FREX 450Flybarless System INSTRUCTION MANUAL



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We appreciate your purchase of Align products.

Please read the manual carefully before assembling and follow all precautions and recommendations located within the manual. Be sure to retain the manual for future reference.

1 . SAFETY NOTES

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Fly only in safe areas, away from other people. Do not operate R/C aircraft within the vicinity of homes or crowds of people. R/C aircraft are prone to accidents, failures, and crashes due to a variety of reasons including, lack of maintenance, pilot error, and radio interference. Pilots are responsible for their actions and damage or injury occurring during the operation or as of a result of R/C aircraft models.

Please contact our distributors for free technical consultation and parts at discounted rated when you experience problems during operation or maintenance.

3G Flybarless system is recommended for experienced pilots only.

THE MEAING OF SYMBOLS WARNING LABEL DEFINITIONS

Mishandling due to failure to follow these instructions may result in damage or injury.

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ORBIDDEN Do not attempt under any circumstances.

NOTICES

A WA R NING

Before turning on your model and transmitter, check to make sure no one else is operation on the same frequency. Frequency interference can cause your model, or other models to crash. The guidance provided by an experienced pilot will be invaluable for the assembly, tuning, trimming, and actual first flight. (Recommend you to practice with computer-based flight simulator.)

Operate this unit within your ability. To avoid the risk of accidents, do not fly under weary or drowsy conditions.



A CAUTION

R/C models are made up various forms of plastic. Plastic is very susceptible to damage or deformation due to extreme heat and cold climate. Make sure not to store the model near any source of heat such as an oven, or heater. It is best to store the model indoors, in a climate-controlled, room temperature environment.

During the operation of the helicopter, the main rotor and tail rotor will be spinning at a high rate of speed. The blades are capable of inflicting serious bodily injury and property damages. Be conscious of your actions, and careful to keep your face, eyes, hands, and loose clothing away from the blades. Always fly the model a safe distance from yourself and others, as well as surrounding objects. Never take your eyes off the model or leave it unattended while it is turned on. Immediately turn off the model and transmitter when you have landed the model.



FORBIDDEN

To ensure operational safety, do not attempt to modify and alter this product. Please use only factory spec replacement parts listed in the manual. This product is intended for recreational R/C model use only. Do not exceed the product's intended limit, nor use it for unlawful purposes.

This product is composed of many precision electrical components. It is critical to keep the model and associated equipment away from moisture and other contaminants. The introduction or exposure to water or moisture in any form can cause the model to malfunction resulting in failure or a crash. Do not operate or expose to rain or moisture.

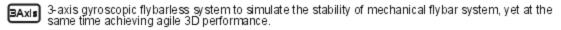
R/C helicopters fly at high speed, thus posing a certain degree of potential danger. Choose a legal flying field consisting of flat, smooth ground without obstacles. Do not fly near buildings, high voltage cables, or trees to ensure the safety of yourself, others and your model.





2 · FEATURES





[SMM] Utilizes Silicon Micro Machine (SMM) sensors for excellent stability.

12 bit processors providing ultra high resolution, resulting in highly precise controls

Software upgradable through PC interface adapter (sold separately)

Simplistic setup process without the need of external devices. Setup is done through 5 steps and 2 sensitivity adjustments. Rudder setup is identical to GP780 gyro, minimizing learning curve.

Flybarless system dramatically improves 3D power output and efficiency, resulting in reduced fuel or electricity consumption.

Highly sensitive gyroscopic sensors combined with advanced control detection routine providing higher hovering and aerobatic stability than other flybarless system.

Suitable for all CCPM and mechanical mixing system.

Comaptible with helicopter of all sizes from T-Rex 250 to T-Rex 700.

Innovative pitch gauge as an aid to facilitate pitch adjustments.

300Hz High frame rate signal output for faster and higher precision servo response.

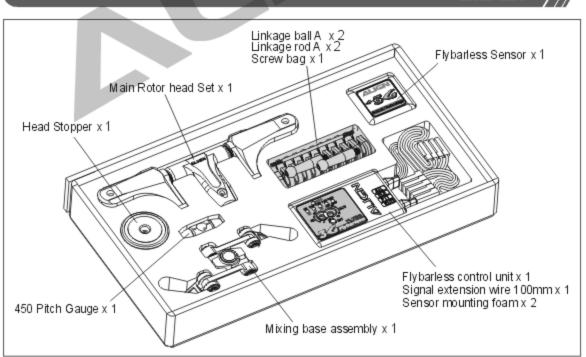
Capable to operate between 3V to 8.4V, compatible with high voltage servos.

[🚵] Small footprint, light weight, minimalists and reliable design.

RoHS RoHS compliant.

