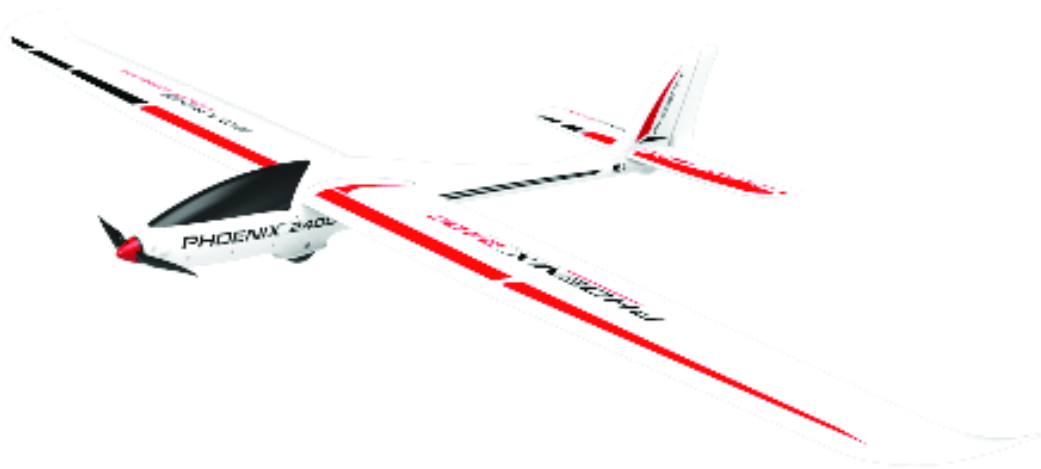




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WARNING

The following terms are used throughout the product literature to indicate various levels of potential harm when operating this product: **NOTICE:** Procedures, which if not properly followed, will create a possibility of physical property damage AND or the possibility of injury.

WARNING: Read the **ENTIRE** instruction manual to become familiar with the features of the product before operating. Failure to operate the product correctly can result in damage to the product, and personal property and cause serious injury. This is a sophisticated hobby product. It must be operated with caution and common sense and require some basic mechanical ability. Fail to operate this product in a safe and responsible manner could result in injury or damage to the product or other property. This product is not intended for use by children! without direct adult supervision. Do not use incompatible components or alter this product in any way outside of the instructions provided by VolantexRC Co., Ltd. This manual contains instructions for safety, operation, and maintenance. It is essential to read and follow all the instructions and warnings in the manual, prior to assembly, setup, or use, in order to operate correctly and avoid damage or serious injury.

AGE RECOMMENDATION: NOT FOR CHILDREN UNDER 14 YEARS. THIS IS NOT A TOY .

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Safety Precautions and Warnings

As the user of this product, you are solely responsible for operating in a manner that does not endanger yourself and others or result in damage to the product or the property of others.

- Always keep a safe distance in all directions around your plane to avoid collisions or injury. This plane is controlled by a radio signal subject to interference from many sources outside your control. Interference can cause momentary loss of control.
- Always operate your plane in open spaces away from full-size vehicles, traffic, and people.
- Always carefully follow the directions and warnings for this and any optional support equipment(chargers, rechargeable battery packs, etc.).
- Always keep all chemicals, small parts, and anything electrical out of the reach of children.
- Always avoid water exposure to all equipment not specially designed and protected for this purpose. Moisture causes damage to electronics.
- Never place any portion of the plane in your mouth as it could cause serious injury or even death. – Never operate your plane with low transmitter batteries.
- Always keep your plane in sight and under control.
- Always use fully charged batteries.
- Always keep the transmitter powered on while the plane is powered.
- Always remove batteries before disassembly.
- Always keep moving parts clean.
- Always keep parts dry.
- Always let parts cool after using before touching.
- Always remove batteries after usage.
- Always ensure the failsafe is properly set before running.
- Never operate a plane with damaged wiring.

Battery Warnings

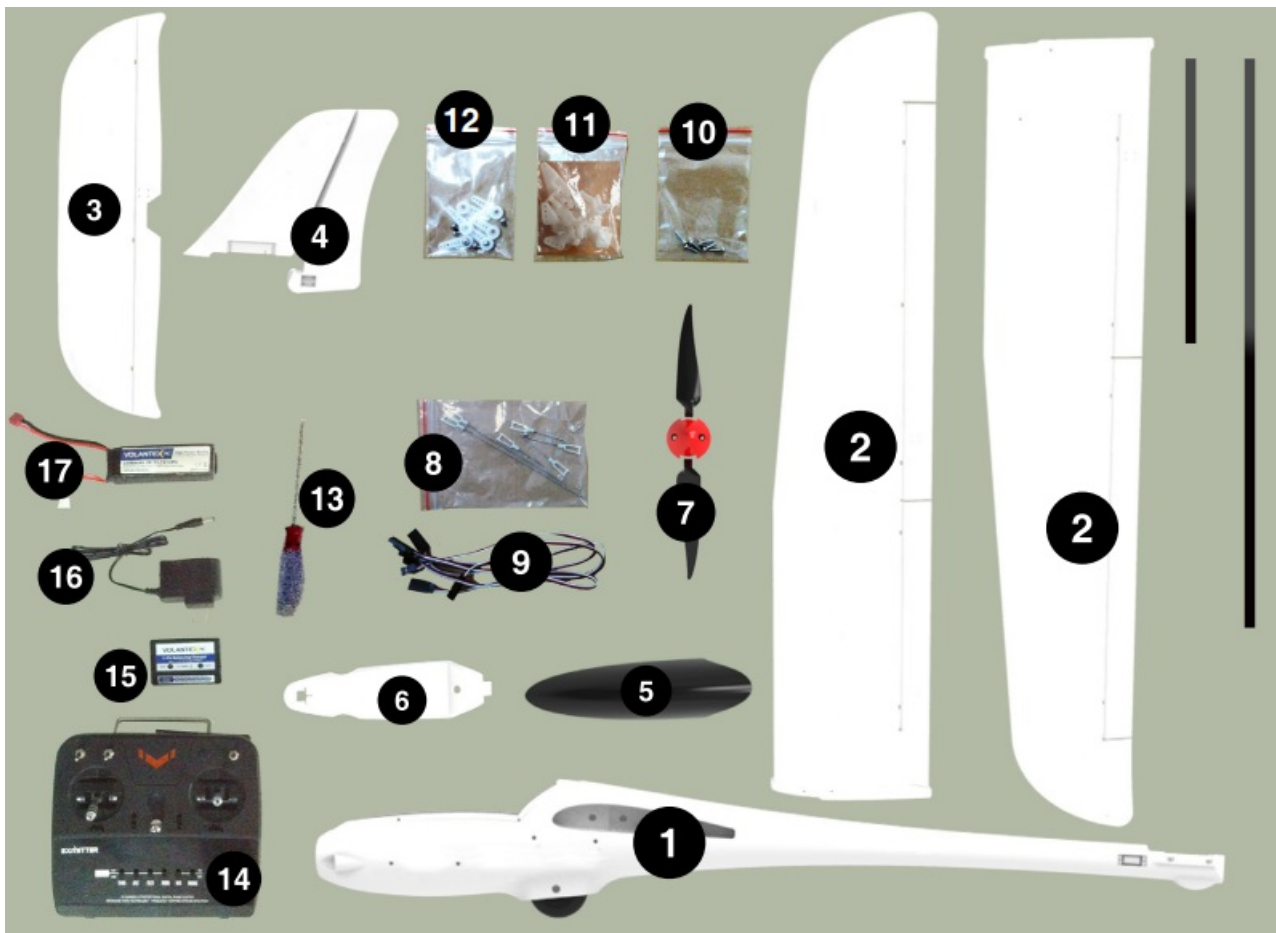
CAUTION: All instructions and warnings must be followed exactly. Mishandling of Li-Po/Li-Ion/Ni-Mh batteries can result in fire, personal injury, and/or property damage.

