



Administration

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Exemption No. 11749 Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2015-0872

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Dear Mr. Miller:

This letter is to inform you that we have granted your request for exemption. It transmits our decision, explains its basis, and gives you the conditions and limitations of the exemption, including the date it ends.

By letter dated March 26, 2015, you petitioned the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on behalf of Elevated Cinematics LLC (hereinafter petitioner or operator) for an exemption. The petitioner requested to operate an unmanned aircraft system (UAS) to conduct collection of aerial photo and video assets.

See Appendix A for the petition submitted to the FAA describing the proposed operations and the regulations that the petitioner seeks an exemption.

The FAA has determined that good cause exists for not publishing a summary of the petition in the Federal Register because the requested exemption would not set a precedent, and any delay in acting on this petition would be detrimental to the petitioner.

Airworthiness Certification

The UAS proposed by the petitioner are the DJI Phantom 2 and the Tarot 680

In accordance with the statutory criteria provided in Section 333 of Public Law 112–95 in reference to 49 U.S.C. § 44704, and in consideration of the size, weight, speed, and limited

operating area associated with the aircraft and its operation, the Secretary of Transportation has determined that this aircraft meets the conditions of Section 333. Therefore, the FAA finds that relief from 14 CFR part 21, *Certification procedures for products and parts*, *Subpart H—Airworthiness Certificates*, and any associated noise certification and testing requirements of part 36, is not necessary.

The Basis for Our Decision

You have requested to use a UAS for aerial data collection¹. The FAA has issued grants of exemption in circumstances similar in all material respects to those presented in your petition. In Grants of Exemption Nos. 11062 to Astraeus Aerial (*see* Docket No. FAA–2014–0352), 11109 to Clayco, Inc. (*see* Docket No. FAA–2014–0507), 11112 to VDOS Global, LLC (*see* Docket No. FAA–2014–0382), and 11213 to Aeryon Labs, Inc. (*see* Docket No. FAA–2014–0642), the FAA found that the enhanced safety achieved using an unmanned aircraft (UA) with the specifications described by the petitioner and carrying no passengers or crew, rather than a manned aircraft of significantly greater proportions, carrying crew in addition to flammable fuel, gives the FAA good cause to find that the UAS operation enabled by this exemption is in the public interest.

Having reviewed your reasons for requesting an exemption, I find that—

- They are similar in all material respects to relief previously requested in Grant of Exemption Nos. 11062, 11109, 11112, and 11213;
- The reasons stated by the FAA for granting Exemption Nos. 11062, 11109, 11112, and 11213 also apply to the situation you present; and
- A grant of exemption is in the public interest.

Our Decision

In consideration of the foregoing, I find that a grant of exemption is in the public interest. Therefore, pursuant to the authority contained in 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 40113, and 44701, delegated to me by the Administrator, Elevated Cinematics LLC is granted an exemption from 14 CFR §§ 61.23(a) and (c), 61.101(e)(4) and (5), 61.113(a), 61.315(a), 91.7(a), 91.119(c), 91.121, 91.151(a)(1), 91.405(a), 91.407(a)(1), 91.409(a)(1) and (2), and 91.417(a) and (b), to the extent necessary to allow the petitioner to operate a UAS to perform aerial data collection. This exemption is subject to the conditions and limitations listed below.

¹ Aerial data collection includes any remote sensing and measuring by an instrument(s) aboard the UA. Examples include imagery (photography, video, infrared, etc.), electronic measurement (precision surveying, RF analysis, etc.), chemical measurement (particulate measurement, etc.), or any other gathering of data by instruments aboard the UA.

Conditions and Limitations

In this grant of exemption, Elevated Cinematics LLC is hereafter referred to as the operator.

Failure to comply with any of the conditions and limitations of this grant of exemption will be grounds for the immediate suspension or rescission of this exemption.

- 1. Operations authorized by this grant of exemption are limited to the DJI Phantom 2 and Tarot 680 when weighing less than 55 pounds including payload. Proposed operations of any other aircraft will require a new petition or a petition to amend this exemption.
- 2. Operations for the purpose of closed-set motion picture and television filming are not permitted.
- 3. The UA may not be operated at a speed exceeding 87 knots (100 miles per hour). The exemption holder may use either groundspeed or calibrated airspeed to determine compliance with the 87 knot speed restriction. In no case will the UA be operated at airspeeds greater than the maximum UA operating airspeed recommended by the aircraft manufacturer.
- 4. The UA must be operated at an altitude of no more than 400 feet above ground level (AGL). Altitude must be reported in feet AGL.
- 5. The UA must be operated within visual line of sight (VLOS) of the PIC at all times. This requires the PIC to be able to use human vision unaided by any device other than corrective lenses, as specified on the PIC's FAA-issued airman medical certificate or U.S. driver's license.
- 6. All operations must utilize a visual observer (VO). The UA must be operated within the visual line of sight (VLOS) of the PIC and VO at all times. The VO may be used to satisfy the VLOS requirement as long as the PIC always maintains VLOS capability. The VO and PIC must be able to communicate verbally at all times; electronic messaging or texting is not permitted during flight operations. The PIC must be designated before the flight and cannot transfer his or her designation for the duration of the flight. The PIC must ensure that the VO can perform the duties required of the VO.
- 7. This exemption and all documents needed to operate the UAS and conduct its operations in accordance with the conditions and limitations stated in this grant of exemption, are hereinafter referred to as the operating documents. The operating documents must be accessible during UAS operations and made available to the Administrator upon request. If a discrepancy exists between the conditions and limitations in this exemption and the procedures outlined in the operating documents, the conditions and limitations herein take precedence and must be followed.

Otherwise, the operator must follow the procedures as outlined in its operating documents. The operator may update or revise its operating documents. It is the operator's responsibility to track such revisions and present updated and revised documents to the Administrator or any law enforcement official upon request. The operator must also present updated and revised documents if it petitions for extension or amendment to this grant of exemption. If the operator determines that any update or revision would affect the basis upon which the FAA granted this exemption, then the operator must petition for an amendment to its grant of exemption. The FAA's UAS Integration Office (AFS-80) may be contacted if questions arise regarding updates or revisions to the operating documents.

- 8. Any UAS that has undergone maintenance or alterations that affect the UAS operation or flight characteristics, e.g., replacement of a flight critical component, must undergo a functional test flight prior to conducting further operations under this exemption. Functional test flights may only be conducted by a PIC with a VO and must remain at least 500 feet from other people. The functional test flight must be conducted in such a manner so as to not pose an undue hazard to persons and property.
- 9. The operator is responsible for maintaining and inspecting the UAS to ensure that it is in a condition for safe operation.
- 10. Prior to each flight, the PIC must conduct a pre-flight inspection and determine the UAS is in a condition for safe flight. The pre-flight inspection must account for all potential discrepancies, e.g., inoperable components, items, or equipment. If the inspection reveals a condition that affects the safe operation of the UAS, the aircraft is prohibited from operating until the necessary maintenance has been performed and the UAS is found to be in a condition for safe flight.
- 11. The operator must follow the UAS manufacturer's maintenance, overhaul, replacement, inspection, and life limit requirements for the aircraft and aircraft components.
- 12. Each UAS operated under this exemption must comply with all manufacturer safety bulletins.
- 13. Under this grant of exemption, a PIC must hold either an airline transport, commercial, private, recreational, or sport pilot certificate. The PIC must also hold a current FAA airman medical certificate or a valid U.S. driver's license issued by a state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, a territory, a possession, or the Federal government. The PIC must also meet the flight review requirements specified in 14 CFR § 61.56 in an aircraft in which the PIC is rated on his or her pilot certificate.
- 14. The operator may not permit any PIC to operate unless the PIC demonstrates the ability to safely operate the UAS in a manner consistent with how the UAS will be

operated under this exemption, including evasive and emergency maneuvers and maintaining appropriate distances from persons, vessels, vehicles and structures. PIC qualification flight hours and currency must be logged in a manner consistent with 14 CFR § 61.51(b). Flights for the purposes of training the operator's PICs and VOs (training, proficiency, and experience-building) and determining the PIC's ability to safely operate the UAS in a manner consistent with how the UAS will be operated under this exemption are permitted under the terms of this exemption. However, training operations may only be conducted during dedicated training sessions. During training, proficiency, and experience-building flights, all persons not essential for flight operations are considered nonparticipants, and the PIC must operate the UA with appropriate distance from nonparticipants in accordance with 14 CFR § 91.119.

- 15. UAS operations may not be conducted during night, as defined in 14 CFR § 1.1. All operations must be conducted under visual meteorological conditions (VMC). Flights under special visual flight rules (SVFR) are not authorized.
- 16. The UA may not operate within 5 nautical miles of an airport reference point (ARP) as denoted in the current FAA Airport/Facility Directory (AFD) or for airports not denoted with an ARP, the center of the airport symbol as denoted on the current FAA-published aeronautical chart, unless a letter of agreement with that airport's management is obtained or otherwise permitted by a COA issued to the exemption holder. The letter of agreement with the airport management must be made available to the Administrator or any law enforcement official upon request.
- 17. The UA may not be operated less than 500 feet below or less than 2,000 feet horizontally from a cloud or when visibility is less than 3 statute miles from the PIC.
- 18. If the UAS loses communications or loses its GPS signal, the UA must return to a pre-determined location within the private or controlled-access property.
- 19. The PIC must abort the flight in the event of unpredicted obstacles or emergencies.
- 20. The PIC is prohibited from beginning a flight unless (considering wind and forecast weather conditions) there is enough available power for the UA to conduct the intended operation and to operate after that for at least five minutes or with the reserve power recommended by the manufacturer if greater.
- 21. Air Traffic Organization (ATO) Certificate of Waiver or Authorization (COA). All operations shall be conducted in accordance with an ATO-issued COA. The exemption holder may apply for a new or amended COA if it intends to conduct operations that cannot be conducted under the terms of the attached COA.
- 22. All aircraft operated in accordance with this exemption must be identified by serial number, registered in accordance with 14 CFR part 47, and have identification

- (N-Number) markings in accordance with 14 CFR part 45, Subpart C. Markings must be as large as practicable.
- 23. Documents used by the operator to ensure the safe operation and flight of the UAS and any documents required under 14 CFR §§ 91.9 and 91.203 must be available to the PIC at the Ground Control Station of the UAS any time the aircraft is operating. These documents must be made available to the Administrator or any law enforcement official upon request.
- 24. The UA must remain clear and give way to all manned aviation operations and activities at all times.
- 25. The UAS may not be operated by the PIC from any moving device or vehicle.
- 26. All Flight operations must be conducted at least 500 feet from all nonparticipating persons, vessels, vehicles, and structures unless:
 - a. Barriers or structures are present that sufficiently protect nonparticipating persons from the UA and/or debris in the event of an accident. The operator must ensure that nonparticipating persons remain under such protection. If a situation arises where nonparticipating persons leave such protection and are within 500 feet of the UA, flight operations must cease immediately in a manner ensuring the safety of nonparticipating persons; and
 - b. The owner/controller of any vessels, vehicles or structures has granted permission for operating closer to those objects and the PIC has made a safety assessment of the risk of operating closer to those objects and determined that it does not present an undue hazard.
 - The PIC, VO, operator trainees or essential persons are not considered nonparticipating persons under this exemption.
- 27. All operations shall be conducted over private or controlled-access property with permission from the property owner/controller or authorized representative. Permission from property owner/controller or authorized representative will be obtained for each flight to be conducted.
- 28. Any incident, accident, or flight operation that transgresses the lateral or vertical boundaries of the operational area as defined by the applicable COA must be reported to the FAA's UAS Integration Office (AFS-80) within 24 hours. Accidents must be reported to the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) per instructions contained on the NTSB Web site: www.ntsb.gov.

