

# Aircraft Flight Manual RDASS HD2



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# **1. INTRODUCTION**

Congratulations on your purchase of the Leptron RDASS. The Leptron RDASS offers a superior aerial data collection platform. Leptron provides this manual to support safe, effective, and legal operations of our small Unmanned Aircraft System (sUAS). You can ensure that you are getting the maximum benefit from your sUAS by strictly observing all operating procedures and practices outlined in this manual. You should regularly check leptron.com for updates to this manual, as this manual is subject to change without notice.

# **1.1 Documentation Conventions**

NOTE	An operating procedure, condition, etc., which is essential to highlight.
CAUTION	An operating procedure, practice, etc. which, if not strictly observed, could result in damage to or destruction of equipment.
WARNING	An operating procedure, practice, etc., which, if not correctly followed, could result in personal injury or loss of life.
SHALL:	Used to indicate a mandatory requirement.
WILL:	Used to express a declaration of purpose.
SHOULD:	Used to indicate a nonmandatory but preferred method of accomplishment.
MAY:	Used to indicate an acceptable method.

# **1.2 Abbreviations and Terms**

(	Altitude measured with respect to the
(AGL) Above	ground surface. This is as opposed to
Ground Level	altitude measured above mean sea
	level (MSL).
	The ground-based personnel and
(ATC) Air Traffic	equipment concerned with monitoring
Control	and controlling air traffic within a
	particular area.
(COA) Certificate of	An authorization issued by the Air
Waiver or	Traffic Organization to an operator for a
Authorization	specific unmanned aircraft activity.
(FOV) Field of	The area in front of a camera or sensor
View:	that can be observed instantaneously.
(FPV) First Person	A method used to control a radio-
View	controlled aircraft looking from the point
	of view of an on-board camera.
	A series of flight maneuvers used to
(FTF) Functional	verify functionality controllability of the
Test Flight:	aircraft and associated flight equipment
	throughout various flight regimes.
	IOC modes consist of Course Lock (CL)
	and Point-of-Interest (POI). CL fixes the
(IOC) Intelligent	directional orientation of the aircraft in
Orientation	reference to the aircraft heading during
Control:	boot-up. POI adjusts the aircraft
	heading to maintain a nose-in
	orientation on a recorded point.
(LiPo) Lithium	A rechargeable battery consisting of a
Polymer:	single or multiple cells containing lithium
i olymer.	ion polymer chemistry.
	Aerial corridors across the United States
	in which military aircraft can operate
(MTR) Military	below 10,000 feet faster than the
Training Route:	maximum safe speed of 250 knots that
	all other aircraft are restricted to while
	operating below 10,000 feet.
	The time between the end of evening
Night	civil twilight and the beginning of
Night	morning civil twilight, as published in the
	Air Almanac, converted to local time.

(NOTAM) Notice to Airmen:	A written notification issued to pilots before a flight, advising them of circumstances relating to flying.
(PIC) Pilot in Command:	The person who has final authority and responsibility for the operation and safety of the flight; has been designated as PIC before the flight.
(RDASS) Rapidly Deployable Aerial Surveillance System	A UAS designed to be easily transportable and rapidly deployable.
(TFR) Temporary Flight Restriction:	An area restricted to flight due to a hazardous condition, a special event, or a general warning for the entire airspace.
(UA) Unmanned aircraft:	Any aircraft that is operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft.
(UAS) Unmanned Aircraft System:	Unmanned aircraft and associated elements, including communication links and the components that control the unmanned aircraft, that are required for the PIC to operate safely and efficiently in the national airspace system.
(VLOS) Visual Line of Sight:	Unaided (corrective lenses and/or sunglasses excepted) visual contact between a pilot in command and an unmanned aircraft sufficient to maintain safe operational control of the aircraft, know its location, and be able to scan the airspace in which it is operating to see and avoid other air traffic or objects aloft or on the ground.
(VO) Visual Observer:	A person acting as a flight crew member who assists the small UA remote PIC and the person manipulating the controls to see and avoid other air traffic or objects aloft or on the ground.

# 1.3 Notes, Cautions, and Warnings

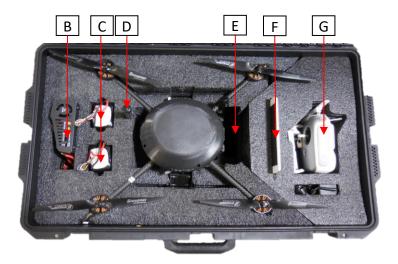
NOTE	Read the entire manual before operating the RDASS.
NOTE	This manual shall be immediately available to the operator at all times during operation of the RDASS. Check leptron.com regularly to ensure the most up-to-date version of this manual is used.
NOTE	Always use the Flight Checklist provided herein during flight. For convenience, a laminated Flight Checklist (P/N: 27670011) is provided to meet this requirement.
NOTE	Maintain a Pilot Log and an Aircraft Log (P/N: 27670002) for all flights. Additional log sheets are available on leptron.com (FAA 14 CFR 61.51 (b).
NOTE	Comply with all FAA (or similar aviation authority) and local regulations.
NOTE	Before flying, check for Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs), Military Training Routes (MTRs), and Notice to Airmen (NOTAMs) that may affect your planned flight.
NOTE	If you experience any issue not covered in this manual, please contact a Leptron Authorized Dealer. A list of dealers can be found at leptron.com.
NOTE	Do not leave tablet in direct sunlight. The tablet can overheat and will not be usable until the temperature of the tablet drops sufficiently.
CAUTION	Do not fly within 500 feet below or within 2000 feet horizontally of any cloud.
CAUTION	ONLY use Leptron provided propellers and batteries.

CAUTION	Keep the compass module away from magnets including car speakers. Magnets can damage the compass and can cause the aircraft to lose control.
CAUTION	Do not leave LiPo batteries in direct sunlight. This can reduce the life of the batteries.
CAUTION	Do Not Expose LiPo batteries to temperatures below 20°F. The internal battery cells can freeze and rupture.
CAUTION	Store and ship batteries in accordance with local and federal laws.
CAUTION	Verify the WiFi function is disabled on GoPro to avoid interference with the Radio Controller, which may cause the RDASS to execute a Go-Home or become uncontrollable.
CAUTION	Do not leave LiPo batteries unattended while charging. An undetected fault in the charger could cause a fire.
CAUTION	Visual Line of Sight SHALL be maintained at all times by ether the PIC or VO.
CAUTION	Failure to install antennas can cause permanent damage to equipment. Always install antennas prior to powering any equipment that uses an antenna.
CAUTION	Do not fly at night without red, green, and white navigation lights. Always follow FAA (or similar aviation authority) and local regulations when flying at night.
WARNING	Flight within 5 nautical miles of any airport may require special permissions, a VHF 2-Way radio, and coordination with Air Traffic Control (ATC) a minimum of 24 hours in advance.

WARNING	Always give right of way to manned aircraft.
WARNING	Before flying you should seek out flight training from a qualified instructor. Leptron recommends receiving flight training from a Leptron factory trained instructor.
WARNING	Maintain 500 foot clearance from all persons and property when conducting a post-maintenance functional test flight.
WARNING	Beware of spinning motors and propellers.
WARNING	All parts must be kept out of the reach of children to avoid choke hazard; if a child accidentally swallows any part you should immediately seek medical assistance.
WARNING	Motors can be very hot after flight!
WARNING	Do not alter auto pilot firmware or settings. Flight stability can be negatively affected.

