

Aircraft Flight Manual

RDASS HD



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1.INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on your purchase of the Leptron RDASS. The Leptron RDASS offers a superior aerial data collection platform. Leptron provides this manual to support safe, effective, and legal operations of our small Unmanned Aircraft System (sUAS). You can ensure that you are getting the maximum benefit from your sUAS by strictly observing all operating procedures and practices outlined in this manual. You should regularly check leptron.com for updates to this manual, as this manual is subject to change without notice.

1.1 Documentation Conventions

NOTE	An operating procedure, condition, etc., which is essential to highlight.
CAUTION	An operating procedure, practice, etc. which, if not strictly observed, could result in damage to or destruction of equipment.
WARNING	An operating procedure, practice, etc., which, if not correctly followed, could result in personal injury or loss of life.
SHALL:	Used to indicate a mandatory requirement
WILL:	Used to express a declaration of purpose
SHOULD:	Used to indicate a nonmandatory but preferred method of accomplishment
MAY:	Used to indicate an acceptable method

1.2 Abbreviations and Terms

(AGL) Above	Altitude measured with respect to the ground surface. This is as opposed to
Ground Level	altitude measured above mean sea level (MSL).
(ATC) Air Traffic Control	The ground-based personnel and equipment concerned with monitoring and controlling air traffic within a particular area.
(COA) Certificate of	An authorization issued by the Air
Waiver or	Traffic Organization to an operator for a
Authorization	specific unmanned aircraft activity.
(FOV) Field of	The area in front of a camera or sensor
View:	that can be observed instantaneously.
(FPV) First Person View	A method used to control a radio- controlled aircraft looking from the point of view of an on-board camera.
(FTF) Functional Test Flight:	A series of flight maneuvers used to verify functionality controllability of the aircraft and associated flight equipment throughout various flight regimes
(IOC) Intelligent Orientation Control:	IOC modes consist of Course Lock (CL) and Point-of-Interest (POI). CL fixes the directional orientation of the aircraft in reference to the aircraft heading during boot-up. POI adjusts the aircraft heading to maintain a nose-in orientation on a recorded point.
(LiPo) Lithium Polymer:	A rechargeable battery consisting of a single or multiple cells containing lithium ion polymer chemistry.
(MTR) Military Training Route:	Aerial corridors across the United States in which military aircraft can operate below 10,000 feet faster than the maximum safe speed of 250 knots that all other aircraft are restricted to while operating below 10,000 feet.
Night	The time between the end of evening civil twilight and the beginning of morning civil twilight, as published in the Air Almanac, converted to local time.

(NOTAM) Notice to Airmen:	A written notification issued to pilots before a flight, advising them of circumstances relating to flying.
(PIC) Pilot in Command:	The person who has final authority and responsibility for the operation and safety of the flight; has been designated as PIC before the flight
(RDASS) Rapidly Deployable Aerial Surveillance System	A UAS designed to be easily transportable and rapidly deployable
(TFR) Temporary Flight Restriction:	An area restricted to flight due to a hazardous condition, a special event, or a general warning for the entire airspace.
(UA) Unmanned aircraft:	Any aircraft that is operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft
(UAS) Unmanned Aircraft System:	Unmanned aircraft and associated elements, including communication links and the components that control the unmanned aircraft, that are required for the PIC to operate safely and efficiently in the national airspace system
(VLOS) Visual Line of Sight:	Unaided (corrective lenses and/or sunglasses excepted) visual contact between a pilot in command and an unmanned aircraft sufficient to maintain safe operational control of the aircraft, know its location, and be able to scan the airspace in which it is operating to see and avoid other air traffic or objects aloft or on the ground
(VO) Visual Observer:	A person acting as a flightcrew member who assists the small UA remote PIC and the person manipulating the controls to see and avoid other air traffic or objects aloft or on the ground.

1.3	Notes,	Cautions,	and	Warnings
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NOTE	Read the entire manual before operating the RDASS.
NOTE	This manual shall be immediately available to the operator at all times during operation of the RDASS. Check leptron.com regularly to ensure the most up-to-date version of this manual is used.
	Always use the Flight Checklist provided herein during flight. For convenience, a laminated Flight Checklist (P/N: 27670006) is provided to meet this requirement.
NOTE	Maintain a Pilot Log and an Aircraft Log (P/N: 27670002) for all flights. Additional log sheets are available on leptron.com (FAA 14 CFR 61.51 (b).
NOTE	Comply with all FAA (or similar aviation authority) and local regulations.
NOTE	Before flying, check for Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs), Military Training Routes (MTRs), and Notice to Airmen (NOTAMs) that may affect your planned flight.
	If you experience any issue not covered in this manual, please contact a Leptron Authorized Dealer. A list of dealers can be found at leptron.com.
	Do not fly within 500 feet below or within 2000 feet horizontally of any cloud.
	ONLY use Leptron provided propellers and batteries.
	Keep the compass module away from magnets including car speakers. Magnets can damage the compass and can cause the aircraft to lose control.
	Do not leave LiPo batteries in direct sunlight. This can reduce the life of the batteries.

