

**Deviation Firmware**

**for Devo 6/8/12**

**User's Manual**

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# 1 Overview

Deviation is a replacement firmware for the Walkera Devention™ series (Devo) transmitters. The primary goal is to add support for multiple protocols, opening the full potential of this platform. The core of the deviation firmware is the mixer system, which is modeled after the system used in the Er9X firmware for the Turnigy/Flysky9x™ transmitters.

Deviation also brings USB file-system support, making it easy to manage the transmitter from any PC without the need for specialized upload/download tools.

Deviation has been designed for ultimate configurability. All model and transmitter configuration is controlled through text files which the firmware (or user) can read and write. It is easy to know exactly what is configured, as well as to modify the configuration either through the transmitter or with a text editor. The main screen is very customizable; any mix of inputs, switches, channel data, or timers can be displayed, and configured per-model.

Deviation supports multiple protocols without any modifications to the transmitter:

- Walkera Devo 6/7/8/10/12
- Walkera WK2401 / WK2601 / WK2801
- DSM2 / DSMX
- Nine Eagles J6 Pro (requires telemetry module)

Deviation can support other protocols with very easy transmitter modifications (appropriate transceiver module needed):

- Flysky (also for WLToys V911, V9x9, and Xieda 9938)
- Hubsan-X4
- Skyartec
- V202
- SLT
- HiSky

Deviation supports (flight) simulators connected via DSC cable (PPM) or USB cable (USBHID). Deviation also allows Buddy-Box and FPV setups.

Deviation can store up to 255 different models, and uses a portable syntax that allows sharing models between any transmitter supported by Deviation.

Deviation has been internationalized and comes with translations for English, Afrikaans, Traditional Chinese, Dutch, Spanish, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Romanian, Russian and Chinese. New languages can be added by installing the proper translation file.

## 1.1 Disclaimer

Deviation is experimental software. There are no guarantees made or implied about the quality or reliability of this software. RC models can cause serious injury or even death if flown improperly. By deciding to use the Deviation software, you are taking sole responsibility for the control of your models. The authors of Deviation will not be held responsible for any injury or damage whatsoever caused by the use of the Deviation firmware. Be careful and cautious.

## 1.2 Notices

Deviation is an independent work. The Deviation project is not affiliated, supported or acknowledged by Walkera®. The authors have never been in contact with Walkera nor do they know of Walkera's stance on this project. The Deviation team provides no guarantee that the Deviation firmware will not harm your transmitter (although this should not be possible). There is also no guarantee that Walkera® will not make changes to future versions of the hardware, firmware of Dfuse tool which would make it incompatible with Deviation.

## 1.3 Legal status and copyright

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***The Deviation Project is hosted at [www.deviationtx.com](http://www.deviationtx.com) and the Source are available at <http://bitbucket.org/deviationtx/deviation>.***

## 2 Installation

### 2.1 New installation

Installation of Deviation is done in exactly the same manner as upgrading the Walkera Deviation firmware. Note that Deviation will NOT overwrite Walkera models stored on the transmitter. While they cannot be accessed by Deviation, they will be safely preserved should the Walkera firmware ever need to be reinstalled

**NOTE: As a result of memory limitations with the Devo12 firmware, the original models will be lost when switching to Deviation.**

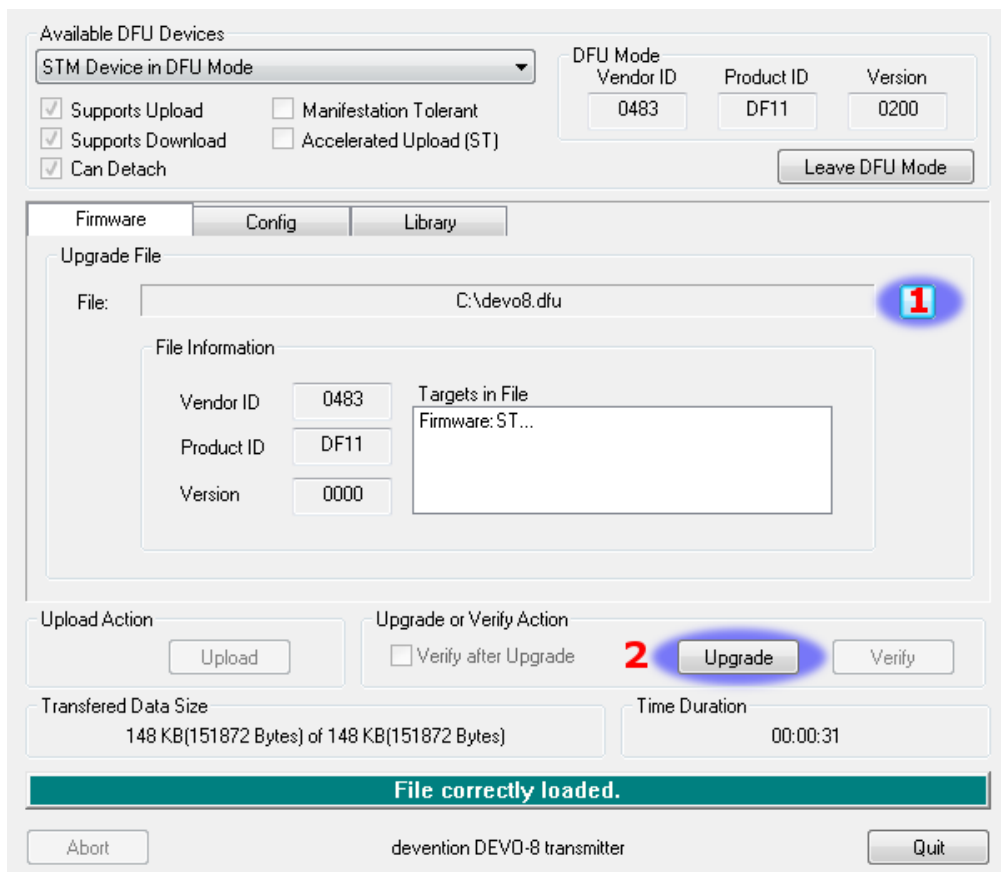
First download and unzip the deviation-devoXX-x.y.z.zip firmware from <http://www.deviationtx.com/repository/Deviation-Releases/> where XX is the number of your Walkera Devo™ transmitter. x.y.z identifies the deviation version number. Normally you should use the latest one.

Upgrading is done using the Walkera 'DfuSe USB Upgrade' tool for Windows. You can download this tool directly from Walkera:

<http://www.walkera.com/en/upload/upgrade/DevoDfuSe%20V2.0.zip>.

**NOTE: Do NOT attempt to use the DfuSe tool from STMicroelectronics!**

Unzip the upgrade tool and install locally. It is recommended that you test the DFU tool by first upgrading your TX to a different version of Walkera firmware.



Plug the transmitter into the PC via USB, and turn on the transmitter while holding 'EXT' to enter programming mode. On the Devo12, this is done by holding the trainer switch instead.

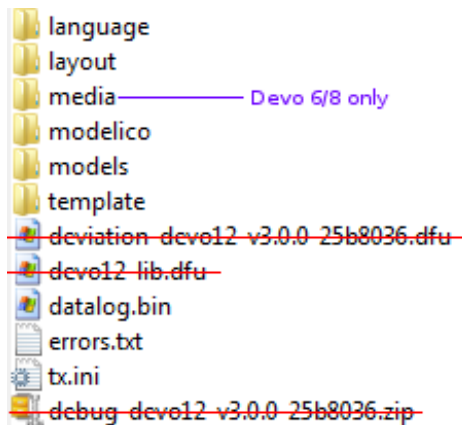
Several users have reported compatibility issues with Windows™ and/or USB ports when running this tool. If Dfuse do not recognition your TX, try removing all USB devices and restart your PC with only the USB connection to the TX.

If your transmitter has been connected correctly 'STM Device in DFU Mode' will be displayed under 'Available DFU Devices'. Otherwise this field will remain blank.

1. Press the '...' button and select the deviation-devoXX-vx.y.z.dfu file to install.
2. Select 'Upgrade' to install the firmware. This will be grayed-out if your transmitter is not detected. **Do NOT use 'Upload' as this will destroy the dfu file on your PC.**
3. **Devo12 Only:** Select the 'Library' tab, click '...' select the devo12-lib.dfu from the zip file. Then select 'Upgrade' again to install the library.

Turn off the transmitter, and turn back on while holding 'ENT'. There should be a USB logo on the screen. If this is a first-time install of Deviation, the PC should prompt to format a drive. Format using default options.

Open the folder of the zip and copy all the files and directories inside this folder to the root of the transmitter USB drive. For details of the file-system please see [2.3 USB & File-system](#) . The files with the extension zip, and dfu need not to be copied.



## 2.2 Upgrade notes

If you are upgrading from a previous Deviation release, it is strongly recommended that you back-up the 'models' directory from the transmitter as well as the tx.ini file to ensure you don't lose any model or transmitter configuration. Copy all directories except for the 'models' directory and the tx.ini file to the transmitter. Optionally, copy the 'models' directory to the transmitter except for the currently configured model files. This last step will ensure that the defaults for newly created models have the latest options set. If the tx.ini file is overwritten, the stick calibration must be repeated and any settings reset.



## 2.3 USB & File-system

Deviation stores all configuration, bitmaps, and models as regular files on the USB file-system. USB can be most easily enabled by holding down the 'ENT' button while powering up the transmitter. Files can then be easily copied to or from the transmitter.

The directory structure is as follows:

\tx.ini	Transmitter configuration. Includes trim settings, calibration data, and the last-used model number
\errors.txt	If the firmware crashes or reboots, debug information will be stored in this file
\datalog.bin	File for telemetry data
\media\config.ini	The color scheme and fonts for the transmitter
\media\sound.ini	Contains notes to play for various alarms
\media\*.bmp	Images used for the current transmitter theme
\media\*.fon	Font files
\models\default.ini	The default model, loaded whenever a model is cleared
\models\model*.ini	Configuration files for each model. Due to a limitation in the firmware, deviation cannot create new files. It is therefore necessary to have a modelxx.ini for each model regardless of whether it is currently in use.
\modelico\*.bmp	All available model icons (96x96 pixels is recommended but not required). Model icons must be saved as 16-bit BMP files in either RGB565 (non-transparent) or ARGB1555 (transparent) format.
\templates\*.ini	Configuration files used when loading predefined templates. These are nearly identical to the model configuration files, however they do not necessarily define all parameters
\language\lang*.*	Language translation files. These are UTF-8 text files containing the English string and the respective translated string.

**Note:** Deviation only supports 8.3 style file names. That means file names should be no larger than 'xxxxxxx.yyy'\*\*

## 3 Reporting Bugs

Nobody is perfect.

This firmware has been developed carefully and has been successfully tested by many users around the world. Nevertheless under some circumstances it could happen that the transmitter does not work as you expect. Sometimes this behavior will be a handling problem and sometimes a real bug. Do not hesitate to ask the community at <http://www.deviationtx.com/forum>. Please bear in mind that the firmware can only improved with your help.

If you find a bug in Deviation, please report it here: <http://www.deviationtx.com/mantisbt>

You will need to register for an account on the Deviation forums to submit a bug. That account will also allow you to communicate with the Deviation community, and will enable you to get email updates when the bug is updated/fixed.

Please provide as much information as possible in your ticket. Include: \* Build version (you can find this on the 'USB' page of the transmitter) \* Did you compile yourself, or download the dfu? \* Type of transmitter (Devo8, Devo7e, Devo8-emulator,...) \* Have you tried reproducing this on the emulator? \* Is this easily reproducible? If so, please provide step-by-step instructions \* What protocol are you using? \* If your transmitter rebooted, please provide the errors.txt on the root file-system of the transmitter along with the 'debug-devo???.zip file that came with the dfu

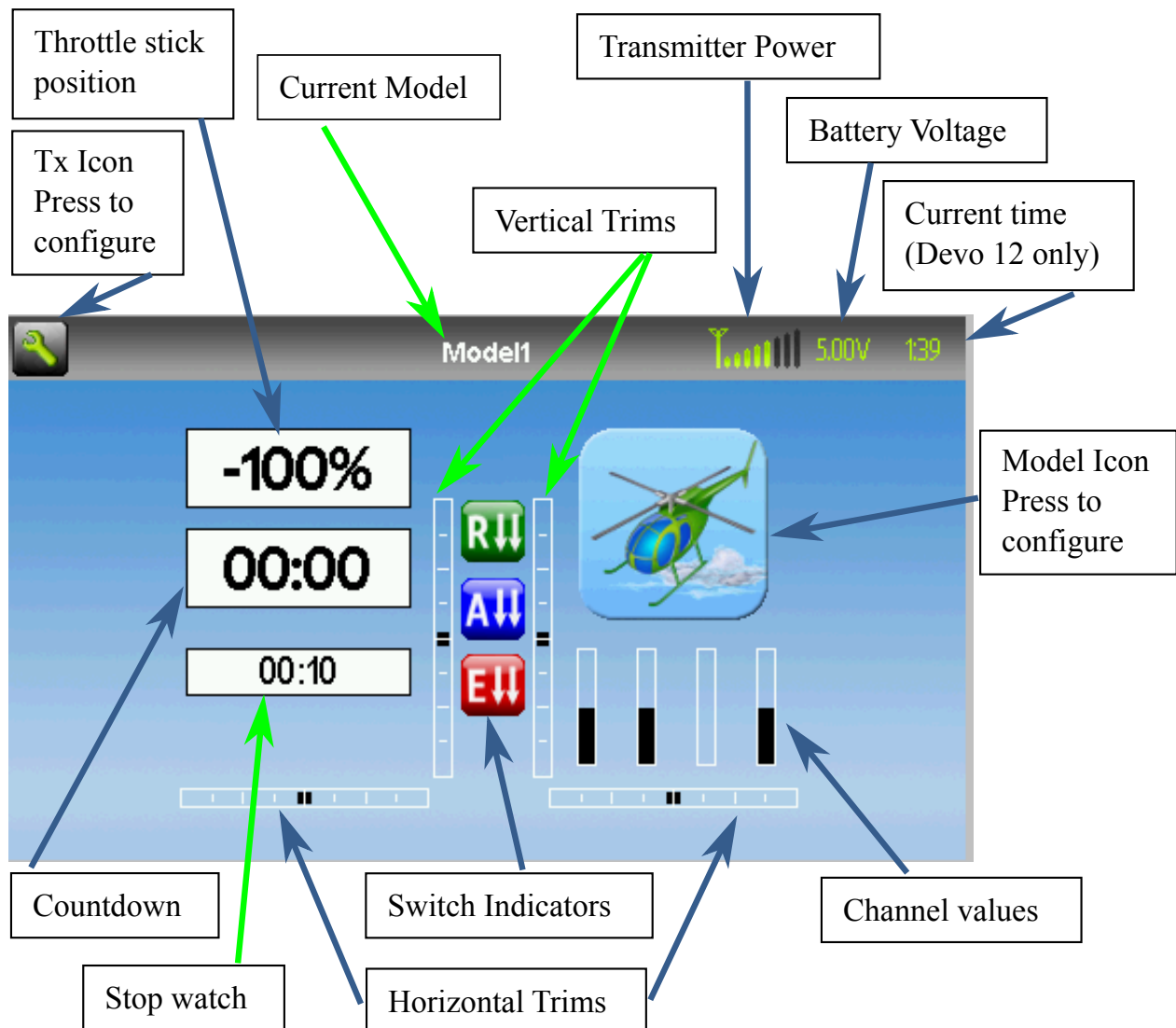
The more detail you can provide, the faster fixing the issue will be.

## 4 A Note About this Manual

The images in this manual will generally show the Devo6/8 interface, though in some cases the Devo12 image will be used instead where it better depicts the capabilities. While the Devo6/8 and Devo12 screens may look a little different in some cases, they will generally have identical behavior. Situations where the Devo6, 8, or 12 behave differently will be noted accordingly.

## 5 Main Page

The standard main page layout is as follows:



**Current Model:** The name of the current model. Clicking the label will open up the Model Load page. The model is configured from section [8.1 Model setup \(Std & Adv GUI\)](#) .

**Battery Voltage:** Numerical representation of current transmitter battery state.

**Transmitter Power:** This indicates the currently selected transmitter power. It is configured from section [8.1 Model setup \(Std & Adv GUI\)](#) .

**Current Time:** This indicates the current time (on Devo12 transmitters only). The time is set from section [7.1 Transmitter config](#) .

