

## **Precision Aerobatics Thrust® 20 Brushless motor with Rotorkool® technology**

The development of our new PA Thrust® motors has followed our traditional design philosophy employed in our aircraft; which is doing things better. Thrust® motor is one of the coolest running high performance, high-torque and high efficiency brushless motor ever produced to date. The design incorporates our latest innovation, **Rotorkool®** which keeps the stator core material, the low resistance windings, highly permeable stator plates, high quality NMB Japan triple bearings and powerful neodymium magnets at optimum operating temperatures regardless of duration or the number of consecutive flights made\*.

\*provided sufficient airflow is permitted.

### **Motor specs**

Outside Diameter	37.2mm
Length	31mm
Weight (gr/oz)	71gr / 2.5oz
Motor Shaft Dia.	4.0mm
Mounting Bolts Dia.	M3
Max efficiency Current A *	4-22A
Peak current A (15 sec)*	27A
Battery pack range **	2~3 LiPo / 6-10 NiCd
Poles	14
KV rpm/V	1030
Recommended ESC	PA Quantum 30
Peak Watts	330 Watts

\* *Unrestricted airflow and air scoops are mandatory to ensure long service life and long term performance consistency. Extended Continuous Operation without the required cooling provisions may be detrimental to the coils and magnets and will void warranty.*

\*\* *PA 3cells (11.1V) 1800mAh pack is recommended.*

### **Propeller selection with PA1800 20C-40C V2 Packs**

- VOX 11x5 -** An excellent over-all propeller with very high efficiency and long flight duration. It allows moderate speed maneuvers with good punch.
- APC 11x5.5E -** An excellent high range over-all propeller with high efficiency. It allows good high speed, high energy aerobatics with a lot of punch. Adequate airflow to cool down the motor and ESC is required, as well as a good throttle management. Good 3D/freestyle propeller for the Katana Mini.
- APC 10x5E -** Good sport aerobatic propeller with outstanding efficiency. If you are after long flight duration and IMAC style flying on the Katana Mini, give this propeller a try.
- APC 11x3.8SF -** If you are a thrust freak and want a 3D beast give this propeller a shot. Producing over **65.28oz** of thrust!! This propeller is not a good choice for freestyle flying due to the lower flight speed (low pitch propeller). It slows down the plane nicely for hardcore 3D flying (excellent for low rolling harriers and hovering) and still provides lots of instant thrust. This is our recommended prop for the Addiction. Adequate airflow to cool down the motor and ESC is mandatory, as well as **strict** throttle management.

We recommend getting a few different size propellers with your Thrust 20 motor. Swapping a propeller is an easy task so you may want to experiment and feel the difference to fit different style of flying. Also in a hot summer day you may want to use a smaller propeller while in a cooler day you can run the motor with a larger propeller.

**Note :-** Actual flight duration is dependent on the individual's flying style and the extent of throttle management used. To make initial flight duration estimates, refer to the dynamic flight testing graphs on the following pages to set the flight duration in accordance to the propeller used. This will be the conservative flight duration estimates whereby the actual flight duration specific to each individual can be then refined by taking note of the remaining battery capacities after the flight session to establish the consistent capacity draw. Due to the relatively flat nature of the discharge curve found on high grade, high performance batteries where it provides consistent performance throughout 90% of the pack's capacity, the drop in power at the last 10-20% of the pack's capacity sometimes goes unnoticed. As such it indirectly encourages the modeler to fly for an extended period and run the risk of encroaching into sudden ESC unexpected LVC (Low Voltage Cutoff). To avoid this, as a rule of thumb, set your flight timer to allow at least 15% spare capacity as a contingency measure to account for weather conditions, inconsistencies in routines and other eventualities you may have not anticipated.



## **A little background**

For a number of years, modelers have accepted the notion that in order to attain top notch performance, one has to run outrunner motors to the extreme limit with the risk of overheating. In fact, heat has become inevitable part of contemporary high performance Brushless Motors and nothing much could be done about it.

