

OPERATORS MANUAL



# **⚠ WARNING**ADHERE STRICTLY TO THESE AND ALL OTHER SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDELINES!

- 1.PLEASE READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL INSTRUCTION MANUALS BEFORE USE.
- □2.The Eclipse Etha is not a toy. PAINTBALL SAFETY RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED AT ALL TIMES.
- Careless or improper use, including failure to follow instructions and warnings within this User Manual and attached to the Etha could cause death or serious injury.
- □4.Do not remove or deface any warnings attached to the Etha.
- D5.Paintball industry standard eye/face/ear and head protection designed specifically to stop paintballs and meeting ASTM standard F1776 (USA) or CE standard (Europe) must be worn by the user and any person within range. Proper protection must be worn during assembly, cleaning and maintenance.
- □6.Hearing protection should be worn.
- □7.Never shoot at a person who is not wearing proper protection.
- DB. Never look directly into the barrel of the marker. Accidental discharge into the eyes may cause permanent injury or death. Never look into the barrel or breech area of the Etha whilst the marker is switched on and able to fire
- □9.Keep the Etha switched off until ready to shoot.
- 1 . Treat every marker as if it is loaded and ready to fire.

- 1 1. The electronic on/off is the markers safety, always switch off the marker when not in use. Always fit a barrel-blocking device to the Etha when not in use.
- 1 2. Always remove all paintballs from the Etha when not in use on the field of play.
- 1 3. Never point the Etha at anything you do not intend to shoot.
- 14. Do not shoot at persons within close range.
- 1 5. Do not field strip or remove any parts while the marker is pressurised.
- Do not pressurise the Etha without the bolt system correctly installed, as high-pressure gas will be emitted.
- 17. Do not fire the Etha without the bolt system correctly installed.
- 18. Never put your finger or any foreign objects into the paintball feed tube of the Etha.
- 19. Never allow pressurised gas to come into contact with any part of your body.
- 2D. Always remove the first stage regulator and relieve all residual gas pressure from the Etha before disassembly.
- 21. Always remove the first stage regulator and relieve all residual gas pressure from the Etha for transport and storage.

# **MWARNING**

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- **22.** Always follow guidelines given with your first stage regulator for safe transportation and storage.
- 23. Always store the Etha in a secure place.

  Persons under 18 years of age must have adult supervision when using or handling the Etha.
- **24.** Observe all local and national laws, regulations and guidelines.
- 25. Use only professional paintball fields where codes of safety are strictly enforced.
- 26. Use compressed air/nitrogen only. DO NOT use any other compressed gas or pressurised liquid including CO<sub>2</sub>.
- 27. Always follow instructions, warnings and guidelines given with any first stage regulator you use with the Etha.
- 28. Use 0.68 calibre paintballs only.
- 29. Always measure your marker's velocity before playing paintball, using a suitable chronograph.
- 30. Never shoot at velocities in excess of 300 feet (91.44 meters) per second, or at velocities greater than local or national laws allow.
- 31. Any installations, modifications or repairs should be carried out by a qualified individual at a licensed and insured paintball facility.

THIS USER MANUAL MUST ACCOMPANY THE PRODUCT IN THE EVENT OF RESALE OR NEW OWNERSHIP. SHOULD YOU BE UNSURE AT ANY STAGE YOU MUST SEEK EXPERT ADVICE (SEE SERVICE CENTRES PAGE 60).



# THIS USERS MANUAL IS IN ENGLISH.

It contains important safety guidelines and Instructions. Should you be unsure at any stage, or unable to understand the contents of this manual you must seek expert advice.



# LE MODE D'EMPLOI EST EN ANGLAIS.

Il contient des instructions et mesures de sécurité importantes. En cas de doute, ou s'il vous est impossible de comprendre le contenu du monde d'emploi, demandez conseil à un expert.



# ESTE MANUAL DE USUARIOS (OPERARIOS) USARIOS ESTÁ EN INGLÉS.

Contiene importantes normas de seguridad e instrucciones. Si no está seguro de algùn punto o no entiende los contenidos de este manual debe consultar con un experto.



# DIESE BEDIENUNGS - UND BENUTZERANLEITUNG IST IN ENGLISCH.

Sie enthålt wichtige Sicherheitsrichtlinen und bestimmungen. Solten Sie sich in irgendeiner Weise unsicher sein, oder den Inhalte dies Heftes nicht verstehen, lassen Sie sich bitte von einen Experten beraten.

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#### WELCOME TO PLANET ECLIPSE

Over the last 20 years, Planet Eclipse and Paintball have changed and evolved beyond belief. From humble beginnings in a rundown store on Deansgate in the heart of Manchester city centre to a new purpose built facility in Manchester, England.

We at Planet Eclipse have stayed true to the core values that we have always fought hard to uphold. These values are more than just words, they are what we believe; as a company, employees and as players. We want the equipment that we produce to be the best that it can be and we will not compromise on quality or shy away from research or innovation.

No matter if you are playing in the woods, down at your local paintball site or if you are competing at the World Cup of Paintball for big money prizes, you should demand the very best for your money and that is what we aim to deliver, backed up with award winning customer service and support.

No matter who you are, a player from a championship winning pro team, or a recreational scenario team... we feel every loss and will celebrate your every victory... Get more!

Ledz (Director, Planet Eclipse Ltd)

# THE PLANET ECLIPSE ETHA PAINTBALL MARKER

Making a paintball marker that has the core attributes of a Planet Eclipse product but at a price point that makes it affordable for a player on virtually any budget is a huge ask. We have always strived to ensure that the quality, feel, reliability and level of customer support that players come to expect from Planet Eclipse are present in every one of our products: and that is exactly what we expect you to find with the Eclipse Etha.

The Etha is not only constructed using the same high quality aluminium, stainless steel and composite materials that you will find used in the rest of the Eclipse range of paintball markers, but is also manufactured, assembled and tested using the exact same quality control principles and procedures that have been developed on Eclipse markers over the last 20 years.

We believe that compromise is just not acceptable when it comes to quality, reliability and testing. Be it a Rec level Eclipse marker such as the Etha or the very pinnacle of our product line; the SL marker series, there are some things that are priceless to us. These are just some of them.

#### INCLUDED WITH THE ETHA MARKER

- 1x 2-piece 14.5" Eclipse Barrel
- 1x Eclipse Tool Tube
- 1x Eclipse Barrel Sock
- 1x Manual with Warranty Card Insert
- 1x Tube of Eclipse Grease
- 1x 9V battery1
- 1x Spares Baggy

# MARKER SPECIFICATIONS

Length - 539.4mm

Width - 33.51mm

Height - 212.2mm

Weight - 930g/2.05lb (with Eclipse Shaft4 14.5" barrel)

Calibre - 0.68"

Barrel Threads - Cocker

Barrel Type & Length - Eclipse Shaft4 - 14.5" two-piece

Fire Modes · Capped Semi·Automatic, Uncapped Semi·Automatic, PSP(2011) Compliant Ramping<sup>2</sup>, Millennium(2010) Compliant Ramping<sup>2</sup>.

Propellant - Compressed Air/Nitrogen

Body Material - 6000 Series Aluminium

Frame Material - Glass Reinforced Nylon

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The 9V Battery is supplied already installed in the marker.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Firing preset compliant at time of printing. Always check with event organiser for rule changes governing firing modes. Please note items included & marker specification of the Planet Eclipse Etha Marker may vary to what is printed above.



# PLEASE READ ALL THE WARNINGS ON PAGES 2 & 3 BEFORE USING THIS MARKER

SWITCHING ON THE ETHA
At the rear of the frame is the navigation console. Press
and hold the select button **U** (SEE FIGURE 1A).
Release the select button **U** when the LED lights up

SWITCHING OFF THE ETHA
Press and hold the select button **①**. Release the
select button **①** when the LED on the navigation
console turns red. The LED will then extinguish and
the Ftha will turn off

and your Etha will begin its power up sequence.

The Etha has a built in auto-off timer of 20 minutes. If the *trigger* is not pulled or the *select* button  $\textcircled{\textbf{b}}$  is not pressed for 20 minutes then the Etha will power off

# FIRING THE ETHA

If the *Break Beam Sensor System* is enabled (the *BBSS* is automatically enabled on power up) and there is a paintball in the breech, pulling the *trigger* will fire the Etha. If the *Break Beam Sensor System (BBSS)* is disabled, the Etha will fire whenever the *trigger* is pulled, regardless of whether a paintball is in the breech or not.

The entire firing sequence is controlled electronically by the *Etha circuit board* and *solenoid valve*, enabling any user to achieve high rates of fire easily.

# THE ETHA CIRCUIT BOARD

There are three sockets on the Etha circuit board, the BBSS connector (a), the solenoid valve connector (b) and the micro-switch connector (c). There is a tournament lock button (c) towards the base of the board. Information on the tournament lock button functionality can be found on page 29. (SEE FIGURE 1B).