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# 2. RDASS SYSTEM DESCRIPTION



# 2.1 List of Components

#### Table 1: RDASS Basic Components

Item	Qty	Description		Part Number
A	1	Pelican Case with Foam	BIL	57605033
В	1	HiTec Charger		57605021
С	2	Flight Battery	A COMPANY AND A	57605014
D	С	Anti-Crush Tubes		27606044

Item	Qty	Description		Part Number
E.1	1	Camera		17606099
E.2	1	HDMI Ribbon Cable		17606427
F	1	iPad Mini		17606856
G.1	1	Remote Control		17606829
G.2	1	Expansion Module	The Contract of the Contract o	17606958

#### Table 1: RDASS Basic Components (Continued)

Table 2: RDASS Maintenance	Kit (Part # 57605029)
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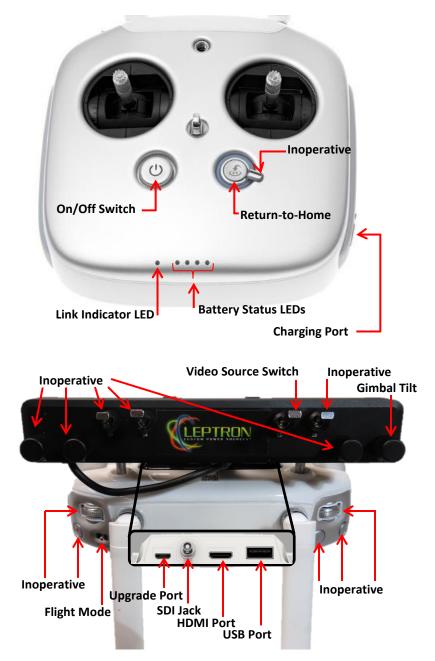
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-	1	Laminated Checklist	27670011
-	1	Wattmeter	17606022
-	1	Dynamite Driver Toolkit	17606091
-	1	10mm Open/Closed End Wrench	17606176
-	2	Spare e-Props (Right)	17606024
-	2	Spare e-Props (Left)	17606025

**Table 3: Optional Equipment** 

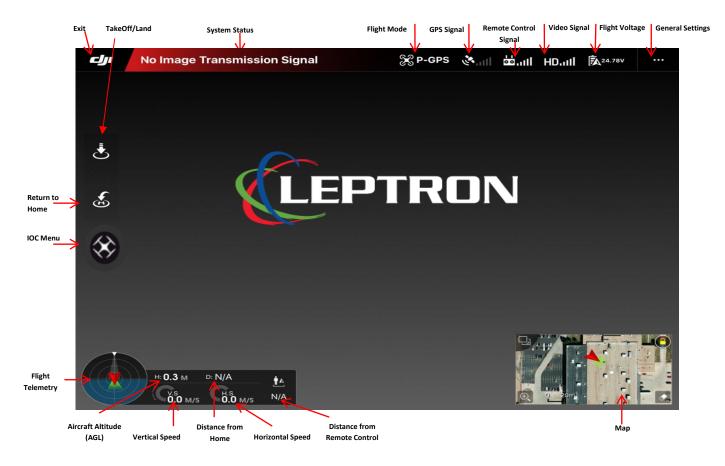
Qty	Description	Part Number
1	Sony α6000	17606716
1	GeoReferencer	17606826
1	Camera Gimbal and Power Cable	87606044
1	Gyro Stabilized Dual Camera Gimbal	17606769
1	FLIR Camera	17606639
1	RedEdge Multispectral Camera	17606602

Table 3: Optional Equipment (Continued)				
Qty	Description	Part Number		
1	Red, Green, White Navigation Lights	57606006		
1	Additional Video HDMI Out and Ethernet Out	87606018		
1	SanDisk 64 GB Card	17606527		
1	12 Volt Power Supply	77610000		
1	Red and Blue Strobe	17606629		

# 2.2 Remote Control Switchology

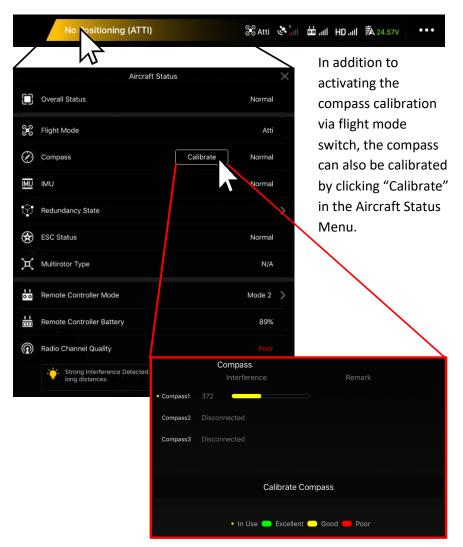


### 2.3 GO App Tablet Display



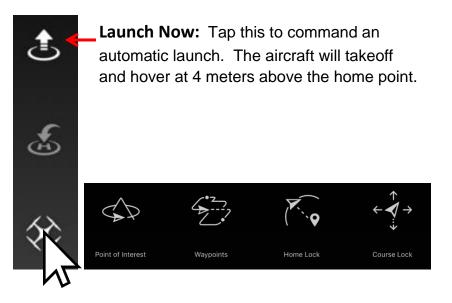
# 3. GO APP

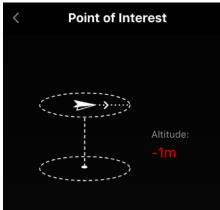
The GO App displays flight telemetry data and options during aircraft operation. In addition to aircraft status indications and location data, the Go app also allows for the selection of automatic takeoff and landing, intelligent orientation modes, and the return-to-home function.



# 3.1 Aircraft Status Menu

### 3.2 Intelligent Orientation Control (IOC) Menu





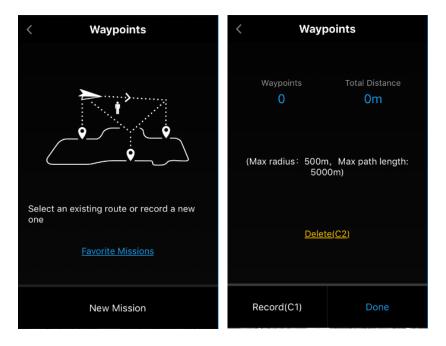
Control the aircraft to fly above one position and set it as the POI. The aircraft will record it.

Record POI

### Point of Interest (POI):

Set the aircraft over a point of interest and have the aircraft orbit around it.

To activate POI, begin by flying the aircraft directly over the desired POI. Next, tap on the IOC menu icon, select "Point of Interest", and then click "Record POI". Use the settings window that appears on the right side of the app to adjust the POI settings.



#### Waypoints:

Waypoints allows the operator to record a flight plan by positioning the aircraft physically at the desired waypoints. This setting can be used solely to refly a flight or to provide a method for the operator to focus on payload functionality while the aircraft flys a prerecorded route.