**Model Icon:** An image representing the current model. It is configured from section [8.1 Model setup \(Std & Adv GUI\)](#) . Pressing the icon will take you to that page.

**Trims:** The trim display can be configured to show up to 10 different horizontal and vertical trims.

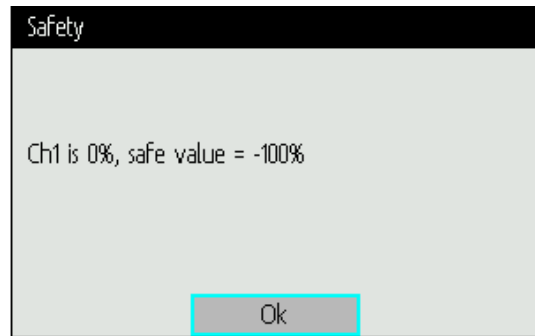
**Displays:** These items can be text-boxes containing input, channel, telemetry, or timer data; bar graphs displaying channel data; or icons / toggles displaying specific states (ex. gear, flaps,...).

**Quick Menus:** Quick menus can be reached via a long UP/DN press. They can be defined from section [8.7 Main page config \(Std & Adv GUI\)](#).

## 5.1 Safety System

Deviation has a safety system to prevent starting up in a dangerous state (for instance spinning up the main rotor of a helicopter accidentally). The safety system works by verifying that specific conditions are met before starting to transmit to the model. By default the output channel associated with the throttle stick must be minimum. The Deviation firmware does not include a mechanism to define new safety conditions, however, they can be added by directly modifying the model.ini file. While the safety message is displayed, the transmitter will not communicate with the model. This message may appear either when initially turning on the transmitter, or

when switching to a different model. The message will disappear automatically once all safety conditions have been met or when 'OK' is pressed. In either case, Deviation will start communication with the model once the dialog is dismissed.



## 6 Navigating

The transmitter menus can be navigated by pressing the corresponding image on the screen or via the physical buttons UP, D(ow)N, L(eft), R(ight), ENT(er), EX(i)T. All buttons and switches have been marked with the same descriptions as used in this manual.

There are several GUI elements that are used to configure settings on the transmitter

**Buttons:** Buttons can be pressed to either toggle a setting or to enter a new menu.

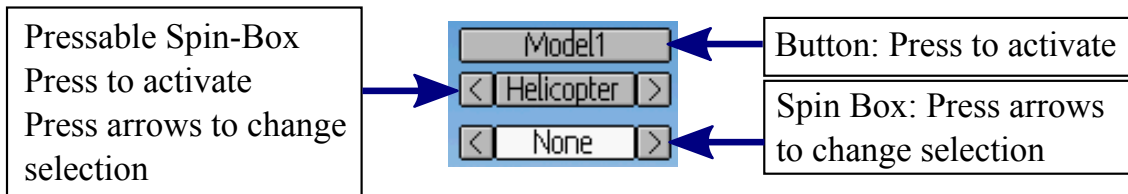
**Spin-Boxes:** Spin-boxes are used to select one of multiple values.

**There are two types of spin-boxes available:**

1. Spin-boxes consisting of both arrows and a 3d button may act both as spin-boxes (for selecting a value) and as a button (which can have various effects).
2. Spin-boxes that contain only arrows and a white label do not act as buttons, and are only used for value selection.

**Text Boxes:** Text boxes generally provide information, however in some cases they can be clicked to perform an action (like a button)

**Icons:** Icons can either provide information or be pressable to perform an action (like a button)



### 6.1 Navigating with the physical buttons

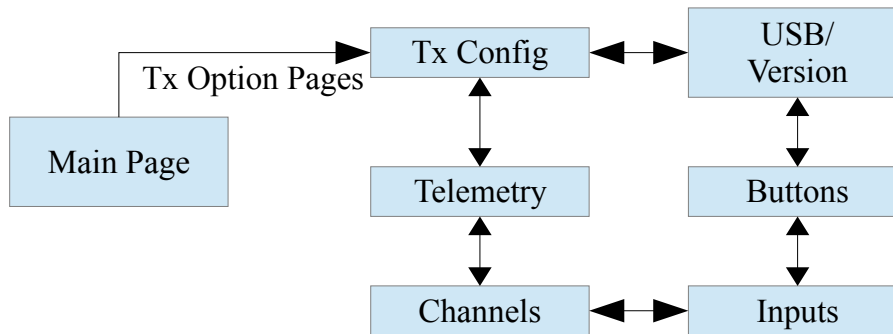
- On all menu pages, 'UP' and 'DN' are used to navigate to the previous/next item.
- The 'R+' and 'L-' buttons are used on spin-box widgets to increase or decrease the selected value. In some cases holding down the button will use larger step values to move more quickly to the desired value.
- For buttons and rounded-spin-boxes, pressing ENT' will press the button,
- Pressing 'EXT' will remove selection form the current item. A long-press of 'EXT' will exit one (1) menu level.

## 6.2 Menu Layout

There are 2 different unconnected menus available:

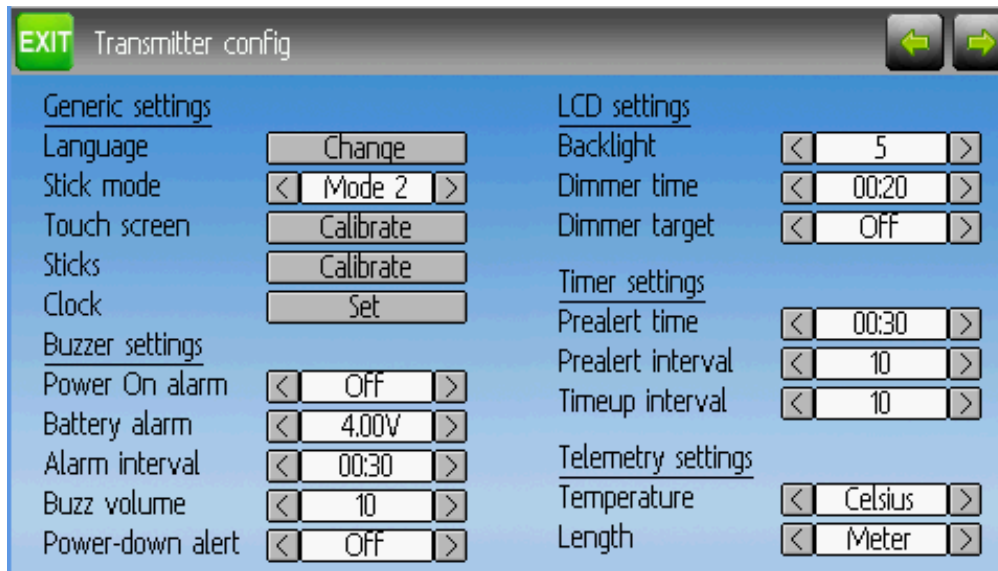
- The transmitter menu allows you to select transmitter-specific options as well as monitor channel output & stick input, and monitor telemetry (if available). Details of the menu are located in section [7 Transmitter Menu](#) .
- The model menu is the area within deviation that you can configure the type of aircraft you are flying. All model data is managed and saved within this menu selection. Details of the menu are located in section [8 Model menu](#) .

## 7 Transmitter Menu



### 7.1 Transmitter config

The configuration page defines various transmitter functions. It is entered from the main menu via the TX Options icon. Please note that all screens in this section show the Deviation default settings.



#### 7.1.1 Generic settings

**Language:** Select an appropriate language for all text.

**Stick mode:** Select one of Mode 1-4.

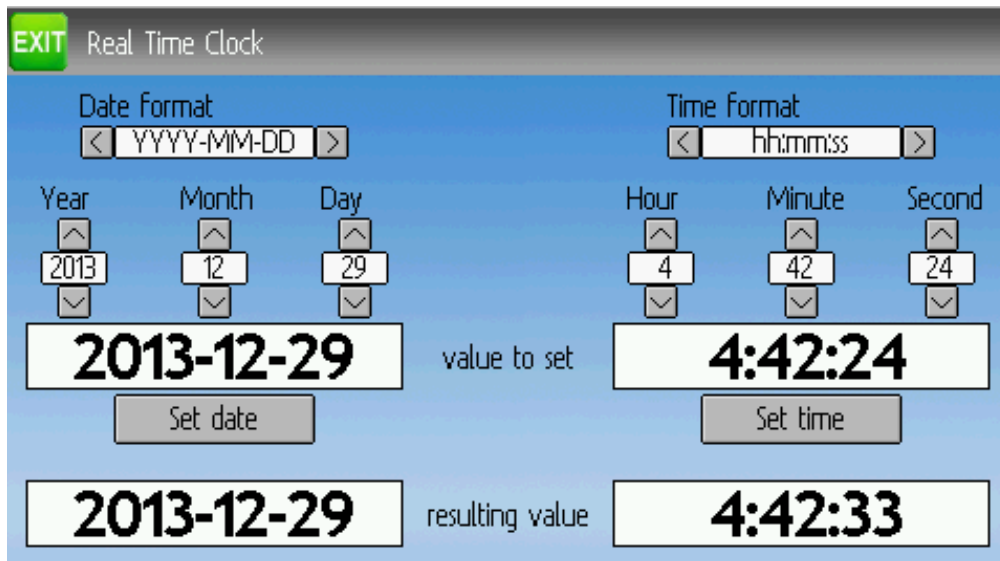
- Mode 1 is common in Europe. Elevator and Rudder on left, Throttle and Aileron on right.
- Mode 2 is common in North America. Throttle and Rudder on left, Elevator and Aileron on right.
- Mode 3 has Elevator and Aileron on left, Throttle and Rudder on right
- Mode 4 has Throttle and Aileron on left, Elevator and Rudder on right

**Sticks:** Calibrate the range of all analog sticks and dials.

To perform a stick calibration, highlight the Calibrate option and press the ENT button. Follow the on screen prompts for moving the sticks and confirming with the ENT button.

**Clock (Devo12 only):** Set the current time and date





### 7.1.2 Buzzer settings

**Power On alarm:** Select the interval to be notified if your transmitter is on without action. Range is 0 – 60 minutes in 1 minute intervals.

**Battery alarm:** Set battery voltage at which alarm will sound. The voltage range is 3.30V – 12.00V in 0.01V increments.

**Alarm interval:** Set frequency of alarm when battery is low. Alarm intervals can be set from 5 seconds to 1 minute in 5 second intervals. It may also be set to Off.

**Buzz volume:** Set buzzer volume. Available range is 1 – 10; the buzzer may also be set to None.

**Power-down alert:** Play sound at power-down.

### 7.1.3 LCD settings

**Backlight:** Set screen brightness. Acceptable entries are from 1 to 10 and may also be turned off.

**Dimmer time:** Set delay before screen dimming. Times may be set from 5 seconds to 2 minutes in 5 second intervals. A setting of Off will force backlight to remain on as long as the transmitter is on.

**Dimmer target:** Set screen brightness when dimmed. Acceptable entries are from 1 to 10 and may also be turned off.

### 7.1.4 Timer settings

**Prealert time:** Time before timer reaches zero to start beeping. Acceptable entries are from 5 seconds to 1 minute in 5 second intervals and may also be turned off.

**Prealert intvl:** How often to beep before timer reaches zero. Interval may be set from 1 – 60 seconds and may also be turned off.

**Timeup intvl:** How often to beep once timer has expired. Interval may be set from 1 – 60 seconds and may also be turned off.

### 7.1.5 Telemetry settings

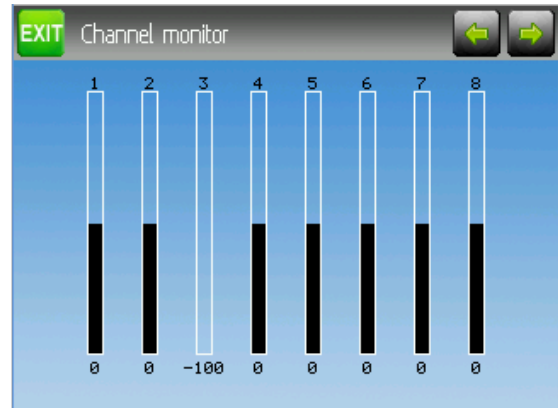
**Temperature:** Set units to display temperature for telemetry. Available options are Celsius and Fahrenheit.

**Length:** Set units to display length for telemetry. Selection choices are Meters and Feet.

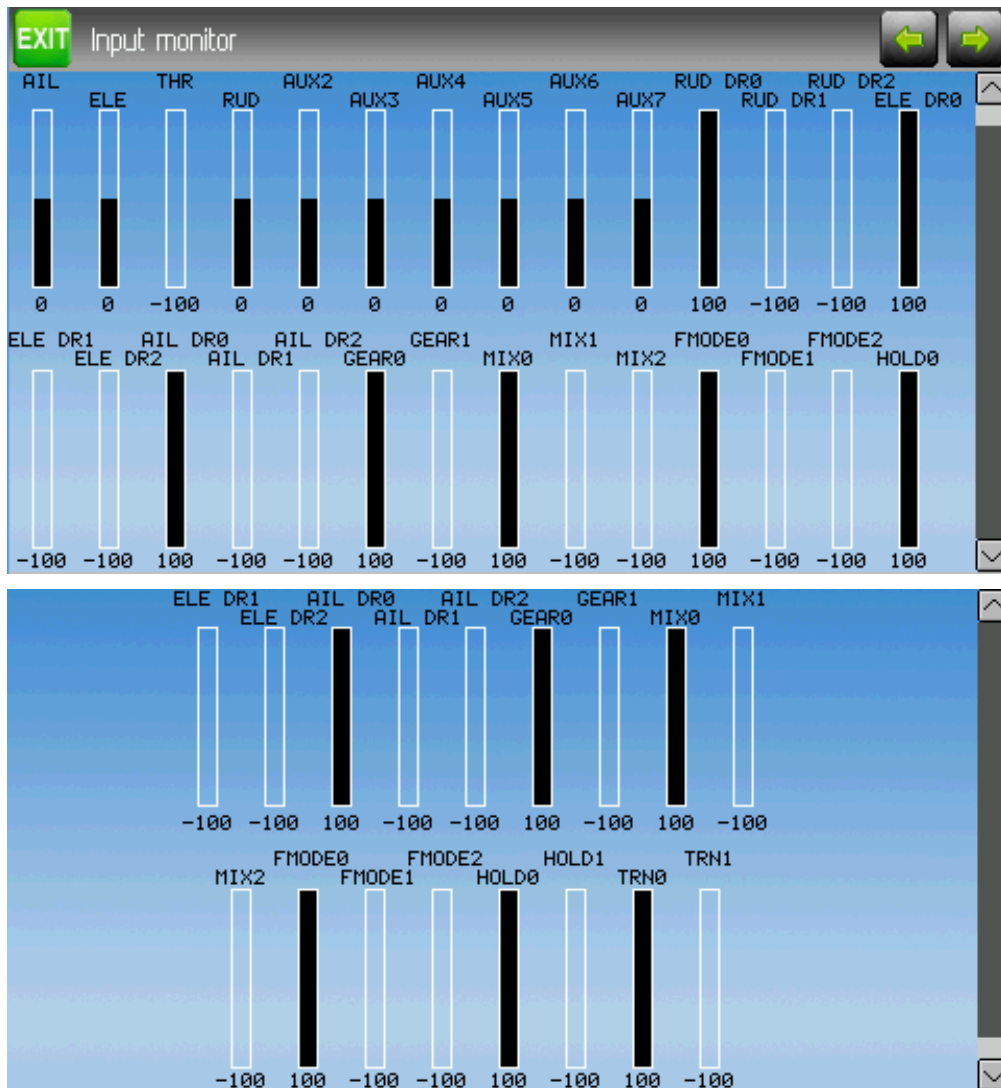
## 7.2 Channel monitor

The channel monitor screen allows the user to see the values of each channel as output by the transmitter. Channel output displayed is the value based on minimum / maximum values as well as scaling.

**Example:** A channel scaled from -60 to +60 will only display the range of values from -60 to +60 depending on the stick position.



## 7.3 Input Monitor



The input monitor screen shows the values associated with the current position of the control points. The values shown are a percentage of the total range of the controls based on a -100% to +100% scale.