- The battery charger included with your plane(if there be) is designed to safely balance and charge the specific Li-Po/Li-Ion/Ni-Mh battery.
- By handling, charging, or using the included battery, you shall assume all risks associated with Li-Po/Li-Ion/Ni-Mh battery.
- If at any time the battery begins to balloon or swell, discontinue use immediately. If charging or discharging, you should discontinue and disconnect. Continue to use, charge or discharge a battery that is ballooning or swelling can result in fire. – Always store the battery at room temperature in a dry area for best results.
- Always transport or temporarily store the battery in a temperature range of 40-120 Fahrenheit degrees (549 degrees centigrade). Do not store the battery or your plane in a car or in direct sunlight. If stored in a hot car, the battery can be damaged or even cause a fire.
- Always charge a battery away from flammable materials.
- Always inspect the battery before charging and never charge damaged batteries.
- Always disconnect the battery after charging, and allow the charger to cool before the next charge. – Always

constantly monitor the temperature of the battery pack while charging.

- ONLY USE A CHARGER SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO CHARGE SPECIFIC BATTERIES.
- Never discharge Li-Po cells till below 3V under load.
- Never cover warning labels with hook or loop strips.
- Never leave charging batteries unattended.
- Never charge batteries outside recommended levels.
- Never attempt to dismantle or alter the charger.
- Never allow minors to charge battery packs.
- Never charge batteries in extremely hot or cold places(recommended between 40-120 Fahrenheit degrees / 5-49 degrees centigrade) or in direct sunlight.

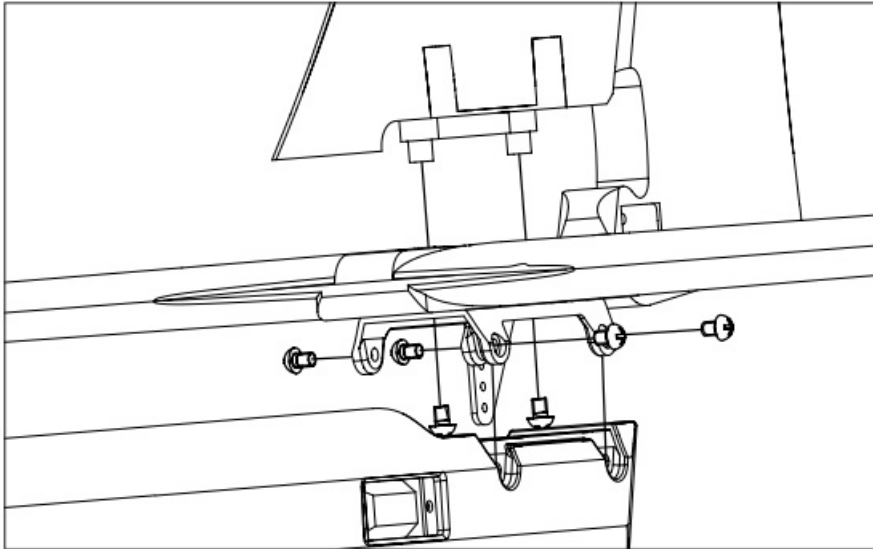
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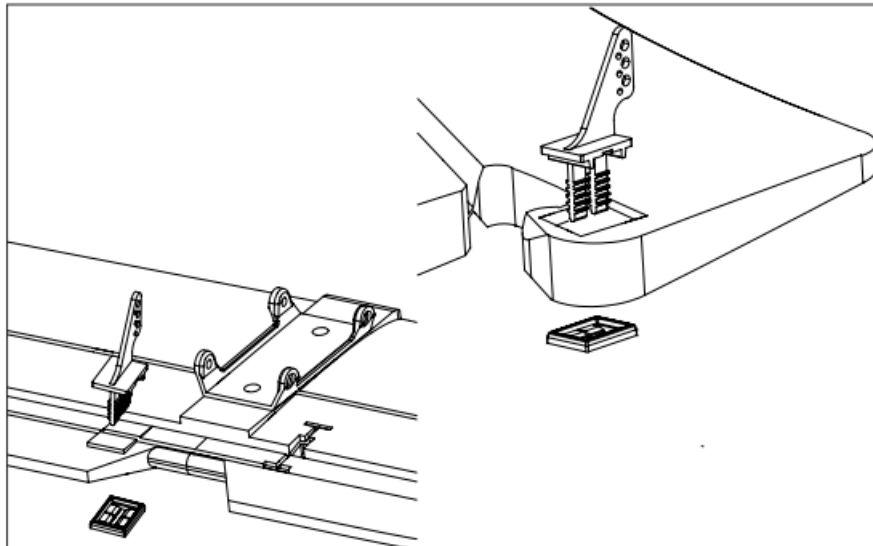
1. Fuselage
2. Main Wings
3. Horizontal Tail
4. Vertical Tail
5. Canopy
6. Camera Mount
7. Propeller
8. Push Rods
9. Extend Wires
10. Screws

- 11. Control Horns
- 12. Servo Arms
- 13. Philips Screw Driver
- 14. Radio Transmitter(RTF)
- 15. Balance Charger(RTF)
- 16. Power Adaptor(RTF)
- 17. Li-Po Battery(RTF)

