GODOX X3S

Godox X3S X3-S TTL Wireless Flash Trigger for Sony Camera User Manual

Model: X3S

1. Introduction

This manual provides detailed instructions for the proper use and maintenance of your Godox X3S TTL Wireless Flash Trigger for Sony cameras. The Godox X3S is a compact and advanced flash transmitter designed to offer seamless control over Godox flash units, featuring a touchscreen interface, 2.4G wireless system, and a built-in rechargeable lithium battery. Please read this manual thoroughly before use to ensure optimal performance and safety.

2. Package Contents

Verify that all items are present in your package:

- 1x Godox X3-S Sony Flash Trigger
- 1x USB-C Charging Cable
- 1x Storage Bag
- 1x LETWING Cleaning Cloth



The Godox X3S Flash Trigger for Sony Camera, presented alongside its essential accessories: a USB-C charging cable, a protective storage bag, and a cleaning cloth.

3. Product Features

- **2.4G Wireless X System:** Enables quick and reliable connection to Godox flash devices with wireless sync, channel scanning, and identification number settings.
- **Built-in Lithium Battery:** Features a 3.7V 850mAh rechargeable battery, offering approximately 6000 flashes per charge and quick 2-hour charging via USB-C.
- **High-Definition OLED Touchscreen:** Provides a high-contrast display with a rapid refresh rate, adjustable brightness, and a screen locking function.
- **Intuitive User Interface:** A sleek UI allows for easy navigation and adjustment of settings and modes via touch, with multi-group parameter viewing.

- **TCM Conversion Function:** Quickly switch between TTL auto flash mode and Manual flash mode for flexible control.
- **Side Knob Adjustments:** Physical knobs provide an alternative for parameter adjustment, especially useful in cold conditions or when wearing gloves.
- **Easy-Mounting Hotshoe:** Designed for secure and hassle-free attachment to your camera.



This image illustrates the key functionalities of the Godox X3S Flash Trigger, including High-Speed Sync (HSS) for fast shutter speeds, TTL Auto Flash for automatic exposure, and a 100-meter wireless transmission range.

4. Setup

4.1. Charging the Battery

The Godox X3S features a built-in 3.7V 850mAh lithium battery. Before first use, fully charge the device.

1. Connect the supplied USB-C charging cable to the USB-C port on the side of the X3S.
2. Connect the other end of the cable to a USB power adapter (not included) or a computer's USB port.
3. The device will fully charge in approximately 2 hours. The battery indicator on the screen will show charging status.



The Godox X3S Flash Trigger is shown connected to a USB-C cable for charging its built-in lithium battery. The graphic indicates a full charge in 2 hours, providing over 5 days of operating time or 6000 flashes per charge.

4.2. Mounting on Camera

The X3S is designed for easy and secure mounting on your camera's hotshoe.

1. Ensure your camera is powered off.
2. Slide the X3S hotshoe foot into your camera's hotshoe slot.
3. Secure the trigger by tightening the locking mechanism (if present) or ensuring it clicks into place.



The Godox X3S Flash Trigger is depicted securely mounted onto a camera's hotshoe, demonstrating its robust and easy-mounting design for reliable connection.

