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## Mission Planning, Policy and Safety Checklists



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# Introduction

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The purpose of this document is to amalgamate standard practices and procedures for AirCTemps UAS missions. Inside are a series of working documents that both cover the scope regulatory compliance and offer a pragmatic usefulness in mission planning. Forms ranging Certificate of Authorization (COA) forms to regulatory mission documentation logistics to simple pre-departure and pre-flight checklists and procedures are outlined in the following page. The end of the document includes a series of web links to manufacturer documentation on the four platforms outlined in the Air Operations and Maintenance Manuals, as well as a series of useful links on general UAS safety and sources on the ever-changing UAS regulatory landscape.

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## 1. Introduction

The **DJI Phantom 2** is a commercial hobby type UAS commonly used for photography and recreational use, and provides a stable platform for aerial photography. This document describes operating and maintenance procedures developed by the University of Nevada AirCTEMPs instrument center. This document is intended for AirCTEMPs aircrew familiar with the operations and maintenance of the DJI Phantom 2. The following DJI documents provide supplemental and more detailed information: PHANTOM 2 User Manual, PHANTOM Quick Start Manual, PHANTOM Flying Flowchart, and Ground Station Wireless Data-Link User Manual. New AirCTEMPs aircrew are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the above DJI documents before operation or maintenance, and during training.

### 1.1 Phantom 2 Performance Specifications

#### Aircraft

Weight (including battery)	1000g
Maximum takeoff weight	1300g
Operating temperature	-10°C to 50°C
Max yaw (angular velocity)	200°/s
Max tilt Angle	35°
Max ascent	6m/s
Max descent	2m/s
Max flight speed	15m/s (not recommended)
Max flight altitude	6000m
Max flight altitude A.G.L.	122m (FAA regulations, Geofenced)
Flight time	20m (approximate)

#### Radio Control

Frequency	2.4GHz
Control signal range	1000m
Receiver sensitivity	-97dBm

#### Drone Smart Battery

Type	Lithium Polymer
Weight	~350g
mAh	5200
Vdc	11.1 (3 cell)

#### Controller Battery

Type	lithium Polymer
mAh	2000
Vdc	3.7V



## 2. Operation Checklists

### 2.1 DJI Phantom 2 Pre-Mission Checklist

- \_\_\_ Flight Log, Registration, Manual, Check lists
- \_\_\_ Firmware up to date, log book check
- \_\_\_ Airframe no cracks or separation
- \_\_\_ Motors free and no roughness
- \_\_\_ Motor Airframe and Accessory screws tight
- \_\_\_ Propellers and spares in good condition
- \_\_\_ Gimbal guards in place
- \_\_\_ Batteries half charge for transport, or full charge if mission imminent
- \_\_\_ Craft and control battery charger
- \_\_\_ Control switches, sticks, functioning
- \_\_\_ Camera SD card(s) cleared
- \_\_\_ Volt meter and battery connector

### 2.2 Preflight Checklist

Registration, Manual, Log, Com Radios (if applicable)

#### **Craft**

Airframe and hardware	Check
Propellers	No nicks, cracks
Motors	Free
Flight battery	4 Lights, Voltage recorded
Flight battery	Install
Camera system	Check
Camera SD Card	Installed

#### **Control**

Battery	3-4 lights
Sticks	Full and smooth
Switches	GPS and Course
Antenna	45 degrees

### 2.3 Power-Up Checklist

Observer Check  
Control  
Flight battery  
Compass  
Home point  
Camera  
Take off Area  
Flight Timer

Radio and Visual Check  
On  
On  
Calibrate if new location  
Establish  
Started  
Clear for 5m  
Set at take off

