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# .40NX Evolution® Engine

# **USER GUIDE**





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# Introduction

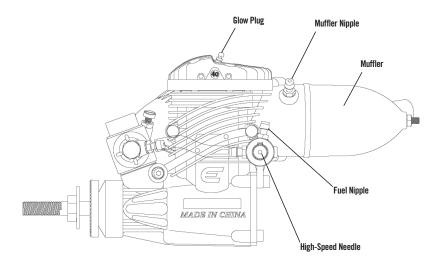
Congratulations on your purchase of the newest and one of the most technically advanced 2-stroke model airplane engines in the world. Whether you are new to the sport of model aviation or are an experienced flier, you will enjoy the features of the new Evolution<sup>®</sup> Engines .40NX Engine.

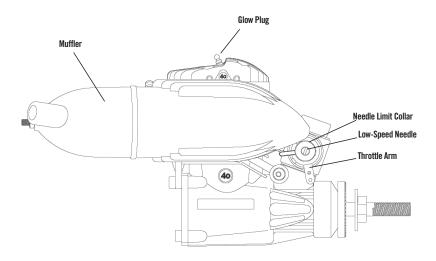
The Evolution .40NX Engine is designed to be the most powerful in its class, extremely easy to start and operate, and provide years of enjoyable service. It incorporates many unique design features, such as our Set Right<sup>™</sup> needle valve assemblies. Every feature is designed to ensure success with your new engine.

This user guide is intended to provide the basic information needed to operate and maintain your Evolution .40NX Engine.

Every Evolution engine has been baseline adjusted at the factory and is ready to fly. We recommend a 20-minute breakin period to become familiar with the engine.

Important: While the Evolution engine is extremely easy to operate, if this is your first experience flying a model airplane, it is highly recommended that you have the help of an experienced modeler during the first few flights. Your local hobby store or flying club can put you in touch with an experienced pilot in your area.





# **Mounting the Engine**



Securely tighten all engine mounting screws and recheck tightness before each flying session.

Most model airplanes include an engine mount. It is extremely important that the engine mount be securely mounted to the airplane's firewall and that the engine is securely mounted to the engine mount. Follow the instructions included with the airplane for mounting the engine.

**Important:** Before each flying session, check that all engine mounting screws are securely tightened.



The muffler mounting accessory package includes mounting screws (2), lock washers (2), muffler gaskets (2) and an L- wrench.



**WARNING:** Read and follow all instructions and precautions before use. Failure to do so could result in product malfunction, damage and injury.



WARNING: This product can become extremely hot when in use, which could lead to burns.

**NOTICE:** Only use this product with parts specified in the product literature.



Using the included muffler mounting screws and lock washers, attach the muffler with the included hex wrench. Be sure the lock washers are placed over the screws and that you securely tighten both screws with good torque.

**EVO Team Tip:** Because of the small size of this engine you will need to loosen the two engine backplate screws that hold the remote needle valve mount to the engine in order to insert the rear muffler mounting screw. Once you have inserted the muffler mounting screw into the engine don't forget to tighten the remote needle valve mount to the backplate.

**EVO Team Tip:** A quick note about muffler gaskets. One of the many causes of a muffler coming loose is that the paper gasket material becomes crushed by the muffler mounting to the engine, and this leads to the screws actually loosening on their own. As the two surfaces (engine crankcase mount and muffler mounting face) are both machined surfaces there should be little, if any leaks between these two surfaces and you may choose to mount the muffler without the included gasket.

**Important:** After five runs, retighten the muffler mounting screws. Also, tighten the muffler thru-bolt at this time as well—loosen the lock nut on the back of the muffler, tighten the thru-bolt via the screwhead at the front of the muffler then retighten the lock nut at the rear.



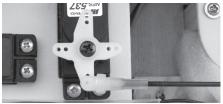
Attach the linkage to the throttle arm.

# **Throttle Linkage**

A clevis is recommended for attaching the throttle linkage to the throttle. Attach the throttle linkage to the hole in the throttle arm (see photo above).