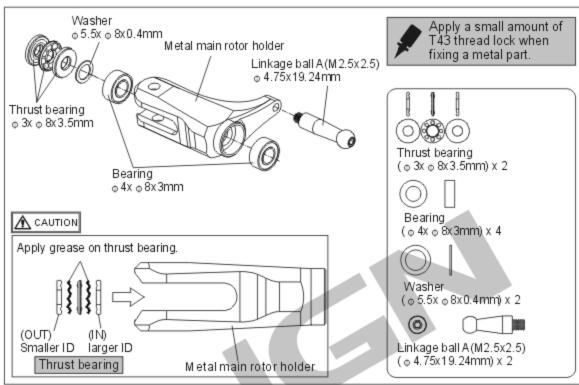
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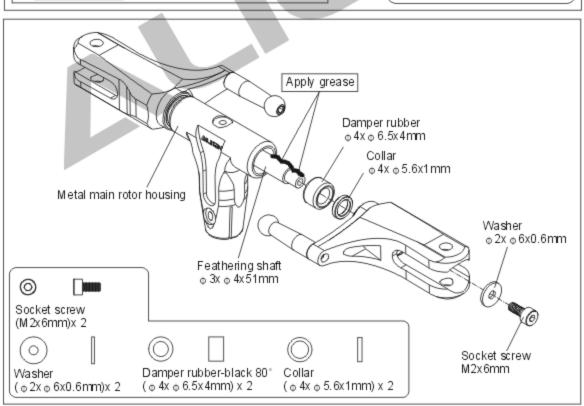
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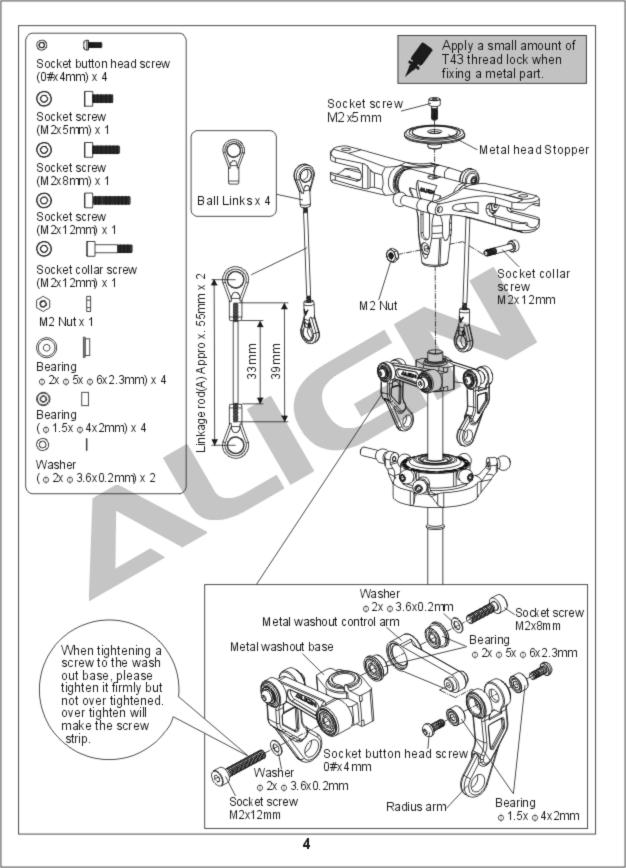


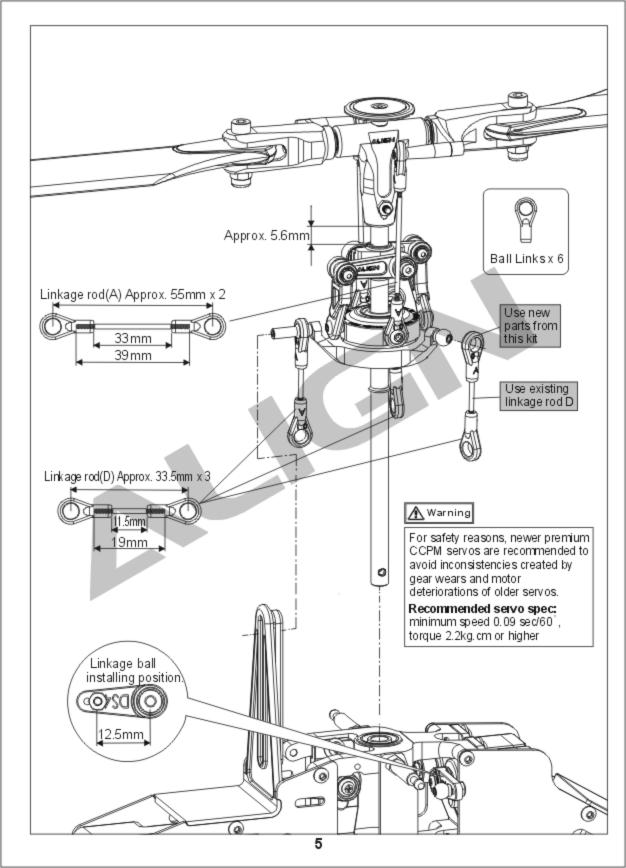
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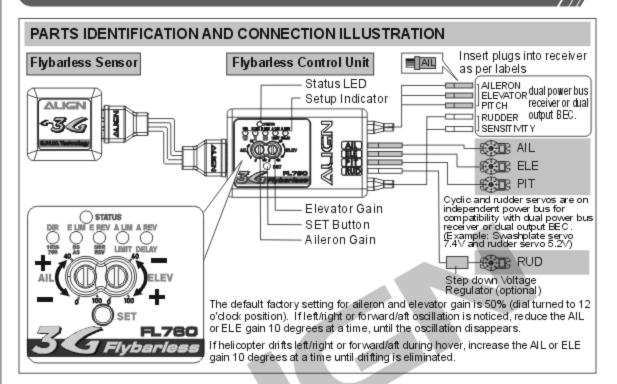












6 . 3G FLYBARLESS SETUP INDICATORS

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Flybarless system setup mode:



Direct mode bypassing gyro, for mechanical travel and neutral point setup.

E.LIM



Collective mixing type recognition and elev ator endpoint settings

E.REV



Elevator reverse settings

A.LIM



Aileron endpoints settings

A.REV



Aileron reverse settinas

Rudder gyro setup mode:



Servo frame rate settings (1520 μs and 760 μs)

DS/AS



Digital/Analog servo settings

NOR/REV



Rudder Servo Reverse settings

LIMIT



Rudder endpoints settings

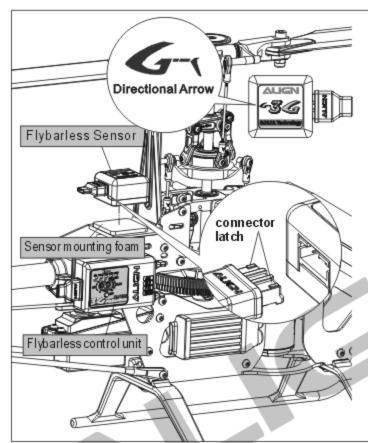
DELAY



Rudder servo delay, and helicopter size settings

√ 3G FLYBARLESS CONTROL UNIT AND SENSOR INSTALLATION





A CAUTION

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The connection needs to have sufficient slack to avoid vibrations induced disconnects. Disconnects during flight will result in loss of control and crash of the model.