### 2.4 Takeoff and Hover

Controls  
FPV  
OSD  
Telemetry Data Collection

All axis check  
Check if installed  
Check if installed  
Check

### 2.5 Landing and Shut Down

Landing area  
Motors  
Camera  
Flight Time  
Flight Battery

Clear for 5m  
Stopped  
Stopped or Off  
Recorded  
Power Off, Voltage recorded


### 2.6 Post Flight

Flight Battery  
Control  
Motors  
Airframe and Hardware  
Camera SD card



Off  
Off  
Check and remove propellers  
Check  
Removed and mission labeled

## 2.7 DJI Phantom 2 Common LED Codes

### Normal





	Red, Green and Yellow flashing sequentially and rising tone beep	Start up and self-test
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### GPS and Control Mode


	GPS Mode
	ATTI Mode

### GPS Status








Control mode followed by GPS status

	GPS Mode, >6 Satellites
	GPS Mode, 6 Satellites
	GPS Mode, 5 Satellites
	GPS Mode, <5 Satellites

### Home Point

	Rapid green series Home Point Acquired.
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### Compass Calibration: Toggle control from GPS to ATTI 6-12 times until constant yellow LED

	Constant Yellow	Begin horizontal compass calibration
	Constant Green	Begin vertical compass calibration
	Flashing Green	Compass calibration successful
	Flashing Red	Compass calibration error
	Alternate long red and yellow	Compass error too great
	Rapid Flashing Yellow	Lost radio link or Return to home
	Rapid Flashing Red	Low battery warning

*For other error codes refer to Phantom 2 Quick Start Guide*

### **3. Lost Link Procedures**

#### **3.1 DJI Lost Link Protocol**

DJI lost link protocol (failsafe) is initiated if control signal is interrupted or lost for a period of greater than 3 seconds. This will initiate either a land immediately or a return to home position which is set in the craft autopilot controller using the Phantom 2 Assistant Software. If signal is lost the craft will hover in place after 3 seconds the failsafe will initiate and the craft will land immediately or climb to 20 meters above the home point altitude and fly directly to the home point at this altitude and initiate an auto land. The default for AirCTEMPs Phantom 2 is return to home. If terrain between the takeoff (home) point and the flight course exceeds 20 meters the failsafe should be changed using the Phantom 2 Assistant Software to land immediately. The DJI flight controller does not provide a means of programming a remote lost link landing point.

#### **3.2 Home Point Establishment**

The PIC shall access the flight course to determine if terrain or obstacles are within the course area exceed 20 meters above the launch point. If there are any terrain or obstacles greater than 15 meters the failsafe mode should be changed to “land Immediately” using the Phantom 2 Assistant Software. If the flight course is clear of obstacles the PIC shall establish home point at the takeoff location. The DJI flight controller does not provide a means of programming a remote lost link landing point.

#### **3.3 Fly-Away**

The DJI flight controller failsafe mode is to land immediately or return to home. Because of this fly-away is unlikely to occur providing that proper start up procedures are followed and the craft is not launched before GPS satellite acquisition has occurred and home point has been established.

In the event of a suspected fly-away the craft should be monitored and if it appears the craft is not responding to controls, or does not appear to be following fail safe mode of land immediately or return. ATC shall be notified of the last position and altitude and heading of the craft, and of the approximate flight time remaining.

#### **3.4 Recovery**

All reasonable efforts shall be made by the flight crew to recover lost aircraft, with crew safety a priority.

#### **3.5 Imminent Crash**

If all attempt to regain control fail and a crash is Imminent. PIC is to first: attempt to, if at all possible, steer the UAS away from bystanders and other field workers. Second: audibly communicate to any nearby workers or bystanders of the imminent crash, forcing all nearby personnel and bystanders to keep their eyes on the UAS if possible.

