Introduction

Building on the TANDEM series radios which apply simultaneous working 2.4G & 900M dual-band technologies, FrSky have released the much awaited TANDEM XE tray radio. The XE is the largest form factor radio in the TANDEM series, developed to meet the needs of RC users who enjoy tray radio design, combined with the flexibility and quantity of switch inputs. It's stunning looks, together with its high quality build make it an obvious upgrade for the TARANIS X9E fans!

DUAL-SCREEN COLOR DISPLAY DESIGN

TANDEM XE adopts a dual-screen design, the main screen is a 4.3-inch color touch-screen which is used to operate ETHOS such as model configuration. A second smaller 2.4-inch color screen is positioned on the top of the radio to meet the needs of RC users who wish to have additional information separately displayed. The content displayed on the additional screen can be programmed (such as by Lua, configurable and personalized by user) in the system.

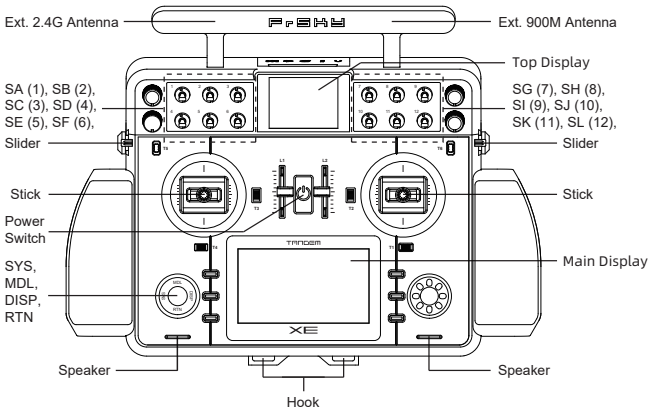
MODULAR DESIGN AND FLEXIBILITIES

TANDEM XE has been designed with flexibility in mind. It not only features multiple switch input slots for further extending the control needs, it also benefits from customisable switch blocks which can also be replaced with alternative blocks with more input slots. Additional design features have been included to meet the needs of wider RC user communities, for example controlling the forward and reverse movement of RC crawlers can be achieved by customizing the side All CNC metal levers with the optional self-centering type accessory. Likewise using the optional 3-axis extenders mounted on the gimbals offers many possibilities when used with RC ground vehicles. The XE includes a foldable stand/frame which can be easily folded away in the bottom of the radio body, and its design also provides a good solution to attach the tray radio strap.

BUILT-IN MASS STORAGE & BATTERY EXTENSION

In order to save the user the trouble of deciding the storage capacity, TANDEM XE comes with a built-in 8GB flash storage that offers plenty of file storage to meet all of your radio's storage needs, along with high data transmission speed. And for the users who are looking for a bigger battery capacity than the included XE 4000mAh Li-Po battery, the XE offers a bigger battery bay that can accommodate larger battery packs if needed.

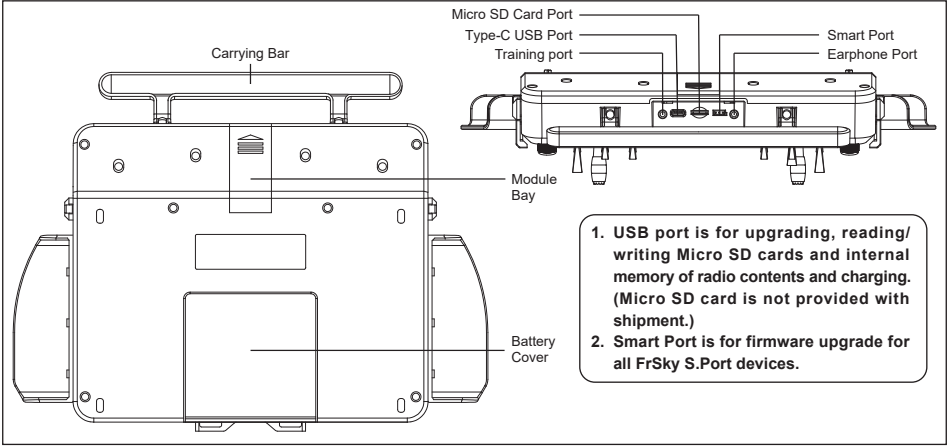
Overview



Switch

- SA (1): 3 positions; Short Lever
- SB (2): 2 positions; Long Lever
- SC (3): Blank Slot
- SD (4): 3 positions; Short Lever
- SE (5): 3 positions; Long Lever
- SF (6): Blank Slot
- SG (7): Blank Slot
- SH (8): Momentary; Long Lever
- SI (9): 3 positions; Short Lever
- SJ (10): Blank Slot
- SK (11): 3 positions; Long Lever
- SL (12): 3 positions; Short Lever
- T1-T6: Trims

You can choose the Switch and define its position in the HARDWARE menu.