# USING THE BREAK BEAM SENSOR SYSTEM

The *Break Beam Sensor System*, referred to elsewhere in this manual as 'BBSS' is used to detect when a paintball is ready to be fired from the Etha. If no paintball is ready then the BBSS will inhibit the Etha from firing. This prevents the Etha from "chopping" paintballs that are not fully loaded into the marker.

When the Etha is powered up, the *BBSS* is automatically enabled. The current state of the *BBSS* is displayed by a flashing LED on the *navigation* console

To switch OFF the Break Beam Sensor System, push and hold the select button **U** for 0.5 seconds. The LED on the navigation console will flash purple indicating that the Break Beam Sensor System has been disabled.

To switch ON the Break Beam Sensor System, push and hold the select button **(b)** for 0.5 seconds. The LED on the navigation console will flash either yellow (no ball detected) or light blue (ball detected) indicating that the Break Beam Sensor System has been enabled.

Additional features of the Etha *Break Beam Sensor System* are covered in the 'Understanding the *BBSS* Operation' section on Page 30 of this User Manual.



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# FACTORY SET-UP GUIDE

Before using the Etha it is important to make sure that the *inline regulator* and all electronically controlled parameters are set correctly, as some of these may have a negative (and potentially damaging) effect on the marker, in terms of performance and reliability, if incorrectly set.

The steps below will restore the Etha to the state that it left the factory.

Reset the control parameters to the factory settings (see page 33).

-Check the *inline regulator adjuster screw* is set to  $2^{1/2}$  turns clockwise from its maximum output (counterclockwise) position (SEE FIGURE 2A). This will ensure the *inline regulator* is set to an output pressure that will not damage the Etha when supplied with compressed air/nitrogen (see page 26 for more information on the *inline regulator*).



REPLACING THE 9V BATTERY Ensure that the Etha is switched off. Place the marker on a flat surface in front of you with the feed tube furthest away from you and the barrel pointing to the right.

Using a 5/64" (2mm) hex key, remove the countersunk screw towards the bottom of the *frame* that holds the *grip panel* onto the *frame*. Lift the *grip panel* up to expose the electronics within the *frame*.

Remove the existing 9 volt battery by sliding your finger into the recess provided below the battery and gently lever the battery out of the *frame* (SEE FIGURE 3A)

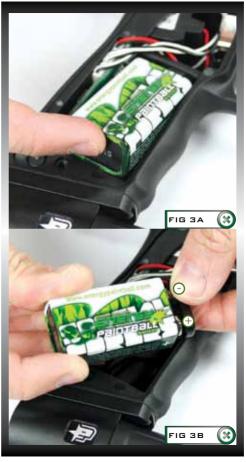
On top of the battery you will see the *battery connector* that is used to connect the battery to the *circuit board*. Gently separate the *battery connector* from the battery, so that the existing battery can be disposed of responsibly, then taking a new 9 volt Alkaline battery (type PP3, 6LR61, MN1064)¹ connect it to the *battery connector* (SEE FIGURE 3B).

The battery will only connect to the *battery connector* one way. If you are unsure of how to install a new battery please contact your nearest Eclipse Service Centre

Ensure that all of the wires are within the recess of the *frame* and not trapped in the *micro-switch* or *trigger spring*, then replace the *grip panel* and tighten the countersunk screw using the 5/64 (2mm) hex key.

DO NOT OVER-TIGHTEN THE GRIP SCREW.

<sup>1</sup>Do not use rechargeable batteries or low quality batteries.
<sup>2</sup>Some brands 9V batteries may be too large for the Etha battery compartment in the grip frame. When installing a 9V battery, if it does not fit correctly, do not force the battery into place as the frame or battery connector may be damaged as a result.



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# THE ETHA PAINTBALL MARKER



#### THE SHAFT4 BARREL

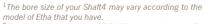
The Eclipse Etha comes as standard with an Eclipse Shaft4 barrel.<sup>1,4</sup>

The *barrel* screws into the front of the Etha using a **right hand thread** meaning that if you hold the Etha pointing away from you the *barrel* screws into the *body* in a counter-clockwise direction.<sup>2</sup>

The barrel comprises of two parts, a barrel back (A) and a barrel tip (B). The two parts are joined together with a **left hand thread** meaning that if you hold the barrel, with the back section nearest you, the barrel tip screws in a **clockwise direction**.

On the barrel back there is a 016 NBR 70 o-ring  $\bigcirc$  which prevents the Shaft4 barrel from vibrating loose from the Etha body when the marker is fired. There is also a 016 NBR 70 o-ring on the front of the barrel back  $\bigcirc$  helps with alignment when the two barrel sections are screwed together.

Replace and lubricate these o-rings with Eclipse Grease as necessary.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The Etha will only accept COCKER threaded barrels. Do not use any other type of barrel thread.

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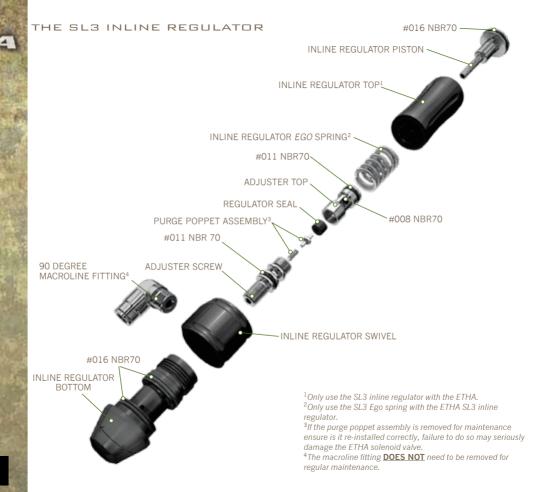
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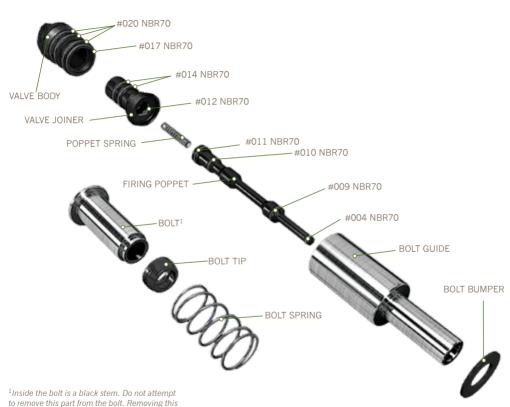
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>The Eclipse Shaft<sup>4</sup> tip and back barrel sections are not interchangeable with older version Shaft tip and back barrel sections (including Shaft3 barrel kits).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>The model of barrel accompanying your Etha may differ from that stated in this manual.



# THE BOLT SYSTEM

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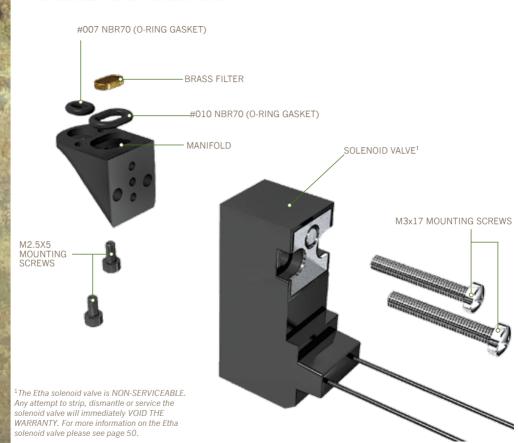
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RIENTATION



The Etha utilises a *tri-colour* LED to display all of the information that the user requires. This can be found on the *navigation console* (FIGURE 4A).

The various functions of both the *select* button **t** and the LED are outlined below.

The select button **t** is used to:

- Switch the Etha on and off.
- Switch the BBSS (eye system) on and off.
- To scroll through parameters and edit parameters.

The LED on the navigation console is used to:

- Display the status of the BBSS (eye system).
- Display the value of a parameter.
- Display the status of the battery.
- Display power up and power down status.
- Display tournament lock status.
- Display that factory settings have been restored.
- To confirm whether a parameter value has been accepted or rejected.



#### DPFRATIONAL OVERVIEW

Below is a brief overview of what happens during the Etha firing cycle. The location of parts discussed in the text below can be found on pages 56·59.

Assuming the Etha is gassed up and turned on, FIGURE 5A shows the marker in its idle position. The bolt is held back under the tension from the bolt spring, with the bolt guide filled with pressurised gas directly from the inline regulator. The firing poppet is held in its forward position by the firing poppet spring, keeping the bolt guide sealed.

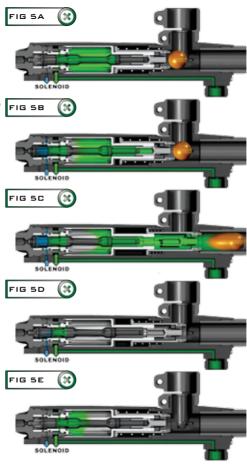
When the *trigger* is pulled an electrical signal is sent to the *solenoid* which directs a supply of air to the rear of the *firing poppet* (SEE FIGURE 5B). The force of this gas is greater than the spring tension pushing the *firing poppet* forward, and the *firing poppet* is pushed back to its rear position. In the *bolt guide* this opens the exhaust port to the *bolt* and seals off the supply port from the *inline regulator*.