However heat is one of the main contributors to premature magnet deterioration and bearing failures leading to permanent performance degradation over time or even dangerous and catastrophic destruction due to thrown magnets.

In order to avoid unwanted heat damaging the motor, some modelers have resorted to over sizing their motors. This in turn increases the all up weight and thereby affecting wing loading and flight performance. There seems to be a no win situation and the only way to enjoy this wonderful hobby is to accept the seemingly hopeless compromise.

Motor power has always been quoted in Watts, but heat is Watts too. So, the real question is "*Are all the quoted Watts being used to drive the motor, or is there a significant amount of Watts wasted in heat?*" To answer that just touch your motor immediately after flight and if it is hot enough to burn your finger, THAT is where the Watts went as opposed to driving your airplane, therefore, quoted watts are essentially meaningless when evaluating a motor (because it does not indicate the efficiency). The propeller's RPM is the most important performance factor.

We at PA understood that without effectively eliminating heat, all the good motor attributes already available in our motors and as well as others, contributes very little to the motor's overall performance in service because heat building up under load means loss of efficiency and eventually leads to detrimental effects in the electro-magnetic properties of the motor. These effects cause significant deterioration of power, thrust and eventually flight times.

We set a target to make a high performance, extreme thrust motor, which is light, runs cool and efficient for maximum flight time, is made of highest grade materials and features precision engineering and machining.

This led to rethinking the design of current brushless outrunners, their strengths and limitations and thus led to the development of a completely new line of PA Thrust® motors.

## **About the design**

Some of the common brushless outrunner manufacturers have gone as far as incorporating high temperature magnets and exotic adhesives to circumvent the effects of the heat problem. There are myriad of crude and inefficient cooling techniques ranging from a multitude of holes, to fins, to bolt-on fans and impellers.

Unlike those, the new PA Thrust® cooling design took a complete departure in the current thinking by engineering a High Velocity Force Cool Ventilation (HVFCV) into the rotor end bell **as well as** taking full advantage of thermodynamic properties of the stock material itself. HVFCV is achieved through a set of solid metal turbine impeller blades painstakingly **CNC milled** as an integral part of the rotor end bell assembly, which not only provides the positive force cool ventilation by drawing fresh cool air through the stator and magnets, but also doubles up as a heat pump to first draw excess heat from the rotor assembly itself and then act as a heat exchanger by expelling it through the air stream contacting the solid metal turbine blades as it spins at high velocity. Micro ridges, intentionally CNC cut into the rotor, further multiples the end bell's surface area and serve as radiators to further boost thermal dissipation achieving unparallel cooling and henceforth having the ability to swing larger propellers than other conventional outrunner motors of similar class while remaining considerably cooler and more efficient.

There is more to the "Cool" look of the CNC exterior casing than meets the eye, and looks can be deceiving. Under the hood, is where serious engineering comes into play. With only the highest quality materials and components used in the manufacture, the new PA Thrust® motors are manufactured with the tightest tolerance making it possible to maintain the smallest air gap between the stator and shaped neodymium magnets, significantly boosting torque and thrust. The relatively silent and vibration-free operation of the motor is a testament to the tight tolerance manufacturing regime we have adopted specifically to harness the maximum power produced by the motor (within the limits of today's technology) for the sole purpose of swinging the prop. This allows the motor to swing propellers of at least one size larger than any contemporary motors in its class while running cool with maximum efficiency.

## **The iPAs Drive Test Methodology:- An Engineered Approach to Testing**

Through hundreds of hours of flight testing our airframe designs, we have established that there is a direct correlation between the airframe and drive system and one affects the other with consequences to the desired aerodynamic performance. We designed our power plants with the airframe that promotes efficient cooling. The idea behind the design was to allow the power plant and airframe to work in harmony in order to achieve optimum performance, that could never be easily achieved with a mix and match approach. Every step of the design from the airframe, motor, speed controller through to the matching power packs have been done in a very careful and measured fashion with the sole propose to achieve the maximum aerodynamic performance without compromising flight time. We call the result **iPAs**, PA **I**ntegrated **P**erformance **A**irframe-Drive **S**ystem, allowing any modeler to get it right the first time in the simplest and shortest way; the completely hassle free buy, fix, fly and forget method.