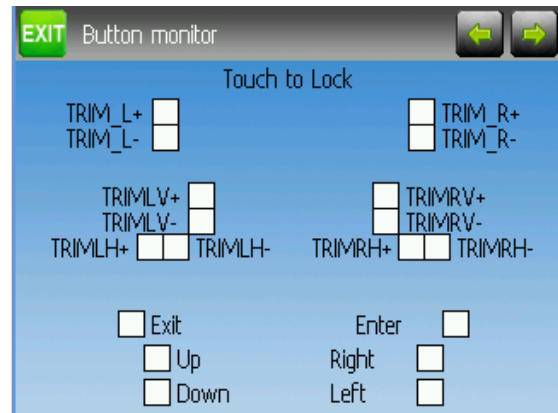
**NOTE:** Devo8 is limited to AIL, ELE, THR, RUD, RUD DR0/1, ELE DR0/1, AIL DR0/1, GEAR0/1, FMODE0/1/2, and MIX0/1/2

**NOTE: Devo6 is limited to AIL, ELE, THR, RUD, DR0/1, GEAR0/1, FMOD0/1/2, and MIX0/1/2**

## 7.4 Button Monitor

The button monitor page is used to ensure physical buttons on the transmitter are working as expected. Pressing any physical button will select the corresponding square on the screen. To test 'EXT', 'L-' or 'R+' touch the screen to disable menu traversal. Touch the screen again to unlock.

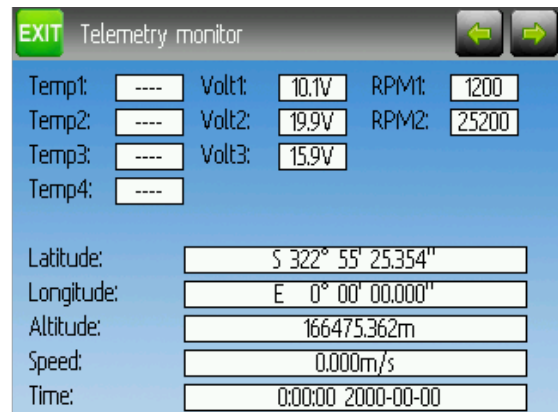
**NOTE: Devo6 does not have the upper set of Trim L/R buttons**



## 7.5 Telemetry monitor

Certain protocols have the ability to transmit telemetry data back to the transmitter during use. Telemetry data may include, but is not restricted to, temperature readings, various voltage readings, motor or engine rpm, as well as GPS related information.

Telemetry data is turned off by default for all supported protocols except DEVO. See the corresponding 9 Protocols section to learn which protocols support telemetry, and identify which fields will be available.



Since each protocol differs in the type of data it can return please see the original equipment manufacturers documentation concerning what additional hardware may be needed to collect this data.

Until valid data is transmitted the values will all be red



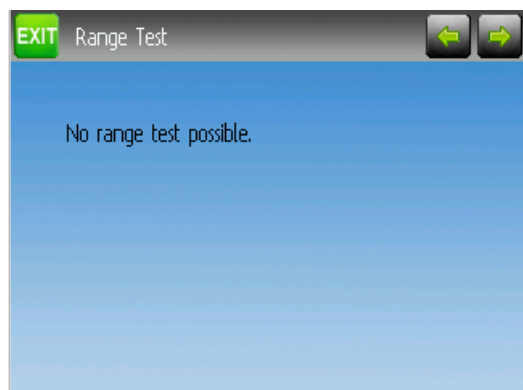
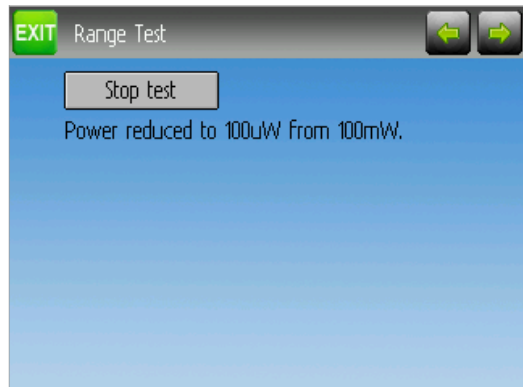
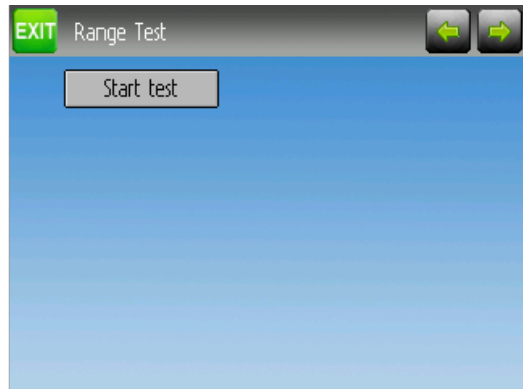
## 7.6 Range Test

It is recommended that you range test a new model before flying it the first time to verify that you will be able to control the model at normal flying distances. At some clubs, this is required as a safety measure. The range test page allows this.

Once the range test page is opened, press the 'Start test' button to start the range test. The old and new power levels will be displayed. The standard procedure is then to walk about 30 meters away, and verify that you still have control of the aircraft. You can then press the 'Stop test' button to end the range test and restore the configured radio power level. Pressing the 'Ext' button to exit the page will also restore the power level.

The radio range will be reduced by the square root of the change in power level. So going from 100mW to 100uW represents a change of power of roughly 1000, or a range reduction of a factor of a little over 30. So the normal range test of 30 meters would indicate that you should be able to control the model out to 900 meters.

The installed RF module used for the current model must have a PA. If that is not the case, or the power level chosen for the model is already at the minimum value, a message to that effect will be displayed.



## 7.7 USB/About

The USB page can be accessed by selecting 'USB' from the main menu. USB mode can then be toggled on/off to enable access to the transmitter's file-system from a USB equipped computer. In this mode the file system of Deviation is accessible as a mass storage device. This will allow you to move files back and forth between the Deviation file-system and a PC. All configuration files are accessible in this mode.

**NOTE: Entering USB mode should never be done while the model is bound, USB usage will disrupt signal transmission!**



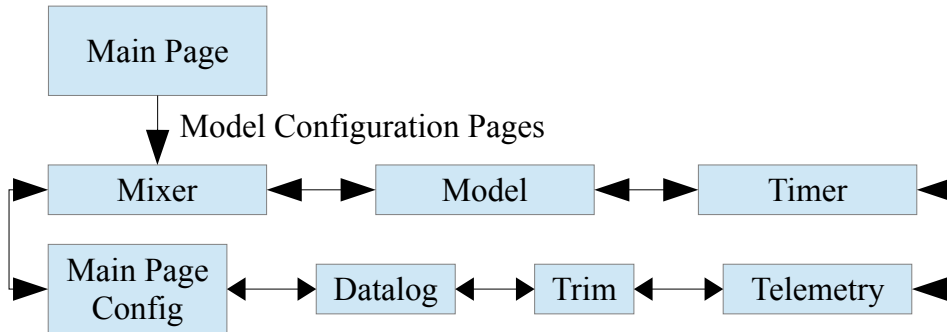
## 8 Model menu

The model menu allows selection, editing model configuration, alarms, logging and screen configurations. You can access the menu by pressing the ENT key to select the 'Main menu' and then again on 'Model menu'.

Depending on the selection you have done for the Mixer GUI in section 8.1 Model setup (Std & Adv GUI) , the model menu operation will be completely different.

The Advanced '2. Mixer' page (**Mixer (Advanced GUI)**) provides all of the functionality (and more) of the Standard Model.

**Advanced GUI:**



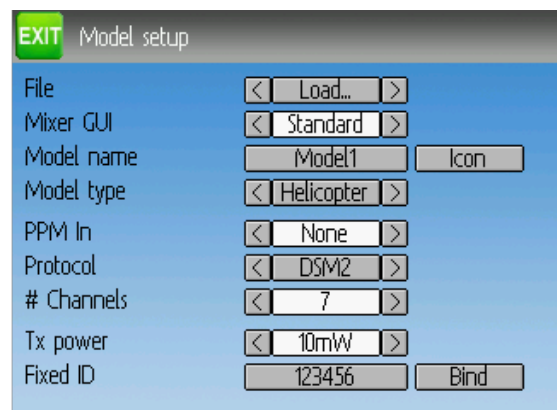
**Standard GUI:**



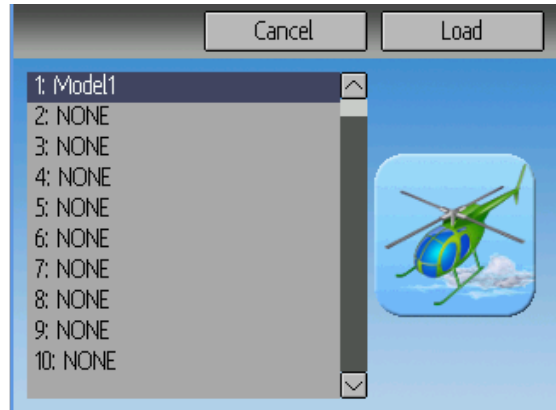
*Note: The Advanced Mixer GUI is the default setting for all new models.*

### 8.1 Model setup (Std & Adv GUI)

The model page provides various model configuration options.



**File:** The File spin-box allows loading a new model, copying the existing model to a new location, resetting the current model to the default (all configuration is lost), and loading templates (see 8.1.1 [Predefined Model Templates](#) ). Note that changing models may result in a safety message being displayed (see 5.1 [Safety System](#) ).



**Mixer GUI:** Defines which graphical user interface (GUI) to use for this model. The ‘Advanced’ GUI is the default for Deviation. The ‘Standard’ GUI is only available for Helicopter models and more closely resembles the stock GUI.

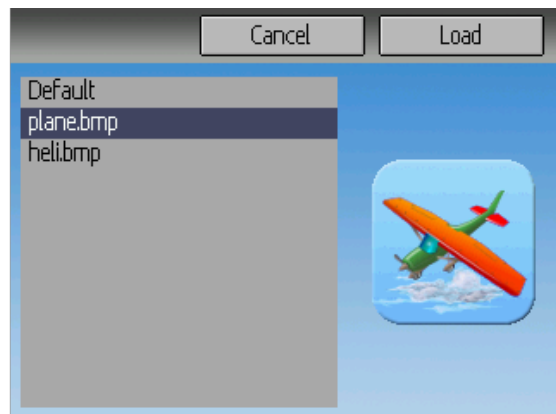
*Note: If you switch from advanced mixer to standard mixer all data may be lost.*



**Model Name:** Set the model’s name. Use the left, right, up, and down buttons then ENT to select each character.

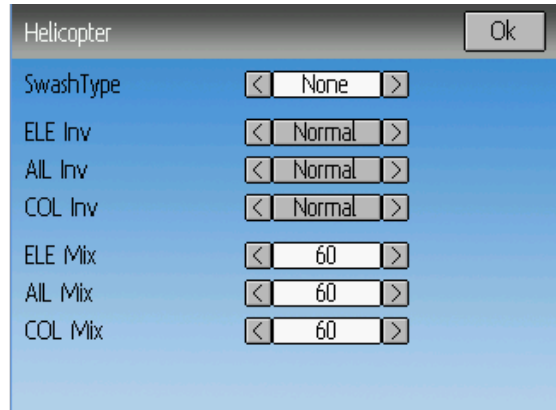


**Icon:** Choose the model’s icon. Additional model icons can be installed (see 2.3USB & File-system).



**Model Type:** Set the model-type available options are Heli and Plane. Helicopter models have an additional configuration page that can be accessed by clicking the Model type. The options for SwashType are identical to the ones in [8.8.5 Swash Configuration](#).

If you switch to model type Plane this will change the Mixer GUI to Advanced automatically because the Standard GUI only supports helicopters.



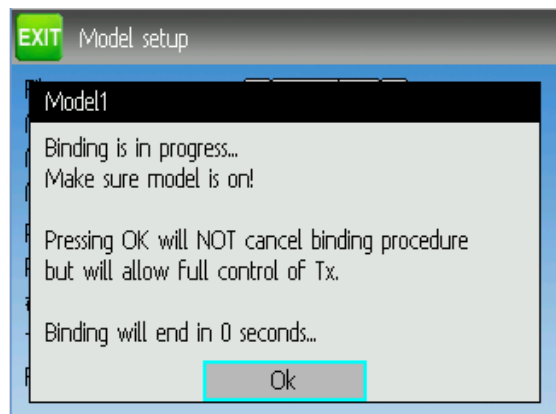
**Transmitter Power:** Specify the radio output power (when applicable). Available options are 100μW, 300μW, 1mW, 3mW, 10mW, 30mW, 100mW, 150mW.

**PPM In:** Allows input from the DSC port primarily to control external hardware such as camera motors from a 'head tracker'. Secondly it may be used to enable the transmitter to act as a Master in a buddy-box setup. Available options are Channel, Stick and Extend.

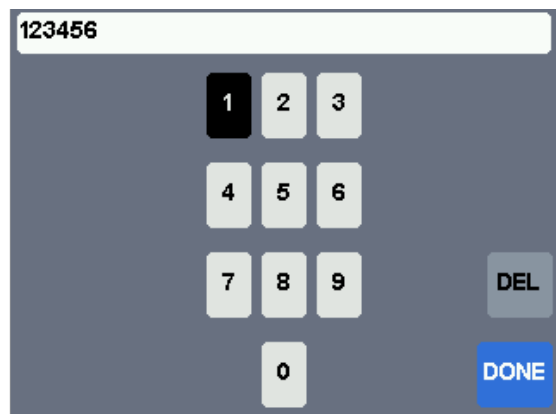
The Stick and Channel modes are used for buddy-box setup and documentation can be found in [chapter 10.1 Setting up a Buddy-Box](#). The Extend mode is used for FPV or external input setup and documentation can be found in [chapter 10.2 Setting Up FPV or Other External Inputs](#).

**Protocol:** Set the type of receiver being used. Note that some protocols have additional options that can be accessed by pressing the Protocol spin-box when it is active. See section 9 Protocols for more on specific protocols. Note that a protocol change will disable any currently active protocol and will affect any active model. To enable the newly chosen protocol, use the Bind/Re-Init button described below.

**Bind/Re-Init:** Depending on the protocol and Fixed-ID setting, the transmitter may bind with the model on start-up, or may need to be manually bound once. See section 9 Protocols for more on specific protocols. If the protocol does not support binding, the button will show 'Re-Init', which can be used to switch protocols without power-cycling the transmitter.



**Fixed ID:** The Fixed ID sets a unique code to ensure that the transmitter will only bind to a specific model. This is useful to ensure that the transmitter is not accidentally bound to the wrong model.

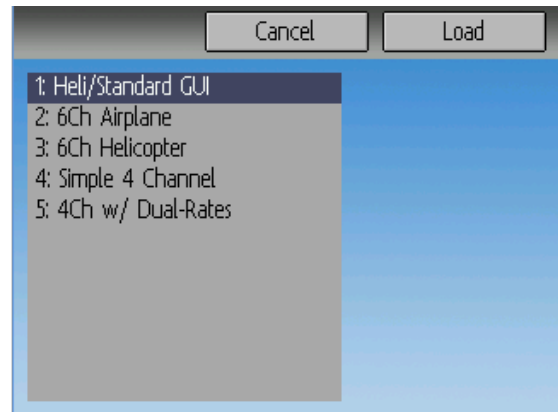


**# Channels:** Sets the number of channels to transmit (the maximum number of channels is dependent on the selected protocol).