	Do Not Expose LiPo batteries to temperatures below 20°F. The internal battery cells can freeze and rupture
	Store and ship batteries in accordance with local and federal laws
CAUTION	Verify the WiFi function is disabled on GoPro to avoid interference with the Radio Controller, which may cause the RDASS to execute a Go-Home or become uncontrollable.
	Do not leave LiPo batteries unattended while charging. An undetected fault in the charger could cause a fire
	Visual Line of Sight SHALL be maintained at all times by ether the PIC or VO
	Do not fly at night without red, green, and white navigation lights. Always follow FAA (or similar aviation authority) and local regulations when flying at night.
	Failure to install antennas can cause permantant damage to equipment . Always install antennas prior to powering any equipment that uses an antenna.
WARNING	Flight within 5 nautical miles of any airport may require special permissions, a VHF 2-Way radio, and coordination with Air Traffic Control (ATC) a minimum of 24 hours in advance.
WARNING	Always give right of way to manned aircraft.

WARNING	Before flying you should seek out flight training from a qualified instructor. Leptron recommends receiving flight training from a Leptron factory trained instructor.
WARNING	Maintain 500 foot clearance from all persons and property when conducting a post-maintenance functional test flight
WARNING	Beware of spinning motors and propellers
WARNING	All parts must be kept out of the reach of children to avoid choke hazard; if a child accidentally swallows any part you should immediately seek medical assistance.
WARNING	Motors can be very hot after flight!
WARNING	Do not alter auto pilot firmware or settings. Flight stability can be negatively affected

2. RDASS SYSTEM DESCRIPTION



2.1 List of Components

Table 1: RDASS Basic Components

Item	Qty	Description		Part Number
А	1	Pelican Case with Foam	BE	57605018
в	1	HiTec Charger		57605021
С	2	Flight Battery		57605014
D	С	Anti-Crush Tubes		27606044

Item	Qty	Des	cription	Part Number
E.1	1	HDMI Ribbon Cable		17606427
E.2	HD-2 SD-1	Video Antenna		17606701
F	1	Radio Controller with Charger		17606135
G	1	Video Monitor		57605017
н	1	Tripod, Video Monitor	Â	17606401

Item	Qty	Description	Part Number
-	1	Laminated Checklist	27670006
1.1	1	Wattmeter	17606022
-	1	Dynamite Driver toolkit	17606091
-	1	10mm Open/Closed End Wrench	17606176
J.1	1	Spare Battery, DX9 Radio	27606155
K.1	2	Spare e-Props (Right)	17606024
K.2	2	Spare e-Props (Left)	17606025
L.1	1	Spare Remote Tether	57606010

Table 2: RDASS Maintenance Kit (Part # 57605029)

Table 3	: Optional Equipment									
Qtv	Desc	rintion	Part Number							
1	Camera		17606099							
1	Camera Gimbal and Power Cable		87606044		 Comm	ented [<mark>ZM1]:</mark> (Jpdate P	hoto	
1	Sony α6000		17606716							
1	FLIR Camera	(FES	17606639							
1	Gyro Stabilized Dual Camera Gimbal		17606769							
1	RedEdge Multispectral Camera		17606602							
1	PC Ground Control Station									
1	Tablet/PC		87600008							

Qty	Description	Part Number
1	GeoReferencer	17606826
1	Additional Video HDMI Out and Ethernet Out	87606018
1	SanDisk 64 GB Card	17606527
1	12 Volt Power Supply	77610000
1	Red and Blue Strobe	17606629
1	Red, Green, White Navigation Lights	57606006

Table 3 (Continued): Optional Equipment

2.2 DX9 Radio Controller Switchology



0 + 1 E 2 Aircraft Orientation Mode						
	1 Climb	*				
Throttle	Descend					
	← Yaw Left					
Yaw Control						
Pitch Control	 Fly Forward Fly Rearward 					
	➡Fly Right					
Roll Control	Fly Left	li V				
Motor Startup	Combined Stick Command(CSC) to start motors	Note: If the operator holds the CSC Single for longer than 2 seconds the motors will shut off				
Motor Shutdown	Hold 6 seconds to shutoff motors	Warning: Releasing the Throttle ♥ prior to 6 seconds can result in unintentional flight				



0 1 E 2 Point-of-Interest Mode								
Record Point of	Toggle Switch 3 times between position 0 and position 2 to recored Point of Interest	Purple LED will flash multiple times to indicate a point of interest has been recorded						
Radius Control	Decreases the radius of action							
Circle Control	Circles point of interest in a counter- clockwise direction as viewed from above Circles point of interest in a clockwise direction as viewed from above	•						

GPS Position Hold	0 GPS 1 F 2 Attitude	Caution: In Attitude Mode the aircraft will drift with the wind
	1 Normal	Regain Control:
Go-Home Switch	🗣 Go Home	



2.3 HD Video Monitor

 The Pilot-on-the-Controls must exercise caution when directing attention to the Video Monitor. Always use a Visual Observer to aid in obstacle avoidance



3. PC GROUND CONTROL STATION

3.1 Ground Control Station Components



3.2 Ground Control Station Procedures

3.2.1 Link Ground Control Station to the Aircraft

- 1. Attach Antenna to 900 MHz Transceiver Unit.
- Connect the 900 MHz Transceiver to a computer as shown below. Be sure to connect both the *Communication* and the *Power* interfaces into the computer's USB Ports.
- 3. In the upper right hand corner of the "GS" app select appropriate *Com Port* from the drop-down menu.
- 4. Press "CONNECT".