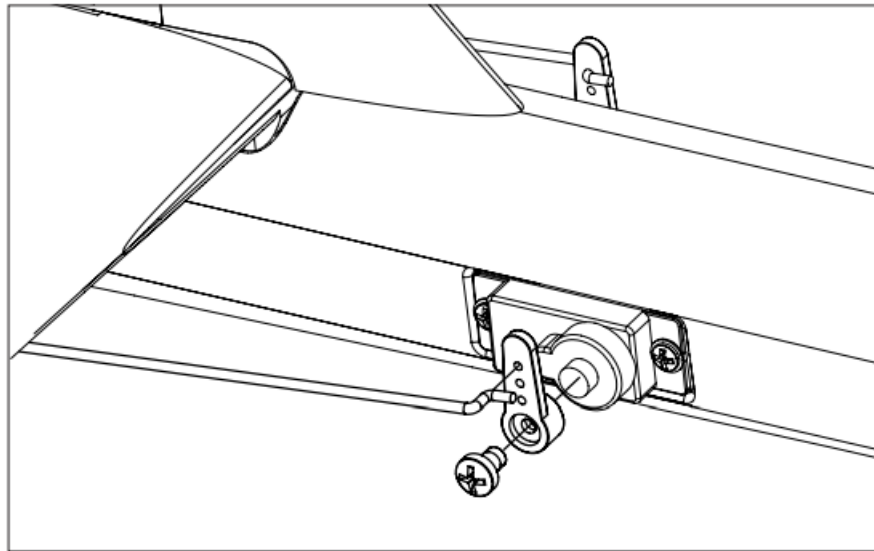
Installation Guide



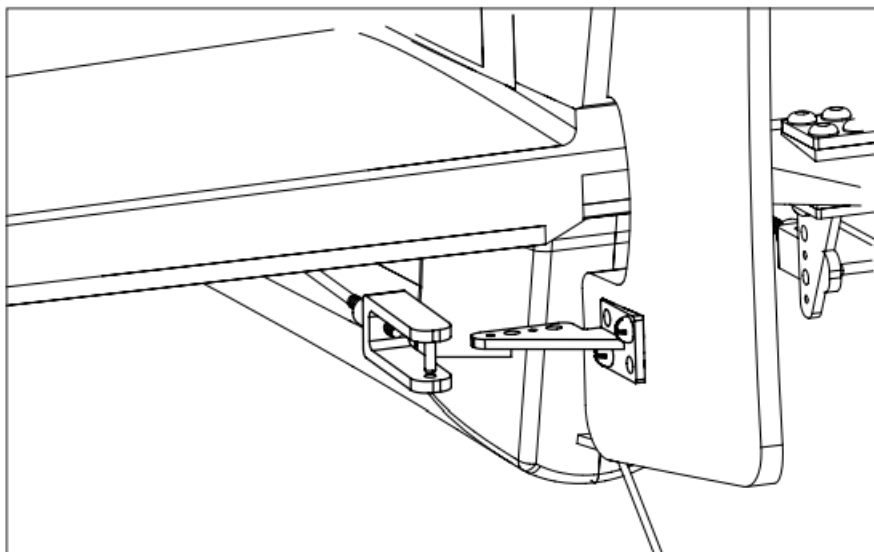
1. Install the vertical tail and horizontal tail to the fuselage as shown, secured by 6pcs PA2.6*8 screws.



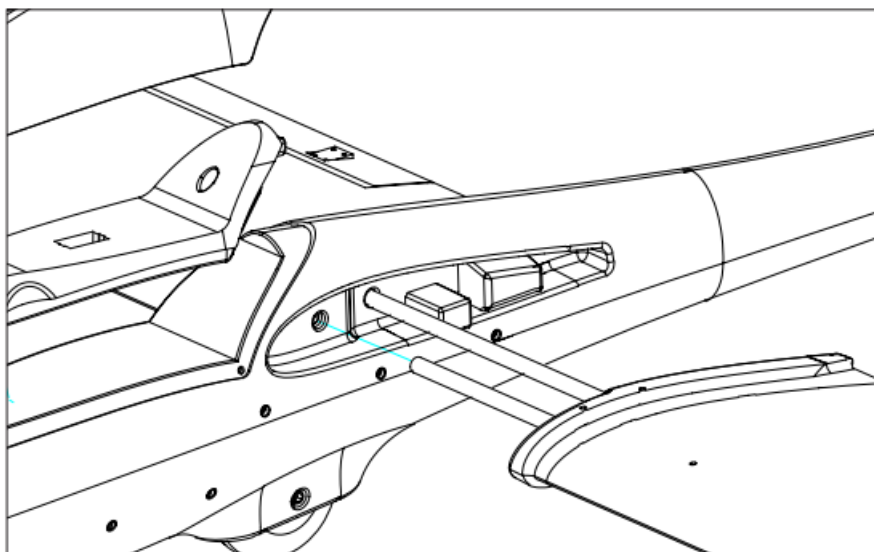
2. Install hinge control horns to reserved position on the vertical tail and horizontal tail. Make sure it is well secured.



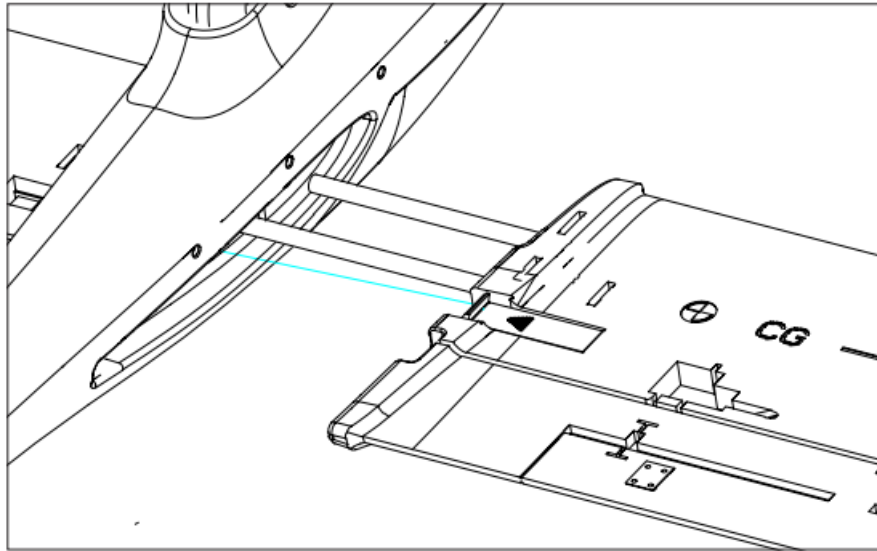
3. Install push rod(115mm) to the servo on each side of the fuselage, through the third hole counted from the servo arm edge. Secured servo arm to the servo with a PWA2.3*4 screw.



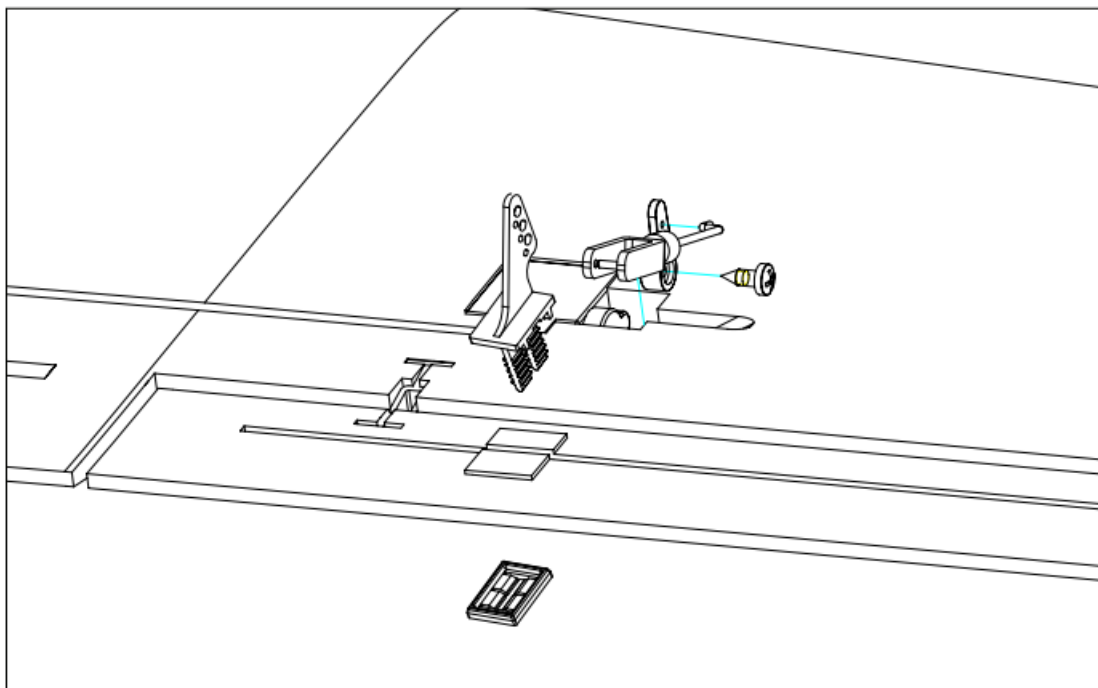
4. Secure the clevis to the hinge control horn by the second hole counted from the horn edge, tightened by the rubber ring.



