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Dear Mr. Howarth:

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 posted to the docket on June 29, 2015, you petitioned the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for an exemption. You requested to operate an unmanned aircraft system (UAS) to conduct aerial photography and videography for real estate, marketing, land management/surveying, and special events.

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 is a DJI Phantom 3.

The petitioner requested relief from 14 CFR part 21, *Certification procedures for products and parts, Subpart H—Airworthiness Certificates*. 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 the requested 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 Astraerus 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, Mr. Charles J. Howarth 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.

Conditions and Limitations

In this grant of exemption, Mr. Charles J. Howarth is hereafter referred to as the operator.

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.

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 3 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.nts.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 September 30, 2017, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Dear Sir or Madam:

This petition is being submitted on my behalf without legal counsel or consulting services.

Pursuant to Section 333 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (the Reform Act), and 14 C.F.R. Part 11, Charles J. Howarth, a freelance multimedia producer, hereby applies for an exemption from the Federal Aviation Regulations (FARs) listed below to allow operation of our Small Unmanned Aircraft System (sUAS) commercially in airspace regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) so long as such operations are conducted with and under the conditions outlined herein or as may be established by the FAA as required by Section 333.

The requested exemption would permit Charles J. Howarth to pursue his commercial interests in providing services to clients using a small advanced sUAV in the following areas: Real Estate, Marketing, Land Management/Surveying, and Special Events. Charles Howarth states that all sUAS flights will occur over private or controlled access property and will do so with the property owner's consent and knowledge and that only people who have consented or otherwise have agreed to be within the UAS' radius during filming and photography applications.

Charles Howarth has demonstrated the ability to safely and effectively fly the sUAS DJI Phantom 3 which will be used for all commercial and private purposes. Charles Howarth complies with local ordinances and laws regarding the operation of sUAS, and adheres to all weather and environmental restrictions or limitations in reference to the operations of sUAS.

All flights will occur in ordinance with any state or local laws regarding privacy.

I, Charles Howarth, am seeking the exemption because I am committed to complying with all of the rules, guidelines, limitations, and future legislation set forth by the FAA. I agree to operate the sUAS in the manner that I have described, and for the purposes that I have described. Without the exemption request granted, I would be unable to safely and effectively run my business, and it is my intention to comply with the FAA and obtain an exemption of the following regulations.

The following contains my list of regulations from which I am seeking exemption, and a complete list of responsibilities I assume as operator; it also contains information regarding the aircraft, public benefit and safety features, and similar petitions requests granted.

Regulations from which exemption is requested:

14 C.F.R. Part 21
14 C.F.R. 45.23(b)
14 C.F.R. 61.113(a) & (b)
14 C.F.R. 91.7(a)
14 C.F.R. 91.9(b) (2)
14 C.F.R. 91.109
14 C.F.R. 91.119

14 C.F.R. 91.121
14 C.F.R. 91.151(a)
14 C.F.R. 91.203(a) & (b)
14 C.F.R. 91.205(b)
14 C.F.R. 91.215
14 C.F.R. 91.401 - 91.417

I, THE OPERATOR, ASSUME THE FOLLOWING RESPONSIBILITIES

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SIMILAR EXEMPTIONS

They are similar in all/or many material respects to relief previously requested in Grant of Exemption Nos. 11062, 11109, 11112, and 11213

Public Benefit and Safety

Unmanned Aircraft System sUAVs are often seen as superior to helicopters as an aerial video gathering platform due to the smaller devices cheaper equipment and personnel cost, reduced noise and as such, a much smaller environmental impact which promotes public safety.

Charles Howarth is petitioning for an exemption to operate a DJI Phantom 3 with a built-in stabilized HD camera and GPS safety features which limit its ability to limit the height it flies above ground level (AGL), to limit the radius of the distance it flies from the operator and to exclude it from operations within designated Class B, C and D airspace including a no-fly zone feature.

The DJI Phantom 3 also has a failsafe function that is triggered in the event communication is lost between the sUAS and the main controller transmitter. At that time, the sUAS will return to its point of takeoff and land safely. If the connection is restored, the PIC can regain control of flight and land manually.

These specifications meet with the Model Aircraft Operating Standards as set below:

- The petitioner will only operate its sUAS in line-of-sight of a pilot and/or observer and will operate at sites that are 'sufficient distance' from populated areas within the sterile area described in the FOPM. Such operations will ensure that the sUAS will "not create a hazard to users of the national airspace system or the public."