If this exemption permits operations for the purpose of closed-set motion picture and television filming and production, the following additional conditions and limitations apply.

- 29. The operator must have a motion picture and television operations manual (MPTOM) as documented in this grant of exemption.
- 30. At least 3 days before aerial filming, the operator of the UAS affected by this exemption must submit a written Plan of Activities to the local Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) with jurisdiction over the area of proposed filming. The 3-day notification may be waived with the concurrence of the FSDO. The plan of activities must include at least the following:
 - a. Dates and times for all flights;
 - b. Name and phone number of the operator for the UAS aerial filming conducted under this grant of exemption;
 - c. Name and phone number of the person responsible for the on-scene operation of the UAS;
 - d. Make, model, and serial or N-Number of UAS to be used;
 - e. Name and certificate number of UAS PICs involved in the aerial filming;
 - f. A statement that the operator has obtained permission from property owners and/or local officials to conduct the filming production event; the list of those who gave permission must be made available to the inspector upon request;
 - g. Signature of exemption holder or representative; and
 - h. A description of the flight activity, including maps or diagrams of any area, city, town, county, and/or state over which filming will be conducted and the altitudes essential to accomplish the operation.
- 31. Flight operations may be conducted closer than 500 feet from participating persons consenting to be involved and necessary for the filming production, as specified in the exemption holder's MPTOM.

Unless otherwise specified in this grant of exemption, the UAS, the UAS PIC, and the UAS operations must comply with all applicable parts of 14 CFR including, but not limited to, parts 45, 47, 61, and 91.

This exemption terminates on June 30, 2017, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

Sincerely,

John S. Duncan Director, Flight Standards Service

Enclosures

Elevated Cinematics LLC 623 Grecken Green Peachtree City GA 30269 PH: (770) 377-7469

March 26, 2015

United States Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration Docket Operations 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC 20590

Re: Petition for an exemption seeking relief from specific sections of Title 14 CFR under Section 333 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (Public Law 112-95)

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to Section 333 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 and 14 CFR Part 11, Elevated Cinematics LLC hereby seeks an exemption from the Federal Aviation Regulations as detailed below for the purpose of conducting commercial Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) operations in the National Airspace System (NAS).

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- Tarot 680 Ground Control System
- FCC License
- AMA Safety Code

GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS

AGL Above Ground Level

ATC Air Traffic Control

ATO Air Traffic Organization

UAV Unmanned Aerial Vehicle

CFR Code of Federal Regulations

COA Certificate of Authorization

FAA Federal Aviation Administration

FAR Federal Aviation Regulation

GCS Ground Control System

GPS Global Positioning System

LOL Loss of Link

NAS National Airspace System

NOTAM Notice to Airman

PIC Pilot in Command

Section 333 FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 Section 333

SOP Standard Operating Procedures

VFR Visual Flight Rules

VLOS Visual Line of Sight

VMC Visual Meteorological Conditions

VO Visual Observer

VTOL Vertical Takeoff and Landing

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PETITIONER:

The name and address of the petitioner is:

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Southwest Airlines B737 First Officer

FCC Amatuer Radio License # 0023625049

(Copy of FCC License in Addendum)

BACKGROUND AND OPERATING DESCRIPTION

Elevated Cinematics LLC seeks exemption from the requirements of 14 CFR FAR Parts 91.7 (a), 91.9 (b) 2, 91.119, 91.121, 91.151 (a), 91.405 (a), 91.407 (a)1, 91.409 (a) 1 and 2, 91.417 (a) and (b) pursuant to Section 333 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. This exemption will permit Elevated Cinematics LLC to obtain an appropriate Certificate of Authorization to operate the described UAV aircraft below within the NAS for the commercial purpose of collecting aerial photo and video assets.

Elevated Cinematics LLC was formed in 2015 by Blaine N Miller. Mr. Miller is an active Part 121 commercial pilot for Southwest Airlines, holding ATP certificate # 3286199 with Type Ratings in the EMB 120, EMB145, DC-9, and B737 aircraft, and holds a valid FAA First Class Medical Certificate. Mr. Miller has been flying RC aircraft recreationally and competitively for over 30 years and has 2 years of experience operating the type of UAVs that will be flown under the desired exemption.

Elevated Cinematics LLC seeks to provide aerial photo and video services for a variety of clients to include residential/commercial real estate brokers, insurance companies, and roofing / construction contractors. As set forth in this petition, Elevated Cinematics LLC seeks to commercially operate it UAVs with the highest level of safety and professionalism consistent with Mr. Miller's long history as an aviation professional.

Description of the UAV aircraft and ground control station (GCS):

DJI Phantom 2:

The DJI Phantom 2 is a small quadcopter that takes off and lands vertically (VTOL) and is powered by 4 electric motors and a 5200 milliampere lithium polymer battery pack. It has a ready to fly gross weight of 2.2 pounds and can fly a mission of about 14 minutes duration on a fully charged battery, and has a maximum airspeed of approximately 29 knots. It has a sophisticated onboard flight controller with GPS integration that provides stabilized flight and extremely precise control from the portable Ground Control Station (GCS). There is a flight telemetry system that delivers flight data from the onboard flight computer to the GCS including altitude AGL, horizontal and vertical speed, battery voltage, compass direction of flight and direction back to the takeoff point. The flight controller also has many built-in safety features that will command the Phantom to return to the takeoff point in the event of a Loss of Link (LOL). There is a low battery voltage indication at 20% battery power remaining, and a "hard" warning at 15% remaining that will begin a slow descent for landing. The user can define maximum flight parameters such as altitude and/or lateral distance from the GCS. The Phantom 2 has a 3 axis gimbal that provides stabilization for a small digital camera allowing for smooth

and accurate photo and video acquisition. The Phantom 2 carries a low power Video Transmitter that transmits live video feed data to a 7 inch LCD screen that displays live video data to the operator and/or Visual Observer (VO). In the Addendum below is the <u>DJI Phantom 2 User Manual</u>.

Tarot 680:

The Tarot 680 is a small VTOL hexacopter that is powered by 6 electric motors and a 5000 milliampere lithium polymer battery pack. It has a motor to motor "wingspan" of 30 inches, and has a ready to fly gross weight of 3.8 pounds. It can fly a mission of about 12 minutes on a fully charged battery pack, and has a maximum airspeed of approximately 29 knots. The Tarot 680 has an onboard flight controller (DJI Naza) with GPS integration that has the exact same operating and safety features and flight characteristics as the Phantom 2 described above (including the two battery low level warnings). The camera and camera gimbal carried onboard the Tarot 680 is the same as carried on the Phantom 2. The GSC for the Tarot 680 consists of a Spectrum DX9 RC transmitter used by the operator to control the UAV, as well as the same 7 inch LCD screen to view live video downlink images. In the Addendum below is a photograph of the Tarot 680 UAV and the related Ground Control System.

Ground Control Station (GCS):

The GCS consists simply of a hand-held RC transmitter used to pilot the UAV and a 7 inch LCD screen attached to the RC transmitter to view the live image of the on board camera. This makes the GCS very portable and allows for flexibility and ease of use. It is also very non-intrusive for observers and non-participants.

The RC transmitter transmits on the 2.4 GHZ band at a power of 100mw and requires no FCC license to operate. The 7 inch LCD screen receives and displays the video signal being transmitted from the 5.8 GHZ 400 mw video transmitter on board the UAV. This system *does* require an Amateur Radio License from the FCC. Mr. Miller holds a Technician Operator License from the FCC (FCC Registration # 0023625049 granted 05-12-2014) - a copy is included in the Addendum.

Pilot in Command:

Blaine N Miller is the founder and owner of Elevated Cinematics LLC and will be the sole PIC and operator of the UAV being flown. Mr. Miller is an active Part 121 air carrier pilot with more than 17 years of airline experience and over 14,000 flight hours logged. Mr. Miller currently holds and maintains an FAA First Class Medical certificate. Mr. Miller was graduated in 1995 from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Science. He has flown RC aircraft of various types for more than 30 years and has participated in competitions at the national level. He is a long time member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA # 154165). He has 2 years experience flying the UAV aircraft that will be flown under the desired exemption, with more than 50 hours of flight time and over 250 flight cycles flying the UAVs to be utilized. He is fully capable and familiar with the various operating procedures, limitations, and safety features of the equipment to be utilized as described in detail above and referenced in the applicable manufacturer manuals (see attached manufacturer manuals in the Addendum). Mr. Miller's qualifications and experience will allow him to maintain a safe and efficient operation that will preserve public safety and provide a useful and valuable service to both the clients of Elevated Cinematics LLC and the general public.

Visual Observer (VO):

Elevated Cinematics LLC will utilize a VO consistent with FAA and AMA established best practices.