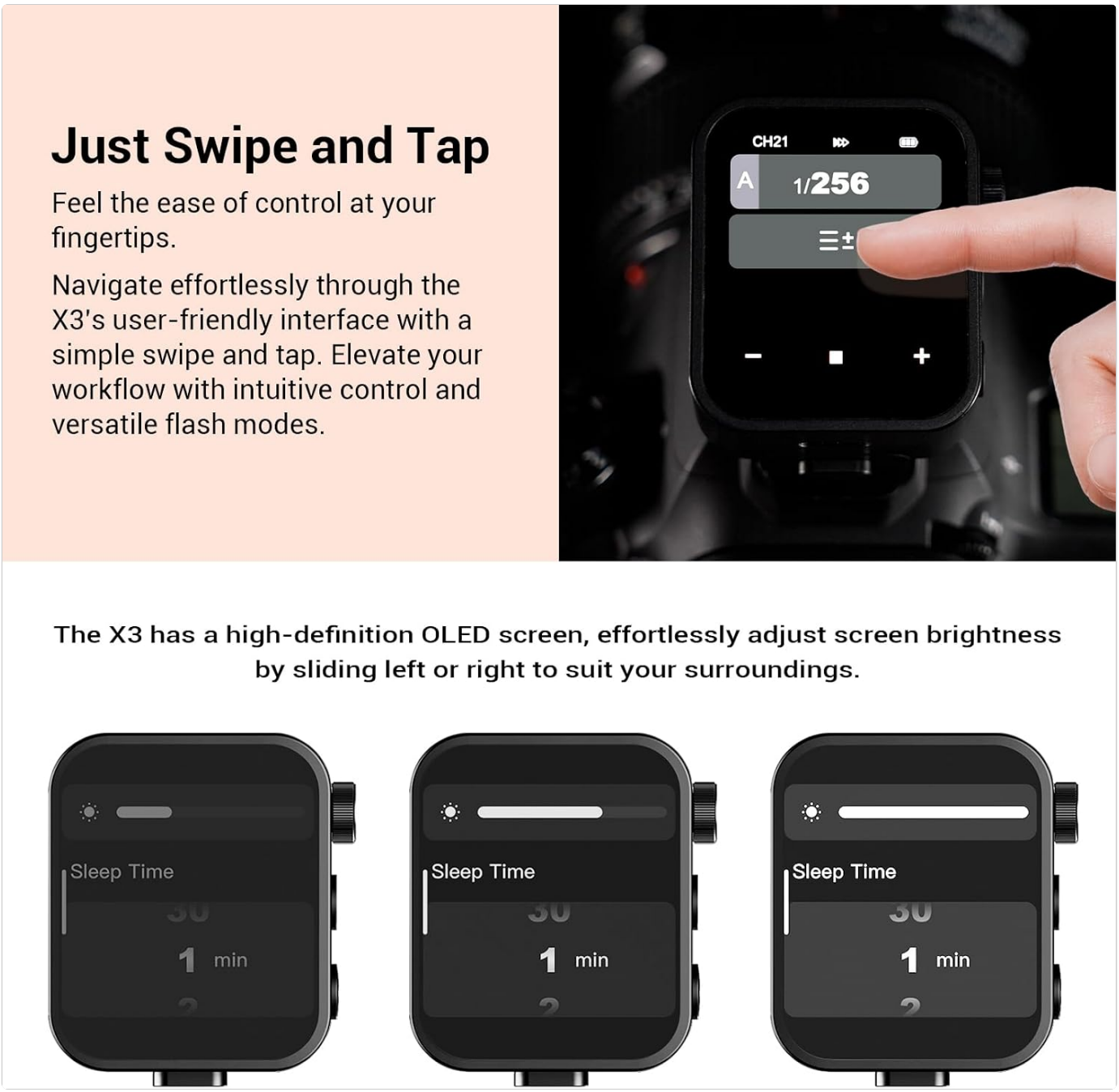
4.3. Power On/Off

To power on the X3S, press and hold the power button until the screen illuminates. To power off, press and hold the power button again until the screen turns off.

5. Operating Modes and Functions

5.1. Touchscreen Interface

The X3S features a high-definition OLED touchscreen for intuitive control. Swipe and tap gestures are used to navigate menus and adjust settings.



A close-up of the Godox X3S Flash Trigger's touchscreen, showing a finger interacting with the user interface to adjust settings with simple swipe and tap gestures.

5.2. Adjusting Screen Brightness and Screen Lock

To adjust screen brightness, swipe left or right on the screen. To prevent accidental changes, utilize the screen locking function, which can typically be accessed through a dedicated icon or menu option on the display.

5.3. Wireless Connection (2.4G X System)

The X3S uses the Godox 2.4G X system for wireless communication with compatible flash units. This system allows for setting up channels, groups, and identification numbers to avoid interference and control multiple flashes.

