



1. **Q. What voltage does the ShockWave2 sound module need?**
A. 4.5-26 Volts i.e. 2S – 6S LiPo.

2. **Q. How much current does it take?**
A. 2 Amps at 26Volts from its main power supply for the audio power amplifier, 1A at 11.1Volts, 165mA from the receiver battery, (or ESC BEC/UBEC) for its low level circuitry.

3. **Q. What battery capacity should I use?**
A. This depends on what voltage you run it at and how long a run time you want.
E.G. a 6S LiPo rated at 1000mAH will run for about 30-45 minutes.

4. **Q. Do I need an external amplifier?**
A. No. The **ShockWave2** module has an integrated single channel 40Watt amplifier on-board.
You can optionally use an external stereo (2-channel) amplifier to play some sounds from one channel and other sounds from the other.

5. **Q. How loud is it?**
A. **107dB!!** This depends on what voltage you run it at, the efficiency of the loudspeaker installation and how far you are away from it. When running on 25Volts and using two of our 4inch 20Watt 4Ohm speakers in series in the open, with some sounds we measured a whopping 106dB at a distance of 1m from the speakers! This corresponds to the same sound level coming from four jackhammers at 100dB each all going in synchronism!

This also corresponds very closely with the SPL (Sound Pressure Level) we measured from a real Hawker Hurricane airplane engine (96dB at 6m distance).

6. **Q. How many sounds can I have on it?**
A. The **ShockWave2** module can have two throttle controlled engine sounds that are proportional to two separate throttle sticks and up to sixteen non-engine sounds as weapons fire, pilot chatter, music etc.

The micro-SD Card used in the ShockWave2 sound module can store many different airplane, helicopter, tank or boat sounds but only one set is active at any one time. The ShockWave2 micro-SD Card comes with our entire collection of Aircraft, Helicopter and Tank sounds.

You can change the sounds it plays by simply inserting another pre-configured micro-SD Card or by changing the named file in the SELECT_YOUR_SOUNDSET_HERE.txt file



7. **Q. Can I change or load my own sounds myself?**

A. Yes, you can change between any of the pre-composed .sfx7 composite sound files by editing the **SELECT_YOUR_SOUNDSET_HERE.txt** file in the root folder of the micro-SD card. Using the optional SFXPC4 Windows software application, you can also re-configure the .sfx7 composite files, change or add to the sounds and change the many configurable settings to alter the way it operates.

8. **Q. What size is the micro-SD card and how many sounds can it hold?**

A. The micro-SD card is currently 4GB. No particular size is guaranteed as even a 1GB card is many times larger than is needed to support the **ShockWave2** module. As technology advances it is increasingly more difficult to buy micro-SD cards in smaller sizes so a larger one may be substituted at our discretion.

The composite .sfx7 files may vary in size from 10 – 100MB so many .sfx7 files can be stored.

9. **Q. How do I install the software to control the module?**

A. You do **NOT** need to use any software in order to setup the module for use in your model. The module is ready to use when you receive it.

Should you want to change the sounds, or any of its many configurable settings, you will need to purchase and install the optional SFXPC4.x.y Windows Software application where x.y may be, for example, 1.3. The installer file is called SFXPC4.x.ySetup.exe. Double click on it and follow the instructions.

10. **Q. Can it play MP3 or .WAV files?**

A. No, the sounds used by the **ShockWave2** module are all stored in a composite file with a .sfx7 file extension. This is a Model Sounds Inc. proprietary file format which contains all the raw audio data for all the sounds in that sound set together with special configuration data that relates to the sounds. This ensures the data integrity of all the related sounds and their configuration data.

However, the SFXPC4 program can import .mp3 and .wav files and convert them to the internal format required to compose a .sfx7 file.

11. **Q. Can I download sounds from your web site?**

A. No, we do not publish our sounds on-line to avoid our competitors using them,

If you want to hear some sound samples, please send us an email and we will email them to you.

When requesting sound clip samples, please send us a polite and courteous email with please, thank you, regards etc. and include your first and last names, how you heard of us and your location. We will ignore any requests that do not do this.