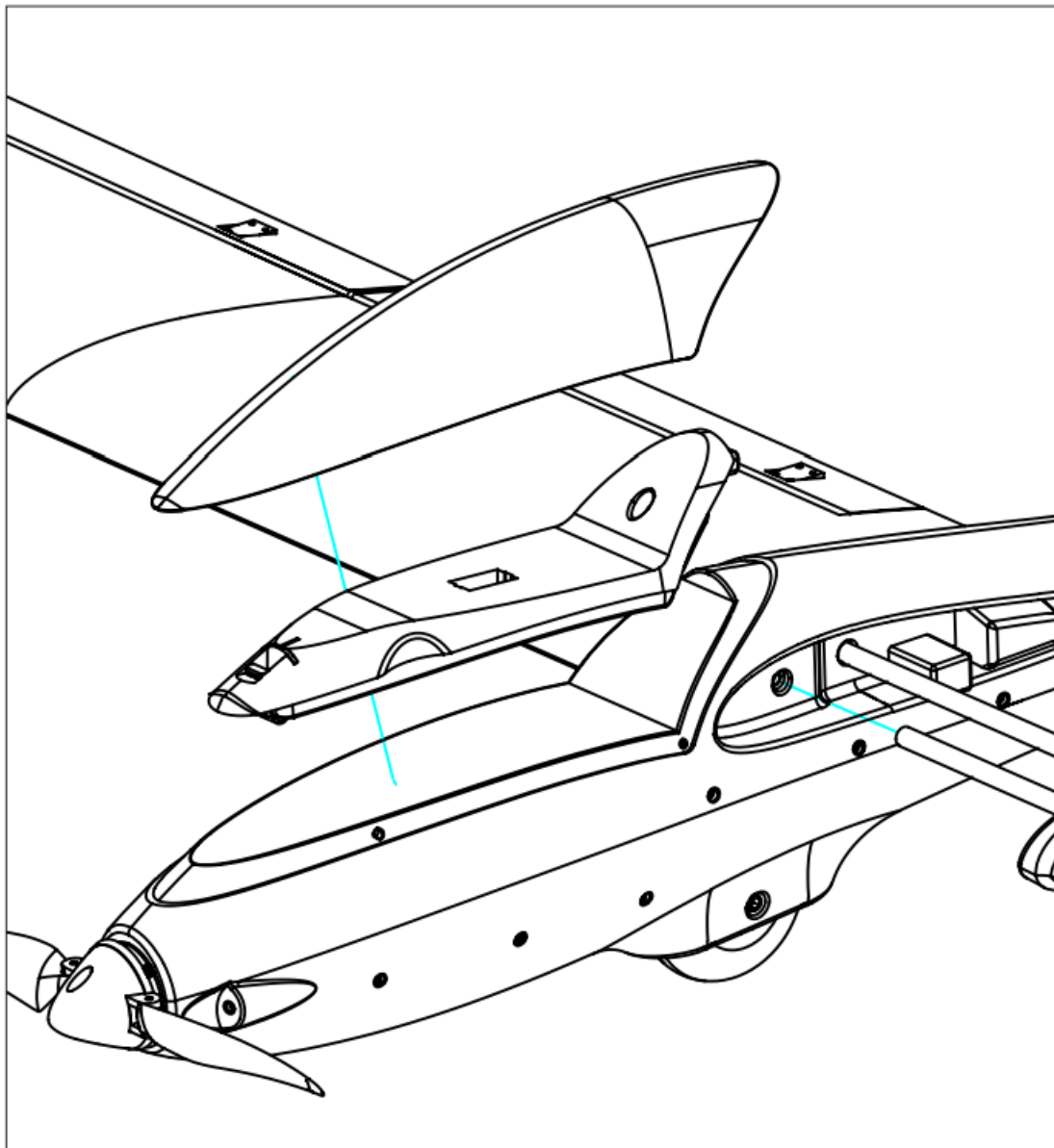
5. Slot the wing connective rods to one wing,



6. Secure the wings to the fuselage with the joint then connect another wing through the holes of point plastic pieces. Make sure you hear a “click” fuselage. sound to secure well.



7. Install hinge control horns to reserved position on main wings. Then install a push rod(40mm) to the servo on each main wing, through the third hole counted from the servo arm edge, secured by a PWA2.3*4 screw. Secure the clevis to the hinge control horn by the second hole counted from the horn edge, tightened by the rubber circle.



8. Depends on what feature you need, cover on the camera mount(for FPV flight) or the canopy(for normal flight).

Centering the Control Surfaces

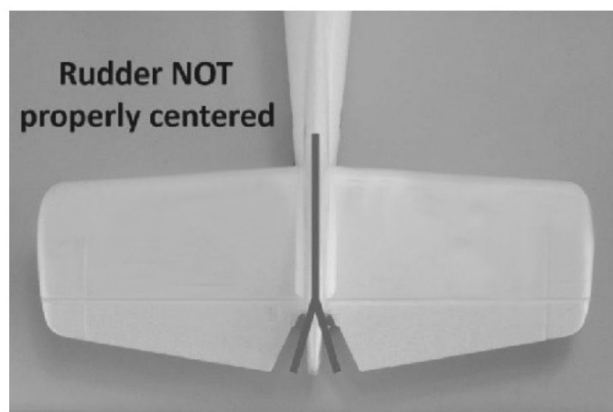
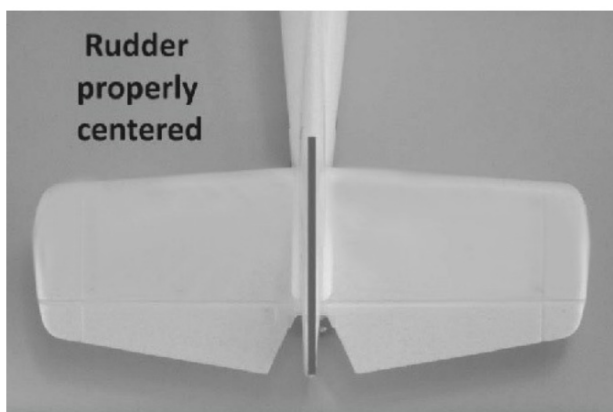
With the transmitter turned on and the LiPo flight battery connected to the ESC (and installed in the battery compartment) it's now possible to connect the pushrods to the rudder and elevator control surfaces and to the 'center' the surfaces accordingly.

