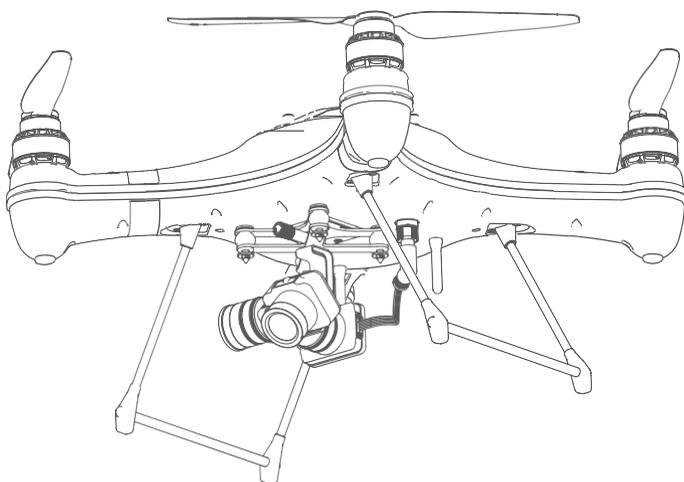


SPLASH DRONE 3

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Thank you for purchasing this SwellPro Splash Drone. We have designed and manufactured the Splash Drone to the highest quality standards, to provide you a safe and reliable product for many years. Please read the entire contents of this manual thoroughly, to comprehensively familiarize yourself with the product before using it.

Please Note: This manual is correct at the time of release, and is subject to change without notice. Please check on our website: www.swellpro.com for the latest release.

Reading Note

Icon Definitions



Recommended

1. Part List
2. User Manual
3. Quick Guide
4. Disclaimer Guide
5. Battery Usage Guide

Before flying the drone, we strongly advise you to watch the tutorial videos and read through the above instruction manuals.

Where to find the tutorial videos

tutorial videos can be found and downloaded at www.swellpro.com.

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Product Overview

This section introduces the various drone functions, how to assemble the drone, the various part names of the drone, and its remote control.

The Splash drone 3 is the most advanced water resistant (1) drone ever released. Its the first fully integrated modular amphibious flying platform.

Thanks to its new flight control system, its also easier to fly.

Its brand new propulsion system with the new custom designed 620KV motors system and quick release carbon fiber propellers provides you with the perfect balance between power and efficiency.

Optional Accessories (these may OR may not come with your drone)

-4KGC a water resistant (1) 4K camera and 2 axis gimbal module

-PL1 the original payload release module , for simple release.

-PL2 the HD Fpv payload release module, for precise release with live video feed.

-PL3 the most advanced payload release module, with 4k camera recording and one axis gimbal, for the Ultimate precision live video feed and 4k recording capabilities (available in the future)

-and many more modules to come...

Because great power and versatility requires great control, we developed a fully ergonomically designed and integrated remote controller with redesigned controls to maximize ease of use and efficiency and a gorgeous built in 5" FPV screen, so you can see the live video and OSD data without any additional equipment.

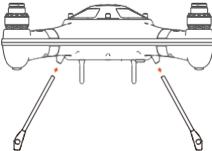
The splash drone 3 allows you to operate in rainy conditions, in tough environments whether its over land or over sea.

With its advanced modular design it can quickly adapt to all type of missions from aerial filming to search and rescue, ocean survey, fishing and many more...

1. A comprehensive water resistant (1) design, it supports weather resistant flight, on a sunny day, a rainy day, or even if it is snowing. It can skim the surface, whilst the camera films below the surface of the water. It can land on the water, and take off again, and even withstands salty water conditions.
2. The water resistant (1) payload release can be used to deliver up to 1kg loads, including but not limited to life-saver, lines, fishing bait etc.
3. Swellpro's 3rd generation water resistant (1) gimbal integrated with a 4k camera, quick release design.
4. Newly designed 5.8G video transmission system, ensuring you have the best FPV flight experience.
5. Upgraded auto Return Home software, making sure you safely retrieve your drone, in the event of losing sight of it, or in an emergency situation.
6. Brand new, ergonomically designed remote controller, which comes with a 5" FPV screen, you can now see live video and OSD data on the screen.
7. New data link, together with a new APP version, which brings more a stable and user-friendly smart flight experience.
8. Smart cruise flight mode making it easier for you to film moving objects.
9. Brand new design quick release carbon fiber propellers, strong and durable, a perfect match for the power system.
10. High quality smart balance charger supports charging the drone's battery, and the remote controller's battery, designed to also protect your batteries, thereby creating a longer useable life.
11. Compact design carry case, easy to carry, to effectively protect and store your drone.

Preparation of the drone

Installation of the landing gear

Installation Diagram	Detailed Description
	<p>Insert the landing gear according to the red arrow. (Tutorial video is available for detailed operations)</p>

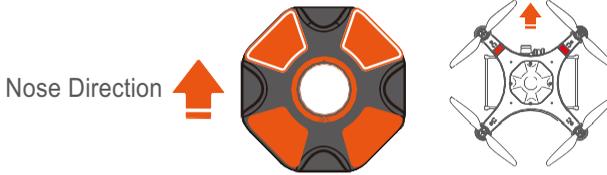
Gimbal Installation

⚠ Attention: Please install the camera gimbal after completing the calibrations on Splash Drone, to avoid unnecessary rotation & tremble. (Refer to the accelerometer calibration and compass calibration on pg 29 & 30 for more details)

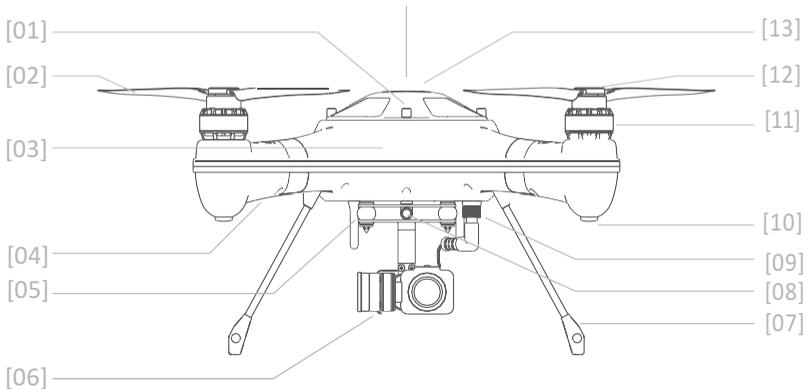
Installation Diagram	Detailed Description
	<p>Loosen the screw on the underside of the drone.</p>
	<p>Mount the gimbal on the bottom plate, and secure it with the fixing screw.</p>
	<p>Insert the gimbal cable into the corresponding plug on the underside of the drone, and tighten the water resistant (1) cap on the plug.</p>

Drone Illustration

Note: When opening the top cover, be careful of the GPS cable, When closing the top cover, please make sure to place the hatch such that the arrow faces the front of the drone.



⚠ Before closing the GPS Top cover, please make sure that the gasket and the sealing surfaces on the drone are in good condition and are free of dirt, sand or any other contamination. Sand & other foreign materials will greatly influence the integrity of water resistant (1) seal on the Splash Drone.



- [1] Cover/hatch screw
- [2] Quick release carbon fiber propeller
- [3] Nose direction
- [4] Flight indication lights (Front – 2 Red , Rear – 2 Green)
- [5] Gimbal damping ball
- [6] Water resistant (1) gimbal and camera
- [7] Landing gear
- [8] Gimbal quick release screw
- [9] Water resistant (1) cable plug/socket
- [10] Rubber foot
- [11] Water resistant (1) brushless motor
- [12] Propeller Spinner
- [13] GPS topcover/hatch

Remote controller illustration

Power Button

Auto powers on the FPV screen, but can be manually powered off.

