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Futaba Corporation

## **Notice Regarding Counterfeit Futaba RC Aircraft Receivers**

Dear Valued Customers:

Thank you for your patronage of Futaba and continued support of our products.

We have recently confirmed that counterfeit products<sup>1\*</sup> that are difficult to distinguish from our genuine RC Aircraft Receivers ([R7008SB](#)) are being distributed through online commerce in East Asian countries.

These counterfeits are being manufactured by third parties without our authorization, and therefore we obviously do not assure their quality. The use of such counterfeits may result in failures or defects in the operation and it may cause serious accidents such as crash of model airplanes.

Futaba Corporation is not responsible for any accidents, damages or other losses resulting from the purchase or use of such counterfeit products. We appreciate your understanding.

Therefore, we ask all our customers to be careful not to purchase counterfeit products. When you intend to purchase our products, please be sure to do so from authentic distributors to avoid any mistaken purchase or use of counterfeit products.

Please feel free to contact us if you find any counterfeit or other suspicious products, or if you have any questions at all about purchased products (see Inquiries section below).

Currently, the counterfeit products have only been found in East Asian countries, but we highly recommend our customers in other countries or regions to be careful as well.

We are very concerned about our customers' safety and property, and will never tolerate malicious counterfeiting that infringes on your rights and interests. Regarding the counterfeiting of our RC Aircraft Receivers, we have taken appropriate legal action against the manufacturers and sellers involved.

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\* "Counterfeit products" refer to products that infringe industrial property rights (patent rights, utility model rights, design rights, and trademark rights) and may cause consumers to mistake them for the genuine products produced by the right holders.

We at Futaba Corporation will continue to take decisive steps, including legal action and market research, toward eliminating counterfeit products from the market for our customers' safety and security. If we find any more counterfeit products, we will take legal action based on our industrial property rights (including written warnings, administrative raids, criminal prosecution and civil litigation) against those who manufacture, import or sell such products.

#### Examples of How to Distinguish Counterfeits from Genuine Products

Please see Appendix.

#### Inquiries

Please use the form on the following webpage:

➤ [Radio control equipment for Hobby use / Inquiry](#)

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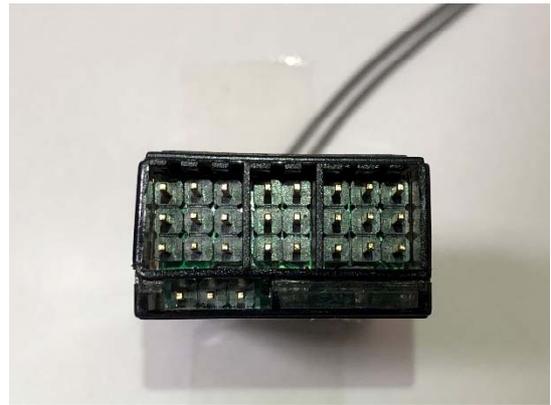
#### 【R7008SB】

1. The bases of the block connectors are different.

Genuine



Counterfeit



The bases of the block connectors of genuine products contain several pins while those of counterfeit products contain only one pin each.

2. The distance between the center of the nozzle gate mark on the housing and the side of the housing from which the antenna cable extends is different.

Genuine



Counterfeit



The distance for genuine products is about 2cm while that for counterfeit products is slightly longer at about 2.3cm.