3.2.2 Create a Flight Plan Using Photogrammetry Tool

- 1. Select Photogrammetry Tool under Toolbox menu.
- 2. Configure camera and flight profile information.
- 3. Select Click to draw a region which you want to scan button
- Position box over area of interest and press Preview.
 a. Flight Plan will begin at yellow pin and end at red pin
- 5. Press Generate to view flight plan in the Editor



3.2.3 Create a Flight Plan Using a Template

- 1. Select Route Template under Toolbox menu.
- 2. Press Add Area, then position box over area of interest.
- To the right of desired template (e.g. *Circle*), enter altitude under "Alti" column and number of points under "Par" column.
- 4. Click button of desired template (e.g. Circle).
- 5. Click *Import to Edit List* to view flight plan in the *Editor.*

CIJI Route Template							
Ado	d Area						
Dele	te Area						
Rotate Area:							
Template	Atti	Par					
Point	200	1					
Line	200	2					
Triangle	200	3					
Rectangl	200	4					
Circle	200	20					
Scan	200	10					
Import to	o Edit I	ist					

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To Home(M):0.0 To Target(M):0.0 Attitude(M):0.0 H.Speed(M/S):0.0				
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3.2.4 Edit, Save, and Recall a Flight Plan



To edit a property for ALL waypoints

- Click on Editing Mission to edit:
 - Mission time limit in seconds
 - Route Continuous versus Start_to_End
 - o Mission Altitude
 - Mission Speed
 - Waypoint Turn Mode

To edit a property for a single waypoint

- Click on a single waypoint to edit:
 - Position Latitude & Longitude
 - Altitude
 - o Waypoint Turn Mode
 - o Speed
 - Heading (used for StopAndTurn)
 - Hover Time (used for StopAndTurn)
- To save a flight plan for future use, click the SAVE button on the bottom of the EDITOR.
- To recall a saved flight plan, click the *OPEN* button on the bottom of the *EDITOR*.

4. BATTERY PROCEDURES

Battery	Туре	Charge Setting	Charge Rate (A)	Maximum Voltage (V)	Charge Time
Flight	LiPo	22.2 (6S)	6-8	25.25	~40 min.
Video Monitor	LiPo	11.1 (3S)	6-8	12.65	~30 min.
DX-9	LiPo	7.4(2S)	-	-	~3 hr.

4.1 BATTERY SAFETY

If a vehicle is to be used for charging, the vehicle must be running for the alternator to continue to charge the car battery. Charging a Flight Battery with a car battery can leave you stranded if you don't run your car.
The operator should not begin a flight with less than 25.0 Volts on the Flight Battery.
Do not fly batteries beyond 80% of their capacity (7,200 mAh)
Do not put the battery into water; store the battery in a cool and dry environment.
Do not use or store the battery near fire.
Only use provided charger to charge batteries
Do not transport or store the battery with metal objects.

	Dropping the battery can cause rupture. Avoid puncturing battery. Do not disassemble or alter the battery.
	Do not use or store the battery in extreme heat environments, such as direct sunlight or in a car. Overheating the battery may affect the performance of the battery and shorten the service life of the battery.
CAUTION	Battery electrolyte gel can be harmful or fatal if swallowed. Battery electrolyte gel is an eye irritant. If battery ruptures, avoid getting any gel in your eyes. If battery electrolyte gets in eyes, flush eyes with water then seek medical assistance immediately.
	If battery odor, battery swelling, or any other abnormal phenomena occur, discontinue use and discard battery in accordance with local laws.
	Use a clean dry lint-free cloth to clean battery contacts.
CAUTION	Discarded battery could lead to a fire. Completely discharge the battery and wrap the output terminal with insulating tape before discarding. Discard battery in accordance with local laws.
	Do not charge batteries unattended.
	DO NOT drain the flight battery beyond 80% or leave the battery plugged into the RDASS when unused.
	Land as soon as practicable when the low voltage LED alert flashes to avoid damage to the battery, persons, or property.

4.2 CHARGING THE RADIO CONTROLLER

The DX9 has an internal charger designed to charge the included 2-cell Li-Ion battery at a charge rate of 200mAh. The charge port on the right side of the transmitter is not polarity-dependent. Always charge the transmitter on a heat resistant surface.

- 1. Power off your transmitter.
- Connect the power supply connector to the transmitter charge port.
- 3. Connect the power supply to a power outlet using the appropriate adapter.
- 4. The blue LED on the front of the transmitter turns on during charging and turns off when the battery is fully charged.
- 5. Disconnect the transmitter from the power supply once charging is complete and disconnect the power supply from the power outlet.