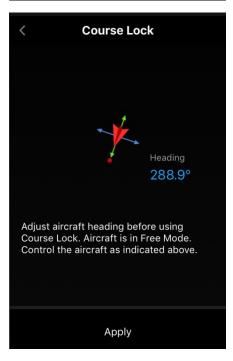
To start, click the IOC icon on the left side of the Go App screen and select "Waypoints" from the submenu. Click "New Mission" if recording a new Waypoint mission. Fly the aircraft to the desired locations for a waypoint and click "Record" to record the waypoint. Repeat the previous step for all desired waypoints in the mission and then tap "Done" to save the Waypoint flight. Waypoint missions may be recalled by selecting "Favorite Missions" instead of "New Mission".



When Home Lock is enabled, aircraft will be in Free mode. Pull the pitch stick down, and the aircraft will move towards the Home Point.

The aircraft will hover when it reaches within 5m around the Home Point. You can control the aircraft to circle the Home Point by the stick.

Apply



#### Home Lock:

Home Lock enables the aircraft to travel directly back to the home point by pulling straight down on the right control stick. When the aircraft reaches 5 meters from its home point, the aircraft will hover. Right stick movements to the left or right will result in the aircraft orbiting the home point.

#### **Course Lock:**

The Course Lock feature enables the user to set and fly on a course regardless of the aircraft heading. To do so, tap on Course Lock in the IOC menu and maneuver the aircraft such that its heading correlates with desired course to be flown. Click "Apply". Right stick fore and aft inputs will maneuver the aircraft along this course, regardless of heading changes.

# 4. GROUND STATION PRO

# 4.1 GROUND STATION PRO PROCEDURES

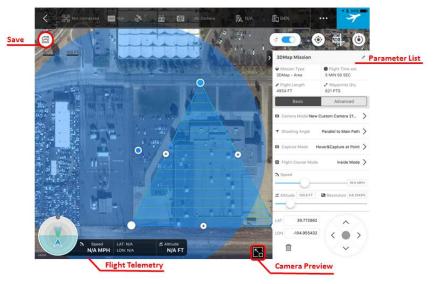
#### 4.1.1 Link Ground Station Pro to the Aircraft

- 1. Open the Ground Station Pro application on the tablet.
- 2. In the upper left hand corner of the "GSP" app verify that the application connection status reads "Connected".

#### 4.1.2 Create a Mapping Flight Plan:

Define an area of interest and fly a "lawnmower" pattern that covers the entire area. The flight plan is configured based on the payload characteristics, desired flying height and desired overlap between adjacent flight lines.

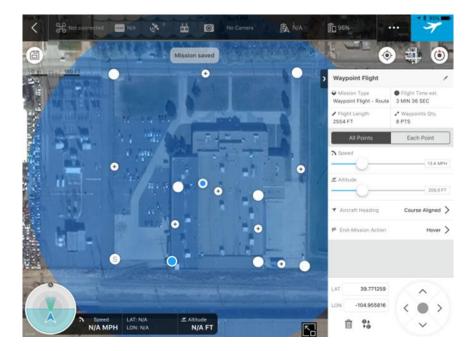
- 1. Click New Mission on the home screen.
- 2. Select 3DMap Mission on the popup menu.
- 3. Touch the corners of the area of interest on the Ground Station Pro map that you want to scan.
- 4. Configure mission parameters.
- 5. Save the flight plan.



#### 4.1.3 Create a WayPoint Flight Plan:

Pick individual location(s) and routes for the aircraft to fly. Set flight parameters such as speed, height, and heading for each of the waypoints to fit the user's application.

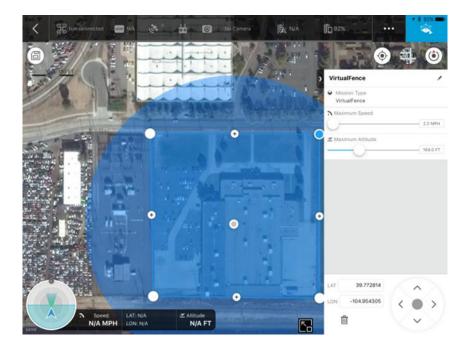
- 1. Click New Mission on the home screen.
- 2. Select *WayPoint Route* on the popup menu.
- 3. Touch the desired waypoint positions on the Ground Station Pro map.
- 4. Configure mission parameters.
- 5. Save the flight plan.

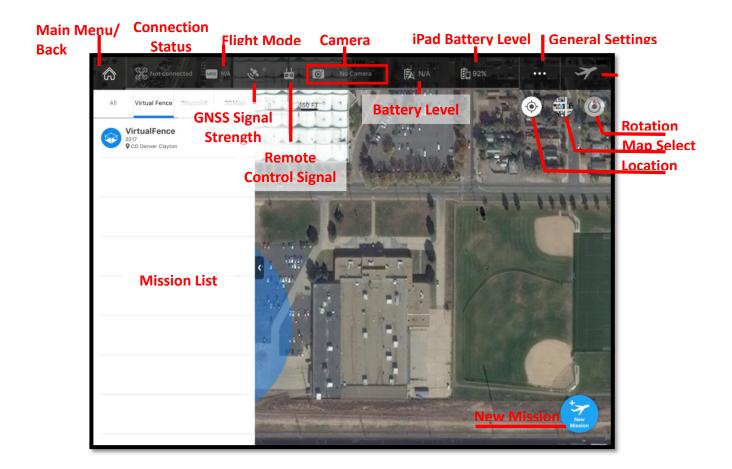


#### 4.1.4 Create a Virtual Fence Flight Plan

Select the boundaries (area and height) where the drone is allowed to fly. Ground Station Pro will alert you if the drone comes close to the borders and will stop it from leaving this user defined area.

- 1. Click New Mission on the home screen.
- 2. Select Virtual Fence on the popup menu.
- 3. Touch the corners of the boundary area on the Ground Station Pro map.
- 4. Configure fence parameters.
- 5. Save the flight plan.





# **5. BATTERY PROCEDURES**

Battery	Туре	Charge Setting	0	Maximum Voltage (V)	•
Flight	LiPo	22.2 (6S)	6-8	25.65	~40 min.

# 5.1 Battery Safety

CAUTION	If a vehicle is to be used for charging, the vehicle must be running for the alternator to continue to charge the aircraft battery. Charging a Flight Battery with a car battery can leave you stranded if you don't run your car.
CAUTION	The operator should not begin a flight with less than 25.0 Volts on the Flight Battery.
CAUTION	Do not fly batteries beyond 80% of their capacity (7200 [mAh] = 80% of 9000 [mAh]).
CAUTION	Do not put the battery into water; store the battery in a cool and dry environment.
CAUTION	Do not use or store the battery near fire.
CAUTION	Only use provided charger to charge batteries.
CAUTION	Do not transport or store the battery with metal objects.

CAUTION	Dropping the battery can cause rupture; avoid Puncturing Battery; do not disassemble or alter the battery.
CAUTION	Do not use or store the battery in extreme heat environments, such as direct sunlight or in a car. Overheating the battery may affect the performance of the battery and shorten the service life of the battery.
CAUTION	Battery electrolyte gel can be harmful or fatal if swallowed. Battery electrolyte gel is an eye irritant. If battery ruptures, avoid getting any gel in your eyes. If battery electrolyte gets in eyes, flush eyes with water then seek medical assistance immediately.
CAUTION	If battery emits an odor, swells, or exhibits any other abnormal phenomena, discontinue use and discard battery in accordance with local laws.
CAUTION	Use a clean dry lint-free cloth to clean battery contacts.
CAUTION	Discarded battery could lead to a fire. Completely discharge the battery and wrap the output terminal with insulating tape before discarding. Discard battery in accordance with local laws.
CAUTION	Do not charge batteries unattended.
DO NOT drain the flight battery beyond 80% leave the battery plugged in during storage	
CAUTION	Land as soon as practicable when the low voltage LED alert flashes, to avoid damage to the battery, persons, or property.