First, be sure to center the elevator and rudder (aileron) trim levers. See the 'Transmitter Details' and 'Flight Controls and Trimming' sections of this manual for more information on the trim levers and their functions.

With the trim levers centered, carefully spread open each 'clevis' (the white color plastic part installed on the threaded end of the metal pushrod) so you can insert the pin in the OUTERMOST hole on each control horn. It may be helpful to insert a flat blade screwdriver (not included) into the clevis then carefully 'twist' it until it disengages the pin from the hole in the clevis. Also, it is not necessary to 'snap' the clevis back together until the centering adjustments are complete.



After connecting the devices to the control horns view the vertical tail and rudder from directly above. The rudder should be 'in line with the vertical tail when it's properly 'centered'. However, if the rudder is angled off to the right or left you can adjust the length/position of the pushrod/clevis so the surface is centered 'mechanically' while the trim lever on the transmitter is centered.

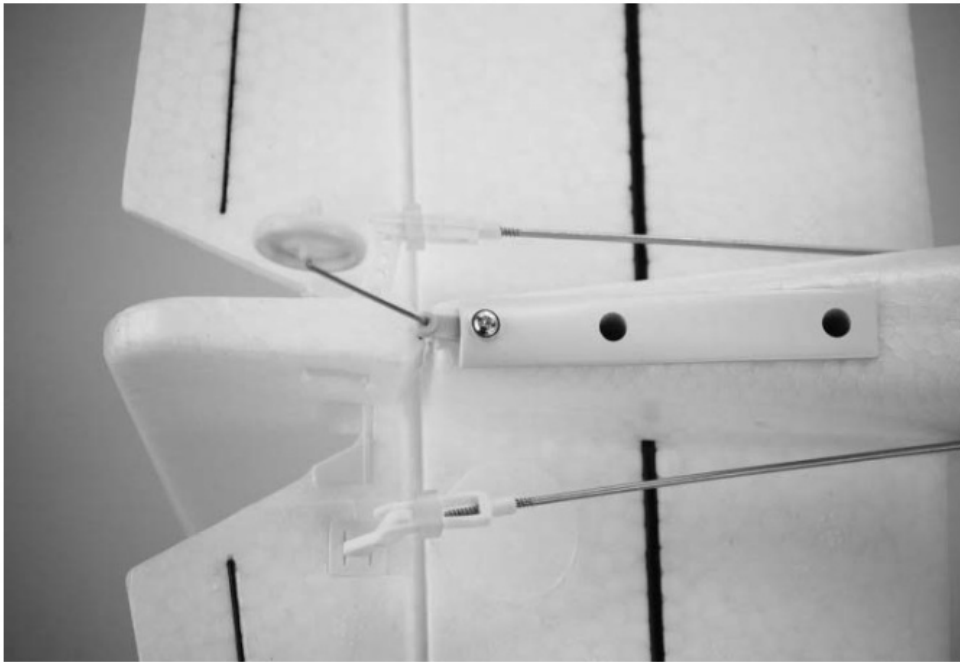


If the rudder is angled to the left carefully remove the clevis from the control horn and screw it 'in' (clockwise) one half to one full turn then insert the pin back into the outermost hole in the control horn. Or, if the rudder is angled off to the right carefully remove the clevis from the control horn and screw it 'out' (counter-clockwise) one half to one full turn then insert the pin back into the outermost hole in the control horn. View the vertical tail and rudder from directly above again and continue adjusting the length/position of the pushrod/ clevis until the rudder is centered appropriately.

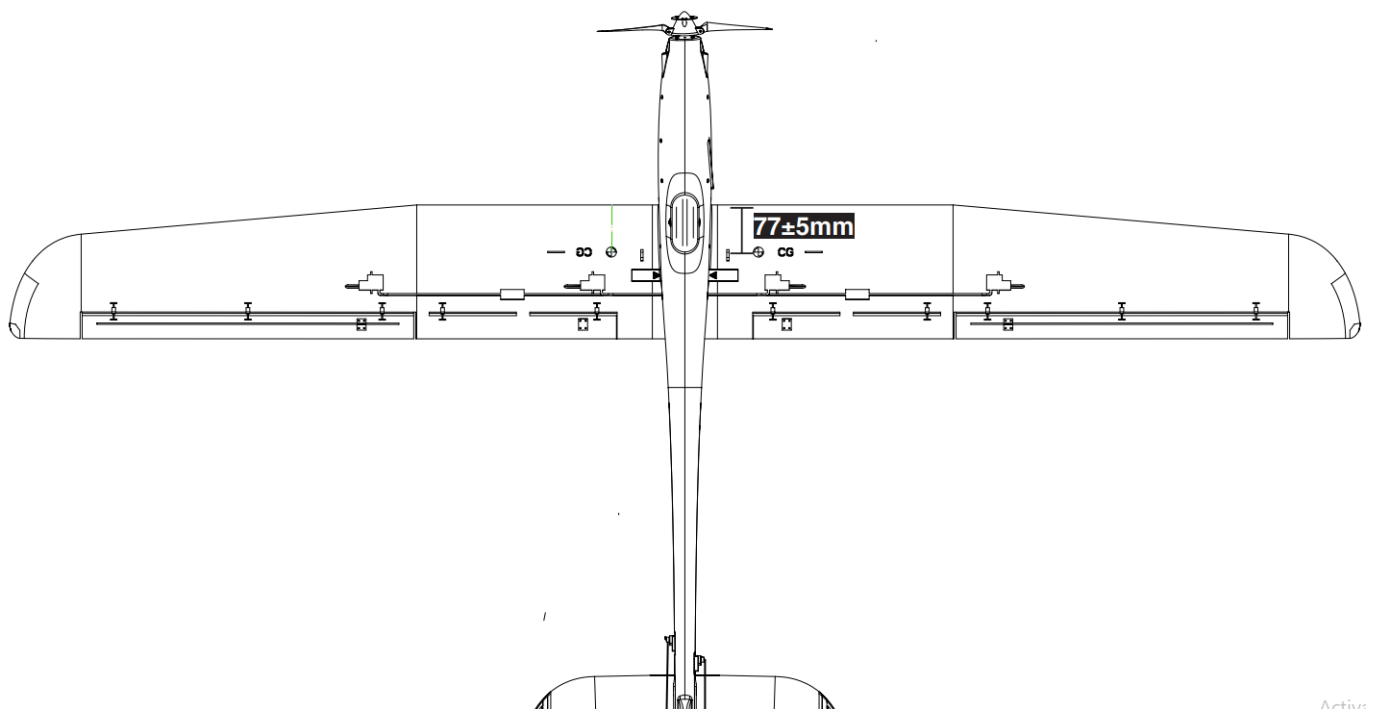
NOTE: You should always rotate the clevis until the pin is perpendicular to the control horn to ensure the pin is not under any excessive load/pressure when inserted in the hole and during operation. In some cases, it may not be possible to 'exactly' center the surface mechanically while properly aligning the pin. In these cases be sure the pin is properly aligned then adjust the position of the trim lever slightly as needed. Also, it will likely be necessary to make further adjustments to the position of the trim lever during flight as most surfaces do not end up in exactly the centered position when an airplane is trimmed properly for actual flight (but 'centered' is still the best starting point). Follow the same steps outlined for centering the rudder to center the elevator as well.