8 · USAGE AND SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

ALIGN

SETUP PRE-CHECK

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Step 1.1: Enter the DIR settings

Please unplug the motor power cord before connecting the battery to avoid motor operating while you are doing the setting. Connect the motor power cord after the setting is finished.

Press and hold the SET button while powering up the receiver. Release the button when LED 1-5 begin to cycle. The DIR green LED will light up indicating the gyro has been bypassed for neutral and mechanical travel range setup.

CAUTION

If "STATUS" led flashes in red indicating error entering DIR settings. check connections to the sensor and restart the process.

DIR settings



Transmitter function to servo mapping

SET button

ESC

BAT1

Pitch

Pitch Aileron

Aileron

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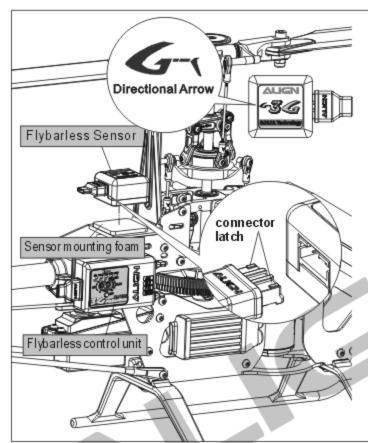




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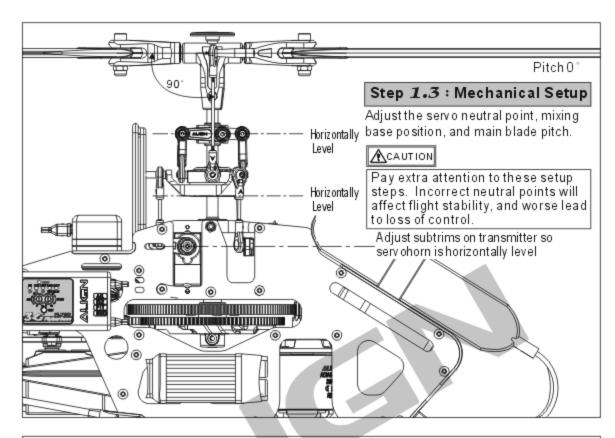
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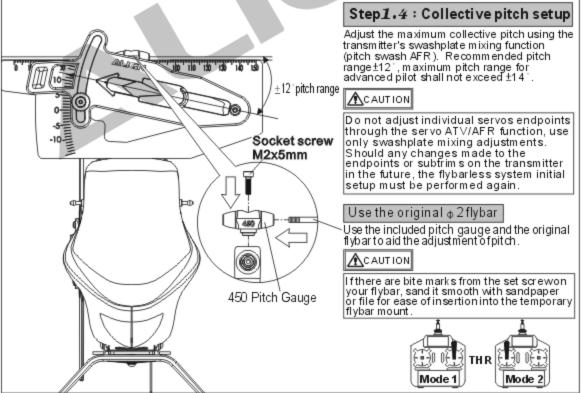
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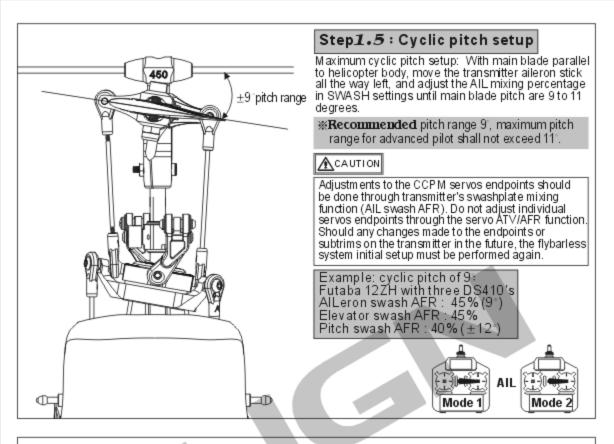




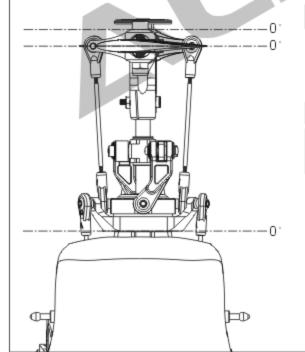
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2.E.LIM swashplate mixing type recognition and elevator endpoint setup:



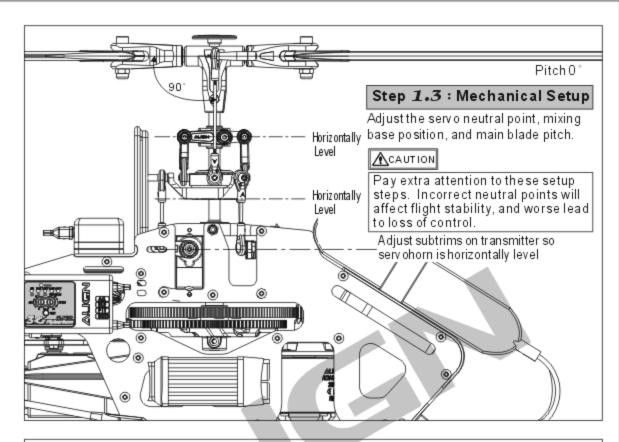
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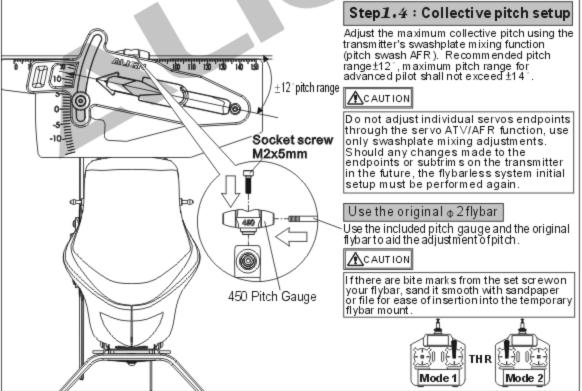
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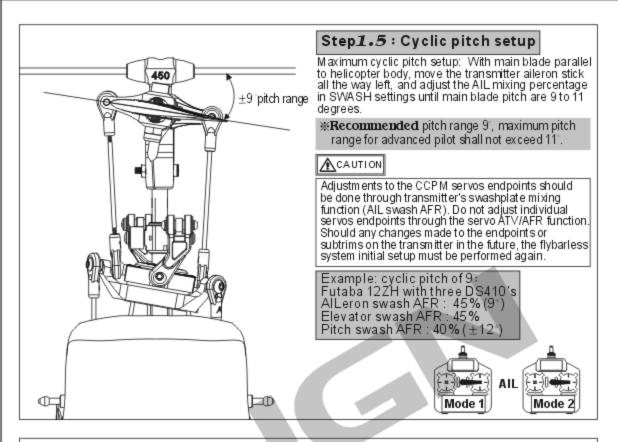
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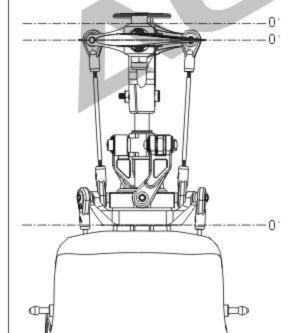












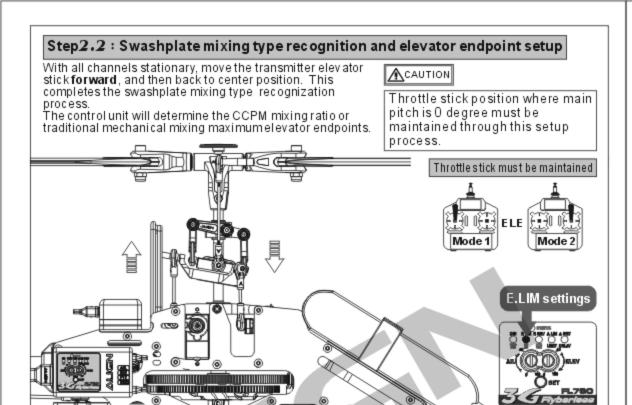
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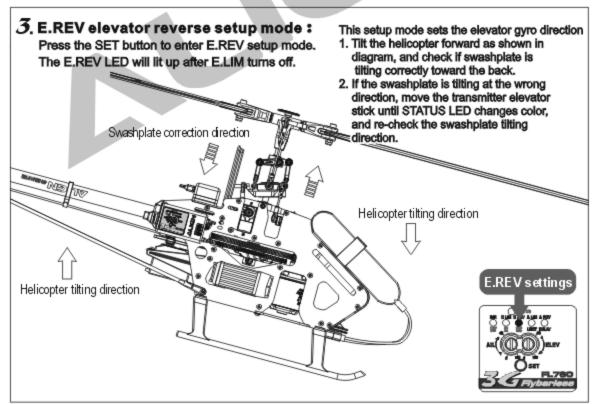
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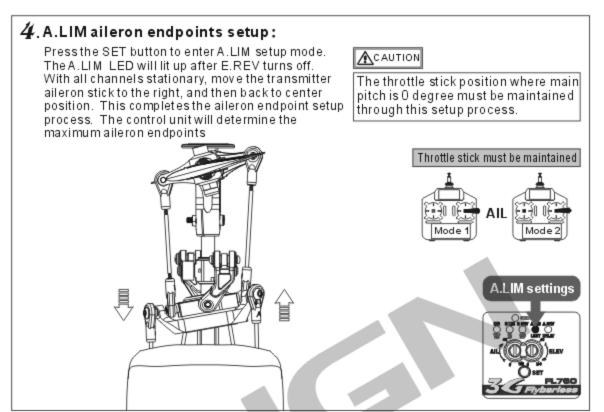
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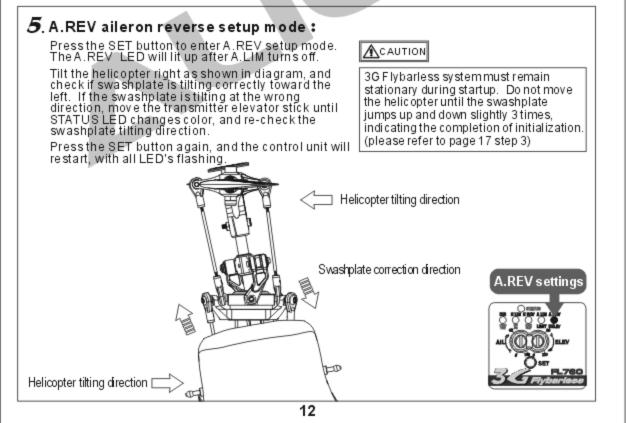
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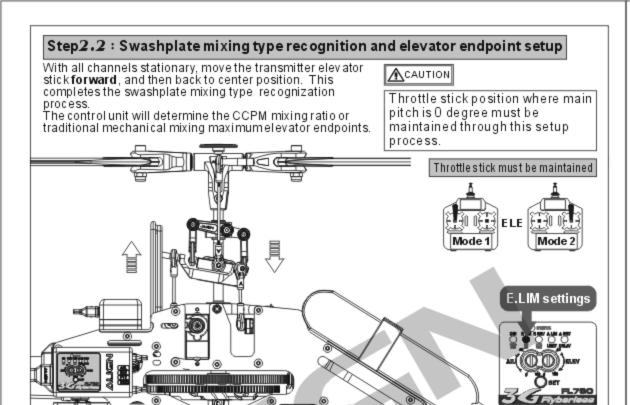