- All operations will utilize a VO
- The PIC and VO will be able to communicate by voice at all times
- The PIC will brief the VO and others concerning the hazards unique to each flight
- The VO may not operate the aircraft
- The UAV will be operated in VLOS of the PIC and VO at all times
- The PIC will be aware of the sight limitations of the VO and plan the flight accordingly
- Electronic messaging, texting, or any other distracting activity shall not be permitted during flight operations
- The PIC shall be responsible to ensure that the VO is fully capable of performing the required duties

Operating Procedures:

UAV operations will be conducted for the purpose of collecting photo and video footage that will be used for assisting real estate brokers in advertising real property for sale, assisting construction and roofing contractors with detailed site inspection and project progress, and capturing other photo and video footage that would be either impractical or impossible using full size aircraft. The proposed operations would be conducted as follows:

- Before and after each flight, a Preflight Safety Checklist will be completed to ensure UAV and GSC airworthiness and status, as well as the consistency of condition that checklist usage provides instead of reliance on memory (see detailed Preflight Safety Checklist in Addendum).
- All aircraft will be maintained as part of the Preflight Safety Checklist, which mandates that before flight the UAV, GSC, and its separate components must be updated with the latest firmware version from the manufacturer as spelled out in the applicable Operating Manual. Aircraft will be checked before flight for overall condition, nicks or cracks in propellors, security of all fasteners, and for proper LED status light indications. Flight battery packs will not be used beyond the manufacturers recommended maximum number of cycles.
- Aircraft flights will terminate with not less than 20% useable battery life, or 3 minutes of flight time remaining
- Aircraft will be flown at a maximum altitude of 400 AGL and not more than 1/2 mile lateral distance from the PIC and VO to ensure VLOS at all times. Most flight missions require much less than these maximum distance values. These vertical and horizontal distance limits shall be monitored in real time by the telemetry data displayed on the GSC and will be set within the DJI Flight Controller as manual limits per the DJI Operator Manuals.
- Aircraft will be flown at a maximum airspeed of 30 knots (35 MPH)
- The minimum flight visibility for operations shall be 3 statute miles, and a minimum distance from clouds will be maintained (500 ft below and 2000 ft horizontally)
- Aircraft will never be flown via First Person View (FPV) by either the PIC or VO
- No flight operations will be conducted at night as defined by 14 CFR 1.1
- No flight operations shall be conducted closer than 5 nautical miles from any airport denoted on a current FAA published aeronautical chart unless a letter of agreement with that airport's management is obtained, and the operation is conducted in accordance with a NOTAM as required by the operator's COA.
- The UAV will remain clear and yield the right-of-way to all manned aircraft at all times
- The UAV will not be operated closer than 500 feet to any nonparticipating persons, vehicles, or vessels unless there is a structure or barrier to protect such persons or property from the UAV or debris in the event of an accident, or unless the owner of such vehicles/vessels has granted permission and the PIC has made a safety assessment of risk of operating closer to those objects and determined that it does not present an undue hazard, and that operations nearer to the PIC, VO, operator trainees or other essential persons do not present an undue hazard to those persons per FAR 91.119(a)
- The UAV will not be operated over any congested or densely populated areas.

- All provisions of the AMA Safety Code (see Addendum) will be adhered to as part of a best practices strategy.

Maintenance:

- All UAV and GSC equipment will be maintained by checked for manufacturer Firmware updates and Safety Bulletins
- No alterations or modifications will be performed unless such action will not pose any
 degradation in safety of performance, and a functional flight test will be performed to verify
 functionality and safety of the affected equipment.
- Any maintenance, repair, or alteration will be recorded in an aircraft logbook. PIC performed maintenance will be limited to replacing faulty/worn out components and updating Firmware per manufacturers specifications. Any other maintenance will be performed by the applicable manufacturer or their approved repair facility.
- Total flight time of the UAV and GSC shall be recorded in the aircraft logbook.
- Lithium polymer batteries shall not be used beyond the recommended service life or number of cycles as specified by the manufacturer.

The petitioner believes that the described operating procedures and limitations, maintenance plan, combined with the low weight, speed, and limited area of operation described for the intended missions will ensure a measure of safety equal to or greater than a full-size aircraft, and that the public will not be subject to any undue hazard.

SPECIFIC SECTIONS OF 14 CFR FROM WHICH ELEVATED CINEMATICS LLC SEEKS EXEMPTION AND THE EXTENT OF RELIEF SOUGHT AND THE REASON THAT THE RELIEF IS SOUGHT

- The petitioner believes that as per Section 333 of PL 112-95, and in consideration of the size, weight, speed, and limited operating area associated with the aircraft and it's operation, that relief from 14 CFR Part 21 Subpart H regarding Airworthiness Certificates is not necessary and therefore relief is not sought.

FAR Part 91.7(a) prescribes that -

No person may operate a civil aircraft unless it is in an airworthy condition.

Relief is requested to maintain an airworthy condition by compliance with the operating procedures, checklists, and documents prescribed in this petition prior to every flight.

Far Part 91.9 (b) 2 prescribes that -

- (b) No person may operate a U.S.-registered civil aircraft—
- (1) For which an Airplane or Rotorcraft Flight Manual is required by § 21.5 of this chapter unless there is available in the aircraft a current, approved Airplane or Rotorcraft Flight Manual or the manual provided for in § 121.141(b); and
- (2) (2) For which an Airplane or Rotorcraft Flight Manual is not required by § 21.5 of this chapter, unless there is available in the aircraft a current approved Airplane or Rotorcraft Flight Manual, approved manual material, markings, and placards, or any combination thereof.

Relief is requested to comply by keeping all relevant company operating procedures, limitations, logbooks, and checklists in a location accessible to the PIC.

Far Part 91.119 prescribes in part that -

Except when necessary for takeoff or landing, no person may operate an aircraft below the following altitudes:

(c) Over other than congested areas. An altitude of 500 feet above the surface, except over open water or sparsely populated areas. In those cases, the aircraft may not be operated closer than 500 feet to any person, vessel, vehicle, or structure.

Relief is sought for FAR 91.119 (c) because that UAV aircraft will be operated below 400 feet AGL and would not be able to comply with this subparagraph. Petitioner would operate in accordance with the limitations described in this petition or by any other limitations the FAA deems necessary.

Far Part 91.121 prescribes in part that -

- (a) Each person operating an aircraft shall maintain the cruising altitude or flight level of that aircraft, as the case may be, by reference to an altimeter that is set, when operating—
- (1) Below 18,000 feet MSL, to—

- (i) The current reported altimeter setting of a station along the route and within 100 nautical miles of the aircraft;
- (ii) If there is no station within the area prescribed in paragraph (a)(1)(i) of this section, the current reported altimeter setting of an appropriate available station; or
- (iii) In the case of an aircraft not equipped with a radio, the elevation of the departure airport or an appropriate altimeter setting available before departure; or
- (2) At or above 18,000 feet MSL, to 29.92" Hg.

Relief is sought because the UAV aircraft does not have a typical barometric altimeter on board, and all reported altitudes will be reported in feet AGL.

Far Part 91.151(a) prescribes that -

- (a) No person may begin a flight in an airplane under VFR conditions unless (considering wind and forecast weather conditions) there is enough fuel to fly to the first point of intended landing and, assuming normal cruising speed—
- (1) During the day, to fly after that for at least 30 minutes; or
- (2) At night, to fly after that for at least 45 minutes.
- (b) No person may begin a flight in a rotorcraft under VFR conditions unless (considering wind and forecast weather conditions) there is enough fuel to fly to the first point of intended landing and, assuming normal cruising speed, to fly after that for at least 20 minutes.

Relief is sought to operate at less than the prescribed minimums because UAV will never be flown more than 1/2 mile from the point of intended landing, and that safety will be maintained by monitoring the elapsed time in flight, real time battery voltage condition, and the 2 level low battery warnings detailed above in the UAV description. The PIC will never begin a flight unless there is enough power to fly to the intended point of landing at normal cruising speed and still land with 20% battery power remaining.

Far Part 91.405 (a), 91.407 (a) 1, 91.409 (a) 1 and 2, 91.417 (a) and (b) prescribe that -

91.405 (a)
Each owner or operator of an aircraft—

(a) Shall have that aircraft inspected as prescribed in subpart E of this part and shall between required inspections, except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, have discrepancies repaired as prescribed in part 43 of this chapter;

91.407 (a) 1

- (a) No person may operate any aircraft that has undergone maintenance, preventive maintenance, rebuilding, or alteration unless—
- (1) It has been approved for return to service by a person authorized under §43.7 of this chapter; and

91.409 (a) 1 and 2

- (a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, no person may operate an aircraft unless, within the preceding 12 calendar months, it has had—
- (1) An annual inspection in accordance with part 43 of this chapter and has been approved for return to service by a person authorized by §43.7 of this chapter; or (2) An inspection for the issuance of an airworthiness certificate in accordance with part 21 of this chapter.

91.417 (a) and (b)

- (a) Except for work performed in accordance with §§91.411 and 91.413, each registered owner or operator shall keep the following records for the periods specified in paragraph (b) of this section:
- (1) Records of the maintenance, preventive maintenance, and alteration and records of the 100-hour, annual, progressive, and other required or approved inspections, as appropriate, for each aircraft (including the airframe) and each engine, propeller, rotor, and appliance of an aircraft. The records must include—
- (i) A description (or reference to data acceptable to the Administrator) of the work performed; and
- (ii) The date of completion of the work performed; and
- (iii) The signature, and certificate number of the person approving the aircraft for return to service.
- (2) Records containing the following information:
- (i) The total time in service of the airframe, each engine, each propeller, and each rotor.
- (ii) The current status of life-limited parts of each airframe, engine, propeller, rotor, and appliance.
- (iii) The time since last overhaul of all items installed on the aircraft which are required to be overhauled on a specified time basis.
- (iv) The current inspection status of the aircraft, including the time since the last inspection required by the inspection program under which the aircraft and its appliances are maintained.
- (v) The current status of applicable airworthiness directives (AD) and safety directives including, for each, the method of compliance, the AD or safety

directive number and revision date. If the AD or safety directive involves recurring action, the time and date when the next action is required.

- (vi) Copies of the forms prescribed by §43.9(d) of this chapter for each major alteration to the airframe and currently installed engines, rotors, propellers, and appliances.
- (b) The owner or operator shall retain the following records for the periods prescribed:
- (1) The records specified in paragraph (a)(1) of this section shall be retained until the work is repeated or superseded by other work or for 1 year after the work is performed.
- (2) The records specified in paragraph (a)(2) of this section shall be retained and transferred with the aircraft at the time the aircraft is sold.
- (3) A list of defects furnished to a registered owner or operator under §43.11 of this chapter shall be retained until the defects are repaired and the aircraft is approved for return to service.

Relief from these sections is sought because it is our intention to perform any maintenance and inspections as described above and that this will ensure a high level of safety. As provided in the Preflight Safety Checklist (see Addendum) the PIC will be responsible for ensuring that the aircraft is in airworthy condition prior to every flight. The PIC will document any work performed as detailed above in the aircraft logbook as well as cumulative flight time.

THE REASONS WHY GRANTING THE REQUEST WOULD BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

Granting the present Petition would benefit the public interest by allowing Elevated Cinematics LLC to safely, efficiently, and economically provide commercial aerial photo and video services for a variety of clients. These services will allow our clients and end users to experience these photo and video assets thus enhancing their own businesses and creating economic opportunities for everyone involved.

In addition, it is our desire to play a role of constructive public education on the benefits and uses of civil UAV systems by being an example of what is possible when this new technology is used in a safe and useful manner.

The public would benefit as well from the decrease in the air pollution, noise, and potential danger of using large manned aircraft with flammable fuel on board and an internal combustion engine to accomplish what our UAV aircraft can do using small, quiet electric motors and a small battery pack.