What iPA means to you, the modeler? iPA provides a pre-matched, optimum gear setup derived from hundreds of hours of flight testing that would make your PA model perform as advertised out of the box. This also means you will no longer need to try and figure out by experiments what gear best matches the airframe and the desired flight performance.

Below we will tell you a bit about the task of testing the gear to confirm the performance results.

While this may sound easy, it is actually a very complex test that should be done carefully. Any variations with the type of ESC set up, ESC brand, type of battery, charging of the battery pack (can even vary between same brand and type of pack), type of chargers, climate (environment temperature) and testing gear will derive different results. Even the duration of the bench run will change the reads due to the battery voltage drop caused by the internal resistance of the battery as well as the age of the battery. All those factors can create A LOT of read variations.

We conducted **multiple** tests (both static and dynamic tests) on each of our motors in different climates/temperature, using different testing equipment, changed ESC and batteries to determine the real performance of the motor. We also had the model flown by multiple test pilots to obtain different individual flying styles.

We believe that drive system testing should not be purely based on bench testing, because those are clinical test done in controlled environments that are completely different from actual flight conditions. Interactions of external environmental factors such as cooling, prop loading, G-Force etc. can not be accurately simulated on the bench. The real performance data comes from actual flights because this is where it counts the most. Therefore, we have taken the approach to conduct actual live (dynamic) test to acquire our data, i.e. flying the actual aircraft and performing actual 3D maneuvers, like any other experienced modeler would. We do not simply fly straight and level circuits and performing simple aerobicic maneuvers during our flight test but we actually fly our aircraft to the maximum limits of their aerodynamic performance envelope.

We strongly recommend going over the graphs below since they are the real dynamic test we've conducted with the motor.

### **Static Bench Testing Results**

iPA Gear: PA Thrust 20, Quantum 30, PA1800mah 20C-40C V2

<b>Prop Type</b>	<b>Battery Voltage (V)</b>	<b>Current (A)</b>	<b>RPM</b>	<b>Watts (W)</b>	<b>Static Thrust (oz)</b>	<b>Static Thrust (gr)</b>
<b>APC 10x5E</b>	11.81	20.7	9360	244	42.08	1193.00
<b>VOX 11x4</b>	11.72	22.2	9060	261	54.4	1,542.00
<b>VOX 11x5</b>	11.67	23.1	9000	270	53.76	1,524.10
<b>APC 11x5.5E</b>	11.38	25.5	8505	291	50.88	1,442.45
<b>APC 10x4.7SF</b>	11.45	26.3	8325	301	47.04	1,333.58
<b>APC 11x3.8SF</b>	11.31	27.9	8100	316	65.28	1,850.70
<b>VOX 12x4</b>	11.38	25.7	8325	293	65.12	1,846.15

In 3D flights, thrust and power usually require the immediate power for few seconds to get out of a maneuver. We have based our static tests on this datum. We used 4 different brands of testing gear to verify the results and accuracy of reads. Test results may vary depend on your set up of your ESC, climate, altitude, duration of run etc.

### **Dynamic Flight Testing Results**

The dynamic test is real time data acquisition by onboard data loggers installed on the actual aircraft which the gear is designed for. These airplanes are deliberately flown by advanced pilots executing actual advanced maneuvers to simulate the real world performance conditions where these airplanes are expected to be flown.

We have included several graphs to cover as many advanced freestyle and 3D routines as possible especially maneuvers that places the most demand on the drive system. The graphs also show the actual motor cooling performance as it goes through each different maneuver and air speeds.

You may also want to look at all the temperature traces on the graph that indicates a fairly constant operating temperature throughout the flight in relation to the dynamic loads imposed by the propeller. This is where our exclusive Rotorkool® feature comes into action to keep motor core temperature considerably below the critical temperature limits of the neodymium magnets allowing our Thrust® motors to provide consistent performance far longer than any other motor.



