# WIRELESS REMOTE CONTROLLER SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDE

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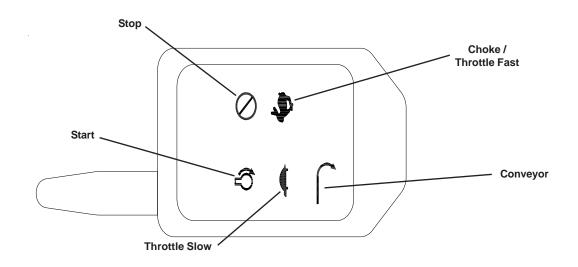
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#### SPREADER OPERATION

#### **Wireless Throttle Control Button Functions**

(Sequence of Operations)



A. ON/Off

System power activated (ready to

start). Spreader engine not running. Spreader conveyor is not engaged.

B. START (Engine Only)

1. Open fuel shut off valve on engine.

CHOKE (Cold engine.) Hold down for

5 seconds to move the throttle actuator to the choke position.

NOTE: Choking a warm engine may not be necessary.

4. Start

Hold down button until engine

starts.

5. Turtle Decreases throttle speed - adjust

as

engine warms up. Will stop the

choke function.

RABBIT Increases throttle speed.

C. TO ENGAGE SPREADER CONVEYOR

1. Conveyor Push CONVEYOR switch only after

you are sure no one is in the

hopper

or near the spinner!

D. TO CONTROL CONVEYOR SPEED

1. RABBIT Hold RABBIT to increase speed.

Note

DO NOT hold switch in HI position

after the desired RPM is achieved

or

you will choke and/or stall the

engine.

2. TURTLE Hold TURTLE to decrease speed.

E. TO DISENGAGE SPREADER CONVEYOR

1. CONVEYOR Push conveyor button.

F. TO TURN ENGINE OFF (With or without conveyor

running).

1. TURTLE Push throttle slow button to

reduce setting to idle (this prevents engine flooding and hard starting).

2. STOP Push STOP button and hold

5 seconds.

NOTE: OFF can be pushed at anytime during spreader operation to cut power to the unit; however, you should normally use steps under F above.

G. Do not attempt to start the engine

with the conveyor engaged.

H. Close fuel shut off valve on engine if

unit is to be transported while not

running.



- 1. As with all power equipment, safety is the number one concern.
- 2. Do not operate this equipment until you fully understand how it functions.
- Before starting engine, be sure that no one is near the rear of the unit and that no one is inside the unit!
- 4. Do not start the engine or engage the conveyor (which is interconnected to the spinner) until everyone is clear from moving parts and flying material from the spinner.

# **Swenson Spreader Wireless Controller**

The wireless controller is a compact unit with two parts. One part is the **Base Unit (Receiver)** and the other part is the **Transmitter (Hand Held Controller)**. The Transmitter is used to send a corresponding signal to the Base Unit to act as a remote switching device.

# **Set-up and Operation**

The Swenson Wireless Controller comes factory programmed. That means matching the Base Unit to the Transmitter has been done by Swenson Spreader. This gives a matched (1 of 16 million combinations @ 418MHz) interface between the Transmitter and Base Unit. See Figures 1 & 2 for Transmitter button assignments. On the 8 button Swenson Spreader Transmitter, all (8) buttons are used when programming. When programming is completed, only (5) buttons are functional (Buttons #1, #3, #4, #5, & #6) (see Fig. 1).

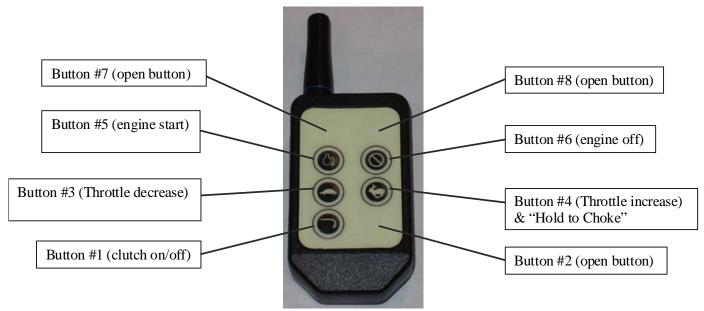


Fig. 1: Transmitter Front Button Assignments



Fig. 2: Transmitter Back Button Assignments

Programming "red" LED

"<u>LEARN</u>" Button ("black" press button)