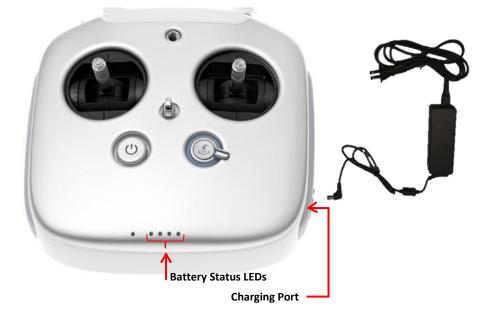
# 5.2 Charging the Radio Controller

The Radio Controller has an internal charger. The charge port on the right side of the transmitter is not polarity-dependent. Always charge the transmitter on a heat resistant surface.

1	Power off your transmitter.
2	Connect the power supply connector to the transmitter
2	charge port.
3	Connect the power supply to a power outlet using the
3	appropriate adapter.
	The four status LEDs on the bottom of the front of the
4	transmitter flash sequentially during charging and turn off
	when the battery is fully charged.
	Disconnect the transmitter from the power supply once
5	charging is complete and disconnect the power supply from
	the power outlet.



Do not attempt to operate the controller while charging.

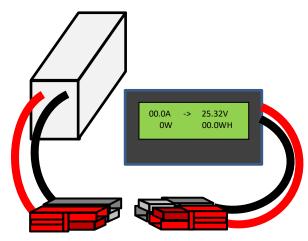


# 5.3 Charging the GoPro

Charge the battery by connecting the camera to a computer or other USB charging adapter using the included USB cable. The camera status light turns on during charging and turns off when charging is complete. Use on 5V 1A charger.



### 5.4 Testing LiPo Battery Voltage



5.5 Charging Sony α6000 Battery



# 5.6 Charging LiPo Flight Batteries

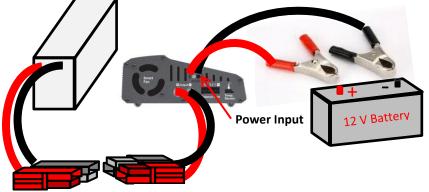
- 1. Plug in HiTec Charger to 12-18 V Direct Current source; Select channel 1 or channel 2.
- 2. Press "INC" to toggle to "LiPo CHARGE". Press "Enter".
- 3. Press "INC." or "DEC." to toggle Amperage. Press "Enter".
- 4. Press "INC." or "DEC." to toggle Voltage. Press "Enter".
- 5. Connect Battery to HiTec Charger.
- 6. Press and hold START for 2 seconds.
- 7. HiTec Charger prompts "CONFIRM". Press "Enter".

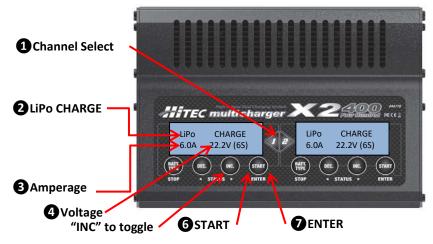


8. Verify charge [mAh] is counting up.



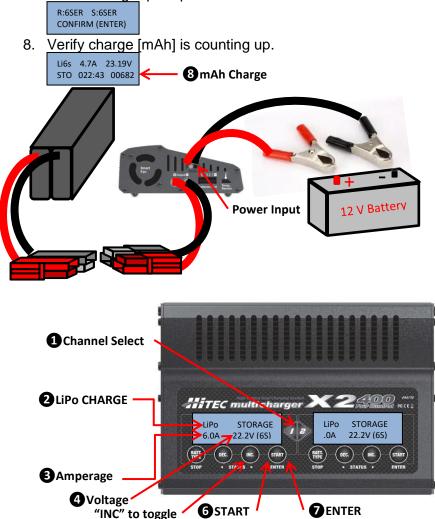
9. After Battery charges, record charge [mAh] on Battery Log.



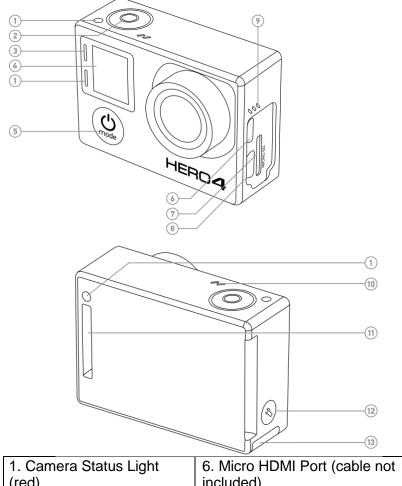


### 5.7 Lipo Battery Storage Procedures

- 1. Plug in HiTec Charger to 12-18 V Direct Current source; Select appropriate channel.
- 2. Press "INC" to toggle to "LiPo STORAGE". Press "Enter".
- 3. Press "INC." or "DEC." to toggle Amperage. Press "Enter".
- 4. Press "INC." or "DEC." to toggle Voltage. Press "Enter".
- 5. Connect Ground Station to HiTec Charger.
- 6. Press and hold START for 2 seconds.
- 7. HiTec Charger prompts "CONFIRM". Press "Enter".



# 6. Cameras 6.1 GOPRO HERO4



T. Camera Status Light	
(red)	included)
2. Shutter/Select Button	7. Micro SD Card Slot (micro SD card not included)
3. Wireless Status Light (blue)	8. Mini-USB Port (supports composite A/V cable/3.5mm stereo mic adapter, not included)
4. Camera Status Screen	9. Audio Alert
5. Power/Mode Button	10. Microphone
11. HERO Port	12. Settings/Tag Button
13. Battery Door	

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#### 6.1.1 GoPro Camera Specifications

Sensor Size	1/2.3-inch type 4:3 sensors
	with <b>4,000 x 3,000 pixels</b>

Field-of-View				
	Vertical	Horizontal		
4 x 3 Wide	94.4°	122.6°		
4 x 3 Medium	72.2°	94.4°		
4 x 3 Narrow	49.1°	64.6°		
17 x 9 Wide	69.5°	125.3°		
16 x 9 Wide	69.5°	118.2°		
16 x 9 Medium	55°	94.4°		
16 x 9 Narrow	37.2°	64.4°		

