

Gemfan PMPC8040

Gemfan CL 8040 3-Blade Propeller User Manual

Reinforced PC for Cinelifter & Freestyle FPV Quadcopter Drone

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the proper use, installation, and maintenance of your Gemfan CL 8040 3-Blade Propellers. Please read this manual thoroughly before use to ensure optimal performance and safety.

2. PRODUCT FEATURES

- **High Efficiency:** Designed for optimal thrust and efficiency in FPV quadcopters.
- **Durability:** Constructed from reinforced PC material for enhanced strength and longevity.
- **Vibration Reduction:** Engineered to minimize vibrations during flight, contributing to smoother operation.
- **Application:** Ideal for Cinelifter and Freestyle FPV drone applications.
- **Compatibility:** Suitable for 2812 and up brushless motors.

3. SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Value
Brand Name	Gemfan
Type	8040
Blades	3
Material	PC (Polycarbonate)
Pitch	6 inch
Prop Disk Diameter	204mm

Center Thickness	7.5mm
Center Hole Inner Diameter	5mm
Max Prop Width	20mm
Weight (per prop)	10.51g
Adaptive Motor	2812 and up
Package Contents	8 pcs Props (4 CW + 4 CCW)

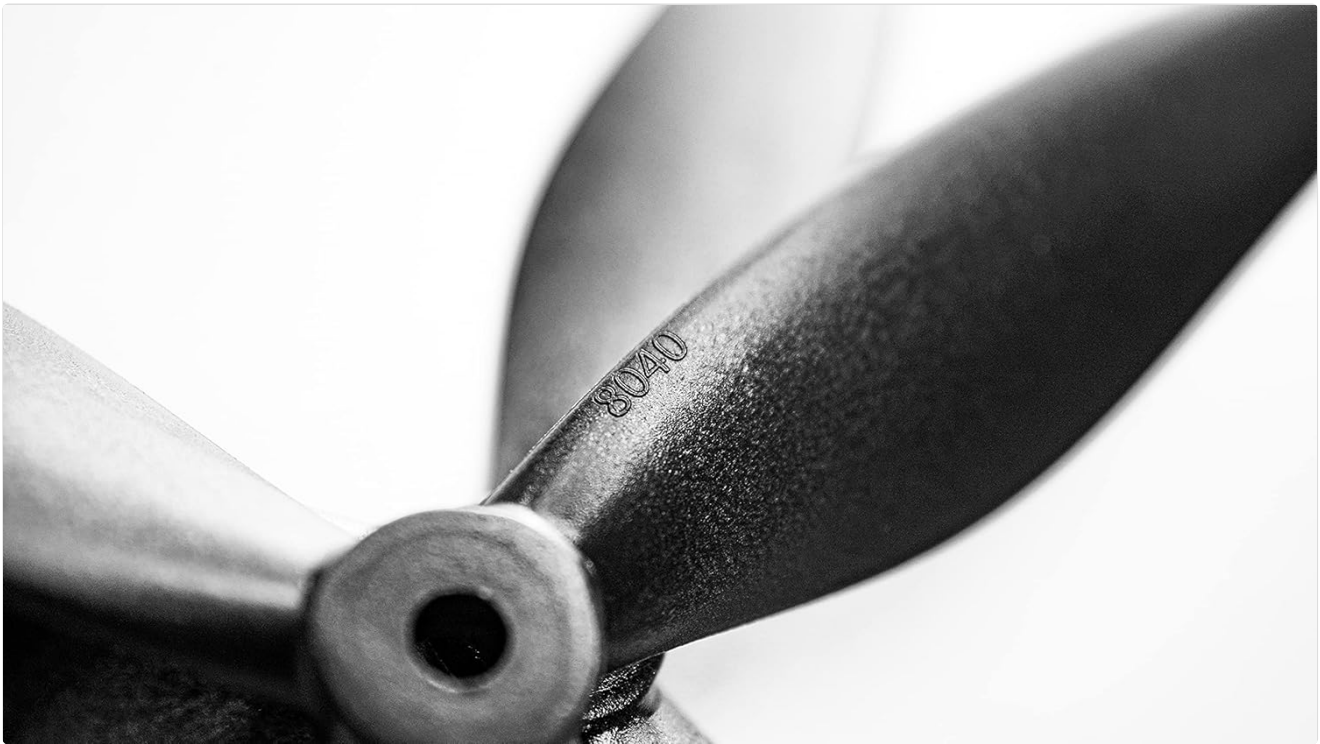


Image: A close-up view of a Gemfan propeller blade, clearly showing the '8040' model designation embossed on its surface. This marking helps in identifying the propeller type.

4. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Proper installation of propellers is crucial for flight safety and performance. Always ensure your drone's power is disconnected before handling propellers.

4.1 Identifying Propeller Rotation

Propellers are designed for specific rotation directions: Clockwise (CW) and Counter-Clockwise (CCW). It is essential to match the correct propeller to the corresponding motor on your quadcopter frame.

- **CW Propellers:** Typically marked with an 'R' or a specific notch, these rotate clockwise.
- **CCW Propellers:** These rotate counter-clockwise.

4.2 Installation Steps

1. **Inspect Propellers:** Before installation, visually inspect each propeller for any signs of damage, cracks, or deformities. Do not use damaged propellers.
2. **Match Propeller to Motor:** Identify the rotation direction required for each motor on your drone. Refer to your drone's flight controller or frame manual for the correct motor rotation layout.

3. **Align and Mount:** Carefully align the center hole of the propeller with the motor shaft. Ensure the propeller sits flush against the motor's mounting surface.
4. **Secure Fasteners:** Use the appropriate nuts or screws provided with your motors to secure the propellers. Tighten them firmly but do not overtighten, as this can damage the propeller hub or motor shaft.
5. **Verify Security:** Gently try to rotate each propeller by hand to ensure it is securely fastened and does not wobble.



Image: A single Gemfan 8040 3-blade propeller, showcasing its design and central mounting hole. This image illustrates the typical appearance of one propeller from the set.

5. OPERATING CONSIDERATIONS

While propellers themselves do not have operational controls, their condition directly impacts flight performance and safety.

5.1 Pre-Flight Checks

- **Visual Inspection:** Before every flight, inspect all propellers for any signs of damage, including nicks, bends, cracks, or stress marks. Even minor damage can lead to catastrophic failure in flight.
- **Tightness Check:** Ensure all propeller nuts or screws are securely tightened. Loose propellers can detach during flight.

- **Balance:** While these propellers are factory balanced, severe impacts can affect their balance. Unbalanced propellers can cause excessive vibrations, leading to unstable flight and potential damage to motors or the flight controller.

5.2 Flight Environment

Avoid flying in environments where propellers are likely to strike obstacles such as trees, walls, or the ground. Impacts can cause immediate damage to propellers and potentially to the drone itself.

6. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance of your propellers will extend their lifespan and ensure safe operation.

- **Cleaning:** If propellers become dirty, gently wipe them with a soft, damp cloth. Avoid using harsh chemicals that could degrade the PC material.
- **Storage:** Store propellers in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Keep them in their original packaging or a protective case to prevent bending or damage.
- **Replacement:** Replace propellers immediately if any damage is observed. It is recommended to replace all propellers in a set if one is significantly damaged to maintain consistent performance and balance across the drone.