Never connect an external battery charger to your DX9 transmitter. If you wish to charge the Li-Ion battery using a LiPo/ Li-Ion charger, you must remove the battery from the transmitter before charging.



4.3 CHARGING THE GOPRO

Charge the battery by connecting the camera to a computer or other USB charging adapter using the included USB cable. The camera status light turns on during charging and turns off when charging is complete. Use on 5V 1A charger.



4.4 TESTING LIPO BATTERY VOLTAGE



4.5 CHARGING SONY A6000 BATTERY



4.6 CHARGING LIPO FLIGHT BATTERIES

- 1. Plug in HiTec Charger to 12-18 V Direct Current source; Select channel 1 or channel 2;
- 2. Press "INC" to toggle to "LiPo CHARGE". Press "Enter"
- Press "INC." or "DEC." to toggle Amperage. Press "Enter"
 Press "INC." or "DEC." to toggle Voltage. Press "Enter"
- 5. Connect Battery to HiTec Charger
- 6. Press and hold START for 2 seconds
- 7. HiTec Charger Prompts "CONFIRM". Press "Enter" R:6SER S:6SER CONFIRM (ENTER)
- 8. Verify charge [mAh] is counting up Li6s 4.7A 23.19V CHG 022:43 00682 - 8 mAh Charge
- 9. After Battery charges, record charge [mAh] on Battery Log



4.7 CHARGING THE VIDEO MONITOR

- 1. Plug in HiTec Charger to 12-18 V Direct Current source; Select appropriate channel;
- 2. Press "INC" to toggle to "LiPo CHARGE". Press "Enter"
- Press "INC." or "DEC." to toggle Amperage. Press "Enter"
 Press "INC." or "DEC." to toggle Voltage. Press "Enter"
- 5. Connect Video Monitor to HiTec Charger
- 6. Press and hold START for 2 seconds
- 7. HiTec Charger Prompts "CONFIRM". Press "Enter" R:3SER S:3SER CONFIRM (ENTER)
- 8. Verify charge [mAh] is counting up Li3s 4.7A 10.16V CHG 022:43 00682 - 🕄 mAh Charge



4.8 LIPO BATTERY STORAGE PROCEDURES

- 1. Plug in HiTec Charger to 12-18 V Direct Current source; Select appropriate channel;
- 2. Press "INC" to toggle to "LiPo STORAGE". Press "Enter"
- Press "INC." or "DEC." to toggle Amperage. Press "Enter"
 Press "INC." or "DEC." to toggle Voltage. Press "Enter"
- 5. Connect Ground Station to HiTec Charger
- 6. Press and hold START for 2 seconds
- 7. HiTec Charger Prompts "CONFIRM". Press "Enter" R:6SER S:6SER CONFIRM (ENTER)
- 8. Verify charge [mAh] is counting up Li6s 4.7A 23.19V





13. Battery Door

5. Cameras

5.1.1 Common GoPro Operations

5.1.2 Take Time Lapse Photos



Adjust Video Resolution								
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Adjust Photo Resolution

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5.1.3 GoPro Camera Specifications

Sensor Size	1/2.3-inch type 4:3 sensors
	with 4,000 x 3,000 pixels

Field-of-View		
	Vertical	Horizontal
4 x 3 Wide	94.4°	122.6°
4 x 3 Medium	72.2°	94.4°
4 x 3 Narrow	49.1°	64.6°
17 x 9 Wide	69.5°	125.3°
16 x 9 Wide	69.5°	118.2°
16 x 9 Medium	55°	94.4°
16 x 9 Narrow	37.2°	64.4°



5.1.4 GoPro Hero4 Menus



5.1.5 GoPro Status Screen



5.2 FLIR Vue and FLIR Vue Pro

5.2.1 FLIR Vue and FLIR Vue Pro Specifications

- Polarity Control (Black Hot/White Hot) and Color Palettes can be adjusted using the Camera Controller GUI application on a computer. For FLIR Vue Pro a mobile app is available.
- Do not touch the lens. If the lens gets dirty, a light dusting of air should dislodge any dust particles. If the lens is still noticeably dirty, use 75% isopropyl alcohol and lens tissue. Use a light wiping motions with a fresh section of lens tissue with each swipe so as not to drag dust or dirt particles back over the lens surface.
- FLIR Vue is neither water nor dust resistant. Care for it as you would any valuable piece of electronics equipment.