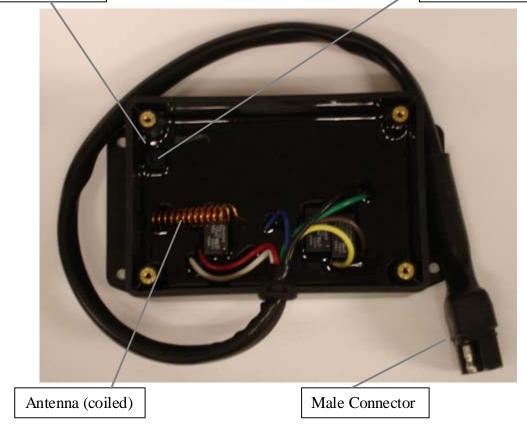


Fig. 3: Base Unit layout (Figure shown without Base Unit Cover)

# Programming/Reprogramming the Transmitter and the Base Unit:

Tools needed: A small "phillips" screwdriver and a small diameter pin (paper clip). Instructions to program Transmitter and Base Unit:

- 1. Remove (4) screws and cover on Base Unit.
- 2. Power-up the Base Unit. Connect a 12V power source to the spreader 12V battery terminals and plug the engine wire harness to the Base Unit wire harness (see Male Connector in Fig. 3). <u>DO NOT DISCONNECT THE BATTERY TERMINALS</u> from the 12V source when engine is running.
- 3. On the backside of the Transmitter depress the "<u>ADD</u>" button (see Fig. 2) using a small pin or paper clip You will see a "blue" LED start to blink (for approximately 15-17 seconds).
- 4. On the front side of the Transmitter press all (8) buttons (see Fig. 1). There is no certain order to press the buttons. Firmly press each button, separately. Perform this step before the 15-17 seconds are up (before "blue" LED stops blinking). The Transmitter is now programmed and has created its own 1 in 16 million address. Once the "blue" LED stops blinking, this step is completed.
- 5. On the Base Unit (see Fig. 3) press the black "<u>LEARN</u>" button. The "red" LED will start to blink (for approximately 15-17 seconds).
- 6. On the front side of the Transmitter you only need to press Button #1 (clutch on/off), once. Perform this step before the 15-17 seconds are up (before "red" LED stops blinking). The base unit has now recognized the Transmitters unique 1 in 16 million address. Once the "red" LED stops blinking, this step is completed.
- 7. Verify the (5) functional buttons (Buttons #1, #3, #4, #5, & #6) on the Transmitter are working with the Spreader Unit by pressing each button, individually (the Base Unit "red" LED will flash when a Transmitter button is pressed). If Transmitter buttons are not working, repeat steps 3 8 or see the Trouble shooting directions.
- 8. When Transmitter buttons are functioning properly, re-assemble the Cover on the Base Unit with the (4) screws. Your Swenson Wireless Controller is now ready to use!

# **Transmitter Battery Replacement**

The Transmitter uses a standard CR2032 lithium button cell battery. In normal use it will provide 1 to 2 years of operation. To replace the Transmitter battery, gently press and slide the battery cover off. Remove the battery by sliding (NOT lifting) it out from underneath the retainer (see Fig. 4). Observe the battery polarity when replacing ("+" showing face up).

- 1. If the battery looses power or is removed the Transmitter and Base Unit may need to be reprogrammed (see reprogramming Transmitter and Base Unit instructions). Check Transmitter functional buttons to verify if reprogramming is necessary.
- 2. When removing lithium battery, please use caution to slide not lift the battery from the controller! If excess force is used to remove the battery (example: lifting the battery with a small screw driver) the solder connections from the battery clip to the circuit board could be pried loose. This action is not covered under warranty.