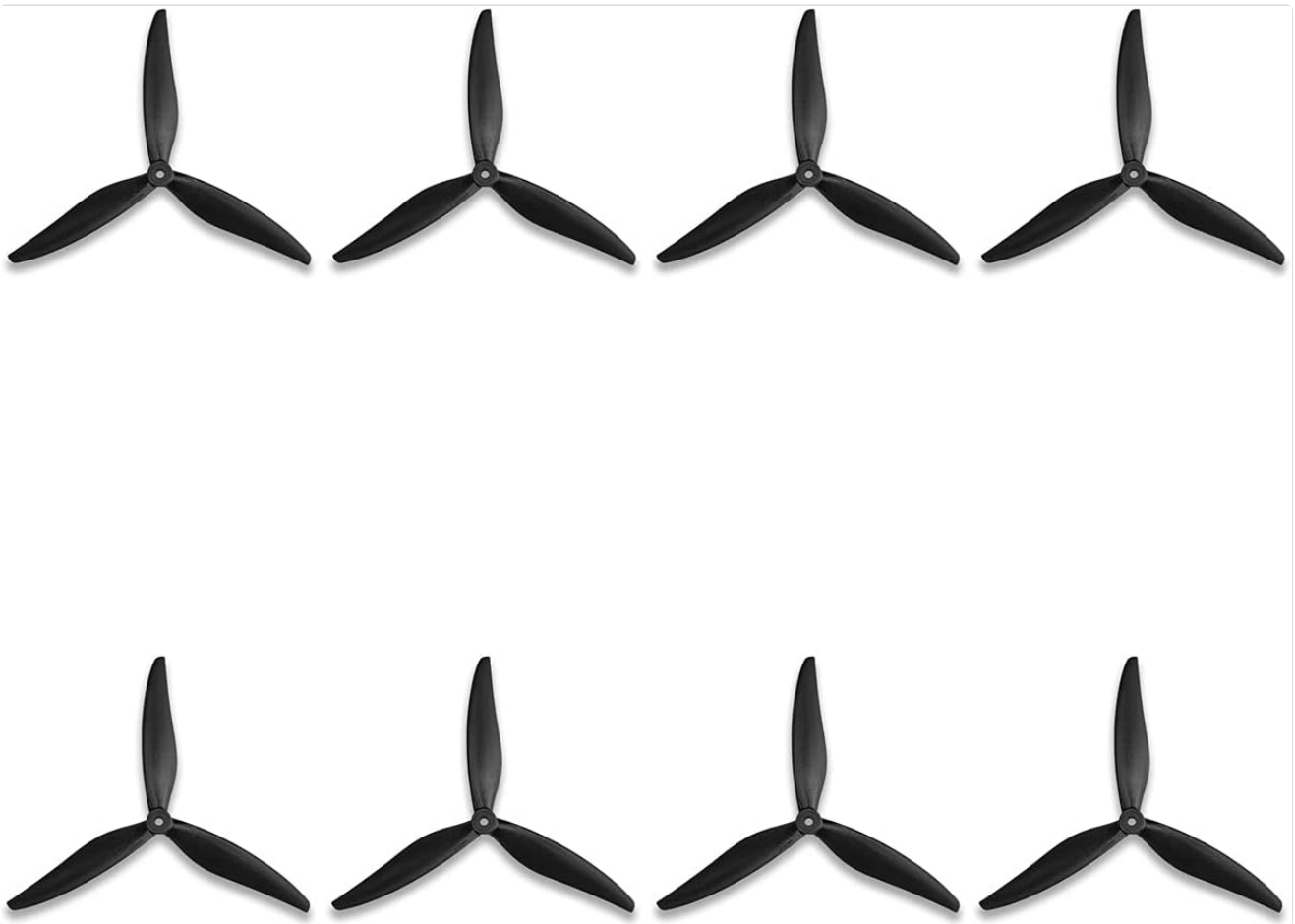


Image: A set of eight Gemfan 8040 3-blade propellers, arranged in two rows. This image shows the complete package contents, including both CW and CCW propellers.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues related to propeller performance.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Excessive drone vibration	Damaged or unbalanced propeller; Loose propeller; Incorrect propeller rotation direction.	Inspect all propellers for damage and replace if necessary. Ensure propellers are securely tightened. Verify correct CW/CCW installation.
Drone not lifting off or unstable flight	Incorrect propeller installation (CW/CCW mismatch); Propellers installed upside down.	Double-check that CW and CCW propellers are on the correct motors. Ensure the leading edge of the propeller blade is facing upwards for thrust.
Unusual noise during flight	Propeller striking frame or other components; Damaged propeller.	Ensure propellers have adequate clearance from the drone frame and other parts. Inspect for damage and replace if needed.

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Gemfan products are manufactured to high standards. For specific warranty information or technical support, please refer to the official Gemfan website or contact your retailer.

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