



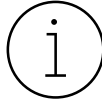
# Roban MD-500E 470

## User Manual

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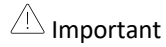


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### Read Before First Flight

Read the following documents before using the ROBAN MD-500E 470:

1. Safety Guidelines
2. Quick Start Guide
3. User Manual

It is recommended to watch all tutorial videos on the official ROBAN website and read safety guidelines before using for the first time. Prepare for your first flight by reviewing the quick start guide and refer to this user manual for more information.

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## Product profile

This section introduces the ROBAN MD-500E 470 and lists the components of the aircraft and remote controller.

### Introduction

ROBAN MD-500E 470 is a remote controlled scale helicopter capable of hovering and flying indoors and outdoors and can automatically Return to Home. The helicopter features an electronic control system that makes flying as easy and intuitive as operating a camera drone. The product is intended for individuals of 14 years of above of age, with a basic understanding of mechanical systems and a cautionary approach to operating remote controlled devices.

### Technical data

Parameter	Unit
Size, weight	790*350*240mm, 1.87kg TOW
Main and tail rotor diameter	840mm (380*40), 125mm (4045)
Motors	2820 1300KV, 2205 2450KV
ESC	1*40A + 1*20A dual ESC unit
Battery	14.8V 4S 5200mAh LIPO (required, included)
Radio Control	FlySky S-i6s, 10ch S-BUS transmitter + RX (included)
Charger	Included

## Product Components



1. Radio Control
2. Charger and power cord
3. Helicopter fuselage
4. Main rotor Blades
5. Scale parts and fasteners

## TOOLS, ADHESIVES, additional components

- Hexagonal allen key 2.5mm
- Screwdriver PH1.5
- Epoxy fast curing adhesive
- Transparent tape (for temporarily holding parts in place while glue is setting)
- 4pcs AA-Type batteries for transmitter

## Understanding the radio control

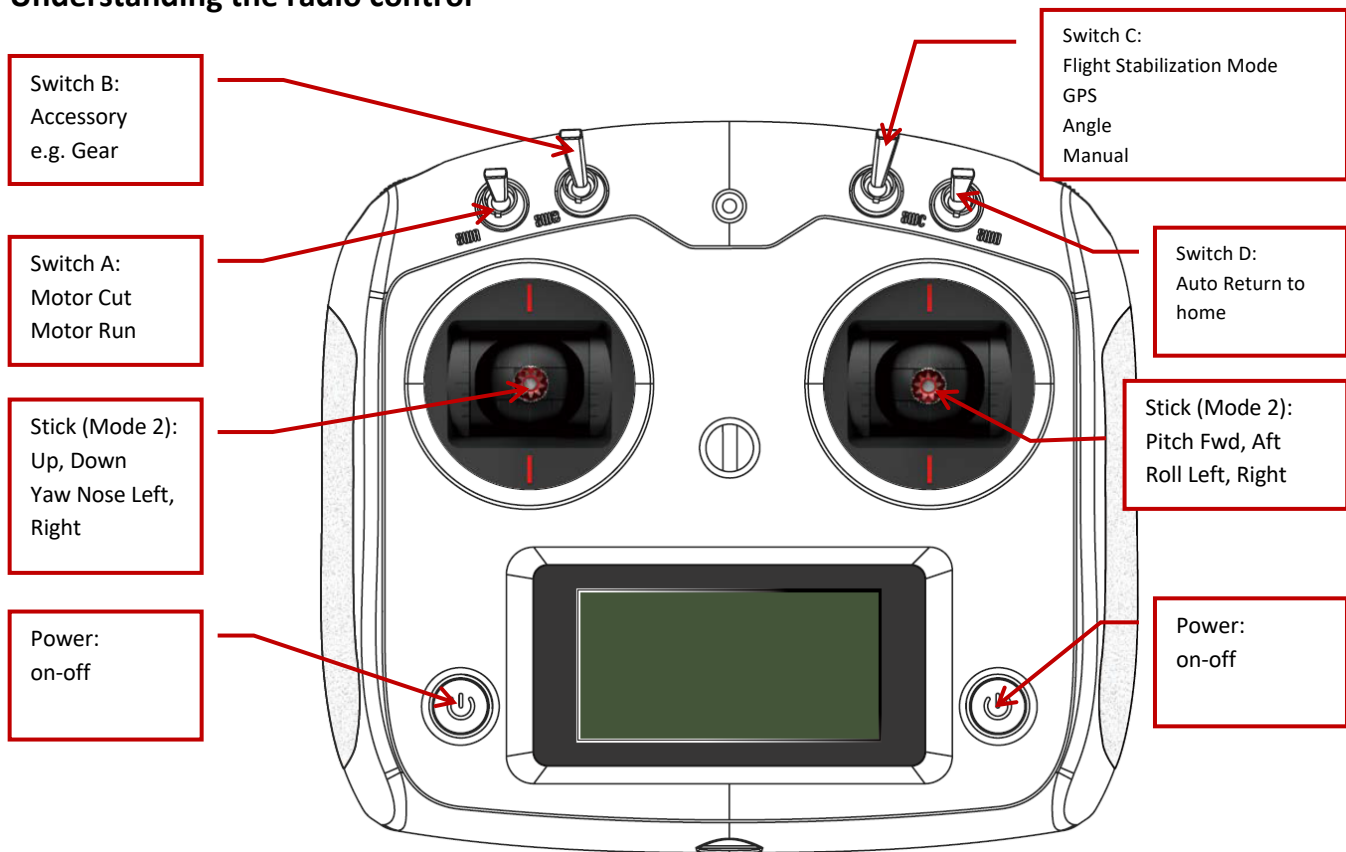


Fig. 2 Radio control front side

Name	Function	Name	Function
Switch A	Throttle on-off	Stick left	Up-down/turn left-right
Switch B	Accessory control	Stick right	Nick fwd-aft/Bank left-right
Switch C	Stabilization mode	Power left	On-off (always press both)
Switch D	Auto RTH	Power right	On-off (always press both)

# Safety Section

Please note that this product is not intended to be used as a toy. The rotor blade tips can achieve speeds exceeding 500 km/h during flight, which can cause significant damage to property, or serious injury to animals and people, up to and including death. Additionally, in the event of a malfunction, an uncontrolled descent could occur, causing the product to fall uncontrollably. As such, it is imperative that the product be flown only in unpopulated, open areas.

Exercise extreme caution and thoroughly read the entire instruction manual before operating this product. Familiarize yourself with all features to ensure proper and safe usage. Improper use can result in damage to the product, personal property, and may lead to serious injury or death. Basic mechanical skills are required to operate this product, and you should always use caution and common sense.

Do not use incompatible components or make modifications beyond the instructions provided by Roban Model Limited. The manual contains critical information regarding safety, operation, and maintenance, and it is essential to follow all instructions and warnings carefully to avoid injury, property damage, or worse.

Children should not use this product without direct adult supervision. Always ensure the helicopter is operated in a safe, responsible manner.

## General Safety Guidelines

- **Always maintain a safe distance** around your helicopter in all directions during operation to avoid injuries or collisions. The rotor blades can reach high speeds, posing serious risks.
- **Operate in open spaces.** Fly only in clear, open areas free of obstacles like buildings, power lines, trees, or people. Avoid flying near water, crowds, or traffic.
- **Always keep the helicopter in sight.** Maintain visual line-of-sight with the helicopter during flight. Avoid flying higher than 120 meters to remain within safe operational boundaries and comply with local regulations.
- **Never allow children to operate the helicopter** without direct adult supervision. The product is not a toy and improper use can lead to serious injury or damage.
- **Avoid using the product near flammable materials.** The battery and other electrical components can generate heat during operation.
- **Do not modify the product** in any way. Any unauthorized modifications could damage the product, invalidate the warranty, or result in dangerous malfunction.
- **Check weather conditions** before flight. Avoid flying in rainy, windy, or foggy conditions, as these can interfere with flight control.

## Pre-flight Safety Checks



Before every flight, perform the following safety checks to ensure proper operation and avoid accidents:

1. **Inspect the Helicopter:**
  - Check that all screws, fasteners, and parts are securely in place.
  - Ensure that the rotor blades are properly installed and secured.
  - Check for any visible damage or wear, especially on the fuselage and blades.
2. **Battery Condition:**
  - Make sure the battery is fully charged and properly connected.
  - Inspect the battery for any signs of damage, swelling, or overheating.
3. **Transmitter and Receiver:**
  - Ensure that the transmitter has fresh batteries.
  - Test all controls to ensure they respond correctly before attempting takeoff.
4. **Environment Check:**
  - Choose an open area with no obstructions or bystanders.
  - Make sure weather conditions are calm and suitable for flying.

## In-Flight Safety

- **Keep control of the helicopter** at all times. Even when using assisted flight modes (such as GPS or Return to Home), keep your hands on the transmitter and remain aware of the helicopter's position.

- **Maintain a safe altitude.** Fly at an altitude that ensures safe separation from obstacles, especially during takeoff and landing. Be ready to manually adjust the throttle if the helicopter suddenly loses altitude.
- **Do not attempt aggressive maneuvers** if you are not experienced. Stunt maneuvers, fast descents, or high-speed turns can destabilize the helicopter and result in crashes.
- **Avoid flying near animals or people.** The helicopter's high-speed rotors can cause severe injury. Always ensure the flight area is free from bystanders, pets, or vehicles.
- **Be prepared to land quickly** in case of low battery warnings, loss of signal, or any unusual behavior from the helicopter.

## Post-Flight Safety

- **Turn off the motors** as soon as the helicopter lands.
- **Disconnect the battery** before handling or performing any post-flight maintenance. Let the battery and helicopter components cool down before touching or recharging them.
- **Inspect for damage** after each flight, especially after any hard landings or crashes. Check the rotor blades, frame, and electrical components for wear and tear.

## Additional Safety Precautions and Warnings

- Always keep a safe distance in all directions around your model to avoid collisions or injury. This model is controlled by a radio signal subject to interference from many sources outside your control. Interference can cause momentary and extended loss of control.
- Always operate your model in open spaces away from full-size vehicles, traffic and people.
- Always carefully follow the directions and warnings for this and any optional support equipment (chargers, rechargeable battery packs, etc.).
- Always keep all chemicals, small parts and anything electrical out of the reach of children.
- Always avoid water exposure to all equipment not specifically designed and protected for this purpose. Moisture causes damage to electronics.
- Never place any portion of the model in your mouth as it could cause serious injury or even death.
- Always operate your model with fully charged transmitter batteries.
- Always keep aircraft in sight and under control.
- Always move the throttle fully down at rotor strike.
- Always use fully charged batteries.
- Always keep transmitter powered on while aircraft is powered.
- Always remove batteries before disassembly.
- Always keep moving parts clean.
- Always keep parts dry.
- Always let parts cool after use before touching.
- Always remove batteries after use.
- Never operate aircraft with damaged wiring.
- Never touch moving parts.

# Lithium Polymer Battery Operating Instructions

- YOU MUST READ ALL OF THE SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS BEFORE USE.
- Lithium Polymer (LiPo) batteries are volatile. Failure to read and follow the proper use and charging instructions below may result in fire, personal injury and/or damage to property.
- Motion RC / Roban Model does not assume any liability for failures to comply with these warnings, instructions, and safety guidelines.
- By purchasing this battery, the buyer assumes all risks associated with LiPo batteries. If you do not agree with these conditions, return the battery immediately before use.

## SAFETY

- Only use a charger which is specifically designed for Lithium Polymer batteries.
- Never charge batteries unattended. You should constantly observe the charging process and immediately react to any potential problems that may occur.
- Batteries should be placed on a heat-resistant, non-flammable surface during charging.
- If you see the battery balloon or swell, stop charging immediately. Disconnect the battery and observe it in a safe place away from flammable materials inside a fireproof container for approximately 60 minutes. Continuing to charge a battery that has begun to swell will result in fire and/or explosion. Never use or attempt to charge a battery that is swollen or ballooned.
- Certain Li-Po chargers may not work properly and may cause them to charge Li-Po batteries incorrectly or at an improper rate. It is your responsibility solely to assure the charger you purchased works properly. Always monitor the charging process to assure batteries are being charged properly. Failure to do so may result in fire and/or explosion.
- Never open the battery covering, modify the battery connector, or short the wire leads of a battery. These actions can result in fire and/or explosion.
- Never puncture a battery or store it near sharp or pointed objects or surfaces. A punctured battery can result in fire
- If the battery is involved in a crash, put the battery in a safe fireproof area and observe for 60 minutes. It is highly recommended that batteries involved in a crash are removed from service. Internal damage not obvious to the naked eye can result in fire.

