

New from JR of Japan, via the distributors MacGregor, comes the Beat 2 Pro, a well equipped system for any car enthusiast. An AM system, it incorporates many useful features.

Both stick units have an adjustment to the centred position, locked by a screw, which allows the throttle neutral position to be set. In addition to this, any slight asymmetry in the servo throw to either side of centre, up to 15% of total movement, can be corrected by tightening screws at right angles to the stick axis.

On the left (throttle) side of the transmitter is a row of three 'pots' which adjust the throttle servo's low and high end points and also a pre-set 'back throttle' position, which the servo will return to when a push-on switch on the top left of the transmitter is depressed.

Theoretically, this throttle pre-set could be used as an effective 'warm up' button, assuming that the throttle stick is held right back (full brake) to hold an i.c. car on the line. By pressing

the button the servo would rotate to a position giving the maximum revs without the clutch engaging properly, and this 'blipping' could be repeated at the driver's convenience.

Also on the left of the transmitter are a pair of servo reversing switches and a charging jack point, should the optional nicads be fitted.

On the top right of the transmitter is a rotary switch which sets the throw of the steering servo from 40% to 100%.

The car borne pack consists of the Beat 2 receiver (NER-722X) which is commendably small and light (21 x 32 x 45mm and 30 grams) and a pair of NES-50S servos. These are general purpose servos, no torque figures are quoted but dimensions and weight are given as 39 x 19 x 39 mm and 49 grams respectively. This dry cell outfit is completed by a four cell holder and the anticipated accessories.

Available from MacGregor stockists, the JR Prop Beat 2 Pro costs £79.00 and provides the advanced driver with most of the features they should need.



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