Thermal Imager	Uncooled VOx Microbolometer
Resolution	640 x 512
Lens Option	9 mm; 69° x 56°
	13 mm; 45° x 37°
	19 mm; 32° x 26°
Spectral Band	7.5 μm – 13.5 μm
Full Frame Rates	30 Hz (NTSC); 25 Hz (PAL) US only, not
	for Export
Exportable Frame Rates	7.5 Hz (NTSC); 8.3 Hz (PAL)
Size	2.26" x 1.75" (57.4 mm x 44.5 mm)
	(including lens)
Weight	3.25 oz. to 4.0 oz. (92.1 g to 113.4 g)
	configuration dependent
Input Supply voltage	4.0 VDC – 6.0 VDC
Power Dissipation, steady	
state (max 2.5 W during	-1.2 W
shutter event of	<1.2 W
approximately 0.5 seconds)	
Operating Temperature	
Range	-20 C 10 50 C
Non-Operating	
Temperature Range	-35 C 10 95 C
Operational Altitude	40,000 feet

5.3 Sony α6000





Rear View			
1	Multi interface shoe	13	Eyepiece cup
2	Image sensor position mark	14	LCD screen
3	Hook for shoulder strap	15	Diopter-adjustment dial
4	Wi-Fi sensor (built-in)	16	(Flash pop-up) button
5	Flash	17	MENU button
6	Mode dial	18	AEL button / Playback zoom
7	Control dial	19	MOVIE (Movie) button
8	Charge lamp	20	Fn (Function) button / Send to Smartphone
9	Multi/Micro USB Terminal	21	Control wheel
10	HDMI micro jack	22	C2 (Custom 2) button/ (Delete) button
11	Eye sensor	23	(Playback) button
12	Viewfinder		





	Front View	
1	Shutter button	
2	C1 (Custom 1) button	
3	Remote sensor	
4	ON/OFF (Power) switch	
5	Self-timer lamp/AF illuminator	
6	Lens release button	
7	Microphone	
8	Lens	

	Bottom View
1	NFC function
2	Connection plate cover
3	Tripod socket hole
4	Speaker
5	Access lamp
6	Battery/memory card cover
7	Memory card slot
8	Battery insertion slot
9	Battery eject lever

5.3.1 Sony α6000 Camera Specifications

Sensor	Image sensor: APS-C fo x 15.6 mm) CMOS imag Total pixel number of im Approx. 24,700,000 pixe Effective pixel number of Approx. 24,300,000 pixe	rmat (23.5 mm e sensor age sensor: ls camera: ls
Field-of-View	Vertical	Horizontal
For 20mm lens	40.8°	58.5°

5.4 MicaSense RedEdge

5.4.1 MicaSense RedEdge Camera Specifications



Sensors	4.8 mm x 3.6 mm , 1280 x 960 Global Shutter Focal length: 5.5 mm Aspect Ratio: 4:3	
Band 1	Blue Filter	
Band 2	Green Filter	
Band 3	Red Filter	
Band 4	Near IR Filter	
Band 5	Red Edge	
Field of View	Vertical	Horizontal
Field-of-view	36.2°	47.1°

5.5 Additional Ethernet Out



- 1. Install the antennas on the Lightbridge
- 2. Connect the HDMI Out on the Lightbridge to the HDMI in on the Matrox.
- 3. Plug Matrox, Lightbridge, and up-scaler (if in use) into power.
- Tap then hold the power button on the Lightbridge to turn on (same sequence of tap then hold will turn Lightbridge off).
- 5. Connect Ethernet out on Matrox to Ethernet port on computer.
- 6. Place SD card in matrox if recording is desired
- 7. Go to User Interface to complete setup.

Us na	e explorer to vigate to	
Go Str Us Pa	o to Settings >> ream ername: admin ssword: admin	Control Center Control Settings • Device • Status Status Record Audio
	Select Steam only or Stream and	Operating Mode Stream only Record only Stream and record
	Select Steaming	Streaming © RTSP O RTMP Stream name: Stream1 Port: 8554 Stream URL: rtsp://169.254.1.11:8554/Stream1 Enable jumbo frames:

6. GeoReferencer

The GeoReferencer offers precision photo triggering while recording every capture event's location, altitude, and direction information.

6.1 GeoReferencer Components



6.2 Configuring the GeoReferencer

- To configure the GeoReferencer open the Config.txt file and follow the instructions.
- If the Config.txt file is lost, install the SD card in the GeoReferencer and power the module and a new Config.txt file will be created.

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7. FLIGHT PROCEDURES

7.1 Course Lock Procedure

- The aircraft's autopilot records the aircraft's heading during boot-up. This initial aircraft orientation can be used to steer the aircraft during flight.
- After connecting the flight battery, the autopilot does a selfinitialization. The LED Autopilot Status Light will blink with a quick sequence of green LED flashes to indicate that the home-point and the aircraft's orientation have been recorded.



 Engage Course lock by moving the Intelligent Orientation Switch to position "1". Direction control inputs will now be relative to the aircraft's orientation at boot-up regardless of current aircraft heading.



• To dis-engage Course Lock simply return the Intelligent Orientation Switch to position "0". Direction inputs will be relative to the nose of the aircraft.



7.2 Point of Interest Procedure

• To record a point of interest (POI) quickly toggle the switch labeled "E" 3 times from position "0" to position "2".

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- The LED Autopilot Status Light will blink with a quick sequence of purple LED flashes to indicate that the point of interest has been recorded.
- If the operator wishes to orbit the point of interest, apply an aft directional control input to establish the radius of action up to 500 meters.