12. Q. Is the ShockWave2 module easy to use?

A. Yes, simply wire it up according to the very clear and simple wiring diagram on the accompanying printed Quick-Start Guide and start using it right away.

13. Q. Where are the manuals?

A. The printed Quick Start Guide that comes with the module is just that – a quick start guide. The full manual for the hardware (the **ShockWave2** module) is in the Manuals folder on the micro-SD card inside the sound module.

The manuals can also be downloaded from our manuals web page at:

http://www.modelsoundsinc.com/manuals_datasheets.htm

14. Q. How many radio channels do I need to operate it?

A. It can operate one engine sound with **NO** additional sounds using the same throttle radio channel that you feed to your ESC. The engine start-up and shutdown sound is controlled entirely by the position of the throttle stick.

If you want more precise control over the start-up and shutdown sounds, or if you have any non-engine sounds such as gunfire or horns, you will need one additional radio channel to control those sounds (SOUND1 input).

You can optionally use a second throttle input to control a second engine sound and a second SOUND2 input to control the non-engine sounds.

15. Q. What sounds can I have?

A. We have a huge library of 96 airplane sounds 34 helicopter sounds, 10 tank sounds and a multitude of boat sounds. If we don't have the sound you want, send us an email and we will try to locate it for you.

Our sound clip lists are on our web site at :

http://www.modelsoundsinc.com/soundclips_planes.htm

http://www.modelsoundsinc.com/soundclips_helicopters.htm

http://www.modelsoundsinc.com/soundclips_tanks.htm

http://www.modelsoundsinc.com/soundclips_boats.htm

16. Q. How do I order?

A. You can order directly from our web site at :

http://www.modelsoundsinc.com/catalog_sound_systems.htm

Use the "Add to Cart" buttons to select the items you want to buy, then proceed through the checkout process. At that time you can pay using a PayPal account, if you have one, or any major credit card. Customers in Canada and the United States can use the Add to cart buttons directly. A shipping charge of CAD\$20.00 will be added at checkout.



Customers from all other countries are requested to send us an email to contactus@modelsoundsinc.com so we can give you a shipping quote.

17. Q. What is your warranty?

- A. All our products are warranted for a period of 90 days from the date of purchase. This is the date when you place the order and pay the invoice, not the date you first start using it. Please test the module right away on the bench before you install it in your model to make sure you know how to wire it up correctly.

The warranty covers manufacturing defects only and does not cover damage due to user wiring errors or other misuse of the module.

You should also make a PC backup of the module's micro-SD card as soon as you receive it.

18. Q. How much does the system cost?

- A. The **ShockWave2** module costs CAD\$189.99 (Canadian \$\$). The recommended 4inch 20Watt 4Ohm speakers cost CAD\$22.95 each. There are various accessories such as hook-up wire, cables, switches etc.

A typical recommended system costs about CAD\$200.00.

Canadian customers will have to pay HST or GST, as appropriate to their province or territory.

Basic shipping to the U.S. costs CAD\$20.00. Fully insured and tracked shipping to the U.S. costs CAD\$40.00. Shipping to other countries will vary, according to the destination and content.

19. Q. I want to pay in U.S. \$. How does that work?

- A. As we are a Canadian company and we conduct our business in Canadian \$\$, your on-line invoice will be in Canadian \$\$, when you go through the checkout process if you use a U.S. \$ PayPal account, or a U.S. \$ credit card, the PayPal system will automatically convert it to U.S. dollars at its prevailing exchange rate at the time of the transaction. This also applies to any other currency.

20. Q. How long does it take for you to ship an order?

- A. Once we have received payment it usually takes us about two days to process a straightforward order. If we need to search for a special sound, do custom audio work or unusual custom configurations, or there are other special requirements, it will take a few days longer.

21. Q. Is the ShockWave2 sound module "future-proof"?

- A. Yes. The firmware in the module (the executable code that runs in the processor chip) can be upgraded by the end user. Instructions for doing this are in the UpdatingShockWave2FirmwareUsingMicroSD.pdf file in the root folder of the micro-SD card.

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