Specifications

- Dimension: 345*262*82mm (L*W*H)
- Weight: 1357g (Battery Excl.) / 1492g (Battery Incl.)
- Operating System: ETHOS
- Internal RF Module: TD-ISRM
- Number of Channels: 24 channels
- Operating Voltage Range: 6.5 ~ 8.4V (2S Li-battery)
- Operating Temperature: -10°C~60°C (14°F~140°F)
- Operating Current: 460mA@7.4V (typ.)
- Battery Bay Size: 86*61*20mm (L*W*H)
- Data Transmission & Charging Interface: USB Type-C
- USB Adaptor Voltage and Current: 5V+0.2V, >2.0A
- Built-in Flash Storage: 8GB
- Main 4.3” Touch-Screen Display Resolution: 800×480
- Top 2.4” Color Screen Display Resolution:320×240
- Compatibility: ACCST D16 & ACCESS 2.4G & ACCESS 900M & TD Modes

Features

- Carbon Fiber Center Panel + CNC Metal Panel
- Modular Design | Replaceable Blocks with Customized Multiple Inputs
- MCXE All CNC High-Precision Hall-Sensor Gimbals with 10 Ball-Bearing
  - Adjustable 45° / 60° stick travel (Additional Travel Limiter Tool is required)
  - 8° rotatable panel
- 6 Trims & 4 Retractable Knobs & 2 All CNC Metal Side Levers & 2 Linea Sliders
- Main Color Touch-Screen Display with Operating ETHOS
- Top Color Screen with User Configurable Data Display (such as by Lua)
- 6 Quick-Mode Custom Buttons
- Lite Type External Module Bay
- Fordable Radio Stand/Frame also for Attaching Radio Strap
- Built-in TD 900M/2.4G Dual-Band Internal RF Module
- Built-in Flash Storage: 8GB
- External TF card slot for storage extension
- Haptic Vibration Alerts and Voice Speech Outputs

- Supports Recharge System for 2S Li-ion Battery
- High-speed PARA Wireless Training System
- Big Size Battery Bay for the Battery Capacity Upgrade

2S Li-battery balance charging via USB-C

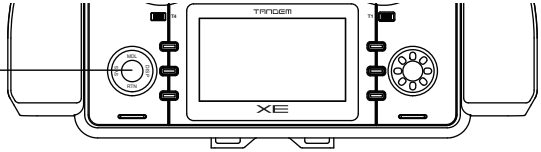
The Green LED indicator states:
Led on: in charging / Led off: end of charge / Flash: charge fault
Battery compartment size: 84*41.5*20mm (L*W*H)

Note: 1. Charge the battery with the USB adapter (Voltage: 5V+0.2V Current: ＞2.0A) when you use the USB charging function.
2. The lower the initial charging voltage, the better the charging effect is when the voltage difference cells exceed 50 mV between the two.

Navigation Controls

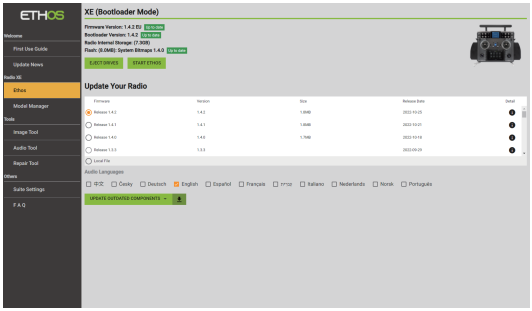
The left navigation control does RTN, SYS, MDL, DISP, and Page UP/Down. The right navigation control does scroll and enter. Both navigation controls and touch screen can be used to control the system.