The gas pressure in the bolt guide forces the bolt forward, overcoming the spring tension from the bolt spring, this pushes a ball into the breach and closes off the feed tube. The internal stem of the bolt is pushed out of the bolt guide, which then fully opens the exhaust port, allowing the pressurized gas in the bolt guide to exhaust through the bolt propelling a ball (SEE FIGURE 5C).

As the *bolt guide* volume empties, the force pushing the *bolt* forwards decreases and the *bolt spring* starts to push the *bolt* back into the *bolt guide* exhaust port. The spring continues to push the *bolt* back up to its rest position against the rear *bolt bumper* (SEE FIGURE 5D).

The solenoid continues to hold the firing poppet in its rear position until the Dwell time expires. When this expires the solenoid exhausts the supply of air from the rear of the firing poppet, removing the force holding the firing poppet in this position. The firing poppet spring forces the firing poppet forwards, closing the exhaust port and opening the supply from the inline regulator (SEE FIGURE 5E).

The bolt guide begins to fill with pressurised gas. The Etha has now completed a full cycle.



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#### SETTING UP THE ETHA

Before you can begin to use your Etha, you will need to attach a barrel, an air system and a paintball loader.

# INSTALLING A BARREL

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MAKE SURE THE MARKER IS TURNED OFF AND THAT NO PAINTBALLS ARE IN THE MARKER OR LOADER BEFORE INSTALLING A BARREL.

Every Etha comes complete with an *Eclipse Shaft4* barrel (see page 13).

To install the *Shaft4 barrel*, firstly screw the *barrel tip* and *barrel back* sections together. The threads on the *Shaft4 barrel tip* are **reverse threaded**, to screw the two sections together, with the *barrel* pointing away from you, turn the *barrel tip* in a clockwise direction (SEE FIGURE 6A).

While pointing the Etha marker in a safe direction, insert the assembled *Shaft4 barrel* into the front of the *Etha body* and screw the *Shaft4 barrel* into the Etha (in a counter-clockwise direction). Continue to screw the *Shaft4 barrel* into the *Etha body* until the *barrel* becomes tight in the *body*. DO NOT over tighten the *barrel* (SEE FIGURE 6B).

Install a barrel blocking device over the barrel such as the Eclipse barrel sock supplied with the Etha¹ (SEE FIGURE 6C). You have now installed the barrel.

T-SLOT MOUNTING SYSTEM
The Etha utilises a *T-slot* arrangement to mount the OOPS to the bottom of the *frame* (a). There are two retaining screws on the OOPS body underside (b). These are used to clamp the OOPS onto the frame. It is advisable to make sure that these screws are tight using a 3/8" hex key before attaching an air system (SEE FIGURE 6D).

<sup>1</sup>Instruction on using the Eclipse barrel sock can be found on the barrel sock warning label.



# 90 DEGREE MACROLINE

A 90 degree macroline fitting can be found on the SL3 inline regulator as shown in FIGURE 7A. This fitting is secured into the inline regulator using thread lock and DOES NOT need to be removed for regular maintenance of the SL3 inline regulator.

# STRAIGHT MACROLINE

A Straight macroline fitting can be found on the OOPS as shown in FIGURE 7B. This fitting is secured to the OOPS using thread lock and DOES NOT need to be removed for regular maintenance of the OOPS.

#### MACROLINE HOSING

To aid the longevity of your *macroline* hosing, it is very important to remove it from and install it back into the fittings in the correct manner:

Pull back the collet section of the hose fitting and keep the collet depressed. Pull the *macroline* hose out of the hose fitting and release the collet.

Before installing the *macroline* hose into the fitting ensure that the end has been trimmed correctly and is the correct length to ensure a tight fit in the hose fitting.

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IF THE MACROLINE BECOMES WORN, DAMAGED OR IS THE WRONG LENGTH, REPLACE IT IMMEDIATELY.

REPLACE THE MACROLINE HOSE WITH THE FOLLOWING GRADE OR HIGHER - 1/4" OD X 1/8"ID SEMI RIGID NYLON 11

IF UNSURE CONTACT YOUR NEAREST ECLIPSE SERVICE CENTRE



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# INSTALLING A PRESET AIR SYSTEM

MAKE SURE THE MARKER IS TURNED OFF WITH A BARREL BLOCKING DEVICE INSTALLED AND THAT NO PAINTBALLS ARE IN THE MARKER OR LOADER BEFORE INSTALLING AN AIR SYSTEM.

COMPRESSED AIR AND NITROGEN SYSTEMS CAN BE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS IF HANDLED OR USED INCORRECTLY.

ONLY USE A AIR SYSTEM CERTIFIED FOR USE WITHIN THE COUNTRY OF USE

THE ETHA CANNOT BE USED WITH CO2. ONLY USE COMPRESSED AIR OR NITROGEN.

NEVER ADD ANY LUBRICANTS OR GREASES INTO THE FILL ADAPTER OF THE AIR SYSTEM REGULATOR

ENSURE THAT ALL SCREWS ARE TIGHTENED AND NO PARTS ARE LOOSE BEFORE INSTALLING AN AIR SYSTEM

DO NOT PRESSURISE THE ETHA WITHOUT THE BOLT SYSTEM CORRECTLY INSTALLED, AS HIGH PRESSURE GAS WILL BE EMITTED.

DO NOT INSTALL A COMPRESSED AIR SYSTEM OR LOAD PAINTBALLS INTO THE ETHA UNTIL YOU FEEL COMPLETELY CONFIDENT WITH YOUR ABILITY TO HANDLE THE MARKER SAFELY AND RESPONSIBLY.

ALWAYS RELIEVE ALL RESIDUAL GAS PRESSURE FROM THE ETHA BEFORE UNSCREWING THE PRESET AIR SYSTEM.



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High, mid and low pressure output preset air systems can be used with the Etha, providing the Etha is fitted with the SL3 inline regulator originally supplied with the marker

The Eclipse Etha comes complete with an Eclipse On/Off Purge System (OOPS) which provides a direct connection for a preset air system. Before screwing an air system into the OOPS ensure that the OOPS knob is fully unscrewed (SEE FIGURE BA). In this position the OOPS is off and will not pressurise the Etha when an air system is screwed into the OOPS.

Lining the threads up correctly between the OOPS and the air system, screw the air system into the OOPS until the air system is screwed all the way in and tight on the OOPS. The air system MUST be screwed all the way in before turning on the OOPS (SEE FIGURE BB)

Now with the air system attached and the barrel pointing away from you, start to slowly turn the OOPS knob counter-clockwise to turn the 'OOPS' on and pressurise the Etha. Keep turning the knob until it stops against the OOPS body as shown in FIGURE 80

You have now installed a preset air system onto your Ftha



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# ATTACHING A LOADER

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DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN THE CLAMPING FEED NECK AS THIS MAY DAMAGE THE LOADER OR FEED NECK ITSELF.

Release the clamping lever on the feed neck (SEE FIGURE 9A) and test to see if your loader can easily be pushed into the top of the feed neck. If the loader cannot easily be pushed into the feed neck, loosen the top screw on the feed neck by turning it counterclockwise using a 5/32" hex key (SEE FIGURE 9B).

When you have managed to push your loader into the feed neck, close the clamping lever to secure it firmly in place (SEE FIGURE 9C). If the loader is loose then you will need to release the clamping lever, tighten the top screw slightly by turning it clockwise with a 5/32" hex key (SEE FIGURE 9B), then close the clamping lever. Repeat this process as necessary to secure your loader in place.

You have now attached a loader to your Etha. Once you have filled your loader and air tank you will then be ready to begin using your Etha.



#### SETTING THE TRIGGER

There are three adjustment points on the *trigger* – the *front stop trigger screw*, the *rear stop trigger screw* and the *spring return strength screw*. As standard each Etha comes with a factory set trigger travel of approximately 6mm in total length; 3mm of travel before the firing point and 3mm of travel after the firing point.

The front stop trigger screw is used to set the amount of trigger travel prior to the marker firing. Turn this screw clockwise to reduce the amount of travel. Do not turn the screw too far or the trigger will be pushed past the firing point and the marker will not work. Turn this screw counter-clockwise to increase the amount of travel (SEE IGLIRE 10A)

The rear stop trigger screw is used to set the amount of travel after the marker has fired. Turn this screw clockwise to reduce the amount of travel. Do not turn the screw too far or the trigger will be prevented from reaching its firing point and the marker will not work. Turn this screw counter-clockwise to increase the amount of travel (SEE FIGURE 10B).

