MODEL GDA-405-S 8-Channel Digital Proportional Radio Control Transmitter

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ASSEMBLY MANUAL







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Assembly and Operation

of the



8-CHANNEL DIGITAL PROPORTIONAL RADIO CONTROL TRANSMITTER

MODEL GDA-405-S



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INTRODUCTION

The Heathkit 8-Channel Digital Proportional Radio Control Transmitter, Model GDA-405-S, is a solid-state, single-control-stick Transmitter. Digital techniques are used to provide eight channels of simultaneous proportional control.

This Transmitter may be purchased to operate on any of the two frequencies as they are listed below. A coin operated switch at the top of the transmitter selects the operating frequency.

27 MHz Band	53 MHz Band	72 MHz Band
26.995 MHz	53.100 MHz	72.080 MHz
27.045 MHz	53.200 MHz	72.240 MHz
27.095 MHz	53.300 MHz	72.160 MHz
27.145 MHz	53.400 MHz	72.320 MHz
27.145 MHz	53.400 MHz	72.400 MHz
27.195 MHz	53.500 MHz	72.960 MHz
		75.640 MHz (no second frequency)

The Transmitter is housed in an attractive, blue, vinyl-covered aluminum case with black nylon top and bottom covers. The telescoping whip antenna collapses into the case when it is not in use. A relative power output meter is provided for monitoring the radiated signal strength. This meter is also used for making voltage measurements during "Test and Adjustments."

A single control stick provides control of three Servos. Five auxiliary controls allow control of five more Servos. Four trim tabs allow adjustment of the first four channels without changing the position of the channel controls.

Most of the parts are mounted on two circuit boards. One of these, the rf circuit board is preassembled and prealigned at the factory for FCC requirements. Power for the Transmitter is supplied by a 9.6 volt nickel-cadmium rechargeable battery. A charging circuit built into the Transmitter allows the Receiver Battery to be charged at the same time as the transmitter battery.

This Transmitter has been designed to operate as a trainer when used with another Model GDA-405 Heath Transmitter which contains the trainer feature. This allows an experienced operator to take control of the Transmitter of a beginning operator. (The two Transmitters do not have to be on the same frequency or bands.) These and many other features will add to the fun of radio control operation.

NOTE: It is necessary to have a CLASS C operator's license from the FCC (Federal Communication Commission) before the GDA-405-S Transmitter can be operated on the 27 and 72 MHz bands. A technician class or higher amateur radio operator's license is required to operate on the 53 MHz band.

A delay of at least a few weeks will occur between the time you apply for your license and the time you receive it from the FCC. Therefore, you will save time if you apply for your license immediately. The necessary forms are included with this kit. All applications for this license must be accompanied by the FCC license fee.

Refer to the "Kit Builders Guide" for complete information on unpacking, parts identification, tools, wiring, soldering, and step-by-step assembly procedures.



PARTS LIST

Check each part against the following list. The key numbers refer to the corresponding numbers on the Parts Pictorial (fold-out from Page 7). Any part that is packed in an envelope should be returned to the envelope after it has been identified.

To order replacement parts, use the Parts Order Form furnished with this kit. If a Parts Order Form is not available, refer to "Replacement Parts" inside the rear cover of the Manual.