#### 6.1.2 Common GoPro Operations

#### 6.1.3 Take Time Lapse Photos



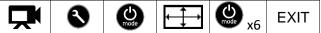
#### Take Time Lapse Video



#### **Capture Time Interval Stills While Recording Video**



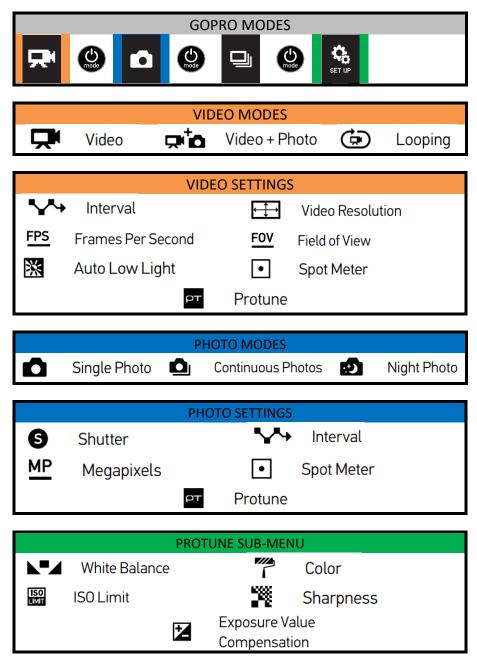
#### **Adjust Video Resolution**



#### **Adjust Photo Resolution**

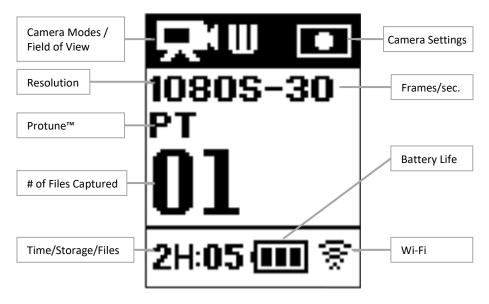
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#### 6.1.4 GoPro Hero4 Menus



SETUP MODE				
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Ą	QuikCapture	☀	LEDs	
٦ ا	Beeps	$\bowtie$	Video Format	
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	Date/Time	Ô	Delete	
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#### 6.1.5 GoPro Status Screen



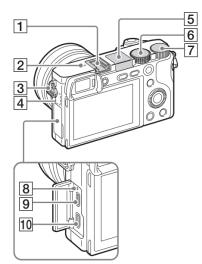
### 6.2 FLIR VUE AND FLIR VUE PRO

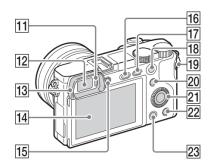
#### 6.2.1 FLIR Vue and FLIR Vue Pro Specifications

- Polarity Control (Black Hot/White Hot) and Color Palettes can be adjusted using the Camera Controller GUI application on a computer. For FLIR Vue Pro a mobile app is available.
- Do not touch the lens. If the lens gets dirty, a light dusting of air should dislodge any dust particles. If the lens is still noticeably dirty, use 75% isopropyl alcohol and lens tissue. Use light wiping motions with a fresh section of lens tissue with each swipe so as not to drag dust or dirt particles back over the lens surface.
- FLIR Vue is neither water nor dust resistant. Care for it as you would any valuable piece of electronics equipment.

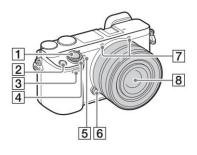
Thermal Imager	Uncooled VOx Microbolometer
Resolution	640 x 512
Lens Option	9 mm; 69° x 56°
	13 mm; 45° x 37°
	19 mm; 32° x 26°
Spectral Band	7.5 μm – 13.5 μm
Full Frame Rates	30 Hz (NTSC); 25 Hz (PAL) US
	only, not for Export
Exportable Frame Rates	7.5 Hz (NTSC); 8.3 Hz (PAL)
Size	2.26" x 1.75" (57.4 mm x 44.5 mm)
	(including lens)
Weight	3.25 oz. to 4.0 oz. (92.1 g to 113.4
	g) configuration dependent
Input Supply voltage	4.0 VDC – 6.0 VDC
Power Dissipation, steady state (max 2.5 W during shutter event of approximately 0.5 seconds)	<1.2 W
Operating Temperature Range	-20°C to 50°C
Non-Operating Temperature Range	-55°C to 95°C
Operational Altitude	40,000 feet

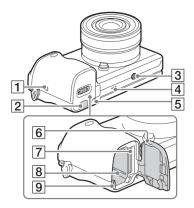
## 6.3 SONY A6000





	Rear View				
1	Multi interface shoe	13	Eyepiece cup		
2	Image sensor position mark	14	LCD screen		
3	Hook for shoulder strap	15	Diopter-adjustment dial		
4	Wi-Fi sensor (built-in)	16	(Flash pop-up) button		
5	Flash	17	MENU button		
6	Mode dial	18	AEL button / Playback zoom		
7	Control dial	19	MOVIE (Movie) button		
8	Charge lamp	20	Fn (Function) button / Send to Smartphone		
9	Multi/Micro USB Terminal	21	Control wheel		
10	HDMI micro jack	22	C2 (Custom 2) button/ (Delete) button		
11	Eye sensor	23	(Playback) button		
12	Viewfinder				





	Front View		
1	Shutter button		
2	C1 (Custom 1) button		
3	Remote sensor		
4	ON/OFF (Power) switch		
5	Self-timer lamp/AF illuminator		
6	Lens release button		
7	Microphone		
8	Lens		

Bottom View		
1	NFC function	
2	Connection plate cover	
3	Tripod socket hole	
4	Speaker	
5	Access lamp	
6	Battery/memory card cover	
7	Memory card slot	
8	Battery insertion slot	
9	Battery eject lever	

### 6.3.1 Sony α6000 Camera Specifications

Sensor	Image sensor: APS-C format (23.5 mm × 15.6 mm) CMOS image sensor Total pixel number of image sensor: Approx. 24,700,000 pixels Effective pixel number of camera: Approx. 24,300,000 pixels	
Field-of-View	Vertical	Horizontal
For 20mm lens	40.8°	58.5°

### 6.4 MICASENSE REDEDGE

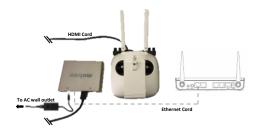
#### 6.4.1 MicaSense RedEdge Camera Specifications



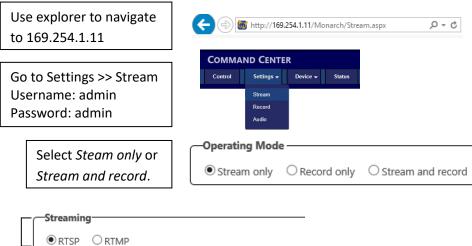
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Red Edge)		0	FIELD F
	0	MicaSense	•
	Imager 4 (Near IR)	Imager 3 (Red)	

Sensors	4.8 mm x 3.6 mm , 1280 x 960 Global Shutter Focal length: 5.5 mm Aspect Ratio: 4:3		
Band 1	Blue Filter		
Band 2	Green Filter		
Band 3	Red Filter		
Band 4	Near IR Filter		
Band 5	Red Edge		
Field of View	Vertical	Horizontal	
Field-of-View	36.2°	47.1°	

### **6.5 ADDITIONAL ETHERNET OUT**



1	Go to User Interface to complete setup.	
2	Connect the Matrox power cord to the Matrox.	
3	Connect the HDMI Out Remote Control to the HDMI In on the	
	Matrox.	
4	Plug Matrox into power outlet.	
	Tap twice then hold the power button on the Remote Control to	
5	turn on (same sequence of tap then hold will turn Remote	
	Control off).	
6	Connect LAN port on Matrox to Ethernet port on computer or	
0	router.	
7	Place SD card in matrox if recording is desired.	