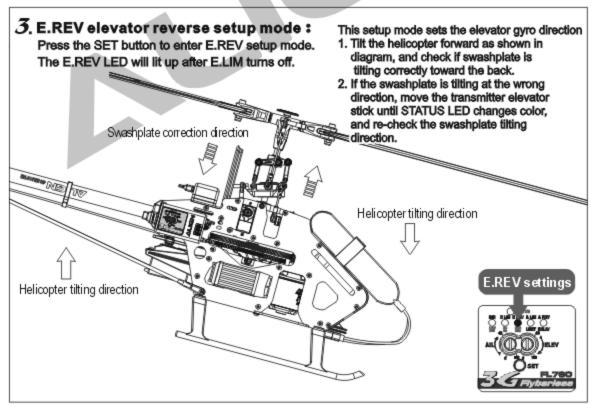


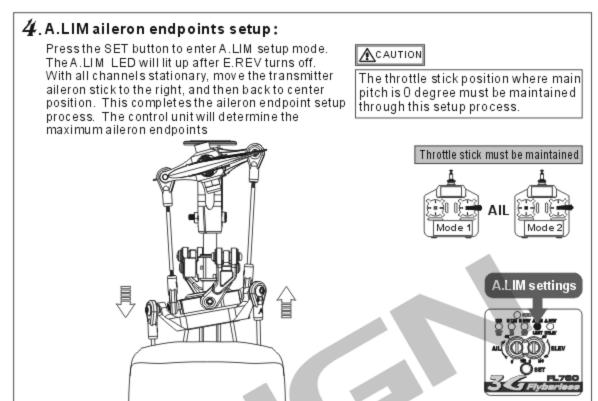


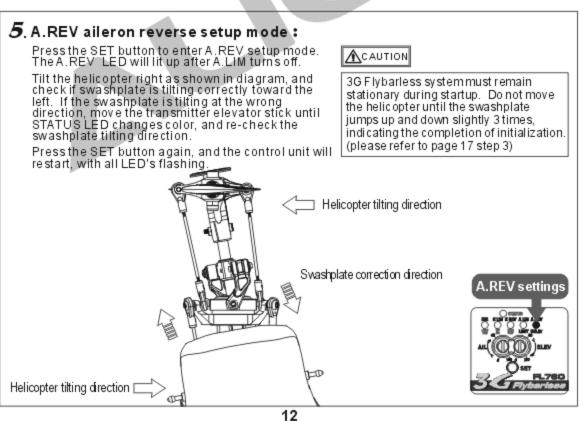












RUDDER GYRO SETUP

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rudder gyro setup mode.

If your transmitter has the following settings, please diśable it or set the value to zero.

ATS

- Rudder to a vro mixina
- Pilot authority mixing
- Pitch to rudder mixing
- Throttle to rudder mixing.
- Revolution mixing

Step 1: 1520 μ s (standard) or 760 μ s(narrow band) servo frame rate setup.

3G Flybarless system is compatible with both the 760 μ s narrow frame rate servos (such as Futaba S9256, S9251, BLS251), as well as the standard 1520 μ s frame rate servos (most others). Proper frame rate must be selected based on your servo's specifications.

To enter the setup mode: Press and hold the SET button for 2 seconds until STATUS LED flashes. The 1520/760 LED will light up indicating serve frame rate setup mode. Push the transmitter rudder stick left or right to select the frame rate. For example, if rudder is pushed to the left (or right) and STATUS LED turns green, the frame rate is set to 1520 µs. To set it to $760~\mu$ s, the rudder stick need to be pushed from the center to the opposing end 3 times for the STATUS LED to turn red, indicating frame rate set to 760 μ s.

3G Flybarless panel: Each setting value is labeled on the 3G flybarless control unit with either green or red lettering, which corresponds to the STATUS LED color. Subsequent setup mode is entered by a single press of the SET button. Setup mode will exit if no activity is detected in 10 seconds.





Standard/Narrow band mode

Select by moving the rudder stick left and right





Step 2 : DS (digital) / AS (analog) servo selection

There is a direct correlation between servos' speed to gyro's performance. Faster servos are able to execute commands from the gyro at faster and higher precision. Due to the high performance gyro sensors used in the 3G flybarless system, premium high speed digital rudder servos are mandatory for optimal tail performance. Some of the recommended rudder servos include Align DS650, DS620. DS520, DS420, Futaba S9257, S9256, S9254, S9253, or other servos with similar specifications.

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Green LED:DS digital servo Red LED : AS analog servo



digital / analog mode

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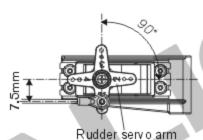


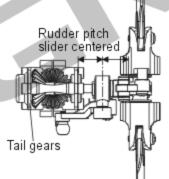


Step3: Rudder servo direction check and link adjustment

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Step 4: Gyro NOR/REV setting

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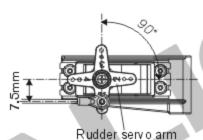


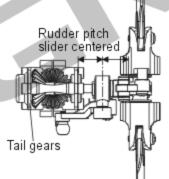


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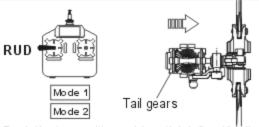
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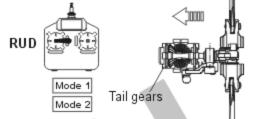


Step 5: LIMIT rudder servo endpoint setting

Press and hold the SET button for 2 seconds to enter the setup mode, then press the SET button repeatedly to select LIMIT setup mode, as indicated by the lighting of LIMIT LED. Push the transmitter rudder stick left until tail pitch slider reaches the end, then center the rudder stick and wait 2 seconds for the STATUS LED to flash red. Then push the rudder stick right until tail pitch slider reaches the end, then center the rudder stick and wait 2 seconds for the STATUS LED to flash red. This completes the left and right endpoint limit adjustment of servo travel. Insufficient servo travel will degrade helicopter performance, while excessive travel will cause binding and damage rudder servo.