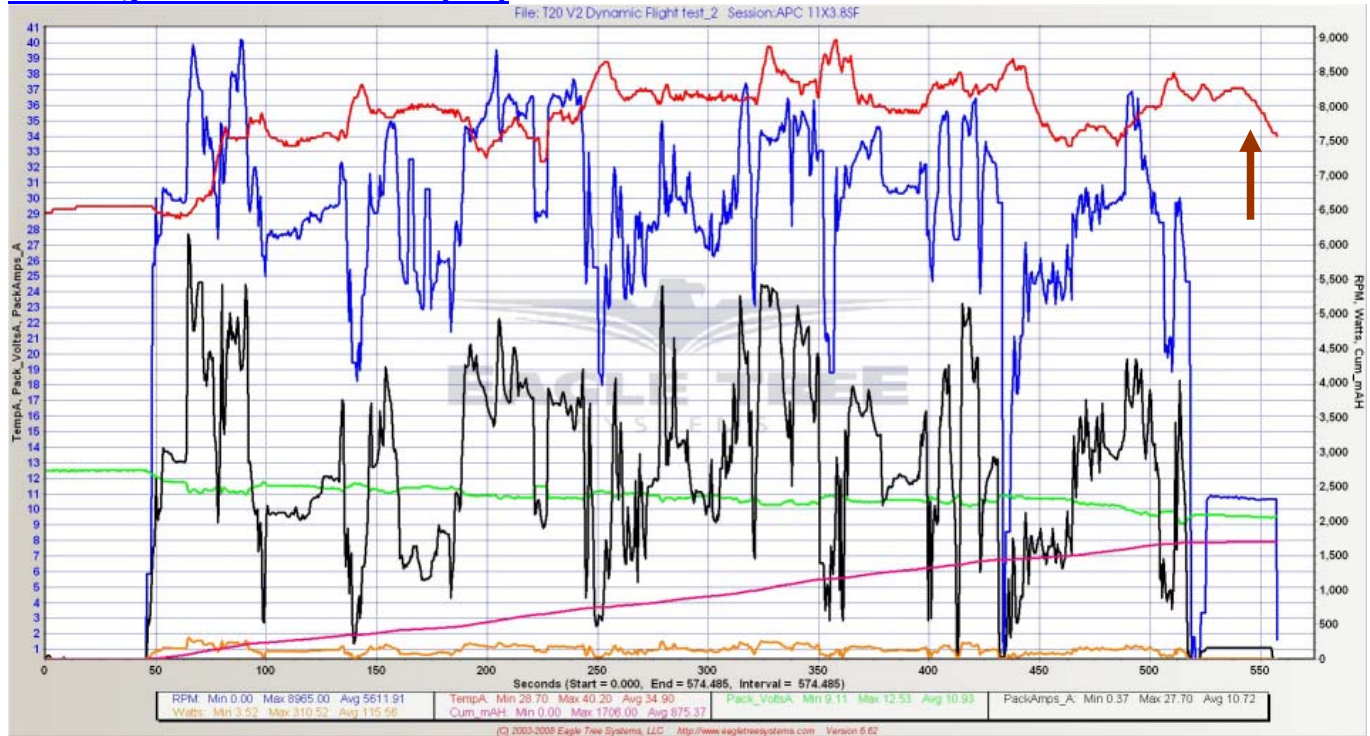
## IPAs Dynamic Flight Test Results

Gear used: PA Thrust 20, PA Quantum 30, PA V2 1800mah 20C- 30C (General Freestyle/Hardcore 3D Maneuvers)

### Engineering Units

Current = Amps, Voltage = Volts, Power = Watts, Temperature = Deg C., RPM = RPM, Battery Capacity = mAh.

## Test Flight 1 APC 11X3.8SF (V2)



### Graph interpretation & Flight Report:

Dynamic test was deliberately conducted in a hot summer day with ambient Air temperature of 29 Deg C (84.2F). The intent to conduct this test during the hottest summer period as opposed to during the winter is deliberately aimed to induce the maximum thermal loads on the motor and in order to demonstrate the capabilities and effectiveness of the Rotorkool® design as well as the cooling efficiency of the Quantum 30 and the tested airframe.