Auto search/Menu Select

Use the auto search function to select the most suitable channel / Switch between the different menus

Band / Increase (+)

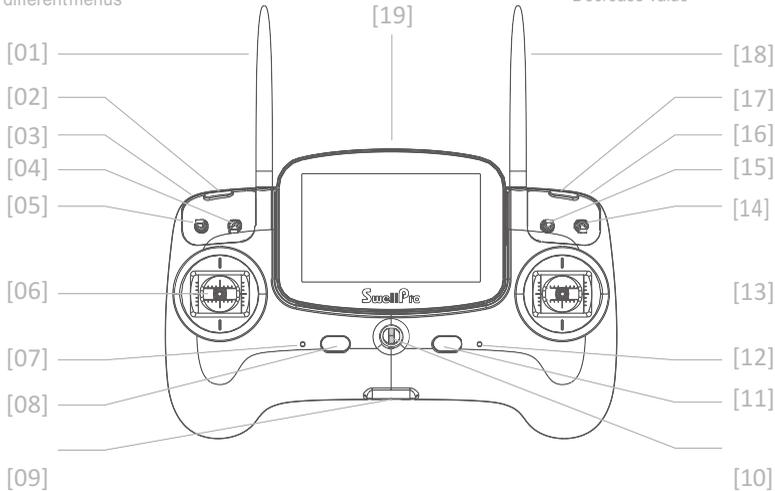
Manual band Selection / Increase value

Menu / Menu Selection

Enter into the menu / Shift among of various menus

Channel / Decrease (-)

Manual channel Selection / Decrease value



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|---|---|---|
| [1] Remote Antenna
For drone operation signal | [8] Left power button
Press the left and right power buttons simultaneously to power on the controller | [14] Return-Home switch
Commands the drone to return automatically |
| [2] Left pairing button
Bind the RC with drone | [9] USB Port
For remote control firmware upgrade use | [15] Flight modeswitch
GPS / Cruise Flight / ATTI |
| [3] Gimbal pan control thumbwheel
Adjust the gimbal PAN axis | [10] Hanger ring
For securing the lanyard to the controller | [16] Gimbal tilt control thumbwheel
Controls the gimbal tilt axis |
| [4] Camera switch
Controls the camera to take pictures, or record videos | [11] Right power button
Press the left and right power button simultaneously, to power on the controller | [17] Right pairing button
Bind the RC with drone |
| [5] Airdrop switch
Controls the payload release | [12] Power status lights
Displaying the remote controller's battery status | [18] Video antenna
Transmits FPV live video |
| [6] Left Joystick
Control the drone's ascend, descend / left or right turn | [13] Right joystick
Controls the drone for forward, backward, left and right flight | [19] FPV screen
Displays FPV live video |
| [7] Working Status lights
Remote control working status | | |

About the drone

This section introduces the drone,
and it's functions.

Drone Overview

The drone mainly comprises of the following systems:

- Flight control system,
- Communication system,
- Positioning system,
- Power system including the battery, ESC, motors and propellers.

Flight Modes

The Splash Drone 3 utilizes a brand new flight control system, incorporating 3 of the best flight modes.

GPS mode: This uses the GPS modules to achieve accurate and stabilized hovering, intelligent flight, intelligent return and other intelligent flight mode functions. Maximum flight speed of 10m/s, maximum ascend speed of 4m/s, and maximum descend speed of 3m/s.

Smart Cruise: Specially designed for smooth aerial filming. The turning function of left joystick is disabled; and is mixed into the right joystick, thereby freeing up your left hand, with the other hand to used control the drone's direction, and flight path.

ATTI mode: This mode does not use the GPS positioning function, but still maintains attitude stabilization.

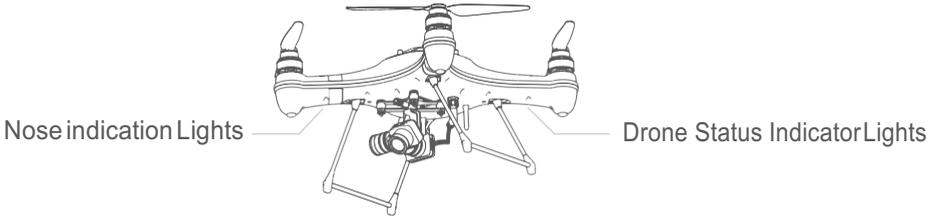
Note: With a good GPS signal, intelligent return can be achieved. A maximum flight attitude angle of 25 degrees, a maximum flight speed of 16m/s, a maximum ascent rate of 4m/s, and the maximum descend rate of 3m/s.

 **Please Note:** In ATTI mode, and the drone's speed is faster. When flying in a calm environment, the pilot should allow a minimum of 30 meters for braking distance to ensure flight safety.

 Select the preferred flight mode of the drone using the remote mode switch on the controller.

Drone Indication Lights

The fuselage of the drone includes a pair of nose LED indicator lights, and the drone status indicator lights on the rear arms. Their positions are shown below:



The nose LED indicator lights are used to indicate the direction of the nose of the drone. The rear aircraft status indicator lights indicate the status of the current flight control system. Please refer to the following table for the different flash modes for the flight control system.

Drone status indicator

Flight Mode		
● x1	One Green Flash	ATTI Mode
● x2	Two Green Flashes	GPS Mode
● x3	Three Green Flashes	Circling flight & Smart Cruise (Optional)
● x4	Four Green Flashes	Cruise Flight
●	Green Fast Flashing	APP control/ Return Home
GPS Status		
● x3	Three Red Flashes	No GPS connection, or no GPS signal
● x2	Two Red Flashes	Poor GPS signal
● x1	One Red Flashes	Satisfactory GPS signal
○	No Red Flash	Good GPS signal
Low battery warning		
● x3 Flashes	Three Green/Yellow	First level battery warning, safely land as soon as possible.
●	Green/Yellow Fast Flashing	Horizontal Calibration Vertical Calibration
Six-Sided Compass Calibration		
● ● ●	Alternating - Red, Green, Yellow slow flashing	Busy with calibration process

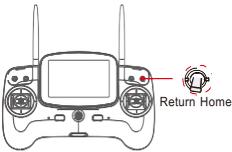
	Return Normal Status	Calibration Success
Accelerometer Calibration		
	Alternating - Red, Green, Yellow slow flashing	Busy with calibration process
	Green ON	Calibration Success
Warning & Abnormal		
	Red - Fast Flashing	Lost radio signal
	Yellow, Green alternate slow flashing	Compass is interference / Abnormal
	Alternating Red & Green -slowflashing	Lost GPS signal, GPS abnormal
	Alternating Red and Yellow - slow flashing	IMU vibration has exceeded its limits, or is Abnormal
Other		
	Red, Green, Yellow alternate slow flashing	Indicates initialization process after powering on
	Red ON	Unlock Failure

Return HOME

Splash Drone 3 has an auto return home function. If the GPS successfully recorded the return point before takeoff, and, if the remote controller and the aircraft loose communication with each other, the drone will automatically return to the landing point, and land. Splash Drone 3 provides two auto return home modes, they are: one key return and failsafe return.

Return Point	GPS	Description
		During take off, or during the flight process, the GPS signal should be greater than 6 satellites, the drone will save the current position as the return point. When taking off in GPS mode, it is recommended that the GPS satellite count is greater than 9 satellites.

One Key Return Home Function

Remote Control	Description
	Turn the Return Home switch to Return Home position, the drone will activate its return home mode. In this mode, the drone will automatically return to the home point.