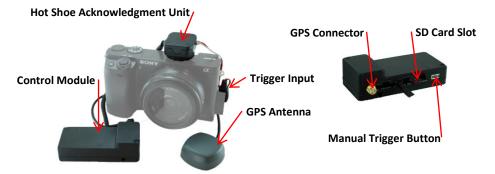


_	● RTSP ○ RTMP	
	Stream name:	Stream1
	Port:	8554
	Stream URL:	rtsp://169.254.1.11:8554/Stream1
	Enable jumbo frames:	

## 7. GeoReferencer

The GeoReferencer offers precision photo triggering while recording every capture event's location, altitude, and direction information.

### 7.1 GeoReferencer Components

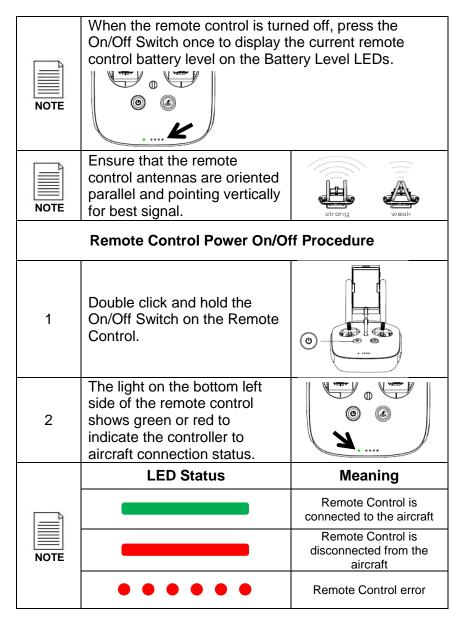


#### 7.2 Configuring the GeoReferencer

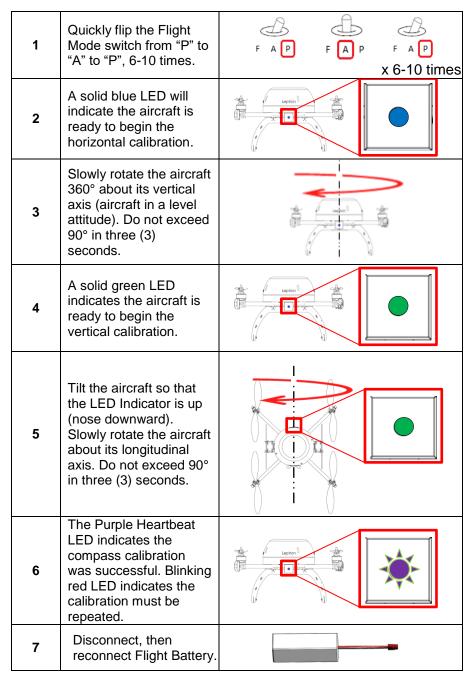
- To configure the GeoReferencer open the Config.txt file and follow the instructions.
- If the Config.txt file is lost, install the SD card in the GeoReferencer and plug in the 9 volt battery and a new Config.txt file will be created.

# 8. FLIGHT PROCEDURES

#### 8.1 Remote Control Power On/Off



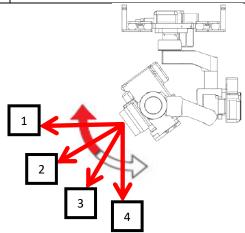
#### 8.2 Compass Calibration



#### 8.3 Gimbal Procedure



The gimbal can be positioned between position 1 and position 4.



Gimbal Procedure			
Gimbal Tilt	Rotate the gimbal tilt knob in the desired direction of movement.		
Source Switch	Toggle (down and back up) the source switch to change between video sources.		

### 8.4 GPS Mode

GPS Mode Controls			
	1 Climb		
Throttle	Descend		
	年 Yaw Left		
Yaw Control	➡ Yaw Right		
	<b>1</b> Fly Forward		
Pitch Control	Fly Rearward		
	➡Fly Right		
Roll Control	<table-cell-rows></table-cell-rows>		
130 / DXB 1834	<b>≦</b> Combined	Note: if the operator	
	Stick	holds the CSC 🞾 for	
Motor Startup	Command(CSC) to start motors	longer than 2 seconds the motors will shut off	
		Warning: Releasing the	
	Hold 6 seconds to	Throttle <b>V</b> prior to 6	
		seconds can result in	
Motor Shutdown	shutoff motors	unintentional flight	

#### 8.5 Course Lock Procedure

 The aircraft's autopilot records the aircraft's current heading (i.e. the aircraft's orientation with respect to the direction of the nose). This aircraft orientation at the time Course Lock Mode is engaged can be used to steer the aircraft during flight, regardless of any changes to the orientation thereafter.

Engage Course Lock Mode			
NOTE	Course Lock Mode shall only be engaged when the aircraft has commenced flight. Do not attempt to initiate Course Lock Mode prior to take off.		
1	Click on the Intelligent Orientation Controls menu icon on the left side of the DJI GoApp screen.		
2	On the bottom of the screen, select Course Lock from the options panel. $\leftarrow \checkmark$		
3	Yaw the aircraft to the desired heading with which to orient Course Lock grid.		
4	Press Apply on the Course Lock panel.		
5	Aircraft displays the Course Lock engaged LED sequence.		•• •• ••
6	<ul> <li>To dis-engage Course Lock press Exit on the Course Lock</li> <li>panel and then select OK on the confirmation panel that subsequently appears.</li> </ul>		
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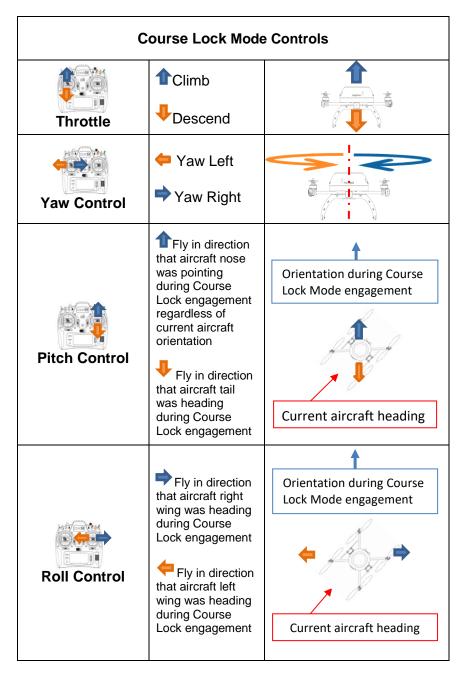
Orientation during Course Lock engagement Right control stick forward yields aircraft movement in the direction that aircraft was heading during CL activation



Aircraft heading

Aircraft heading (changed)

#### 8.6 Course Lock Mode



#### 8.7 Home Lock Procedure

• The aircraft's position at the time of flight battery connection is used as a home reference point. Any right control stick movements in the aft or forward direction will be towards or away from the home reference point, respectively.

Engage Home Lock Mode			
NOTE	Home Lock Mode shall only be engaged when the aircraft has a minimum of 21.7 volts remaining on the flight battery.		
NOTE	Home Lock Mode shall only be engaged when the aircraft has commenced flight. Do not attempt to initiate Home Lock Mode prior to take off.		
1	Click on the Intelligent Orientation Controls (IOC) menu icon on the left side of the DJI Go App screen.		
2	On the bottom of the screen, select Home Lock from the options panel.		
3	Press Apply on the Home Lock panel.		
4	Aircraft displays the Home Lock engaged LED sequence.	•• •• ••	
5	To dis-engage Home Lock press Exit on the Home Lock panel and then select OK on the confirmation panel.		