## BEFORE CHARGING

- Please read the charger instruction manual completely before charging your battery.
- Always check the voltage of batteries before charging to ensure they are at or above the minimum safe starting voltage. Never charge a battery pack which is below 3.7V per cell. For example, a 3 cell (3S) pack should not be charged if it is below 11.1V. If the starting voltage is below recommended levels, then the batteries have been over discharged or have experienced a failure and should NOT be charged.
- Ensure each cell's voltage is within 0.1V of the others. Do not attempt to charge a battery with imbalanced cells.
- Always inspect the battery for any type of damage before charging. Look for any damaged leads, connectors, broken shrink wrap, swelling of cells, or other irregularities. Do not use the battery if you find any of the above issues with your pack.
- Ensure you are using battery charge leads which are compatible with the connector on your battery.
- Check the polarity of the battery cable and charger lead carefully before the connection to avoid any short circuit.
- Always verify the charger is in good condition before use. A poor-quality charger can be dangerous. It is solely your responsibility to assure that the charger you use works properly. Failure to do so may result in a fire and/or explosion.
- If your battery develops a distinct smell, often sweet or acrid, this can be a sign of internal damage. Discontinue use immediately and do not charge.

## CHARGING

- Always charge batteries in an isolated area on a heat-resistant, non-flammable surface (such as concrete) outside of buildings and away from flammable materials, liquids and surfaces.
- Never charge batteries that are hot to the touch. The battery temperature should be the same as the ambient temperature before charging.
- Always select LiPo balance charging. This requires the use of the white JST/XH balance connector for all charging.
- Make sure to set the charger to the correct number of cells and voltage shown on the battery label.
- The charger should never be set to charge batteries at a rate greater than 1C (One (1) times the capacity of batteries in amp hours).
- Never charge LiPo batteries over 4.2V per cell. Charging a LiPo battery for an extended period will result in fire and/or explosion.
- Never charge multiple battery packs together in series. Charge each pack individually.
- Use suitable and good quality chargers with proper certification marks (UL Listed, etc.). Never use inexpensive and low quality chargers.
- Always disconnect the battery connector from the charger's charging cable first. Do not remove the charger's charging cable from the charger first because its exposed leads could contact each other, causing a potentially dangerous short in the battery attached to it.

## STORAGE

- Store at room temperature between 40 and 80 °F (4 to 27 °C). Storage at higher temperatures may result in failure and fire.
- Always store batteries between 3.75V and 3.9V per cell. Storage at higher or lower voltages may result in damage.
- Never store loose batteries together, the terminals may contact one another causing a short circuit.
- Always store LiPo batteries in a safe fireproof container away from flammable materials.
- Never store batteries in extreme temperatures or direct sunlight.

## DISCHARGING

- Never discharge LiPo batteries at rates higher than specified C rating on the label.
- Never allow the temperature of batteries to exceed 140 °F (60 °C) during discharge. Adequate cooling for batteries is required, especially when discharging at or near maximum rates.
- Never discharge battery to a level below 3V per cell under load or 3.7V per cell resting.
- Do not run the battery down to the ESC cutoff voltage. Operating an RC product to the point that its motor stops working will result in irreparable damage to the battery. The ESC cutoff voltage is for the safety of the aircraft and bystanders. When the battery is discharged this far, it should be removed from service.
- Never leave battery unattended during the discharging process.

## LIMITED WARRANTY

- Motion RC LLC / Roban Model Limited reserves the right to change or modify this warranty without notice and disclaims all other warranties, express or implied. This warranty is limited to the original purchaser and is not transferable. Third party transactions are not covered by this warranty. Product warranty is limited to original defects in material and workmanship. The warranty does not cover collateral damage. Due to the nature and use of this product there is no term warranty. Misuse, abuse, incorrect charging, failure to comply with the above warnings and guidelines, and other inappropriate use of this product are not covered under the warranty.

# Quick Start Guide

Follow these steps to get your **Roban MD-500E 470** ready for flight quickly. For detailed instructions and safety information, refer to the full manual.

## 1. Unboxing

Remove all packaging materials.

Ensure all items are present:

- Helicopter fuselage
- Main rotor blades
- Charger
- Battery
- Transmitter (Radio Control)
- Scale parts (optional)
- Tools and accessories

Place the helicopter on a clean, flat surface to avoid damage.

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## 2. Charging the Battery

**Step 1:** Connect the charger to a power outlet (100-240V).

**Step 2:** Attach the battery to the charger using the balance port (white plug).

**Step 3:** Wait until the charger displays "FUL" before disconnecting.

**Note:** Charging may take up to 5 hours depending on the battery's charge level.

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## 3. Battery Installation

**Step 1:** Remove the canopy by gently lifting it off.

**Step 2:** Place the **LiPo battery** on the designated tray and secure it with the Velcro strap.

**Step 3:** Ensure the battery is centered to maintain proper balance.

**Step 4:** Connect the battery plug to the power socket inside the fuselage.

**Tip:** Ensure that the battery is fully charged before installation (see step 4 for charging instructions).

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## 4. Transmitter Setup

**Step 1:** Insert 4 AA batteries into the transmitter's battery compartment.

**Step 2:** Turn on the transmitter by pressing and holding both power buttons for 2 seconds.

**Step 3:** Check the display to ensure the transmitter is working properly.

**Note:** Ensure all switches are in the "up" position before turning on the transmitter.

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## 5. Attaching Rotor Blades

**Step 1:** Carefully align the **main rotor blades** with the preinstalled screws and lock nuts.

**Step 2:** Insert and tighten the screws, ensuring the blades can move freely but aren't too loose.

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## 6. Powering Up the Helicopter

**Step 1:** With the transmitter powered on, install the canopy and place the helicopter on a flat surface.

**Step 2:** Connect the helicopter's power by plugging in the battery connector.

**Step 3:** Wait for the controller to initialize (it will flash green when ready).

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## 7. Flight Mode Setup

Set the transmitter to **GPS Mode** for stable and safe flight. This is recommended for beginners.

Make sure all switches on the transmitter are in the proper positions before starting the motors.

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## 8. Arm the Helicopter

**Step 1:** Arm the helicopter by moving the left control stick (Mode 2) to the lower middle position and holding for 3 seconds.

**Step 2:** When the controller light turns solid green, the helicopter is ready for flight.

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## 9. Takeoff

**Step 1:** Slowly push the throttle (left stick) upwards to lift the helicopter off the ground.

**Step 2:** Maintain an altitude of at least 1 meter for stable flight.

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## 10. Landing

**Step 1:** To land, gradually reduce the throttle to bring the helicopter down smoothly.

**Step 2:** After landing, turn off the motors by moving the throttle stick fully down and switching off the motor switch.

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## 11. After Flight

**Step 1:** Disconnect the battery from the helicopter.

**Step 2:** Turn off the transmitter by pressing and holding both power buttons.

**Step 3:** Allow the motors and battery to cool down before handling.

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### Key Tips:

**For Beginners:** Always fly in **GPS Mode** for easier control.

**Safe Flight:** Avoid flying in windy conditions and always stay within line of sight.

**Charging Safety:** Never leave the battery unattended while charging.

For more details on advanced features, flight modes, or troubleshooting, refer to the full manual.

# Preparation

## Removing the items from the packaging

### To unpack the product safely:

- Remove all packaging tape that ties down the fuselage inside the transport carton.
- Remove the fuselage from the carton. With the landing gear not extended, it is easy to scratch the painted underside. Place on a clean, soft cloth.
- Begin unpacking the mechanics, rotor blades and the accessories. Check if all parts are included.

## Storing the product

The paint used on the fuselage is made from an environmentally friendly polyurethane resin but is not UV-resistant. It is important to store the product in a location that protects it from prolonged exposure to sunlight, as the colors may fade and the clearcoat may yellow.

The epoxy resins and PVC windows have a low glass transition temperature and can become soft and permanently deform at temperatures as low as 50°C/120°F. Avoid storing the product in a car on hot days or in garages or sheds where temperatures may exceed this level.

The batteries used in the RC product must not exceed temperatures of 60°C/140°F to prevent damage. Like all electronic products that bring different metals into contact, exposure to humidity can cause the surfaces to oxidize and potentially harm the product.

### To store the product safely:

- Don't store above 50°C/120°F
- Don't store lithium batteries above 60°C/140°F or below 0°C/32°F
- Charge lithium batteries only with appropriate chargers
- Use a BAT-SAFE for additional safety on batteries
- Don't store with exposure to sunlight.
- Don't store under humid conditions of 60%RH or above over prolonged periods.

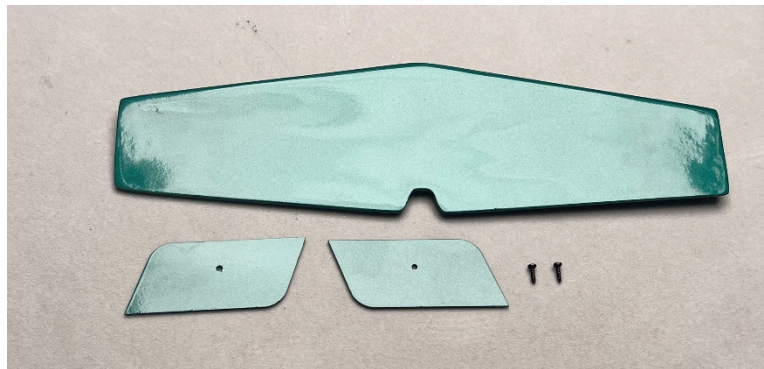
## Installation of the product

To prepare the product for use, follow the assembly process in three steps. First, mount the scale parts on the exterior of the fuselage. Next, install the rotor blades securely. Finally, insert and position the battery correctly. Ensure careful attention to each step to guarantee proper assembly and readiness for use. This process should take no more than 20 minutes.

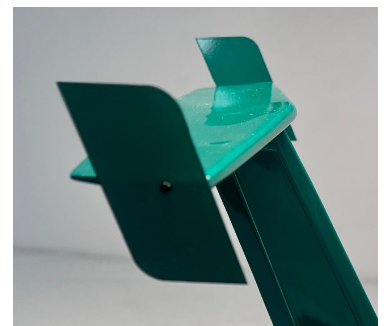
### Installation of scale parts

#### Tail fin

Install the tail fin by using the two provided screws. Locate the designated area on the product, align the tail fin with the corresponding slots or holes, and insert one screw A2x14mm into each hole. Tighten the screws securely using a suitable tool to ensure a firm attachment.



Make sure to mount them in the proper direction, they are slanted to backwards.



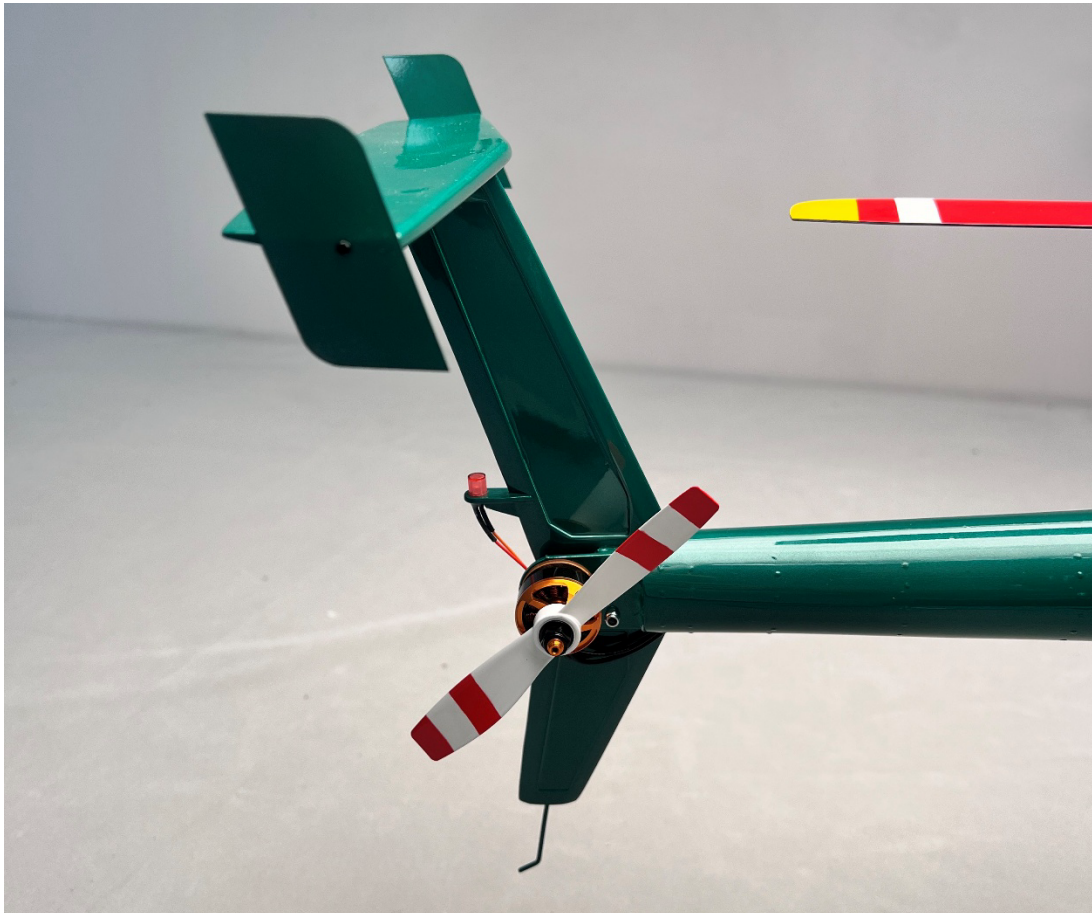
Next, mount the stabilizer that you just assembled using epoxy glue. Begin by ensuring that both surfaces where the glue will be applied are clean and free of any grease or oil. Use a damp cloth with a small amount of dish soap to clean the surfaces, then wipe them dry with a paper towel.

