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Model: F450-KIT

1. INTRODUCTION

This instruction manual provides detailed guidance for assembling, operating, and maintaining your HAWK'S WORK F450 DIY Drone Kit. This kit is designed for enthusiasts and researchers interested in understanding the fundamentals of drone technology and for secondary development. Please read this manual thoroughly before beginning assembly or operation.

Important Note: This kit does not include a flight controller or a remote control transmitter. These components must be purchased separately according to your specific needs and budget.



Image 1.1: Overview of the HAWK'S WORK F450 DIY Drone Kit and an assembled drone.

2. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Carefully unpack your HAWK'S WORK F450 DIY Drone Kit and verify that all components listed below are present and in good condition. If any parts are missing or damaged, please contact customer support.

- F450 Frame (Pre-soldered with XT60 connector)
- 2212 Brushless Motors (x4)
- 20A ESCs (Electronic Speed Controllers) (x4)
- 9450 Self-tightening Propellers (x4)

- 11.1V 4200mAh Lithium Polymer Battery
- Voltage Tester
- USB Charging Cable
- Screwdriver
- Zip Ties
- Hook & Loop Fasteners
- User Manual (this document)



Image 2.1: All components included in the HAWK'S WORK F450 DIY Drone Kit.

Parts List of Each Kit

	KIT-A	KIT-B	KIT-C	KIT-D	KIT-E
Frame	F450 Pre-soldered 				Standard 
Transmitter	FS-I6X 	-			
Pixhawk	Pixhawk 2.4.8 Kit 		-		
GPS	M8N 		-		
Battery	11.1V 4200mAh 			-	
ESC	20A ESC * 4 				-
Motor	2212 Brushless Motor * 4 				
Prop	9450 * 4 				
Others	Shock Absorber 	Screwdriver 	Zip tie 	Hook & loop 	Foam tape 

CAUTION: Please note the differences between the different sets.

Image 2.2: Detailed parts list table, showing components for various kit configurations. This manual pertains to Kit C.

3. ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these steps carefully to assemble your F450 DIY drone. Refer to the provided images for visual guidance.

3.1. Frame Assembly

The F450 frame is designed for easy assembly. Attach the arms to the main frame board using the provided screws. Ensure the red arms are positioned at the front and white arms at the rear for proper orientation.

Easy-to-Install Frame



Pre-soldered with XT60
Just plug into it!

Image 3.1: F450 frame dimensions and assembly diagram.

3.2. Motor and ESC Installation

1. Mount each brushless motor securely to the end of each arm using the provided screws.
2. Connect each 20A ESC to its corresponding motor. The F450 frame board is pre-soldered with XT60 connectors for convenient power distribution.