⚠ Note: During the return process, only the (right) steering stick can be controlled. When the drone returns to the point of departure, and commences its descent, the left joystick will only control the direction (Heading) of the drone, the right joystick controls the forward/back and sideways functions, in order to select and land at the chosen landing point. If you need to take control of the drone, you need to switch the Return Home switch to Normal position.

IMPORTANT!! THE RETURN HOME SWITCH IS NOT A FAILSAFE SWITCH – AND SHOULD NOT BE USED IN EMERGENCIES.

Return Process

Flare maneuver	Description
	Vertical height > 20metres, horizontal distance > 15metres, drone will maintain same altitude and return to its home point.
	Vertical height < 20metres, horizontal distance > 15metres, drone will ascend up to 20metres, and return to its home point.
	Vertical height < 10metres, horizontal distance < 15metres, the drone will maintain its altitude, and return to it's home point.

⚠ If the GPS signal is poor (Value is less than 5) or GPS doesn't work, the Return Home function will not be available.

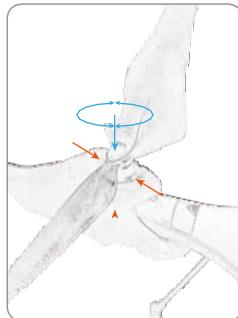
Auto Return Home

If the drone goes out of effective distance, the Return Home function will be activated automatically. When the remote control communication is recovered, the control of the drone can be resumed after a single switching of the flight mode Switch, regardless of the current mode is under ATTI or GPS.

Propeller Installation

Installation / Removal

Hold the rotor of motor tight while supporting the arm upwards with the other hand, take the corresponding propeller to install. Press the propellers spinner hard and rotate to fasten it properly. It's available to remove the propeller in the opposite way.



Propeller	CCW Propeller	CW Propeller
Picture		
Installation	Install on the CCW motor	Install on the CW motor
Direction	 CCW Propeller Slot	 CW Propeller Slot

- ⚠ The blades are sharp, please be careful to avoid accidental cutting or scratches.
- ⚠ When installing or removing the propellers, please place your free hand under the motor, so as to provide support and a back force when pushing down to lock or unlock the propeller. Failure to provide this support could result in the bending or breaking of the landing gear.
- ⚠ Prior to each flight, please check that the propellers are correctly installed and securely fastened.
- ⚠ If a propeller becomes damaged, or broken, please replace it, they can be purchased separately.
- ⚠ Please do not get too close to the rotating propellers and motors, to avoid cuts or injury.
- ⚠ Please use the propellers provided by Swellpro, they cannot be mixed with different types of propeller

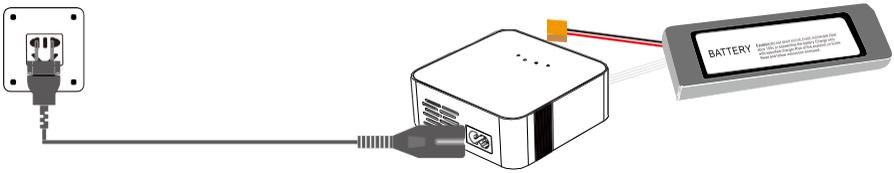
Battery

Before use, please fully charge the drone battery, and the remote battery.

Charging

1. Connect the charger to an AC power supply (100-240V, 50/60Hz), and then connect the charger to the drone battery, or the remote control battery, as applicable.
2. After powering on the balance charger, all the LEDs will flash for 1 second, connect the battery to the balance charging port, now the battery can be charged.

3. Indication lights: One LED on indicates a charge level of 25% , two LEDs on indicate a charge level of 50%, three LEDs on indicate a charge level of 75%, four LEDs indicate that the battery is fully charged.



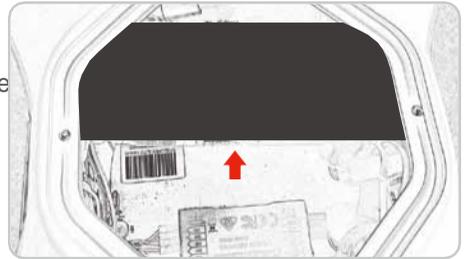
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- ⚠ Before charging, please ensure that you are using the correct battery type.
 - ⚠ If, during the charging process, the 4 indicator lights flash at the same time, this indicates a charger or battery failure, please stop charging.

DO NOT Charge two batteries at once with the charger.

Battery Installation

When inserting the battery, please take note and observe the following precautions:

- Please ensure the battery is “lying on it’s side with the cables exiting the battery towards the rear of the drone,
- Please observe the label on the battery.
- Please observe the instructions and the arrow on the label.



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- ⚠ Please Note:
While operating the drone, please monitor the battery voltage level, and keep the voltage level in mind, when the level has dropped to 14.8V, please prepare to return the drone to a safe landing place.
 - ⚠ It is dangerous to continue flying the drone once with insufficient battery power. This could result in damage to the battery.
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Low temperature precautions

1. In low temperature environments (-10C degrees to 5C degrees) , the flight time will be reduced. Before use, please fully charge the battery, and keep it warm.
2. In low temperature environments, it is recommended to stop flying if and when the low battery alarm is on.
3. In low temperature environments, it is recommended to preheat the battery before flying.

Remote Control

This section introduces the remote control functions. Including the drone operation, and the camera operation.

Remote Control Overview

The Splash Drone3 remote control operates using two frequency bands, 2.4GHz and 5.8GHz. 2.4GHz is for the drone control, and 5.8GHz is for the FPV video signal. The remote controller is integrated with the camera and gimbal controls, which is convenient for the user to easily maintain comprehensive control during flight, and can easily shoot wonderful videos or pictures.

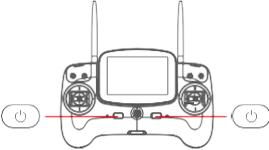
⚠ The default remote control configuration is left hand as throttle. **Please note that the remote control is NOT water-resistant and should not be used in rain or water.**

Remote Control

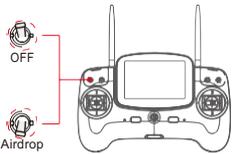
Press down and slide open the battery cover to open it, install the remote control battery and replace the cover.

Remote Control Operation

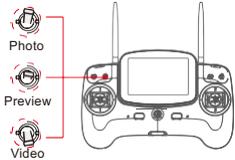
Power ON and Power OFF

Remote Control Operation	Description
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Simultaneously press the two power switches for about 3 seconds, the remote control will power on, and the screen will turn on.2. To turn off the controller, simultaneously press the two power switches for about 3 seconds again, the remote control will power off, and the screen will turn off.