- **Channel Setting:** Select a channel (CH) on the X3S and ensure your flash units are set to the same channel.
- **Group Control:** Assign flash units to different groups (A, B, C, etc.) to control their power independently.
- **ID Setting:** Use the ID function to prevent interference from other wireless systems operating nearby. Set a unique ID on both the trigger and flash units.
- **Channel Scanning:** The X3S includes a spare channel scanning function to identify and select clear channels, minimizing interference.



This image shows the Godox X3S Flash Trigger mounted on a camera, wirelessly communicating with two off-camera Godox studio flashes, demonstrating its 2.4GHz wireless remote control capabilities for multi-flash setups.

5.4. Flash Modes: TTL, Manual, Multi-Flash

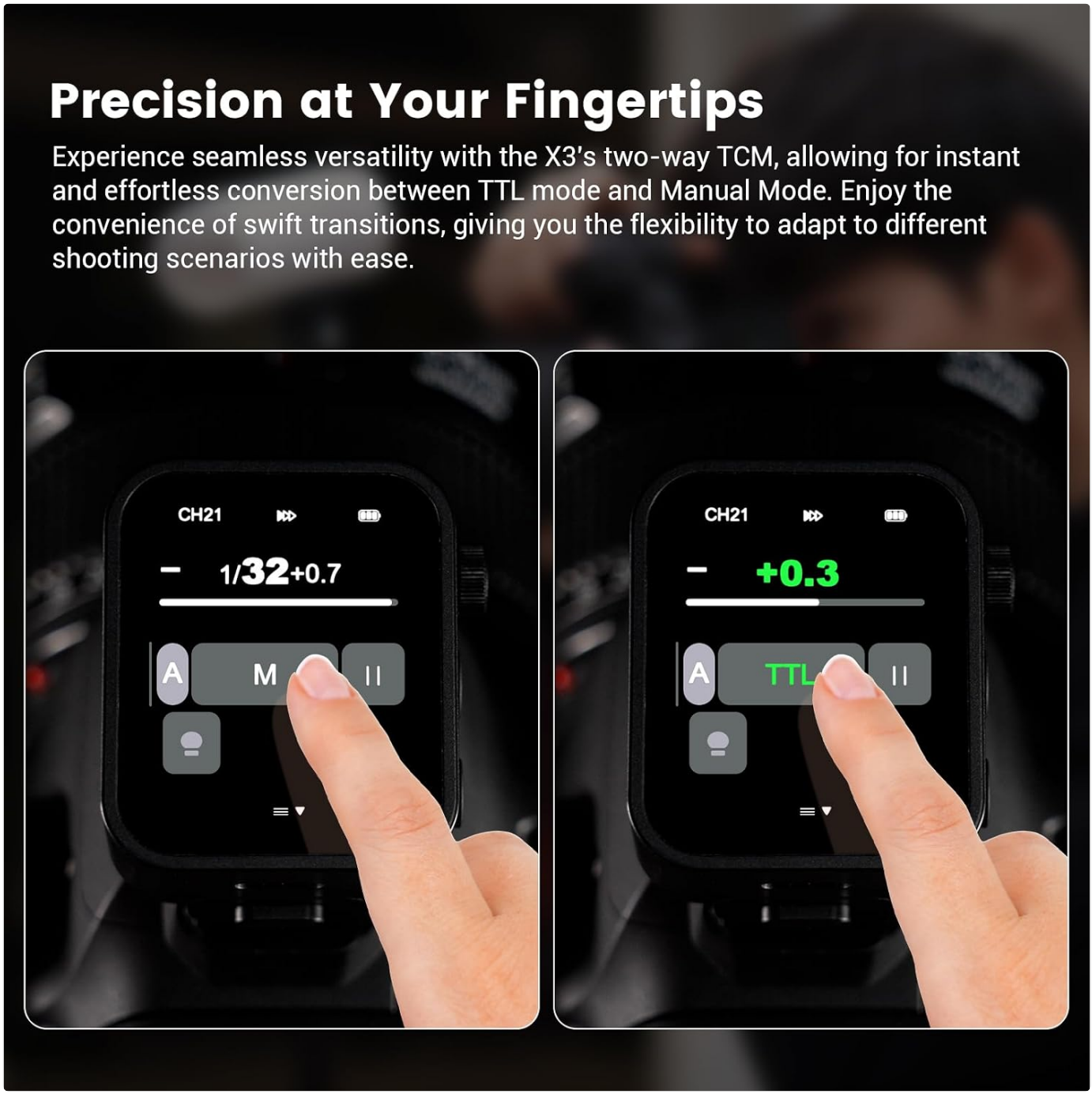
- **TTL Auto Flash Mode:** The camera and flash automatically determine the correct exposure.
- **Manual Flash Mode (M):** Allows you to manually set the flash power output.
- **Multi Flash Mode:** Fires a series of rapid flashes during a single exposure to capture multiple movements of a subject.