- When flying the sUAS within three (3) miles of an airport, airport operators will be notified and the operator will give the right-of-way to avoid flying in the proximity of full-scale aircraft. Maximum flight time for each operation will be 30 minutes.
- Flights will be terminated when battery levels reach 25%, allowing sufficient reserve flight time to safely land the sUAS.
- The sUAS will be programmed so it will not be operated at an altitude that exceeds 400 feet AGL, and not more than 200 feet above an elevated platform from which videography is planned.
- Minimum crew for each operation shall consist of: sUAS pilot, a visual sUAS observer, and the camera operator.
- The sUAS PIC will be an FAA licensed airman holding a minimum of a Private Pilot certificate and a current FAA medical certificate.
- The sUAS operated by the petitioner weighs less than 25 pounds, including all payload (i.e. camera, lens, and stabilized gimbal).
- The sUAS will operate at speeds of no more than 50 knots, can hover, and can simultaneously move vertically and horizontally.
- Given the small size of the sUAS and the restricted sterile environment within which it will operate, SkyVideoCT's operations adhere to the Reform Act's safety requirements.

PHANTOM 3

PROFESSIONAL

User Manual V1.2

2015.06



Appendix

Specifications

Aircraft

Weight (Battery & Propellers Included)	1280 g
Max. Ascent Speed	5 m/s
Max. Descent Speed	3 m/s
Max. Speed	16 m/s (ATTI mode, no wind)
Max. Flight Altitude	6000 m
Max. Flight Time	Approximately 23 minutes
Operating Temperature	0°C to 40°C
GPS Mode	GPS/GLONASS

Gimbal



Controllable Range	Pitch: - 90° to + 30°
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
Vision Positioning


Velocity Range	< 8 m/s (2 m above ground)
Altitude Range	30 cm-300 cm
Operating Range	30 cm-300 cm
Operating Environment	Brightly lit (lux > 15) patterned surfaces

Camera

Sensor	Sony EXMOR 1/2.3" Effective pixels:12.4 M (total pixels: 12.76 M)
Lens	FOV 94° 20mm(35mm format equivalent) f/2.8
ISO Range	100-3200(video) 100-1600(photo)
Electronic Shutter Speed	8s - 1/8000s
Image Max. Size	4000 x 3000
Still Photography Modes	Single shot Burst shooting: 3/5/7 frames Auto Exposure Bracketing (AEB): 3/5 Bracketed frames at 0.7EV Bias Time-lapse
Supported SD Card Types	Micro SD Max. capacity: 64 GB. Class 10 or UHS-1 rating required UHD : 4096x2160p 24/25, 3840x2160p24/25/30
Video Recording Modes	FHD:1920x1080p 24/25/30/48/50/60 HD:1280x720p 24/25/30/48/50/60
Max. Bitrate Of Video Storage	60 Mbps
Supported File Formats	FAT32/exFAT Photo: JPEG, DNG Video: MP4/MOV (MPEG-4 AVC/H.264)
Operating Temperature Range	0°C to 40°C

GPS Signal Strong Blinking Green			
	Flight Limits	DJI Pilot app	Aircraft Status Indicator
Maximum Flight Altitude	Aircraft's altitude cannot exceed the specified value.	Warning: Height limit reached.	None.
Max Radius	Flight distance must be within the max radius.	Warning: Distance limit reached.	Rapid red flashing when close to the max radius limit.

GPS Signal Weak Blinking Yellow			
	Flight Limits	DJI Pilot app	Aircraft Status Indicator
Maximum Flight Altitude	Height is restricted to 400 feet. (120m) and under.	Warning: Height limit reached.	None.
Max Radius	No limits		

-  • If you fly out of the limit, you can still control the Phantom 3, but cannot fly it any farther. If the Phantom 3 flies out of the max radius in Ready to Fly (non-GPS) mode, it will fly back within range automatically.
- If the Phantom 3 flies out of the max radius in Ready to Fly (non-GPS) mode, it will fly back within range automatically.

No-Fly Zones

All No-Fly Zones are listed on the DJI official website at <http://flysafe.dji.com/no-fly>. No-Fly Zones are divided into Airports and Restricted Areas. Airports include major airports and flying fields where manned aircraft operate at low altitudes. Restricted Areas include border lines between countries or sensitive institute. The details of the No-Fly Zones are explained as follow:

Airport

- (1) Airport No-Fly Zone are comprised of Take-off Restricted zones and Restricted Altitude Zones. Each zone features circles of various sizes.
- (2) R1 miles (value of the R1 depends on the size and shape of the airport) around the airport is a Take-off restricted zone, inside of which take off is prevented.
- (3) From R1 mile to R1 + 1 mile around the airport the flight altitude is limited to a 15 degree inclination. Starting at 65 feet (20 meters) from the edge of airport and radiating outward. The flight altitude is limited to 1640 feet (500 meters) at R1+1 mile
- (4) When the aircraft enters within 320 feet (100 meters) of No-Fly Zones, a warning message will appear on the DJI Pilot app.