Pre-soldered for Quick Assembly

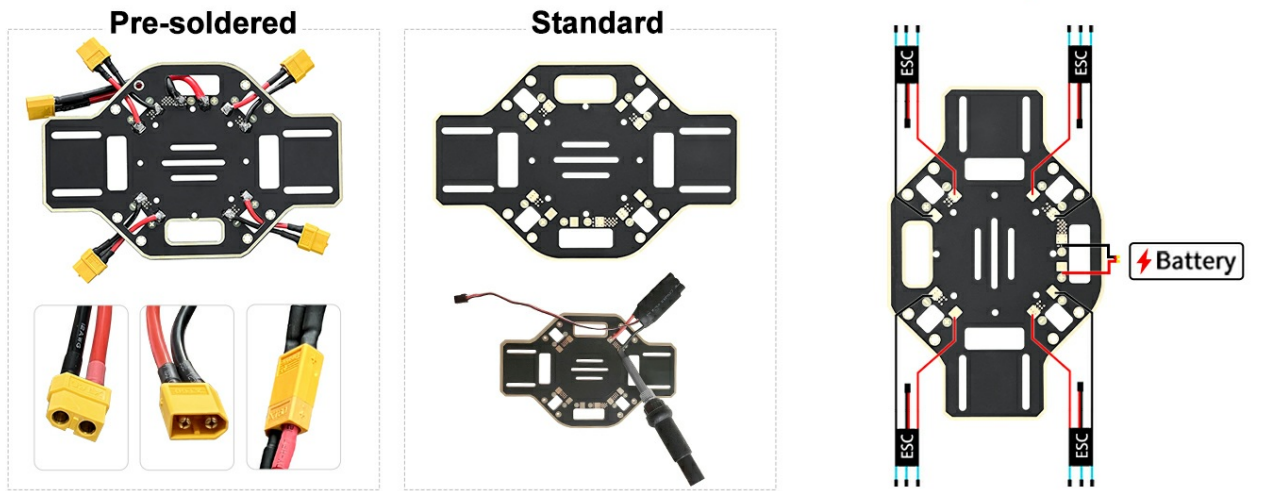


Image 3.2: The F450 frame features pre-soldered XT60 connectors for simplified ESC and battery connection.

Power System



1. ESC * 4
2. Brushless motor * 4
3. 3S 4200mAh battery
4. Voltage tester
5. USB Charging Cable
6. 9450 self-tightening propeller

Image 3.3: Overview of the power system components.

3.3. Propeller Attachment

Attach the 9450 self-tightening propellers to the motors. Ensure that the propellers are correctly oriented for clockwise and counter-clockwise rotation as indicated by the motor rotation direction. Incorrect propeller orientation will prevent the drone from flying.

3.4. Wiring and Component Placement

Connect the ESCs to your chosen flight controller (not included). The diagram below illustrates a basic wiring setup for a Pixhawk flight controller, which is a common choice for DIY drones. Secure all wiring with zip ties to prevent interference with propellers and ensure a clean build.