5.5. High-Speed Sync (HSS)

The X3S supports High-Speed Sync (HSS), allowing you to use flash at shutter speeds up to 1/8000s. This is useful for overpowering ambient light or using wide apertures in bright conditions.

5.6. TCM Conversion Function

The Two-Way TCM (TTL Convert Manual) function allows for quick conversion of TTL exposure values into manual power settings. This combines the convenience of TTL with the precision of manual control.



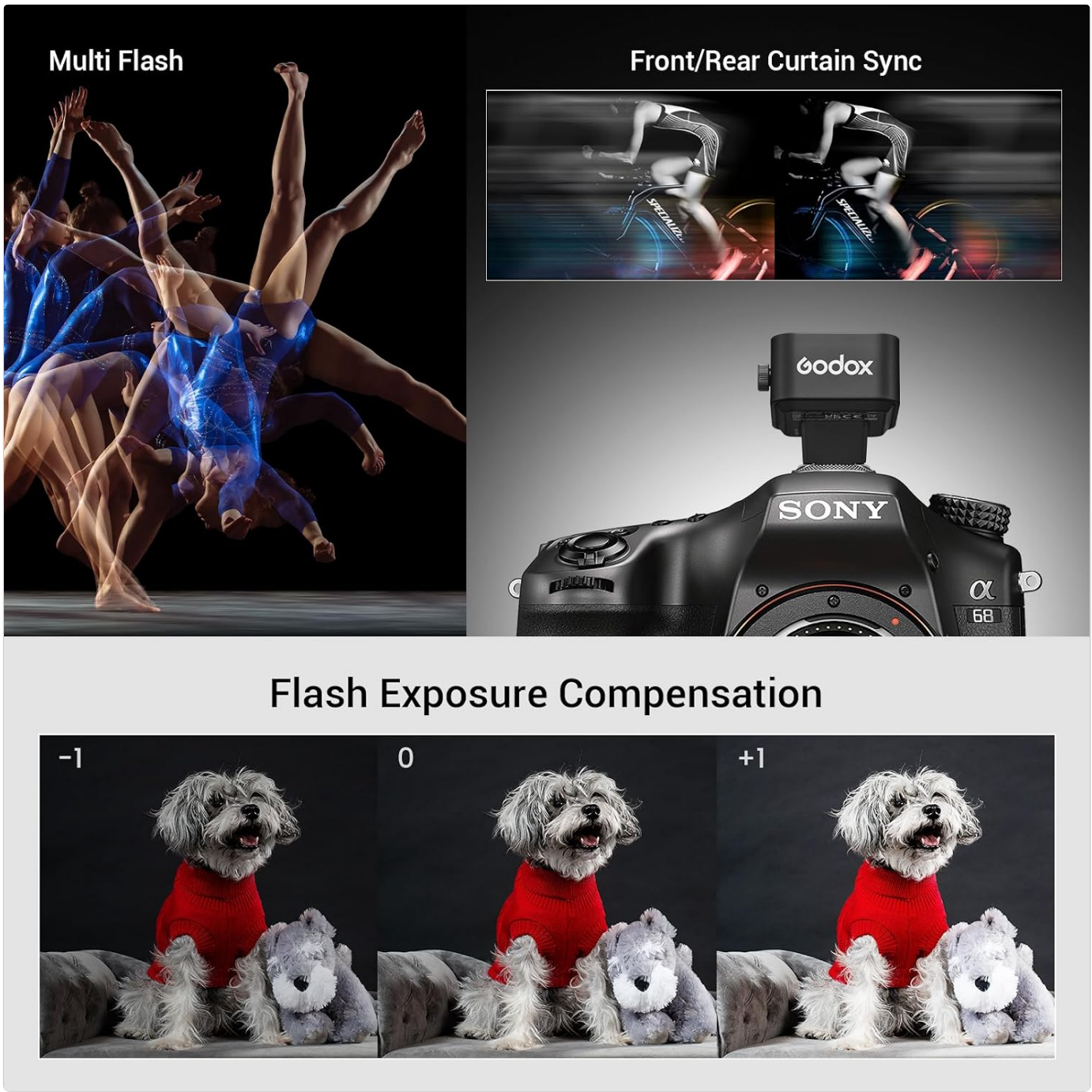
This image demonstrates the Two-Way TCM (TTL Convert Manual) function on the Godox X3S, allowing users to quickly switch between Manual flash mode with specific power settings and TTL auto flash mode.