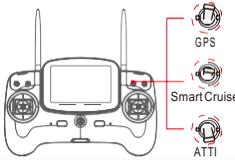
Airdrop Switch

Remote Control Operation	Description
	OFF : Close Airdrop Airdrop : Open

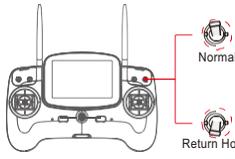
Camera Control

Remote Control Operation	Description
 <p>Photo</p> <p>Preview</p> <p>Video</p>	<p>Photo : Take Picture Preview :</p> <p>Preview Video : Shoot Video</p>

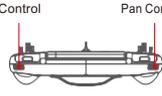
Flight Mode

Remote Control Operation	Description
 <p>GPS</p> <p>Smart Cruise</p> <p>ATTI</p>	<p>GPS : GPS mode</p> <p>Smart Cruise : Smart Cruise Mode</p> <p>ATTI : ATTI mode</p>

One Key Return Home

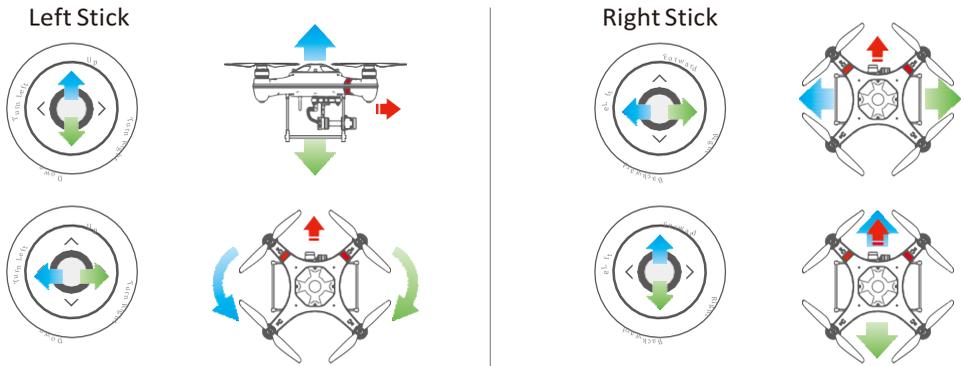
Remote Control Operation	Description
 <p>Normal</p> <p>Return Home</p>	<p>Normal : Return Home is disabled</p> <p>Return-Home : Activate Return Home</p>

Gimbal Control

Remote Control Operation	Description
 <p>Tilt Control</p> <p>Pan Control</p>	<p>Tilt Control Thumbwheel : Controls the gimbal tilt axis</p> <p>Pan Control Thumbwheel : Controls the gimbal pan axis</p>

Drone Control

1. The Left joystick controls the drone ascent and descent (up and down movement) and the nose direction (left and right movement)
2. The right joystick controls the forward / backward movement of the drone, and the left / right flight movement of the drone



Remote Control LED Indicators

Working Indicator	Power Status Indicator	Warning Tone	
	RED Light ON	Yes	Remote Control battery low
	RED Light slow flash	Yes	Remote Control battery is dangerously low
Light Stays ON			Status is good
Slow Flash	Light Stays ON		Remote control and receiver disconnected
Fast Flash		Success tone	Pairing

⚠ When the remote control battery power is seriously insufficient, the remote control power indicator light will slowly flash a red light whilst sounding a warning tone. Please charge or replace the remote control battery as soon as possible.

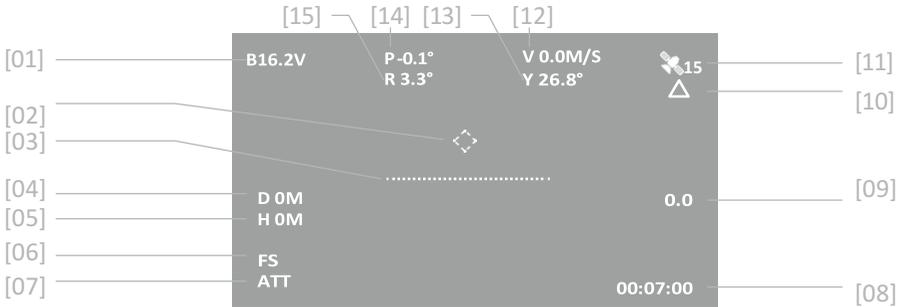
Remote Controller Pairing (to the drone)

1. Connect the jumper (which is supplied with the drone) into B/CC channel of the remote receiver inside the drone, now power on the drone.
2. Hold the left or right pairing buttons (No.2 or 17, - diag on P9) on the remote control, until the remote control indicator becomes solid red, it indicates entry into the pairing mode. Release the button when the indicator changes to solid green. The pairing is successful.

FPV screen

The Splash Drone 3 uses 5.8G video transmission technology, reducing the delay to a minimum. Please note that the 5.8G Video FPV transmission range is generally under 300m. 40 channels are available to select from

Display Interface



[1] Battery Voltage

Drone battery voltage

[2] Return Home direction



Dynamically displays the relative angle between the nose and the return point. When the mark is displayed in middle of the FPV screen, it means the nose of the drone is facing the return point.

[3] Flight Attitude

Verification of the flight attitude

[4] Flight Distance

The horizontal distance between the drone, and the home point

[5] Flight Height

The vertical height of the drone above the home point

[6] Connection lost notice

Notification when the connection is lost between the drone and the controller.

[7] Flight Mode

ATT : ATTI Mode, GPS : GPS Mode, CIR : Smart Cruise

[8] Time

The running time

[9] Ascend speed / Descend speed

The vertical speed of the drone when ascending or descending, units are metres/second

[10] GPS status

(☆) Not located / (📶) located

[11] Satellite Quantity

The receiving satellite quantity

[12] Horizontal speed

The drone's horizontal speed

[13] Angle of yaw

The actual angle of yaw

[14] Angle of roll

The actual angle of roll

[15] Angle of tilt

The actual angle of tilt

Gimbal & Camera

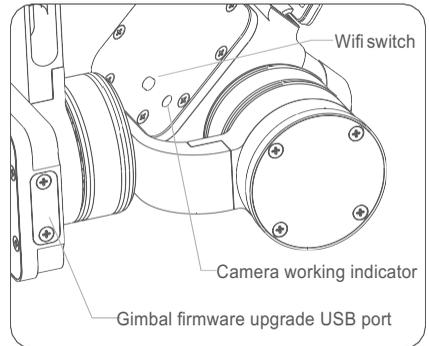
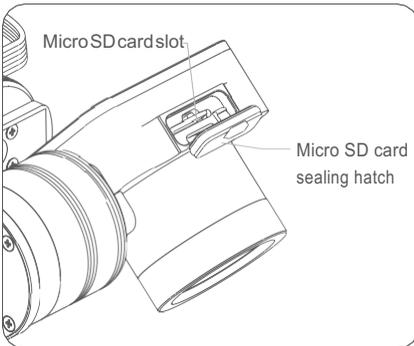
This section introduces the camera and the gimbal, and how to use them.

Camera

The camera's superior electronic image stabilization technology combined with the design of a high-precision water resistant (1) gimbal, producing the camera's ability to shoot smooth, non-destructive and real-time videos and photos in a high-speed environment. The camera supports up to 24 frames per second 4K videos.

Installing the micro SD card

1. Please open the small water tight hatch on the top of the camera, insert the Micro SD card in the correct direction.
2. Close and Fasten the sealing hatch.



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- ⚠ Splash Drone 3 supports Micro SD card up to 32GB. Because the camera requires fast reading and writing capability for high stream video data, please use a card with a minimum of Class 10 or UHS-1, or better.
 - ⊘ Do not insert or pull out the Micro SD card during flight operations; this could damage or destroy the data file.
 - 💡 In order to ensure the stability of the camera system, the maximum single video length limit is 15 minutes.
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Camera settings and use (applicable to the Splashdrone 4K Pro only)

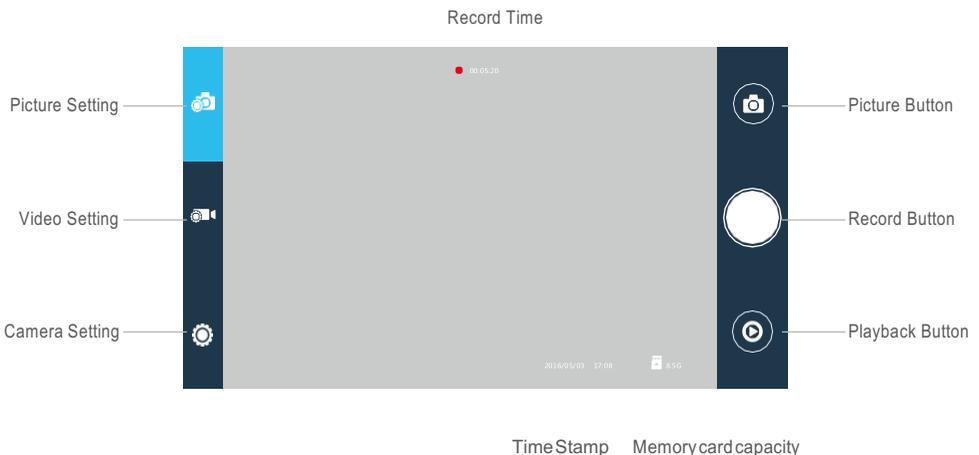
1. APP installation: iOS systems, for apple devices, please find the SwellCam APP in the apple store, and install the APP.