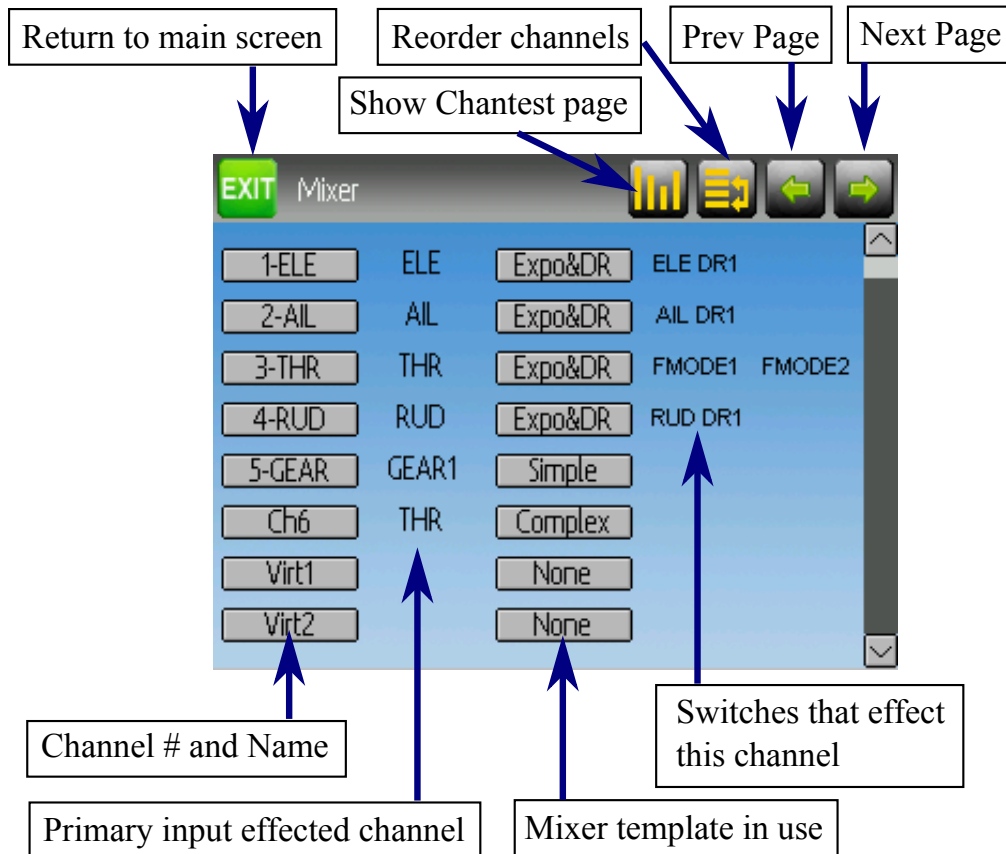
### 8.1.1 Predefined Model Templates

The Deviation firmware supports user-customizable predefined templates. By selecting 'Template...' within the File spin-box from the Model page.

Additional templates can be added via USB to the '\template' directory. A template does not completely replace your existing model, but instead only a portion of it. The currently supported templates will replace the mixer and trim definitions, but will not affect the display layout.



### 8.2 Mixer (Adv GUI)



The 'Advanced' GUI unleashes the full capabilities of the Deviation firmware, however it is unlike any commercial transmitter setup. Deviation also provides a more traditional setup interface for those who prefer it (see 8.8 Standard GUI Menu items ). With the Advanced GUI, each output channel is composed of a series of one or more mixers each of which consists of a single input, an activation switch, and a function/curve that modifies the mixer output. This is a very powerful capability, but it will require learning a completely different method for setting up a model. To aid in quick setup, there are a few predefined configurations available (see 8.1.1 Predefined Model Templates ), but to learn to modify and configure a model, read through this entire section carefully.

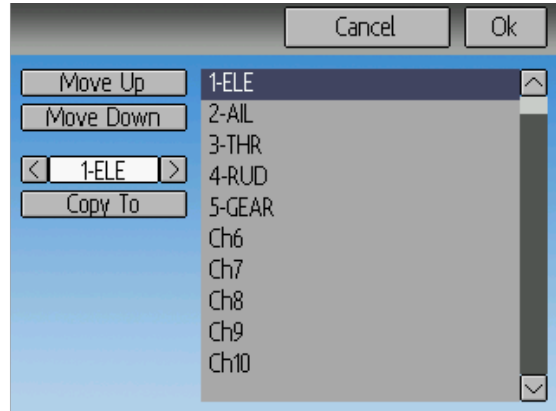
The Mixer page controls how inputs (sticks/switches) are assigned to output channels. The mixer page is accessed from the main menu by selecting the model icon..



The number of channels available is dependent on the number of channels selected in section 8.1 Model setup (Std & Adv GUI). Additionally there are 10 Virtual channels that can be used as an intermediate step for complex setups.

### 8.2.1 Channel Reorder

The Channel reorder page allows moving mixer definitions between channels as well as duplicating channel configurations. Note that the values displayed are the initial channel assignments. Whenever the page is loaded, the channels will be sequentially ordered representing the current state.

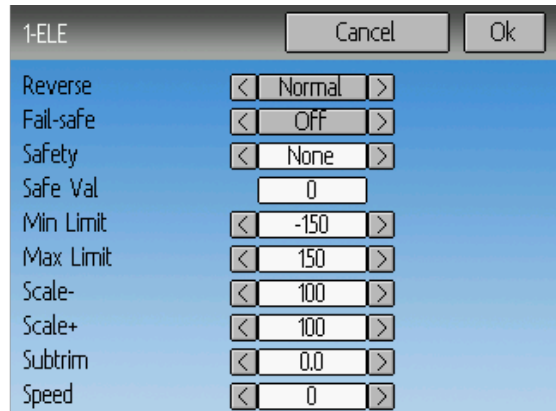


### 8.2.2 Channel configuration

The Channel configuration provides the ability to configure the final channel outputs. Capabilities such as channel reverse and fail-safe values are applied here. Also available are controls for end-points, scaling, sub-trim, and a safety switch (which could be used to ensure that a motor cannot spin-up while working on a model)

Changes to this page will immediately effect the channel output. Pressing '**Cancel**' will restore the shown values to their last saved state.

**Reverse:** Reverse the direction of servo rotation



**Fail-safe:** Specifies a value that the receiver should use when it loses signal from the transmitter. The range is between -125 and +125 or None. Not all receivers support this capability.

**Safety:** Specifies a switch that will override all mixers and force the channel output to 'Safe Val' when flipped.

**Safe Val:** If a safety switch is chosen the Safe Val can also be specified. The acceptable range of Safe Val is any value between -150 and 150.

**Min Limit/Max Limit:** These values define the minimum and maximum values that the transmitter will ever send to the receiver (after all scaling, trims and mixer are applied). If a calculated value is outside the min/max range, it will be clipped to either the min or max value as appropriate. Default is -150 for Min Limit and +150 for Max Limit. Maximum setting is -250 to 0 for Min Limit and 0 to 250 for Max Limit.

**Scale-/Scale+:** These values define a final scalar to adjust the servo throw. Allowed entries are between 1 and 250. When you alternate Scale+ Scale- will be changed in the same way. If Scale- has been set to a different value than Scale+ both data will act separately until you set them to the same value again.

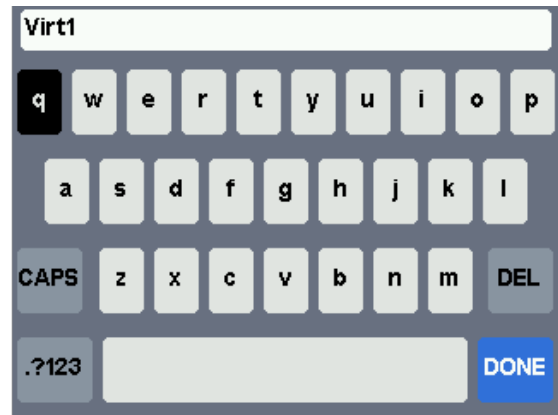
**Subtrim:** Adjust servo zero position. The available range is between -50.0 and +50.0 in 0.1 increments.

**Speed:** Adjust maximum servo speed. Zero is disabled (fastest), Range is between 1 (slowest) and 250 (fastest). Servo speed is defined as number of degrees per 100msec (assuming a min/max throw of 120degrees).

Example: A value of 60 will give a speed of 60degrees per 100msec which is equivalent to center-to max in 100msec. Most servos are rated at ~60degrees/0.1sec, so a speed > 60 will have no affect on most servos. A value of 30 should be approx twice as slow as a typical servo.

### 8.2.3 Virtual channel configuration

If you press ENT on a virtual channel a keyboard screen is shown where you may edit the default name. You can touch each character, or use L/R/UP/DN buttons followed by 'ENT' to select.



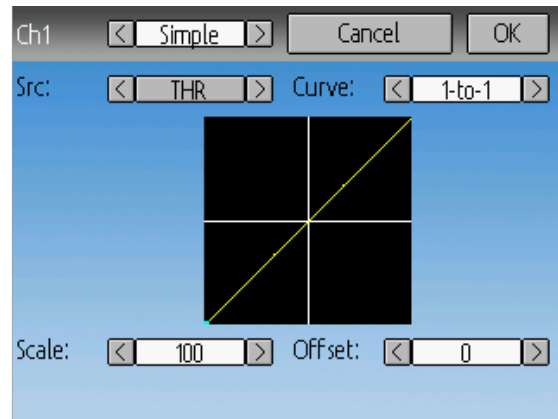
### 8.2.4 Simple Template

The Simple template is the simplest manner of defining a channel. It allows defining a primary-input (stick, switch, or other channel), and applying a curve or function to that input. The result can also be scaled or have an alternate zero-offset. You cannot use a toggle or switch to activate or deactivate this setup.

A 'Long-ENT' press will update the current mixer settings, making it possible to test them on the transmitter.

**Src:** The input source controlling this mixer.

**Curve:** The function applied to the input to generate the output. See section 8.2.9 Available Curves for more info. Depending



on curve-type, pressing curve may display the curve editor (see 8.2.10 Curve Editing).

**Scale:** A multiplicative scalar that is applied after the Curve to control the output range.

**Offset:** An additive offset that is applied after the scaling.

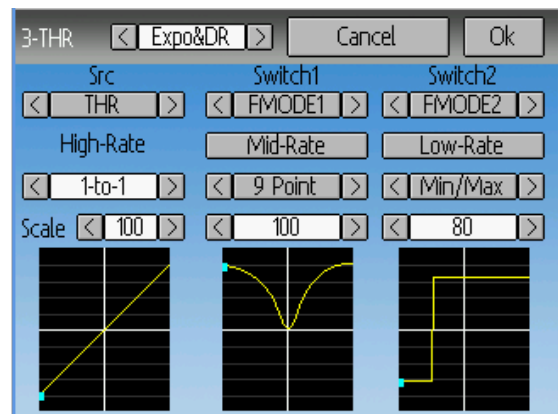
### 8.2.5 Expo & Dual-Rate Template

Selecting a value for Switch1 or Switch2 will activate the corresponding section. Each section can either have a 'linked' curve (curve is the same as the 'High-Rate' curve) in which case only the scalar can be modified, or alternatively can have an independent curve definition. Pressing the 'Mid-Rate' or 'Low-Rate' button for a given switch will toggle between linked and independent curves.

A 'Long-ENT' press will update the current mixer settings, making it possible to test them on the transmitter.

**Src:** The input source controlling this mixer.

**Curve:** The function applied to the input to generate the output. See section 8.2.9 Available Curves for more info. Depending on curve-type, pressing curve may display the curve editor (see 8.2.10 Curve Editing ).



**Switch:** Specify a switch to enable Medium or Low rates.

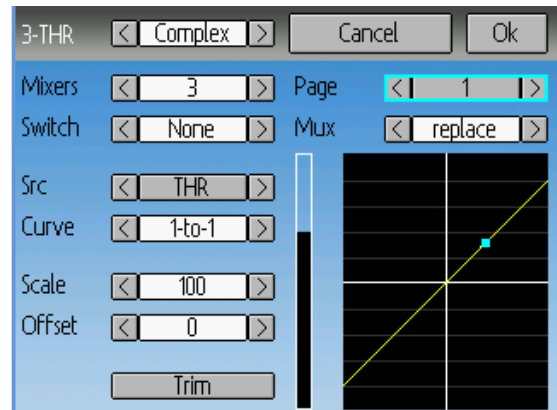
**Scale:** A multiplicative scalar that is applied after the Curve to control the output range.

## 8.2.6 Complex Template

The Complex template unlocks the full power of the mixer system. For a given channel, any number of mixers can be applied to affect the final result. Each mixer is applied based on whether the specified switch is active, and can either replace, add to, or multiply to the previous mixers for this channel. Using this system it should be possible to define an output channel as a combination of any number of inputs.

A 'Long-ENT' press will update the current mixer settings, making it possible to test them on the transmitter.

The Complex Mixer page has the following options:



**Mixers:** Specify the number of mixers for this channel. If you increase the number a new mixer will be added after the last existing page.

**Page:** Specify the current mixer page being edited. Pressing the spin-box will allow reordering the pages of the current channel.

**Switch:** Specify an optional switch which determines whether the current mixer is active.

**Mux:** Defines how the current mixer is applied to the previously defined mixers for this channel. Options are: \* **Replace:** If this mixer is active, all previous mixers are ignored. \* **Add:** Add the value of this mixer to the previous mixers. \* **Mult:** Multiply the value of this mixer with the previous mixers. \* **Max:** The output will be the greater of the current mixer vs the previous mixers. \* **Min:** The output will be the lesser of the current mixer vs the previous mixers. \* **Delay:** Delay the output of this mixer when used with a fixed curve. Scale of 100 represents 5 seconds delay. Can be varied by using scale or offset.

**Src:** The input source controlling this mixer.

**Curve:** The function applied to the input to generate the output. See section 8.2.9 Available Curves for more info. Depending on curve-type, pressing curve may display the curve editor (see 8.2.10 Curve Editing).

**Scale:** A multiplicative scalar that is applied after the Curve to control the output range.

Note that while the scale value is limited to 100%, the mixer may provide a value larger than 100% if an offset is set or if the trim value is non-zero.

**Offset:** an additive offset that is applied after the scaling.

**Trim:** Selects whether or not any trims for the selected source are applied to this mixer.

A given mixer can be considered to have the general form:

$$M(x) = \text{if}(\text{Switch}) \{ \text{Src} * \text{Curve} * \text{Scale} + \text{Offset} \} \text{ else } \{0\} + \text{Trim}$$

The combination of mixers for a given output channel is defined by the Mux type:

For a 'Replace' mux:

$$C_x = \text{if}(\text{Switch}_n) \{M_n\} \text{ else if } (\text{Switch}_{n-1}) \{M_{n-1}\} \dots \text{ else if } (\text{Switch}_0) \{M_0\}$$

For a 'Multiply' mux:

$$C_x = \text{if}(\text{Switch}_n) \{M_n\} \text{ else } \{1\} * \text{if} (\text{Switch}_{n-1}) \{M_{n-1}\} \text{ else } \{1\} * \dots * \text{if} (\text{Switch}_0) \{M_0\} \text{ else } \{1\}$$

For an 'Add' mux:

$$C_x = \text{if}(\text{Switch}_n) \{M_n\} \text{ else } \{0\} + \text{if} (\text{Switch}_{n-1}) \{M_{n-1}\} \text{ else } \{0\} + \dots + \text{if} (\text{Switch}_0) \{M_0\} \text{ else } \{0\}$$

For a 'Max' mux:

$$C_x = \text{MAX}(\text{if}(\text{Switch}_n) \{M_n\} \text{ else } \{0\}, \text{if} (\text{Switch}_{n-1}) \{M_{n-1}\} \text{ else } \{0\}, \dots, \text{if} (\text{Switch}_0) \{M_0\} \text{ else } \{0\})$$

For a 'Min' mux:

$$C_x = \text{MIN}(\text{if}(\text{Switch}_n) \{M_n\} \text{ else } \{0\}, \text{if} (\text{Switch}_{n-1}) \{M_{n-1}\} \text{ else } \{0\}, \dots, \text{if} (\text{Switch}_0) \{M_0\} \text{ else } \{0\})$$

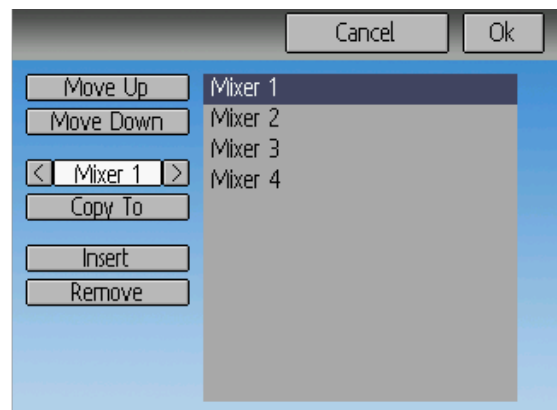
## 8.2.7 Cyclic

**Cyclic1, Cyclic2, Cyclic3:** The 3 outputs of the helicopter swash-plate mix. These will represent the 3 servos connected to the helicopter swash-plate (see [8.8.5 Swash Configuration](#) ).

## 8.2.8 Reordering Mixers

Select the respective mixer and use the up/down buttons to move the order of the selected mixer. Note that the mixer name represents its position when the reorder dialog was opened. If the dialog is closed and reopened, all mixers will be shown as numbered sequentially.

The reorder page can add new mixers or delete existing ones using the '+' and '-' buttons respectively. A mixer can also be copied to an existing mixer (overwriting it in the process) by using the 'Copy To' functionality.