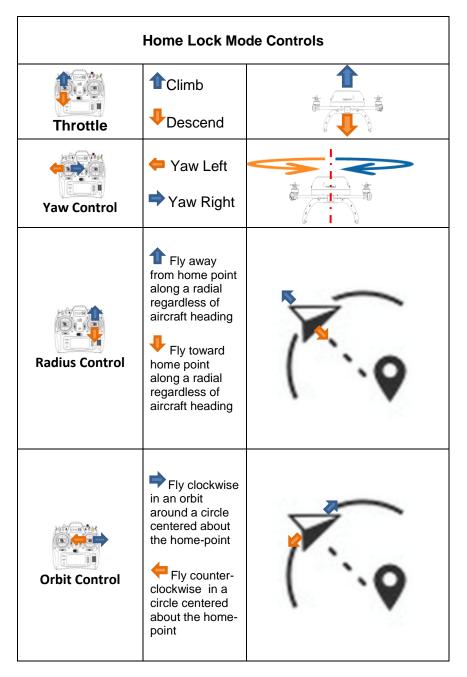
Orientation during flight battery connection



Aircraft heading

Right control stick forward yields aircraft movement away from Home Point





#### 8.9 Return-to-Home Procedure

- To execute a Go-Home the Pilot-on-the-Controls shall hold the Return-to-Home button on the Remote Control for 2 seconds. An audible alert tone and a blinking white light around the Go-Home bottom confirm activation.
- To execute a Go-Home using the Ground Station, set the

Go-Home ProcedureAircraft Climbs to<br/>30m Safety HeightImage: Colspan="2">Image: Colspan="2" Colspan="2"

Home Point and press the Go-Home button.

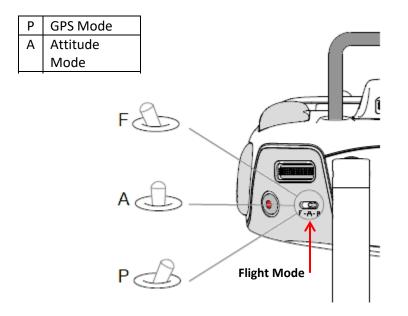
NOTE	Autopilot commands Return-to-Home after 3 seconds of lost communication with the Remote Control.
CAUTION	Phase III is not recommended. The pilot should regain control of the aircraft and land with the Remote Control (See Remote Control Take Back Procedure in paragraph 8.10 for more details).
NOTE	Always follow Flight Checklist.

#### 8.10 Remote Control Take Back Procedure

To regain control of the aircraft after executing a Return-to-Home command, toggle the Flight Mode switch from position "P" to position "A" and immediately return the switch to position "P".

#### **Remote Control Take Back Procedure**

Quickly toggle the Flight Mode switch from "P" to "A" to "P", 1 time.



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The Take Back procedure is also used to regain control of the aircraft while flying in Waypoint Mode with the Ground Station

## 9. FLIGHT CHECKLIST

	PRE-FLIGHT CHECKS		
1	Conduct Crew Brief		
2	Install SD Card(s)		
3	Radio Controller Checks		
	Radio Controller Mode Switch – Set to "P"		
	Radio Controller Power Switch – On		
	Radio Controller Voltage – Check 3 LEDs Minimum		
4	Tablet Checks		
	Tablet Cable – Attach to Remote Control		
	Tablet – Power On		
	Tablet Battery – Check (greater than 50%)		
	GoApp – Launch		
	Satellites – Verify Minimum 8(status bar reads "Safe to Fly" in green)		
	Transmit Signal Strength – Verify 4 Bars Minimum		
	In Settings, HD – Verify EXT Port Enabled		
5	Flight Battery Installation		
	Flight Battery – Check and Record Voltage (25.0 Volts minimum)		
	Flight Battery – Install with Velcro Strap		
	DO NOT CONNECT BATTERY AT THIS TIME		
	Gimbal – Check Freedom of Movement		
6	Mechanical Checks – Bottom		
	Landing Gear – Check		
	GoPro Bracket – Check		
	Gimbal Rubber Mounts - Check (4 zip ties)		
	Ribbon Cables – Check (Gimbal and GoPro)		
	GoPro – Power on and Record if Desired		
	Underside – Check for Worn/Loose Items		
7	Mechanical Checks – Top		
	Main Rotor Nuts – Check Tightness (Hold motor housing)		
	Antennas – Attach		
	Motor Mounts and Arms - Check Security and Verify Level/Plumb		
	Rotor Blades – Check Condition		

#### **Flight Preparation**

Place aircraft on Level Non-Metallic Surface

LED (Tail) Toward Operator - Verify

Flight Battery – Connect (outside of skids)

Compass Calibration - Complete First Flight of the Day, Cycle Power

#### **GROUND STATION PREPARATION (if in use)**

[Optional] Tablet WiFi - Connect to Cell Phone Hot Spot

Ground Station App – Launch

Flight Plan – Build or Open as required

Ground Station Connection to Aircraft - Verify

Flight Plan - Upload

#### TAKE-OFF CHECKS

- Verify SD Card(s) Installation
  - Status Indicators Verify (GoPro, Satellites, Voltage, Height)
- Check Area for Non-Participants and Potential Hazards

Timer – Activate

Motors – Startup (Keep Throttle at ¼ position)

Takeoff – Verify Aircraft Stability

(Optional) Ground Station "GO" Button - Press as required

#### **GROUND STATION POST-FLIGHT CHECKS (if in use)**

Tablet - Off

Cell Phone Hot Spot - Off

#### POST FLIGHT CHECKS

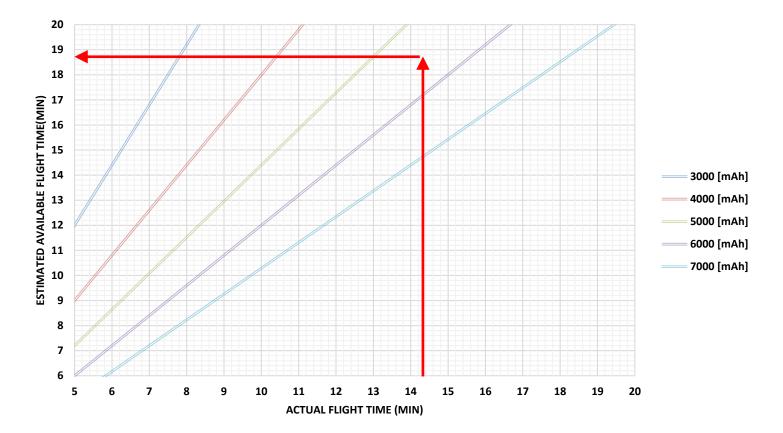
Throttle Stick – Full Down for 6 seconds Verify Rotors STOP
Timer – Stop (Announce Flight Time to VO for Logbook)
Flight Battery – Disconnect
GoPro – Stop recording and power off
IR Camera (if installed) Lens Cover – Replace
Check Motors for Excessive Heat (Warning: Motors Can Be Hot!)
Tablet Power – OFF
Radio Controller – OFF
Flight Logs – Record
NOTAMs – Close as required
Review Recorded Data
Post Flight Debrief – Complete