 Next, apply a left or right directional control input to orbit the POI. The aircraft will adjust the aircraft heading to maintain a nose-in orientation on the POI.



- Once the POI has been recorded the operator may reengage the Point-of-Interest Mode at any time during the flight and the aircraft will orient the nose of the aircraft toward the POI.
- The operator retains altitude control with the throttle while in the Point-of-Interest Mode.

7.3 Go-Home Procedure



- For Dual Camera equipped aircraft, switch "F" (green switch) is used for video switching – the Go-Home feature is disabled.
- To execute a Go-Home the Pilot-on-the-Controls shall toggle the Go-Home switch to the full aft position and immediately return the switch to the full forward position.
- To execute a Go-Home using the Ground Station press the Go-Home Button.
 Go Home



NOTE	Autopilot commands Go-Home after 3 seconds of lost communication with the Radio Controller.
	Phase III is not recommended. The pilot should regain control of the aircraft and land with the Radio Controller.
CAUTION	Turning the Radio Controller off prior to the disconnecting the RDASS Flight Battery may result in uncommanded flight. The Autopilot will execute a Go- Home 2 seconds after Radio Controller power off.
NOTE	Always follow Flight Checklist.

7.4 Remote Control Take Back Procedure



To regain control of the aircraft after executing a Go-Home command, toggle the GPS Position Hold switch (labeled "F") from position "0" to position "2" and immediately return the switch to position "0".



The take back procedure is also used to regain control of the aircraft while flying with the Ground Station.



NOTE

The Pilot-on-the-Controls will not be able to regain control of the aircraft if the Go-Home (green) switch is left in the aft position. Verify that the Go-Home (green) switch is forward before attempting to regain control of the aircraft with the GPS Position Hold (yellow) switch.

7.5 Camera Selection

• To change the active camera while flying the IR/Standard Definition Camera configuration, toggle the green switch full aft and then imediately return the switch to the forward position.



7.6 Gyro-Stabilized Gimbal Initialization

- Place the aircraft on a level, non-metallic surface prior to connecting the battery.
- After connecting the aircraft battery, the gimbal will receive power from the aircraft. Do not move the aircraft until the gimbal has finshed inializing.
- After approximately 30 seconds the gimbal will emit 4 tones to indicate it is ready for flight.

7.7 Operating the Navigation Lights

• The navigation lights are controlled by a three-position switch located on the landing gear.





8. HD FLIGHT CHECKLIST

	PRE-FLIGHT CHECKS
1	Conduct Crew Brief
2	Install SD Card(s) (GeoReferencer, Camera)
3	Video Monitor Checks
	Video Monitor Battery - Check (11.0 Volts minimum)
	Tripod - Attach Video Monitor
	Video Monitor Antenna - Attach
	Video Monitor Power and Lightbridge Power – On
4	Radio Controller Checks
	Radio Controller Switches - Down and Away
	Radio Controller Power Switch–Verify Off Power ON will Disable RC
	Radio Controller Tether - Attach
	Radio Controller Voltage – Check 10.5 (7.5 DX9) Volts minimum
	Radio Controller Trim Settings - Zero (4 Trims)
5	Flight Battery Installation
	Flight Battery - Check and Record Voltage (25.0 Volts minimum)
	Flight Battery – Install with Velcro Strap Do Not Trap Ribbon Cable
	DO NOT CONNECT BATTERY AT THIS TIME
	Gimbal – Check Freedom of Movement
6	Mechanical Checks – Bottom
	Landing Gear – Check
	Camera Mounting Bracket and Gimbal Mounts – Check
	Video and Gimbal Ribbon Cables - Check
	Camera(s) – Check (remove lens cover)
	Underside - Check for Worn/Loose Items
7	Mechanical Checks – Top
	Aircraft Antennas – Attach and verify pointing down (away from rotor)
	Main Rotor Nuts - Check Tightness (Hold motor housing)
	Motor Mounts and Arms - Check Security and Verify Level/Plumb
	Rotor Blades – Check Condition

GROUND STATION SETUP (if in use)

Ground Station Antenna on Aircraft – Install
Laptop Battery - Check (50% minimum)
[Optional] Laptop WiFi – Connect to Cell Phone Hot Spot
Ground Station Antenna (Ground Unit) - Install
Ground Station USB – Connect 2 into laptop
Ground Station App – Launch
Flight Plan - Build or Open as required