THE REASONS WHY GRANTING THE REQUEST WOULD NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT SAFETY

Because of the speed, weight, size, and limited operating area associated with the proposed UAV aircraft operations, the Petitioner submits that our proposed flights would not create a hazard to other users of the NAS or to the public, or otherwise pose a threat to the national security. We also submit that Elevated Cinematics LLC can safely operate in the NAS pursuant to FMRA Section 333 because:

- 1. We have detailed the operating characteristics of the UAV system.
- 2. The PIC is qualified and has an abundance of operational experience.
- 3. We will operate pursuant to a detailed set of operating limitations and procedures as set forth in this Petition to ensure the highest level of safety to ourselves, our clients, and the public.

SUMMARY SUITABLE FOR THE PUBLIC REGISTER

Elevated Cinematics LLC seeks exemption from the requirements of 14 CFR Parts 91.7 (a), 91.9 (b) 2, 91.119, 91.121, 91.151 (a), 91.405 (a), 91.407 (a) 1, 91.409 (a) 1 and 2, 91.417 (a) and (b). This exemption will permit Elevated Cinematics LLC to commercially operate a UAV aircraft for the purpose of collecting aerial photo and video assets for a variety a clients.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, VIEWS, AND ARGUMENTS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT ELEVATED CINEMATICS LLC'S REQUEST

This Petition is made pursuant to the FAA Moderization and Reform Act of 2012 Section 333. As stated above, Elevated Cinematics LLC will operate safely in the NAS without creating an undue hazard to other users of the NAS, the general public, or by posing a threat to national security. Elevated Cinematics LLC operation will also provide a benefit to the public interest as detailed in this petition.

ADDENDUM

Included in this Addendum are the following documents in this order:

- 1. Preflight Safety Checklist
- 2. DJI Phantom 2 User Manual
- 3. Tarot 680 UAV photo
- 4. Tarot 680 GCS photo
- 5. FCC License
- 6. AMA Safety Code

ELEVATED CINEMATICS LLC PREFLIGHT SAFETY CHECKLIST

PREFLIGHT

- UAV/GS - ALL FAS - PROPE	SC BATTERIES STENERS / WIRING / CONNECTO LLERS	COMPLETEFULLY CHARGED ORSSECUREBALANCED, SECURE, NO DAMAGECOMPLETE
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PHANTOM 2 User Manual V1.4

For PHANTOM 2 Flight Controller Firmware version V3.10 & PHANTOM 2 Assistant version V3.8 & PHANTOM RC Assistant version V1.1 2015.01

Congratulations on purchasing your new DJI product. Please thoroughly read the entire contents of this manual to fully use and understand the product.

It is advised that you regularly check the PHANTOM 2's product page at **www.dji.com** which is updated on a regular basis. This will provide services such as product information, technical updates and manual corrections. Due to any unforeseen changes or product upgrades, the information contained within this manual is subject to change without notice.

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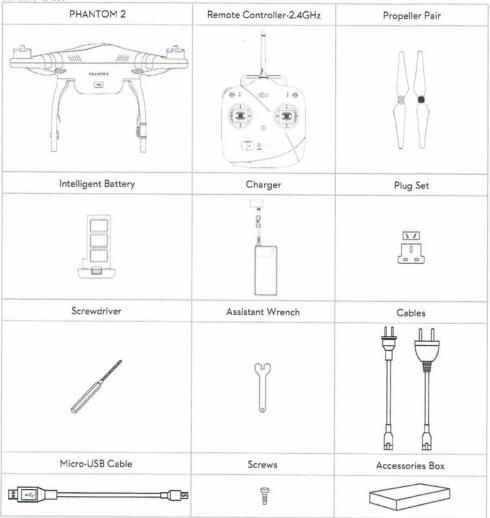
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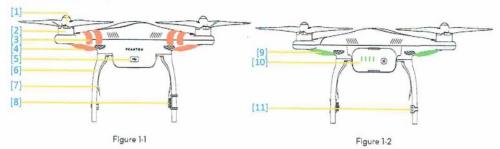
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Legend



1 PHANTOM 2 Aircraft



[1]Propeller [2]Motor [3]Front Side [4]Front LEDs [5]Micro-USB Port [6]Landing Gear [7]Receiver Antenna [8]CAN-Bus Connector [9]LED Flight Indicators [10]DJI Intelligent Battery [11]Compass

1.1 Built-in Flight Control System Instructions

The built-in flight control system is used to control the entire aircraft's functions in flight such as Pitch (forwards and backwards), Roll (left and right), Elevator (up and down) and Yaw (turn left or right). The flight controller contains the MC (Main Controller), IMU, GPS, compass, receiver.

The IMU (Inertial Measurement Unit) has a built-in inertial sensor and a barometric altimeter that measures both attitude and altitude. The compass reads geomagnetic information which assists the GPS (Global Position System) to accurately calculate the aircrafts position and height in order to lock the aircraft in a stable hover. The receiver is used to communicate with the remote controller and the MC acts as the brains of the complete flight control system connecting and controlling all the modules together.



The PHANTOM 2 can be configured in the Assistant, by choosing Naza-M mode or Phantom 2 mode.

This manual is for Phantom 2 mode. Please refer to the Naza-M V2 Quick Start Manual for more information.

1.2 Connections with Other DJI Products

PHANTOM 2 is compatible with other DJI products, including ZENMUSE H3-2D and H3-3D gimbal , iOSD mini , iOSD Mark II. Below are connections for these products and wireless video transmission module.

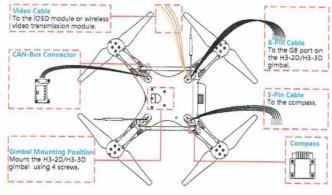


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Important Notes of Using with Other DJI Products

- The video cable can provide power for the wireless video transmission module with a battery voltage (11.1V-12.6V) and a maximum current 2A.
- (2) Make sure the working current of the wireless video transmission module you connect can work with an operational voltage between 11.1V-12.6V and the total working current of the iOSD and wireless video transmission module is under 2A, as an overcurrent will damage the central board's components. If the total current exceeds 2A, please be sure to provide power supplied from a separate power source for the wireless video transmission module.
- (3) PHANTOM 2 uses a 2.4GHz RC system. To avoid communication interference, it's not recommended to use other 2.4GHz devices (including 2.4G Wi-Fi or 2.4G wireless video transmission module) except the 2.4G Bluetooth and 2.4G Datalink.
- (4) Be sure to keep the wireless video transmission module and other communicating devices away from the compass during installation and connection to avoid interference.
- (5) To improve the compatibility with ZENMUSE gimbals, the latest factory deliveries of PHANTOM 2 has updated to the Version 2 shown below. H3-2D/H3-3D gimbal can be directly installed for the Version 2 while for Version 1, a H3-3D adapter kit (coming soon) is required to install the H3-3D gimbal.

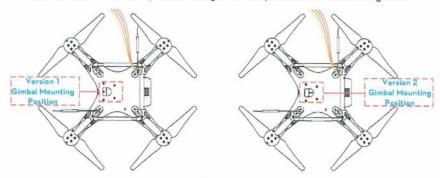


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(6) When using the H3-3D gimbal, please connect the 8-Pin cable of PHANTOM 2 to the G8 port of H3-3D shown below.



Figure 1-5

Connections with Other DJI Products

(1) Connecting the H3-2D and H3-3D gimbal and wireless video transmission module, the figure below uses H3-2D as an example.

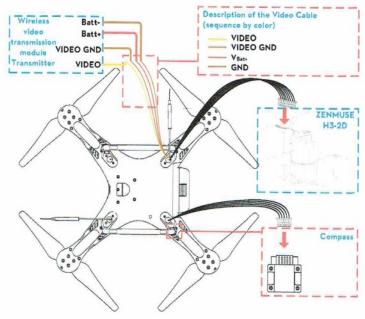


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(2) Connecting the H3-2D and H3-3D gimbal, iOSD mini and wireless video transmission module, the figure below uses H3-2D as an example.

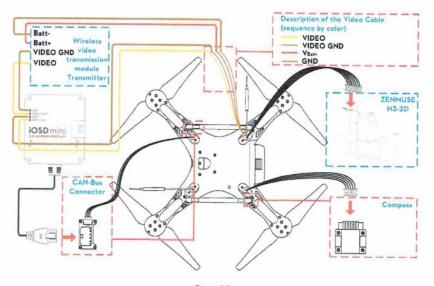


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(3) Connecting the H3-2D and H3-3D gimbal, iOSD mini and DJI specified wireless video transmission module AVL58, the figure below uses H3-2D as an example.

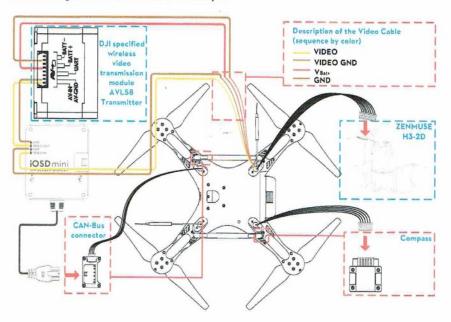


Figure 1-8



We recommend connecting the VBall- port of the video cable to the two BATT+ ports of the AVL58 simultaneously. The same is true of the GND port of the video cable and two BATT- ports.

(4) Connecting the H3-2D and H3-3D gimbal, iOSD Mark II and wireless video transmission module, the figure below uses H3-2D as an example.

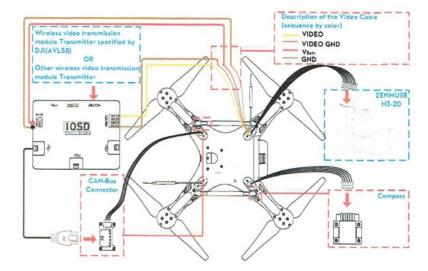
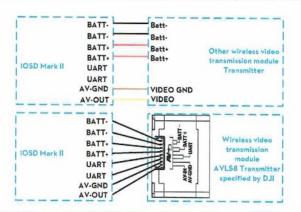


Figure 1-9

The diagram below illustrates the conneciton between the iOSD Mark II and the wireless video transmission module.





Use the 8-Pin cable in the iOSD Mark II package when connecting to the DJI specified wireless video transmission module AVL58.

(5) Using the iPad Ground Station

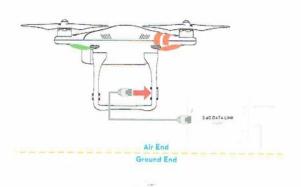




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Connect the Air End of 2.4G Bluetooth Datalink to a spared CAN-Bus port of iOSD if an iOSD is used.