Position the horizontal stabilizer at a right angle on top of the vertical tail fin. As the epoxy glue will take about 5 minutes to set, ensure the tail fin remains properly aligned during this time to avoid a misaligned assembly. The easiest way to maintain alignment is by using clear tape (such as Tesa film) or masking tape. Prepare two strips of tape, each approximately 6 inches (15 cm) in length.

Now, mix equal parts of the epoxy glue—around the volume of two peanuts for each component (A and B). Apply a thin layer inside the slot on the horizontal stabilizer, ensuring even coverage on all sides. Then apply a small amount to the tab on the counterpart. Avoid excess glue, as any overflow will be squeezed out upon assembly.

Join the two parts, ensuring the orientation is correct. Attach one end of each tape strip to the lower end of the small stabilizer wings, and secure the other ends, using both hands, to the vertical fin in a triangular pattern. Use your eyes to ensure the parts are perpendicular and aligned until the epoxy fully cures.

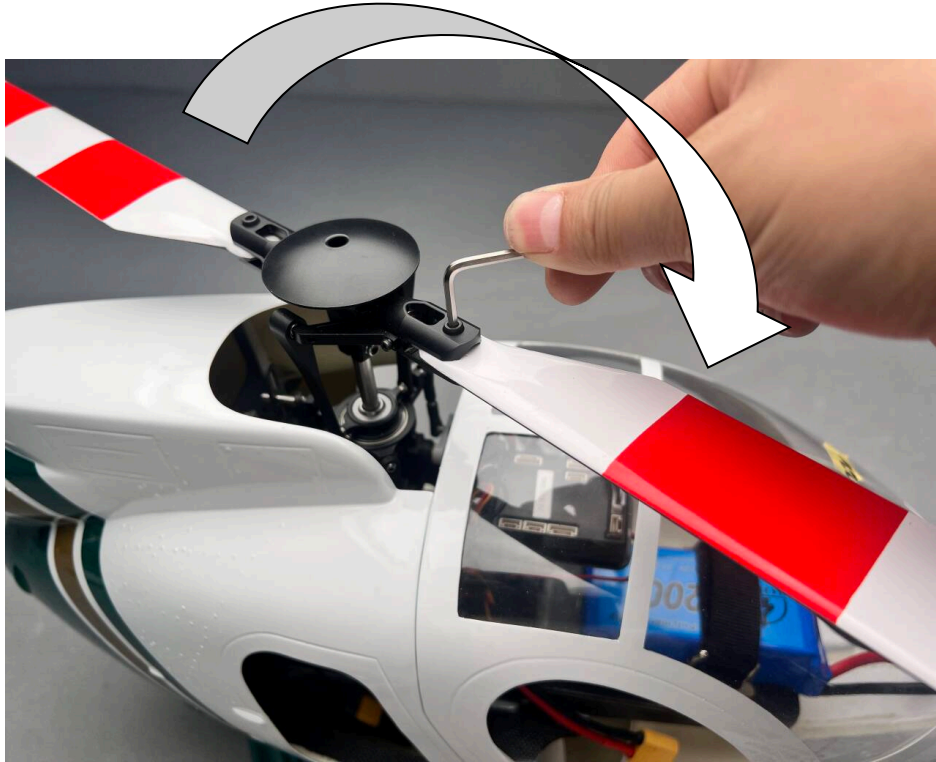
Immediately remove any excess glue squeezed out of the joint with a toothpick or lint-free cotton swab. After 10 minutes, once the glue has set, carefully remove the tape.



## Installation of rotor blades

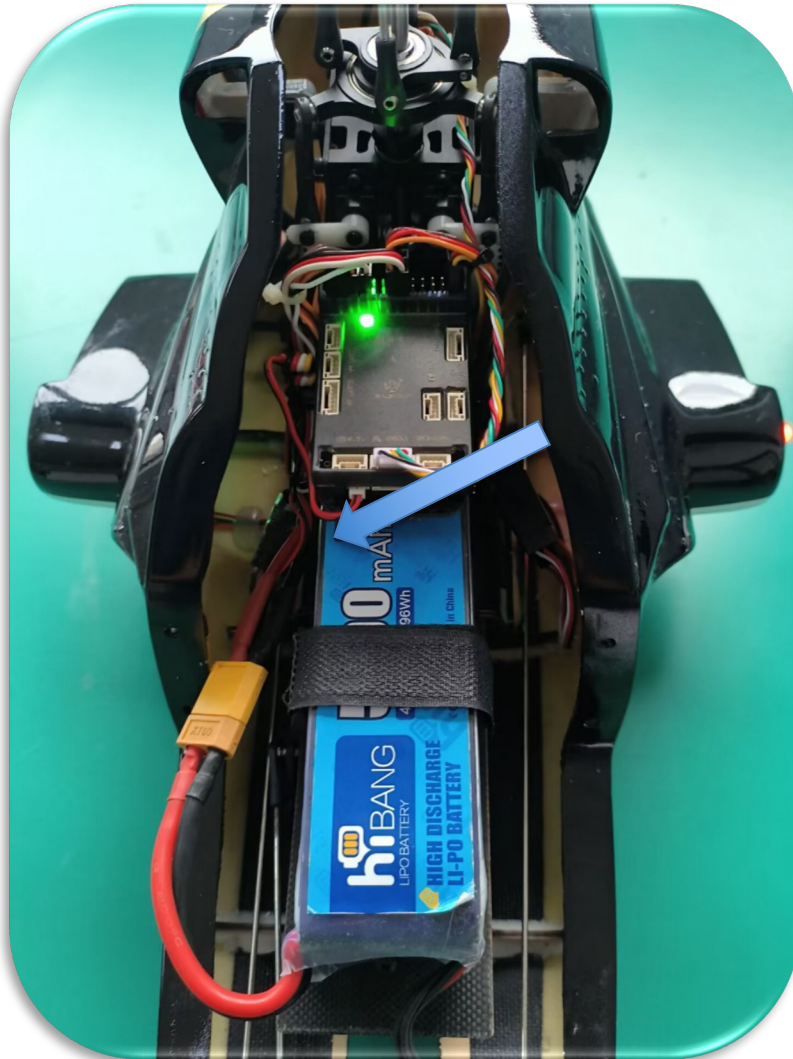
Properly install the rotor blades using the preinstalled screws and lock nuts, following the illustration for the correct rotational direction. Remove the screws, insert the blades and install the blades. Avoid overtightening the screws, as the blades should not be too loose in the grips, but also be easily movable by hand inside the grips.

If the blades are overtightened in the grips, this can cause vibrations when the helicopter spools up.



## Installation of the battery

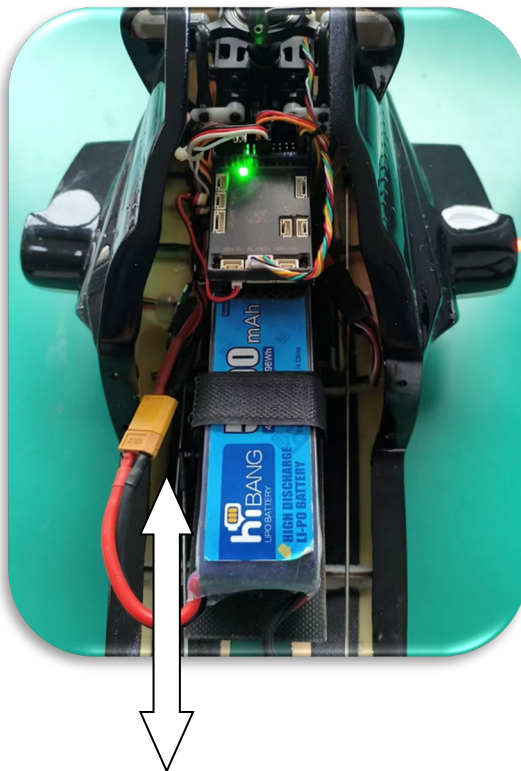
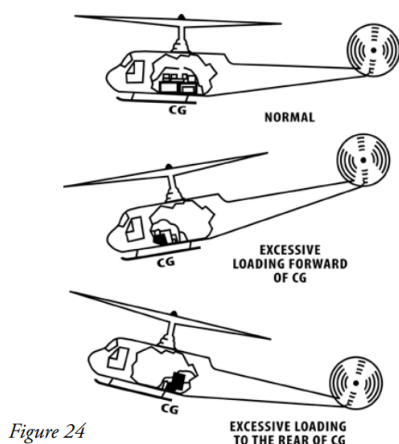
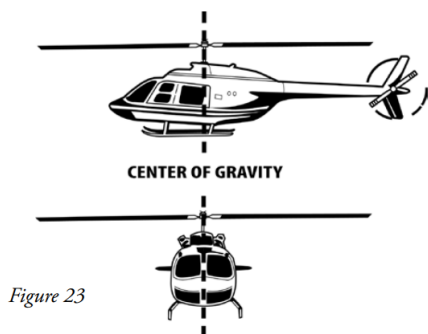
To begin the installation process, start by removing the nose cover to gain access to the product's interior. Install the battery on its mount plate as shown and secure with the Velcro by tying it down with a bit of tension. The surface of the tray is rough, providing enough grip to prevent it from moving if tied down properly.



## Center of gravity

Install the battery in the center of gravity as shown. Loosen the Velcro strap and move the battery forward or aft until, with the canopy on, the helicopter is balanced, e.g. the main blades are perpendicular to the horizon. Lift the helicopter on the rotor cap and let it hang freely and adjust until the main blades are level!

Mark the position with a sharpie for your convenience when you exchange batteries on the battery tray. Always secure the battery with the Velcro firmly. It mustn't come loose and move while in flight.



# Operation/Use

## Charging the batteries

Before charging, ensure that you follow the battery operating instructions outlined in Section 3.3 of this manual to prevent damage to the battery or charger. Proper handling and care during the charging process are crucial for maintaining the longevity and safety of the battery. Follow the steps below carefully when using the lithium balance charger.

- Connect the charger to a power outlet (100-240VAC). Check the charger's display for '000.' This indicates the charger is functioning correctly.
- Choose the correct charging port for your battery. For a 4S 14.8V battery, use the right-hand side port.
- The charger display will show the total voltage once connected.
- When charging is complete, disconnect the battery.

Once the display shows "FUL" and the fully charged voltage alternates on the display "168", the battery is fully charged. Disconnect the battery from the charger and unplug the charger from the power outlet.

## Charger information

This charger operates with a low charge current. The battery supports charging at a 1C rate (full charge within 1 hour), which translates to a 5A charge current or approximately 80W of real charging power. However, this charger has a rating of 1A, respectively 15W, so a full charge may take up to 5 hours, depending on the battery's charge level. Please only use chargers specifically designed for RC batteries with balance port (white plug) connectors under any circumstance. For safe charging, it is recommended to use a BAT-SAFE charging enclosure.

## Switching the equipment on and off

### Turn on the Transmitter

To power on the transmitter, insert 4 AA batteries (not included) into the battery compartment at the back. Next, press and hold both power buttons simultaneously for two seconds to switch it on, and then release the buttons. In case you receive a warning message regarding the switches, make sure to flip all four switches on the radio into the top position before switching on the transmitter to avoid any startup issues.



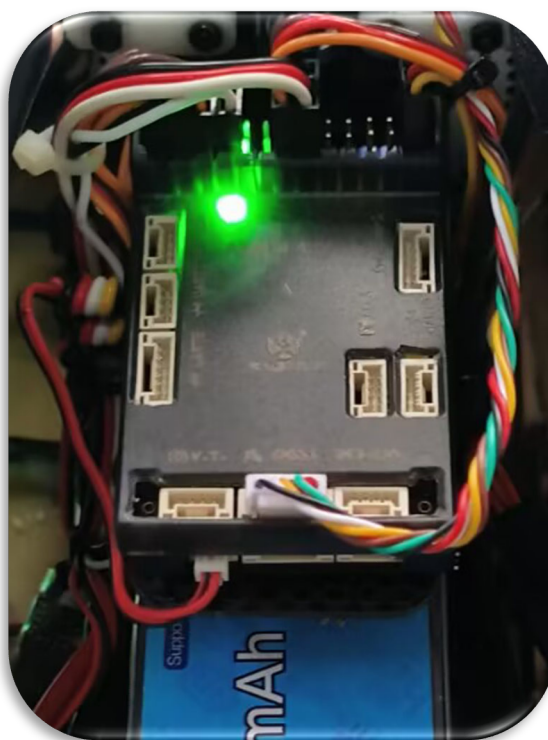
## Turn on Helicopter

Install the battery at the appropriate center of gravity location and secure it using velcro straps, ensuring a tight fit. Position the helicopter on a flat, level surface for takeoff, free of dust and debris. Connect the power plug as shown, ensuring a fully inserted connection to prevent power loss during flight. Install the canopy.