#### 9.1 Crew Brief

	CREW BRIEF
1	Aircraft
	Time Available on Flight Battery with five minute reserve
	Time Available on SD Data Recorder
2	Scheme of Maneuver
	Timeline of Events & Timer Settings
	Route of Flight, Altitudes, Airspeeds
3	Airspace
	Required Radio Calls
	Satellite Coverage (Number Visible)
	http://www.trimble.com/gnssplanningonline/
	Weather (Winds, Visibility, Ceiling)
	Obstacles and Hazards
4	Crew Duties
	Designate a Pilot in Command Pilot on the controls:
	1) Fly aircraft (focus on Vehicle)
	2) Traffic/obstacles avoidance
	3) Monitor FLIGHT CLOCK
	Pilot not on the controls:
	1) Assist avoiding traffic/obstacles
	2) Cross check FLIGHT CLOCK
	3) Assist in Maintaining Aircraft Position and Orientation
	4) Operate Ground Station as required
	5) Monitor and transmit on assigned radios
	6) Perform other duties assigned by the Pilot on the
	controls
5	Transfer of Aircraft Control
	3-Way Positive Transfer of the Controls
6	Crew Coordination
	Two challenge rule
	Most Conservative Approach
-	Avoid Excessive Professional Courtesy
7	Post Flight Responsibilities
	Disconnecting the Flight Battery
	Battery Charging Procedures
8	Back Brief
0	

## 9.2 LED Autopilot Status Lights

LED Code	Meaning
Blinking Red, Green and Yellow	System Running Diagnostic Test
Blinking Yellow Four Times	System Warming Up
Blinking Green Slowly	Safe to Fly, GPS Working
Blinking Yellow Slowly	P-ATTI or ATTI Mode
Blinking Green Quickly Twice	VPS Working, no GPS
Blinking Blue (Alternates with flight mode Patterns)	Positioning with D-RTK
Blinking Purple Twice	Manual Mode
Blinking Blue Rapidly for 1.5s	Switching Devices for Modular Redundancy System
Blinking Green Rapidly for 1.5s	Home Point/POI/Course Orientation Set
Blinking Yellow (Alternates with other flight mode and D-RTK Patterns)	Intelligent Flight Modes
Blinking Yellow Rapidly	Remote Controller Signal Lost
Blinking Red Slowly	Low Battery Warning
Blinking Red Rapidly	Critically Low Battery Warning
Blinking Red Rapidly for 0.6s While Performing CSC	Large IMU Bias or IMU Initialization
Solid Red	Critical Error
Blinking Red and Yellow Alternatively	Compass Calibration Required



## **10. PERFORMANCE AND LIMITS**

#### 11.1 Aircraft Specifications

Multi-Rotor (four fixed- pitch rotors)
31 ½ inches (80.1 cm)
-10°C ~ 50°C
7 lbs. 13 ounces (3539g)
5 lbs. (2269g)
Vertical: ± 31in (0.8m) Horizontal: ± 98 in (2.5m)
180°/s
35°
35 mph (30 knots, 15 m/s)
35 mph (30 knots,15 m/s) or gusts of 25 mph (22 knots, 11 m/s)
800 feet/min. (4.1 m/s)
LiPo 6S
12,000 feet DA (3650 m)
1 lb. 8 ounces (680g)
1.5 mi. (2.4 km)
300 Watts (0.4 hp)

### 11.2 Flight Time Calculation

Example: RDASS flew 14 minutes and 19 seconds. Flight Battery required 5459[mAh] to fully charge. How much available flight time is there? (Under similar flight conditions this battery can be flown 18 minutes and 53 seconds)

1) Convert minutes and seconds to decimal minutes

$$\left(\frac{19 \ [sec.]}{60 \ [sec.]} + 14[min.]\right) = 14.31 \ mintes$$

- 2) Multiply the decimal minutes by 80% of battery capacity  $14.31 \ [min.] \ x \ 7200 \ [mAh] = 103,080 \ [min \cdot mAh]$
- 3) Divide the result from step 2 by the required charge

$$\frac{103,080 \ [min \cdot mAh]}{5459 \ [mAh]} = 18.88 \ [min.]$$

4) Multiply by 60 to convert decimal minutes to seconds

 $18.88 [min.] = (0.88 \times 60) + 18 = 18:53$ 

# **11. USER-LEVEL MAINTENANCE**

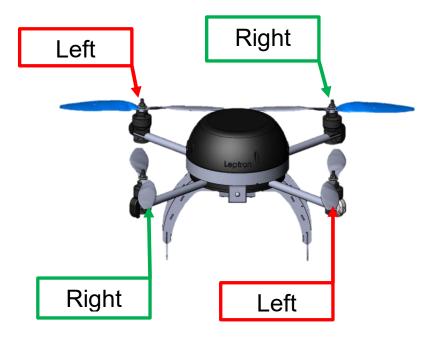
### 11.1 Rotor Removal

- 1. Use a 10 mm wrench to remove the nut by turning counterclockwise.
- 2. Remove and save the anodized black washer for use with new rotor blade.
- 3. Remove the rotor blade from the motor post.
- 4. Remove and save the aluminum bushing from the motor post. (If the bushing remained inside the rotor blade, remove the bushing from the rotor blade.



### 11.2 Rotor Installation

- 1. Place the aluminum bushing on the motor post.
- 2. Install the correct rotor blade.
- 3. Install the anodized washer.
- 4. Install the 10mm nut by turning clockwise until increased resistance is felt.
- 5. Use a 10mm wrench to turn the nut an additional quarter turn.



### 11.3 IMU Calibration

The IMU (Inertial Measurement Unit) includes a 3-axis accelerometer, a 3-axis angular velocity and a barometric altimeter. It is used to recognize and maintain aircraft attitude. The IMU calibration will fix many of the RDASS HD issues including erratic flying errors.



Leptron requires the IMU to be calibrated upon receiving the aircraft and any time erratic flight behavior is observed, or in the event of a crash.

1	Loosen the four prop nuts (one for each motor) that secure the	
	propeller to the motor shafts	
2	Setup the aircraft according to the preflight checklist	
3	Connect the Remote to the Tablet	USB CABLE
4	Power on the Remote	
5	Power on the Tablet	
6	Launch the GoAPP	
7	Power on the aircraft	
8	Verify connection to aircraft	
9	Tap 'General Settings' at the top-right corner of the screen	• • •

10	Coloct (NAC Cottings' on		
10	Select 'MC Settings' on	00	
	the left side of the	28	
	window		
11	Select 'Advanced Settings' from the bottom of the 'Main		
	Controller Settings' list		
12	Select 'Sensors' at the		
	bottom of the 'MC	Sensors >	
	Settings' list		
13	Select "IMU		
	Calibration" at the	IMU Calibration	
	bottom of the 'Sensors'		
	list		
14	Position the bubble		
	level on the center of		
	the aircraft dome and		
	center the bubble in		
	the level by adjusting		
	the landing gear with		
	shims. Ensure the		
	aircraft is located on a		
	steady surface and do		
	not touch the aircraft		
	during the IMU		
	calibration		
15	Click "Start Calibration"		
16	Read the warning window and click "OK"		
17	Do not touch the		
	aircraft while IMU	Calibrate IMU calibration is in progress, please wait.	
	Calibration is in	Cambrate woo cambration is in progress, prease wait.	
	progress		
18	Look for a window to veri	fy the calibration was successful	
19	Close the GoApp		
20	Disconnect the aircraft power		
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