## 8.2.9 Available Curves

The following curve functions are supported:

- **1-to-1:** Output is equal to the input (not editable).
- **Fixed:** Output is constant regardless of input (offset editable).
- **Min/Max:** Output is -100 if input is less than the specified value and 100 otherwise.
- **Zero/Max:** Output is 0 if input is less than the specified value and 100 otherwise.
- **>0:** Output matches input when greater than the specified value, and 0 otherwise.
- **<0:** Output matches the input when less than the specified value, and 0 otherwise.
- **ABSVAL:** Output is the absolute-value of the input (editing the specified value will alter how the absolute-value is applied)

- **EXPO:** Apply exponential curve to the input for non-linear response (editable see 8.2.10 Curve Editing).
- **Deadband:** Output will not respond to input values near zero (editable see 8.2.10 Curve Editing).
- **Multi-point:** Curve is based on 3, 5, 7, 9 or 13 user-defined points (editable see 8.2.10 Curve Editing).

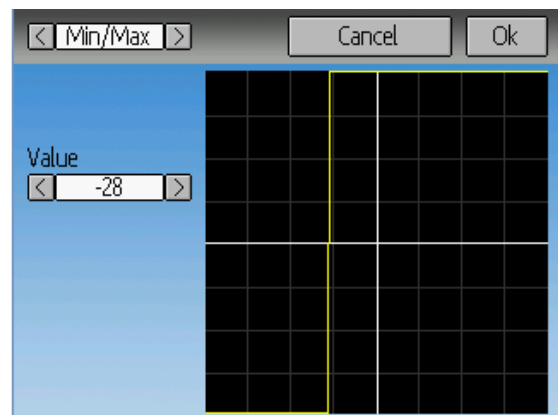
The default value for any of the offsets in above mentioned curves is 0 (zero). If you change the curve for one input the offset will be transferred to the new curve if possible.

### 8.2.10 Curve Editing

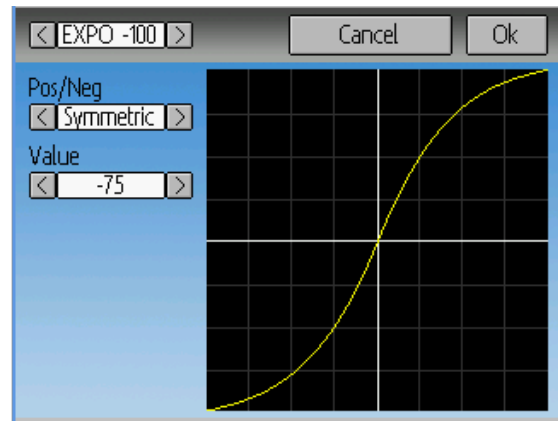
The Curve Editor is accessed by pressing a graph or by pressing the curve spin-box when it is selectable. Some curve types may not be edited (any of the curves preceding the 'Expo' curve), and the curve-box will not be selectable if one of these curves is currently active.

The Curve editor page will be different depending on which curve is selected. It is not possible to change the curve type from the curve editor (except when a multi-point curve is selected). Values can be set using the spin-box or by touching the graph.

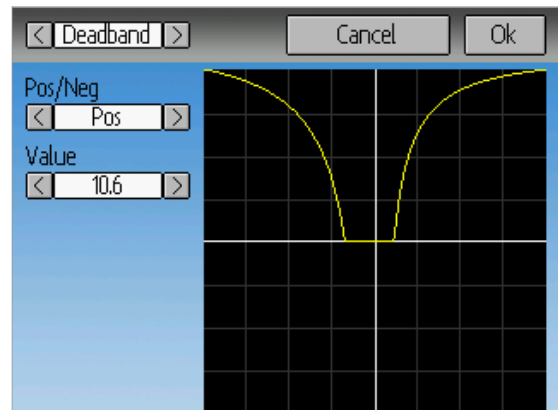
For the Min/Max, Zero/Max, >0, <0, and ABSVAL, the controls allow setting the transition point along the x-axis. A value of '0' will be symmetric around the y-axis, positive or negative values will move the center point accordingly



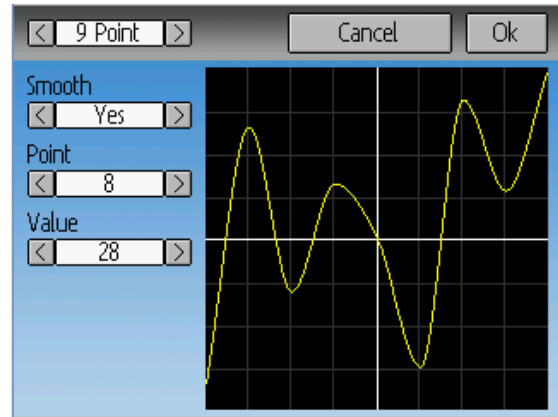
For the Expo curve, the controls allow independently configuring the shape of the curve for values greater-than or less-than zero.



For the Deadband curve, the controls allow independently configuring the deadband width for values greater-than or less-than zero.



For the Multi-point curves, each point can be individually set. Points are set by choosing the point number and then choosing a value. The minimum number of points allowable is 3 the maximum number of points is 13. Enabling 'Smooth' will apply a smoothing function rather than connecting points via straight lines.



### 8.3 Timers (Std & Adv GUI)



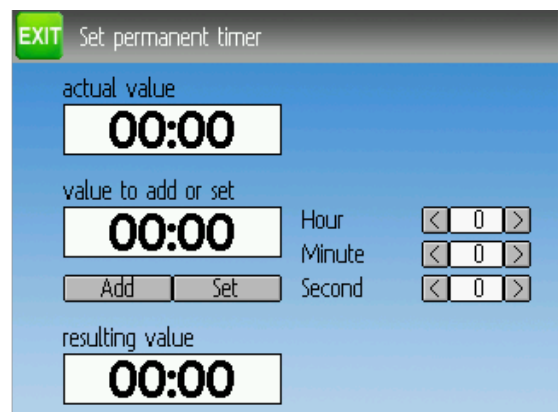
The timer page defines up to 4 available timers. Timers can count either up or down, and can be enabled either manually from the main screen or by an input trigger (stick or switch).

Available timers are stopwatch, countdown, stopwatch-proportional, countdown-proportional, and permanent.

Timers can also be optionally configured to be reset via an alternate switch (only when using the Advanced GUI).

Both proportional timers need an input between 0 and 100 to act correctly. If you use these timer for throttle a virtual mixer must be used as the input to scale -100 to 100 values into 0 to 100.

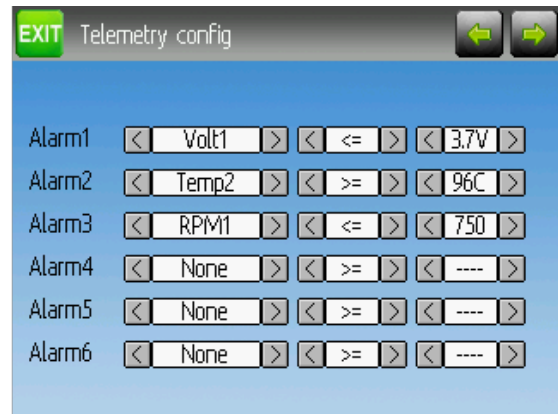
The 'permanent' timers are similar to an odometer and have their values saved in the model.ini file. They will maintain their previous value when powering up the transmitter. You can set the timer by using the 'Set to' button and reset by pressing the 'Reset' button.



## 8.4 Telemetry config (Std & Adv GUI)

The telemetry configuration page allows specifying alarms when specific telemetry events occur.

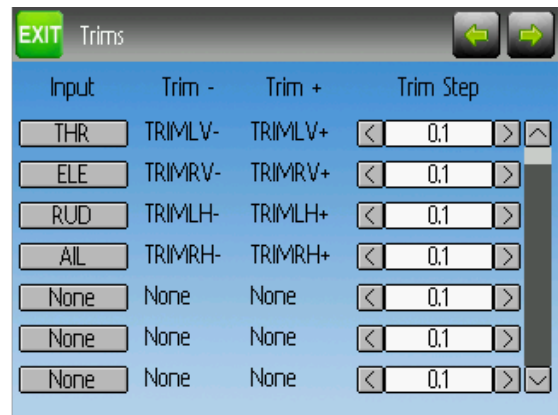
- **Telemetry:** Specify the telemetry input to use for alarm control. This can be a temperature probe, voltage probe, or RPM probe.
- **Equality:** Can be '>=' or '<=' indicating whether a value above or below the target causes an alarm.
- **Target:** The target value for the alarm.



## 8.5 Trims and Virtual Inputs (Adv GUI)

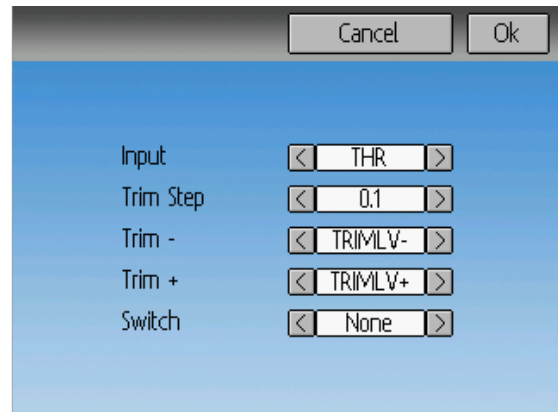
The trim page allows assigning the trim buttons and trim step, as well as configuring buttons to work as virtual inputs (see [10.3 Using a Trim as a Virtual Switch](#)). It is accessed from the main menu via 'Model menu' followed by 'Trims'.

If the 'Input' field is set to an input stick, then the trim can be applied as part of the mixer, and will operate as a typical trim control. If the 'Input' field is set as a channel or virtual-channel output, the value is applied directly to the channel output. In this case, the selected 'Pos' and 'Neg' buttons can operate as a virtual stick to control an output channel.



The trim-step defines how sensitive the trims are to input. The maximum number of trim steps is +/-100. So a step size of 0.1 will allow a full +/- 10% of trim adjustment on the servo.

The trim-step can be changed on the main screen. If you have to change the source also please use the dialog accessed by pressing the respective 'Input' button. Here you may also add a switch to the trim.



## 8.6 Datalog (Std & Adv GUI)

The Datalog feature allows storing a history of input or output positions as well as telemetry info over a period of time. This can be used to examine and replay a flight as well as to visualize telemetry information at a later time. Logs are persistent and Deviation will continue writing to the end of the previous log by default.

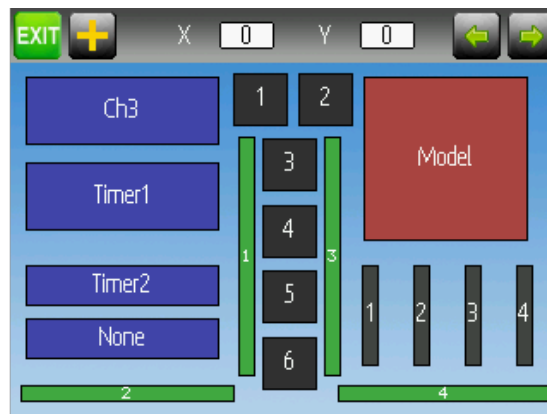
- **# bytes left:** Indicates how many bytes can be written to the log before it is full.
- **Enable:** Input which enables logging.
- **Reset:** Clear the current log.
- **Rate:** How often to write current info to the log file.
- **Select:** Quickly set or reset which items are logged.
- **Controls:** Following 'Select' are a list of all controls which may be logged. They include timers, inputs, outputs, and virtual channels, and Telemetry. The more items logged the faster the log will fill up.



**Logging more information** By default, the log can only store 16kB of data. You can increase the amount of data to be stored by changing the datalog.bin file on the transmitter to a larger size. Deviation cannot increase the size of this file, so its size indicates the maximum data that can be stored.

**Note: This is a feature for advanced users only.** There is currently no software provided to analyze the logs, and they cannot be visualized from within the transmitter. Please check the downloads section on [www.deviationtx.com](http://www.deviationtx.com) for conversion tools.

## 8.7 Main page config (Std & Adv GUI)



The main page config page is used to configure the main-page display. This page allows definition of which elements are shown on the main page.

The following types of objects can be displayed:

- **Box:** Display a numeric value. Values can be timers, channel values, stick inputs, etc. There are two types of boxes: big and small. The only difference is the size of the box and the text within it.
- **Trimbar:** Display a trim value. These generally are controlled by the trim switch and indicate what the current trim position is. There are two types of trims. V-Trims show a vertical bar, and H-Trims show a horizontal bar. After inserting all trims do have numbers only.
- **Model (Icon):** Display the icon related to the selected model.
- **Battery:** Display the battery voltage.
- **TxPower:** Displays the actual transmitter rating.
- **Bargraph:** Displays a vertical bar. The value of the bar is typically a stick input or channel output.
- **Toggle:** Show an icon indicating the state of a toggle switch. There can be 1, 2, or 3 icons defined for a given toggle indicating different states depending on the switch position. Two-state switches can have up to 2 icons. Three-state switches can have up to 3 icons.



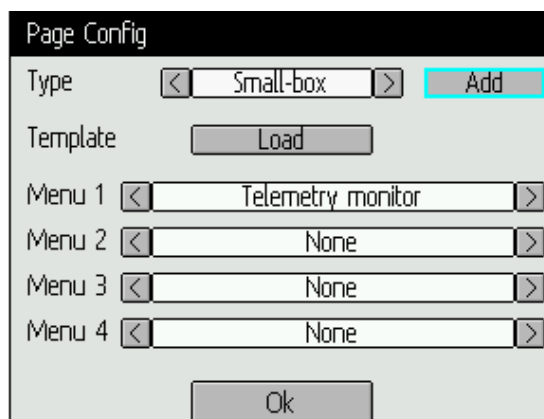
- **(Quick) Menus:** Quick menus define quick-access pages that can be reached via a long UP/DN press.

### 8.7.1 Configuring object position

Each of the visual objects can be selected by pressing on them, or with the UP/DN buttons followed by ENT. Once selected, the UP/DN/L/R buttons will move the selected object on the screen. Alternatively, the X and Y spin-boxes which appear in move mode can also be used to move the selected object. Press EXT once to exit move mode.

### 8.7.2 Creating Objects

Select the '+' icon to open the add-item dialog. Then select the object type from the spin-box on the left, then press 'Add' to create the object. This will add the specified object type to the center of the screen. You can now place and configure the new object.

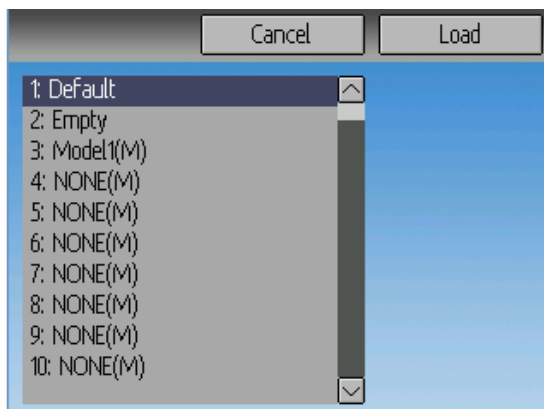


### 8.7.3 Loading Objects

After selecting the '+' icon to open the add-item dialog, you may 'Load' alternate templates, to change the main page layout. If you select 'Default' the layout will be set to the standard layout as shown in section 5 Main Page .

Selecting 'Empty' will clear all objects. You may start from scratch.

If you want to use a layout from another model select the model whose layout you wish to use. The object positions (see 8.7.1 Configuring object position ) will be transferred when selecting from an existing template or model. Templates based on existing models have an (M) designation within the file list.

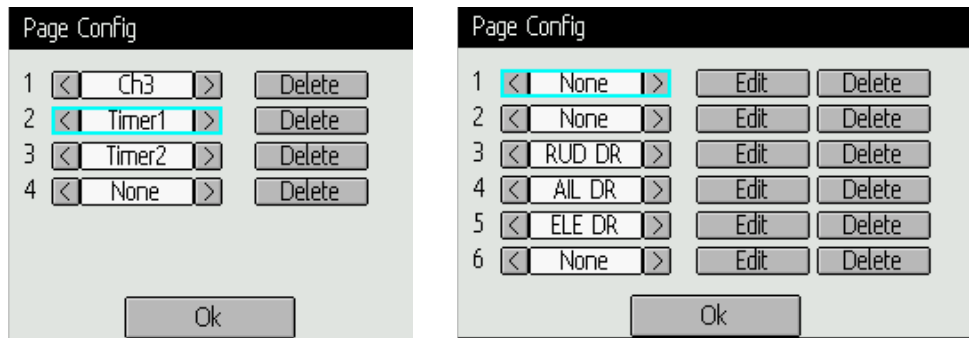


Additionally these templates can be created in the emulator or downloaded from the forums or even done by manual edit of the modelxx.ini file.