FLIGHT PREPARATION			
	Place aircraft on Level Non-Metallic Surface		
	LED (Tail) Toward Operator		
	Camera(s) Power – ON (Lens cap removed)		
	Camera Settings – Set as required (Reset Image Count)		
	Flight Battery – Connect (outside of skids)		
	Allow up to 40 seconds for Gimbal to initialize - indicated by 4 tones		
	Compass Calibration – Complete 1st flight of day then Power Cycle		
	Green LED Sequence – Verify		
	GeoReferencer Preparation (if in use)		
	Camera Trigger – Depress to activate camera		
	GeoReferencer Battery – Connect		
	GeoReferencer Triggering – Verify		
	GROUND STATION PREPARATION (if in use)		
	Connect Ground Station to aircraft		
	Relative Height Procedure – Execute		
	TAKE-OFF CHECKS		
	Verify SD Card(s) Installation		
	Aircraft/Payload Status – Verify(Camera Rec, Sats., Volts, Height)		
	Check area for non-participants and potential hazards		
	Timer – Activate		
	Motors - Startup (Keep Throttle at ¼ position)		
	Takeoff – Verify Aircraft Stability		
	Ground Station "GO" Button – Press as required (if in use)		
	POST FLIGHT CHECKS		
	Throttle Stick - Full Down for 6 seconds Verify Rotors STOP		
	Timer - Stop (Announce Flight Time to VO for Logbook)		
	Flight Battery – Disconnect		
	Camera Power – OFF (Stop recording then power off)		
	Camera Lens Cover – Replace		
	Motors – Check for excessive heat (Warning: motors can be Hot!)		
	Radio Controller Tether– Disconnect		
	Video Monitor Power and Lightbridge Power – OFF		
	SD Card – Review Recording		
	Antennas – Remove (Video Monitor, RDASS, Ground Station)		
	IR Camera (if installed) – Point down before storing in case		
	Flight Logs – Record		
	NOTAMs – Close as required		
	Post Flight Debrief- Complete		

8.1 Crew Brief

	CREW BRIEF		
1	Aircraft		
	Time Available on Flight Battery with five minute reserve		
	Time Available on SD Data Recorder		
2	Scheme of Maneuver		
	Timeline of Events & Radio Controller Timer Settings		
	Route of Flight, Altitudes, Airspeeds		
3	Airspace		
	Required Radio Calls		
	Satellite Coverage (Number Visible)		
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4	Crow Dution		
4	Designate a Pilot in Command		
	Bilot on the controls:		
	1) Fly aircraft (focus on Vehicle)		
	2) Traffic/obstacles avoidance		
	3) Monitor ELIGHT CLOCK		
	Pilot not on the controls:		
	1) Assist avoiding traffic/obstacles		
	2) Cross check FLIGHT CLOCK		
	3) Assist in Maintaining Aircraft Position and Orientation		
	4) Operate Ground Station as required		
	 Monitor and transmit on assigned radios 		
	6) Perform other duties as assigned by the Pilot on the controls		
5	Transfer of Aircraft Control		
	3-Way Positive Transfer of the Controls		
6	Crew Coordination		
	Two challenge rule		
	Most Conservative Approach		
	Avoid Excessive Professional Courtesy		
7	Post Flight Responsibilities		
	Disconnecting the Flight Battery		
	Battery Charging Procedures		
_	Logbook		
8	Back Brief		

LED Code	Meaning	
System Startup		
System Startup and Self-Check		
00000000000	Forward direction for IOC recorded successfully	
	Less than 5 Satellites in view (GPS Mode)	
	Less than 5 Satellites in view (IOC Mode)	
• ••	5 Satellites in view (GPS Mode)	
• ••	5 Satellites in view (IOC Mode)	
	Greater than 5 Satellites in view (GPS Mode)	
• •	Greater than 5 Satellites in view (IOC Mode)	
	GPS Position Hold Mode	
• • •	Attitude Control Mode	
•• •• ••	Intelligent Orientation Mode (Course Lock or Point-of-Interest)	
00000000000	Record Point of interest	
	Waypoint Mode on the Ground Station	
000	Poor attitude status (GPS Mode)	
000	Poor attitude status (IOC Mode)	
0000	Bad attitude status (GPS Mode)	
0000	Bad attitude status (IOC Mode)	
00000000000	Go-Home has been commanded	
00000000000	Lost Link between aircraft and remote	
	Compass Calibration	
	Begin horizontal calibration	
	Begin vertical calibration	
•••••••	Calibration Failure	
	Abnormal compass data	
	Low Voltage Warnings	
•••••••••	Impending low battery voltage (triggers at 21.8 Volts)	
•••••••	Critically low battery voltage (triggers at 21.2 Volts) - Land without delay	

8.2 LED Autopilot Status Lights



9. PERFORMANCE AND LIMITS

9.1 Aircraft Specifications

Platform Type	Multi-Rotor (four fixed- pitch rotors)
Rotor tip to rotor tip dimensions	31 ½ inches (80.1 cm)
Operating Temperature	14°F ~ 122°F (-10°C ~ 50°C)
Take-off Weight	7 lbs. 13 ounces (3539g)
Weight without Battery	5 lbs. (2269g)
Heyering Assures: (CDS Mede)	Vertical: ± 31in (0.8m)
Hovening Accuracy (GPS Mode)	Horizontal: ± 98 in (2.5m)
Max Yaw Angular Velocity	180°/s
Max Tilt Angle	35°
Max Horizontal Flight Velocity	35 mph (30 knots, 15 m/s)
Wind Limite	35 mph (30 knots,15 m/s) or
Wind Linits	gusts of 25 mph (22 knots, 11 m/s)
Vertical Speed Limits	800 feet/min. (4.1 m/s)
Supported Flight Battery	LiPo 6S
Operational Ceiling	12,000 Feet DA (3650 m)
Maximum payload	1 lb. 8 ounces (680g)
Operational Range	1.5 mi. (2.4 km)
Max. Power Consumption	800 Watts (1.1 hp)