Flight

Once pre-flight preparation is complete, it is recommended that you use the flight simulator in the DJI Pilot app to hone your flight skills and practice flying safely. Ensure that all flights are carried out in an open area.

Flight Environment Requirements

1. Do not use the aircraft in severe weather conditions. These include wind speeds exceeding 10 m/s , snow, rain and fog.
2. Only fly in open areas. Tall structures and large metal structures may affect the accuracy of the on-board compass and GPS system.
3. Avoid obstacles, crowds, high voltage power lines, trees, and bodies of water.
4. Minimize interference by avoiding areas with high levels of electromagnetism, including base stations and radio transmission towers.
5. Aircraft and battery performance is subject to environmental factors such as air density and temperature. Be very careful when flying at altitudes greater than 19, 685 feet (6000 meters) above sea level, as the performance of the battery and aircraft may be affected.
6. The Phantom 3 Professional cannot operate within the polar areas.

Flight

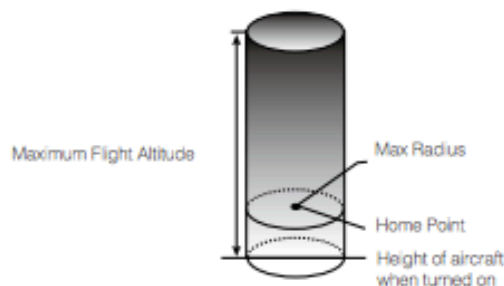
Flight Limits and No-Fly Zones

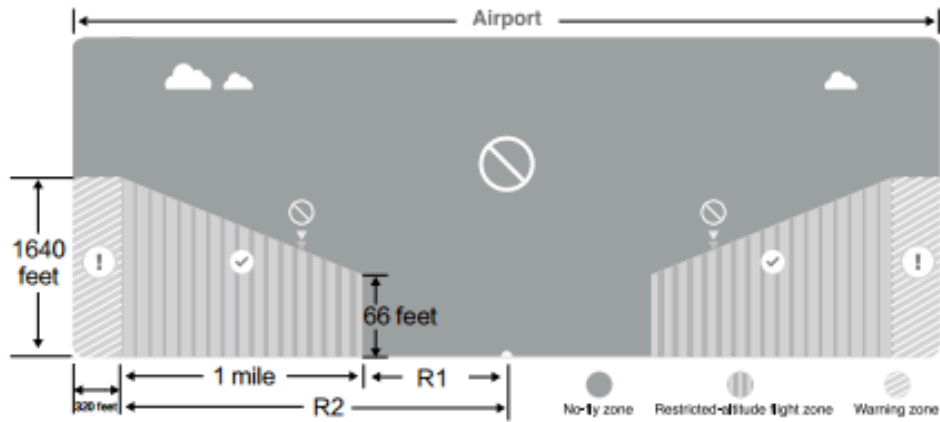
All unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) operators should abide by all regulations set forth by government and regulatory agencies including the ICAO and the FAA. For safety reasons, flights are limited by default, which helps users operate this product safely and legally. Flight limitations include height limits, distance limits, and No-Fly Zones.

When operating in P-mode, height limits, distance limits, and No-Fly Zones function concurrently to manage flight safety. In A-mode, only height limits are in effect, which by default prevent the aircraft altitude from exceeding 1640 feet (500 m) .

Maximum flight altitude & Radius Limits

Maximum flight altitude and radius limits may be changed in the DJI Pilot app. Be aware that the maximum flight altitude cannot exceed 1640 feet (500 meters). In accordance with these settings, your Phantom 3 Professional will fly in a restricted cylinder, as shown below:

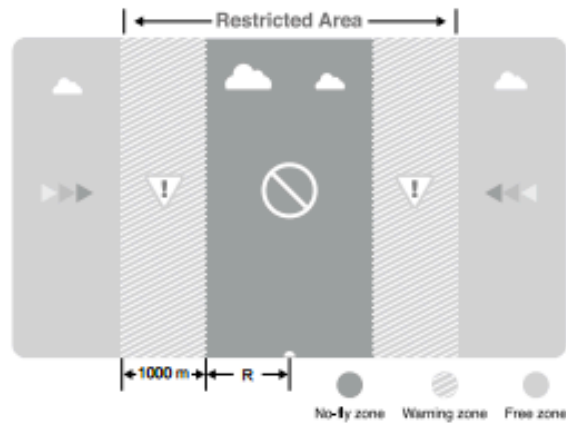




Restricted Area

Flight

- (1) Restricted Areas does not have flight altitude restrictions.
- (2) R miles around the designated restriction area is a Take-off Restricted area. Aircraft cannot take off within this zone. The value of R varies based on the definition of the restricted areas.
- (3) A "warning zone" has been set around the Restricted Area. When the aircraft approaches within 0.6 miles (1 km) of this zone, a warning message will appear on the DJI Pilot app.



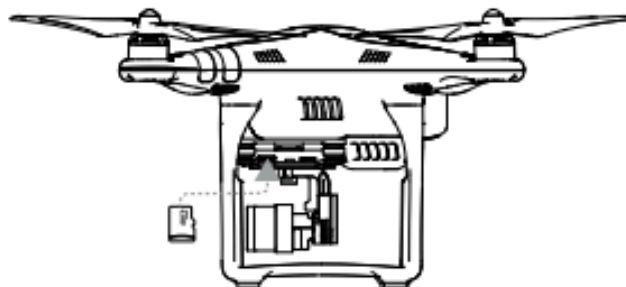
Camera and Gimbal

Camera Profile

The on-board camera uses the 1/2.3 inch CMOS sensor to capture video (up to 4096x2160p at 24fps or 4K at up to 30fps with the Phantom 3 Professional) and 12 megapixel stills. You may choose to record the video in either MOV or MP4 format. Available picture shooting modes include burst, continuous, and time-lapse mode. A live preview of what the camera sees can be monitored on the connected mobile device via the DJI Pilot app.

Camera Micro-SD Card Slot

To store your photos and videos, insert the Micro-SD card into the slot, as shown below, before turning on the Phantom 3 Professional. The Phantom 3 Professional comes with a 16 GB Micro-SD card and supports Micro-SD cards up to 64 GB. A UHS-1 Micro-SD card is recommended due to their fast read and write speeds allowing you to save high-resolution video data.



⊘ Do not remove the Micro-SD card from the Phantom 3 Professional when it is turned on.

Camera Data Port

Turn on the Phantom 3 Professional and connect a USB cable to the Camera Data Port to download photos and videos to your computer.



⚠ The aircraft must be turned on before attempting to access the files on the Micro-SD card.

Remote Controller

Remote Controller Profile

The Phantom 3 Professional remote controller is a multi-function wireless communication device that integrates the video downlink system and aircraft remote control system. The video downlink and aircraft remote control system operate at 2.4 GHz. The remote controller features a number of camera control functions, such as taking and previewing photos and videos, as well as controlling gimbal motion. The remote controller is powered by a 2S rechargeable battery. The battery level is displayed via LED indicators on the front panel of the remote controller.

- **Compliance Version:** The remote controller is compliant with both CE and FCC regulations.
- **Operating Mode:** Control can be set to Mode 1 or Mode 2, or to a custom mode.
- **Mode 1:** The right stick serves as the throttle.
- **Mode 2:** The left stick serves as the throttle.

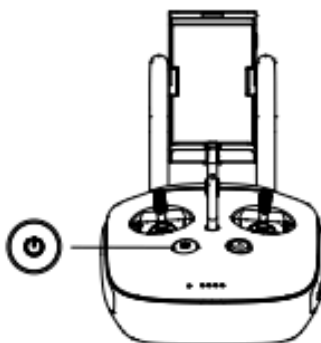
⚠ To prevent transmission interference, do not operate more than three aircrafts in the same area.

Using the Remote Controller

Turning the Remote Controller On and Off

The Phantom 3 Professional remote controller is powered by a 2S rechargeable battery that has a capacity of 6000 mAh. The battery level is indicated via the Battery Level LEDs on the front panel. Follow the steps below to turn on your remote controller:

1. When the remote controller is turned off, press the Power Button once. The Battery Level LEDs will display the current battery level.
2. Press and hold the Power Button to turn on the remote controller.
3. The remote controller will beep when it is turned on. The Status LED will rapidly blink green, indicating that the remote controller is linking to the aircraft. The Status LEDs will glow solid green when linking is complete.
4. Repeat Step 2 to turn off the remote controller.



Charging the Remote Controller

Charge the remote controller using the included charger. Refer to the figure on next page below for more details.