### 8.7.4 Configuring Objects

- **Box:** Select timer, telemetry, channel, or input from scroll-box
- **Trim:** Select trim channel from scroll-box
- **Model:** Not configurable
- **Battery:** Not configurable
- **TxPower:** Not configurable
- **Bargraph:** Select channel or input from scroll box
- **Toggle:** Select channel or input from scroll-box. Press related 'Toggle' button to choose icon

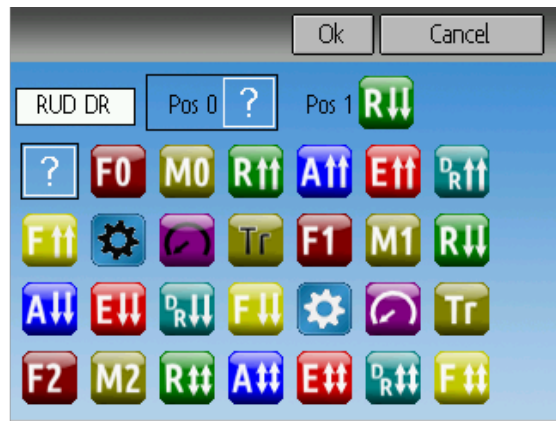
- **Menu:** Choose page to display for each of 4 quick-page slots



You can delete any object by configuring the object and pressing the 'Delete' button

### 8.7.5 Choosing toggle icons







Pressing the 'Toggle' button on a toggle object allows selecting the related icons. Channels, sticks, and 2-position sticks can have 2 icons. 3 position sticks (if any) can have 3 icons. Each of the 2 (or 3) icon states can be set to empty, defining that no icon is shown for this state. The Deviation firmware comes with several predefined icons to choose from.












## 8.8 Standard GUI Menu items

The Standard GUI is an alternative interface from the 'Advanced GUI'. Which interface is used is chosen by the 'Mixer GUI' setting in section 8.1 Model setup (Std & Adv GUI). The Standard GUI is only available for Helicopter-type models at this time. The pages of the Standard GUI are as follows:



	<b>Model Configuration:</b> 8.1 Model setup (Std & Adv GUI)		<b>Trim configuration:</b> 8.5 Trims and Virtual Inputs (Adv GUI)
	<b>Servo reverse:</b> 8.8.1 Servo Reverse		<b>Switch assignment:</b> 8.8.9 Switch Assignment
	<b>Servo sub-trim:</b> 8.8.3 Sub-trim Adjustment		<b>Throttle hold configuration:</b> 8.8.10 Throttle Hold

	<b>Servo travel-adjust:</b> 8.8.4 Servo Travel Adjust		<b>Fail-Safe configuration:</b> 8.8.11 Fail-Safe Configuration
	<b>Swash Setup:</b> 8.8.5 Swash Configuration		<b>Timer configuration:</b> 8.3 Timers (Std & Adv GUI)
	<b>Dual-rates setup:</b> 8.8.2 Dual-Rate/Expo setting		<b>Telemetry configuration:</b> 8.4 Telemetry config (Std & Adv GUI)
	<b>Throttle curve setup:</b> 8.8.6 Throttle Curve		<b>Datalog configuration:</b> 8.6 Datalog (Std & Adv GUI)
	<b>Pitch curve setup:</b> 8.8.7 Pitch Curve		<b>Main page configuration:</b> 8.7 Main page config (Std & Adv GUI)
	<b>Gyro-sense configuration:</b> 8.8.8 Gyro Sensitivity		

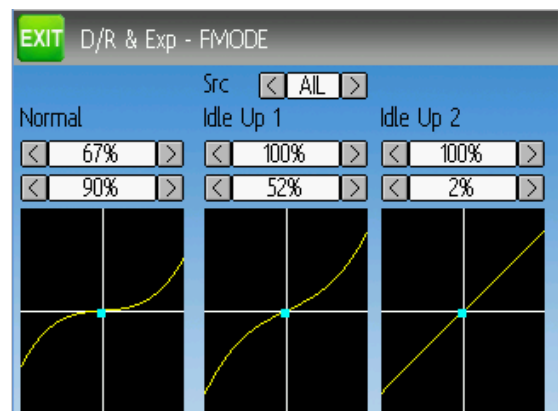
### 8.8.1 Servo Reverse

The servo reverse page allows quickly setting each channel to work in either normal or reversed mode. These settings are equivalent to the 'Reverse' setting on the Channel Configuration sub-page of the Mixer menu when using the Advanced GUI (see section 8.2.2 Channel configuration )



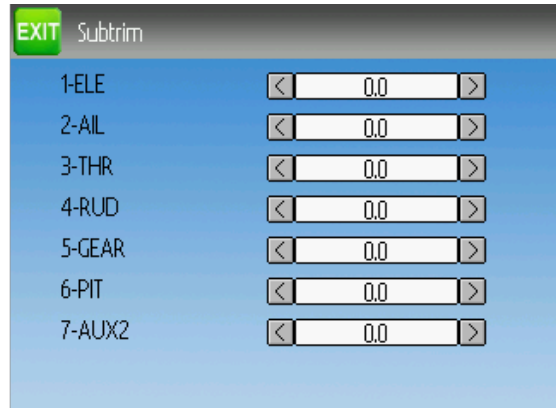
### 8.8.2 Dual-Rate/Expo setting

The dual-rate and expo page allows configuration of curves for the Aileron, Rudder, and Elevator channels. Up-to 3 rates can be configured for each channel, and either a scaled-linear or exponential curve can be selected for each. The number of settings depends on the switch assigned to the dual-rates function on the Switch Assignment page (see 8.8.9 Switch Assignment )



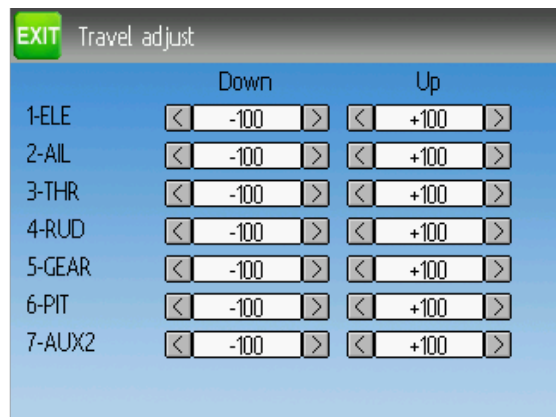
### 8.8.3 Sub-trim Adjustment

The sub-trim adjust page allows setting the zero-point of the servos for each channel. This is equivalent to the 'Subtrim' setting on the Channel Configuration sub-page of the Mixer menu when using the Advanced GUI (see [8.2.2 Channel configuration](#)). Acceptable values range from -50 to +50 in 0.1 increments.



### 8.8.4 Servo Travel Adjust

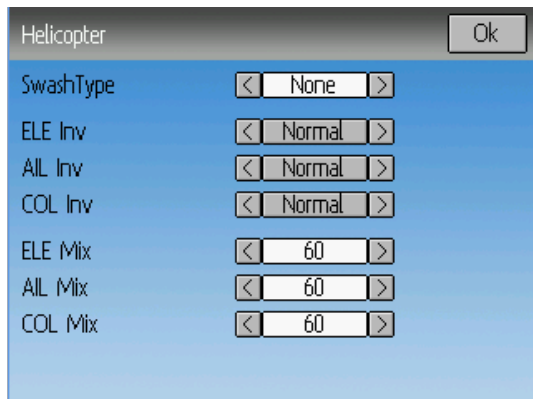
The servo-travel adjust page configures the maximum positive/negative travel of each servo. This is equivalent to the 'Scale+' and 'Scale-' settings on the Channel Configuration sub-page of the Mixer menu when using the Advanced GUI (see [8.2.2 Channel configuration](#)). Acceptable values for Down are from -175 to -1 and Up values range from +1 to +175. The default values are -100 and +100 respectively.



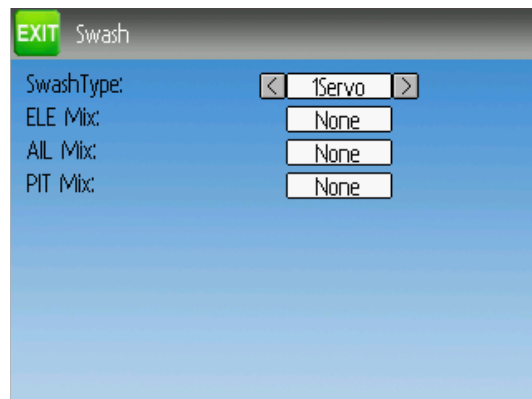
### 8.8.5 Swash Configuration

The Swash configuration page configures the swash type. More information about swash-types can be found in section 10.4 Swash Mixing. The settings on this page are equivalent to those on the model configuration page (see [8.1 Model setup \(Std & Adv GUI\)](#)), and configuration for both pages is provided below.

Helicopter configuration from 'Model Config' page



Swash configuration from Standard GUI

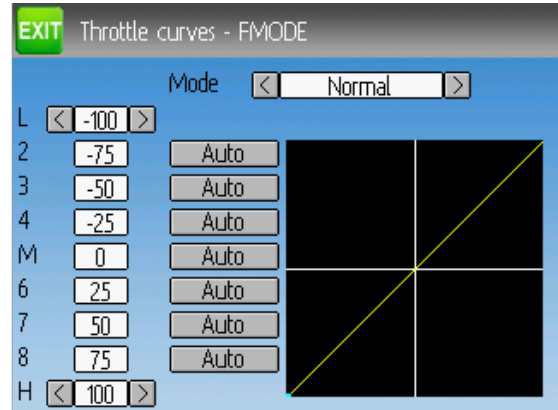


The available SwashType values are: \* **None/1Servo**: Used For FBL. Mixing occurs in receiver \* **120/3Servo 120**: 120-degree swash \* **120x/3Servo 120x**: 120 degrees swash (alternate config) \* **140/3Servo 140**: 140 degree swash \* **90/3Servo 90**: 90 degrees swash

The ELE Mix, AIL Mix, and PIT Mix are scaling factors applied to the input sticks before mixing is done. These can be used to adjust for different linkage lengths or different servo throws. The allowed range is -100 to 100 with a default of 60. Note that setting these values too large can result in too much servo throw and make the model unresponsive to stick control.

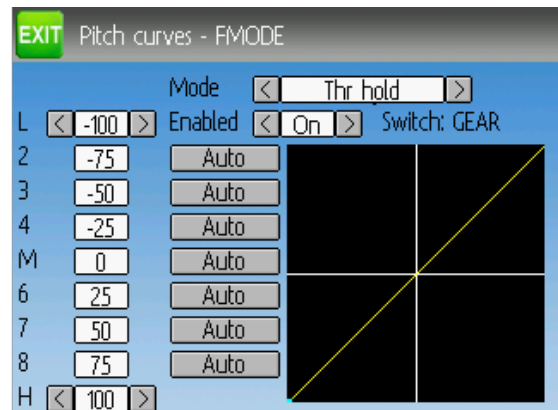
### 8.8.6 Throttle Curve

The throttle curve page allows defining a piece-wise linear curve for the throttle channel. Different curves can be selected for each flight-mode. Each point value can be enabled to be interpolated from the points surrounding it.



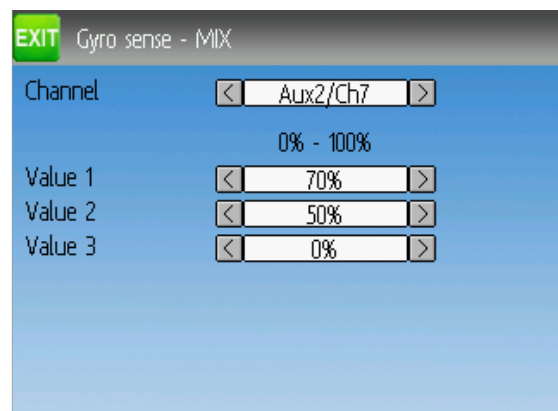
### 8.8.7 Pitch Curve

The pitch curve allows defining a piece-wise linear curve for the collective/pitch channel. Different curves can be selected for each flight-mode as well as for throttle-hold. Each point value can be enabled to be interpolated from the points surrounding it.



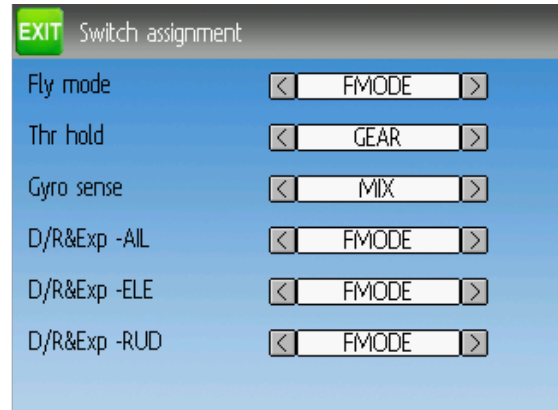
### 8.8.8 Gyro Sensitivity

The gyro-sensitivity page enables configuring up-to 3 sensitivity values for the gyro as well as which channel to use for sending the gyro value. Acceptable values range from 0 to 100%.



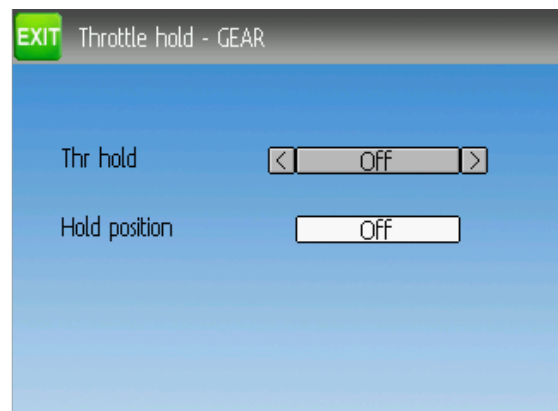
### 8.8.9 Switch Assignment

The switch assignment page enables configuring which switches to use for each capability in the standard-GUI. The same switch may be assigned to multiple capabilities.



### 8.8.10 Throttle Hold

The throttle-hold page is used to enable/disable the throttle-hold capability. Specifying 'Hold position' defines the throttle value when the Throttle-hold switch is set. Hold position can be set from -200 to 200.



### 8.8.11 Fail-Safe Configuration

The fail-safe page is used to configure the fail-safe value for each channel (if the protocol supports this feature)



## 9 Protocols

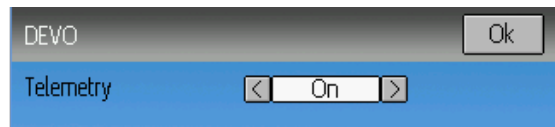
Some protocols have additional customization or limits. Each of the protocols is described below. If an ‘\*’ is shown before the protocol name, it means this protocol is not currently supported by the transmitter. This generally means that the necessary hardware module is not installed or has not been configured properly. More information can be found in the Module installation guide:

<https://bitbucket.org/PhracturedBlue/deviation/wiki/ModuleInstallation>

### 9.1 Protocol: DEVO

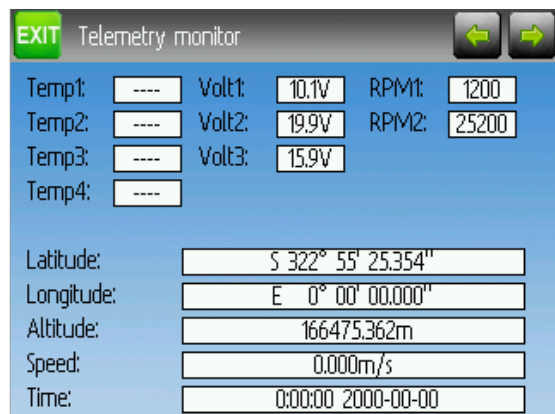
The DEVO protocol is used to maintain compatibility with the Walkera DEVO receivers/models. This protocol supports up to 12 channels. The DEVO protocol supports both auto-binding and manual-binding. If Fixed ID is set to ‘None’ the transmitter will attempt to auto-bind with the receiver every time it is powered on. If a value is set for Fixed ID, the receiver must be bound manually one-time using the ‘Bind’ button, after which it should stay bound. Note that the Fixed ID is only part of the binding procedure. Two transmitters with the Same ID cannot control the same model.