Android systems can download the APK installation on the www.swellpro.com site

2. Camera WIFI connection: Please Note, the WiFi is used for preflight setup purposes only, and must be disabled prior to take off.

Power on the drone, the camera will power on automatically; switch on the camera WIFI, the red indicator lights up indicating the camera is on. Open the WIFI on your phone, search for the name of SwellCam mobile devices, and request to connect, enter the initial password - 12345678, and connect.

3. Using the APP: Open the camera APP into the camera preview screen. On the APP, you can set the parameters of the camera and video, you can also control the camera for the taking of pictures or videos, and other related functions.



⚠ Please turn off the camera's WIFI switch before take off, so as not to interfere with the flight control signals during flight. Failure to do this could result in a crash

Camera Setting

Picture Format JPEG

Picture Size 14M 10M 5M 14M_16 : 9 10M_16 : 9 5M_16 : 9

Time Stamp OFF ON

Burst Speed OFF 3pics/second

Timer OFF 5seconds 10 seconds

Self-timer OFF 3seconds/pic 5seconds/pic 10seconds/pic 30seconds/pic

Record Setting

Resolution	APP control :	1920*1080 P30	1920*60 P60
		1280*720 P30	1280*720 P60
	Remote Control:	2880*2160 P24	2560*1440 P30 1920*1080 P30
		1920*1080 P60	1280*720 P30 1280*720 P60
Video Format	MOV MP4		
Time Stamp	OFF ON		

⚠ Note: APP and remote control camera recording video resolution is different, please select the best resolution according to your specific needs

System Setting

Language	Syn with smartphone language.
Picture Flip	180° Flip, OFF
Time Setting	
WIFI Password	
ISO	AUTO 100 200 400 800 1600
EV	-2 -1.5 -1.0 -0.5 0 +0.5 +1.0 +1.5 +2.0
White Balance	AUTO, cloudy, sunny, Incandescent lamp, Fluorescent lamp
OSD	ON, OFF
Digital Antishake	ON, OFF
Video Format	PAL, NTSC
Metering	Global metering, Center-weighted, spot
Frequency	50Hz, 60Hz
Format	Sure, Cancel
Default Setting	Sure, Cancel

Camera Indicator

	Green ON	Power on into preview mode
	Green Slow Blink	Saving picture or video
	Red ON	WIFI ON
	Red OFF	Wifi Off

Gimbal

High precision two axis water resistant (1) pan tilt angle jitter of + 0.02 degrees, even in the event of a large action flight, it can record a smooth video. The pitch angle has controllable operating range of -90 degrees to 0 degrees.

Flight

This section introduces and discusses flying hazards, flight restrictions, and drone care and attention.

Flight

If this is your first time wanting to fly a drone, please be sure to watch the various tutorial videos, please read the instructions and observe and digest the precautions. We recommend taking professional training and guidance. When flying, please be sure to select an appropriate flight environment.

Flying the Splash Drone

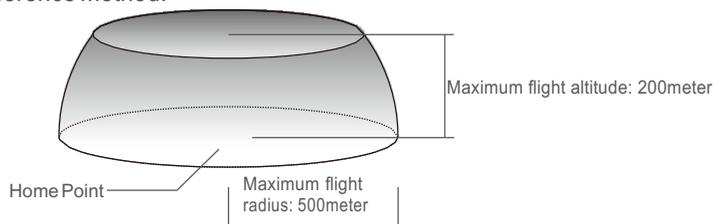
1. Please do not fly in bad weather, such as excessive wind (wind speeds of level 6, and above), fog or other extreme weather.
2. Select an open place or water surface as an ideal flying site.
Flying in between, or near a large number of steel buildings could adversely affect the workings of the compass, and will adversely affect or block the GPS signal, resulting in a poor positioning effect, or even impede, or sever communication and the ability to locate the aircraft.
3. When flying, try to maintain of line of sight with the drone, keep away from obstacles and people.
4. Do not fly near high voltage lines, communication base stations or launch towers or other areas, which may interfere with the remote control of the drone.
5. At 4000 meters above sea level, due to environmental factors, including air density, which could result in decreased performance of the drone, and it's batteries and power systems, flight performance will be adversely affected.

Flight restrictions

According to the provisions of the International Civil Aviation Organization and national air traffic control airspace control, as well as the provisions of the UAV management, UAVs must be operated in specified airspaces. In consideration of flight safety, the safety fence is the default setting.

Limited height and distance

Safety fence: has a maximum flight radius of 500 meters, and a maximum flight altitude of 200 meters. If, for any reason, you need to remove this safety fence, please refer to the SwellPro Assistant 3 reference method.



Pre-Flight Inspection and checks

1. Please ensure there is a FULL CHARGE in both the drone and the controller batteries.
2. Please check that the propellers are correctly installed.
3. Make sure the Micro SD card is properly inserted into camera (4k PRO Model only), and the sealing hatch is securely fastened.
4. Please check that the Camera & gimbal are working correctly (4k PRO Model only).
5. Please make sure the camera lens is clean.
6. Please verify that the motors can be started

Accelerometer calibration

IMPORTANT: PLEASE REFER TO “JCMATTHEW” YOUTUBE CHANNEL! Calibration is necessary in any of the following cases:

1. First time use of the drone.
2. Following sustained flight in ATTI mode.
3. If, when pushing up the THROTTLE joystick, without moving the right (AIRLERON) joystick, and the drone drifts at an angle, while in ATTI mode.
4. If the drone has been subjected to heavy shaking during transportation.
5. If, following a successful compass calibration, the motors do unlock, but the red LED stays on solid when trying to start up the motors.

Accelerometer Calibration Steps:

1. **Place the drone on a FLAT & EVEN SURFACE**, power on the controller, & then the drone, after startup is complete, switch to “Return-Home” mode on the controller.
 2. Place the left joystick into the right lower corner(45°) position, and the right joystick into the upper right corner(45°) position.
 3. Maintain the above gesture for 2 seconds, until the light changes to a fast flashing red (blinking). The drone then enters into its accelerometer calibration process. Wait until the light stops blinking, and goes to a normal green/red slow flashing sequence, NOW RELEASE the joysticks. The accelerometer calibration is now complete. PLEASE POWER DOWN THE DRONE & CONTROLLER.
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Remote Control Operation



Compass Calibration

Please refer to the status indicator light for compass calibration. Calibration notes are as follows:



Please Note: **It is recommended to calibrate the compass at the proposed flying area before flying.** Flying anywhere close to any magnetic interference is HIGHLY DISCOURAGED. (Please make sure to keep far away from the following: High-Voltage transmission power lines, Emitting base stations, metal objects, etc.)

DO NOT CALIBRATE CLOSE TO VEHICLES, ENSURE YOUR PHONE & KEYS ARE NOT ON YOUR BODY & YOUR PHONE WIFI & BLUETOOTH HAVE BEEN TURNED OFF.