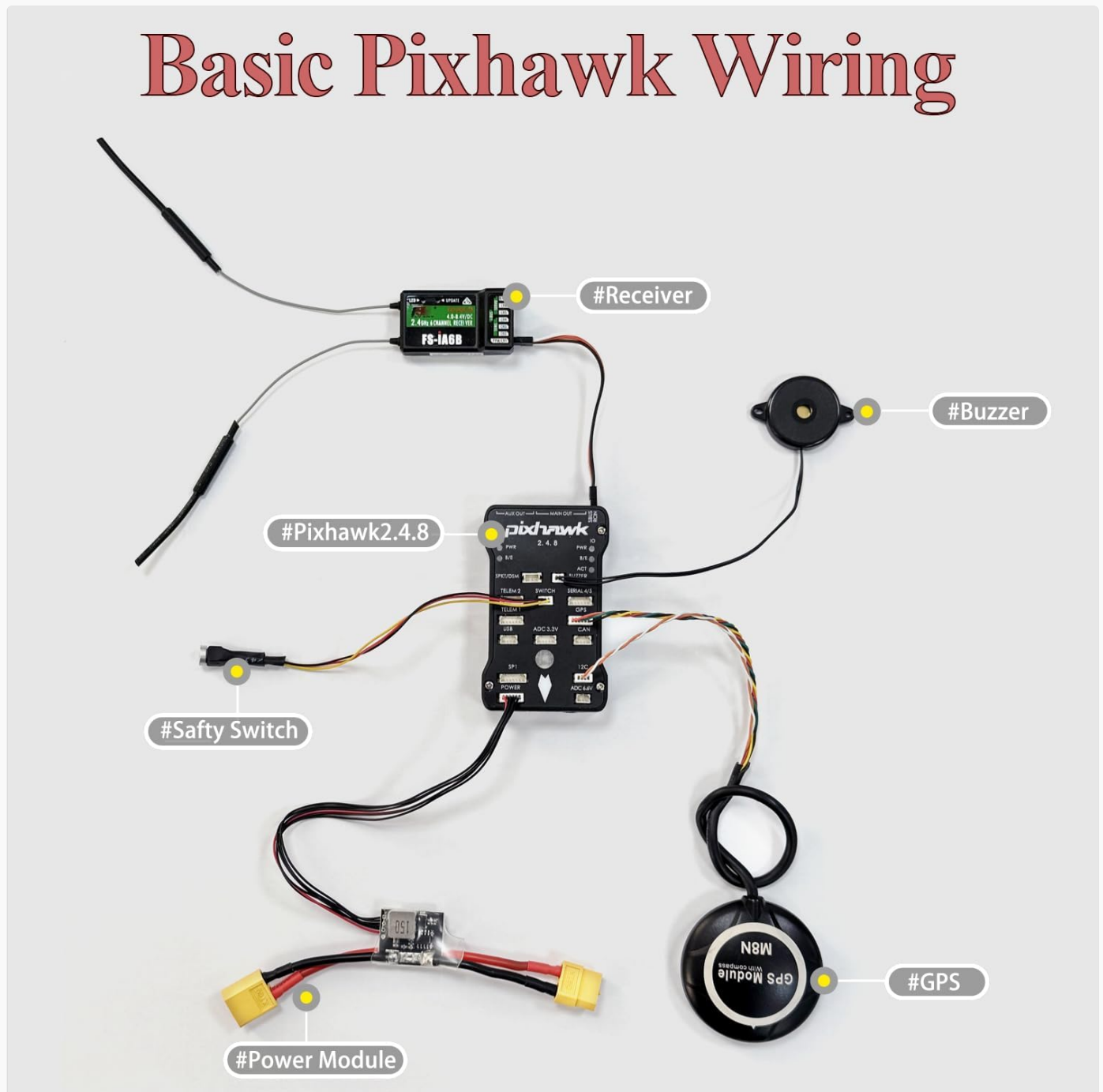


Image 3.4: Basic wiring diagram for a Pixhawk flight controller setup.