9.2 Flight Time Calculation

Example: RDASS flew 14 minutes and 19 seconds. Flight Battery required 5459[mAh] to fully charge. How much available flight time is there? (Under similar flight conditions this battery can be flown 18 minutes and 53 seconds)

1) Convert minutes and seconds to decimal minutes

$$\left(\frac{19 [sec.]}{60 [sec.]} + 14[min.]\right) = 14.31 mintes$$

2) Multiply the decimal minutes by 80% of battery capacity

14.31 [min.] x 7200 [mAh] = 103,080 [min \cdot mAh]

3) Divide the result from step 2 by the required charge

$$\frac{103,080 \ [min \cdot mAh]}{5459 \ [mAh]} = 18.88 \ [min.]$$

4) Multiply by 60 to convert decimal minutes to seconds

$$18.88 [min.] = (0.88 \times 60) + 18 = 18:53$$

Commented [ZM2]: Verify this 300 W vs. 800 W

10. USER-LEVEL MAINTENANCE

10.1 Rotor Removal

- 1. Use a 10 mm wrench to remove the nut by turning counterclockwise
- 2. Remove and save the anodized black washer for use with new rotor blade
- 3. Remove the rotor blade from the motor post
- Remove and save the aluminum bushing from the motor post. (If the bushing remained inside the rotor blade, remove the bushing from the rotor blade)



10.2 Rotor Installation

- 1. Place the aluminum bushing on the motor post
- 2. Install the correct rotor blade
- 3. Install the anodized washer
- 4. Install the 10mm nut by turning clockwise until increased resistance is felt
- 5. Use a 10mm wrench to turn the nut an additional quarter turn





10.3 Compass Calibration

1	Quickly flip the GPS Position Hold (yellow) Switch 6-10 times	x 6-10 times
2	A solid blue LED will indicate the aircraft is ready to begin the horizontal calibration	
3	Slowly rotate the aircraft 360° about its vertical axis (aircraft in a level attitude). Do not exceed 90° in three (3) seconds.	
4	A solid green LED indicates the aircraft is ready to begin the vertical calibration	
5	Tilt the aircraft so that the LED Indicator is up (Nose Downward). Slowly rotate the aircraft about its longitudinal axis. Do not exceed 90° in three (3) seconds.	
6	The Purple Heartbeat LED indicates the compass calibration was successful. Blinking red LED indicates the calibration must be repeated.	
7	Disconnect then reconnect Flight Battery	

10.4 IMU Calibration

The IMU (Inertial Measurement Unit) includes a 3-axis accelerometer, a 3-axis angular velocity and a barometric altimeter. It is used to recognize and maintain aircraft attitude. The IMU calibration will fix many of the RDASS HD issues including erratic flying errors.



Leptron requires the IMU to be calibrated upon receiving the aircraft and any time erratic flight behavior is observed, or in the event of a crash.

Steps highlited in red are only necessary to complete one time			
	(the 1st time) for installation of the Assistant software.		
1	Plug in USB thumb drive		
2	Open the thumb drive folder	> # Quick access > & OneDrive > This PC > USB Drive (D;) > VSB Drive (D;)	
3	Double click on "DJI A2 Assistant_1.4"	A2_v1.4	
4	Select install language and press "OK"	Select Setup Language × Select the language to use during the installation: English v OK Cancel	



12	Click "Install" on the 'Ready to Install' window	(* 16% Autoret * 16% Autoret 1
13	Click "Finish" on the 'Complete Setup' window	Conception C
14	Eject and disconnect the USB thumb drive	
15	Loosen the four prop nuts (one for each motor) that secure the	
	propeller to the motor shafts	
16	Setup the aircraft according to the preflight checklist	
17	Plug in the microUSB side of the connector cable into the port located on the aircraft LED	

18	Plug in the USB side of the connector cable into the USB port on the A2 assistant computer	
19	Power on the aircraft	
20	Launch DJI A2 Assistant	DJI A2 Assistant_1.4
21	Click "Cancel" on the 'User Login' window	
22	Click the "Tools" tab at the top of the A2 Assistant main screen	

23	Position the bubble level on the center of the aircraft dome and center the bubble in the level by adjusting the landing gear with shims. Ensure the aircraft is located on a steady surface and do not touch the aircraft during the IMU calibration	<u>©</u>
24	In the "Tools" tab,	-IMU Calibration
	click the "Calibration"	Calibration Ready
25	button	DAT-A2 below = X
23	Read the 'Warning' windown and click "OK"	
26	'Info' window will show "IMU Calibrate Success" when IMU is calibrated successfully.	
27	Close the A2 Assistant	
28	Disconnect the aircraft	power
29	Disconnect the pc to aircraft connecting cable	

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