Push the transmitter rudder stick left until tail pitch slider reaches the end, then center the rudder stick and wait 2 seconds for the STATUS LED to flash red. This completes the rudder endpoint limit adjustment for the left side.



Push the rudder stick right until tail pitch' slider reaches the end, then center the rudder stick and wait 2 seconds for the STATUS LED to flash red. This completes the rudder endpoint limit adjustment for the right side.

Flashing red LED indicates settings have been registered



endpoint limit settings

CAUTION

Rudder travel limit setting lower than 50% will not be registered. Mechanical fix (moving link ball closer to center of servo horn) is needed for excessive servo travel when LIMIT function is below 50%.

Step 6 : Helicopter size and DELAY settings

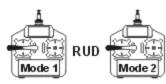
This setting includes two functions:

(1) For small helicopters such as T-Rex 250/450, set this setting to small helicopter (STATUS LED red). For larger helicopters such as T-Rex 500/600/700 set this setting to large helicopter (STATUS LED green).

Green LED: suitable for larger helicopters such as T-REX500/600/700 Red LED: suitable for smaller helicopter such as T-REX 250/450



Helicopter size selection and servo delay settings Select by moving the rudder stick left and right



(2) The DELAY function is utilized when slower rudder servo causes tail hunting (wagging). This can be observed after a hovering pirouette comes to a stop. If tail hunting occurs, gradually increase DELAY value to eliminate it. For best performance, DELAY value should be kept as low as possible without tail hunting.

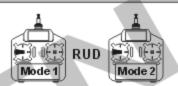
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Red LED for T-REX450



0% when DELAY LED begins flashing

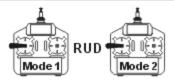
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Red LED for T-REX450



Continue to move the rudder stick until desired delay value is needed, then press the SET button to register the setting. Maximum is 100% delay, with rudder stick pushed to the end.



Step 7 : Sensitivity Adjustment

For radio with built in gyro gain settings, gain can be adjusted directly. For example, 50%-100% setting on the radio translates to 0%-100% gain in the heading lock mode; 50%-0% setting on the radio translates to 0%-100% gain in the normal (non-heading) lock mode.

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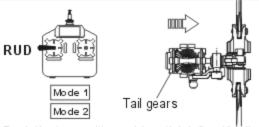
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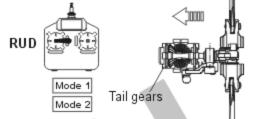
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Step 5: LIMIT rudder servo endpoint setting

Press and hold the SET button for 2 seconds to enter the setup mode, then press the SET button repeatedly to select LIMIT setup mode, as indicated by the lighting of LIMIT LED. Push the transmitter rudder stick left until tail pitch slider reaches the end, then center the rudder stick and wait 2 seconds for the STATUS LED to flash red. Then push the rudder stick right until tail pitch slider reaches the end, then center the rudder stick and wait 2 seconds for the STATUS LED to flash red. This completes the left and right endpoint limit adjustment of servo travel. Insufficient servo travel will degrade helicopter performance, while excessive travel will cause binding and damage rudder servo.



Push the transmitter rudder stick left until tail pitch slider reaches the end, then center the rudder stick and wait 2 seconds for the STATUS LED to flash red. This completes the rudder endpoint limit adjustment for the left side.



Push the rudder stick right until tail pitch' slider reaches the end, then center the rudder stick and wait 2 seconds for the STATUS LED to flash red. This completes the rudder endpoint limit adjustment for the right side.

Flashing red LED indicates settings have been registered



endpoint limit settings

CAUTION

Rudder travel limit setting lower than 50% will not be registered. Mechanical fix (moving link ball closer to center of servo horn) is needed for excessive servo travel when LIMIT function is below 50%.

Step 6 : Helicopter size and DELAY settings

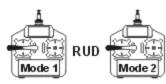
This setting includes two functions:

(1) For small helicopters such as T-Rex 250/450, set this setting to small helicopter (STATUS LED red). For larger helicopters such as T-Rex 500/600/700 set this setting to large helicopter (STATUS LED green).

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Helicopter size selection and servo delay settings Select by moving the rudder stick left and right



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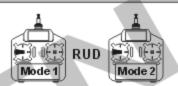
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Red LED for T-REX450



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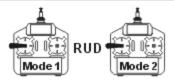
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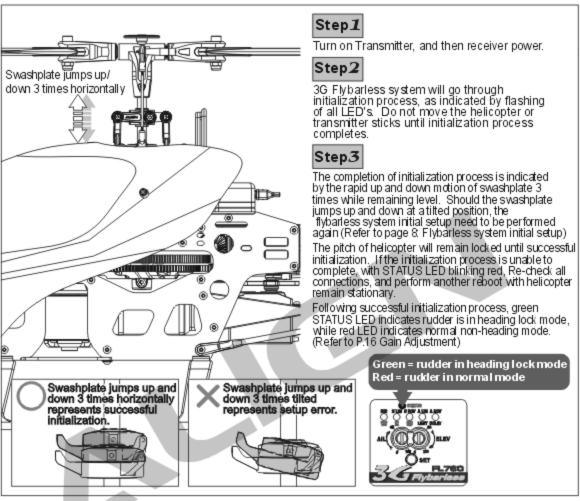
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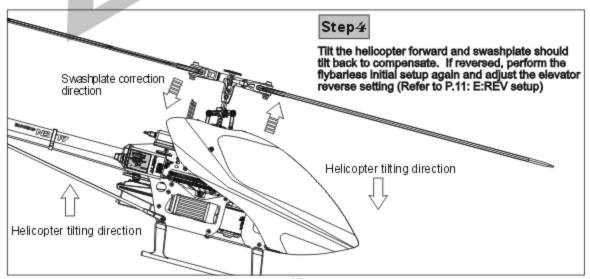