## 4. Maintenance

### 4.1 Introduction

Because the DJI Phantom 2 is powered by electric motors and lithium polymer batteries, and the manufacture DJI does not have a specified TBO or specified periodic maintenance, UNR AirCTEMPs conducts physical inspection of craft pre- and post-flight and post-/mission for any mechanical defects or indication of wear or aging of the airframe and components. Since flights are of a duration of approximately 20 minutes, because of battery capacity, problems with propulsion motors such as indications of bearing wear should be evident on inspection and initial power up. Also because of the short duration of flight, motors have a low likelihood to fail catastrophically during flight. Because this is a multi-rotor VTOL craft and does not have control surfaces, there are no moving parts or actuators other than the flight motors that require inspection or for wear or function. The lithium polymer battery life expectancy is dependent on charge and discharge rates and storage practices, and have an unpredictable life expectancy. To predict battery replacement interval, the voltage of each battery shall be recorded in a battery log along with the flight time.

### 4.2 Inspection and Maintenance Procedures

UNR AirCTEMPs Phantom 2 is to be inspected by the PIC pre- and post-flight and pre- and post-mission by the AirCTEMPs Technician.

#### Pre-and Post-mission Inspection

##### \_\_\_\_\_ Static Start Up

Remove gimbal locks. Remove propellers or secure aircraft landing gear to test bench. Start aircraft and ensure indicator lights and annunciators are functioning. Arm motors and listen for uniform idle operation.

##### \_\_\_\_\_ Control

Test control sticks for correct motor response. Test function of controller switches, and sticks.

##### \_\_\_\_\_ Firmware

Check last firmware update in log book and confirm firmware is current version. Update as needed.

##### \_\_\_\_\_ Airframe

Ensure airframe has no cracks or separation. Replace airframe shell or other components if cracks are detected. Shell separation may be due to miss alignment and may snap into place with slight pressure. Confirm that shell separation is not due to missing or loose screws or hardware, and replace any damaged components.

## \_\_\_\_\_ **Motors**

Motors free and no roughness. Inspect motors visually for any debris between rotor and stator. Place propeller on motor and spin with finger to confirm motors turn freely with slight detent due to motor magnets. Any grinding, ticking or squeaking sound may indicate debris in the motor or worn bearing. Clean or replace motor as necessary.

## \_\_\_\_\_ **Propellers**

Inspect primary propellers and spares for cracks chips or nicks. Replace cracked or chipped propellers. Small nicks may be sanded or burnished, however it is advisable to replace rotors with even slight defects.

## \_\_\_\_\_ **Gimbal**

Inspect gimbal for free movement and put guards in place.

## \_\_\_\_\_ **Batteries**

Confirm batteries are at half charge for long term storage or full charge if mission is imminent.

## \_\_\_\_\_ **Tablet**

Check tablet for current flight app. version.

## \_\_\_\_\_ **Accessories**

Check flight, controller and tablet battery chargers cables and connectors.

## \_\_\_\_\_ **Test Flight**

Schedule test flight if control systems, propulsion motors or airframe components have been replaced, or if firmware has been upgraded.

## **4.3 DJI setup utilities**

DJI provides two PC based utilities for setup and updating firmware of the Phantom 2 and controller.

Phantom 2 Assistant Software is used for setup and updating the DJI NAZA auto pilot system.

Phantom RC Assistant Software is used for setup and updating the control system.

DJI WIN Driver Installer may be required for the PC to recognize the Phantom 2 and the controller.

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## 1. Introduction

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### 1.1 Performance Specifications

#### Aircraft

Weight (including battery)	1280g
Operating temperature	0°C to 40°C
Max ascent	5m/s
Max descent	3m/s
Max flight speed	16m/s (ATTI mode, no wind)
Max flight altitude	6000m
Max flight altitude A.G.L.	122m (FAA regulations, Geofenced)
Flight time	23m (approximate)

#### Radio Control

Frequency	2.4GHz
Control signal range	2000m
Receiver Sensitivity	-101dBm

#### Drone Smart Battery

Type	Lithium Polymer
Weight	365g
mAh	4480
Vdc	15.2 (4 cell)

#### Controller Battery

Type	Lithium Polymer
mAh	6000 (4 Cell)
Vdc	7.4 (working voltage)