Also, we strongly recommend installing the included 'clevis keepers' to provide added security for the devices. Typically you can carefully slide the keepers over the devices when they are not connected to the control horn. Then, after connecting the clevis to the control horn and 'snapping' the clevis together you can slide the keepers into a position that does not allow them to 'bind' against the control horn during the movement of the surface.



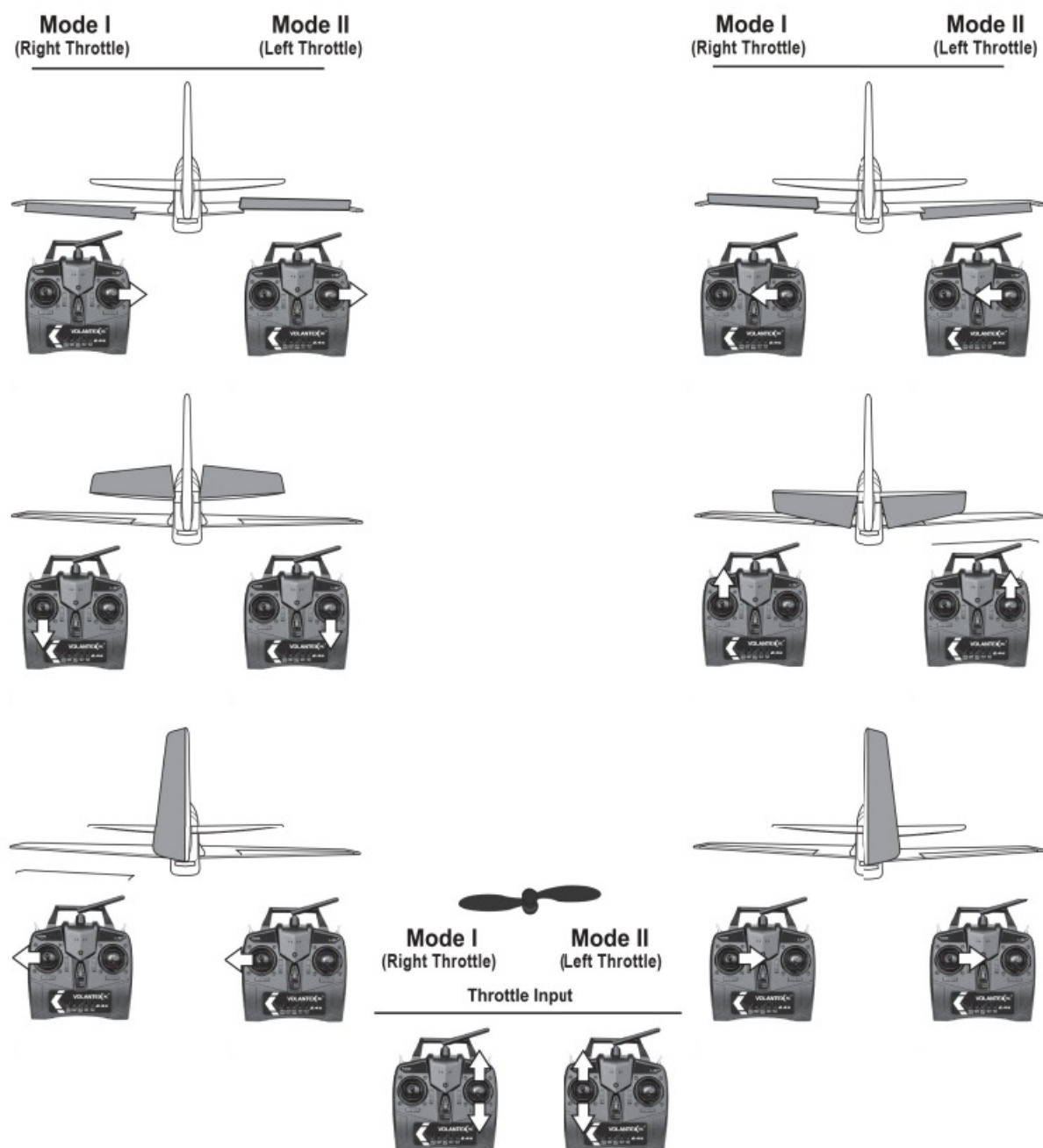
Center of Gravity



The ideal C.G. position is $77 \pm 5\text{mm}$ behind the leading edge measured at where the wing meets the fuselage. The C.G. has a GREAT effect on the way of the model flight. If the C.G. is too far back (tail-heavy), the model will be too responsive and difficult to control. If the C.G. is too far forward (nose heavy), the model will be too stable and not responsive enough. In order to obtain the C.G. specified, add weight to the fuselage or move the battery position. Check the C.G. before flying.

Check The Control Surface And Channel Condition

Mode 1 and Mode 2: Depending on which area you are in, you will either use a Model or Mode 2 transmitter. The difference between the two modes deals with the throttle and Elevator joystick different. Mode 2 transmitters have the throttle control on the left stick and the Elevator controls on the right stick. Mode 1 is in the opposite way.



Before trying to fly the airplane, please carefully check to make sure the transmitter and the servos work normally.
CAUTION: Make sure that you must turn on the transmitter first and then you can connect the battery plug. If you want to turn off the transmitter you must ensure that the battery of the plane must be cut off first.

Flight Checklist

PLEASE NOTE: This checklist is NOT intended to replace the content included in this instruction manual. Although it can be used as a quick start guide, we strongly suggest reading through this manual completely before proceeding.