Calibration is necessary in below cases:

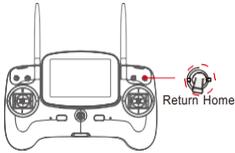
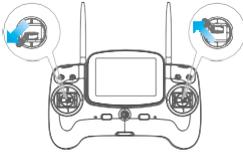
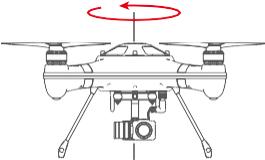
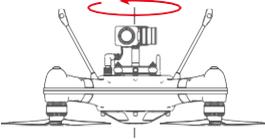
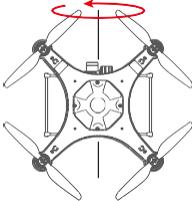
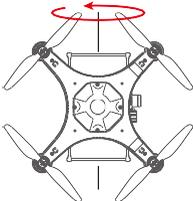
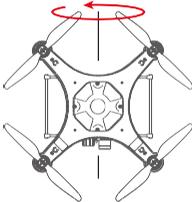
1. Before flying drone for the first time.
2. Every time you fly your drone.
3. Especially if The drone has been crashed/dropped by accident.
4. Especially if The drone keeps swaying / drifting during flight.
5. Especially If the drone has incurred or was subjected to a heavy shaking during transportation.
6. Especially If the RED light stays on, and the motors can't be unlocked.

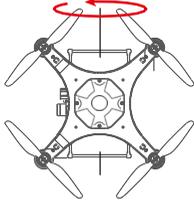
Please ensure you perform the six surface calibration, (of a cube) – as described below for high accuracy.

IMPORTANT!!!: PLEASE REFER TO THE YOUTUBE CHANNEL: “JCMATTHEW” FOR A DETAILED VIDEO TUTORIAL FOR HOW TO CORRECTLY PERFORM THE CALIBRATION. DO NOT TAKE INSTRUCTION FROM ANY OTHER THIRD-PARTY VIDEO.

IMPORTANT!!!: NEVER ATTEMPT TO CALLIBRATE WITH PROPELLERS ON – AS THIS REPRESENTS A SAFTEY HAZARD.

Six Surface Calibration, PLEASE SEE JCMATTHEW YOUTUBE CHANNEL FOR DETAILS:

Operation Illustration	Description
	<p>1. Place the drone on a horizontal surface, power on the controller, and then power on the drone. Wait for the self-check sequence to finish (red/green fast flash). After “DI” sounds, flick the return home switch to Return Home.</p>
	<p>2. Pull the left joystick to the lower left corner (45 degrees), the right joystick to the upper left corner (45 degrees), maintain this gesture for 2 seconds, RED/GREEN/YELLOW Lights will flash meaning the drone has entered compass calibration mode. We will refer to the face of a clock of positional reference -12 -3 -6 -9.</p>
	<p>3. In the horizontal plane, while holding the drone firmly in front of you, rotate your body counter clockwise for 360 degrees making sure the drone remains on a flat & even plane throughout.</p>
	<p>4. Now, invert the drone, and repeat the counter clockwise motion of your body, making sure the drone remains on a flat plane</p>
	<p>5. Swing the drone vertically, nose up (12midday), and perform a counter clockwise rotation of your body for 360 degrees as above, making sure the drone remains on a flat plane.</p>
	<p>6. Whilst vertical, turn the drone so the nose is to the left (3 o'clock), and perform a counter clockwise rotation of your body for 360 degrees making sure the drone remains on a flat plane.</p>
	<p>7. Whilst vertical, turn the drone such its nose is pointing down (6 o'clock), and perform a counter clockwise rotation of your body for 360 degrees making sure the drone remains on a flat plane.</p>



8. Finally, whilst vertical, turn the drone such that it's nose is pointing to the right (9 o'clock) and perform a counter clockwise rotation of **yourbody** for 360 degrees making sure the drone remains on a flat plane.

Now, place the drone on a horizontal surface for about 90 seconds, the Lights will change back to the normal Slow Flashing GREEN (or GREEN/RED) meaning the calibration is completed. PLEASE POWER DOWN THE DRONE & CONTROLLER.

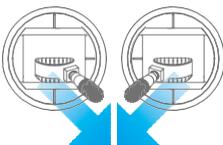
💡 Failure to follow the calibration follow & adhere to the instruction as detailed in the "JCMatthew" Youtube channel may result in loss of control & possible crash – not covered under warranty.

Starting / Stopping the Motors

Precautions before unlocking the motors:

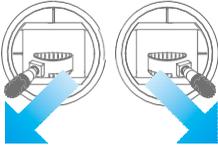
- 💡 Place the drone in an open area at least 3 meters away from you, or others.
- 💡 Put the Return Home mode switch in the Normal position, and the flight mode switch into either GPS or ATTI mode, and then power on the remote control.
- 💡 Make sure that each part of the drone is connected properly. And the propellers are installed correctly
- 💡 When the drone is powered on, the drone will do a self-check, and when complete, it will issue a "DI" sound.
Note: While the drone is completing its self-check, please keep the drone stationary.
- 💡 If ATTI mode is selected, there is no need to wait, you can unlock the motors and proceed to takeoff and fly immediately, however, in GPS mode, it is necessary to wait until the number of satellites is a minimum of 9, before attempting to unlock the motors.

Unlocking the Motors



Unlocking: Pull both the left and right joysticks simultaneously towards the inner side of the lower side, at an angle of 45 degrees, and maintain this position for 3 seconds, the motors will now be unlocked, and will start rotating.

Stopping (locking) the Motors



To lock the motors: Pull both the left and the right joysticks outwards to the lower sides at an angle of 45 degrees to stop, and lock the motors.

- ⚠ **Take Note:** The motors can be stopped for any emergency. Stopping the motors whilst airborne may cause the drone to crash, and should only be carried out in emergencies (for example: there is a risk that the drone may hit people, or crowds), and stopping the motors will minimize any potential damage.

Basic Flight Operation

Basic Flight Steps

1. Place the drone on a flat open surface or on the surface of the water.
2. Power on the remote control, followed by the drone.
3. Wait for the FPV screen to display the camera's live video, and the OSD data display is normal, and there are more than 9 GPS satellites. The drone enters into a safe flight status; you can unlock the motors and fly.
4. Push the THROTTLE joystick up slowly, allowing the drone to take off smoothly.
5. When you need to descend, slowly pull down the throttle lever, whilst flying the drone, allowing the drone to descend, and land on a flat surface, or on the water.
6. After safely landing, keep the throttle down in its lowest position for at least 5 seconds until the motors have stopped.
7. First, power down the drone, followed by its remote control.

- ⚠ For more use information on flight knowledge, please watch the tutorial videos.

Aerial tips and tricks

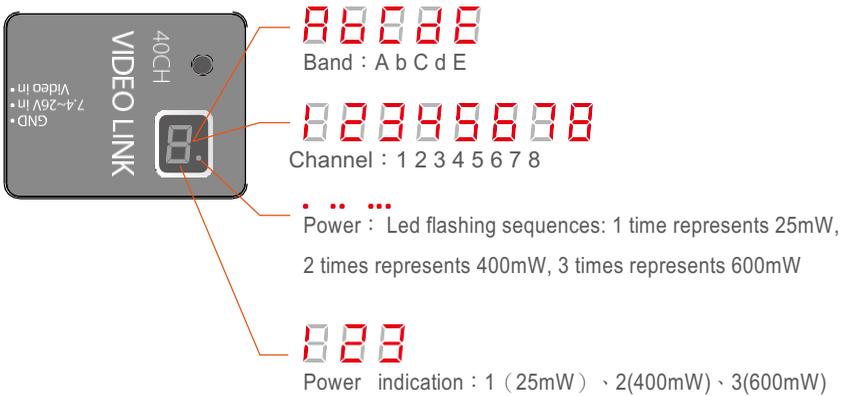
1. Always check everything prior to flying.
2. Preferably, try to take photos or videos while flying in GPS mode.
3. Try to choose clear, less windy weather.
4. Set up the camera parameters according to your filming requirements, like picture format, exposure etc.
5. Before your intended flight, familiarize yourself with the environment, this helps for efficient flying and optimum photography.
6. While flying, apply the minimum of movement on the joysticks, this will allow for smooth video and good quality still pictures.