DIY a Real Drone

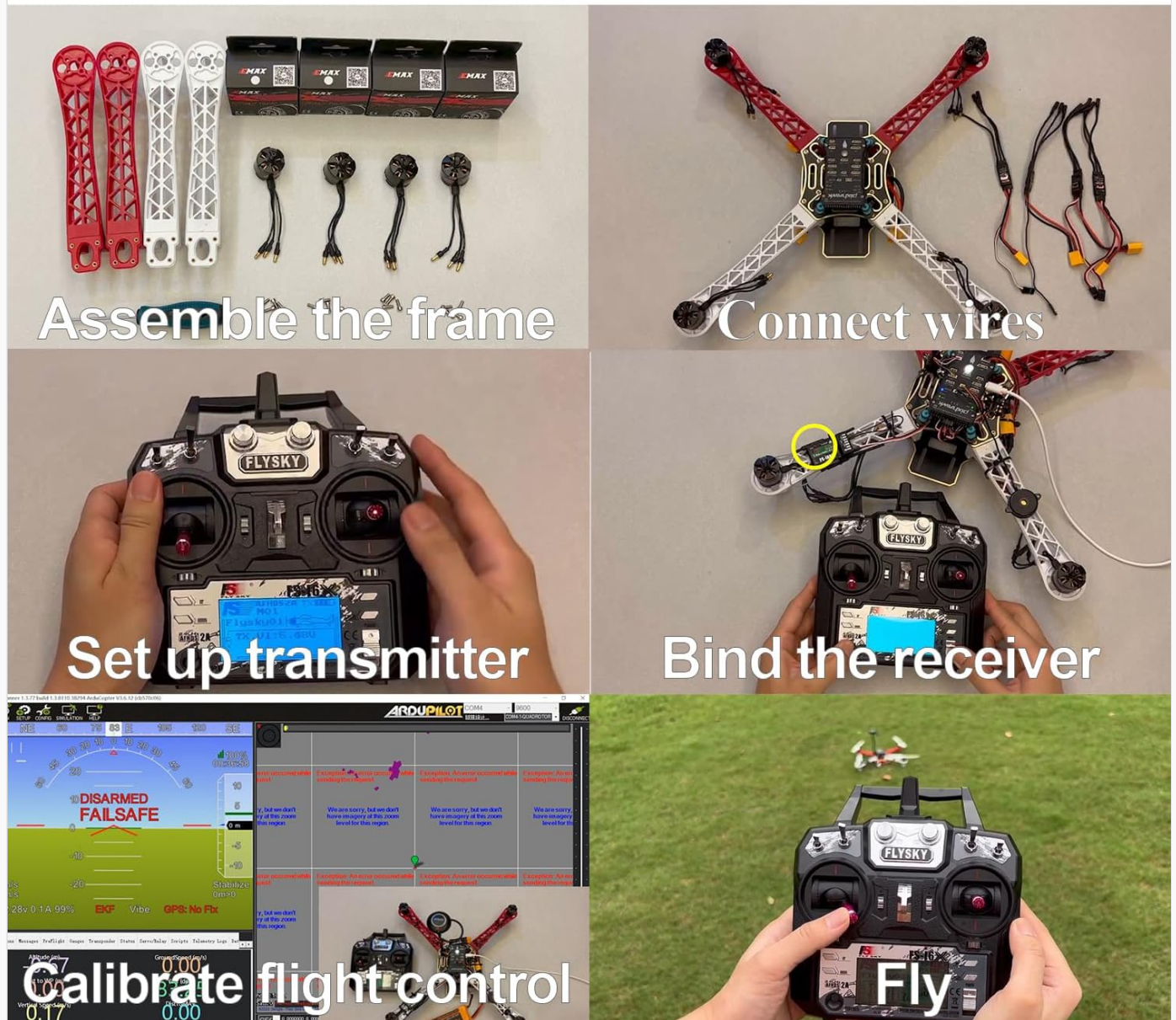


Image 3.5: Visual guide to the drone assembly and setup process.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once your drone is fully assembled and your flight controller is installed, follow these general steps for operation. Specific procedures will depend on your chosen flight controller and remote control system.

4.1. Pre-Flight Checks

- Ensure the battery is fully charged and securely mounted.
- Verify all propellers are correctly attached and free from damage.
- Check all wiring connections for security and proper routing.
- Confirm that your remote control transmitter is powered on and correctly bound to the receiver.

4.2. Flight Controller Calibration

Before the first flight, it is crucial to calibrate your flight controller. This typically involves:

- **Accelerometer Calibration:** Ensures the drone knows its orientation relative to gravity.
- **Compass Calibration:** Essential for accurate heading and GPS navigation.
- **ESC Calibration:** Synchronizes the ESCs with the flight controller for smooth motor operation.
- **Radio Calibration:** Maps your transmitter's stick movements to the flight controller's commands.

Refer to the specific documentation for your flight controller (e.g., Pixhawk, ArduPilot, PX4) for detailed calibration procedures. Many flight controller systems offer software like Mission Planner or QGroundControl for configuration and calibration.

4.3. First Flight

Perform your first flight in an open, safe area, away from people, obstacles, and restricted airspace. Start with gentle throttle inputs and observe the drone's behavior. Be prepared to disarm the motors immediately if anything seems wrong.



Image 4.1: An assembled HAWK'S WORK F450 drone.

5. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance is essential to ensure the longevity and safe operation of your F450 drone.

- **Propellers:** Inspect propellers before each flight for cracks, chips, or bends. Replace damaged propellers

immediately.

- **Motors:** Check motors for any signs of wear, unusual noise, or excessive heat after flights. Ensure they spin freely.
- **ESCs:** Monitor ESCs for signs of overheating or damage.
- **Frame:** Inspect the frame for any cracks or loose connections after hard landings or crashes.
- **Battery:** Store the Lithium Polymer battery at a storage voltage (typically 3.8V per cell) when not in use for extended periods. Do not overcharge or over-discharge.
- **Wiring:** Periodically check all wiring for fraying, loose connections, or signs of short circuits.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your F450 DIY drone kit.

6.1. Motors Not Spinning or Inconsistent RPMs

- **Check Battery:** Ensure the battery is charged and properly connected.
- **ESC Connections:** Verify that all ESCs are correctly connected to the motors and the flight controller.
- **ESC Calibration:** Recalibrate your ESCs with the flight controller.
- **Faulty Components:** If individual motors or ESCs are not functioning, they may be defective. Test components individually if possible.

6.2. Drone Unstable or Drifting

- **Propeller Orientation:** Double-check that all propellers are installed with the correct rotation direction.
- **Flight Controller Calibration:** Re-calibrate the accelerometer and compass of your flight controller.
- **Center of Gravity:** Ensure the battery and other components are placed to achieve a balanced center of gravity.

