



SPARC!

The crossover line that beats the discount and electronics stores cold!

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Horizon Hobby's new line, SPARC!, produces entry level action models. These models are all ready to run, come with complete batteries systems, and eliminate any assembly difficulties that a beginner might run into if s/he had to build a model from a kit. The SPARC! product line includes a variety of airplanes and helicopters, and even a hovercraft and a motorcycle.

SPARC! products are a quick and affordable way for someone to get introduced to hobbies that operate. With no product costing more than a hundred dollars — and most far less — SPARC! line has really opened the door for beginners. Their simplicity lets a purchaser buy the model, charge it, then take it out and run it the same day.

One hassle that the SPARC! line has completely taken care of is the need to purchase batteries. Every model comes with a motor battery and charger, and the RC models come with batteries for their transmitters. RC doesn't come any easier.

Beginners will find any new SPARC! model to be a great choice for getting into modeling. The models are straightforward and very easy to operate. With SPARC!, they can quit playing pilot on a computer and actually go out and *do* it on their own.

SPARC! means action-packed fun for people of any age group or experience level. The models are rugged, and replacement parts are readily available. **HM**

Hoverflash RTR and Aeroflight RTR Radio Control Helicopters



The SPARC! Hoverflash RTR Electric Helicopter is an affordable, easy-to-fly helicopter that retails for only \$92.99. The Hoverflash uses twin counter-rotating blades for stable flight, three channels for climb or descend, steering and forward flight, and flexible skids to help make landings smooth. The Hoverflash RTR Electric Heli is made of durable foam, comes ready to fly, and is complete with a radio, charger and a 7.4V embedded Li-Po battery.



The compact Aeroflight RTR Electric Helicopter is a great SPARC! introduction to RC helicopters. It comes ready to fly and complete with its own radio, built-in 3.7V Li-Po battery and an AC charger. The Aeroflight has counter-rotating blades for stable flight, three channels for climb or descend, steering and forward flight, and a micro-motor for fast acceleration. The Aeroflight comes in a round, see-through package that can double as a helipad. The Aeroflight RTR Electric Heli comes 100 percent ready to fly with a street price of just \$64.99.

Sky Club Electric Free Flight Airplanes



One of the highlights of the new SPARC! lineup is Sky Club Quick-Charging Free-Flight Aircraft. The four designs are a P-51 Mustang, an A-7 Corsair, the "USAF" and the high-wing Sky Cruiser. Each of these new models comes with a battery charger

that's powered by two AA batteries. The AA's are included and the charger doubles as a display stand. Charge the airplane for a minute and it's ready to fly. Hit the switch and the propeller spins, then simply toss it forward into the air. The airplane takes care of the rest, flying completely on its own. Fly Club Quick-charging Free-flight airplanes from SPARC! are sold separately at only \$14.99 each.

HVR-062 Hovercraft RTR Radio Control Land & Sea Vehicle

SPARC!'s HVR-062 Hovercraft RTR is like nothing I've ever driven. Complete with 9.6V Ni-Cd battery pack, an AC wall charger and a transmitter with a 9.0V battery, the Hovercraft comes totally ready to go. The durable air cushion is inflated by the central motor, and that glides the Hovercraft over land or water. With a light-weight foam body and dual thrust motors, the Hovercraft is built for power. Driving the HVR-062 Hovercraft RTR was a new experience for me, and I really enjoyed it. It glides over the ground with ease and it really drifts the corners. It's got speed and agility, and responds immediately to the transmitter's signals. This is definitely a model for anyone to enjoy, and it's just \$89.99.



Suzuki Bike RTR Radio Control Motorcycle



The Suzuki Bike RTR by SPARC!, only \$64.99, is a hobby quality racer that's fun and easy for beginners. The Suzuki Bike comes with a posable rider — with a real cloth uniform and a removable helmet. He stays seated on the bike — even in motion. The Suzuki is durable, with good detailing, front and rear suspension, and front and rear off-road tires. The Suzuki Bike RTR comes with a 6.0V Ni-Cd battery and an AC wall charger, and a transmitter with a 9.0V battery. The Suzuki Bike is really fun to drive. Its balance is very impressive, and it makes stable and easy turns. Although we didn't make any attempt, the bike is capable of jumps and forward rolls. The Suzuki comes with a display stand, but I think that driving it is a lot more fun. All you have to do is charge it, and the Suzuki Bike RTR is ready to go when you are.