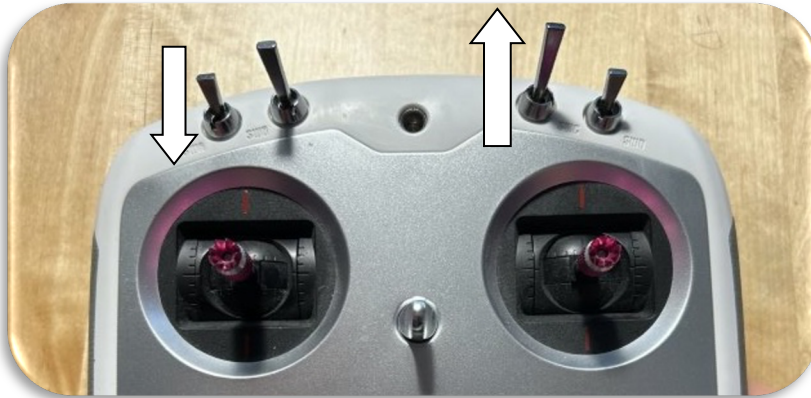
## Wait for the Controller initialization

The controller goes through a boot sequence. It will start flashing green/red, then red and finally flash green. With the mode switch in the down (3D) position, you can actually start flying the machine, if you are a seasoned pilot. But let's **get started in the GPS mode**. So please make sure the mode switch is in the up (GPS) position. If indoors, you won't be able to take off in GPS mode.

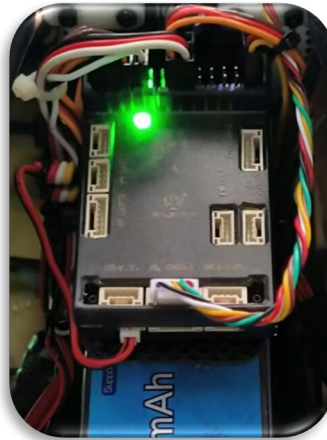


## Getting ready to fly in GPS mode

Turn on the radio control with all levers in the up position. Dial the motor switch A in the down (STOP) position and leave the mode switch in the up (GPS mode) position.



With the controller/helicopter being powered up already from the prior step, and the helicopter being indoors without a GPS signal, the LED will **double** flash green or blue. This signals the absence of a sufficiently good GPS signal. Once you are outdoors and the GPS signal is acquired, it will keep on flashing green in GPS mode, in the same way it flashes in the 3D or STABI mode switch positions with a **single** flash.



Once the GPS position is locked, you will get a green **single flash** instead of a double blue flash in GPS mode. It may take up to 2 minutes to acquire a GPS signal. Leave the canopy off and observe, once you are used to this startup procedure you basically just wait for a moment until the GPS signal is acquired.

If the sky is blocked by clouds, use droneweather to check conditions. Without a good, high quality GPS signal the machine won't let you take off in GPS mode, but in both other flight modes.

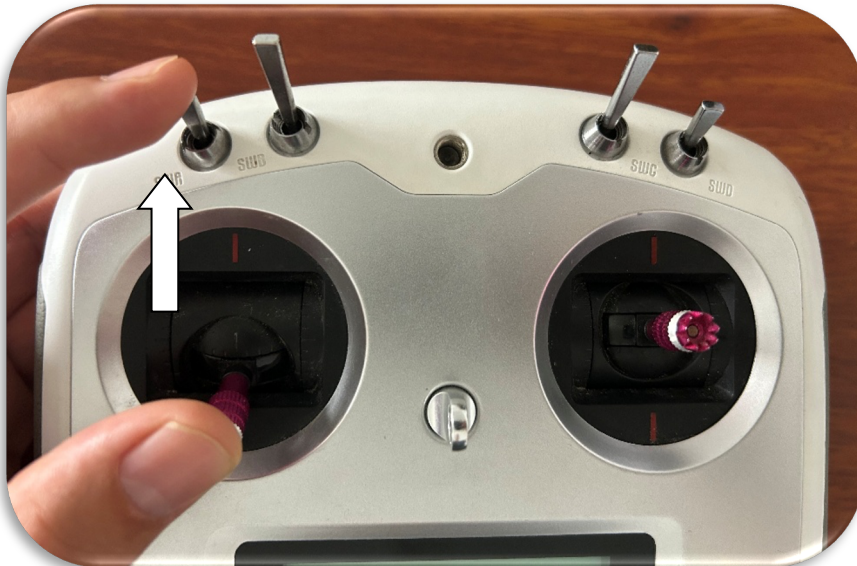
## Arm the helicopter

The controller has a double arming feature to prevent accidental operation for your safety. Before you can start the motors, you must arm the control unit. It's done by a simple stick motion on your radio (left stick down and to the middle) and hold it there for 3 seconds. The controller light will go from green **single** flash to permanent green. It is now armed. If there is no GPS signal and you have a double flash, it won't arm itself!



## Start the motors

When you now flip the motor switch A UP, both the main and tail rotor (tail might not until the yaw stick or helicopter is moved) will start to spool up. Otherwise the helicopter will disarm itself after 15 seconds and start to flash green again if the motors aren't turned on, so make sure that not too much time passes between arming from the prior step and switching on the motors. **Do not switch off the motors during flight**, unless in emergency situations, as the helicopter will fall to the ground.

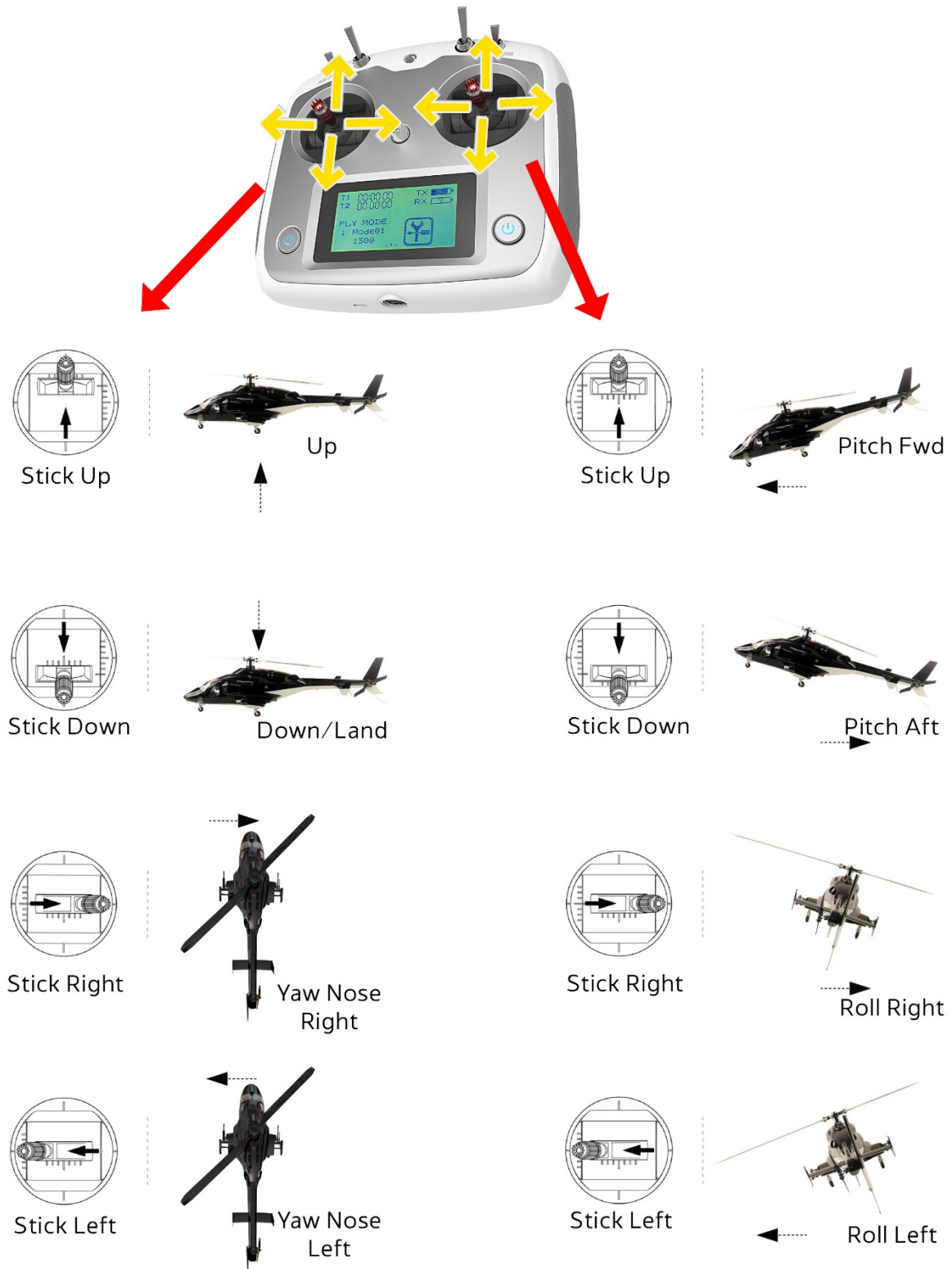


## Fly the Helicopter

Once the main rotor is idling at constant speed (the rotor sound pitch doesn't rise anymore), gently lift the helicopter by pushing the lever upwards as shown, making sure to lift it to a height of at least 3 feet (1 meter) of clearance for safe hovering and maintaining position. Its now up to you to fly and land the helicopter.



## Flight maneuvers (MODE 2)



## MD-500E Search Light Operation

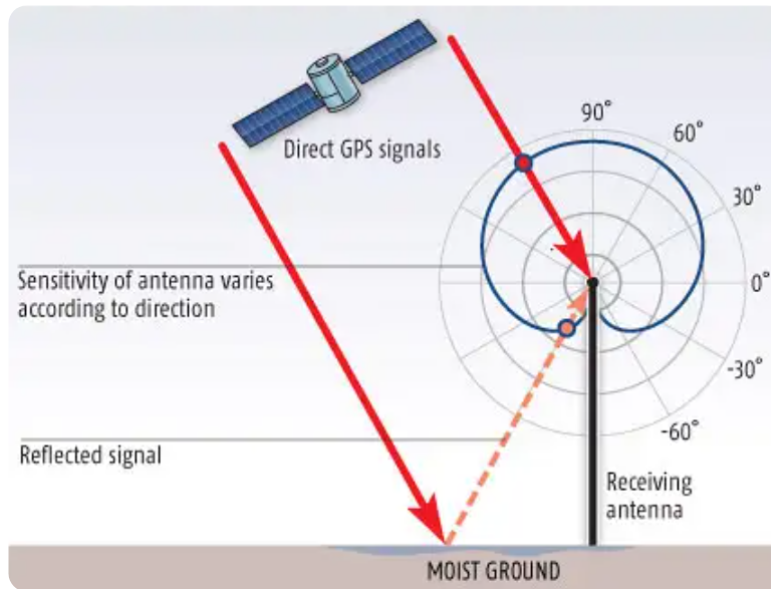
The MD-500E is equipped with an auxiliary search light. It can be controlled via the accessories flip switch on the radio control (turned on and off).



## GPS near Ground Interference

We **advise against hovering** within **3 feet (1 meter)** of the ground in **GPS mode** for extended periods. GPS relies on signals from multiple satellites, calculating position based on the time it takes for these signals to reach the receiver. However, when flying close to the ground, these signals can **reflect off surfaces**—such as **moist gravel or concrete**—and bounce back to the receiver, causing **inaccurate readings**.

This phenomenon, known as **multipath error** in GNSS systems, becomes more pronounced as the **antenna gets closer to reflective surfaces**. In the case of **small radio-controlled aircraft**, the risk of interference increases, potentially leading to **erratic aircraft movements**. For optimal performance and safety, maintain a higher altitude when hovering in GPS mode.



⚠ For this reason, we strongly advise against operating in GPS mode near the ground, except during takeoff and landing.

## Keep Track of Flight Time

With a fully charged battery, you can fly for up to 15 minutes before needing to land and recharge or replace the battery. Since the controller maintains altitude using GPS, it may be difficult to notice when the battery is running low based on the helicopter's flight behavior alone.

💡 We recommend timing your flight from the moment you turn the motors on. After about 12 minutes, start heading back to your landing spot and prepare to land. **The radio control has an integrated timer function** that can be activated to display the flight time. Instructions for using this timer are provided in the radio control section of this manual.

It is important to monitor the flight time to avoid activating the automatic landing feature triggered by low battery voltage.