(6) Using the PC Ground Station

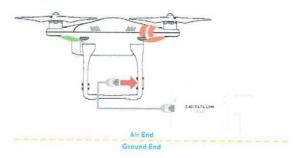




Figure 1-11

1.3 LED Flight Indicators Description

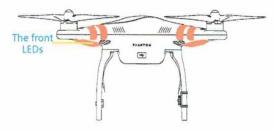
1. **LED flight indicators** are used to show the aircraft's current status. Once powered on, the indicators will light



Aircraft in Normal status	Descriptions	
00000	Power On Self-Test	
0000	Warming Up & Aircraft cannot take off during warming up	
00000	Ready to Fly	
00000	Ready to Fly (non-GPS)	
Aircraft in abnormal status	Warnings and errors	
000000	Remote Controller Signal Lost	
0000	1st Level Low Battery Capacity Warning	
000000	2 nd Level Low Battery Capacity Warning	
000	Not Stationary or Sensor Bias is too big	
NOTE STATE OF STATE O	Errors & Aircraft cannot fly.	
• • • •	Compass data abnormal because of ferro-magnetic interference of the compass needs calibration.	



- The LED indicators diagram above are for Phantom 2 mode. In Naza-M mode, LED indicators will work according to the Naza-M flight control system.
- (2) Connect to the PHANTOM 2 Assistant for detailed information about warnings and errors.
- 2. The front LEDs are for indicating where the nose of the aircraft is. They light up solid red only after the motors have spooled up.



1.4 Notes for PHANTOM 2 using with other DJI products

Before using PHANTOM 2 with other DJI products, users should connecting the products correctly and upgrade the firmware as requirements below.

Items to upgrade	Firmware versions required	Assistant for upgrading	Assistant version
P330CB (built-in central board)	V1.0.1.19 or above	PHANTOM 2	V1.08 or above
Zenmuse H3-2D	CMU V1.0 , IMU V1.6 or above	PHANTOM 2	V1.08 or above
iOSD Mark II	V3.01 or above	iOSD	V4.0 or above
iOSD mini	V1.06 or above	iOSD	V4.0 or above

^{*}The iOSD Assistant is applied to both iOSD Mark II and iOSD mini.

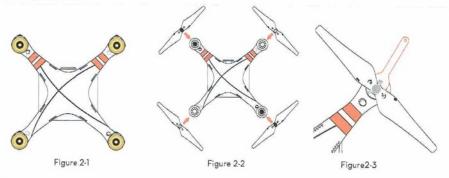
2 Propellers

PHANTOM 2 uses the original 9-inch propellers which are classified by the color of each central nut. Damaged propellers should be replaced by purchasing new ones if necessary.

Propellers	Grey Nut (9450)	Black Nut (9450 R)
Diagram	000	Trong a
Assembly Location	Attach to the motor thread that does not have a black dot.	Attach to the motor thread that has a black dot.
Fastening/Un-fastening	Lock: Tighten the propeller in the	

2.1 Assembly

- 1. (Figure 2-1) Remove the four warning cards from the motors after you've read them.
- (Figure 2-2) Prepare the two grey nut propellers and two black nut propellers. Make sure to match the black nut propellers with the correctly marked black dot motors. Tighten the propellers according to the fastening instructions.



2.2 Disassembly

(Figure 2-3) Keep the motor deadlocked in place with the assistant wrench (or one hand) and remove the propeller according to the un-fastening instructions.

2.3 Notes

- 1. Propellers are self tightening during flight. DO NOT use any thread locker on the threads.
- 2. Make sure to match the propeller nut colors with the corresponding motors.
- 3. It is advised to wear protective gloves during propeller assembly and removal.
- 4. Check that the propellers and motors are installed correctly and firmly before every flight.
- Check that all propellers are in good condition before flight. DO NOT use any ageing, chipped, or broken propellers.
- 6. To avoid injury, STAND CLEAR of and DO NOT touch the propellers or motors when they are spinning.
- 7. ONLY use original DJI propellers for a better and safer flight experience.

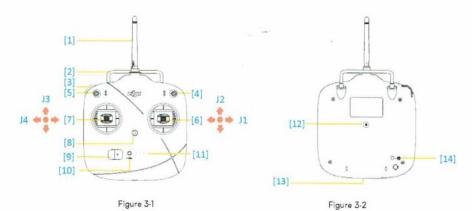
3 Remote Controller

The PHANTOM 2 remote controller can be configured in the PHANTOM RC Assistant. The sticks mode is Mode 2 on delivery.



For upgraded remote controller (models: NDJ6 or NRC900), select "Upgrade Version" in Phantom Assistant.

For basic remote controller (models: DJ6 or RC900), select "Basic Version" in Phantom Assistant.



[1]Antenna [2]Carrying Handle [3]Left Dial [4]3-Position Switch S1 [5]3-Position Switch S2 [6]Joystick1(J1;J2) [7]Joystick2(J3;J4) [8]Neck Strap Attachment [9]Power Switch [10]Power Indicator [11]Battery Level Indicators LED1/LED2/LED3/LED4 (from left to right) [12]Trainer Port [13]Battery Charge & RC Assistant Port (micro-USB port) [14] Potentiometer

3.1 Power on the Remote Controller

- Set the S1 and S2 switches to the upper most position and ensure both joysticks are at the mid-point position. Then toggle on the power switch.
- Push the power switch to the right to power on the remote controller. If the power LED indicator is solid on, the remote controller is functioning normally. The battery level indicators display the current battery level.



- Please make sure the battery level of remote controller is enough. If the low voltage warning alert sounds (refer to <Remote Controller Power LED Indicator Status>), please recharge the battery as soon as possible.
- 1
- 2. Charge the remote controller's battery by using the included micro-USB cable. Using the incorrect type of charging cable may cause damage.
- 3. Turn off the remote controller before charging. The power LED indicator will display solid red when charging is in progress. The LED indicators will display solid green when the battery is fully charged.

3.2 Remote Controller LED Indicator Status

3.2.1 Remote Controller Power LED Indicator Status

Power LED Indicator	Sound	Remote Controller Status
SOURCESSON	None	Functioning normally.
	None	Charging(remote controller is powered off)
	None	Remote controller joysticks calibration error, need to be re-calibrate
601.01.02.05.00	BBBB	Low voltage (from 3.5V-3.53V), recharge the remote controller.
*****	B-B-B	Critical low voltage (from 3.45V-3.5V). Recharge the remote controller immediately.
● ● ● BB-B		Alert will sound after 15 minutes of inactivity. It will stop once you start using the remote controller.



The remote controller will power off automatically when battery voltage drops below 3.45V. Land and recharge the battery as soon as possible when the low voltage alert occurs to avoid loss of control during flight.

3.2.2 Remote Controller Battery Level Indicator Status

The battery level indicators will show the current battery level during both the discharging process. The following is a description of the indicators.





Discha	Discharging process				
LEDI	LED2	LED3	LED4	Current battery level	
		51		75%~100%	
				50%~75%	
7				25%~50%	
	183			12.5%~25%	
0		150		0%~12.5%	
				<0%	

3.3 Antenna Orientation

The remote controller's antenna should point skywards without obstructions for maximum communication range during flight.



Figure 3-3

3.4 Remote Controller Operation

The operations of remote controller are based on mode 2 stick configuration.

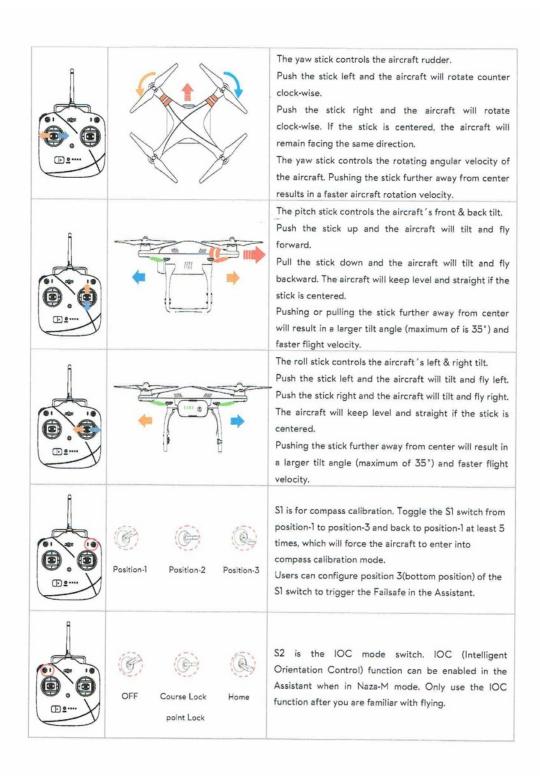
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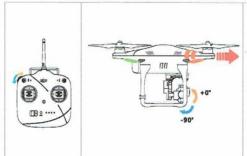
The 'stick neutral' positions and 'stick released' mean the control sticks of the remote controller are placed at the central position.

To 'move the stick' means that the stick of remote controller is pushed away from the central position.

Slide Lever is used for the pitch control of the H3-2D and H3-3D gimbal.

Remote Controller (Mode 2)	Aircraft (nose direction)	Operation details
		The throttle stick controls aircraft altitude/elevation. Push the stick up and the aircraft will rise. Pull the stick down and the aircraft will descend. The aircraft will automatically hover and hold its altitude if the sticks are centered. Push the throttle stick above the centered (mid-point) position to make the aircraft take off. When flying, we suggest that you push the throttle stick slowly to prevent the aircraft from sudden and unexpected elevation changes.





The left dial controls the pitch of the H3-2D and H3-3D gimbal. The position of left dial determines the pitch angle relative to the horizontal level.

Turn the left dial to the right to make the gimbal pitch up.

Turn the left dial to the left to make the gimbal pitch down.

The gimbal will keep its current position if the dial is static.



- (1) For 'Ready to Fly' the aircraft will hover when all sticks are released.
- (2) For 'Ready to Fly (non-GPS)' the aircraft will only keep the altitude when all sticks are released.

3.5 Linking the Remote Controller & Built-in Receiver

PHANTOM 2 has a built-in receiver, the link button and indicator located on the bottom of the aircraft as illustrated in the Figure 3-4.

The link between the remote controller and aircraft is already established for you so you can initially skip this procedure. If you ever replace the remote controller, re-establishing the link is required.

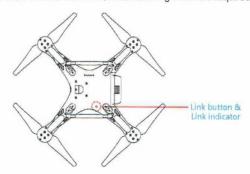


Figure 3-4

Linking procedures

- 1. Power on the PHANTOM 2.
- 2. Turn on the remote controller and place it 0.5m-1m away from the aircraft.
- 3. Push the link button with a thin object and hold it until the Link indicator blinks red, then release it.
- When the Link indicator turns solid green, the link between the remote controller and the built-in receiver
 has been successfully established.