The spring return strength screw is used to adjust the spring strength that returns the trigger to its resting position. Turn the screw clockwise to increase the amount of spring return strength in the trigger pull. Turn this screw counter-clockwise to reduce the amount of spring return strength in the trigger pull. Do not turn the screw too far counter-clockwise or there will not be enough force to return the trigger consistently (SEE FIGURE 10D).

# Reference FIGURE 100

- A FRONT STOP TRIGGER SCREW
- B TRIGGER PIN LOCKING SCREW
- C TRIGGER SPRING RETURN STRENGTH SCREW
- D REAR STOP TRIGGER SCREW
- E MICRO-SWITCH CONTACT POINT
- F TRIGGER SPRING
- G TRIGGER PIN

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The trigger pin locking screw does nothing to adjust/set the trigger and should be left tight against the trigger pin.



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CHECK THE VELOCITY OF THE MARKER AT REGULAR INTERVALS DURING USE. MANY EXTERNAL FACTORS CAN EFFECT THE VELOCITY THE MARKER FIRES AT SUCH AS; AMBIENT AIR TEMPERATURE AND PRESSURE, SIZE OF PAINTBALLS BEING USED AND BARREL BORE SIZE.

When using your Etha, you may wish to change the velocity at which your Etha is firing. This is done by inserting a 1/8" hex key into the adjuster screw at the bottom of your SL3 inline regulator and adjusting it accordingly (SEE FIGURE 11A).

By turning the *adjuster screw* clockwise you decrease the output pressure of the *inline regulator* and consequently decrease the velocity; by turning the *adjuster screw* counter-clockwise you increase the output pressure of the *inline regulator* and consequently increase the velocity. On the bottom of the *inline regulator* there are engraved arrows to illustrate which direction to turn the hex key to make the relevant adjustment<sup>1,2</sup>.

Setting the output pressure too high on any *inline* regulator used with the Etha will cause the solenoid valve under the Etha body to vent gas from its built-in pressure relief valve. If this occurs, reduce the output pressure of the *inline* regulator.

used with the Etha, providing the Etha is fitted with the SL3 inline

regulator originally supplied with the marker.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>After each adjustment fire two clearing shots to gain an accurate velocity reading. Never exceed 300fps.
<sup>2</sup>High, mid and low pressure output preset air systems can be

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ALWAYS KEEP THE ECLIPSE ETHA POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION AND ENSURE ALL PERSONS WITHIN RANGE CONTINUE TO WEAR FACE PROTECTION, UNTIL MARKER IS COMPLETELY UNLOADED AND SAFE.

Securely attach a barrel blocking device such as the *Eclipse barrel sock*<sup>1</sup> (supplied with the Etha) to the marker as shown in FIGURE 12A

Turn off the Etha electronics by holding down the **U** button on the back of the *frame*. When the LED display turns red then extinguishes, the marker has been turned off (SEE FIGURE 12B).

With the Etha pointing away from you. De-gas the marker by turning OOPS knob clockwise until the OOPS begins to vent air. Only when the OOPS has fully degassed the Etha marker, unscrew the air system from the OOPS (SEE FIGURE 12C).

Open the clamping lever on the feed neck and slacken off the top feed screw if necessary on the feed neck. Carefully pull the loader out of the feed neck (SEE FIGURE 12D).

Looking down the feed neck, check to see if there are any paintballs still in the breech, if there are, turn the marker upside down while still keeping the barrel facing away from any persons within firing range then tip out any paintballs within the breech (SEE FIGURE 12E).

-Next remove the barrel blocking device, and unscrew the barrel (SEE FIGURE 12F). Remove any paintballs within the barrel.

The Eclipse Etha has now been unloaded and is ready for storage.

<sup>1</sup>Instruction on using the Eclipse barrel sock can be found on the sock warning label.



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## STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION

CAUTION: NEVER CARRY YOUR ECLIPSE ETHA UN-CASED WHEN NOT ON A PLAYING FIELD. THE NON-PLAYING PUBLIC AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL MAY NOT BE ABLE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN A PAINTBALL MARKER AND A REAL FIREARM. FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY AND TO PROTECT THE IMAGE OF PAINTBALL, ALWAYS CARRY THE ECLIPSE ETHA (OR ANY OTHER PAINTBALL MARKER) IN A SUITABLE MARKER CASE SUCH AS THE ONE IN WHICH IT WAS SUPPLIED.

- ·Your Eclipse Etha must be clear of all paint and propellant during transportation or storage.
- -Make sure the Eclipse Etha marker is off.
- -Remove the Barrel from the marker
- ·Make sure the marker is clean of any paint residue, dirt and moisture.
- -Store your Eclipse Etha in a clean, cool, dry place.
- -Keep your Eclipse Etha away from any unauthorized and unsafe users.
- -It may be a good idea to remove the battery when storing your Eclipse Etha to prevent unauthorized use.
- -Protect your Eclipse Etha from excessive heat during transportation.
- •When transporting a paintball marker by air, check with the airline regarding their policies on transporting paintball equipment as hold luggage before arriving at the airport.
- -Observe and obey all local and national laws concerning the transportation of paintball markers. For information concerning any of the laws in your area, contact your nearby law enforcement agency.

When shipping the Eclipse Etha for any reason, Planet Eclipse recommends using the box in which the marker was originally supplied to protect the marker against rough handling during transport.

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ALWAYS KEEP THE ECLIPSE ETHA POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION AND ENSURE ALL PERSONS WITHIN RANGE CONTINUE TO WEAR FACE PROTECTION, UNTIL MARKER IS COMPLETELY UNLOADED AND SAFE.

The Etha has an electronic tournament lock which, once enabled, prevents the user from making any changes to the setup parameters of the marker. This tournament lock complies with the rules of all major tournaments and must be enabled prior to entering the field of play in order to avoid penalties.

# The Etha is shipped from the factory with the Tournament Lock disabled

To enable the Tournament lock;

- 1. Remove the right side *grip panel* by unscrewing the retaining screw using a 5/64" hex key (SEE FIGURE 13A).
- 2. Turn on the Etha.
- 3. Locate and press the tournament lock button on the circuit board (SEE (A) FIGURE 13B). The navigation console will flash green to indicate that the tournament lock has been enabled.
- **4.** Replace the right side *grip panel* then the retaining screw using a 5/64" hex key.

To disable the tournament lock;

- 1. Remove the right side *grip panel* by unscrewing the retaining screw using a 5/64" hex key (SEE FIGURE 13A).
- 2. Turn on the Etha.
- 3. Locate and press the tournament lock button on the circuit board (SEE (A) IN FIGURE 13B). The navigation console will flash red to indicate that the tournament lock has been disabled.
- **4.** Replace the right side *grip panel* then the retaining screw using a 5/64" hex key.



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# UNDERSTANDING THE BBSS

The Etha displays the status of the *Break Beam Sensor System* using the LED on the *navigation console* as follows:

INDICATION	BREECH SENSOR STATUS	
Flashing Yellow	BBSS enabled (On), no paintball detected - marker will not fire.	
Flashing Light Blue	BBSS enabled (On), paintball detected - marker will fire.	
Flashing Purple	BBSS disabled (Off) - marker will fire.	
Fast Flashing Purple	Blockage detected, BBSS temporarily disabled (Off) - marker will fire.	

Any changes to the breech sensor status will be displayed immediately. This provides valuable feedback to the user.

An example of this is when you are shooting a string of shots with the *BBSS* enabled, the LED on the *navigation console* will alternate in colour from yellow (no paintball detected) to light blue (paintball detected). In this instance too much yellow would indicate that your chosen loader cannot keep up with how fast you are shooting and is consequently slowing down your rate of fire.

The BBSS is able to switch itself off in the event that a blockage or contamination prevents it from functioning correctly. This is represented by a fast flashing purple LED on the *navigation console*. The Etha's ROF will be capped at 7.5bps. In this instance, the BBSS will switch itself back on once the blockage is cleared and the correct operation of the BBSS can then be resumed.

# THE BATTERY LEVEL INDICATOR

When the Etha is turned on, the level of the battery will be displayed on the LED (after an initial blue flash¹ signifying the Etha has powered on).

The status of the battery can be displayed manually on the LED by quickly pressing and releasing  $\boldsymbol{\psi}$  on the *navigation console*.

When the battery is fresh the LED will flash green. As the battery is drained the LED will change colour from green to yellow then red.

When the battery reaches a level where it will no longer function reliably, the LED will start to flash red. At this point the battery must be changed for a new one. For instructions on installing a new battery see page 11.

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WHEN THE BATTERY LEVEL INDICATOR IS BEING DISPLAYED THE MARKER IS STILL ON AND WILL FIRE IF THE TRIGGER IS PULLED (DEPENDANT ON THE CONDITION OF THE BBSS).

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$ The colour of this flash may vary depending on the region the marker has originally been purchased.

# THE SET UP MODE

The set up mode can only be entered if the tournament lock is off. See page 29 for details on the tournament lock.