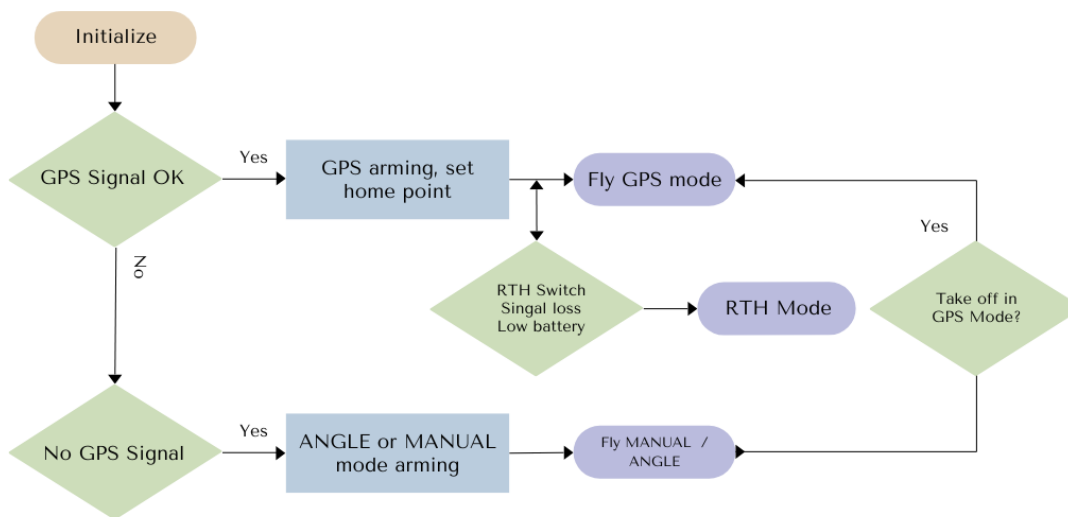
## Landing the Helicopter

When you are ready to land, guide the helicopter to a suitable flat area, such as your original take-off spot, using the flight controls. Gradually lower the helicopter until the landing gear touches the ground. Once the helicopter has landed, immediately shut off the motors by flipping Switch A to the "Motor Off" position. Avoid leaving the helicopter with the blades spinning on the ground, except during take-off or landing.



## Flight Modes

### Flight mode chart



## Controller Flight Mode Description

The helicopter offers a variety of control modes, each of which produces a different flight performance of the aircraft. The flight mode is controlled by Switch C, which offers three modes that can be switched between:



Additionally, from GPS mode you can enter the RTH MODE. The exact functionality is explained below.

### Use cases for each mode

**GPS Mode:** Stable position and altitude, best for beginners.

**ANGLE Mode:** Self-leveling but requires manual control of height and position.

**MANUAL Mode:** Full manual control, no automatic stabilization or leveling.

**RETURN TO HOME (RTH) Mode:** Full automatic control, return to take off location, auto landing.

### GPS Mode

In GPS mode, the helicopter uses the GPS sensor to stay in one place and keep the altitude as long as the control stick is not moving. By moving the control sticks, you move the point and heading the 3D space, and the helicopter will automatically move to this new location. All directions are fully controlled by the controller. This mode does not require constant control, you can leave your hands off the control sticks, and it will stay steady in place, and even resist wind and keep the position. The GPS mode is dependent on the GPS position signal, so a 3 x 3 x 3 ft tolerance window over time is within the actual specifications of accuracy.

Only if you take off in GPS mode the RTH Mode is accessible.

### ANGLE Mode

In angle mode, the helicopter does not use GPS to stay in one place, but stabilizes the helicopter by returning to a level attitude on the roll and pitch axis if you let go of the control sticks. But it doesn't control the position or height like in GPS mode. In Angle Mode,

the helicopter may drift in position and change its altitude, and you will need to control its movement manually. This mode requires constant manual control.

We advise that you familiarize yourself with these control modes and use them appropriately to suit your flight needs.

**If you switch from GPS to Manual or Angle mode while hovering, the helicopter may drop in altitude. Be prepared to compensate by manually adjusting the throttle.**

**Note: If you take off in Angle mode, the Return to Home function will not work. You must take off in GPS mode for this feature to be available.**

## Manual Mode

In this mode, you have full control. The helicopter does not use GPS to stay in one place, nor self-stabilization via accelerometers. As a result, you will need to control everything, including altitude and direction as any regular 3D helicopter. The model will keep the angle on each rotational axis stable as long as the stick of the according axis is in the center position, as any typical 3D helicopter gyro for 3 axis offers. If you took off in this mode, the return to home function cannot be activated. This mode also allows for the highest overall flight speeds in any direction but requires constant manual input.

When you switch from GPS mode to 3D mode during flight, the helicopter will drop in altitude because it loses the automatic height adjustment. Be ready to control it manually to prevent a crash. Compensate for this by making an upward pitch stick movement if you see the machine dropping, and a downward movement if the machine climbs. Keep in mind that this maneuver can be dangerous if you're a novice, especially if you're close to the ground. Only experienced pilots will be able to quickly adjust for the loss of auto altitude hold function.

In 3D mode, the helicopter does not automatically maintain its position, so it may drift in any direction. You'll need to compensate for this movement manually. We strongly advise that you have ample flight experience and skills before attempting to use 3D mode.

**If you switch from GPS to Manual or Angle mode while hovering, the helicopter may drop in altitude. Be prepared to compensate by manually adjusting the throttle.**

**Note: If you take off in Manual mode, the Return to Home function will not work. You must take off in GPS mode for this feature to be available.**

## Return to Home (RTH) Mode

This functionality is only available if the machine was armed and taken off in GPS mode only. It is not accessible if you armed the machine in Manual or Angle mode.

It is an automated flight control that will return the aircraft to the take off point, land it and shut off the motors. There are several ways to enter this mode, either manually or by a safe-guard automation. Once engaged, the aircraft will rise to 15m above the starting point flying height, then turn into the home point heading and then fly towards the home point. Once the home point is reached, it will turn the tail back into the take-off heading, then lower the altitude at a constant sink rate until it has landed and then switch off the motors.

While the machine is in its decent phase after reaching the home point, its possible to adjust the position via the pitch and roll control sticks to get the exact position right.

**The RTH mode can be interrupted manually.** The radio control mode switch has to be in the GPS position and the RTH switch has to be flipped into the RTH position and then back into the OFF position. This will interrupt the RTH mode.

Please note that while in return to home mode, the helicopter cannot detect or avoid obstacles, so it is necessary to ensure that there are no obstacles between you and the starting point.

## The controller offers three different ways to engage the RTH function:

### Loss of Signal:

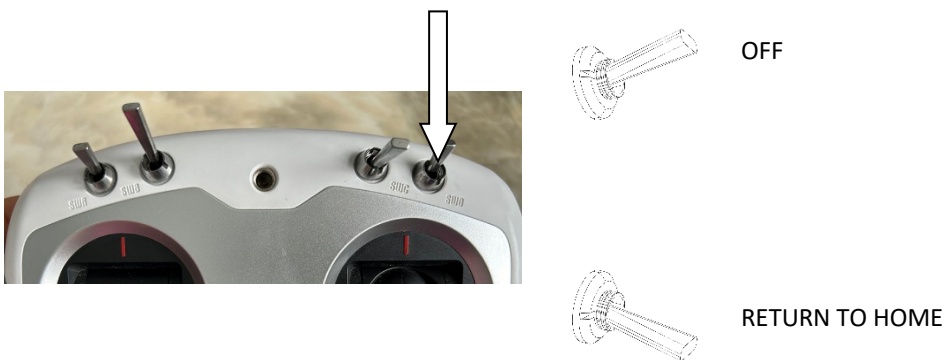
If the machine was unlocked and taken off in GPS mode, and the transmitter signal is interrupted for more than 3 seconds, the flight control system will enter the RTH mode. It will take control of the helicopter via the RTH mode and automatically land and shutoff unless interrupted by the user. This only will be possible if the radio signal returns to normal during the return flight, and the user can turn on (while being in GPS mode) the RTH mode and off again during the return flight.

### Low Voltage Return:

If the machine was unlocked and taken off in GPS mode, and the flight control detects that the flight battery has a too low voltage, the controller will engage the RTH mode. In low voltage situations, the motor may not be able to output enough power to maintain altitude and eventually lead to the helicopter falling, crashing, or getting damaged. To prevent this danger caused by insufficient battery voltage, the flight control system will judge whether the current voltage is sufficient. If the actual voltage falls below the programmed threshold, the helicopter will automatically enter the RTH. The user can turn on (while being in GPS mode) the RTH mode and off again during the return flight.

### On Command Return:

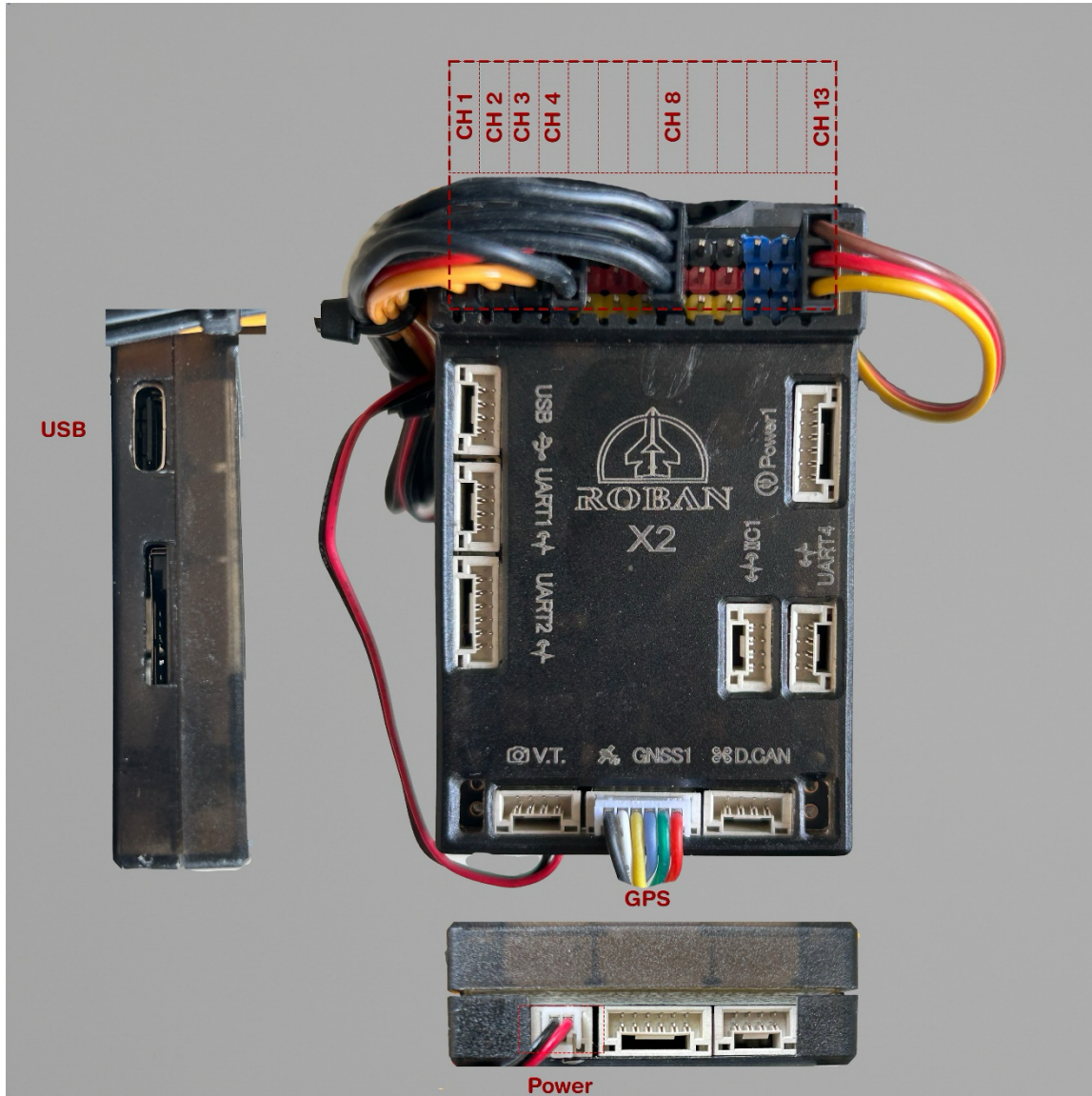
In the flip is switched into RTH position (down), the model will also execute the return to home maneuver.



# Electronic components and documentation

## Controller ports and description

PCB Schematics – APM Roban X2 / F407



## Controller Port Wiring and Specifications

Port name	Connected to
Ch1	Swash servo 1 (Powered by Main Motor ESC)
Ch2	Swash servo 2 (Powered by Main Motor ESC)
Ch3	Swash servo 3 (Powered by Main Motor ESC)
Ch4	Tail Motor ESC
Ch 5	Aux search light
Ch 6	LED light
Ch8	Main Motor ESC (7.4Vdc by ESC)
RC.In	Receiver (5Vdc internal step down)
Batt.In	Battery plug (14.8Vdc Input)
GPS1	GPS sensor

The controller can be powered either through the Batt.In connector or the USB connector.








An internal step-down converter provides 5V DC from the Batt.In connector to power the RC.In receiver port, which is isolated from the other channels.

The servo and ESC channels share a common power and ground connection, but do not have their own internal power supply. Instead, the ESC supplies power to the servos through a 7.4V DC BEC in a high-voltage configuration.

Note that **the power connector is not polarity-protected**.