The flight began with a full throttle take off into a hover followed by a vertical climb, Knife Edge spins and into an inverted harrier. The drive system was deliberately stressed with the resultant temperature peak of 40.2 Deg C (104.3F) after initial stressing.

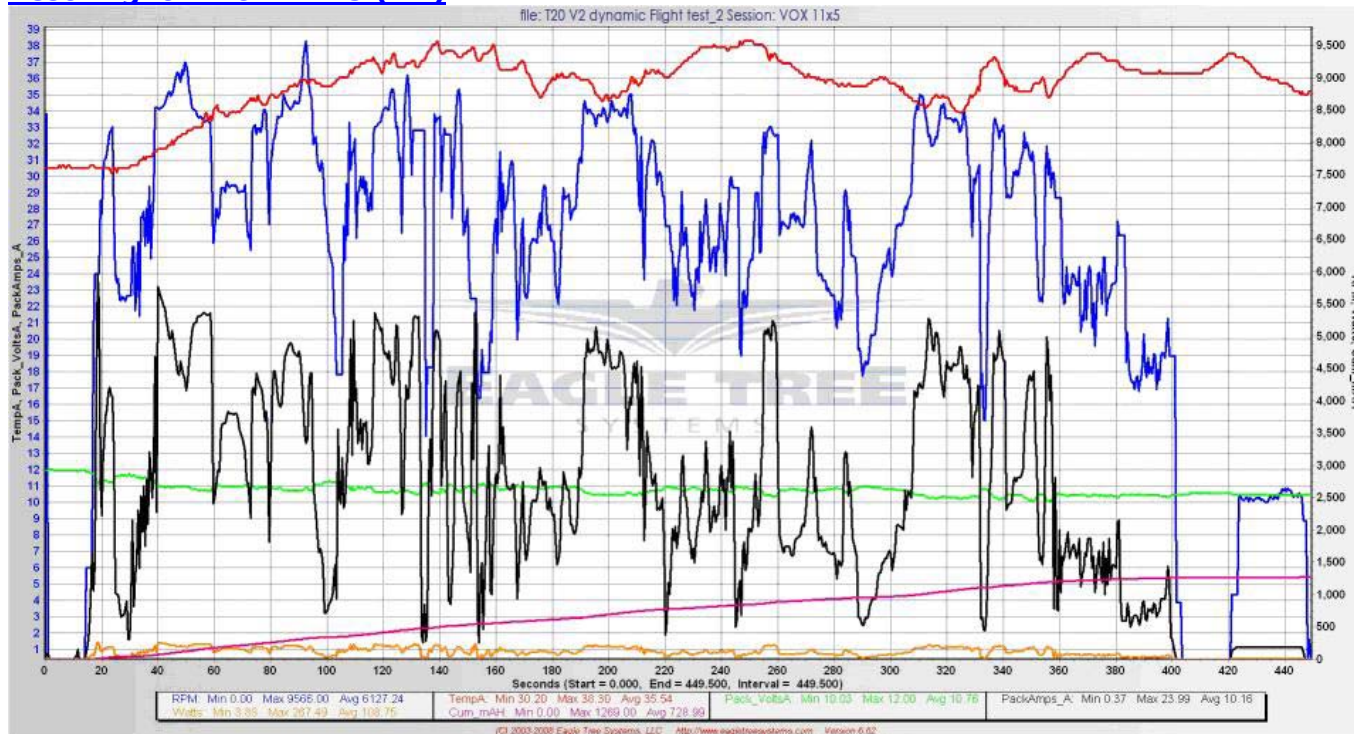
The **red line** shows the motor operating temperature throughout most of the flight was between 32.5-40.2 Deg C (90.5- 104.36F) rising and dropping corresponding to the loads being imposed in-flight. The temperature remained in this range in-spite of the additional loads imposed by the 11X3.8SF prop with a peak current drawn of 27.7A. A rise in temperature just before the 515 seconds mark was where the aircraft landed and the motor stopped for 10 seconds and then restarted at idle at the 525 seconds mark for 30 seconds to cool down (Refer to the orange arrow in the graph above). That clearly demonstrates the self cooling capabilities and the high efficiency of the motor.