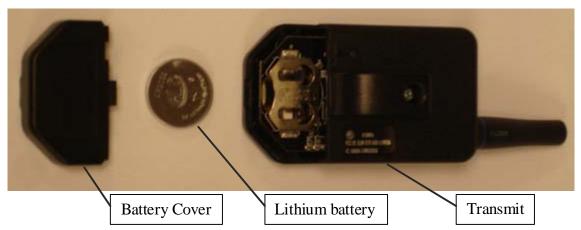


Fig. 4: Back of Transmitter with back cover and battery removed

# **Other Considerations**

- 1. **Powering off the engine will not automatically power off the Clutch** (engagement of conveyor/spinner). If clutch remains engaged, after engine is turned off, it could lead to a slow electrical drain on the 12V battery.
- 2. If an unregulated voltage (example: sparking the battery cable terminal to the 12V battery post.) is sent to the Base Unit it could erase the Base Unit programming. The remote may show signs of no longer working with the Base Unit. Reprogramming will be required. When 14Amps are supplied the Base Unit circuit board is designed to shut off. See additional trouble shooting comments.
- 3. Only one transmitter at a time can be activated within a reception area. Only one carrier of a particular frequency may occupy the same airspace at a given time. This means that if two transmitters are activated in the same area at the same time the signals will interfere and the decoder on the receiver will not see a valid transmission and the wireless controller will not function.
- 4. **Multiple Transmitters** can be programmed to (1) Base Unit.
- 5. To verify the Base Unit is receiving a signal from the Transmitter. Press a button on the Transmitter "red" LED on the Base Unit will light-up.
- 6. Swenson Spreader, LLC has no control over the intended usage of this product. Because of that Swenson Spreader, LLC offers no written or expressed liability as to how this product is used. Swenson Spreader, LLC recommends that these units are intended for OFF ROAD USE ONLY!

### TROUBLE SHOOTING

1. To verify the Transmitter and Base Unit are working together: Once the base unit has power the "red" LED will come on when the Transmitter buttons are depressed (Cover of Base Unit will need to be removed to see "red" LED). If the "red" LED does not come on, the Base Unit is NOT getting a signal from the Transmitter.

#### Possible Solutions:

- A. Reprogramming the Transmitter and Base Unit might be required.
- B. Base Unit might not be functioning properly (see Base Unit trouble shooting below).
- C. Transmitter might not be functioning properly. (see Transmitter trouble shooting below).
- 2. **Base Unit Programming Lose:** If an unregulated voltage (spark) is sent to the Base Unit from a power source the Base Unit could lose its programming. The voltage spike will not damage the Base Unit or Transmitter. Unregulated voltage could generate from the following:
  - Connecting battery cables to a 12V battery source.
  - Jump starting the 12V battery.
  - Charging the 12V battery.
  - Pull-starting the engine.

#### Possible Solutions:

- A. Reprogramming the Transmitter and Base Unit may be required.
- B. Base Unit might be damaged, a new Base Unit & Transmitter will need to be ordered.
- 3. <u>Base Unit does not function properly:</u> (example: "red" LED will not light up when "<u>LEARN</u>" button is depressed on Base Unit).

#### Possible Solutions:

- A. Check/verify voltage of 12V is being supplied by the 12V battery. Lower voltages than 12V will not allow the Base Unit to function properly.
- B. Confirm all wires on engine wire harness are secure and properly connected.
- C. Base Unit could be damaged, a new Base Unit & Transmitter will need to be ordered.
- 4. <u>Transmitter does not have power:</u> (example: "blue" LED will not light up when "<u>ADD</u>" button is depressed on Transmitter).

#### Possible Solutions:

- A. Verify tool diameter (example: paperclip) to depress Transmitter "<u>ADD</u>" button is small enough to enter the "<u>ADD</u>" button hole.
- B. Verify the lithium button cell battery polarity is correct ("+" will be facing up).
- C. If the Transmitter is 1-2 years old, check the lithium battery voltage with a meter or replace the battery as needed (CR2032 lithium button cell battery).
- D. Transmitter could be damaged, a new Transmitter will need to be ordered.

#### 5. General troubleshooting:

- A. Try to Program/reprogram the Transmitter and Base Unit.
- B. Verify the Ground wires (all wires) are secure.
- C. Check connections to the components that the unit is trying to operate using a voltmeter.

# WARNING

#### 1. Disconnecting 12V Battery Cables/Terminals:

A. DO NOT DISCONNECT THE BATTERY (CABLES/TERMINALS) WHEN THE ENGINE IS RUNNING. This could disable or permanently damage the Base Unit.

For further technical assistance please contact Swenson Spreader, LLC at (888) 825-7323 or visit us at www.swensonspreader.com to download updated Wireless Controller Instructions.



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# WARRANTY

#### WHAT THIS WARRANTY COVERS

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Spreader Model	
Serial Number	
Date Installed	
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