Page Down	Short Click
Page Up	Long Press



ETHOS Suite

With ETHOS Suite, you can update the radio bootloader, firmware, SD card, flash, and also convert image format and audio format. Find the latest infomation and download the ETHOS Suite at ethos.frsky-rc.com/.

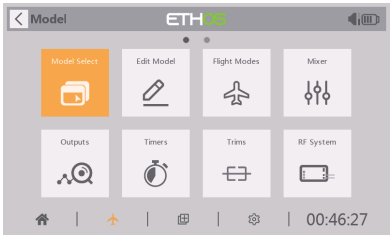


Note: To use the ETHOS Suite application with a FrSky radio, please always keep the radio bootloader with the latest version.

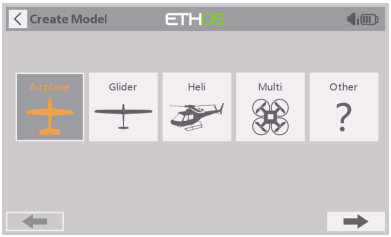
ETHOS Operating System

Create the model

STEP 1:

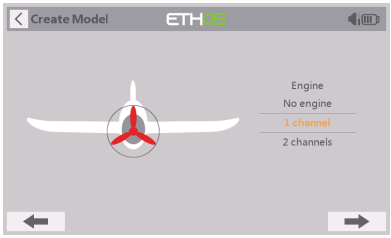


Enter into Model Select, then select the model type.



Create a new model.

STEP 2:

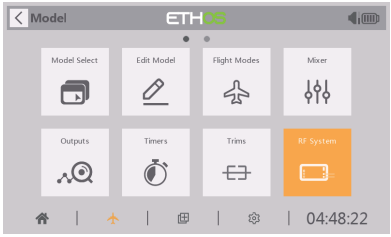


Configure the model channel.

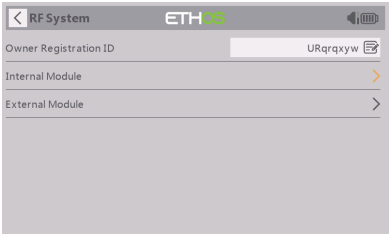
Name the model and set the model picture.

Model Setup Procedure - Internal Module

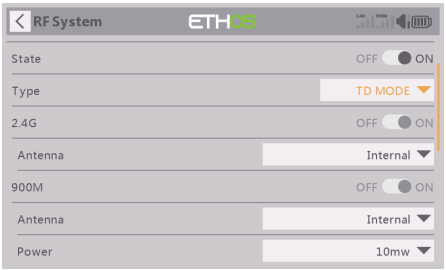
STEP1: Enable RF Module



Enter the RF system menu by the touch-screen or use the navigation encoder key.



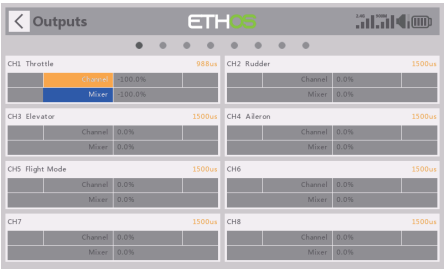
Choose the Internal Module.



Then turn the state of Internal RF to On. Set the binding mode for the Internal RF module corresponding to the receiver (ACCST D16, ACCESS, TD MODE).

STEP2: Channel Range Setting

TD-ISRM Internal RF module supports 24 channels (CH1-8 / CH1-16 / CH1-24).



The channel range is configurable by pressing the channel bars, please also make sure of the channel configuration before using the module.

STEP3: Model ID Setting

The system assigns the receiver a number for the receiver (Model ID) automatically while creating a new model. (The Model ID can be set from 00 to 63, with the default ID being 1.)

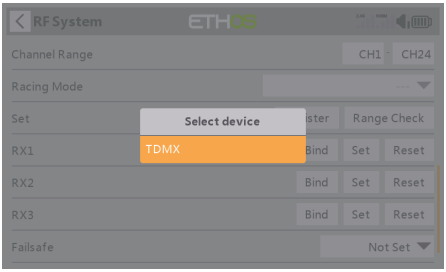
STEP4: Registration

For TD Mode as an example, select the Set [Register] for getting the radio into Registration status in the RF System-Internal Module tool, then press the F/S button on the receiver and power the receiver on.