The **green line** (battery voltage) shows how well the battery is coping with the additional loads imposed on the motor. Throughout 95% of the flight the battery voltage never dropped below 10.0V and so provided a safe LVC-free flight with excellent and consistent motor output. Note that the pack was driven very hard (**310.5W**) yet the voltage remained in the safe range.

The cumulative battery capacity (**pink line**) was 94% of its capacity after this hard 8.5 minutes flight.

The Quantum 30 ESC performed very well and the throttle response was smooth, direct with no hesitation and remained within the ESC's design temperatures in-spite of the abuse. Throttle response was instantaneous with surplus reserves for punch-out during torque rolls and hover-recovery right up to the end of the flight.

## Test Flight 2 VOX 11X5 (V2)



### Graph interpretation & Flight Report:

Dynamic test was deliberately conducted in a very hot summer day with ambient Air temperature of 30.5 Deg C (86.9F). The intent to conduct this test during the hottest summer period as opposed to during the winter is deliberately aimed to induce the maximum thermal loads on the motor and in order to demonstrate the capabilities and effectiveness of the RotorKool® design as well as the cooling efficiency of the Quantum 30 and the tested airframe.

The flight began with a full throttle take off into a hover followed by a vertical climb, Knife Edge spins and into an inverted harrier. The drive system was deliberately stressed with the resultant temperature peak of only 38.3 Deg C (100.9F) which is only 7.8 Deg C (14.0F) above the ambient temperature in-spite of the hot day.

The **red line** shows the motor operating temperature throughout most of the fight was between 33.9-38.3 Deg C (93.0- 100.9F) rising and dropping corresponding to the loads being imposed in this **very hot summer day** and remained within a narrow 4.4Deg C (7.9F) band.

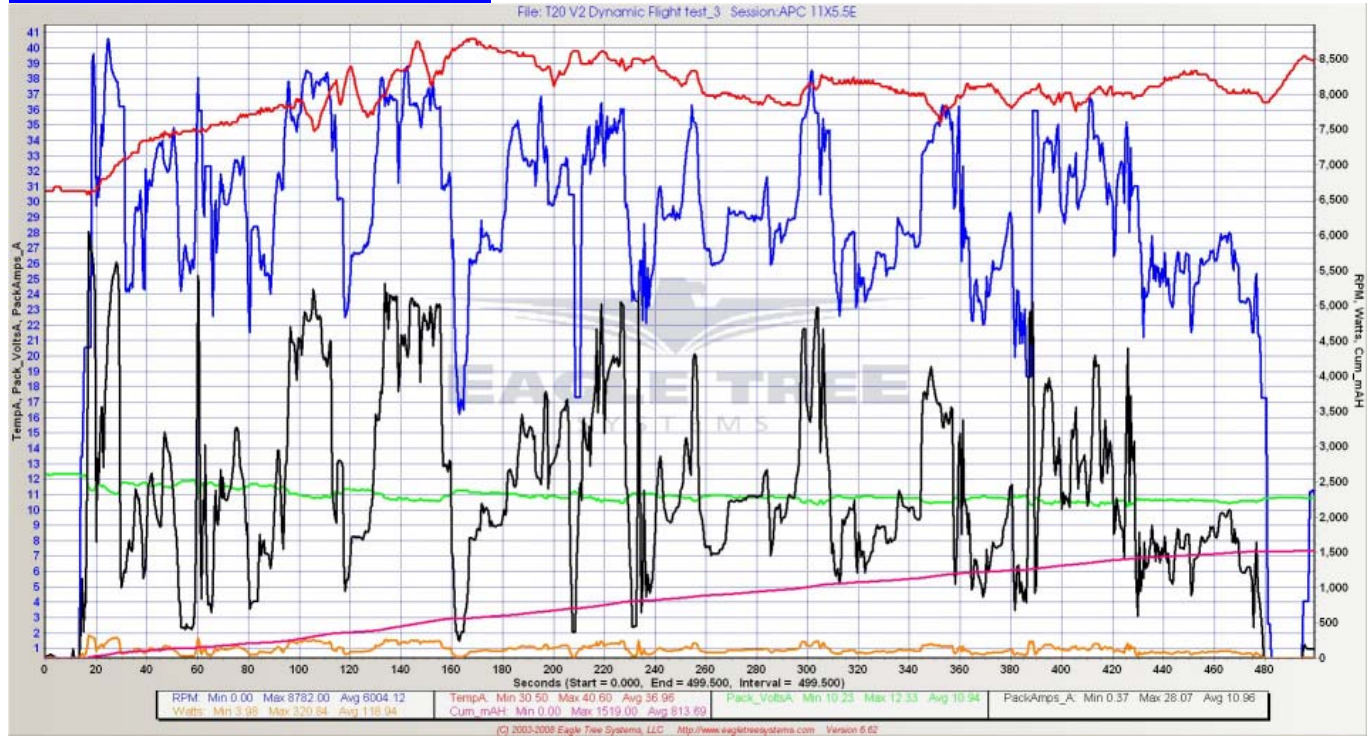
The temperature remained in this range corresponding to loads imposed by the VOX 11X5 prop with a peak current drawn of only 23.99A in-spite of executing the full range of 3D maneuvers without restraints.