- ⚠ Flight safety awareness is very important for you, the people and the environment around you. Be sure to read the disclaimer, and the safe operating instructions carefully.

Frequently Used Parts

This section introduces the more frequently used parts.

Selecting the channel (there are a total of 32 channels)



Channel Selection

After powering on the transmitter, it will initially display the currently selected frequency band, followed by the current channel, and, in the lower right corner, a red dot flashing indicating the currently selected transmission power level as described above.

An Example: To set up channel E5:

1. Long press the button for 3 seconds, it initially enters into the band selection, and will automatically scroll between the bands (A, B, C, D, E); When it reaches “E”, short press the button to choose E brand and short press again to scroll from E1 to E8, long press for 2 seconds to confirm the channel.

2. To adjust to E5, short press the button 4 times. When the system cycle shows the frequency band E and channel 5, long press the button for 2 seconds, the dot in the lower right corner will flash once to confirm the selection, release the button. On completion, the system will display “E” first, followed by “5”, and finally the dot will flash representing the transmission power level.

Power Selection

1. To enter the power-switching mode, long press the button for 5 seconds; the system will then display the currently selected power level, corresponding to the number of slow flashes. If you need to change the power level, press the button to select the desired transmission power level.

2. After selecting the required power level, press the button for 2 seconds, the dot at the lower right corner will flash once, confirming your selection, and then exit from the power selection mode. Release the button, the system will now confirm your selections of the band, channel and power level, firstly showing you the selected band, followed by the selected channel, and finally the transmission power level, represented by the number of flashes of the red dot.

3. Please note: We recommend running at 400mW video power level when operating within an 800 metre radius, this level is a good nominal level and also extends the flying time. If it is required to flying in areas of obstructions and/or exceeding 800m, it may be required to switch to 600mW transmission power.

Payload Release (applicable to the Splashdrone 3 PLUS only)

The patented payload release device is a powerful and versatile accessory to expand the use and applications of the Splash Drone 3. With the help of the payload release, Splash Drone 3 can help fishermen to put the fishing bait far away from the shore. Rescuers use Splash Drone 3 to search for stranded personnel, and deliver vital rescue equipment to them in advance. The maximum 1kg payload, controlled by the remote control, Splash Drone 3 can do much more than that, reaching beyond the abilities and efficiency of people.

Installation

Installation Illustration	Description
	Loosen the bolt at the bottom of the fuselage
	Mount the payload release onto the quick dismounting plate, and fasten the bolt.
	Insert the cable connector plug in the right direction, and lock the water resistant (1) nut.

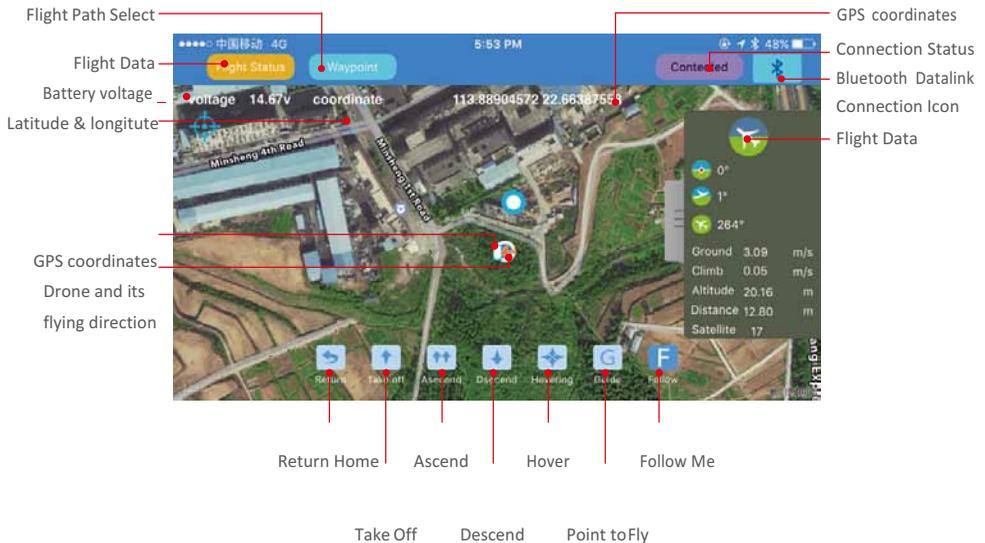
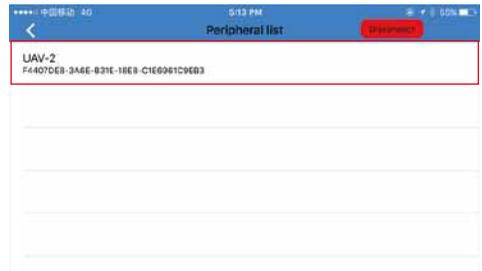
How to use the payload release system.

1. After the device is installed, power on the remote controller, and the drone.
2. Put the Airdrop switch to the Airdrop position, you can then see the release of the pin.
3. Prepare the goods to be delivered, and put the rope into position in the mechanism. Then put the Airdrop switch to the OFF to close the bolt.
4. Clear to takeoff and get airborne, find and locate the right dropping area with the help of the FPV screen, and drop the goods.

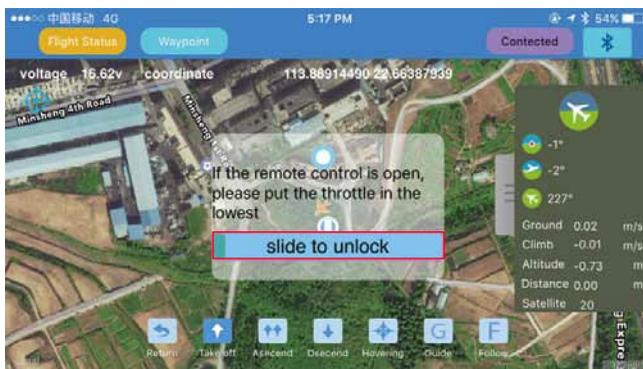
APP Control

How to use the APP (applicable to the Splashdrone 3 4K PRO only)

1. Download Swellpro Fly App into your iPhone. Or download the APK from www.swellpro.com for your Android phone.
2. Power on the Bluetooth datalink module, switch on the GPS and Bluetooth on your smartphone. Find the corresponding Bluetooth Link (e.g: UAV-2...) and link it (Note: when the bluetooth is linked, the blue light on the Bluetooth datalink module will stop blinking).
3. Run the "Swellpro Fly" APP, click the Bluetooth icon to link the device (UAV..). When it links, you will see the drone parameters on the screen, e.g battery voltage, GPS coordinates, height, distance, GPS signal etc.