When the "RX Connected" page pops up, press the [REGISTER] to complete the Registration procedure and then power the receiver off.
(The system automatically assigns the receiver a UID differently in the same model when you have several receivers to bind at the same time.)

STEP5: Automatic Binding (Smart Match)

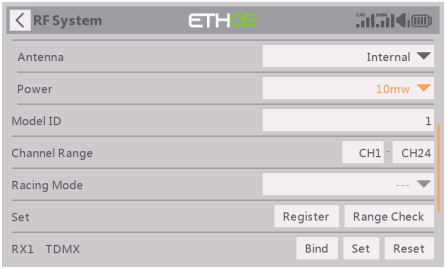
Move the cursor to RX1 [BIND], press it and repower the receiver.



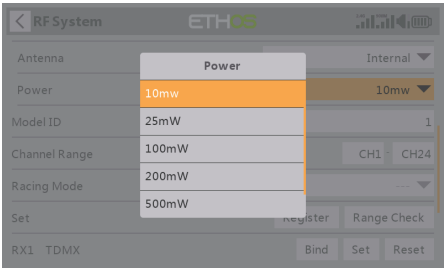
Click the RX to complete the binding after the receiver window pops up, the system will confirm "Bind succeed".

Reset: Registration procedure is not required to repeat anymore after the receiver was once registered even though the receiver is deleted. Pressing the [Reset] and repower the receiver can have the bound recovered.

STEP6: RF Power Setting



The TD-ISRM internal RF Module can offer multiple RF power options which can achieve a further controlling range.

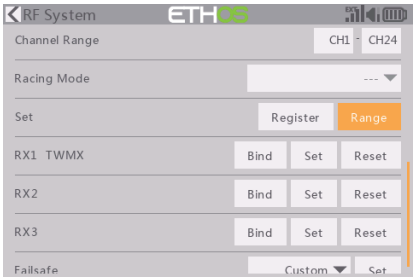


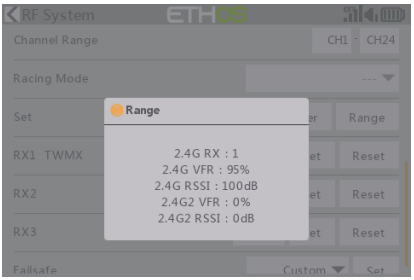
Open the Power menu bar and select the desired power level according to usage.

Range Check

A pre-flight range check should be done before every flight, in case the signal loss is caused by the reflection of the signal by the nearby metal fence or concrete, and the shading of the signal by buildings or trees during the actual flight. Under normal circumstances, in Range Check mode, the RSSI at 150m is about 45-50.

1. Place the model at least 60 cm (2 feet) above the non-metal contaminated ground (such as on a wooden bench). The receiving antenna should be in a vertical position.
2. Ener the ETHOS system, move to the "RF System", scroll the Encoder to select "RANGE" mode and press Encoder. In range check mode, the effective distance will be decreased to 1/30.

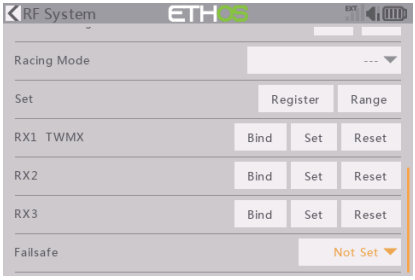


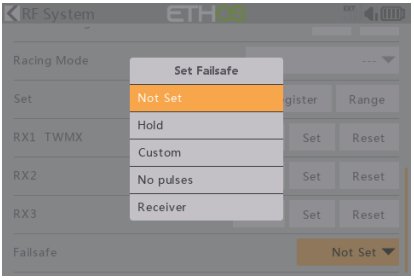


How to set Failsafe

There are 3 failsafe modes when the setting is enabled: No Pulse, Hold, and Custom mode.