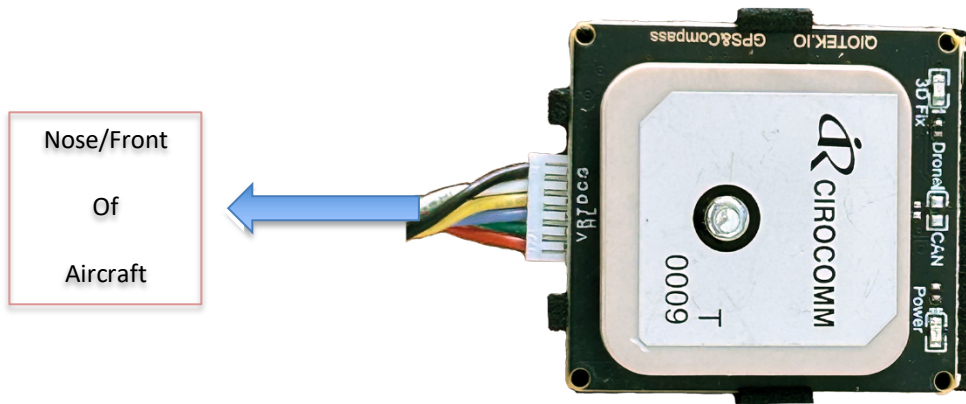
Channels 1 through 10 are bridged for power and ground and must be supplied with power from an external source, such as the ESC. Channel 13 (the receiver port) is powered internally by a 5V DC supply.

## Controller status light description

	Green, solid	GPS mode, armed
	Green, flashing	GPS mode ready, not armed, GPS signal acquired
	Blue, double flash	GPS is acquiring position
	Red, flashing slow	Compass calibration required/Magnets present
	Red, flashing fast	No receiver signal present
	Blue, solid	Manual/Angle mode ready, armed
	Blue, flashing	GPS signal acquired, Manual/Angle mode ready, not armed

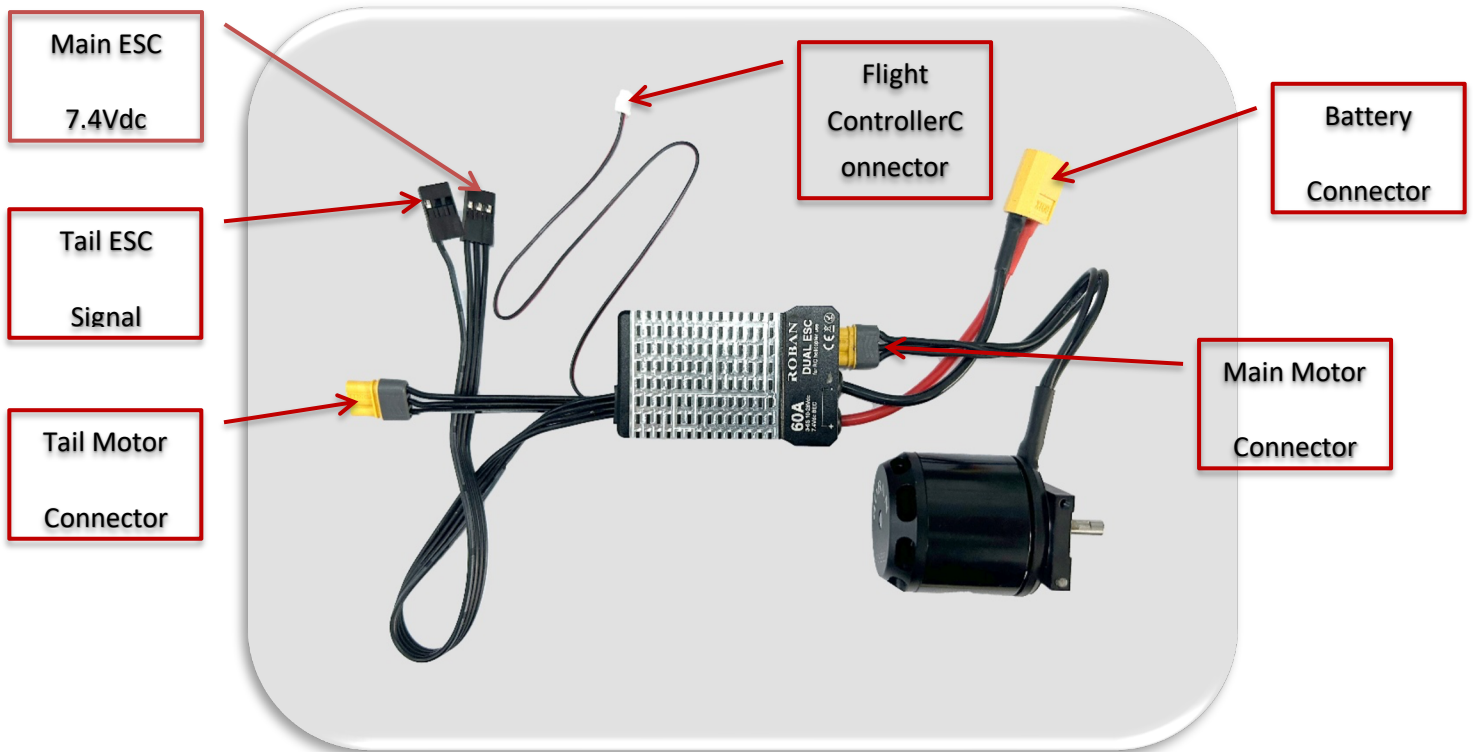
## GPS Sensor

The GPS sensor is a U-blox M10N unit with an onboard magnetometer, which is the only magnetometer used in the system. It is installed in the tail boom to avoid magnetic interference from the main motor. For optimal performance, ensure the antenna is level and properly aligned, with the plug facing toward the nose of the aircraft. The unit is preinstalled and doesn't require any maintenance. The unit is automatically configured during bootup of the controller.



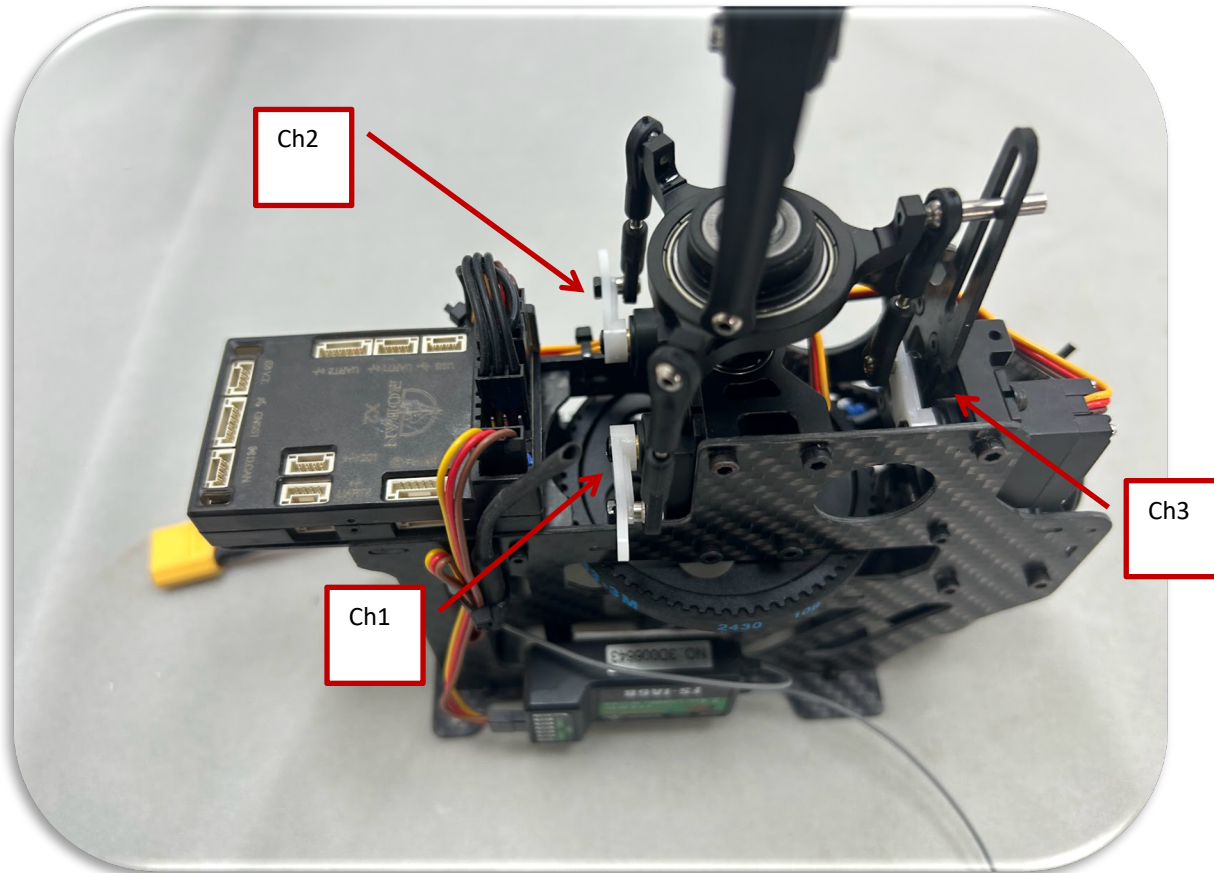
## Dual channel ESC

The supplied ESC is a dual-channel unit, consisting of a helicopter-governor-type main ESC and a fast-responding BLHeli-type tail rotor ESC. Both are physically separated and operate independently, each controlled by its own MCU within the controller. Additionally, the ESC includes a DC-DC buck step-down voltage converter that supplies 7.4V DC to the servos through the controller's bridged connectors, spanning channels 1 through 8. Below is the wiring schematic:



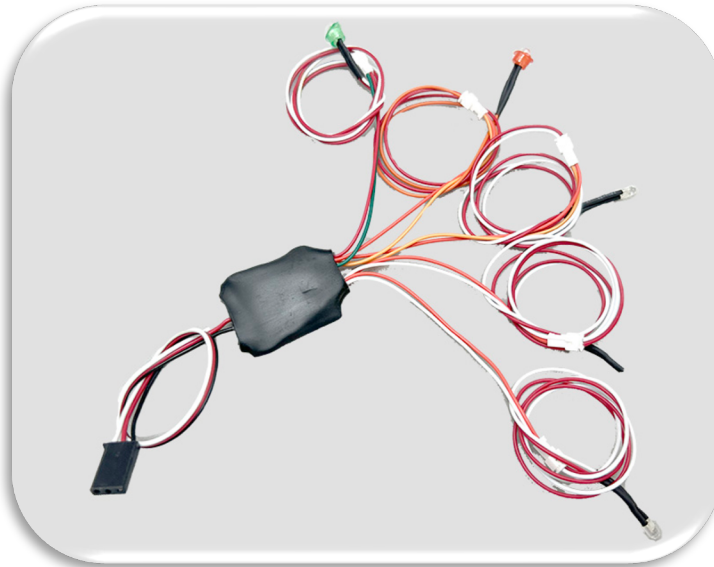
## Swash Servos designation and wiring

The swashplate servos are connected to the ports 1-3 of the controller. The servos are HV (7.4Vdc) servos, which are powered by the dual ESC connected on port Ch8.



## LED Light system

The helicopter comes equipped with a preinstalled LED light system, which has its own dedicated controller. The system is powered by the 7.4V BEC supply through the bridged rail on the main controller, and is connected to servo port 6.



The LED controller can be controlled by the radio control. The right-hand side switch on the back side of the radio can be used to cycle through 8 different patterns. The position light pattern always starts on the same pattern mode on power up. The controller is separate from the main controller and can be controlled immediately.



# Troubleshooting, Support and Warranty

## Adjusting the controller

The controller is based on the ArduCopter Heli open-source software. To modify the parameters, you can use the APM Mission Planner, which is available for iOS, Windows, and Linux. It connects via USB (or optionally through a wireless WiFi connection).

We provide a separate manual and video tutorials covering the usage of the software and the setup process in detail. The ArduCopter platform offers a wide range of features, and many parameters are accessible for adjustment. **However, we recommend making changes only when necessary, such as after replacing servos that require setpoint adjustments.**

For further guidance, please visit our website at [www.robanmodel.com](http://www.robanmodel.com). On the product page, you will find links to the control software manuals and support videos.

## Helicopter blade tracking and maintenance

The helicopter comes fully adjusted, so no blade tracking is necessary. If you use our original rotor blades, even replacing a set will not require blade retracking.

Blade tracking refers to the process of ensuring that both rotor blades follow the same path during rotation. Misaligned blades can cause vibrations and reduced flight stability. Typically, blade tracking involves adjusting the pitch of one or both blades to make sure they rotate in the same plane.

However, if a mishap damages the blades, or bends the rotor grips or grip link connectors, it can misalign the control system. In such cases, we recommend replacing the grips and pitch levers as well.

For this specific helicopter, there is no need to adjust blade tracking as the control system is non-adjustable. After a crash, the only thing you may need to verify with a pitch gauge is that the swashplate is still level. Adjust any necessary center points through the controller software interface, rather than making mechanical adjustments to the helicopter itself.

## Technical support

For technical support, product queries, or warranty claims, please contact:

Technical Support & General Inquiries:

- Email: [sales@robanmodel.com](mailto:sales@robanmodel.com)

When contacting support, please have the following details ready:

- Product model and serial number
- Description of the issue
- Steps you've already tried for troubleshooting

## Warranty and Replacement Process

If your product is within the warranty period and requires repairs or replacement, follow these steps:

- Contact the **support team of you point of purchase** via email or phone.
- Follow shipping instructions provided by their team.

