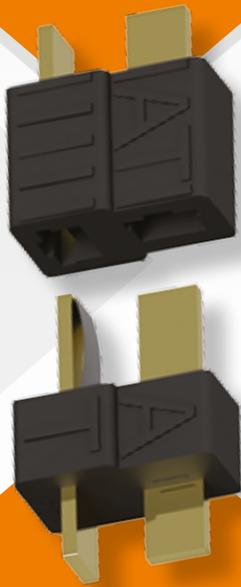


TITAN ON TARGET TO PHASE OUT THE TAMIYA PLUG



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US AIRSOFTERS ARE A FUNNY BUNCH. QUITE OFTEN YOU'LL FIND SOMEONE WHO'S SPENT AN ABSOLUTE FORTUNE ON THEIR SHOOTER, GLAMMING IT UP WITH ALL SORTS OF 'REAL STEEL' RIS RAILS, TIGHT-BORE BARRELS AND NEW GEARS AND MOTORS THAT WOULD LOOK MORE AT HOME IN BESPOKE GEAR FACTORY, BUT WHEN YOU ASK THEM WHAT BATTERY THEY'RE RUNNING... WELL THEY ARE USUALLY CLUELESS. HOWEVER, WHEN YOU LOOK TOWARDS OTHER HOBBIES THAT MAKE USE OF A VARIETY OF COMPONENTS TO CREATE AN END PRODUCT OF WHICH YOUR HOBBY IS CENTRED AROUND, PEOPLE TEND TO HAVE A MUCH BETTER BASE OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THEIR PURCHASES.

The age old analogy of 'you wouldn't fill a high end sports car with bad fuel comes to mind, so why would you plug a dated battery into your airsoft rifle? Well a lot of it comes down to understanding. Now I won't pretend to be a scientist so my understanding isn't anywhere near at the level it should be, however, following a the 2019 industry panel at the IWA show in Nuremberg, a number of industry professionals met up to discuss some of the issues surrounding battery usage within airsoft rifles, with the outcome resulting in the plan to remove the Tamiya connector from airsoft rifles by 2021, switching to the far more modern T-Plug connector.

Why, you ask? Well if truth be told the majority of the AI team have rocked T-Plug connectors since the birth of the Li-PO, however we've always had the benefit of handing rifles to the Fire-Support team and asking them to do stuff to them. Turns out one of the most important changes they made though was the introduction of the T-Plug to each and every one of our rifles. That said though, a lot of people do not have that luxury, and the industry norm as things stands is the inclusion of Tamiya connectors - an almost 50 year old connection.

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Airsofttplug.com is a joint initiative from a highly respected airsoft news website and battery manufacturer Titan. Their mission statement is a fairly simple one - to enhance every airsoft players game worldwide, by the introduction of the airsoft T-Plug connector, making them available by default for every player. Following discussions at this years' IWA Show, the initiative was put into action, and the plan is to initiate a phasing out of the Tamiya connector by 2021.

One of the biggest comparisons to airsoft is the world of remote controlled objects; namely cars, planes and tanks. They made the change to T-Plugs years ago, so why haven't we? What exactly are the benefits of T-Plugs? And where exactly do you go to cast your vote?

In regards to the why, a number of factors could be pointed towards, however the biggest is price. You can argue that T-Plugs are more expensive than Tamiya connectors, which they are, but thankfully Titan have addressed this and now have a solid purchasing option on T-Plugs.

In regards to the benefits, well they're endless. Compared to Tamiya connectors, T-Plugs are a much more modern answer to connectors, they feature less resistance which leads to increased performance, they provide better conductivity, they last longer compared to other connectors, they can handle higher battery outputs and they are a whole heap smaller than Tamiya connectors which is great when it comes to storage space. All in all, the T-Plug is just a more solid, more reliable connector, and one we agree should be rolled out into the airsoft market for everyone to use.