Link Indicator	Status
	The remote controller is turned off and there is no 2.4GHz signal around, please turn on the remote controller.
•••••	The receiver is ready for linking.
000000	There is 2.4GHz signal around but the remote controller is not linked with the receiver

	please carry out the linking procedures.	
WWW.	The remote controller is linked with the receiver successfully.	

4 Intelligent Battery

The intelligent battery is specially designed for the PHANTOM 2, with a battery capacity of 5200mAh, voltage of 11.1V and charge-discharge management functionality. The battery should only be charged with the DJI charger.



Intelligent Battery

Charger

		,
DJI Ir	telligent Battery Functions	
(1)	Balance Charging	Automatically balance the voltage of each battery cell during charging.
(2)	Capacity Display	Display the current battery level.
(7)	C	The main controller communicates with the battery via communication ports
(3)	Communicating	for battery voltage, capacity, current and other information.
(4)	Overshaming Besteville	Charging stops automatically when the battery voltage reaches 12.8V to
(4)	Overcharging Protection	prevent overcharging damage.
(5)	Over Discharging	Discharging stops automatically when the battery voltage reaches $8.4 \ensuremath{\text{V}}$ to
	Protection	prevent over discharging damage.
(6)	Short Circuit Protection	Automatically cuts off the power supply when a short circuit is detected.
		The battery will enter sleep mode after 10 minutes of inactivity to save
(7)	Sleep Protection	power. The static current is 10nA in sleep mode when the battery is
		powered on without connecting to other devices.
(8)	Charging Temperature	The battery will charge only when its temperature is within 0°C~55°C. If the
	Detection	battery temperature is out of this range, the battery will stop charging.



- Before use, please read and follow the user manual, disclaimer, and the warnings on the battery.
 Users take full responsibility for all operations and usage.
- (2) The battery should only be charged with the charger provided by DJI. DJI does not take any responsibility for operation of any charger from a third party.

4.1 Charging Procedures

- 1. Connect the charger to a wall socket (Use the plug set if necessary).
- Connect the battery to the charger. If the current capacity of the battery is over 75%, you should power on the battery to begin charging.
- 3. The Battery Level indicators display current capacity level as the battery charges. Please refer to battery

level indicator description for details.

 The battery is fully charged when the Battery Level indicator lights are off. Please disconnect the charger and battery when the charging is completed.



4.2 Install the Battery

Push the battery into the battery compartment correctly as the following diagram shows. Make sure to push the battery into the compartment until you hear a 'click' sound.

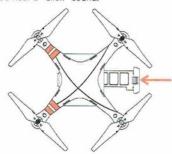


Figure 4-1

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An incorrectly inserted battery may cause one of the following to occur: (1) Bad contact. (2) Unavailable battery information. (3) Unsafe for flight. (4) Unable to take off.

4.3 Battery Usage

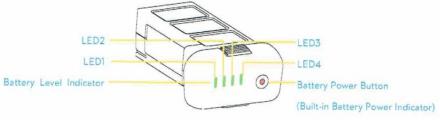


Figure 4-2

- (1) Checking the battery level: When the battery is powered off; pressing the battery power button once will indicate the current battery level. Refer to < Battery Level Indicator Description> for details.
- (2) Powering on: When the battery is powered off; press the battery power button once and then press and hold for 2 seconds to turn on the intelligent battery.
- (3) Powering off: When the battery is powered on; press the battery power button once and then press and hold for 2 seconds to turn off the intelligent battery.

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(4) Checking the battery life: When the battery is powered off; press and hold the battery power button for 5 seconds to check the battery life. The battery level indicators will show the life and the battery power indicator will blink for 10 seconds, then all LEDs will light out and the intelligent battery will turn off. Refer to < Battery Level Indicator Description» for details.



More battery information is available in the battery tab of the PHANTOM 2 Assistant.

4.4 Description of the Battery Level Indicator

The battery level indicators will show the current battery level during both the charging and discharging process as well as battery life. The following is a description of the indicators.

- : The LED is solid on : The LED will blink regularly
- : The LED is light off

Charging process					
LED1	LED2	LED3	LED4	Current battery level	
			1000	0%-25%	
				25%~50%	
		0		50%~75%	
0	0	0	0	75%~100%	
	100	180		Full charged	

DISCIPE	rging pro			
LED1	LED2	LED3	LED4	Current battery level
	170			87.5%~100%
	LUN			75%~87.5%
				62.5%~75%
		•		50%~62.5%
10				37.5%~50%
	0			25%~37.5%
				12.5%-25%
0		1500		0%~12.5%
		100	100	<0%

Batter	y life			
LED1	LED2	LED3	LED4	Current battery life
Ratio	1			90%~100%

VALUE OF THE PARTY	R/M	1000	20 20
NAME OF TAXABLE PARTY.	IN.	NAME .	80%~90%
	ii da		70%~80%
	RA		60%~70%
			50%~60%
	0		40%~50%
			30%~40%
0			20%~30%
		K	Less than 20%

4.5 Correct Battery Usage Notes

- 1. Never plug or unplug the battery into the aircraft when it is powered on.
- The battery should be charged in an environment that is between 0°C to 40°C, and be discharged in an
 environment that is between -20°C to 50°C. Both charging and discharging should be in an environment
 where the relative humidity is lower than 80%.
- 3. It's recommended to charge and discharge the battery thoroughly once every 20 charge/discharge cycles. Users should discharge the battery until there is less than 8% power left or until the battery can no longer be turned on. Users should then fully recharge the battery to maximum capacity. This power cycling procedure will ensure the battery is working at its optimal level.
- 4. For long term storage please place the battery with only a 40~50% capacity in a strong battery box securely. We recommend discharging and charging the battery completely once every 3 months to keep it in good condition. The capacity should be varied in such a cycle (40%-50%)—0%—100%—(40%-50%).
- It's suggested you purchase a new battery after you have discharged your current battery over 300 times.
 Please completely discharge a battery prior to disposal.
- 6. It's suggested that you purchase a new battery if the current battery is swollen or damaged in any way.
- 7. Never try to recharge or fly with a battery that is swollen or damaged in any way.
- Never charge the battery unattended. Always charge the battery on a non-flammable surface such as
 concrete and never near any flammable materials.
- 9. Safety is extremely important and users can get more information in the DISCLAIMER.

5 Calibrating the Compass

IMPORTANT: Make sure to perform the Compass Calibration procedures prior to the first flight.

The compass is very sensitive to electromagnetic interference which causes abnormal compass data and leads to poor flight performance or even flight failure. Regular calibration of the compass enables the compass to perform at its optimal level.

5.1 Calibration Warnings

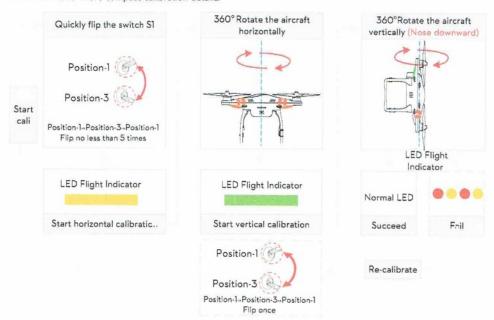
(1) DO NOT calibrate your compass where there is a possibility for the existence of strong magnetic interference such as magnetite, parking structures, and steel reinforcement underground.



- (2) DO NOT carry ferromagnetic materials with you during calibration such as keys or cellular phones.
- (3) Compass Calibration is very important; otherwise the flight control system will work abnormally.

5.2 Calibration Procedures

Please carry out the calibrating procedures in the flight field before flight. Please watch the quick start video of the PHANTOM 2 for more compass calibration details.



5.3 When Recalibration is required

- (1) When Compass Data is abnormal, the LED flight indicator will blink alternating between red and yellow.
- (2) Last compass calibration was performed at a completely different flying field/location.
- (3) The mechanical structure of the aircraft has changed, i.e. changed mounting position of the compass.
- (4) Evident drifting occurs in flight, i.e. the aircraft doesn't fly in straight lines.

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6 Flight

6.1 Flying Environment Requirements

- (1) Before your first flight, please allow yourself some flight training (Using a flight simulator to practice flying, getting instruction from an experienced person, etc.).
- (2) DO NOT fly in bad weather, such as rain or wind (more than moderate breeze) or fog.
- (3) The flying field should be open and void of tall buildings or other obstacles; the steel structure within buildings may interfere with the compass.



- (4) Keep the aircraft away from obstacles, crowds, power lines, trees, lakes and rivers etc.
 - (5) Try to avoid interference between the remote controller and other wireless equipment (No base stations or cell towers around).
 - (6) The flight control system will not work properly at the South Pole or North Pole.
 - (7) Never use the aircraft in a manner that infringes upon or contravenes international or domestic lays and regulations.

6.2 Starting the Motors

A Combination Stick Command (CSC) is used to start the motors. Push the sticks according to one of the options below to start motors. Once the motors have started, release both sticks simultaneously. The same CSC is used to stop the motors.

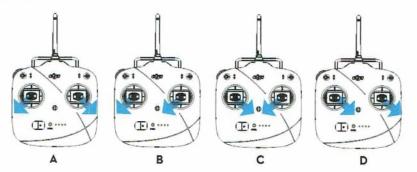


Figure 6-1

6.3 Takeoff/Landing Procedures

- 1. Start by placing the PHANTOM 2 on the ground with the battery level indicators facing you.
- 2. Turn on the remote controller.
- 3. Power on the aircraft by turning on the intelligent battery.
- 4. When LED flight indicator blinks green/yellow, the PHANTOM 2 is entering Ready to Fly/Ready to Fly (non-GPS) mode. Start the motors with the CSC command.
- 5. Push the throttle stick up slowly to lift the aircraft off the ground. Refer to <Remote Controller Operation> for more details.
- 6. Be sure you are hovering over a level surface. Pull down the throttle stick to descend. The stick will lock into

place and the aircraft will descend steadily.

7. After landing, leave the throttle stick down for 3 to 5 seconds to stop the motors. Return throttle stick to middle position after the motors have stopped.



You SHOULD NOT execute the CSC during normal flight! This will stop the motors and cause the aircraft to descend rapidly and drop without any type of control.

- (1) When the LED flight indicator blinks yellow rapidly during flight, the aircraft has entered into Failsafe mode, refer to «Failsafe Function» for details.
- (2) A low battery capacity warning is indicated by the LED flight indicator blinking red slowly or rapidly during flight. Refer to the <Low Battery Capacity Warning Function> for details.
- (3) Watch the quick start video about flight for more flight information.