Turn on the radio. With the throttle stick at 1/2 throttle, install the arm on the servo so that the arm is  $90^{\circ}$  to the throttle pushrod.

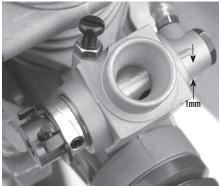
Select a servo arm that has a hole located 11mm or 7/16" out from center and attach the other end of the throttle linkage (see photos below).



Linkage 11mm out



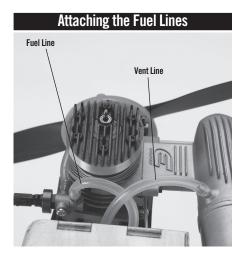
1/2 throttle

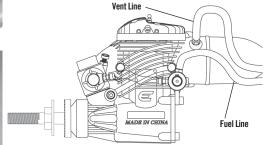


At low throttle, mid-trim, the throttle barrel should be 1mm open. With low throttle and mid-trim (idle position), the throttle barrel should be open 1mm, giving a low rpm idle (see photo above). Adjust the length of the pushrod until the

throttle barrel is exactly 1mm open. Check to be sure the servo is moving in the correct direction. Full throttle should open the throttle barrel fully, while low throttle and low-trim should completely close the throttle barrel. Reverse the servo throw if necessary.

> **Note:** It may be necessary to slightly adjust the length of the throttle pushrod to achieve the correct mid-trim, low-stick idle position.





Using medium silicone fuel tubing, attach the fuel tank's clunk line to the fuel nipple. This line will supply fuel to the engine. Attach the vent line to the muffler pressure nipple. This line pressurizes the fuel tank with the muffler pressure, creating consistent fuel flow, regardless of the airplane's attitude.

# Recommended propellers:

Break in\*

9 x 6, 10 x 6

Sport

9 x 6, 9 x 7 10 x 6, 11 x 5

# Performance (tuned exhaust)

 $9\,x\,6,\,9\,x\,7,$  ( Prop the engine to achieve over 15,000 rpm on the ground)

\* 2-blade propellers

# Attaching the Propeller and Spinner



Securely tighten the prop nut using a wrench.



Remove the prop nut and prop washer from the engine. Install the spinner backplate. Install the propeller, the prop washer and then the prop nut in that order (see photo). Securely tighten the prop nut using an adjustable wrench. Install the spinner cone.

# **Starting the Evolution Engine**

## Fuel

We recommend using high-quality Cool Power Omega, Hangar 9<sup>®</sup> AeroBlend<sup>™</sup> or Power Master fuels containing 10 to 15% nitro. The Evolution Engine has been test-run using these fuels. If another brand of fuel is used, it may be necessary to slightly adjust the needle valves to compensate for the differences in fuel.

# **Glow Plug**

The Evolution engine comes with a specially designed "Super Plug" that prevents idle and transition flameouts. The plug's unique shape directs the incoming fuel/air mixture away from the plug element. When replacing the plug, be sure to replace it with another Evolution 2- or 4-cycle Super Plug (EVOGP1).

# Starting the Engine

- Step 1. Fill the tank with the above-mentioned 10 or 15% fuel.
- Step 2. Reattach the fuel lines, making sure the vent and clunk line are attached to the fuel nipple and the muffler pressure nipple.

**NOTICE:** Do not attach the glow driver yet.

- Step 3. The high-speed needle valve should be turned open 2-turns from closed for the initial first start.
- Step 4. With the throttle fully open, place your thumb over the carburetor or the exhaust outlet of the muffler and flip the prop clockwise through 6 complete revolutions, thus priming the engine.
- **Step 5.** Close the throttle to the idle position and have a helper hold your airplane.

If you are planning to use a tuned exhaust system then we highly recommend the use of either of the following Hangar  $9^{\ensuremath{\varpi}}$  glow plugs.

