi.h></servo.h></o></pre>	
Servo drive, frontsteer, backsteer; int left, right, front, leftc, rightc, frontc; unsigned int starttime;	//create servo instances for servos //create variables to store ping sem
<pre>int frontcenter = 90; int backcenter = 97; int fwdspeed = 102; int revspeed = 75; int turn = 35;</pre>	//tune midpoint for front and back //to drive strait and tune forward/.
This example will drive until it sees a wall in Then it will back up in the direction with more It also steers away from walls when approaching Setup:	n front of it and sends a signal to e space until it sees room to move fo g at an angle.
1	Arduino Uno on COMS

13. When the program finishes disconnect the USB cable from the robot and set it on the floor.

- 14. Flipping the ESC power switch to the on position will start the program running.
- 15. Watch as your robot drives around avoiding obstacles in its path.

Quick Start Guide; Manual Remote Control (RC Mode)

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<pre>#include <serv0.h> #include <mindsi.h></mindsi.h></serv0.h></pre>		
Servo steer, drive;		=
<pre>//this example is a //it uses the radio</pre>	simple barebones version of the minsdiradio drive signal directly	examp1
void setup() {		
<pre>steer.attach(2); drive.attach(3);</pre>	<pre>//set the pins for the steering servo (2) // and speed controler to drive motor (3)</pre>	1
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1	Arduino Uno	on COM8

- 13. When the program finishes disconnect the USB cable from the robot and set it on the floor.
- 14. Flipping the ESC power switch to the on position will start the program running.
- 15. Now you have full control of your robots Drive and Motion.

TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

PROBLEM	CAUSE	SOLUTION	
	 One or more of your differentials are installed upside down. 	1)Check the assembly instructions to make sure the differentials were installed correctly.	
Wheels rotate backwards when forwards	2) The motor is spinning the wrong direction.	 Check that the wires from the ESC to the motor are connected properly. 	
throttle is applied.	 The motor case was installed with the motor facing opposite of what the instructions show. 	 Check the assembly instructions to make sure the motor case was installed correctly. 	
	4) The "throttle" switch on your remote control may be switched to reverse.	4) Flip the switch to normal.	
Front wheels rotate opposite of rear wheels when driving.	1) One of your differentials are installed upside down.	 Check the assembly instructions for proper installation of the differentials. 	
	1) Your steering trim is not centered.	1) Center your steering trim.	
Vehicle doesn't drive in a straight line with the	2) Your servo horn was not installed on the servo while it was centered.	2) Remove the screw that retains the servo horn, then remove the servo horn. Turn the remote control on, center the trim on the remote, turn the vehicle on. Then reinstall the servo horn as the instructions show.	
Venicle doesn't drive in a straight line with the steering channel centered.	3) The linkages that connect your steering bar to the front wheel knuckles are not the proper length or do not match each other.	 Remove the linkages and check that they are the length indicated in your instructions. 	
	 The "Y"harness for four wheel steering is not centered. 	4) Follow step 2 for front and rear servo, making sure when you center the trim on the remote to also center the trim on the "Y"harness.	
Servo does not operate when steering is applied.	1) Servo cable is plugged in upside down.	 Check that the cable is plugged in according to the wiring polarity guide. 	
Servo steers only one direction or farther one way than the other.	1) Servo horn is not centered on the servo properly.	2) Remove the screw that retains the servo horn, then remove the servo horn. Turn the remote control on, center the trim on the remote, turn the vehicle on. Then reinstall the servo horn as the instructions show.	
Vehicle has become under powered or sluggish.	1) Charge level of vehicle battery has dropped below useable level.	 Remove battery from vehicle and charge with the recommended charger. Always follow proper safety procedures when charging a battery. 	
Vehicle stops unexpectedly or doesn't respond to remote.	1) Charge level of remote control batteries have dropped below useable level.	1) Check the remote control low battery indicator, if necessary replace or recharge batteries. Always follow proper safety procedures when charging a battery. Never recharge alkaline batteries.	
	2) A wire may have come loose from the receiver.	 Check that the wires are all properly plugged in and in good condition. 	
Vehicle does not move forward or reverse when throttle is applied but audible tone comes from motor	1) Something has become bound up in the drivetrain.	1) Check the drivetrain from motor to wheels for foreign objects and debris. Removing the drivelines that connect the motor case to the differential(s) then trying to spin the wheels will allow you to more easily locate the issue.	
Motor spins freely when throttle is applied but vehicle doesn't move.	1) Gear mesh in motor case was not properly set.	1) Check that the gear mesh was set according to the instructions. Gears should be about the thickness of this sheet of paper apart for proper mesh.	
	2) Pinion set screw was not Properly tightened.	 Check that the pinion set screw was tightened according to the instructions. 	

ARDUINO TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

PROBLEM	CAUSE	SOLUTION
	1) Charge level of vehicle battery has dropped below useable level.	1) Remove battery from vehicle and charge with the recommended charger. Always follow proper safety procedures when charging a battery.
Vehicle is not behaving as programmed.	2) Inputs (sensors) or Outputs (servos, ESC, etc) are wired improperly.	2) Check that each device connected to the Arduino Sensor Shield is plugged in properly. Both in polarity and into the proper port the program states.
	3) Sensor is malfunctioning.	2) Check #2, Connect Arduino to computer using USB cable, run the calibration program for each sensor on the vehicle. If the sensor value is not present, uncharacteristic or erratic the sensor may need to be replaced.
Serial port "COM_" not found.	1) The Arduino is not connected to the computer.	1) Connect the supplied USB cable and try again.
	2) The proper serial port was not selected in the Arduino Program.	2) Disconnect, re-connect the USB Cable then go to Tools > Serial Port then select the Arduino Uno.
Light on Ping))) sensor is not cycling.	1) The Ping))) sensor is not wired properly.	1) Check the wiring polarity guide for proper installation.
	2) The Ping))) sensor in not connected to the proper port.	 Check that the sensor is plugged into the port stated in the code.
QTI sensors not detecting line.	1) The QTI sensor is not wired properly.	1) Check the wiring polarity guide for proper installation.
	2) The QTI sensor in not connected to the proper port.	2) Check that the sensor is plugged into the port stated in the code.
Power light on Arduino Sensor Shield doesn't turn on when ESC is powered on.	1) One of the connections to the Sensor Shield is shorted.	1) Check that each device connected to the Arduino Sensor Shield is plugged in properly. Both in polarity and into the proper port the program states. If the problem persists disconnect one sensor at a time till the faulty connection (sensor, servo, ESC etc.) is found, then replace.
	2) No power source is connected to the Arduino.	2) Check to make sure that it is either plugged into your computer with the USB cable or that you are using a charged battery and the ESC cable is properly connected.

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