- (4) Aircraft and battery performance is subject to environmental factors such as air density and temperature. Be very careful when flying 3000 meters (9800 feet) or more above sea level, as battery and aircraft performance may be reduced.
 - (5) When used with a H3-3D gimbal, a GoPro camera, and the iOSD mini, your Phantom 2 will be very close to its maximum takeoff weight. It is not recommended that you attach the Phantom 2 propeller guards at this weight. Otherwise, the aircraft will be unable to fly normally.

6.4 Failsafe Function

The aircraft will enter Failsafe mode when the connection from the remote controller is lost. The flight control system will automatically control the aircraft to return to home and land to reduce injuries or damage. The following situations would make the aircraft fail to receive a signal from the remote controller and enter Failsafe mode:

- (1) The remote controller is powered off.
- (2) The remote controller is powered on but the S1 is toggled in the position triggering the Failsafe (this must have been configured in the PHANTOM 2 Assistant).
- (3) The aircraft has flown out of the effective communication range of the remote controller.
- (4) There is an obstacle obstructing the signal between the remote controller and the aircraft, essentially reducing the distance the signal can travel.
- (5) There is interference causing a signal problem with the remote controller.

Failsafe works differently depending on the mode the aircraft is in when Failsafe mode is initiated whether it is in the Ready to Fly or Ready to Fly (non-GPS) mode.

Ready to Fly (non-GPS) ---- Automatic landing

The flight control system will try to keep the aircraft level during descent and landing. Note that the aircraft may be drifting during the descent and landing process.

Ready to Fly --- Automatic go home and land

The flight control system will automatically control the aircraft to fly back to the home point and land.

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Home Point

When the aircraft is initializing the Ready to Fly status, the aircraft will record the current GPS coordinates as the home point. It is recommended to lift off only after Ready to Fly status is confirmed for the safety of being able to fly back to home point successfully in case the Failsafe mode is initiated.

Go Home Procedures

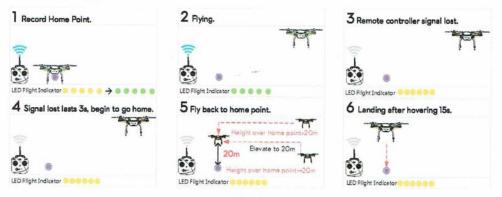


Figure 6-2

- (1) In a Failsafe situation, if less than 6 GPS satellites are found for more than 20 seconds, the aircraft will descend automatically.
 - (2) When the aircraft is landing automatically, users can control the aircraft's position and altitude if the remote controller signal is recovered.

In Phantom 2 mode, users can set a new home point manually when the aircraft is in "Ready to fly" status as long as a home point has been recorded automatically. Quickly flipping the S2 switch of the remote controller from upper most to lower most positions 5 times or more will reset the current aircraft position as a new home point of PHANTOM 2. When successfully reset, you will see a series of rapid green blinks on the LED Flight Indicator. The definition of "home point" is:



- (1) The home point is the place PHANTOM 2 returns to when the control signal is lost, which is recorded last time.
- (2) The home point is used to calculate the horizontal distance between you and the aircraft, the distance will be displayed as if using iOSD module.

Regaining Control during Failsafe Procedure

Position of		(F)	(4)
Switch S1	Position-1	Position-2	Position-3 (No triggering the Failsafe)
How to regain control	When the S1 switch is switched to Position-1, toggle the S1 switch to any other position once to regain control. If remote controller's signal is recovered, control is returned back to the pilot.	Regain cont	rol as soon as signal is

6.5 Low Battery Capacity Warning Function

The low battery capacity warning alerts users when the battery is close to depletion during flight. When it appears, users should promptly fly back and land to avoid accidental damage. The PHANTOM 2 has two levels of low battery capacity warning. The first appears when the battery has less than 30% power and the second appears when it has less than 15% power.

- (1) When battery power drops below 30% and LED indicator will blink red slowly.
- (2) At lower than 15% the LED indicator will blink red rapidly, the PHANTOM 2 will also begin to descend and land automatically. After it has landed, keep the throttle stick at its lowest point or execute CSC.
- (3) There is a hidden third low battery threshold in addition to the 1st and 2nd level warnings. This uses 10.65V as its threshold. Both this voltage threshold and the 2nd Level Low Battery Warning will trigger auto-landing. Altitude can be maintained if necessary by pushing up on the throttle stick.





(2) Keeping the battery contact needles and pads clean is very important. Any dirt and dust may cause a communication failure.

6.6 Flight Limits Function

All UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) operators should abide by all regulations from such organizations at ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization) and per country airspace regulations. For safety reasons, the flight limits function is enabled by default to help users use this product safely and legally. The flight limits function includes height, distance limits.

In Ready to Fly status, height, distance limits works together to restrict the flight. In Ready to Fly (non-GPS) status, only height limit works and the flying height restricted to be not over 120m.



- The default parameters in the Assistant is compliant within the definitions of class G ruled by ICAO. (Refer to <u>Airspace Classification</u> to get more details). As each country has its own rules, make sure to configure the parameters to comply with these rules too, before using the PHANTOM 2.
- (2) Users in Mainland China can refer to 民用航空空域使用办法.

Max Height & Radius Limits

The Max Height & Radius restricts the flying height and distance. Configuration can be done in the PHANTOM 2 Assistant. Once complete, your aircraft will fly in a restricted cylinder.

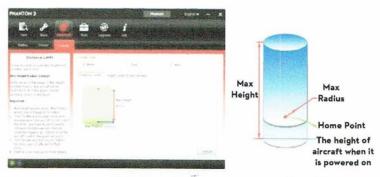


Figure 6-3

Figure 6-4

Ready to Fly				
	Limits	Ground Station	Rear LED flight indicator	
Max Height	The flight height is restricted to fly under the max height.	Warning: Height limit reached.	None.	
Max Radius	The flight distance is restricted to fly within the max radius.	Warning: Distance limit reached.	Rapid red flashings •••••• when close to the Max radius limit	

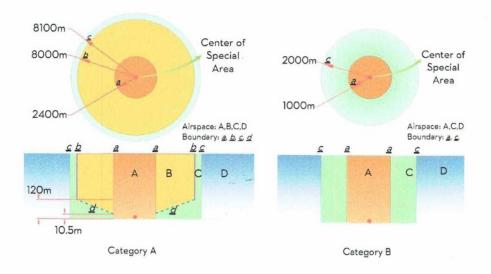
	Flight Limits	Ground Station	Rear LED flight indicato
Max Height	The flight height is restricted to fly under the minor height between the Max height and 120m.	Warning: Height limit reached.	None.
Max Radius	Max height and 120m.	d, no warnings or LED indicators.	



- (1) If the aircraft flies out of the limits, you can still control your aircraft except to fly it further away.
- (2) If the aircraft is flying out of the max radius in Ready to Fly (non-GPS) status, it will fly back within the limits range automatically if 6 or more GPS satellites have been found.

6.7 Flight Limits of Special Areas

Special areas include airports worldwide. All special areas are listed on the DJI official website. Please refer to http://www.dji.com/flv-safe/category-mc for details. These areas have been divided into category A and category B.



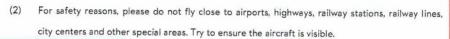
Airspace	Limits	Rear LED Flight Indicato
	Motors will not start.	
A Orange	If the Phantom flies into a special area in Ready to Fly (non-GPS) mode and Ready to Fly mode activates, it will automatically descend and land then stop its motors.	
B Yellow	If the Phantom flies into a special area in Ready to Fly (non-GPS) mode and Ready to Fly mode activates, it will descend to airspace C and hover 5 meters below edge <u>d</u> .	000000
C Green	No restrictions of flight, but the Phantom will not enter Category A, the aircraft can fly free, but it will not enter Airspace B through Boundary <u>b & d</u> . Around Category B sites, the phantom can fly freely, but it will not enter into Airspace A through Boundary <u>a</u> .	
D Blue	No restrictions.	None.

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Semi-automatic descent: All stick commands are available except the throttle stick command during the descent and landing process. Motors will stop automatically after landing. Users will regain control once the motors have stopped. There is no need to toggle the S1 switch.

(1) When flying in the airspace (A/B/C) of restricted special area, LED flight indicators will blink red quickly and continue for 3 seconds, then switch to indicate current flying status and continue for 5 seconds at which point it will switch back to red blinking.



6.8 Conditions of Flight Limits

In different working modes and flight modes, flight limits will differ according to number of GPS satellites found. The following table demonstrates all the cases($\sqrt{:}$ available; $\times:$ unavailable).

All flights are restricted by height, distance and special areas simultaneously.

Phantom mode				
Flight Status	Limits of Special Area	Max Height	Max Radius	
Ready to Fly	√	√	√	
Ready to Fly (non-GPS)	×	√	×	

Naza-M mode				
Control Mode	number of GPS found	Limits of Special Area	Max Height	Max Radius
GPS	≥6	√	√	√
013	< 6	×	√	×
ATTI.	≥6	√	√	×
	< 6	×	√	×
Manual	≥6	×	×	×
	< 6	×	×	×

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7 Assistant Installation and Configuration

7.1 Installing Driver and PHANTOM 2 Assistant

Installing and running on Windows

- Download driver installer and Assistant installer in EXE format from the download page of PHANTOM 2 on the DJI website.
- 2. Connect the PHANTOM 2 to a PC via a Micro-USB cable.
- 3. Run the driver installer and follow the prompts to finish installation.
- 4. Next, run the Assistant installer and follow the prompts to finish installation.
- 5. Double click the PHANTOM 2 icon on your Windows desktop to launch the software.



The installer in EXE format only supports Windows operating systems (Win XP, Win7, Win8 (32 or 64 bit)).

Installing and running on Mac OS X

- Download the Assistant installer in DMG format from the download page of PHANTOM 2 on the DJI website.
- 2. Run the installer and follow the prompts to finish installation.



When launching for the first time if use Launchpad to run the PHANTOM 2 Assistant, Launchpad won't
allow access because the software has not been reviewed by Mac App Store.



- 4. Locate the PHANTOM 2 icon in the Finder, press the Control key and then click the PHANTOM 2 icon (or right-click the PHANTOM 2 icon using a mouse). Choose Open from the shortcut menu, click open in the prompt dialog box and then software will launch.
- After the first successful launch, directly launching of the software can be achieved by double-clicking the PHANTOM 2 icon in the Finder or using Launchpad.





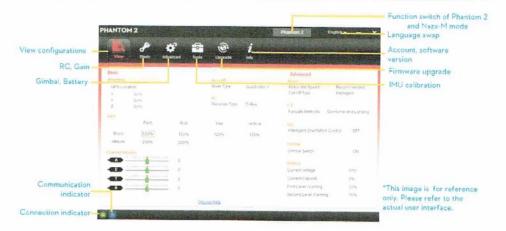
Installer in DMG format supports only Mac OS X 10.6 or above.