HAN3015 #9 Performance Plug HAN3020 #3 Performance Plug



The Hangar 9 START KIT (HANSTART) includes everything needed, except fuel and starter, to get the Evolution engine running.

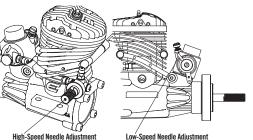
- Step 5. Attach the glow driver.
- **Step 6.** Turn the engine over using an electric starter. The engine should fire within seconds of applying the starter.
- **Step 7.** Allow the engine to idle for 30 seconds. Adjust the throttle trim if necessary to achieve a constant slow idle.
- **Step 8.** With the glow driver still attached and a helper securely holding the airplane, advance the throttle smoothly to full throttle. The engine will transition to full rpm.
- **Step 9.** Reduce the throttle to idle and remove the glow driver.

# **Setting the Needle Valves**

The low-speed needle has a limiter that prevents over-adjustment. If your engine starts from the above procedure, but won't reliably continue to run with the glow driver removed, follow the steps below.



- Step 1. High-Speed Needle Adjustment
  - With the engine running, advance the throttle to full throttle while a helper securely holds your airplane. Carefully pinch and release the fuel line to temporarily restrict the fuel flow.



Note that the low-speed needle adjustment range is limited, preventing adjustment beyond the practical range.



**CAUTION:** Do not reach over the propeller while the engine is running.

#### The High-Speed Needle settings are:

**Correct:** If the high-speed needle adjustment is correct, the engine will increase rpm slightly (about 300 rpm) and then die.

**Too Rich:** If the engine increases a lot (1,000 rpm or greater), the high-speed needle is too rich and must be leaned or turned clockwise.

**Too Lean:** If the engine doesn't increase rpm and simply dies, the high-speed needle is lean and must be richened or turned counterclockwise.

#### Step 2. Low-Speed Needle Adjustment

The low-speed or idle needle valve, included with the SetRight<sup>™</sup> assembly, is preadjusted at the factory for best performance at close to sea level conditions. It may be necessary to fine-tune the low-speed adjustment using the following procedure:

1. Start the engine and let it warm up, prior to attempting any adjustments. Make sure the high-speed adjustment process is complete before attempting to adjust the low-speed needle valve. 2. Close the throttle slowly. You will adjust the low-speed needle setting by rotating the SetRight adjustment bar clockwise to lean the engine and counterclockwise to richen the engine.



**CAUTION:** Do not attempt to adjust the lowspeed needle valve while the engine is running.

3. The fuel mixture should be adjusted as follows: The low-speed fuel mixture is too rich if, when opening the throttle moderately quickly, the engine emits smoke and "stutters" or "stumbles." Correct this by rotating the SetRight adjustment bar clockwise in small increments. Continue this process until the engine transitions smoothly from low rpm idle to high rpm without hesitation upon opening the throttle moderately quickly.

#### Step 2. Low-Speed Needle Adjustment, cont.

4. The low-speed fuel mixture may be too lean if the engine stops at the lowest idle position or it stops when the throttle is opened moderately quickly from the idle position. Correct this by rotating the SetRight adjustment bar counterclockwise in small increments until the engine transitions smoothly without hesitation upon opening the throttle rapidly from idle.

# Low-Speed SetRight Needle Valves

The design of the SetRight needle valve system is such that, during normal operating conditions, the typical user will find that the range of adjustment allowed by the system is more than adequate for most situations. As a matter of fact, we intended this to be used as a tool to identify operating problems. If you find that the range of adjustment allowed by the SetRight needle is inadequate after your initial period of running, then a problem in your engine system has occurred. This might be a bad glow plug, dirty or old fuel, an air leak in the fuel system somewhere or any number of other reasons. Do not make any permanent adjustment range changes to the SetRight needle system if it was once working correctly for you and now does not. Investigate other problems first. However, occasionally due to atmospheric, altitudinal or fuel conditions, you may find that the range of adjustment built into the SetRight needle valve system is inadequate for your needs. These conditions are rare and easy to fix.