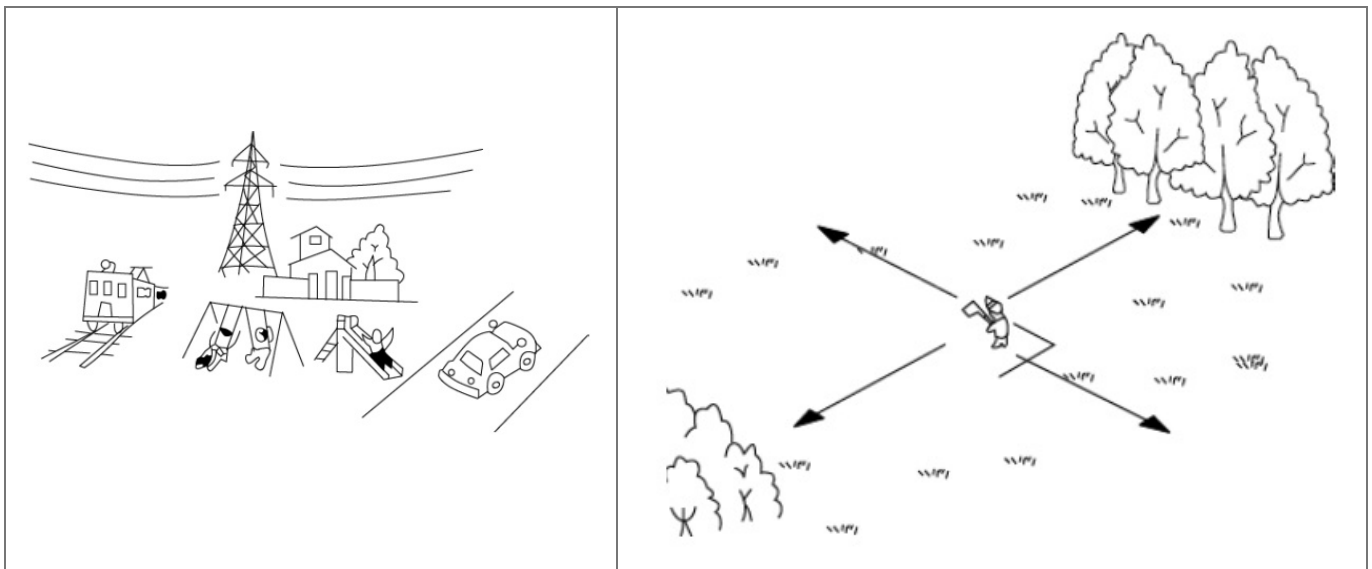
- Always turn the transmitter on first. Ensure the throttle control stick is on the button position then plug the battery. . Fly the model (hand launch or take off from a flat/level surface)

- Land the model (land on a flat level surface)
- Unplug the LiPo flight battery from the ESC
- Always turn the transmitter off last

Find a Flight Field

Based on the size and weight of the plane it's typically considered to be a 'park flyer' class model. As a result, it's best to fly the plane at a local park, schoolyard, flying field, or another area that's large enough and free of people and obstructions. We recommend an area the size of at least one football/ soccer field, however, even larger areas are better suited and preferred especially when learning how to fly. **DO NOT fly in parking lots, crowded neighborhood areas, or in areas that are not free of people and obstructions.**

We also suggest flying over the grass as it's a much more forgiving surface that causes less damage in the unfortunate event of a crash. Short grass is better for takeoffs and landings as grass that is too long can cause the airplane to nose-over /flip and be damaged. An ideal flying area allows for takeoffs and landings on a smoother surface (such as asphalt) and flying over grass.



Flying Conditions

It's typically best to fly on days that are calm with no wind, especially when learning how to fly. We strongly suggest flying only in calm conditions until you're familiar with the controls and handling of the model. Even light winds can make it much more difficult to learn to fly, and in some cases can even carry the model beyond your line of sight.

Also, if you are a first-time or low-time pilot we highly recommend allowing a more experienced pilot to test fly and properly trim the model before attempting your first flight. A proven flyable and properly trimmed model is significantly easier and more enjoyable to fly! Please contact your local hobby shop and/or flying club to find a more experienced pilot near you.

After you've properly trimmed the airplane in calm conditions and become familiar with its handling/capabilities you'll be able to fly in light winds, or depending on your experience and comfort level, in winds up to 5-7 mph. **DO NOT fly on days when significant moisture, such as rain or snow, is present.**

Perform a Range Check

As a precaution, an operational ground range test should be performed before the first flight each time out. performing a range test is a good way to detect problems that could cause loss of control such as low batteries defective or damaged radio components or radio interference. This usually requires an assistant and should be done at the actual flying site you will be using. First, turn on the transmitter. Then, install the fully charged battery

into the fuselage and hold it in place with the hook-and-loop strap. Connect the battery and install the hatch.

Remember, carefully not to “bump” the throttle stick. Otherwise, the propeller will rotate, possibly causing damage or injury.

With the antenna on the transmitter collapsed (not extended) , begin walking away from the model operating the controls in a predictable pattern (for example: Up, then down the elevator. Right, then left aileron. Right, then left rudder). While moving the control surfaces, also vary motor rpm. Have your assistant alert you if the controls fail to respond or if they move suddenly or erratically. You should be able to maintain control up to a distance of approximately 100' (30m).

If the controls respond erratically or if anything else seems wrong, make certain all the servo wires are securely connected to the receiver and that the transmitter and receiver batteries are fully charged. If you cannot find a mechanical problem with the model, it is slightly possible that there is radio interference somewhere in the area. One option would be to try another range check at an alternate flying site.

After the range check, fully extend the antenna. Monitor and limit your flight time using a timer such as the one on your wristwatch. When the batteries are getting low you will usually notice a performance drop before the ESC cuts off motor power, so when you notice the plane flying slower you should land. Often (but not always!), power can be briefly restored after the motor cuts off by holding the throttle stick all the way down for a few seconds.

To avoid an unexpected dead-stick landing on your first flight set your timer to a conservative 4 minutes. When the alarm sounds you should land your model.

When you learn how much flight time you are getting you can adjust your timer accordingly. Always be conservative so the motor won't quit unexpectedly and you will have enough battery to land under power.

Take off

Until you have become comfortable with flying your plane, do not fly if the wind speed is greater than 10 mph [16 kilometers /hr].

One final check before takeoff: always double-check the flight control response to your inputs from the transmitter before every flight. Be certain the ailerons, elevator, and rudder respond correctly and that none of the controls have inadvertently become reversed.

Don't forget to fully extend the transmitter antenna.

If the surface is smooth (such as pavement or blacktop) the plane can take off from the ground. But most grass is probably too tall, so if flying from the grass the model will have to be hand launched.

ROG(Rise off Ground) Takeoff

If taking off from the ground, place the model on your " runway " with the nose pointing into the wind—this will reduce the ground speed that must be reached and automatically provide " heading assist " making steering and takeoff easier. Slowly advance the throttle, adding rudder correction as needed to keep the model rolling straight. When the plane becomes " light "continue to apply throttle until you are at full power all this will happen in a few seconds. When sufficient liftoff speed has been reached, gradually apply the "up "elevator allowing the model to leave the ground. Do not " yank " upon the stick rather, be smooth and allow the plane to establish a gentle climb. Once you have reached a safe flying speed at a comfortable altitude (approximately 50' [15m]), work the controls as necessary to establish a gentle turn away from the runway.

Hand-Launch

Until you have become efficient at flying your plane, always use an assistant to hand-launch your model.

Have your assistant hold the model by the bottom of the fuselage. When both of you have signaled "ready ", advance the throttle to full power. Your assistant should run a few steps with the plane held high above his head, and then give the model a swift, but controlled toss at a level, or slightly nose-up attitude. Initially, the model will gently ascend, but within a few seconds, it will reach enough speed to climb. Gently add an " up " elevator to establish the climb.

Once you have reached a safe flying speed at a comfortable altitude (approximately 50' [15m]), work the controls as necessary to establish a gentle turn away from the runway.