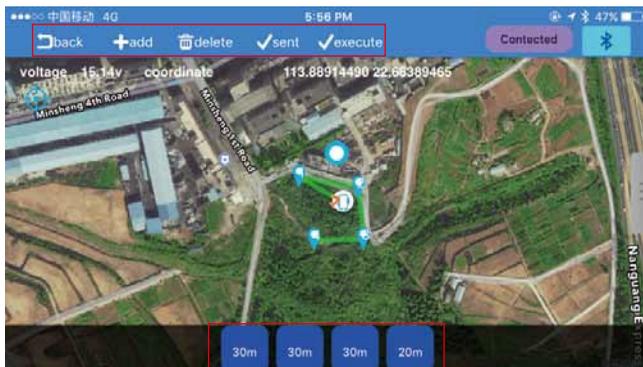
4. Once you have a minimum of 9 GPS satellites, you can unlock the drone and start flying with controller, or use the APP to unlock the motors and start flying.



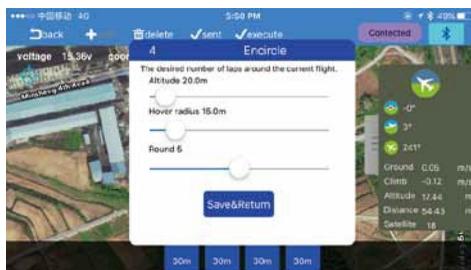
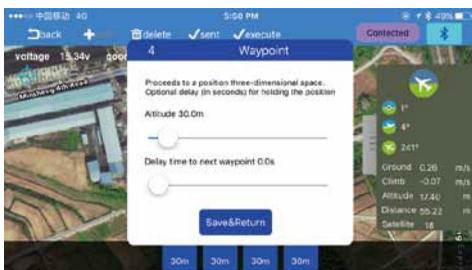
5. The APP allows you to start flying the drone, land, ascend, hover, return home, flight path setting, follow me and point to fly.

6. Flight path setting:

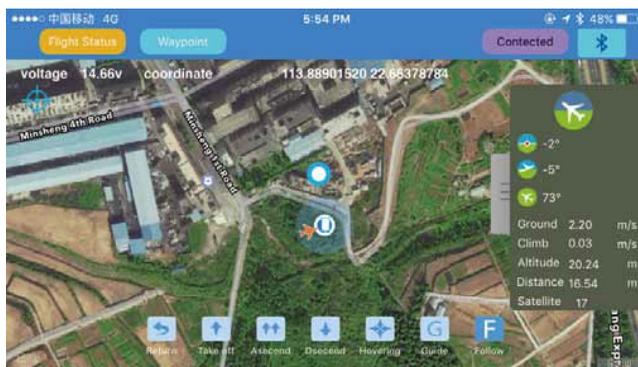
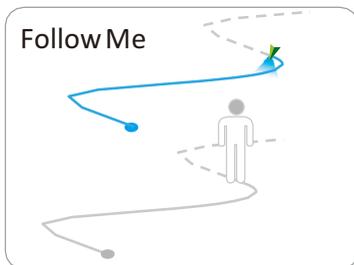
a). click "+", click the map to set the flight point, you will see all the selected flight points on the bottom of the screen. You can delete them.



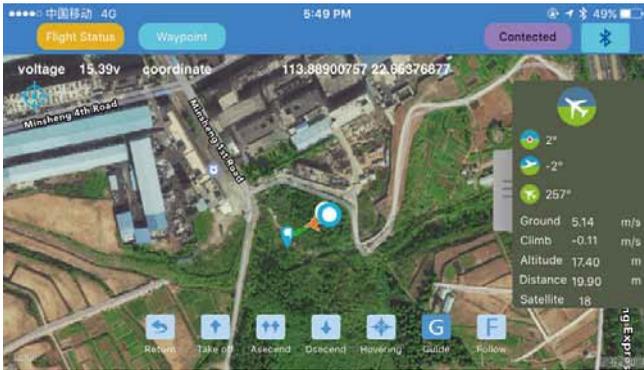
b). Click below the flight point, you can choose the height, hovering time and other options. Save and click “Run”, the drone will start flying according to the set path.



7. Follow Me: The target (to be followed) should carry the Bluetooth Datalink and the (connected) smart phone, the drone recognizes the GPS coordinates of the smartphone. Press the “Follow Me” button, the drone will then start following.



8. Point-to-Fly: Click the“Point-to-Fly”button, and then click the target point on the map, the drone will start flying to the point and hover there.



Note:

1. The APP control needs to have a good wireless communication environment, if you see the drone does not respond to your order, it might be subjected to interference, please try again.
2. If the drone continually fails to respond to your APP commands, please use the controller to operate the drone. Just switch the flight mode switch for one single operation; the controller will take over the control of the drone.
3. The Bluetooth data link module is paired with the corresponding module onboard the drone. Normally, it won't link to other drones. When you see many drones or Bluetooth datalink units working in the same place, please make sure you link to the right drone.

Appendix

Specification

Drone

Level Drone	2380g (AUTO version)
Weight Axis	450mm
Diameter	4m/second
MaxAscend Speed	3m/second
MaxDescend Speed	16m/second
Max Flight Speed	4000meter
MaxFlightAltitude	
MaxFlightWind Speed	12m/second
Hovering Precision	±0.02meter
Max Flight Time	16minutes
Max Flight Weight	Upto 3KG
Positioning Satellite	GPS/GLONSS dual
Flight Control	Swellpro S3
Motor	Water resistant (1) Brushless Motor
ESC	#3510/620KV 40A

Gimbal

(1) Level	2axis: Pan, Tilt
Stabilization System	Tilt -90° to 0
Controllable Range	
Angle Step Precision	±0.02°

Camera

(1) Level Image	1/2.3" CMOS, 1400M
Sensor Lens	FOV 106° F2.0
ISO Range	100 - 1600
Picture Resolution	14M(4320x3240) 10M(3648x2736) 5M(2592x1944)
Video Resolution	APP control : 1920*1080(30/60p) 1280*720 (30/60p) Remote Control : 2880*2160 24p 2560*1440 30p 1920*1080(30/60p) 1280*720(30/60p)

Max Video Stream Picture Format Video Format

Support Memory Card 25000Mbps JPEG MOV MP4

Class 10 or UHS-1 and above specifications Micro SD card, maximum support 64GB

Battery

Battery Type	4S lipo battery for drone, 2S lipo battery for remote control
Capacity	14.8V 5200mAh (Drone) / 7.4V 1800mAh (Control)
Charging Temperature	-10C°~ 40C°

Remote Control

Weight	660g
Frequency	2405 ~ 2475HMZ
Range	1.0 KM

Receiver Sensitivity (1%PER) -105dbm

Working Current 160-300mAh

Frequency 10 channels

FPV Screen

Frequency 5645 ~ 5965HMZ

Screen Size 5inch

Resolution 800X480

Brightness 500 cd/m²

(1) Drone Water Resistance Information

Please be aware that The Splash drone 3 PLUS & Splashdrone 3 4K PRO models are water resistant – **which means they will resist the entry of water to an IPX4 level, but** Splashdrone is designed to be NOT completely waterproof or sealed for technical reasons & therefore is not meant to be submerged under water or landed in surf conditions. If the Splashdrone comes in contact with saltwater, the user is advised to wash any saltwater off with fresh water. Also It is always important to remove any excess moisture from inside the drone immediately following a flight OR a water-crash.

Warranty Information

Please be aware that any attempt by any non-authorized repairer to either open the drone, or service the drone (including attempted self service or fitting of parts (either original or third-party parts)) WILL INSTANTLY VOID THE PRODUCT WARRANTY.

Warranty does not cover any mis-use of the product, or where the product has not been used in the accordance with the instructions found either in this User Manual OR the Support Document, that came with this drone.