## 2. Operation Checklists

### 2.1 DJI Phantom 3 Pre-Mission Checklist

- \_\_\_ Flight Log, Registration, Manual, Check lists, Com Radios
- \_\_\_ Firmware up to date, log book check
- \_\_\_ Airframe no cracks or separation
- \_\_\_ Motors free and no roughness
- \_\_\_ Motor Airframe and Accessory screws tight
- \_\_\_ Propellers and spares in good condition
- \_\_\_ Gimbal guards in place
- \_\_\_ Batteries half charge for transport, or full charge if mission imminent
- \_\_\_ Craft and control battery charger
- \_\_\_ Control switches, sticks, tablet mount functioning
- \_\_\_ Primary and backup tablet check and map(s) cached
- \_\_\_ Tablet charger
- \_\_\_ Primary and spare USB cable
- \_\_\_ SD card(s) cleared and firmware up to date

### 2.2 Preflight Checklist

Registration, Manual, Log, Com Radios

#### Craft

Airframe and Hardware	Check
Gimbal	Locks removed and gimbal free
Propellers	No nicks, cracks
Motors	Free
Flight Battery	4 Lights, Voltage recorded
Camera SD Card	Installed

#### Control

Battery	3-4 lights
Sticks	Full and smooth
Mode Switch	Check and in P
Tablet	Attached, screen clean
Antenna	45 degrees

### 2.3 Power Up Checklist

Control	On
Tablet	On
Flight Battery	On
Connection Established	Check
Data Channel	Check and set
Compass	Calibrate if new location
Flight Battery	Record voltage
Home Point	Establish
Take off Area	Clear for 5m

### 2.4 Takeoff and Hover

Taking off Home Point	Audio check
Controls	All axis check
Video Link	Check
Telemetry Data Collection	Check
Camera Gimbal	Check
Camera	Start

### 2.5 Landing and Shut Down






Camera	Stop
Landing Area	Clear for 5m
Motors	Stopped
Battery and Flight Time	Recorded
Flight Battery	Power Off

### 2.6 Post Flight







Flight Battery	Off
Control	Off
Motors	Check and remove propellers
Gimbal	Install locks
Airframe and Hardware.	Check
Camera SD card.	Removed and mission labeled.

## 2.7 DJI Phantom 3 Common LED Codes

### Normal

	Red, Green and Yellow Flashing sequentially	Start up and self-test
	Green and Yellow flashing alternately	Warming up
	Slow green flash	Safe to fly <b>P</b> mode with GPS
	Two Green flashes	Safe to fly <b>P</b> mode no GPS
	Yellow flashing	Safe to fly <b>A</b> mode no vision or GPS

### Warning

	Fast Yellow flashing	Lost control signal
	Slow Red flashing	Low battery warning
	Fast Red flashing	Critical battery warning
	Alternate Red flashing	IMU error
	Solid Red	Critical error
	Red and Yellow flashing alternately	Compass calibration needed

*For other error codes refer to Phantom 3 Quick Start Guide*

### **3. Lost Link Procedures**

#### **3.1 DJI Lost Link Protocol**

DJI lost link protocol (failsafe) is initiated if control signal is interrupted or lost for a period of greater than 3 seconds. This will initiate a return to home position at a specified altitude which is set in the MODE > Advanced Settings > Failsafe mode on the controller tablet. If signal is lost the craft will hover in place after 3 seconds the failsafe will initiate and the craft will climb to the preset altitude AGL above the home point altitude and fly directly to the home point at this altitude and initiate an auto land. Note, the aircraft will stop its ascent to this altitude and return to home immediately if the throttle stick is moved during fail safe. The DJI flight controller does not provide a means of programming a remote lost link landing point.