To activate the set up mode, firstly ensure that the Etha is switched off. Pull and hold the trigger down, and whilst the trigger is still pulled, push and hold the **U** button until the LED on the navigation console flashes white to indicate entry into the set up mode. Release the trigger and the **U** button, the LED on the navigation console will turn red to indicate the first set up parameter.

Press the **U** button to scroll through each of the set up parameters:

COLOUR	PARAMETER	RANGE
Red	Firing Mode	1 to 4
Green	Maximum ROF with BBSS on (capped modes only).	4.0 bps to 15.0 bps
Blue	Maximum ROF with BBSS off.	4.0 bps to 15.0 bps
Purple	Dwell	1.0 ms to 15.0 ms
Light Blue	Debounce	1 to 10

To see the value of the selected parameter, pull and quickly release the *trigger*. The value will be indicated in units (long flashes) and then tenths (short flashes) on the LED display in the colour of the selected parameter.

E.g. A Dwell of 14.5ms would be indicated as follows-

- 14 LONG FLASHES OF A PURPLE LED
- 5 SHORT FLASHES OF A PURPLE LED

A zero is indicated by no flashes. E.g. A *Dwell* of 11.0ms would be indicated as follows:

- 11 LONG FLASHES OF A PURPLE LED
- 0 SHORT FLASHES OF A PURPLE LED

#### MODIFYING A PARAMETER

You can modify a parameter by using the following guidelines.

- 1. Ensure that you are in set up mode.
- 2. Choose the parameter that you wish to modify by pressing **U** until the LED turns to the parameter colour.
- 3. Pull and hold the *trigger* for 1 second. The LED will go off.
- 4. Set the units value by pulling the *trigger* once for each unit, the LED will flash with each *trigger* pull.
- 5. Push the **b** button to switch to the tenths value. 6. Set the tenths value by pulling the *trigger* once for
- each unit, the LED will flash with each *trigger* pull. DO NOT pull the *trigger* if the required digit is zero<sup>1</sup>. 7. Push the **U** button. The LED will flash three
- 7. Push the **U** button. The LED will flash three times; if the colour is green then the value has been accepted and saved. If the colour is red then the value has been rejected and remains unchanged.

For example to set a parameter to 14.5 when following the steps above  $\cdot$ 

- PULL THE TRIGGER 14 TIMES WHEN AT STEP 4 THEN PRESS  $oldsymbol{\psi}$
- PULL THE TRIGGER 5 TIMES WHEN AT STEP 6 THEN PRESS  $\pmb{\psi}$

To leave a parameter unchanged having already started to modify it, do not pull the *trigger* for 5 seconds and the value will be rejected.

# EXITING SET UP MODE

To exit set up mode, push and hold the **b** button until the LED turns blue. Then release the **b** button, the Etha will exit set up mode and the LED will start flashing, displaying the current BBSS status.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>If the parameter does not support tenths then these steps are skipped.

# SET UP PARAMETERS

The first three set up parameters will need to be set to comply with the rules of the field or site at which this Etha is used. It is the user's responsibility to ensure that these parameters are correctly set.

# THE FIRING MODE

This parameter is used to control the firing mode of the Etha. The firing mode parameter is indicated by a red light on the navigation console when you are in the set up mode. There are four selectable firing modes as outlined below:

# 1: UNCAPPED SEMI

In this mode the Etha will fire one shot for every pull of the *trigger*. This mode is uncapped with the *BBSS* enabled. If the *BBSS* is off then the rate of fire is limited by the *Maximum ROF with BBSS Off* parameter.



# 2: CAPPED SEMI

This mode is the same as the *Uncapped Semi* mode, except that the rate of fire (ROF) is determined by the maximum ROF parameters (BBSS On and BBSS Off).

# 3 : PSP 2011 COMPLIANT RAMPING

This mode allows the marker to fire in a ramping mode as specified in the 2011 PSP Series rules.

# 4 : MILLENNIUM 2010 COMPLIANT RAMPING This mode allows the marker to fire in a ramping mode as specified by the 2010 Millennium Series rules

Certain modes may only be available in certain countries and on certain models of the Etha

# THE MAXIMUM ROF WITH BBSS ON (CAPPED MODES)

In capped firing modes this parameter is used to control how fast the Etha can cycle.

The Maximum ROF with BBSS On parameter is indicated by a green light on the navigation console when you are in the set up mode.

This is fully adjustable between 4.0 balls per second and 15.0 balls per second in 0.1 bps increments.



# THE MAXIMUM ROF WITH

This parameter is used to control how fast the Etha cycles when the *Break Beam Sensor System* has been disabled.

The Maximum ROF with BBSS Off parameter is indicated by a blue light on the navigation console when you are in the set up mode.

This parameter is fully adjustable between 4.0 balls per second and 15.0 balls per second in 0.1 bps increments.

This parameter should be set to match the slowest speed of the loading system in use.



The remaining set up parameters are used to configure the performance of the Etha.

#### DWFII

The Dwell parameter controls the amount of time that the solenoid valve is energised and therefore the amount of gas that is released with each shot

The Dwell parameter is indicated by a purple light on the navigation console when you are in the set up mode

This parameter is fully adjustable between 1 0ms and 15 0ms in 0.1ms increments



# THE FACTORY RESET

Whilst in set up mode, it is possible to reset all of the control parameters to the factory default settings in the following way:

- 1 Push and hold the Tournament Lock button (see page 29 for information on the Tournament Lock button) for two seconds.
- 2. The LED on the navigation console will repeatedly flash blue to indicate that the factory default settings have been restored



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#### DEBOUNCE

The Debounce parameter is used to set the level of Debounce (antitrigger bounce) on the Etha.

The Debounce parameter is indicated by a 'light blue' LED on the navigation console when you are in the set up mode.

This parameter is fully adjustable between Debounce 1 and Debounce 10 with a higher value reducing the amount of trigger bounce.





# THE BREAK BEAM SENSOR SYSTEM (BBSS)

Undo the retaining screw for the *BBSS cover* on the right hand side of the *Etha body* using a 5/64" (2mm) hex key (SEE FIGURE 14A).

Remove the cover to expose the back of the *sensor* unit (SEE FIGURE 14B). Using a dry cotton bud, carefully remove any debris, paint or moisture from the back of the *sensor* unit and from inside the *BBSS* cover.

Lift the sensor unit free from the Etha body and using another dry cotton bud, remove any grease or debris build-up from the front face of the sensor unit (SEE FIGURE 14C), then clean the sensor channel and hole on the Etha body.



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Remove the *Detent* and using a dry cotton bud clean the *Detent* and its location point in the *Etha body*. Inspect the *Detent* for damage and replace if necessary (SEE FIGURE 14D)<sup>1</sup>.

Insert the *Detent* into the *Etha body* (SEE FIGURE 14E) and place the *sensor unit* back into the designated slot in the *body* (SEE FIGURE 14B). Ensure that the *sensor unit* is face down in the *body* i.e. looking into the breech<sup>2</sup>.

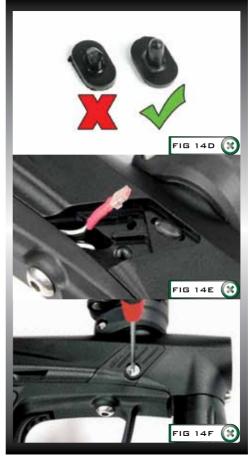
Replace the BBSS cover, then using a 5/64" hex key tighten the BBSS cover retaining screw into the body (SEE FIGURE 14F). Do not over tighten the retaining screw.

Repeat the procedure for the opposite side of the Ftha

You have now cleaned your Break Beam Sensor System.

 $^1\mbox{\it Replace}$  any worn/damaged parts using authentic Eclipse Etha spare parts.

<sup>2</sup>Ensure that the receiver sensor (indicated by red heat shrink sleeving) is located on the right-hand side of the marker body.



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### THE SL3 INLINE REGILLATOR

Disconnect the *macroline* hosing from your *inline* regulator by pulling back the collet section of the hose fitting and keeping the collet depressed. Pull the *macroline* hose out of the hose fitting and release the collet.

Unscrew the *inline regulator* from the *Etha body* in a clockwise direction (SEE FIGURE 15A). Inspect the oring at the top of the threads on the *Etha body* for damage. Replace and re-lubricate as necessary.

Turn the *inline regulator* upside down and carefully unscrew the bottom section from the top section (SEE FIGURE 15B).

Tip both the *piston* and *spring* out of the top of the *inline regulator* (SEE FIGURE 15C).

Insert a 1/8" hex key into the adjuster screw in the bottom section of the inline regulator, turn the adjuster screw clockwise through the top of the inline regulator bottom (SEE FIGURE 15D), and pull out of the inline regulator bottom when it will no longer turn upwards<sup>2</sup>.