KE`	Y PART	PARTS Per Kit	DESCRIPTION	PRICE Each	KEY No.	PART No.	PARTS Per Kit	DESCRIPTION	PRICE Each	
RE	SISTORS				Cont	trols (con	t'd.)			
					B1	10-222	2	50 kΩ vertical	.45	
1/4	-Watt, 10%			5.1	B2	10-924	2	15 kΩ	1.45	
A1	1-17-12	2	220 Ω (red-red-brown)	.10	B2	10-922	4	75 kΩ	1.00	
A1	1-4-12	1	2200 Ω (red-red-red)	.10 🗸	В3	10-916	1	100 kΩ	4.65	
A1	1-6-12	2	3300 Ω (orange-orange-red)	.10~	CWI	TCHES				
Α1	1-8-12	2	4700 Ω (yellow-violet-	.10	SVVI	ICHES				
			red)		-B4	60-35	1	Slide switch	1.15	
A1	1-9-12	5	10 k Ω (brown-black-	.10	B5	63-634	1	Rotary switch with	1.05	
			orange)		50	00 00 1		slotted shaft	1.00	
A1	1-45-12	1	22 k Ω (red-red-	.10 2	В6	63-635	1	Miniature rotary switch	2.15	
			orange)		B7	64-90	1	Pushbutton switch	1.45	
A1	1-11-12	4	47 k Ω (yellow-violet-	.10						
			orange)		DIO	DES-TRA	ANSISTOR	S-INTEGRATED CIR	CUIT	
Oth	ners									
A2	1-3	1	100 Ω , 10%, 1/2-watt	.10V				egrated circuits are mark	ced for	
			(brown-black-brown)	Joseph De	ident	ification in	one of the f	ollowing four ways.		
A2	1-64	1	5100 Ω, 5%, 1/2-watt	.10	1. Part number.					
			(green-brown-red-gold)		2. Type number. (In integrated circuits this refers					
A2	4-23	1	22 k Ω , 5%, 1/2-watt	.10	only to the numbers; the letters may vary.)					
			(red-red-orange-gold)		-			type number.		
A2	4-32	1	390 k Ω , 5%, 1/2-watt	.10		4. Par	t number wit	h a type number other t	han the	
			(orange-white-yellow-			one	listed.			
			gold)		C1	EC EC	11	1N/11/0 diada	20 1	
A2	2-274	1	60 k Ω , precision	.20	C1 C1	56-56 56-61	1	1N4149 diode GESTB620	.55	
A3	3-26-10	1	1000 Ω, 10-watt	.75	C1	57-27	1	1N2071 diode	.50	
CAE	PACITORS				C2	417-118	2	2N3393 transistor	.40	
CAL	ACTIONS	•			C2	417-201	4	X29A829 transistor	.50	
Disc					C3	443-689	1		10.00	
A4	21-140	10	.001 μF	.10				circuit (IC)		
A4	21-27	3	.005 μF	.10	-					
Niyl			a paravar s relativ		HARNESS-WIRE-SLEEVING-CORD					
A5	27-63	1	.022 μF	.10 🗸		134-807	1	Wiring harness	5.00	
A5	27-138	2	.033 μF	.15		344-40	1 4	Small black wire	.05/ft	
A5	27-73	1	.047 μF	.15		344-41	1	Small white wire	.05/ft	
A5	27-47	1	1 uF -	.20		344-42	1	Small red wire	.05/ft	
	_, .,		CAN'T READ	40 70	100	344-93	1	Large orange wire	.05/ft	
	talum					344-90	1	Large black wire	.05/ft	
A6	25-209	1	.047 μF	.75		344-92	1	Large red wire	.05/ft	
A7	25-212	1	22 μF	.70 V		346-1	1	Fiberglass sleeving	.05/ft	
COL	NTROLS					346-10	1	Large sleeving	.15	
501	TITOLO			nd		346-35	1	Heat shrinkable sleeving		
В1	10-312	7	10 k Ω vertical	.35V		89-38	1	Line cord	.40	

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Мо	Ided Parts	(cont'd.)			Mis	cellaneou	s (cont'd.)		
K9	95-46	2	Battery case bottom	.30	N3	142-113	1	Whip antenna	2.55
	00 .0	-	half	.50	N4	260-16	2	Alligator clip	.10
K10	203-856	1	Case top	.60		352-13	1	Silicone grease	.15
K11		9	Nylon guide	.10		390-919	1	Frequency label	.45
	462-350	7	Thumb knob	.25	1	390-980	1	Heath nameplate	.15
		coor actua	1/2-16	.200		391-34	1	Blue and white	.10
ME	TAL PAR	TS						identification label	
						407-168	1	Meter	3.45
L1	90-555	1	Case	3.10	1	412-47	1	#1820 lamp	.35
L2	203-858	1	Decorative trim	.40	N5	413-15	1	Red lens	.30
			panel		N6	418-27	8	Battery cell	2.55
L3	204-922	1	Meter mounting	.10	N7	490-5	1	Nut starter	.10
			bracket		N8	490-14	1	Allen wrench	.10
L4	204-1817	1	Auxiliary control	.75 🗸	N9	490-110	1	Antenna wrench	.25
			bracket		1.	490-165	1	Open-end wrench	.30 🗸
L5	204-1862	1	Right side bracket	1.70		597-405	1	FCC form	
L6	204-1818	1	Left side bracket	1.20			1	Manual (See front cover	2.00
L7	204-1867	1	RF circuit board bracket	1.20	1			for part number.)	2.00
L8	204-1276	1	Frequency switch	.25				Solder (Additional 3' roll	c
			bracket		,			of solder, #331-6, can	
L9	205-843	1	Rear panel	1.30				be ordered for 15 cents	
								each.)	
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Refe	er to the Par	ts Pictorial	below.					nly on purchases from the	
N1	45-39	4	RF choke	201				t is to a U.S.A. destination	
N2	73-79	1	Channel gasket	.20	10% (minimum 25 cents) to the price when ordering from a				
INZ	73-78	1	Channel gasket	.15∨	Heathkit Electronic Center to cover local sales tax, postage,				

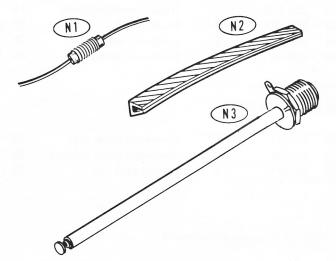
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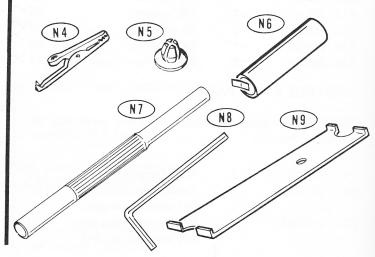


Foam tape

board

Insulating paper

Encoder circuit



and handling. Outside the U.S.A. parts and service are

available from your local Heathkit source and will reflect

additional transportation, taxes, duties, and rates of