The DEVO protocol also supports enabling/disabling the telemetry capability. This option is accessed by pressing the Protocol spin-box when DEVO is shown.



The following fields are available in Devo Telemetry. Note that not all models/receivers report all fields, and that some fields require extra modules to enable.

- **Temp1/2/3/4:** Temperature readings. These can be battery, motor, or ambient values
- **Volt1/2/3:** Voltage readings for receiver battery, and external batteries
- **RPM1/2:** Motor/Engine RPM values
- **GPS Data:** Current position, speed and altitude from GPS module



### 9.2 Protocol: WK2801

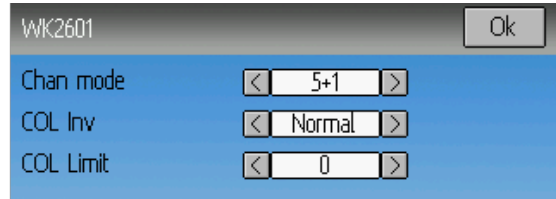
The WK2801 protocol is used to control older Walkera models. The previous Walkera models were segmented into 3 similar but not identical protocols: WK2801, WK2601, WK2401. This roughly corresponds to the number of channels supported, but many of the newer 6-channel receivers actually support the WK2801 protocol. It is recommended to try the WK2801 protocol 1st when working with older Walkera models before attempting the WK2601 or WK2401 mode, as the WK2801 is a superior protocol. The WK2801 protocol supports up to 8 channels, and both auto-binding and manual-binding. If Fixed ID is set to ‘None’ the transmitter will attempt to auto-bind with the receiver every time it is powered on. If a value is set for Fixed ID, the receiver must be bound manually one-time using the ‘Bind’ button, after which it should stay bound.

### 9.3 Protocol: WK2601

The WK2601 protocol is used to control older Walkera models. The previous Walkera models were segmented into 3 similar but not identical protocols: WK2801, WK2601, WK2401. This roughly corresponds to the number of channels supported, but many of the newer 6-channel receivers actually support the WK2801 protocol. It is recommended to try the WK2801 protocol 1st when working with older Walkera models before attempting the

WK2601 or WK2401 mode, as the WK2801 is a superior protocol. The WK2601 protocol supports up to 7 channels, and only supports auto-binding. The fixed ID can be used, but does not prevent auto-binding during power-on.

The WK2601 protocol also supports additional options. These are accessed by pressing the Protocol spin-box when Wk2601 is shown:



**Chan mode:** Sets how channels are processed:

- **5+1:** AIL, ELE, THR, RUD, GYRO (ch 7) are proportional. Gear (ch 5) is binary. Ch 6 is disabled
- **Heli:** AIL, ELE, THR, RUD, GYRO are proportional. Gear (ch 5) is binary. COL (ch 6) is linked to Thr. If Ch6 >= 0, the receiver will apply a 3D curve to the Thr. If Ch6 < 0, the receiver will apply normal curves to the Thr. The value of Ch6 defines the ratio of COL to THR.
- **6+1:** AIL, ELE, THR, RUD, COL (ch 6), GYRO (ch 7) are proportional. Gear (ch 5) is binary. This mode is highly experimental.
- **COL Inv:** Invert COL servo
- **COL Limit:** Set maximum range of COL servo

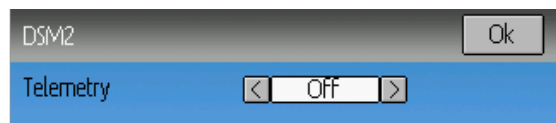
## 9.4 Protocol: WK2401

The WK2401 protocol is used to control older Walkera models. The previous Walkera models were segmented into 3 similar but not identical protocols: WK2801, WK2601, WK2401. This roughly corresponds to the number of channels supported, but many of the newer 6-channel receivers actually support the WK2801 protocol. It is recommended to try the WK2801 protocol 1st when working with older Walkera models before attempting the WK2601 or WK2401 mode, as the WK2801 is a superior protocol. The WK2401 protocol supports up to 4 channels, and only supports auto-binding. The fixed ID can be used, but does not prevent auto-binding during power-on.

## 9.5 Protocol: DSM2

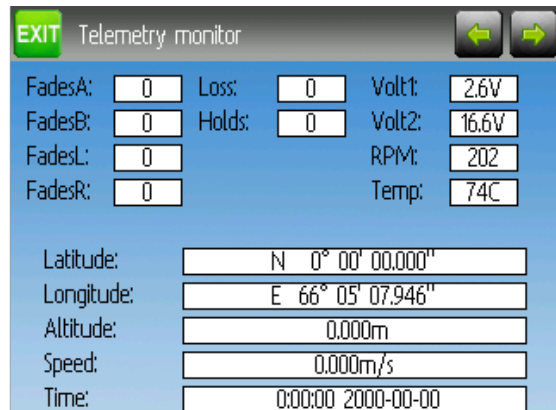
The DSM2 protocol is used to control many Spektrum™ and JR™, as well as other models using this protocol. While the DSM2 protocol can support up to 14 channels, Deviation is currently limited to a maximum of 12. Note that many receivers with less than 8 channels require the Transmitter to send 7 or less channels. Make sure the # of channels is set appropriately for the receiver. DSM2 does not support auto-binding. If Fixed ID is set to None, a transmitter-specific ID is used instead. It is necessary to manually bind each model before the first use.

The DSM2 protocol also supports enabling/disabling the telemetry capability. This option is accessed by pressing the Protocol spin-box when DSM2 is shown.



The following fields are available in DSM2 Telemetry. Note that a dedicated telemetry module and additional sensors are needed to capture this data

- **FadesA/B/L/R:** The number of times each antenna has received a weak signal. Ideally these numbers should all be similar, indicating even reception to each antenna
- **Loss:** The number of times complete signal loss (dropped frame) occurred
- **Holds:** The number of times the receiver entered fail-safe mode due to loss of signal
- **Volt1/2:** Battery voltage for receiver and an external source
- **RPM:** Engine/Motor speed





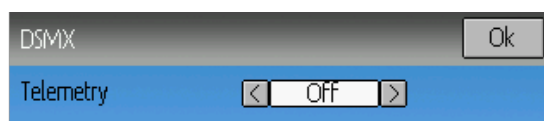
- **Temp:** Temperature from external temperature sensor
- **GPS Data:** Current position, speed and altitude from GPS module

## 9.6 Protocol: DSMX

The DSMX protocol is used to control many Spektrum™ and JR™, as well as other models using this protocol. While the DSMX protocol can support up to 14 channels, Deviation is currently limited to a maximum of 12. Note that many receivers with less than 8 channels require the Transmitter to send 7 or less channels. Make sure the # of channels is set appropriately for the receiver. DSMX does not support auto-binding. If Fixed ID is set to None, a transmitter-specific ID is used instead. It is necessary to manually bind each model before the first use.

Note that unlike Spektrum™ or JR™ transmitters, Deviation will not automatically select between DSM2 and DSMX. The user must select which protocol to use.

The DSMX protocol also supports enabling/disabling the telemetry capability. This option is accessed by pressing the Protocol spin-box when DSMX is shown.



The list of DSMX telemetry fields is identical to those in the DSM2 Protocol, and are documented in section 9.5 Protocol: DSM2.

## 9.7 Protocol: J6Pro

The J6Pro protocol is used to support Nine Eagles™ models. Only models compatible with the J6Pro transmitter can be used. Many older 4-channel Nine Eagles models used a different protocol that is unsupported. The J6Pro protocol supports up to 12 channels, although only models with 6 channels have been tested. J6Pro does not support auto-binding. If Fixed ID is set to None, a transmitter-specific ID is used instead. It is necessary to manually bind each model before the first use.

## 9.8 Protocol: \*Flysky

The Flysky protocol is used to control Turnigy/Flysky receivers as well as a few other models using the same protocol (WL V911, Xieda 9958, etc). **NOTE: This protocol requires the addition of an 'A7105' hardware module to function. See the following document for more information:**

<https://bitbucket.org/PhracturedBlue/deviation/wiki/ModuleInstallation>

The Flysky protocol supports up to 8 channels, and both auto-binding and manual-binding. If Fixed ID is set to 'None' the transmitter will attempt to auto-bind with the receiver every time it is powered on. If a value is set for Fixed ID, the receiver must be bound manually one-time using the 'Bind' button, after which it should stay bound.

The Flysky protocol also supports additional options. These are accessed by pressing the Protocol spin-box when Flysky is shown:

**WLToys V9x9:** Enables enhanced protocol configuration for use with WLToys V959, v969, etc models:

- Lights are controlled by Channel 5
- Video is controlled by Channel 6
- Camera is controlled by Channel 7

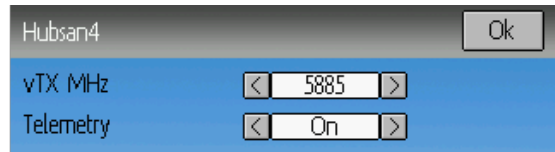
Note that if these channels are assigned to a switch, turning the switch on toggles the state, and turning the switch off has no effect. Thus to turn the lights on, flip the switch assigned to Channel 5 from off to on. Flipping the switch back to off has no effect. Flipping the switch back on now turns the lights back off.

## 9.9 Protocol: \*Hubsan4

The Hubsan4 protocol supports the Hubsan-X4 quadcopter. No other models have been tested with this protocol. **NOTE: This protocol requires the addition of an 'A7105' hardware module to function. See the following document for more information:**

<https://bitbucket.org/PhracturedBlue/deviation/wiki/ModuleInstallation>

The Hubsan4 protocol supports up to 7 channels, and only supports auto-binding. The fixed ID can be used, but does not prevent auto-binding during power-on. The 1 st 4 channels represent Aileron, Elevator, Throttle, and Rudder. Additional channels control the quadcopter special functions:



- Channel 5 controls the LEDs
- Channel 6 enables 'flip' mode
- Channel 7 Turns video on/off

Options configurable on the Hubsan page:

- **vTX MHz:** Defines the frequency used by the Hubsan H107C video transmitter (Requires a 5.8GHz receiver capable of receiving and displaying video).
- **Telemetry:** Enable receiving of model battery voltage.

## 9.10 Protocol: \*Skyartec

The Skyartec protocol is used to control Skyartec™ receivers and models. **NOTE: This protocol requires the addition of an 'CC2500' hardware module to function. See the following document for more information:**

<https://bitbucket.org/PhracturedBlue/deviation/wiki/ModuleInstallation>

The Skyartec protocol supports up to 7 channels, does not support auto-binding. If Fixed ID is set to None, a transmitter-specific ID is used instead. It is necessary to manually bind each model before the first use.

## 9.11 Protocol: \*Frsky1

The Frsky1 protocol is used to control older (non-telemetry) Frsky™ receivers using the one-way protocol. **NOTE: This protocol requires the addition of an 'CC2500' hardware module to function. See the following document for more information:**

<https://bitbucket.org/PhracturedBlue/deviation/wiki/ModuleInstallation>

The Frsky1way protocol supports 4 channels, does not support auto-binding. If Fixed ID is set to None, a transmitter-specific ID is used instead. It is necessary to manually bind each model before the first use.

## 9.12 Protocol: \*Frsky2

The Frsky2 protocol is used to control newer (telemetry enabled) Frsky™ receivers using the two-way protocol. **NOTE: This protocol requires the addition of an 'CC2500' hardware module to function. See the following document for more information:**

<https://bitbucket.org/PhracturedBlue/deviation/wiki/ModuleInstallation>

The Frsky2way protocol supports up to 8 channels, does not support auto-binding. If Fixed ID is set to None, a transmitter-specific ID is used instead. It is necessary to manually bind each model before the first use.

The Frsky2way protocol also supports enabling/disabling the telemetry capability. This option is accessed by pressing the Protocol spin-box when Frsky2way is shown.

## 9.13 Protocol: \*V202

The V202 protocol supports the WLToys V202 quadcopter. **NOTE: This protocol requires the addition of an 'NRF24L01' hardware module to function. See the following document for more information:**

<https://bitbucket.org/PhracturedBlue/deviation/wiki/ModuleInstallation>

The V202 protocol supports up to 8 channels. The 1 st 4 channels represent Aileron, Elevator, Throttle, and Rudder. Additional channels control the quadcopter special functions:

- Channel 5 controls the blink speed
- Channel 6 enables 'flip' mode
- Channel 7 Enables the camera
- Channel 8 Turns video on/off

## 9.14 Protocol: \*SLT

The SLT protocol is used to control TacticSLT/Anylink receivers. **NOTE: This protocol requires the addition of an 'NRF24L01' hardware module to function. See the following document for more information:**

<https://bitbucket.org/PhracturedBlue/deviation/wiki/ModuleInstallation>

## 9.15 Protocol: \*HiSky

The HiSky protocol is used to control HiSky brand models along with the WLToys v922 v955 models. **NOTE: This protocol requires the addition of an 'NRF24L01' hardware module to function. See the following document for more information:**

<https://bitbucket.org/PhracturedBlue/deviation/wiki/ModuleInstallation>

## 9.16 Protocol: \*YD717

The YD717 protocol supports the YD717 and Skybotz UFO Mini quadcopters, plus several models from Sky Walker, XinXun, Ni Hui", and Syma through protocol options. See the Supported Modules spreadsheet for a complete list. **NOTE: This protocol requires the addition of an 'NRF24L01' hardware module to function. See the following document for more information:**

<https://bitbucket.org/PhracturedBlue/deviation/wiki/ModuleInstallation>

The YD717 protocol supports 9 channels and only supports auto-binding. The protocol stays in bind mode until successful.

The first four channels represent Aileron, Elevator, Throttle, and Rudder.

The fifth channel enables the auto-flip function when greater than zero. Additionally to enable auto-flips left and right the aileron channel scale must be 87 or greater. Likewise for the elevator channel and front/back flips. When auto-flip is enabled, moving the cyclic all the way in any direction initiates a flip in that direction. The YD717 requires at least four seconds between each auto-flip.

The sixth channel turns on lights when greater than zero.

The seventh channel takes a picture on transition from negative to positive.

The eighth channel starts/stops video recording on each positive transition.

The ninth channel is assigned to last feature flag available in the protocol. This may control headless mode on models that have the feature.

## 9.17 Protocol: \*SymaX

This protocol is used on Syma models: X5C-1, X11, X11C, X12, new X4, and new X6. A variant supporting the original X5C and the X2 is included as a protocol option. (The Syma X3, old X4, and old X6 are supported with the

SymaX4 option in the YD717 protocol. ) See the Supported Modules spreadsheet for a complete list. **NOTE: This protocol requires the addition of an 'NRF24L01+' hardware module to function. Note the "plus" version of the nRF device is required to support the 250kbits/s data rate. See the following document for more information:**

<https://bitbucket.org/PhracturedBlue/deviation/wiki/ModuleInstallation>

The SymaX protocol supports 7 channels and only supports auto-binding.

The first four channels represent Aileron, Elevator, Throttle, and Rudder.

The fifth channel is unused.

The sixth channel enables the auto-flip function when greater than zero.

The seventh channel takes a picture when the channel moves from negative to positive.

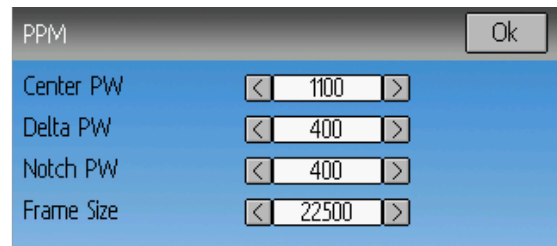
The eighth channel starts/stops video recording on each positive transition.

## 9.18 Protocol: PPM

The PPM protocol is used to output PPM on the trainer port. It will disable all radio transmission. PPM is useful for connecting to simulators, or other radio-modules that plug into the trainer port. The Fixed ID has no effect, and there is no binding associated with this protocol.

Options configurable on the PPM page:

- **Center PW:** Defines the time (in  $\mu\text{sec}$ ) of the pulse that the transmitter transmits to represent to represent centered servo position. If this number doesn't match the master transmitter, the servos will not be centered.
- **Delta PW:** Defines the width of the pulse (measured from center) sent by the transmitter to define max servo



throw. If this value is incorrect, the servos will not achieve full range (or will travel too much)

- **Notch PW:** Defines the delay between the channels.
- **Frame Size:** Defines the total time for all channels to be transferred.

