



FES SYSTEM MANUAL

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1. Important notices

Please read this manual thoroughly. It contains important information about your FES system, having a vital importance to the flight safety.

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To obtain warranty service, contact manufacturer of FES equipped sailplane, your local LZ design dealer or contact LZ design directly.

2. General

Congratulations on your purchase. This is a high-end electric propulsion product, for powered sailplanes, which will keep its capability for a long time if treated the right way. The FES system was developed by Ing. Luka Žnidaršič and his father Ing. Matija Žnidaršič.

The development objective was to build reliable Sustainer system, which would add minimum additional weight to sailplane, but still with good climb performance and suitable range.

Our expectation was surpassed as FES proved to be suitable also as self-launch system for lighter 13,5m, 15m and even some 18m sailplanes.

3. Available FES manuals

FES System manual consist of next separate manuals, which we strongly recommend study them.

Manuals which are suitable for all different FES equipped sailplane types:

- **FES Quick Guide** – safety information's before flight with FES equipped sailplane
- **FES Flight manual** - what you should know before first flight with FES equipped sailplane (those information's should be also in FM of glider manufacturer)
- **FES Maintenance manual** - what you should know about maintenance of FES system (those information's should be also in MM of glider manufacturer)
- **FES FCU INSTRUMENT manual** - detailed explanation about **Fes Control Unit**.
- **FES BATTERY PACK GEN1 manual** - info about generation 1 battery pack (with external BMS).
- **FES BATTERY PACK GEN2 manual** - info about generation 2 battery pack (with integrated BMS).
- **FES BMS CONTROL manual** - how to monitor charging and other parameters with PC software (Windows operating system only).
- **FES BMS LCD Display manual** – info about device instead of PC
- **FES 14S discharging assistant** – info about device which helps you to discharge battery packs to 50%.

Special manuals for motors which are dedicated to different sailplane types:

- **FES-LAK-M100 Motor manual** - for LAK17A FES, LAK17B FES, MiniLAK FES sailplanes
- **FES-SIL-M100 Motor manual** - for SILENT 2 Electro sailplanes
- **FES-AS-M100 Motor manual** - for AS13,5 FES sailplanes
- **FES-VEN-M100 Motor manual** - for Ventus 2cxa FES sailplanes
- **FES-DIS-M100 Motor manual** - for Discus 2c FES sailplanes
- **FES-HPH-M100 Motor manual** - for HPH 304ES FES sailplanes

Special manuals for propellers which are dedicated to different sailplane types:

- **FES-LAK-P10-100 Propeller manual** - for LAK17A FES, LAK17B FES, MiniLAK FES AS13,5 FES sailplanes
- **FES-SIL-P15-100 Propeller manual** - for SILENT 2 Electro sailplanes
- **FES-VEN-P14-102 Propeller manual** - for Ventus 2cxa FES sailplanes
- **FES-DIS-P1-102 Propeller manual** - for Discus 2c FES sailplanes
- **FES-HPH-P1-102 Propeller manual** - for HPH 304ES FES sailplanes

Regular updates of all available FES manuals are available on official FES website, at download section:

<http://www.front-electric-sustainer.com/download.php>

Following the name with its link to the pdf file, is written date of latest update (for instance: FES System manual v1.0 , pdf file updated 1.4.2013)

We recommend to the owners and the users of FES system to monitor if there is any new manual or update of already existent manual available. Manufacturers of sailplanes equipped with FES, usually include just some basic information's regarding FES to their official sailplane manuals. For better understanding of FES there is more info available.

FES manuals published on official FES website are all latest versions available.

4. Technical data

Weight of all components	cca 45 kg
Maximum power	22 kW
Time to full power	1-2 sec
Total energy stored in two GEN2 (or GEN1) battery packs	4,2 kWh
Propeller diameter	1,0 m
Max propeller speed	4500-4700 rpm
Cruising propeller speed	3000-3300 rpm
DC/DC converter power	60W
Maximum battery total voltage	118V
Minimum battery total voltage	90V
Maximum battery current	220A

Data can vary regarding sailplane type. FES system components are adjusted to each specific type of sailplane.

5. FES drawings

Check FES Maintenance manual, FES Flight manual, FES Motor manuals.

6. Maintenance

Check FES Maintenance manual!

7. Repair and service

In case of a fault or damage(s), contact manufacturer of FES system (LZ design company) or manufacturer of your sailplane.

8. Revision history

April 2013	Initial release of manual v1.0
June 2013	Added information about updates of manuals v1.1
March 2015	Added information about new FES sailplane types, manual v1.2
September 2016	Added information about new FES sailplane types, manual v1.21
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