5.7. Side Knob Adjustments

For situations where touchscreen interaction is difficult (e.g., wearing gloves), the X3S features side-mounted rotary knobs for adjusting parameters.



An image of the Godox X3S Flash Trigger highlighting the side-mounted rotary knobs, which provide an alternative method for adjusting parameters, especially useful when wearing gloves or in challenging environments.



A comparison view of the Godox X3S Flash Trigger's screen, showing how flash group parameters (D, E, F) can be adjusted either through the intuitive touchscreen interface or via the physical buttons on the side, offering flexibility in control.

6. Maintenance

6.1. Cleaning

Use the provided cleaning cloth or a soft, dry cloth to clean the exterior of the trigger. Avoid using harsh chemicals or abrasive materials.

6.2. Battery Care

To prolong battery life, avoid fully discharging the battery frequently. If storing the device for an extended period, charge it to approximately 50% every few months.

6.3. Firmware Updates

Firmware updates can be performed via the USB-C connection. Visit the official Godox website for the latest firmware and instructions.

7. Troubleshooting

- **Trigger not firing flash:**
  - Ensure the X3S is securely mounted on the camera's hotshoe.
  - Check that both the X3S and the flash unit(s) are powered on.
  - Verify that the channel, group, and ID settings match between the X3S and the flash unit(s).
  - Check battery levels on both devices.
- **Interference with other wireless devices:**
  - Use the channel scanning function to find a clear channel.
  - Set a unique ID on your X3S and flash units.
- **Screen unresponsive:**
  - Check if the screen lock function is active.
  - Restart the device.
  - Ensure the battery is sufficiently charged.

8. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Model Number	X3S
Product Dimensions	1.54 x 1.85 x 1.54 inches
Item Weight	8.4 ounces
Batteries	1 Lithium Ion battery (included)
Battery Life	Approximately 7 days (standby) / 6000 flashes per charge
Compatible Mountings	Sony E-mount
Camera Flash Type	Hotshoe
Flash Sync Speed	Up to 1/8000s (High-Speed Sync)
Wireless System	Godox 2.4G Wireless X System

9. Safety Precautions

- Do not disassemble or modify the device.
- Keep the device dry. Do not handle with wet hands or immerse in water.
- Avoid extreme temperatures. Do not expose to direct sunlight or high heat.
- Keep out of reach of children.
- Use only the specified charging cable.
- Do not operate in the presence of flammable gases or liquids.

10. Warranty and Support

For warranty information and technical support, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official GODOX website. You may also contact the retailer where you purchased the product for assistance.

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