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## 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.

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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.

| KEY PART | PARTS | DESCRIPTION |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| No. No. | Per Kit |  |

## Molded Parts (cont'd.)

| K9 | $95-46$ | 2 | Battery case bottom <br> half |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| K10 | $203-856$ | 1 | Case top |
| K11 | $210-55$ | 9 | Nylon guide |
| K12 | $462-350$ | 7 | Thumb knob |

## METAL PARTS

| L1 | 90-555 | 1 | Case |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| L2 | 203-858 | 1 | Decorative trim panel |
| L3 | 204-922 | 1 | Meter mounting bracket |
| L4 | 204-1817 | 1 | Auxiliary control bracket |
| L5 | 204-1862 | 1 | Right side bracket |
| L6 | 204-1818 | 1 | Left side bracket |
| L7 | 204-1867 | 1 | RF circuit board bracket |
| L8 | 204-1276 | 1 | Frequency switch bracket |
| L9 | 205-843 | 1 | Rear panel |

## MISCELLANEOUS

Refer to the Parts Pictorial below.

| N1 | $45-39$ | 4 | RF choke |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N2 | $73-79$ | 1 | Channel gasket |
|  | $73-77$ | 1 | Foam tape |
|  | $75-93$ | 5 | Insulating paper |
|  | $85-1452-1$ | 1 | Encoder circuit <br> board |



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## PARTS PICTORIAL