Thoroughly clean the 011 NBR70 o-rings that sit on the outside of the *adjuster assembly*, then re-lubricate with Eclipse Grease (SEE OVERLEAF FIGURE 15E)<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The adjuster screw can only be removed by turning it upwards through the bottom section of the inline regulator. The regulator may be damaged if the adjuster screw is removed incorrectly.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>If any o-rings are damaged then replace them. Extra o-rings are available in parts kits available at www.planeteclipse.com

Using a dry cotton bud, clean the internal 008 NBR70 o-ring that sits inside the top section of the adjuster assembly. Then using a small hex key gently apply Eclipse Grease to the o-ring (SEE FIGURE 15F)<sup>1</sup>.

At this point if you are maintaining the *inline regulator* to fix a supercharging issue, turn to page 38 to the 'ADVANCED SL3 INLINE REGULATOR MAINTENANCE' section. If you are not fixing a supercharging issue then there is no need to perform this advanced maintenance procedure.

Re-install the adjuster assembly into the bottom section of the inline regulator threaded end first. Apply light pressure to the top of the adjuster assembly, while using a 1/8" hex turn the adjuster screw counterclockwise until is stops at the base of the inline regulator (SEE FIGURE 15G). Then turn the adjuster screw back in 2½ turns to set an inline regulator output pressure that will not damage the marker when it is 'gassed up'.

Take the *piston*, inspect for damage and clean the 016 NBR70 o-ring at the top, re-lubricating it with a light application of Eclipse Grease (SEE FIGURE 15H). Place the *inline regulator spring* over the *piston*, then insert the *piston* and *spring* into the top of the *inline regulator top* section (SEE FIGURE 15H). Holding the *piston* and *spring* in place, screw the top and bottom sections of the *inline regulator* together.

Screw the *inline regulator* onto the *Etha body* in a counter-clockwise direction (SEE FIGURE 15J), then re-connect the *macroline* hose to the fitting on the *regulator swivel*. Basic cleaning of the *inline regulator* is complete.

 $^1{\it lf}$  any o-rings are damaged then replace them. Extra o-rings are available in parts kits available at www.planeteclipse.com .



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THE SPRING IN THE ETHA INLINE REGULATOR HAS BEEN DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR USE WITH THE ECLIPSE ETHA. USING ANY OTHER SPRING WILL DAMAGE THE ETHA AND VOID YOUR WARRANTY.

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# ADVANCED SL3 INLINE

This procedure is only required if you are fixing a supercharging *SL3 inline regulator* (common symptoms of supercharging are a very high velocity first shot and/or large variances in shot to shot consistency).

Place a 3/32" hex key through the adjuster top section (SEE FIGURE 16A), then insert a 1/8" hex key into the bottom of the adjuster screw and carefully turn it counter-clockwise until the two parts begin to unscrew freely (SEE FIGURE 16B). With your fingers fully unscrew the two parts taking care not to lose any of the internal components (SEE FIGURE 16C).

Inside the adjuster screw you will find a regulator seal purge poppet and spring together these two form the purge poppet assembly) (SEE FIGURE 16D). Inspect and clean the regulator seal, turning it over if one side appears excessively worn or damaged or replace if necessary. Inspect and clean the purge poppet or replace if necessary.

Place the *purge poppet* and attached *spring* in the central hole in the *regulator seal*, then insert these parts into the *adjuster screw* (SEE FIGURE 16E).

With the regulator seal, purge poppet and spring installed back into the adjuster screw, replace the adjuster top section (SEE FIGURE 16F). Screw the two parts tightly together using 1/8" and 3/32" hex keys (SEE FIGURE 16B). Refer to the 'THE SL3 INLINE REGULATOR' section on page 37 to re-assemble the SL3 inline regulator.

<sup>1</sup>If the Purge Poppet Assembly is removed for maintenance ensure that is it re-installed correctly, failure to do so may seriously damage the Ftha solenoid valve



## CLEANING THE BOLT SYSTEM

Insert a 1/4" hex key into the back of the Etha body and unscrew the bolt system assembly from the Etha body (SEE FIGURE 17A). When the bolt system assembly reaches the end of the threads pull the assembly out of the Etha body (SEE FIGURE 17B).

Slide the bolt and spring off the bolt guide (SEE FIGURE 17D). Then slide the bolt spring off the bolt (SEE FIGURE 17D). Remove any paint or debris on the bolt spring and inspect it for damage or excessive wear, if necessary replace the bolt spring.

Now clean the bolt using a cotton bud or soft cloth (SEE FIGURE 17E), removing any old grease, paint or debris on the outside or inside the bolt 1. Inspect the bolt for damage or excessive wear, paying close attention to the rubber bolt tip (SEE FIGURE 17E). Replace the bolt tip if there is evidence of damage or excessive wear. To do this, slide a pick between the bolt tip and bolt (SEE FIGURE 17F), then slide the pick under the bolt tip and lever the bolt tip off the bolt (SEE FIGURE 17G).

To attach a new bolt tip, stretch the new tip around the edge of the bolt (SEE FIGURE 17H) and then push the bolt tip onto the bolt until it locates in the groove on the bolt. The back of the bolt tip should be flush with the bolt. Slide the bolt spring over the bolt to reassemble the bolt sub-assembly.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Inside the bolt is a black stem, do not attempt to remove this part from the bolt. Removing this part will void the warranty of the Etha.



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Next unscrew the bolt guide from the valve assembly (SEE FIGURE 171). Clean the bolt guide, removing any old grease, debris or paint from the front, narrow stem section (SEE FIGURE 17J) and the exhaust port inside the bolt guide (SEE FIGURE 17K). Clean and inspect the rear bolt bumper (SEE FIGURE 17L) for damage or excessive wear, reverse or replace as necessary.

The valve itself contains four components, the valve body, the firing poppet, the poppet spring and the valve joiner.

Start by unscrewing the valve joiner from the valve body, gripping the flats on the side of the threads (SEE FIGURE 17M). When unscrewed, slide the valve joiner and firing poppet out of the valve body (SEE FIGURE 17N). Remove the poppet spring and place to one side. With the valve joiner and firing poppet removed from the valve body, push the firing poppet out the back of the valve joiner (SEE FIGURE 17D).

Take the firing poppet and clean and inspect the metal shaft and o-rings with a cotton bud or soft cloth, removing any old grease or debris (SEE FIGURE 17P). Replace any damaged components on the firing poppet.



Moving onto the valve body: clean the three o-rings and the valve body itself (SEE FIGURE 17Q). Inspect the o-rings and internal bore of the valve body for damage and wear. Replace the o-rings as necessary. Inspect the two sets of air ports labelled in FIGURE 17Q, making sure all the ports are free of any debris.

Lastly take the valve joiner and clean the joiner shaft, external o-rings and two sets of air ports (§) (SEE FIGURE 17R). Also clean the one internal o-ring and internal bore (SEE FIGURE 17S), making sure the entire component is free of debris and old grease. Inspect the three o-rings on the valve joiner for damage and replace as necessary.

The *bolt system assembly* has now been fully disassembled and cleaned, ready for lubrication and re-assembly.



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# ASSEMBLING THE BOLT SYSTEM

Take the firing poppet and apply a light coating of grease to the four o-rings on the poppet shaft (SEE FIGURE 18A). Also apply a light coat of grease to the shaft itself ((SEE FIGURE 18B)). Before inserting the firing poppet back into the valve joiner, apply a light coating of grease to the internal o-ring and the internal bore of the valve joiner with a cotton bud (SEE FIGURE 18C). With the internal bore of the valve joiner lubricated, hold the valve joiner by the threads and insert the firing poppet, narrow end first, into the back of the valve joiner (SEE FIGURE 18D). With the firing poppet pushed all the way in to the valve joiner, lubricate the external o-rings on the valve joiner. Be careful not to block the air ports on the valve joiner with grease (SEE FIGURE 18E).

Hold the valve joiner upside down and place the poppet spring into the relief in the back of the firing poppet (SEE FIGURE 18F). Then slide the valve body over the valve joiner and firing poppet (SEE FIGURE 18B) up to the first set of threads on the valve joiner. Screw the valve joiner and valve body together (SEE FIGURE 18H).



Using a cotton bud apply a thin film of grease to the inside of the exhaust port on the bolt guide¹ (SEE FIGURE 18I). Apply grease to the smaller front o-ring on the valve body (SEE FIGURE 18J). Then, being careful not the scratch the inside of the bolt guide with the firing poppet shaft, slide the valve body into the bolt guide (SEE FIGURE 18K) and then screw the two parts together.

Now apply a thin coat of grease to the three exposed o-rings on the valve body (SEE FIGURE 1BL), making sure not to block the gas ports on the valve body with grease.

Take the bolt and bolt spring and slide them onto the bolt guide (SEE FIGURE 1BM). The bolt system assembly has now been fully assembled.

Take the *bolt system* and insert it into the back of the *Etha body* (SEE FIGURE 18N). Using a 1/4" hex key, screw the *bolt system* into the *Etha body*.

The *bolt system* has now been lubricated and assembled

<sup>1</sup>DO NOT apply any grease or oil to the outside of the bolt guide, on any face of the rear bolt bumper and rear face and internal surfaces of the bolt.



