

# Thunder Streaker

Your RadioShack Thunder Streaker is built to handle the road in style, whether the road is the hallway inside your house or the sidewalk outside. The Thunder Streaker's powerful motor reaches much higher speeds than most radio-controlled cars.

**Note:** You need the following (not supplied) to power your Thunder Streaker.

- Six AA batteries for the transmitter
- At least one 9.6-volt rechargeable battery pack and one 9V battery for the car
- One battery pack charger

## Important:

- All our games and toys are made in accordance with the European safety and EMC regulations, attested by the label "CE" fixed on the box.
- Not suitable for children under 3 years of age as the toy is electrical and mechanical in nature.
- Keep this owner's manual so that you can trace back to the importer whenever necessary.

## INSTALLING BATTERIES

**Note:** Any batteries purchased for use in this toy may pose a hazard to children. Please check safety notice supplied with batteries before use.

### Cautions:

- Use only a fresh battery of the required size and recommended type.
- If you will not be using the car for a week or more, remove the battery from the transmitter and the battery pack from the car. Batteries can leak chemicals that can damage electronic parts.
- Never leave dead or weak batteries in the transmitter or the car.
- Dispose of batteries and the battery pack promptly and properly; do not bury or burn them.
- Do not mix old and new batteries.
- Never mix alkaline battery with other type of batteries.

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## In the Transmitter

The transmitter uses <sup>9V</sup>~~AA~~ batteries for power. For the best performance and longest life, we recommend using alkaline batteries only and never use rechargeable batteries.

Follow these steps to install the transmitter's battery.



1. Press and slide the battery compartment cover in the direction of arrow to remove it.
2. Place the batteries in the compartment according to the polarity symbols (+ and -) marked inside.
3. Replace the cover and snap it shut.

When the transmitter's range decreases or the power indicator flashes, replace its batteries.

## In the Car

You must charge a rechargeable battery pack before you can use it to power your Thunder Streaker. To charge it, follow the battery charger's instruc-

tions. Then follow these steps to put the battery pack in the car.



1. Slide the car's OFF/ON switch to OFF.
2. Use a coin to turn the battery compartment cover's latches counterclockwise until they stop. Then lift off the cover.
3. Place the 9V battery first. Then, place the battery pack in the compartment with the battery pack's connector on the same side as the vehicle's matching connector.
4. Replace the cover and turn the latches clockwise until they stop to secure it.
5. Attach the battery pack's white plastic connector to the car's matching connector. Do not force them together. They fit only one way.

**Caution:** Be sure the connectors and wires do not touch the Thunder Streaker's moving parts.

If the Thunder Streaker loses power or does not respond to the transmitter, recharge the battery pack.

#### Cautions:

- Do not charge or recharge the battery pack while it is in the car.
- After you charge or recharge the battery pack (for 12 to 14 hours) disconnect it from the charger. Overcharging the battery pack could damage it.
- When you disconnect the battery pack from the charger, do not pull on the connector's wires. You might damage the battery pack.

**Note:** Occasionally, let the battery pack fully discharge before recharging it. Otherwise the battery pack loses its ability to fully charge.

**Important:** At the end of the battery pack's useful life, it must be recycled or disposed of properly.

## DRIVING THE THUNDER STREAKER

#### Warnings:

- This car can reach much higher speeds than many other radio-controlled cars. Be careful to avoid high-speed collisions with people and objects.

- Never play with your Thunder Streaker in the street.

1. Extend the transmitter's antenna to its full length.
2. Slide the OFF/ON switches on the car and the transmitter to ON.
3. Slide HIGH/LOW on the back of the car to HIGH for driving on smooth surfaces or LOW for rough surfaces or for climbing slopes.
4. Use the transmitter's control levers to drive and steer the Thunder Streaker.



#### Left Control

- Pull **BACK** to move forward.
- Push **FORWARD** to move backward.

Release to stop.

#### Right Control

- Turn **LEFT** to move left.
- Turn **RIGHT** to move right.
- Release to go straight.



**Caution:** if the Thunder Streaker gets stuck under an object, immediately release the transmitter's control levers and retrieve the car.

5. When you finish playing with the Thunder Streaker, slide the **OFF/ON** switches on the car and the transmitter to **OFF**.

## Trim Levers

The speed trim lever (next to the speed control lever) lets you fine-tune the speed control so the car completely stops when you set the control lever to its center position.

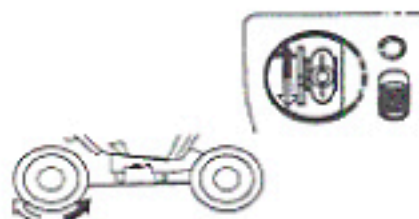
The steering trim (next to the steering lever) lets you fine-tune the steering so the car goes perfectly straight when you set the steering control lever to its center position.

**Caution:** Never use the speed trim to make the car go. It is for adjustment only.

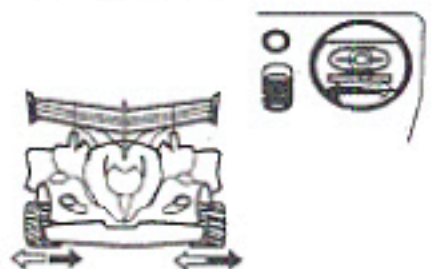
Follow these steps to adjust the trim levers.

1. Place the car on a block so the tires do not touch the ground.
2. Slide the **ON/OFF** switches on the transmitter and the car to **ON**.

3. If the rear wheels move, adjust the transmitter's speed trim lever to up or down until the wheels stop.



4. If the car's front wheels' angle is not perfectly straight, adjust the transmitter's steering trim lever left or right until the wheels point directly forward.



**Note:** Do not touch the wheels during the adjustment.

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## HELPFUL HINTS

These hints can help you get the most enjoyment from your Thunder Streaker.

- Running your car continuously for long periods generates high heat levels. Heat causes the most wear and tear on the motor. To help keep heat levels down, when your car's battery pack dies, let the car cool at least 10 minutes before installing a newly charged battery pack.
- If someone uses a CB nearby, it might interfere with control of the car. If this happens, move the car and transmitter away from the CB.
- You cannot operate your Thunder Streaker devices with transmitters that use the same frequency as your car (27 MHz, 3 bands). Check your car's box to see which frequency your Thunder Streaker uses.
- If the Thunder Streaker moves slowly and you just installed a fully charged battery pack, check the wheel mechanisms for lint, thread, hair or dust.

## CARE

The following suggestions will help you care for your RadioShack Thunder Streaker so you can enjoy it for years.

- Do not drive the car in puddles, on a wet floor, on sand, or in mud, rain, or snow. These can damage it.
- Do not expose the car to temperature extremes.
- Clean it with a damp cloth to keep it looking new.

Modifying or tampering with the Thunder Streaker's or transmitter's internal components can cause a malfunction and might invalidate the warranty. If the Thunder Streaker or the transmitter does not work properly, take them to your local RadioShack/Tandy store for assistance.

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