The **green line** (battery voltage) shows how well the battery is coping with the additional loads imposed on the motor. Throughout the entire flight the battery voltage never dropped below 10.03V and provided a very consistent performance throughout the entire session without the need to rearrange any flight maneuver.

The cumulative battery capacity (**pink line**) was only 70% of its capacity after 6.6 minutes of flight due to this efficient propeller.

The Quantum 30 ESC performed very well and the throttle response was smooth, direct with no hesitation in-spite of the abuse with this large prop. Throttle response was instantaneous with surplus reserves for punch-out during torque rolls and hover-recovery right up to the end of the flight.

## Test Flight 3 APC 11X5.5E (V2)



### Graph interpretation & Flight Report:

Dynamic test was deliberately conducted in a very hot summer day with ambient Air temperature of 30.9 Deg C (87.6F). The intent to conduct this test during the hottest summer period as opposed to during the winter is deliberately aimed to induce the maximum thermal loads on the motor and in order to demonstrate the capabilities and effectiveness of the RotorKool® design as well as the cooling efficiency of the Quantum 30 and the tested airframe.

The flight began with a full throttle take off into a hover followed by a vertical climb, Knife Edge spins and into an inverted harrier. The drive system was deliberately stressed with the resultant temperature peak of 40.6 Deg C (105.8F) after initial stressing.

The **red line** shows the motor operating temperature throughout most of the flight was between 35.0-40.6 Deg C (95.0- 105.8F) rising and dropping corresponding to the loads being imposed in this **very hot summer day**. The temperature remained in this range in spite of the additional loads imposed by the 11X5.5E prop with a peak current drawn of 28.07A providing a lively test flight. The temperature rose only after the motor has stopped (after the flight) indicating the RotorKool® HVFCV feature was managing the temperature while the motor was in operation. This is indicative of both the **blue** (RPM) and **Black** (Motor current) lines.

The **green line** (battery voltage) shows how well the battery is coping with the additional loads imposed on the motor. Throughout the entire flight the battery voltage never dropped below 10.2V and provided very consistent performance throughout the entire session without the need to rearrange any flight maneuvers. Note that the pack was driven very hard (**320.8W**) yet the voltage remained in the safe range.

The cumulative battery capacity (**pink line**) was 84% of its capacity after this hard 8 minutes flight.

The Quantum 30 ESC performed very well and the throttle response was smooth, direct with no hesitation. Throttle response was instantaneous with surplus reserves for punch-out during torque rolls and hover-recovery right up to the end of the flight.