6.3. No Connection to Remote Control

- **Binding:** Ensure your receiver is correctly bound to your transmitter.
- **Power:** Verify both the transmitter and receiver are powered on.
- **Wiring:** Check the connection between the receiver and the flight controller.

For more specific troubleshooting, consult the documentation for your flight controller and remote control system. If issues persist, contact HAWK'S WORK customer support.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Specification
Brand	HAWK'S WORK
Model Name	F450
Item Model Number	F450-KIT
Color	Red
Material	Plastic
Product Dimensions	14.57"L x 14.57"W x 7.07"H (37cm x 37cm x 18cm)
Item Weight	2.42 pounds (1.1 Kilograms)

Maximum Take-off Weight	Approx. 1.8 kg (with additional components)
Battery	11.1V 4200mAh Lithium Polymer (included)
Connectivity Technology	Radio Frequency (requires separate RC system)
Maximum Range	500 Meters (dependent on RC system)

8. SAFETY GUIDELINES

Operating a DIY drone requires responsibility and adherence to safety practices. Failure to follow these guidelines can result in injury, property damage, or legal penalties.

- **Read Regulations:** Familiarize yourself with local drone regulations and airspace restrictions. In many regions, drones require registration with aviation authorities (e.g., FAA in the US).
- **Pre-Flight Check:** Always perform a thorough pre-flight check before each flight.
- **Safe Environment:** Fly in open areas, away from people, animals, buildings, and power lines. Avoid flying near airports or other restricted zones.
- **Weather Conditions:** Do not fly in strong winds, rain, or other adverse weather conditions.
- **Line of Sight:** Always maintain visual line of sight with your drone.
- **Battery Safety:** Handle LiPo batteries with care. Do not puncture, overcharge, or expose to extreme temperatures. Use a LiPo-compatible charger.
- **Propeller Safety:** Keep hands and face clear of spinning propellers. They can cause serious injury.
- **Respect Privacy:** Be mindful of privacy when operating your drone, especially if equipped with a camera.

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

HAWK'S WORK provides a free replacement for quality problems within 3 months of purchase. This warranty covers manufacturing defects and component failures under normal use.

For technical assistance, troubleshooting, or warranty claims, please contact HAWK'S WORK customer support through the platform where you purchased the product or visit our official website for contact information.

A quick start guide and video tutorials are available to assist new users with assembly and calibration. Please reach out to customer support if you require these resources.

10. MULTIPLE UPGRADE OPTIONS

The HAWK'S WORK F450 DIY Drone Kit offers significant flexibility for customization and upgrades. Its robust frame and ample space allow for the integration of various additional components to enhance functionality.

- **Flight Controllers:** Compatible with a wide range of flight controllers such as Pixhawk, ArduPilot, and PX4.
- **Single Board Computers:** Integrate a Raspberry Pi or similar for advanced autonomous functions, AI, or custom programming.
- **Cameras and Gimbals:** Add FPV (First Person View) cameras, action cameras, or stabilized gimbals for aerial photography and videography.
- **Sensors:** Incorporate additional sensors for environmental monitoring, obstacle avoidance, or advanced navigation.

These personalized requirements are not included in the kit and must be sourced separately.

Manual Book

Video Tutorial

Trouble Shooting

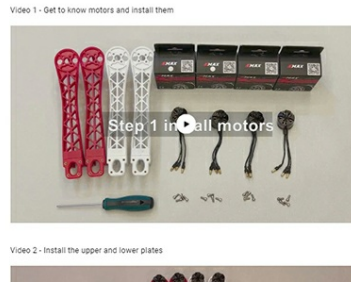
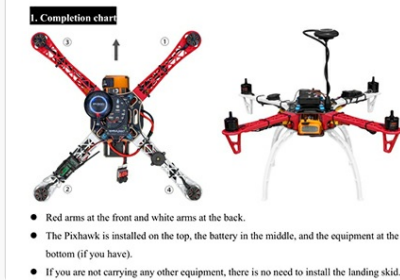


Image 10.1: Examples of potential upgrades including a camera and Raspberry Pi.

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