#### Low-Speed SetRight Needle Valve Correction

Should the low-speed SetRight needle valve need to be adjusted outside the factoryestablished parameters, follow these steps:

> A. Loosen the setscrew found on the ring of the SetRight assembly to which the adjustment bar is attached.

**B.** Rotate the needle valve itself (small slot-headed screw inside the blue ring of the SetRight assembly) clockwise to lean the mixture or counterclockwise to richen the mixture as desired.

**C.** Retighten the setscrew on the ring of the SetRight assembly and you have re-established a new range of motion.

# Why would fuel go "bad"?

The largest portion of the fuel is methanol (alcohol). Methanol is hygroscopic; it attracts moisture. This can cause your fuel to be contaminated with water, which will cause poor engine performance. Additionally, the UV rays in sunlight will eventually break down the nitromethane if the fuel jug is stored in sunlight for long periods of time.

### How can you tell when your fuel has gone "bad"?

The first indication will generally be the inability to start the engine at previously run needle-valve settings. Another clue might be that the engine has very poor idle, runs but bogs down tremendously during run up and/or will not attain the same rpms that you are used to.

### How do I keep my fuel fresh?

If you have the opportunity, look for someone at a flying field on a sunny day who has a jug of fuel that is only 1/4 full. What you may notice is that there are droplets attached to the top and sides of the container. This is the moisture in the air that is condensing inside the jug because of the greenhouse effect of the semi-translucent plastic jug. This will also occur within a metal fuel can as the sun warms the contents. You can combat the effects of the moisture in the air by squeezing all the extra air from your fuel container at the end of the day or transferring your fuel into smaller containers as the level of the fuel is reduced in your gallon jug. Many pilots will invest in 1/2 gallon or quart-size containers and only bring that amount of fuel to the field on any given day. This allows their main supply of fuel to stay at home in a controlled storage environment, virtually ensuring problem-free fuel.

# How to Tell If Your Glow Plug Is Bad

The glow plugs on the market today are designed to provide good service to the user and may last a long time or a short time, all dependent upon the way you choose to operate your engine.

# Physical indications that you might need to change the glow plug are:

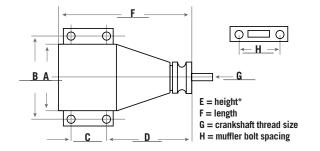
- 1. Twisted or mangled glow plug elements (usually caused by too high a compression ratio).
- Small "bumps" are attached to the glow plug element. This will generally be most noticeable during the break-in process. These are actually tiny pieces of aluminum that have attached to the element and will severely hinder the operation of the glow plug.
- 3. The glow plug element is no longer shiny but is dull, almost a white powder color. (This just comes with age and is a by-product of the catalytic reaction). The shinier the wire, the better the catalytic reaction can be.

# Operating indications that you need to change your glow plug are:

- The glow element will not light with a charged glow igniter. This indicates that there is a physical short or breakage in the element wire itself.
- 2. Glow plug lights but the engine will not continue running once the battery is disconnected. (This is usually an indication of the microscopic particles discussed earlier.)
- 3. Glow plug lights, engine runs but there is a perceptible loss of rpm at full throttle when the battery is disconnected. This is a typical indication that the white powder residue is building to the point that the catalytic reaction of the glow plug is no longer anywhere close to being optimum.

# .40NX Evolution Engines Specifications

ltomo	Disp		Stroke		Crank K	Cvlinder	Propeller
Items	(0.1.)	(mm)		(0Z)	(ISO)	Cynniaer	Propeller
EV0E0401	.41	21.7	18.2	10.0	1/4 x 28	ABC	10 x 6 APC @ 14,100 RPM



Dimensions (mm)	Α	В	C	D	<b>E</b> *	F	G	H
EV0E0600	30	38	15	47	78	78	1/4 x 28	35

\* Height is from engine C/L to top of cylinder head

# **Troubleshooting Guide**

#### **Engine Won't Fire**

- Glow starter not charged
  - Charge glow starter
- Glow plug burnt out
  - Replace glow plug
- No fuel is getting to the carburetor
  - Check tank, fuel lines reversed
- The starter is reversed
  - Reverse the polarity on the starter cables