# Product Compliance and Conformity

## Product Compliance

### FCC Information

FCC ID: Transmitter: N4ZFLYSKYI6S, Receiver: N4ZFLYSKYIA10

### Supplier's Declaration of Conformity

Roban MD-500E 470 (HSM-470-R-MD)

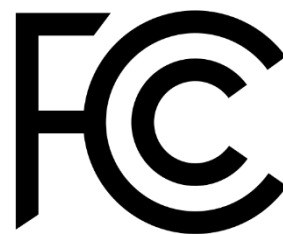
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**NOTE:** This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

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Roban 470 MD-500E (HSM-470-R-MD)

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NOTE: This product contains batteries that are covered under the 2006/66/EC European Directive, which cannot be disposed of with normal household waste. Please follow local regulations. The full text of the EU declaration of conformity is available at the following internet address:

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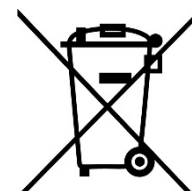
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## Appendix A. Mechanical Spare Parts





Parts may be listed with different prefix (RBN-470 or HSM-470)

Sparepart No	Description	Picture
HSM-470-SP001	Main shaft	
HSM-470-SP002	Feathering shaft	
HSM-470-SP003V2	Main rotor hub	
HSM-470-SP004V2	Main blade grip	
HSM-470-SP005V2	Rotor holder arm	
HSM-470-SP006V2	Upper swash idler	
HSM-470-SP007V2	Swash plate 2B	
HSM-470-SP008	Servo holder 1	








HSM-470-SP009	Servo holder 2	
HSM-470-SP010V2	Main gear	
HSM-470-SP011	Main shaft bearing block	
HSM-470-SP012V2	Lower linkages	
SM-470-SP013	Bearing set	
HSM-470-SP014	Main shaft lock	
HSM-470-SP015	Main frame spacer	
HSM-470-SP016	Main Belt	
HSM-470-SP017	Lower swash bracket	

HSM-470-SP018	Tail motor mount (3D)	
HSM-470-SP019	Main frame bottom	
HSM-470-SP020	Tail Motor with wire + plug	
HSM-470-SP021	Main frame set	
HSM-470-SP023	Servo horn set	
HSM-470-SP024	Complete rotorhead	
HSM-470-SP028	Main motor incl mount	
HSM-470-SP030	ESC combo	
HSM-470-SP032	Motor belt pulley	

HSM-470-SP033	Belt tensioner	
HSM-470-SP034	Tensioner spring	
HSM-470-SP035	Fastener set	
HSM-470-SP036	GPS Sensor	
HSM-470-SP037	Controller	
HSM-470-SP038	4S 5200mah battery	
HSM-470-SP029	Balance charger	
HSM-470-SP040	Rotor cap	
HSM-470-SP041	Battery vercro	

HSM-470-SP042	Servo CW	
HSM-470-SP044	Servo wire RX to Controller	
HSM-470-SP047	Transmitter / Receiver Set	
HSM-470-SP048	Receiver standalone	

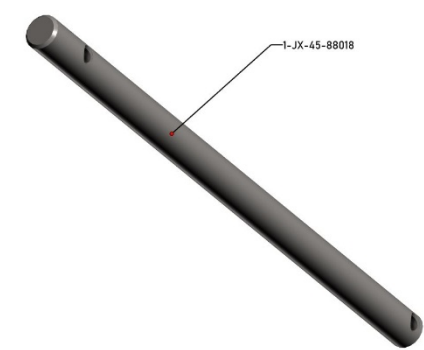
Appendix B. Scale Spare Parts

MDE470LPJ001	470L MD500E canopy	
MDE470LPJ002	470L MD500E front window	
MDE470LPJ003	470L MD500E all window	
MDE470LPJ004	470L MD500E search light	
MDE470LPJ005	470L MD500E tail fins	
MDE470LPJ006	470L MD500E landing gear skids	
MDE470LPJ007	470L MD500E landing gear	
MDE470LPJ008	470L MD500E light control	
MDE470LPJ009	470L MD500E light caps	

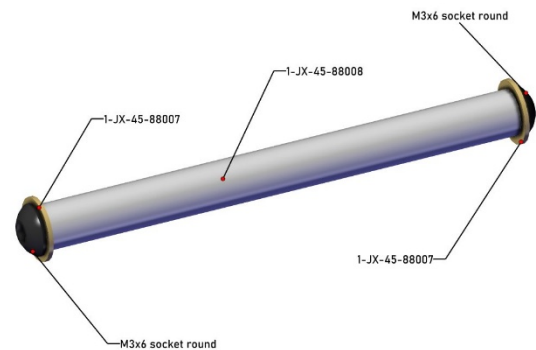
MDE470LPJ010	470L MD500E light kit	
MDE470LPJ011	470L MD500E tail blades	
MDE470LPJ014	470L MD500E aft body	

# Appendix C. Spare parts explosion drawings

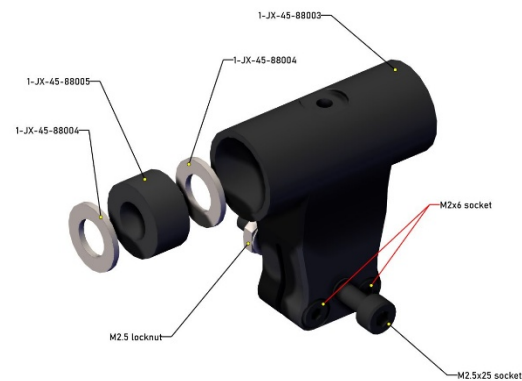
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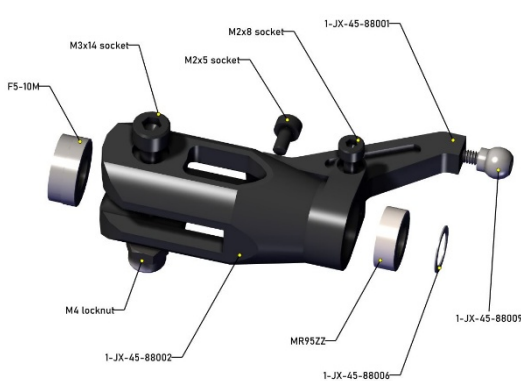
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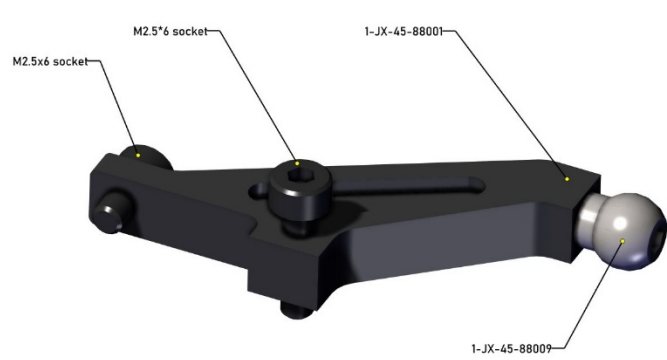
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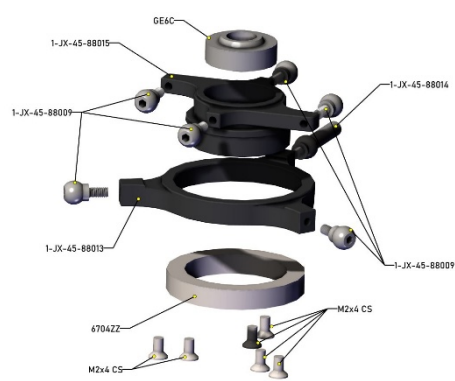
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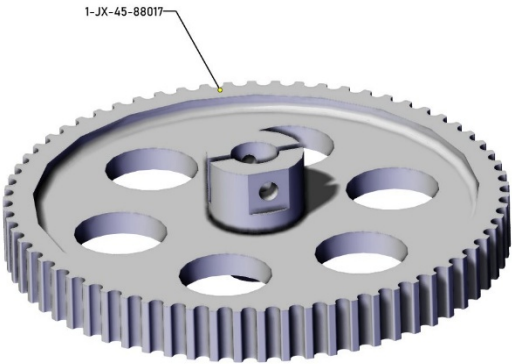
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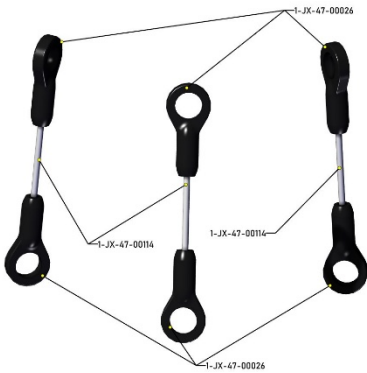
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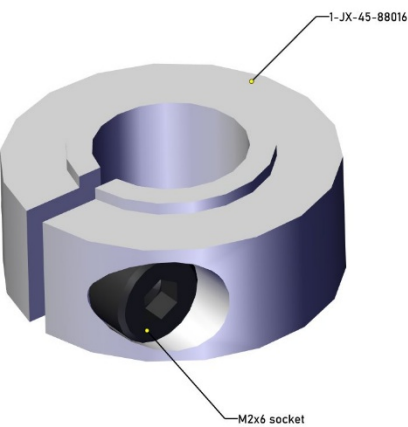
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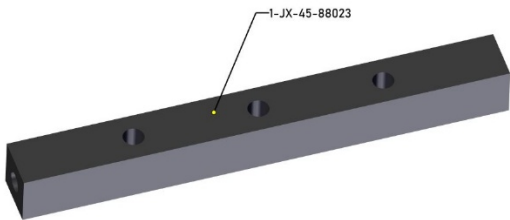
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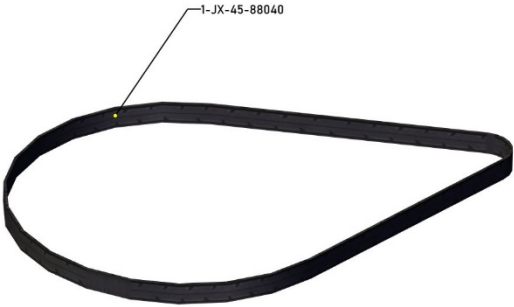
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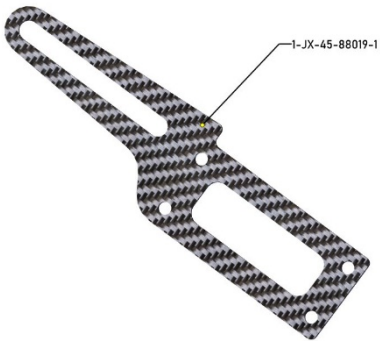
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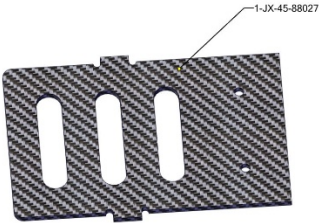
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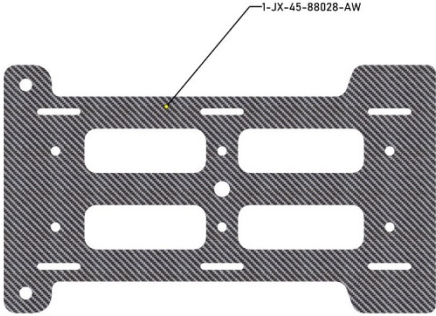
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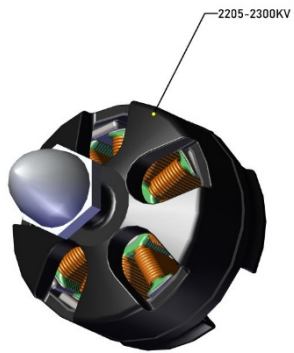
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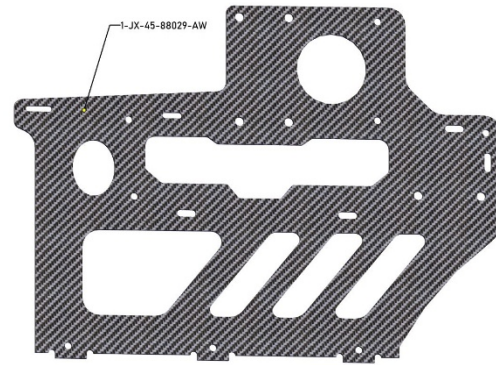
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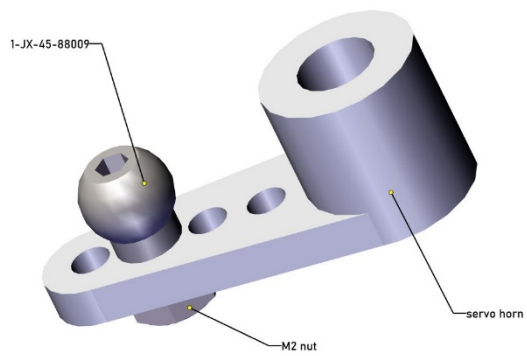
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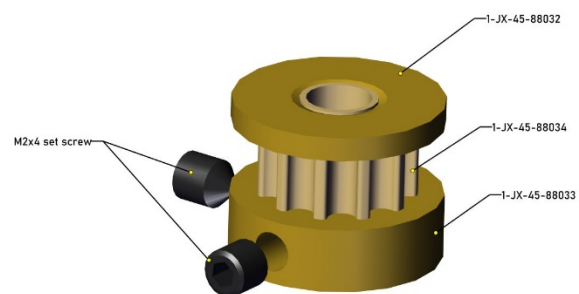
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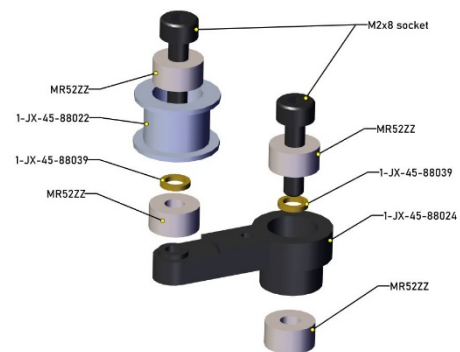
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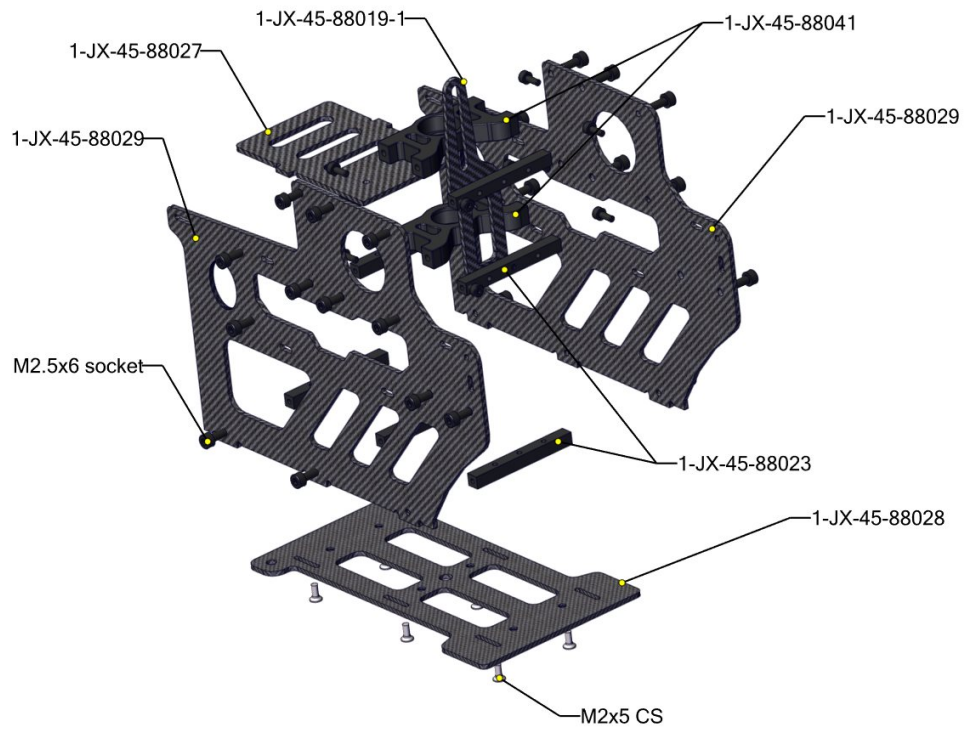
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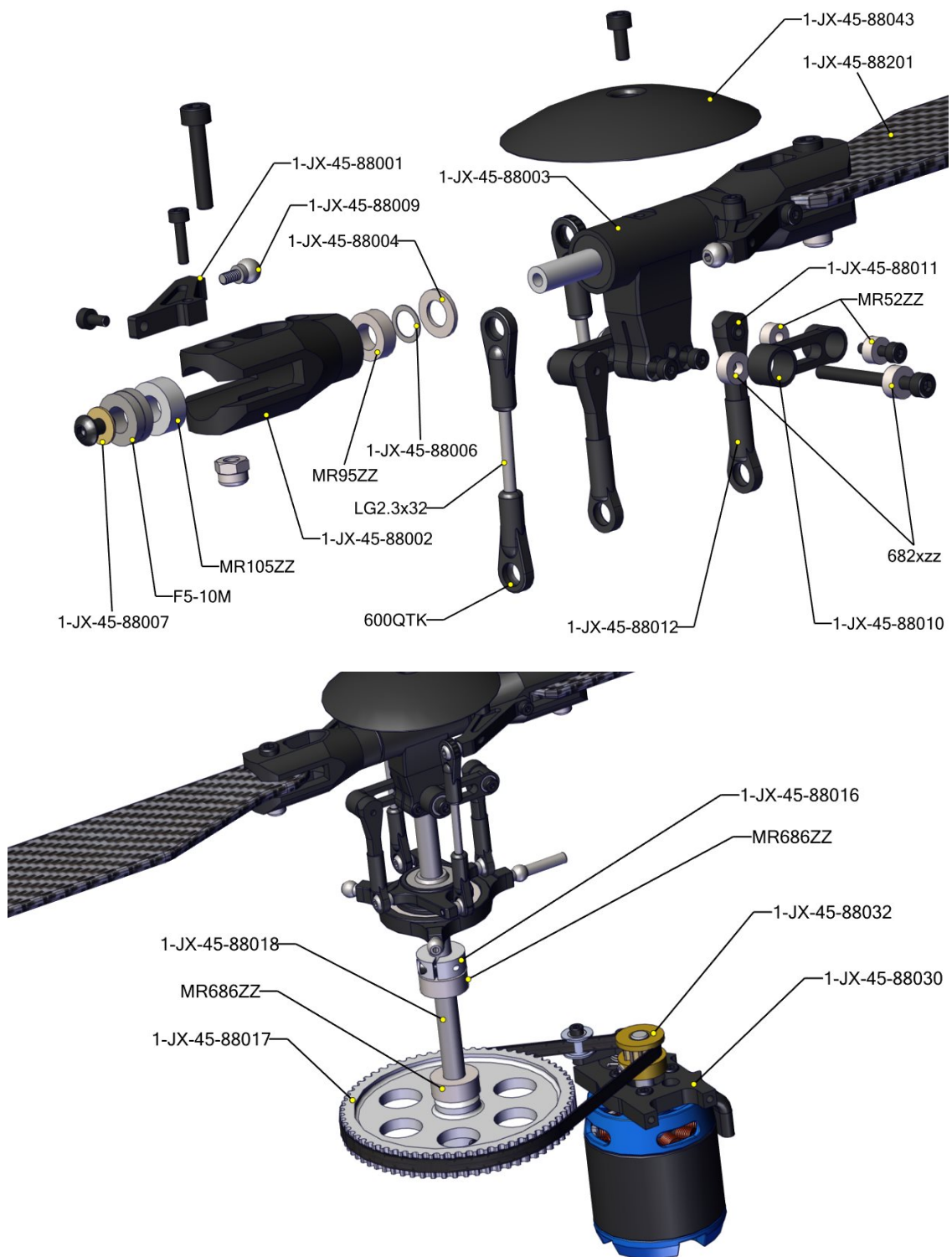


