

Warning on Imitation Gyros and Servos

Dear Customer,

We at Futaba Corporation would like to thank you for your patronage and support of our products.

We recently received information about “imitation” products of our gyros and servos for model helicopter appearing in the markets around Taiwan. We, therefore, obtained and inspected actual products, and have confirmed that gyros, servos, and their packaging are all “imitations”.

In general, the gyro for model helicopter is an important piece of equipment not only for keeping model helicopters hovering but also for supporting various exhibition in order to maintain the helicopter’s nose in flight.

Should either the gyro or servo incur trouble that disturbs the minimum required performance, attitude control of the model helicopter would be affected. Moreover, it would be extremely difficult to handle a model helicopter if the gyro or servo were to completely malfunction, which, in a worst case scenario, could result in crash.

Futaba Corporation is not responsible whatsoever for the problems with gyros and servos, resulting damage to model helicopters or other related accidents when using these “imitation” products. We, therefore, ask that you not use these “imitation” products. Please examine products carefully before buying them.

We are currently examining the facts and are preparing measures against manufacturers of “imitation” products, including legal action.

We estimate that the “imitation” products were released onto the market in May 2009 or later.

Please keep the following information in mind so as not to become a victim of these “imitation” products. We look forward to your continued use of Futaba products.

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Sincerely yours,
Futaba Corporation

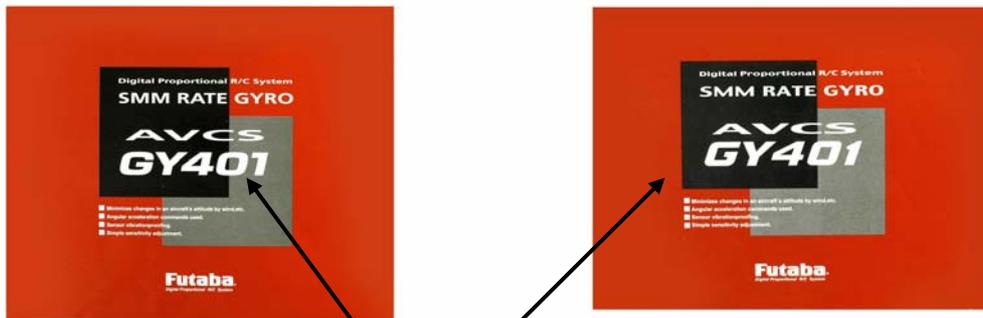
You can distinguish “imitation” products from “original” products as follows.

[GY401]

1. The GY401 package is different.

“Original”

“Imitation”



(The “GY401” font is different.)

2. The plating on gyro connector terminals is different.

“Original”

“Imitation”



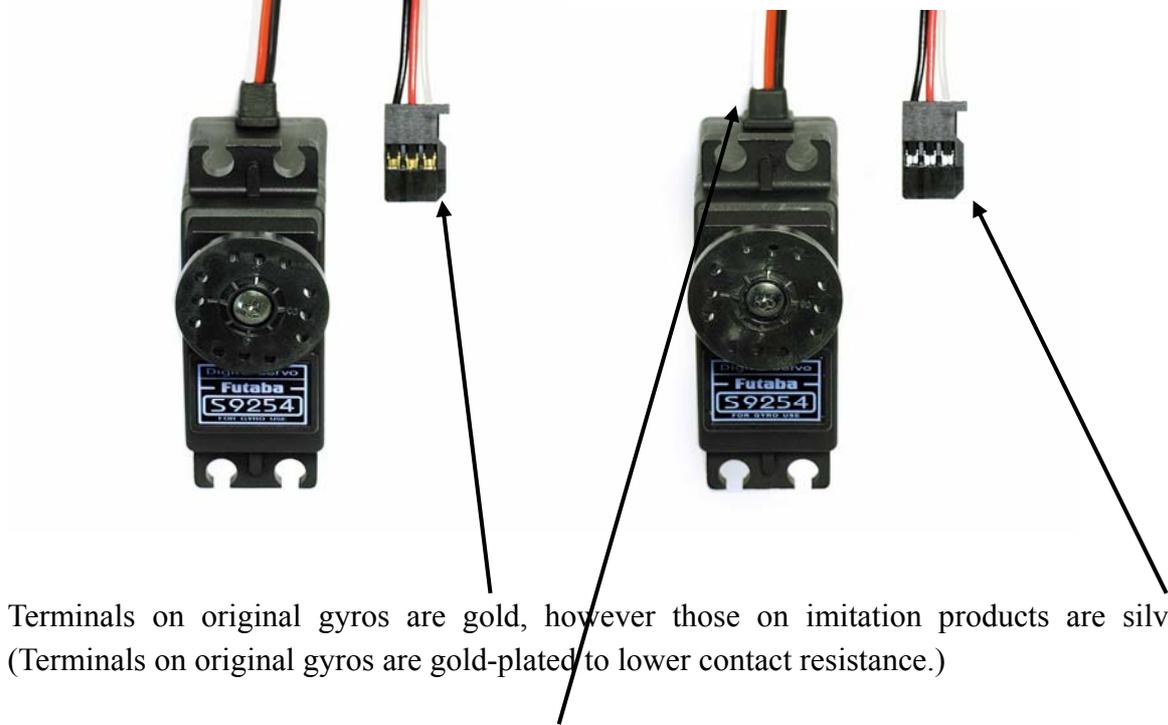
Terminals on original gyros are gold, whereas those on imitation products are silver.
(Terminals on original gyros are gold-plated to lower contact resistance.)

[S9254, S9257]

1. The plating on servo connector terminals and the shape of the grommet are different.

“Original”

“Imitation”



Terminals on original gyros are gold, however those on imitation products are silver. (Terminals on original gyros are gold-plated to lower contact resistance.)

The grommet on imitation products is slightly shorter than on original servos.