Usage of PHANTOM 2 Assistant on Mac OS X and Windows are exactly the same. The Assistant pages appear in other places of this manual are on the Windows for example.

7.2 Using the PHANTOM 2 Assistant on a PC

- Start up the PC, power on the PHANTOM 2, then connect the PHANTOM 2 to the PC with a Micro-USB cable. DO NOT disconnect until configuration is finished.
- Run the PHANTOM 2 Assistant and wait for the PHANTOM 2 to connect to the Assistant. Observe the indicators on the bottom of the screen. When connected successfully, the connection indicator is and communication indicator is blinking.
- 3. Choose [Basic] or [Advanced] configuration pages.
- 4. View and check the current configuration in the [View] page.



- (1) Users should not enable the Naza-M function before finishing Advanced Flight Maneuvers procedure in the "PHANTOM Pilot Training Guide". If the Naza-M mode is enabled, users can switch the control mode between ATTI. Mode, GPS Mode or Manual Mode, and access the advanced settings (e.g. IOC). In addition, the LED located on the rear frame arms will display Naza-M flight status indications instead of the PHANTOM 2's indicators. Do not enable the Naza-M mode unless you are an experienced user or guided by a professional.
- (2) You can change to the Phantom 2 mode by clicking the same button used to turn on the Naza-M mode. This operation will disable the Naza-M mode and enable Phantom 2 mode. All parameters will be returned to factory settings.

7.3 Firmware upgrade of PHANTOM 2

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Please refer to the PHANTOM 2 Assistant to install driver and PHANTOM RC Assistant, and then follow the procedures below to upgrade the software and firmware; otherwise the PHANTOM 2 might not work properly.

- 1. An internet connection is required to upgrade PHANTOM 2's firmware.
- Click the [Upgrade] icon to check the current firmware version and whether the installed firmware is the latest version. If not, click the relative links to upgrade.
- Be sure to wait until the Assistant shows "finished". Click OK and power cycle the PHANTOM 2 after 5 seconds. Once completed, the firmware is up to date.



(1) DO NOT power off until the upgrade is finished.



(2) If the firmware upgrade failed, the main controller will enter a waiting for firmware upgrade status automatically. If this happens, repeat the above procedures.



Firmware upgradable items: (1) Main Controller (2) P330CB(Main Board) (3) Receiver (4) Gimbal CMU (5) Gimbal IMU (6) Battery

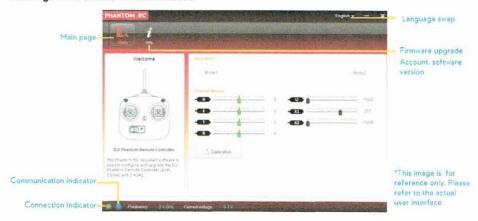
7.4 PHANTOM RC Assistant Description

Please follow the procedures to finish the configuration of the remote controller. ©2013-2015 DJI. All Rights Reserved.33 |

- 1. Turn off the remote controller and find the Micro-USB port on the bottom of it.
- Start up the PC, power on the remote controller, and then connect the remote controller to the PC with a Micro-USB cable. DO NOT disconnect until the configuration is finished.
- 3. Run the PHANTOM RC Assistant and wait for the remote controller to connect to the Assistant. Observe the indicators on the bottom left of the screen. When connected successfully, the connection indicator is and communication indicator is blinking.
- 4. Finish configuration in the [Main] page.
- 5. Finish upgrade in the [Info] page if necessary.



Main Page of the 2.4GHz Remote Controller



8 Appendix

8.1 Specifications

Aircraft	
Operating environment temperature	-10°C to 50°C
Power consumption	5.6W
Supported Battery	DJI Intelligent battery
Weight (including the battery)	1000g
Take-off Weight	≤1300g
Hovering Accuracy (Ready to Fly)	Vertical: 0.8m; Horizontal: 2.5m
Max Yaw Angular Velocity	200°/s
Max Tilt Angle	35°
Max Ascent / Descent Speed	Ascent: óm/s; Descent: 2m/s
Max Flight Speed	15m/s (Not Recommended)
Wheelbase	350mm
2.4GHz Remote Controller	
Operating Frequency	2.4GHz ISM
Communication Distance (open area)	1000m
Receiver Sensitivity (1%PER)	-97dBm
Working Current/Voltage	120 mA@3.7V
Built-in LiPo Battery Working Current/Capacity	3.7V, 2000mAh
DJI Intelligent Battery	
Туре	3S LiPo Battery
Capacity	5200mAh, 11.1V
Charging Environment Range	0°C to 40°C
Discharging Environment Range	-20°C to 50°C

8.2 LED Flight Indicators Description

Aircraft in Normal status	Descriptions
00000	Power On Self-Test
0 0 0 0	Warming Up & Aircraft cannot take off during warming up
00000	Ready to Fly
00000	Ready to Fly (non-GPS)
Aircraft in abnormal status	Warnings and errors
000000	Remote Controller Signal Lost
00000	1st Level Low Battery Capacity Warning

000000	2 nd Level Low Battery Capacity Warning
000	Not Stationary or Sensor Bias is too big
WESTERNAM.	Errors & Aircraft cannot fly.*
••••	Compass data abnormal because of ferro-magnetic interference or the compass needs calibration.

 $^{^{*}}$ Users can connect to the PHANTOM 2 Assistant to get detailed information about warnings and errors.

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Academy of Model Aeronautics National Model Aircraft Safety Code

Effective January 1, 2014

- A. **GENERAL**: A model aircraft is a non-human-carrying aircraft capable of sustained flight in the atmosphere. It may not exceed limitations of this code and is intended exclusively for sport, recreation, education and/or competition. All model flights must be conducted in accordance with this safety code and any additional rules specific to the flying site.
- 1. Model aircraft will not be flown:
 - (a) In a careless or reckless manner.
 - (b) At a location where model aircraft activities are prohibited.
- Model aircraft pilots will:
 - (a) Yield the right of way to all human-carrying aircraft.
 - (b) See and avoid all aircraft and a spotter must be used when appropriate. (AMA Document #540-D.)
 - (c) Not fly higher than approximately 400 feet above ground level within three (3) miles of an airport without notifying the airport operator.
 - (d) Not interfere with operations and traffic patterns at any airport, heliport or seaplane base except where there is a mixed use agreement.
 - (e) Not exceed a takeoff weight, including fuel, of 55 pounds unless in compliance with the AMA Large Model Airplane program. (AMA Document 520-A.)
 - (f) Ensure the aircraft is identified with the name and address or AMA number of the owner on the inside or affixed to the outside of the model aircraft. (This does not apply to model aircraft flown indoors.)
 - (g) Not operate aircraft with metal-blade propellers or with gaseous boosts except for helicopters operated under the provisions of AMA Document #555.
 - (h) Not operate model aircraft while under the influence of alcohol or while using any drug that could adversely affect the pilot's ability to safely control the model.
 - (i) Not operate model aircraft carrying pyrotechnic devices that explode or burn, or any device which propels a projectile or drops any object that creates a hazard to persons or property.

 Exceptions:
 - -Aceptions.
 - Free Flight fuses or devices that burn producing smoke and are securely attached to the model aircraft during flight.
 - Rocket motors (using solid propellant) up to a G-series size may be used provided they remain attached to the model during flight. Model rockets may
 be flown in accordance with the National Model Rocketry Safety Code but may not be launched from model aircraft.
 - Officially designated AMA Air Show Teams (AST) are authorized to use devices and practices as defined within the Team AMA Program Document. (AMA Document #718.)
 - (j) Not operate a turbine-powered aircraft, unless in compliance with the AMA turbine regulations. (AMA Document #510-A.)
- Model aircraft will not be flown in AMA sanctioned events, air shows or model demonstrations unless:
 - (a) The aircraft, control system and pilot skills have successfully demonstrated all maneuvers intended or anticipated prior to the specific event.
 - (b) An inexperienced pilot is assisted by an experienced pilot.
- 4. When and where required by rule, helmets must be properly worn and fastened. They must be OSHA, DOT, ANSI, SNELL or NOCSAE approved or comply with comparable standards.

B. RADIO CONTROL (RC)

- 1. All pilots shall avoid flying directly over unprotected people, vessels, vehicles or structures and shall avoid endangerment of life and property of others.
- 2. A successful radio equipment ground-range check in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations will be completed before the first flight of a new or repaired model aircraft.
- 3. At all flying sites a safety line(s) must be established in front of which all flying takes place. (AMA Document #706.)
 - (a) Only personnel associated with flying the model aircraft are allowed at or in front of the safety line.
 - (b) At air shows or demonstrations, a straight safety line must be established.
 - (c) An area away from the safety line must be maintained for spectators.
 - (d) Intentional flying behind the safety line is prohibited.
- RC model aircraft must use the radio-control frequencies currently allowed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Only individuals properly
 licensed by the FCC are authorized to operate equipment on Amateur Band frequencies.
- 5. RC model aircraft will not knowingly operate within three (3) miles of any pre-existing flying site without a frequency-management agreement. (AMA Documents #922 and #923.)
- 6. With the exception of events flown under official AMA Competition Regulations, excluding takeoff and landing, no powered model may be flown outdoors closer than 25 feet to any individual, except for the pilot and the pilot's helper(s) located at the flightline.
- 7. Under no circumstances may a pilot or other person touch an outdoor model aircraft in flight while it is still under power, except to divert it from striking an individual.
- 8. RC night flying requires a lighting system providing the pilot with a clear view of the model's attitude and orientation at all times. Hand-held illumination systems are inadequate for night flying operations.
- 9. The pilot of an RC model aircraft shall:
 - (a) Maintain control during the entire flight, maintaining visual contact without enhancement other than by corrective lenses prescribed for the pilot.
 - (b) Fly using the assistance of a camera or First-Person View (FPV) only in accordance with the procedures outlined in AMA Document #550.
 - (c) Fly using the assistance of autopilot or stabilization system only in accordance with the procedures outlined in AMA Document #560.

C. FREE FLIGHT

- 1. Must be at least 100 feet downwind of spectators and automobile parking when the model aircraft is launched.
- 2. Launch area must be clear of all individuals except mechanics, officials, and other fliers.
- 3. An effective device will be used to extinguish any fuse on the model aircraft after the fuse has completed its function.

D CONTROLLINE

- 1. The complete control system (including the safety thong where applicable) must have an inspection and pull test prior to flying.
- 2. The pull test will be in accordance with the current Competition Regulations for the applicable model aircraft category.
- 3. Model aircraft not fitting a specific category shall use those pull-test requirements as indicated for Control Line Precision Aerobatics.
- 4. The flying area must be clear of all utility wires or poles and a model aircraft will not be flown closer than 50 feet to any above-ground electric utility lines.
- 5. The flying area must be clear of all nonessential participants and spectators before the engine is started.