Flying

One thing to remember is that when the plane is flying away from you, moving the aileron stick to the right will make the plane bank to your right. However, when the model is flying toward you, moving the aileron stick to the right will make the plane move to your left. Of course, the plane is still responding the same way, it's just that your orientation has reversed. This must be kept in mind while learning to fly (and is also a good reason to take flight lessons from an experienced pilot!).

To establish a turn, an "up" elevator(pulling back on the stick) is usually required along with aileron input to get the model into a bank. To stop the turn, apply a small amount of opposite aileron.

Once you get the plane into the air and have climbed to a comfortable altitude, the first "order of business" will be to "trim" the model for straight-and-level flight. The model flies best at approximately 3/4-throttle. Adjust the trims on the transmitter to make minor control surface adjustments as necessary until the plane will fly straight without any control inputs. Often, your assistant can reach over and adjust the trims for you.

Remember to keep the model high enough to give yourself time to make corrections, but don't let it get too far away. Otherwise, it will be difficult to detect its attitude and which way it is going.

One final check before landing: see how the model will react when it's time to land and you cut the power. To do this, while still at altitude, cut the motor power. The model should establish a gentle, downward glide path.

This is how the model will react when it's actually time to land. Add power and climb back up to your original altitude. Try again, this time adding flaps.

To climb, add throttle and immediately take the flaps back out. Practice a few of these "climb and glides" to judge how far out you will need to be when it's time to land.

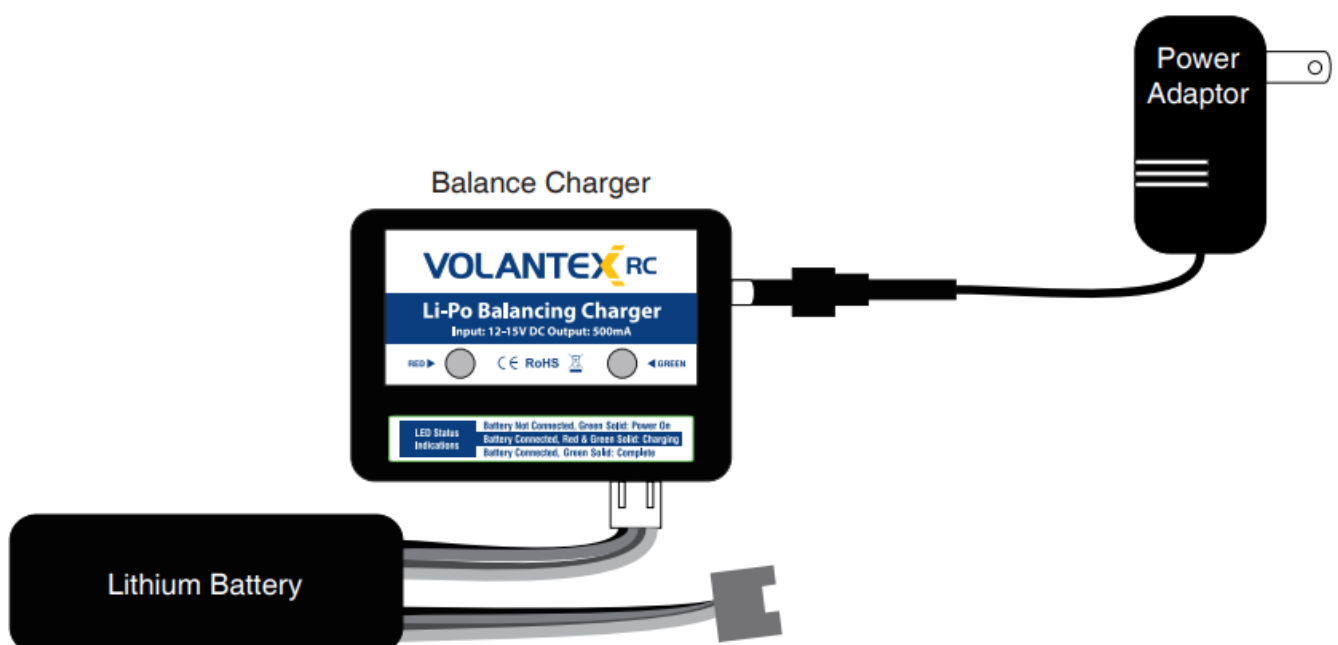
Landing

Make sure that the airplane initiates an ascending glide path. If necessary, add power to extend the glide path to reach control of the glide path and altitude. Continue to apply the elevator until the model touches down at which time you should be holding a full or nearly full up elevator. This will cause the airplane to slow and settle to the ground. **CAUTION:** If during a rough landing, the propeller becomes jammed and cannot rotate, the battery and speed control will become very hot if you attempt to add power. Immediately move the throttle down to stop the motor. If you fail to do this, the motor, speed control, and /or battery will be damaged.

After Flight

Disconnect the battery and remove it from the airplane. Then, turn off the transmitter. Allow the battery to cool the airplane to make sure nothing has become loose or damaged.

Charging Instruction



For charging the included lithium battery, you can only use the included charger set(balance charger and power supply), or a suitably compatible lithium battery charger. Charging the lithium battery using a none lithium battery compatible charger (such as a NiCd or NiMH battery charger), or even a different lithium battery charger with the incorrect settings, may result in damage to the battery or even fire resulting in property damage and/or personal injury. Follow the below steps to charge the lithium battery with the included charger.

1. Plug the included balance charger into the power adaptor, then plug the power adaptor into a compatible AC outlet(depends on different countries and areas), then connect the power output leads to the receptacle on the side of the balance charger. The power adapter and balance charger are powered on when the green color LED indicator is glowing.
2. Connect the white 4-pin connector from the battery to the mating connector on the charger.

CAUTION: You must be careful to ensure proper polarity before making the connection.

And while the white connectors are 'keyed' to minimize the risk of a reverse polarity connection, if you force them it is possible to make a connection with the incorrect polarity potentially causing damage to the battery and/or charger. When the connectors are properly aligned for correct polarity, connecting them should require only a moderate amount of pressure to achieve the 'click' that indicates a secure connection.

3. When the battery is connected to the charger securely and with the proper polarity both the red color and green color LED indicators will glow. The battery will be charging anytime the red LED indicator is glowing.
4. It will take approximately 1.5-2.5 hours to fully charge a mostly or fully discharged (not over-discharged) battery. And when the battery is fully charged the red LED indicator will stop glowing entirely. When the red LED indicator is no longer glowing you can disconnect the battery from the charger as it is now fully charged and ready for use.

CAUTION: Do not store the lithium battery fully charged.

For improved safety and longevity of the LiPo battery, it's best to store it only partially charged for any length of time. Storing the LiPo battery at approximately 50% charged (which is approximately 3.85V per cell) is typically best, however, it will take some careful management of the charge time and the use of a voltmeter to achieve this voltage.

If you have the equipment and skills to achieve the 50% charge level for storage it is recommended. If not, simply be sure to not store the battery fully charged whenever possible. In fact, as long as the battery will be stored at approximately room temperature and for no more than a few weeks before the next use, it may be best to store the battery in the discharged state after the last flight (as long as the battery was not over-discharged on the last flight).

Remarks



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