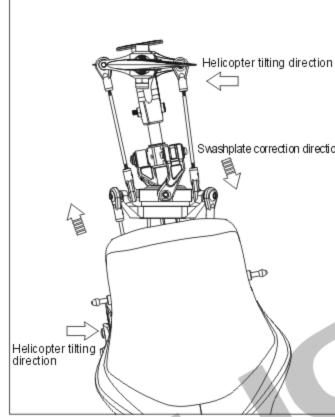
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9 · 3G FLYBARLESS PREFLIGHT CHECK

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Step5

Tilt the helicopter to the right and swashplate should tilt left to compensate. If reversed, perform the flybarless initial setup again and adjust the aileron reverse setting (Refer to P.12: A:REV setup)

Step6

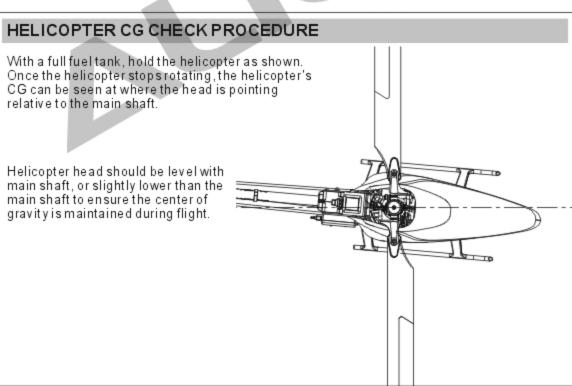
Swashplate correction direction With throttle stick all the way up
(and down), and cyclic stick all the way
left/right and up/down, check for any
binding on the swashplate. If binding
occurs, perform the flybarless initial setup
again and adjust the endpoint limits.

Step 7

Check the center of gravity (CG) and adjust component placement until CG point is right on the main shaft of the helicopter.

Step8

With all above steps checked, restart the system and begin flight test.



10 - 3G FLYBARLESS FLIGHT TEST PROCEDURE ALIGN

Step1

This procedure is best performed on soft surfaces such as grass. The use of rubber skid stopper is recommended on hard surface to prevent vibration feedback from the ground to flybarless sensors, resulting in over-corrections.

⚠ CAUTION

If swashplate should tilt prior to lift off, do not try to manually trim the swashplate level. This is due to vibration feedback to the sensor, and will disappear once helicopter lifts off the ground. If manual trim is applied, helicopter will tilt immediately after liftoff.

Rubber skid stoppers installed



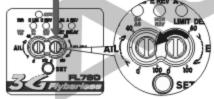


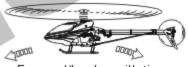
Step2

With the helicopter hovering, observe for any rapid left/right or forward/aft oscillations. If forward/aft oscillation is observed, land the helicopter, turn the ELE gain dial counterclockwise gradually, and test again. Do this until oscillation disappears.

Set the dial to 12 o'clock position as starting point

Elevator gain adjustment dial





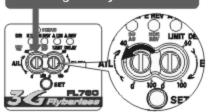
Forward/back oscillation

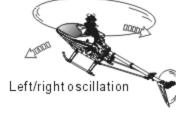
Decrease ELE gain



Set the dial to 12 o'clock position as starting point

Aileron gain adjustment dial





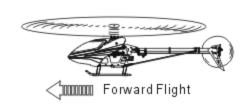
Decrease AIL gain



FORWARD STRAIGHT LINE FLIGHT

Put the helicopter into fast forward flight from hovering. If similar oscillation is observed, reduce the elevator gyro gain. If the helicopter pitches up, or responds slowly, increase the elevator gyro gain. Repeat test until the oscillation is eliminated. Similar method is used for aileron gyro gain.

After gyro gain adjustments are completed, the helicopter cyclic rate can be tuned using transmitter's swash AIL and ELE mixing ratio. Higher the percentage, faster the roll/flip rate. Exponential can also be added on the transmitter to soften the sensitivity for stable hover.





11 SETUP EXAMPLES

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Using Futaba 12ZH transmitter as an example

	with emphasis on stability	with emphasis on agility
Main blade pitch Settings (Collective Pitch Settings)	Main blade pitch : 12° swash pitch : 40%	Main blade pitch :14° swash pitch : 50%
Cyclic pitch settings (Adjust while in DIR mode using AIL/ELE swash AFR)	Cyclic Pitch9° swash Aileron : 45% Elevator : 45%	Cyclic Pitch11° swash Aileron : 55% Elevator : 55%
Aileron and Elevator swashplate mixing ratio settings	swash Aileron : ≦ 45% Elevator : ≦ 45%	swash Aileron : ≦55% Elevator : ≦55%
Aileron and Elevator gyro gain settings	12 o'clock direction(50%)	11 o'clock direction(40%)



While in DIR setup mode, the transmitter's CCPM swash mixing values for aileron and elevator represent CYCLIC pitch values. These values affect the cyclic roll rates on the aileron and elevator in flying condition. Higher values translate to faster cyclic roll rates. If cyclic roll rate is not improved with increased swash mixing values, this is due to insufficient cyclic pitch. When this happens, cyclic pitch can be increased through the flybarless setup procedure. Maximum cyclic pitch should be limited at 11 degrees.