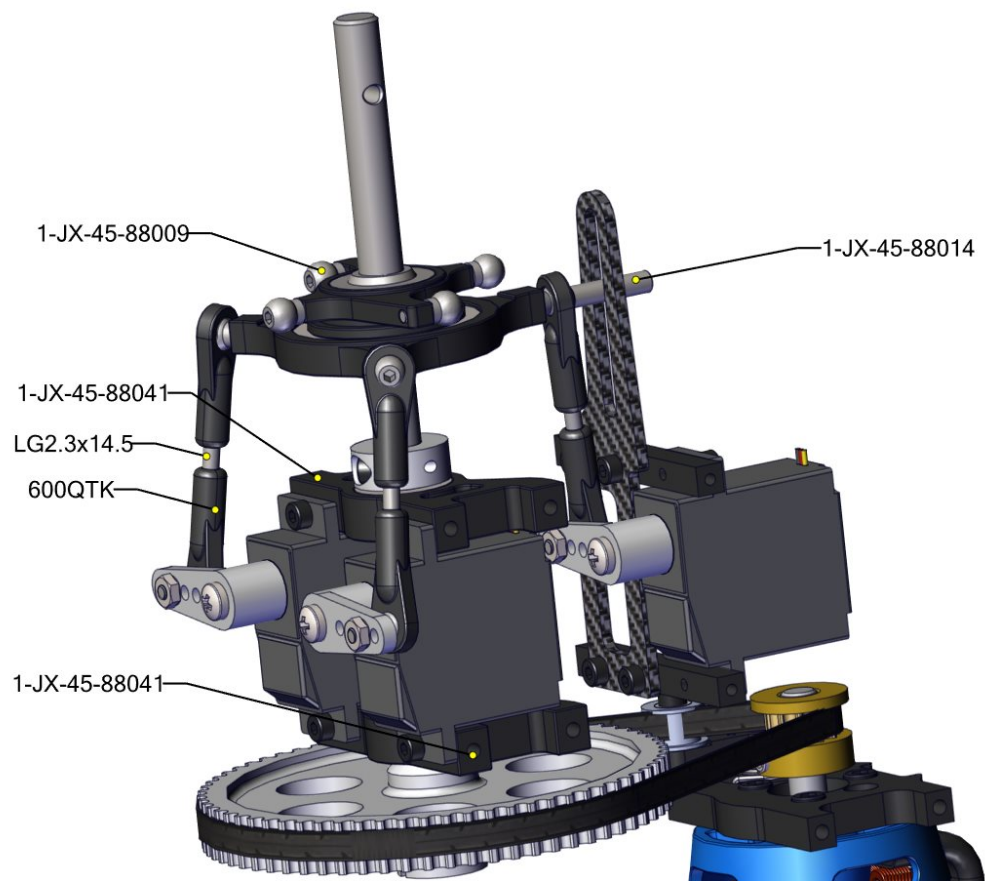
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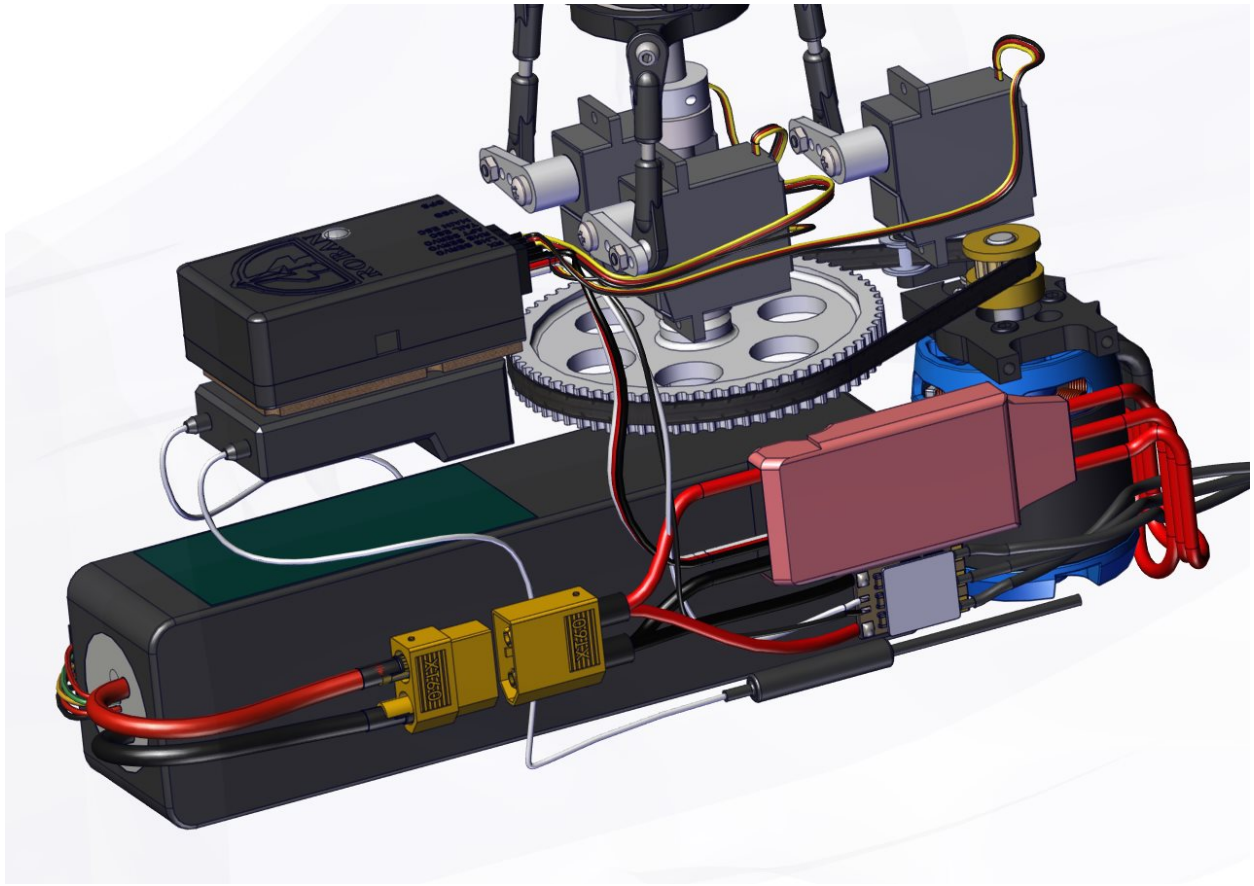


## Appendix C. Explosion drawings









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