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# REMOVING THE FRAME

Disconnect the *macroline* hose and unscrew the *inline* regulator from the *Etha body* as detailed in the *SL3* inline regulator section of this maintenance guide (pages 36-37).

Using a 5/64" hex key remove the screws that attach the *grip panels* to the *frame*, then remove the *grip panels* (SEE FIGURE 19A). Unplug the *solenoid* and *BBSS* wires from their sockets on the *Etha circuit board* (SEE FIGURE 19B).

Using a 1/8" hex key undo the two frame screws (SEE FIGURES 190 & 190) and remove the frame from the *Etha body*, taking care not to damage any wires or the *solenoid valve* (SEE FIGURE 19E).

You have now removed the frame.



#### ATTACHING THE FRAME

Firstly ensure the *BBSS* wires are secured in the wire channel on the underside the *Etha body* (SEE FIGURE 20A)

Carefully thread the solenoid and BBSS wires through the access holes in the top of the frame (SEE FIGURE 20B). Making sure that the BBSS and solenoid wires are not trapped between the frame, solenoid valve and body, re-attach the frame to the Etha body by tightening the two frame screws using a 1/8" hex key (SEE FIGURES 200 & 200).

If the *frame* is difficult to attach, ensure that the *BBSS* wires are still in the wire channel under the Etha body and do not interfere with the *trigger spring*.

Re-connect the solenoid and BBSS to their respective sockets on the Etha circuit board (SEE FIGURE 2DE).

Adjust both the *solenoid* and *BBSS* wires so that they sit neatly within the *frame*, making sure the wires do not interfere with the *micro-switch* (SEE FIGURE 20F).

Re-attach the *grip panels* to the *frame* by using a 5/64" hex key to tighten the two grip screws.



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THE TRIGGER ASSEMBLY

To remove the *trigger* from the Etha, firstly unscrew the two retaining screws that hold the left and right *grip panels* onto the *frame* using a 5/64" hex key (SEE FIGURE 21A), then remove the *grip panels*.

With a 1/16" hex key, loosen the trigger pin retaining screw (SEE FIGURE 21B). As the screw is backed out the trigger pin will become free. When the trigger pin moves freely inside the frame use a small hex key to push the trigger pin out of the frame (SEE FIGURE 21C).

With the *trigger pin* removed, carefully rotate the *trigger* forwards, and slide it out of the *frame* (SEE FIGURE 21D), making sure not to damage to *microswitch*.

The trigger has now been removed for cleaning.



To replace the *trigger*, tilt the *trigger* forwards inside the trigger guard and slide the *trigger* into the *frame* (SEE FIGURE 21E), making sure not to damage the micro-switch

Align the trigger pin hole in the trigger with the trigger pin hole in the frame (SEE FIGURE 21F) then insert the trigger pin into the frame, making sure the trigger pin is centred in the frame (SEE FIGURE 21G). Using a 1/16" hex key tighten the trigger pin retaining screw to lock the trigger pin in place.

Replace the two grip panels and tighten the retaining screws into the frame using a 5/64" hex key (SEE FIGURE 21H).



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#### THE SOLENOLD MANIFOLD

There is NO need to remove the solenoid valve or manifold for any kind of regular maintenance. There are NO user-serviceable parts within the <u>solenoid</u> valve.

With the *frame* separated from the *Etha body* and the *solenoid* and *BBSS* wires unplugged from the *circuit* board (see page 44) remove the two manifold retaining screws using a 5/64" hex key (SEE FIGURE 22A). The *solenoid* and *solenoid* manifold can now be removed from the *Etha body*.

With the solenoid manifold completely removed from the Etha body the bottom of the Etha body should now resemble FIGURE 22B. Ensure that the air transfer holes in the bottom of the Etha body are free from contamination from any dirt, debris, paint or moisture and clear away any excess grease if it appears to be blocking any of the air transfer holes.

Using a cross-headed screwdriver, undo and remove the two screws that hold the *solenoid valve* onto the *solenoid manifold* (SEE FIGURE 22C).

Check the top face of the solenoid manifold to ensure that it is free from damage or debris. Remove, clean and inspect the two manifold o-ring gaskets (a) and (b) and the brass filter (c) as shown in FIGURE 22D, noting the correct location of each for re-assembly. Replace the o-ring gaskets and then the brass filter, ensuring that they lie flat in their designated grooves in the solenoid manifold (SEE FIGURE 22E).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Replace any worn/damaged seals using authentic Eclipse Etha spare parts.



Check the front face of the solenoid manifold to ensure that it is also free from damage or debris (SEE FIGURE 22F).

Inspect and clean the *solenoid valve*, removing any moisture, dirt and debris, paying particular attention to the top sealing surface and exhaust ports (SEE FIGURE 22G).

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DISASSEMBLE THE SOLENOID VALVE UNIT OR THE USER WARRANTY WILL BE VOIDED. IF THE SOLENOID IS DAMAGED IT WILL NEED TO BE REPLACED WITH A NEW UNIT.

Hold the *solenoid valve* onto the front face of the *solenoid manifold* ensuring the small *solenoid gasket* is still in place. Lining up the two screw holes, screw the *solenoid valve* retaining screws into the *solenoid manifold* (SEE FIGURE 22H)<sup>1</sup>.

Hold the solenoid manifold onto the bottom of the Etha body taking care to line it up correctly with the screw holes in the body and to avoid pinching the BBSS wires underneath it. Use a 5/64" hex key to tighten the two screws that hold the solenoid manifold onto the Etha body (SEE FIGURE 221).

You have now successfully stripped and cleaned your Etha solenoid assembly.

 $^1 \! DO$  NOT over tighten retaining screws, doing so may strip the threads or damage the part being retained.



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## THE ETHA SOLENDID VALVE

The <u>Etha solenoid valve</u> (SEE FIGURE 23A) is <u>Non-Serviceable</u>. Any attempt to strip or service the <u>Etha solenoid valve</u> will immediately void your warranty.

If you experience any issue with your Etha solenoid valve then please contact your nearest Eclipse Service Centre for details on replacement solenoid valves.

See page 60 for Eclipse Service Centre details.



# THE ON/OFF PURGE SYSTEM

Having disconnected the *macroline* hose from the fitting on the *OOPS body*, unscrew and remove the *OOPS knob* from the *OOPS body* (SEE FIGURE 24A).

The push rod and o-rings will now be exposed (SEE FIGURE 24B). Carefully slide the push rod out from either side of the OOPS body, taking care not to lose the two o-rings on the push rod (SEE FIGURE 24C).

Clean off any dirt, debris or moisture from the *OOPS* knob and the *OOPS* body (SEE FIGURE 24D).

Remove the *OOPS insert assembly* using a 5/32" hex key (SEE FIGURE 25E). Remove the *OOPS pin* from the *OOPS insert*.

Clean and check the condition of the 007 NBR70 o-ring on the outside of the *OOPS insert*, replacing as necessary (SEE FIGURE 25F).



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Clean and check the condition of the single internal 005 NBR90 o-ring in the front of the *OOPS insert* and replace if necessary (SEE FIGURE 24G). Lubricate this o-ring liberally using Eclipse Grease.

Lubricate the narrow end of the *OOPS pin* with a smear of Eclipse Grease and push the *OOPS pin*, narrow end first, into the *OOPS insert* so that it sits in the *OOPS insert* and pokes through to the front (SEE FIGURES 24H & 24I).

Screw the *OOPS insert* back into the *OOPS body* ensuring that the o-ring end goes in first.

Replace the *push rod* into its designated slot (SEE FIGURE 24J) then side 004 NBR70 o-rings onto both ends of the *push rod*. Make sure the *push rod* is centred in the *OOPS body* (SEE FIGURE 24K).

Slide the OOPS knob over the OOPS body and screw the knob onto the body (SEE FIGURE 24L).

Reconnect the *macroline* hose to the fitting on the *OOPS* body (SEE FIGURE 24M).

You have now successfully cleaned and maintained your On/Off Purge System.



SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	SOLUTION
Although a fresh battery has been fitted, the Etha will not switch on.	The battery terminals are not making proper contact with the battery.	Remove the battery, inspect the terminals for damage or debris and then replace the battery.
	The fly lead to the Etha PCB is damaged.	Replace the Etha PCB.
The battery does not seem to last very long.	The battery type is of a low quality.	Use an fresh 9V alkaline or lithium battery. Do not use a low quality or rechargeable battery.
The Etha leaks from the solenoid and/or manifold.	An o-ring gasket is damaged and/or not seated correctly in the manifold.	Replace the gasket if damaged using Etha parts kit. Ensure the gasket is seated correctly.
	The solenoid valve is not secure on the manifold.	Check the solenoid is secure on the manifold.
	Dirty / damaged o-ring on middle of firing poppet.	Clean / replace front o-ring with a new 010 NBR70 o-ring.
	Dirty / damaged middle valve body o-ring.	Clean / replace with a new 020 NBR70 o-ring.
	Dirty / damaged middle valve joiner o-ring.	Clean / replace with a new 014 NBR70 o-ring.
	The output pressure from the <i>inline regulator</i> is too high, triggering the <i>solenoid valve</i> built-in pressure relief valve.	Lower the output pressure of the inline regulator.
	Damaged solenoid valve.	Replace Etha solenoid valve.
The Etha leaks down the barrel.	Dirty / damaged firing poppet assembly.	Clean / replace firing poppet and front 010 NBR70 o-ring.
	Dirty / damaged bolt guide exhaust port.	Clean / replace bolt guide.
	Dirty / damaged valve body front o-rings.	Clean / replace 017 NBR70 and 020 NBR 70 o-rings.
Gas vents quickly down barrel as soon as the marker is gassed up.	Incorrect / damaged o-ring on front of firing poppet.	Replace front o-ring with a new 009 NBR70 o-ring.
Very poor efficiency.	The internal o-ring on the valve joiner is too small or damaged.	Replace o-ring with a new 012 NBR70 o-ring.
Low velocity.	The Dwell parameter is set too low.	Increase <i>Dwell</i> parameter.
	Poor barrel bore to paintball size match.	Use a barrel bore and paintball size that match.

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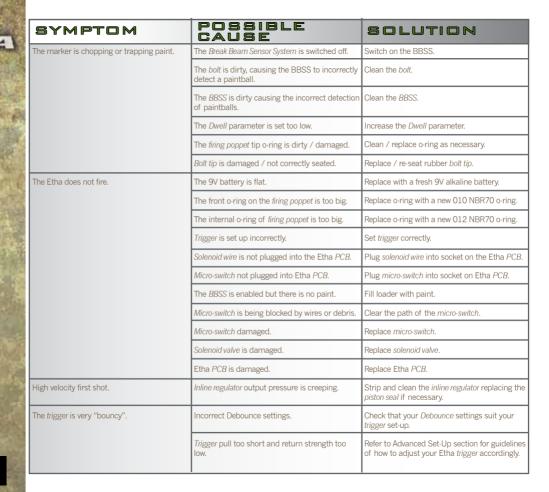
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SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	SOLUTION			
The BBSS does not appear to be reading correctly.	The Break Beam Sensor System is dirty.	Keep the <i>Break Beam Sensors</i> clean to ensure correct readings (See Maintenance Section).			
	Break Beam Sensors are the wrong way around.	Check that the red sensor unit is on the right-hand side of the breech.			
The BBSS is not reading at all.	There is a broken wire or contact, or a short circuit on either of the sensor unit cables.	Check the connector on the BBSS cables.			
	circuit of either of the sensor unit capies.	Check for cuts or pinches in the sensor cables.			
Either sensor unit is back to front.		Check that the sensor units face each other when installed.			
Two or more balls are being fed into the	Worn/Damaged Detents.	Replace the Detents.			
breech.	Feed force too high from loader.	Adjust loader settings/use lower force loader.			
Etha is inconsistent.	Inline regulator is supercharging.	Strip and clean inline regulator.			
	Inline regulator is dirty.	Strip and clean inline regulator.			
	Dirty/Blocked bolt stem or bolt guide.	Clean bolt and bolt guide			
	Poor barrel bore to paintball size match.	Use a barrel bore and paintball size that match.			
BBSS turns itself off after firing.	Sensor unit is dirty.	Clean the BBSS.			
	Sensor unit is faulty.	Replace the BBSS.			
	Sensor unit is out of place.	Re-Install BBSS. Check alignment.			
When the Etha powers up, the gun will not fire.	The trigger is permanently depressed.	Turn the front stop set screw in the top of the trigger counter-clockwise until the micro-switch can be heard clicking when trigger is pulled.			
The Etha leaks out of the body plug in the front of the body	The o-ring on the <i>body plug</i> is dirty / damaged.	Replace o-ring with new 006 NBR70 o-ring.			
The Solenoid does not click	Battery level is partially discharged.	Not an issue, the marker will continue to fire until the battery level is low.			

The Fault Finding guide covers common symptoms, causes and solutions that are likely to be encountered by the average user. If an issue with the Etha cannot be solved using the Fault Finding guide, contact your nearest Eclipse Service Centre for assistance.

See page 60 for information on Eclipse Service Centre locations.

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03	Valve Body Front o-ring	31) Trigger Pin Brass Bushing	(	58	OOPS Knob
04	Valve Joiner	32 Trigger Spring		59)	OOPS Body
05	Valve Joiner External o-ring	33 Trigger Spring Retaining Screw	(	60)	OOPS Insert
06		(34) Navigation Console	(	61)	OOPS Insert External o-ring
07	Firing Poppet	35) Select Button	(	62)	OOPS Insert Internal o-ring
08	Poppet Spring	36 Pushbutton	(	63)	OOPS Pin
09	Firing Poppet Rear o-ring	(37) LED Lens	(	64)	OOPS Push Rod
10	Firing Poppet Middle o-ring	38 PCB Retaining Clip	(	65)	Clamping Lever
$\simeq$	Firing Poppet Front o-ring	(39) PCB	(	66)	Feed Neck
12	Firing Poppet Tip o-ring	40 9V Battery	(	67)	Long Feed Screw
13	Bolt Guide	41) 9V Battery Connector	(	68)	Feed Swivel
14	Bolt Bumper	42) Frame		69)	Body
15	<b>)</b> Bolt	43 Inline Regulator Top		70)	Body Plug
16	Bolt Spring	44 Inline Regulator Top o-ring	Ò	71)	Purge Poppet Assembly
17	Bolt Tip	45 Inline Regulator Piston	è	72)	Short Feed Screw
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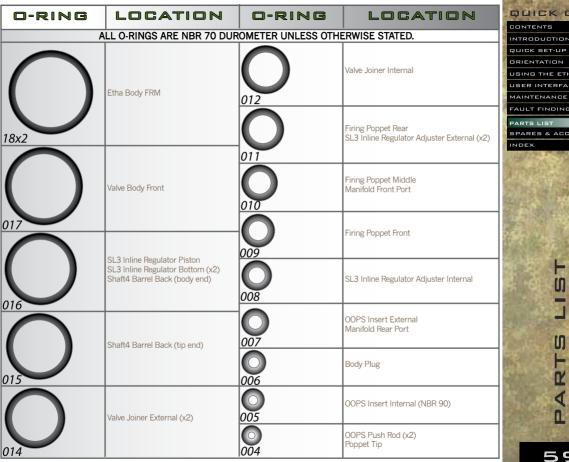
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SCREW	QTY	DESCRIPTION
	2	MANIFOLD SCREWS (M2.5 x 5 CAP HEAD SOCKET)
	2	SOLENOID SCREWS (M3 x 17 BUTTON HEAD CROSS)
	4	GRIP SCREW (2), BBSS COVER SCREW (2) (6-32UNC x 5/16 COUNTERSUNK SOCKET)
<u> </u>	1	SHORT FEED NECK SCREW (10-32UNF x 1/2 CAP HEAD SOCKET)
	1	LONG FEED NECK SCREW (10-32UNF x 5/8 CAP HEAD SOCKET)
	1	TRIGGER SPRING RETAINING SCREW ( SELF-TAPPING M2.0x6)
	1	TRIGGER SPRING ADJUSTMENT SCREW(1) ( 6-32 UNC x 3/16 SOCKET SET SCREW)
	3	TRIGGER ADJUSTMENT SCREW (2) TRIGGER PIN LOCKING SCREW(1) (6-32 UNC x 3/16 SOCKET SET SCREW)
	2	OOPS RETAINING SCREW (10-32 UNF x 1/2 SOCKET SET SCREW)
	2	FRONT AND REAR FRAME SCREW ( 10-32 UNF x 3/8 SOCKET BUTTON HEAD)

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020	Valve Body (x3)



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Are you unsure of where to send your Etha to be repaired or serviced? If your local Eclipse dealer can't assist you, why not contact your nearest Certified Eclipse Service Centre and arrange to send it into them to undertake any work that you require.

A map listing all of our Service Centres and their contact details can be found in the SUPPORT section of the Planet Eclipse web site at

www.planeteclipse.com/site/service centres

FOR ANY TECHNICAL SUPPORT OR CUSTOMER SERVICE ENQUIRIES PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE REGISTERED YOUR PRODUCT (WHERE APPLICABLE) USING THE WARRANTY CARD IN THIS MANUAL OR ONLINE PRIOR TO CONTACTING THE APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIVE IN YOUR REGION.



### **ECLIPSE GREASE**

The recommended grease for use in all maintenance and servicing procedures that require grease.



## ETHA SERVICING & SPARES Contact your nearest service centre for all your service and spares needs. See the interactive map at www.planeteclipse.com.



ECLIPSE OIL

The recommended oil for use in all maintenance and servicing procedures that require oil.



BALL DETENTS Replacement Detents for your Etha.



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This handy little tool tube includes
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will need to strip and maintain
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