12 · TROUBLESHOOTING



	Problem	Cause	Solution
Blade Tracking	Tracking is Off	Pitch linkage rods are not even length	Adjust length of pitch linkage rods (A)
Hover		Excessive pitch	Adjust pitch linkage rods (A) to reduce pitch by 4 to 5 degrees.
	Headspeed too low	Hovering throttle curve is too low	Increase throttle curve at hovering point on transmitter (around 65%~70%)
	Headspeed too high	Not enough pitch	Adjust pitch linkage rods (A) to increase pitch by 4 to 5 degrees.
		Hovering throttle curve is too high	Decrease throttle curve at hovering point on transmitter (around 65%~70%)
	Drifting of tail occurs during hovering, or delay of rudder	Rudder neutral point improperly set	Reset rudder neutral point
Rudder Response	response when centering rudder stick.	Rudder gyro gain too low	Increase rudder gyro gain
	Tail oscillates (hunting, or wags) at hover or full throttle	Rudder gyro gain too high	Reduce rudder gyro gain
Oscillation during flight	Forward/aft oscillation when elevator is applied	Elevatorgyrogain toohigh.	Turn the ELE gain dial on control box counterclock wise, 10 degrees at a time until oscillation is eliminated.
	Helicopter front bobbles (nods) during forward flight.	Worn servo, or slack in control links	Replace servo, ball link, or linkage balls.
	Left/right oscillation when alleron is applied	Aileron gyro gain too high	Tum the AIL gain dial on control box counterclockwise, 10 degrees at a time until oscillation is eliminated.
		Worn servo, or slack in control links	Replace servo, ball link, or linkage balls.
Drifting during flight	Elevator input causes helicopter to drift Helicopter pitches up during forward flight	Elevatorgyrogain toolow	Turn the ELE gain dial on control box dockwise, 10 degrees at a time until drifting is eliminated.
	Aileron input causes helicopter to drift	Aileron gyro gain too low	Turn the AIL gain dial on control box dockwise, 10 degrees at a time until drifting is eliminated.
Control Response	Slow Forward/Aft/Left/Right input response	Roll rate too low	Increase the swashplate AFR in ransmitter
		Roll rate still slow after swash afr adjustment, cyclic pitch too low	Go back through the DIR setup procedure and increase the cyclic pitch.
	Sensitive Forward/Aft/Left/	Roll rate too high	Decrease the swashplate AFR in transmitter
	Right input response	Roll rate still too fast after swash afr adjustment, cyclic pitch too high	Go back through the DIR setup procedure and decrease the cyclic pitch.

If above solution does not resolve your issues, please check with experienced pilots or contact your Align dealer.

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Pitches up during fast forward flight. Q&A ّ (1)Elevator gyro gain too low, increase the elevator gain by gradually turning the ELE dial clockwise (2)Elevator trim not centered. Check if helicopter is tilting backwards during hover. In sufficient gain during flight, but increasing gain results in o scillation. (1)Check and resolve possible mechanical vibration from helicopter. (2)Use softer sensor mounting foam, or double up the stock sensor foam. (3)Relocate the sensor to location less prone to vibration. Drifting during 3D maneuvers.
(1)Increase AIL and ELE gain by turning both dials clockwise.
(2)Check if cyclic servos are too slow (minimum 0.1 sec / 60 degrees) Unstable hover, control inputs are too sensitive. Decrease the alleron and elevator ATV(AFR) value on the transmitter. For CCPM machines, decrease swashplate mixing percentage on the transmitter. In addition, exponential can be added to aileron and elevator channels. After increasing the ATV(AFR) of aileron and elevator, 3D roll rates are still not enough. Go back through the DIR setup procedure and use larger cyclic pitch. Helicopter o scillates after fast forward flight or after tumbles. (1) Gradually reduce both AIL and ELE gain by turning them counterclockwise, 10 degrees at a time. (2)Use harder head dampener. While in flybarless setup mode, unable to complete ELE/AIL endpoint and reverse Disable all trims/subtrims on the transmitter. Incorrect CCPM mixing after initial flybarless setup. (1)Trim/subtrims not zeroed out on transmitter.
(2)After any trim adjustments are done on transmitter, the initial flybarless setup procedure need to be performed again. 3G flybariess system unable to power up. (1)Check proper voltage source.
(2)Check AIL/ELE/PIT connections between flybarless control unit and receiver. (3)Check for connection between flybarless control unit and sensor. 3G flybarless system powers up with LED flashing, but swashplate did not jump 3 times, pitch is focked, unable to complete the initialization process. (1)Possible movement during initialization process. Make sure helicopter is absolutely (2)If STATUS LED flashes red, check the connection between flybarless controller and sensor. I noticed swashplate tilts slightly at extreme pitch due to servo interactions, should I make efforts to level it out? No. Level the swashplate at 0 degrees using subtrims ONLY in DIR setup mode. End point swashplate interactions are automatically compensated by the 3G system while in flight. I want to trim the heli differently for different flight conditions. After initial DIR setup is complete, the trim tabs on your TX can be used to trim the heli. Use your TX's flight condition functions to have multiple trim settings. Do not adjust the subtrim unless you are in the DIR setup mode! What adjustments can I make on the transmitter after the DIR setup has been completed? You can adjust the trim tabs, dual rates, exponential, collective pitch, and ail/eley swash AFR (for roll rate). Again do NOT adjust the subtrims unless followed by repeating of DIR setup steps. During step 5 of DIR setup mode, only aileron swash mixing was mentioned. Should I set

14 - SPECIFICATIONS

elevator swash mixing as well?

Operating voltage range	DC 3V∼8.4V	Operating humidity	0%~95%
Operating current consumption	<80mA @ 4.8V		Control unit: 42x26.5x14.5mm
Rotational detection rate	± 300 °/sec	Dimension	Sensor: 22.3x21.7x14mm
Rudder yaw detection rate	±500°/sec		Control unit: 16g
Sensor resolution	12bit	Weight	Sensor: 9g
Operating temperature	-20°C~65°C	●RoHS certification stamp	

No. The 3G system automatically calculates a cyclic ring based on the alleron swash mix percentage. Setting of elevator swash mix has no affect on the 3G system. Set the cyclic pitch by the alleron swash mix & just use the same value for elevator.

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