- No Pulses Mode: On loss of signal, the receiver produces no pulses on any channel. To use this mode, select it in the menu and wait 9 seconds for the failsafe to take effect.
- Hold Mode: The receiver continues to output the last positions before the signal was lost. To use this mode, select it in the menu and wait 9 seconds for the failsafe to take effect.
- Custom Mode: Pre-set to required positions on the lost signal. Move the cursor to the failsafe mode of the channel and press Encoder, then choose the Custom mode. Move the cursor to the channel you want to set failsafe On and press Encoder. Then rotate the Encoder to set your failsafe for each channel and short-press the Encoder to finish the setting. Wait 9 seconds for the failsafe to take effect.





Note:

- **If the failsafe is not set, the model will always work with the last working status before the signal is lost. That could cause potential damage.**
- **When the failsafe is disabled on the RF module side, the failsafe set on the receiver side will be applied.**
- **SBUS port does not support the failsafe setting in No Pulses mode and always outputs signal. Please set "Hold" or "Custom" mode for the SBUS port.**

FCC

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules

CE

The product may be used freely in these countries: Germany, UK, Italy, Spain, Belgium, Netherlands, Portugal, Greece, Ireland, Denmark, Luxembourg, Austria, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland, France and Iceland.

FLYING SAFETY

⚠ Warning:

To ensure the safety of yourself and others, please observe the following precautions.

ⓘ **Have regular maintenance performed.** Although your TANDEM X20 HD protects the model memories with non-volatile EEPROM memory (which does not require periodic replacement) and of a battery, it still should have regular check-ups for wear and tear. We recommend sending your system to your FrSky Service Center annually during your non-flying-season for a complete check-up and service.

Battery

ⓘ Using a fully charged battery (DC 6.5~8.4V). A low battery will soon die, causing loss of control and a crash. When you begin your flying session, reset your transmitter's built-in timer, and during the session pay attention to the duration of usage. Also, if your model used a separate receiver battery, make sure it is fully charged before each flying session.

ⓘ **Stop flying long before your batteries become over discharged. Do not rely on your radio's low battery warning systems, intended only as a precaution, to tell you when to recharge. Always check your transmitter and receiver batteries prior to each flight.**

Where to Fly

We recommend that you fly at a recognized model airplane flying field. You can find model clubs and fields by asking your nearest hobby dealer.

ⓘ **Always pay particular attention to the flying field's rules,** as well as the presence and location of spectators, the wind direction, and any obstacles on the field. Be very careful flying in areas near power lines, tall buildings, or communication facilities as there may be radio interference in their vicinity.

At the flying field

ⓘ To prevent possible damage to your radio gear, turn the power switches on and off in the proper sequence:

1. Pull throttle stick to idle position, or otherwise disarm your motor/engine.
2. Turn on the transmitter power and allow your transmitter to reach its home screen.
3. Confirm the proper model memory has been selected.
4. Turn on your receiver power.
5. Test all controls. If a servo operates abnormally, don't attempt to fly until you determine the cause of the problem.
6. Start your engine.
7. Complete a full range check.
8. After flying, bring the throttle stick to idle position, engage any kill switches or otherwise disarm your motor/engine.

If you do not turn on your system on and off in this order, you may damage your servos or control surfaces, flood your engine, or in the case of electric-powered or gasoline-powered models, the engine may unexpectedly turn on and cause a severe injury.

ⓘ **Make sure your transmitter can't tip it over.** If it is knocked over, the throttle stick may be accidentally moved, causing the engine to speed up. Also, damage to your transmitter may occur.

ⓘ In order to maintain complete control of your aircraft it is important that it remains visible at all times. Flying behind large objects such as buildings, grain bins, etc. must be avoided. Doing so may interrupt the radio frequency link to the model, resulting in loss of control.

⊘ Do not grasp the transmitter's antenna during flight. Doing so may degrade the quality of the radio frequency transmission and could result in loss of control.

⊘ As with all radio frequency transmissions, the strongest area of signal transmission is from the sides of the transmitter's antenna.

ⓘ **Don't fly in the rain!** Water or moisture may enter the transmitter through the antenna or stick openings and cause erratic operation or loss of control. If you must fly in wet weather during a contest, be sure to cover your transmitter with a plastic bag or waterproof barrier. Never fly if lightning is expected.

Updates

FrSky is continuously adding features and improvements to our radio systems. Updating (via USB Port or the Micro SD card) is easy and free. To get the most from your new transmitter, please check the download section of the FrSky website for the latest update firmware and guide for adjusting your sticks. (www.frsky-rc.com)