Deviation does not auto-detect when a trainer cord is plugged into the transmitter. To use Deviation with a simulator (such as Phoenix), create a new model, name it appropriately, and select PPM as the protocol. Use the Re-Init button or power-cycle to enable PPM.

## 9.19 Protocol: USBHID

The USBHID protocol will convert the transmitter into a USB joystick. Connecting the transmitter to a PC via the USB cable will enable the transmitter to be detected as a joystick by the computer. This may be used to enable the transmitter to control any simulators that support joystick input. Some initial calibration may be necessary and is accomplished via the control panel applet of your operating system.

# 10 Advanced Topics

## 10.1 Setting up a Buddy-Box

Deviation can be used to act as either the instructor (master) or student (slave) transmitter in a buddy-box configuration. In this mode, the instructor and student connect their respective transmitters together with a trainer cord via the DSC port. The instructor's transmitter will actually communicate with the model, but the instructor can use a switch to allow the student to control the model. When the switch is enabled, the student's transmitter sends input (stick) information through the trainer cord to the instructor's transmitter and these inputs replace the instructor's inputs.

Deviation can be configured to work with virtually any transmitter that supports either master or slave mode. Matching Deviation to a different manufacturer requires knowing the PPM parameters for the paired transmitter, and properly configuring the 'Center PW' and 'Delta PW' properly as well as knowing how many channels are transmitted and what the channel ordering is. The best place to find this information is to ask on the [www.deviationtx.com](http://www.deviationtx.com) forums.

### 10.1.1 Master Mode

Master mode is configured by selecting either 'Channel' or 'Stick' from the 'PPM In' spin-box in section 8.1 Model setup (Std & Adv GUI). Pressing 'ENT' on either 'Stick' or 'Channel' will show the 'Trainer Cfg' pages. The 2 modes behave slightly differently:

**Stick:** In stick mode, each input channel is mapped to a stick on the master transmitter. In this mode, the student moving the stick will behave exactly as if the instructor had moved the stick. Generally when using this mode, the student's transmitter will directly pass the stick position (no mixing) and the instructor's transmitter will do all necessary mixing.

Trainer Cfg (Stick)			
Trainer Sw	< None >		
Center PW	< 1500 >		
Delta PW	< 400 >		
PPM1	< AIL >	PPM5	< None >
PPM2	< ELE >	PPM6	< None >
PPM3	< THR >	PPM7	< None >
PPM4	< RUD >	PPM8	< None >

**Channel:** In channel mode, each input channel is mapped to an output channel on the instructor's transmitter. In this mode, the student's transmitter should do all necessary mixing to control the model. Care must be taken to ensure that the instructor and student transmitters are configured identically, otherwise, the model may not react well when switching between instructor and student control.

Trainer Cfg (Channel)			
Trainer Sw	< None >		
Center PW	< 1500 >		
Delta PW	< 400 >		
PPM1	< Ch1 >	PPM5	< Ch5 >
PPM2	< Ch2 >	PPM6	< Ch6 >
PPM3	< Ch3 >	PPM7	< Ch7 >
PPM4	< Ch4 >	PPM8	< None >

Options configurable on both Trainer Cfg pages:

- **Center PW:** Defines the time (in  $\mu\text{sec}$ ) of the pulse that the student's transmitter transmits to represent to represent centered servo position. If this number doesn't match the students transmitter, the servos will not be centered

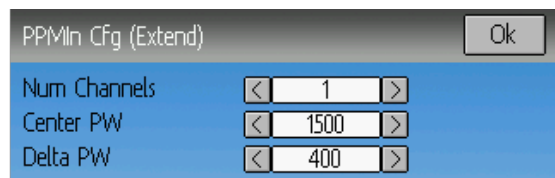
- **Delta PW:** Defines the width of the pulse (measured from center) sent by the student's transmitter to define max servo throw. If this value is incorrect, the servos will not achieve full range (or will travel too much)
- **Trainer Sw:** Defines the switch that enables the student to take control of the model
- **PPM1...PPM8:** Defines the mapping (either channel or input) from the student's transmitter to the instructor's

### 10.1.2 Slave Mode

Slave mode is configured by choosing 'PPM' as the protocol in section 8.1 Model setup (Std & Adv GUI). Pressing 'ENT' on the Protocol spin-box will enable setting the output options. See section 9.14 Protocol: PPM for configuration. Note that Deviation will send the channel output data through the PPM. To use a Deviation slave transmitter with a Deviation Master configured for 'Stick' mode (see above), there should be no mixing done in the slave transmitter.

## 10.2 Setting Up FPV or Other External Inputs

Deviation has the ability to use PPM input signals from an external source (such as an FPV setup). To configure this mode, set the PPM In mode to 'Extend' in section 8.1 Model setup (Std & Adv GUI) .



Once enabled, press 'ENT' on the PPM In spin-box to configure the additional inputs.

Configuration options:

- **Center PW:** Defines the pulse-width for a centered input (in  $\mu\text{sec}$ ).
- **Delta PW:** Defines the difference in pulse-width (from the center value) to reach min/max servo throw
- **Num Channels:** Defines the number of channels to input (generally no more than 8 can be supported)

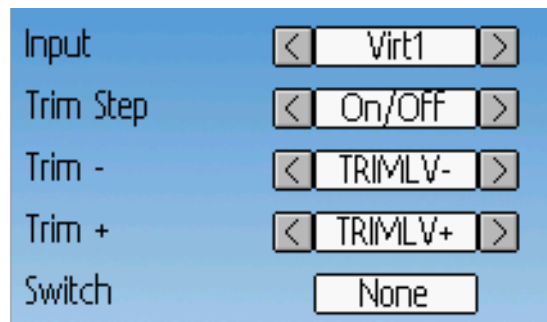
## 10.3 Using a Trim as a Virtual Switch

Deviation has the capability to create virtual switches to supplement the mechanical switches of the transmitter. This capability is only available when using the Advanced GUI. There are 3 types of switches available:

- **Momentary:** The switch will be active only as long as the trim button is held
- **Toggle:** The switch will toggle from on-to-off or off-to-on each time the trim button is pressed
- **On/Off:** The Trim+ button will turn the switch on, and the 'Trim-' button will turn it off-to-on

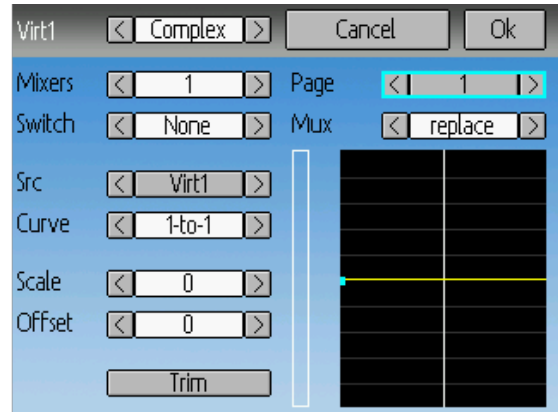
To setup a virtual switch, start by selecting the trim from the 'Trim' page, and entering the trim-setup page. See 8.5 Trims and Virtual Inputs (Adv GUI)

Next set the 'Trim Step' field to 'Momentary', 'Toggle' or 'On/Off'. This is done by pressing the left-arrow on the 'Trim Step' spin-box until the value is less-than 0.1 Second select the 'Input' to be the virtual channel to convert to a switch (we'll use 'Virt1')



Now go to the 'Mixer' page, and enter the configuration for the specified Virtual Channel (Virt1 in our example)

Set the mixer-type to 'Complex', set the 'src' to the current virtual channel ('Virt1'), set the curve to '1-to-1' (Do NOT use 'Fixed'), set the scale to '0', and finally enable the 'Trim' button.



You can now use the virtual channel ('Virt1') like any other switch input. When the virtual switch is active, the virtual channel will have a value of 100, otherwise it will have a value of -100.

*Note: If you use the virtual channel as a 'Src' (as opposed to a 'Switch') make sure that 'trim' is disabled for that mixer, otherwise the trim will be applied twice.*

## 10.4 Swash Mixing

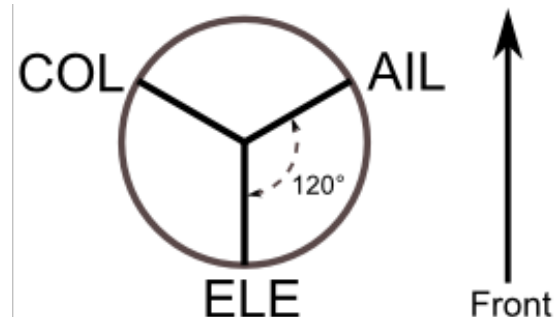
A swash-plate is used to control flight on an RC helicopter. The swash-plate controls the plane of rotation of the main-rotor as well as the blade pitch. A swash plate is normally connected to 3 servos known as Elevator, Aileron, and Collective, but due to its design, there is not a 1-to-1 correspondence between stick-movement and the servo movement. Instead some mixing is necessary between the throttle, elevator and aileron sticks and the swash-plate servos. This mixing is known as cyclic Collective Pitch Mixing (CCMP).

Traditionally, RC helicopters have used a flybar above or below the main rotor attached to a series of linkages to maintain stability. In these setups, the transmitter will normally do all of the mixing, and directly drive each of the 3 swash-plate servos. This configuration is known as manual-CCPM (mCCPM). Alternatively, an electronic mixer can be included on the helicopter either as part of the receiver, or between the receiver and servos, that can implement the proper mixing. This configuration is known as electronic CCPM (eCCPM) and in this case, the transmitter directly supplies aileron, elevator, and collective inputs, and the electronic mixer will convert the signals into appropriate swash-plate servo motion.

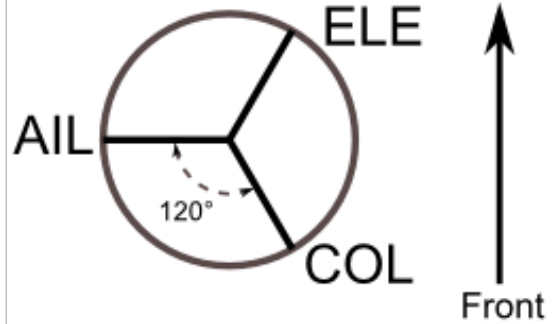
Recently, flybarless (FBL) helicopters have become more common, especially in the micro size range. These helicopters use an eCCPM system along with an electronic gyroscope to continuously adjust the swash-plate to maintain stability without the need for a physical flybar. This setup tends to be less expensive to manufacture, and also provides better stability and more precise control.

Deviation provides control for several swash-plate layouts, these include: 120°, 120° Alternate, 140°, 90°, and None. Each of these options are illustrated below:

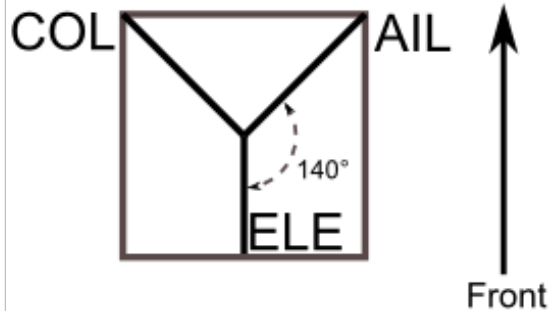
**120 (3 Servo):** Servos are placed around the swash-plate at 120° intervals. With Aileron input, the aileron and pitch servos tilt the swash-plate left and right; with Elevator input, the three servos tilt the swash-plate fore and aft; with Pitch input, all three servos raise the swash-plate up and down. Servos working in unison dramatically increases the torque available as well as the precision and centering.



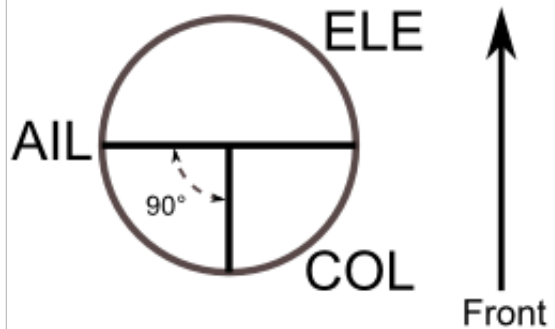
**120X (3 Servo):** Same as the above layout except servos are shifted 150°. With Aileron input, the three servos tilt the swash-plate left and right; with Elevator input, the elevator and pitch servos tilt the swash-plate fore and aft; with Pitch input, all three servos raise the swash-plate up and down.



**140 (3 Servo):** Fundamentally, the servo operations of 140° swash-plates are almost the same as 120° swash-plates. However, the servo arrangement for elevator operation differs. 140° swash-plate CCPM offers smoother operation of the combined servos and an equal cyclic rate all around. On a 120° setup, the left/right cyclic is slightly faster than the fore/aft cyclic.



**90 (3 Servo):** With Aileron input, the aileron and pitch servos tilt the swash-plate left and right; with elevator input, the servos tilt the swash-plate fore and aft; with Pitch input, all three servos raise the swash-plate up and down. Most commonly used for electronic helicopters.



**None:** This is a special case where all mixing is done on-board the helicopter using a gyroscopic flight control system. Please refer to the specific manufacturers instructions to see how to configure mixer outputs.

**Note:** Some helicopters are 120 or 140, except rotated 180 degrees. In these cases you will still use the designated swash-plate type but may need to reverse specific channels.



# 11 Emulator

The emulator provides a way to test Deviation on your PC without uploading the firmware to your transmitter. It provides a visual display equivalent to that of the transmitter along with a side-screen displaying the current virtual-stick/switch states as well as the Channel output that would be received by the servos.

Download and unzip the deviation-emu\_devoXX-vx.y.z.zip emulator package from:

<http://www.deviationtx.com/downloads-new/category/1-deviation-releases/>

where XX is the number of your Deviation transmitter. x.y.z identifies the deviation version number. Normally you should use the latest one. To start the emulator just run the exe file in the sub-directory.

The screenshot shows the Deviation emulator interface for a Devo 12 transmitter. The main window is titled 'Model1' and displays various status indicators: battery voltage (12.4V), motor voltage (4.6V), temperature (97C), and a helicopter icon. The interface includes virtual sticks and buttons for Rudder (R), Elevator (E), Aileron (A), and Forward (F0). To the right, a 'Raw input (stick/switch values)' panel shows sliders for RIGHT\_H, LEFT\_V, RIGHT\_V, LEFT\_H, AUX2-7, RUD DR0-2, ELE DR0-1, and ELE DR2. Below this is a 'Channel Output values' panel showing sliders for Ch1-12. Labels with arrows point to these panels from the text above.

Two smaller screenshots show the Deviation emulator interface for Devo 8 and Devo 6 transmitters. The Devo 8 interface shows sliders for RIGHT\_H, LEFT\_V, RIGHT\_V, LEFT\_H, RUD DR0-2, ELE DR0-1, AIL DR0, and GEAR0-1, MIX0-2, FMODE0-2. The Devo 6 interface shows sliders for RIGHT\_H, LEFT\_V, RIGHT\_V, LEFT\_H, DR0-1, GEAR0, and GEAR1, MIX0-2, FMODE0-2.

The emulator controls are as follows (based on an English QWERTY keyboard):

Keyboard	Function	Transmitter		
		12	8	6
q/a	Left-Vertical stick (Throttle in mode 2)	X	X	X
Q/A	Left-Vertical trim	X	X	X
w/s	Left-Horizontal stick (Rudder in mode 2)	X	X	X
W/S	Left-Horizontal trim	X	X	X

e/d	Right-Vertical stick (Elevator in mode 2)	X	X	X
E/D	Right-Vertical trim	X	X	X
r/f	Right-Horizontal stick (Aileron in mode 2)	X	X	X
R/F	Right-Horizontal trim	X	X	X
o/l	AUX2	X		
p/;	AUX3	X		
t/g	AUX4	X		
T/G	Top-Left trim	X	X	
y/h	AUX5	X		
Y/H	Top-Right trim	X	X	
u/j	AUX6	X		
i/k	AUX7	X		
z	Gear	X	X	X
x	Rudder Dual-Rate switch	X	X	
c	Elevator Dual-Rate switch	X	X	
v	Aileron Dual-Rate switch	X	X	DR
b	Mix 0/1/2 switch	X	X	X
n	FMode 0/1/2 switch	X	X	X
m	Hold switch	X		
,	Train switch	X		
\	Power off	X	X	X
Left-arrow	Left	X	X	X
Right-arrow	Right	X	X	X
Up-arrow	Up	X	X	X
Down-arrow	Down	X	X	X
Enter	Ent	X	X	X
Escape	Exit	X	X	X