# **Engine Quits Repeatedly**

- Needles need adjusting
  - See adjustment procedure
- Bad or old fuel
  - Replace with fresh fuel
- Worn out glow plug
  - Replace with new EVOGP1 glow plug

### **Engine Runs Inconsistently**

- Hole in fuel line
  - Replace fuel line
- Bad or old fuel
  - Replace with fresh fuel

# Maintenance

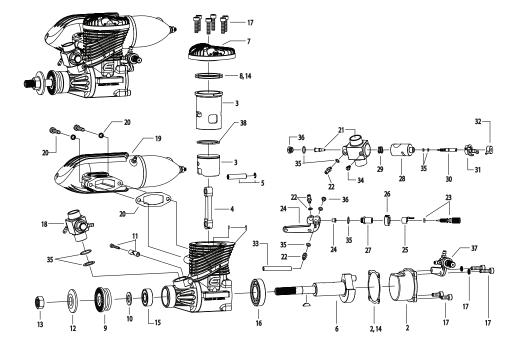
# After each flying session:

- 1. Fully drain the fuel from the tank.
- 2. Start the engine and run it until the fuel is completely run out of the engine.
- 3. Try starting the engine three more times or until it will no longer fire. This gets all the fuel out of the engine.

Now add several drops (about 10) of after-run oil (EVOX1001 Evolution Engine's Blue Block Rust Inhibitor) should be applied into the carburetor and the engine should be turned over for a few seconds with the starter. This will prevent rust and corrosion.

If you need additional help or have any questions, please call the appropriate Horizon Product Support department. Horizon has trained technicians who are qualified to answer your engine questions.

# **Exploded View**



# Cross Reference of Evolution .40NX Part Numbers

#### No. Description

1	Crankcase	EV0040101A	20	Muffler Mounting Screw Set with Gasket	EV0036E36A
2	Back Cover with Gasket	EV0032102	21	Carburetor Body and Spray Bar	EV0036863
3	Cylinder Liner and Piston Set (ABC)	EV0040203A	22	Fuel Nipple and Gasket	EV0100114
4	Connecting Rod	EV0032204	23	High Speed Needle Valve	EV0040829F
5	Wrist Pin with Clips (Teflon)	EV0040209	24	Spray Bar Bracket (Remote)	EV0036873
6	Crankshaft	EV0032210	25	High-Speed Needle Valve Ratchet	EV0100833
7	Cylinder Head	EV0040103A	26	Collar with Setscrew	EV0100834A
8	Cylinder Head Gasket 40NX (2 pcs)	EV0040112A	27	Needle Valve Assembly: 36NT	EV0036874
9	Prop Driver	EV0036219	28	Throttle Barrel	EV0036813
10	Spacer Washer	EV0032225	29	Spring (Throttle Barrel)	EV0100814A
11	Carburetor Retainer	EV0036129	30	Idle Needle	EV0100844A
12	Prop Washer	EV0100220	31	Throttle Arm	EV0100864A
13	Prop Nut (1/4 x 28)	EV0100221	32	Idle Needle Limit Collar	EV0100850A
14	Gasket Set (Engine)	EV0040416A	33	45mm Fuel Tube	EV0032872
15	Front Ball Bearing	EV0032109	34	Idle Stop Screw with Nut	EV0100825F
16	Rear Ball Bearing	EV0028110	35	Carburetor Gasket/O-Ring Set	EV0036E36B
17	Screw Set (Engine)	EV0040901	36	Small Parts Set (Carburetor)	EV0036E36C
18	Complete Carburetor	EV0036801	37	Needle Valve Assembly	EV0036874
19	Muffler	EV0040601A	38	Prop Washer and Nut Set	EV0040228

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