#### **3.2 Home Point Establishment**

The PIC shall access the flight course to determine if terrain or obstacles are within the course area. If there are any terrain or obstacles ensure that the return to home altitude is set to clear these obstacles. To set or check the return to home flight altitude (AGL above home point) enter MODE > Advanced Settings > Failsafe mode. Note the aircraft will stop its ascent to this altitude and return to home immediately if the throttle stick is moved during fail safe. The PIC shall establish home point at the takeoff location. The DJI flight controller does not provide a means of programming a remote lost link landing point.

#### **3.3 Fly-Away**

The DJI flight controller failsafe mode is to land immediately or return to home. Because of this fly-away is unlikely to occur providing that proper start up procedures are followed and the craft is not launched before GPS satellite acquisition has occurred and home point has been established.

In the event of a suspected fly-away the craft should be monitored and if it appears the craft is not responding to controls, or does not appear to be following fail safe mode of land immediately or return. ATC shall be notified of the last position and altitude and heading of the craft, and of the approximate flight time remaining.

#### **3.4 Recovery**

All reasonable efforts shall be made by the flight crew to recover lost aircraft, with crew safety a priority.

#### **3.5 Imminent Crash**

If all attempt to regain control fail and a crash is Imminent. PIC is to first: attempt to, if at all possible, steer the UAS away from bystanders and other field workers. Second: audibly communicate to any nearby workers or bystanders of the imminent crash, forcing all nearby personnel and bystanders to keep their eyes on the UAS if possible.

## 4. Maintenance

### 4.1 Introduction

Because the DJI Phantom 3 is powered by electric motors and lithium polymer batteries, and the manufacture DJI does not have a specified TBO or specified periodic maintenance, UNR AirCTEMPs conducts physical inspection of craft pre- and post-flight and post-mission for any mechanical defects or indication of wear or aging of the airframe and components. Since flights are of a duration of approximately 20 minutes, because of battery capacity, problems with propulsion motors such as indications of bearing wear should be evident on inspection and initial power up. Also because of the short duration of flight, motors have a low likelihood to fail catastrophically during flight. Because this is a multi-rotor VTOL craft and does not have control surfaces, there are no moving parts or actuators other than the flight motors that require inspection for wear or function. The lithium polymer battery life expectancy is dependent on charge and discharge rates and storage practices, and have an unpredictable life expectancy. To predict battery replacement interval, the voltage of each battery shall be recorded in a battery log along with the flight time and the percent battery remaining as indicated on the tablet display.

### 4.2 Inspection and Maintenance Procedures

UNR AirCTEMPs Phantom 3 is to be inspected by the PIC pre- and post-flight- and pre- and post-mission by the AirCTEMPs Technician.

#### Pre- and Post-mission Inspection

##### \_\_\_\_\_ Static Start Up

Remove gimbal locks. Remove propellers or secure aircraft landing gear to test bench. Start aircraft and ensure indicator lights and annunciators are functioning. Arm motors and listen for uniform idle operation.

##### \_\_\_\_\_ Control

Test control sticks for correct motor response. Test function of controller switches, and sticks.

##### \_\_\_\_\_ Firmware

Check last firmware update in log book and confirm firmware is current version. Update as needed.

##### \_\_\_\_\_ Airframe

Airframe no cracks or separation. Replace airframe shell or other components if cracks are detected. Shell separation may be due to miss alignment and may snap into place with slight pressure. Confirm that shell separation is not due to missing or loose screws or hardware, and replace any damaged components.

## \_\_\_\_\_ **Motors**

Motors free and no roughness. Inspect motors visually for any debris between rotor and stator. Place propeller on motor and spin with finger to confirm motors turn freely with slight detent due to motor magnets. Any grinding, ticking or squeaking sound may indicate debris in the motor or worn bearing. Clean or replace motor as necessary.

## \_\_\_\_\_ **Propellers**

Inspect primary propellers and spares for cracks chips or nicks. Replace cracked or chipped propellers. Small nicks may be sanded or burnished.

## \_\_\_\_\_ **Gimbal**

Inspect gimbal for free movement and put guards in place.

## \_\_\_\_\_ **Batteries**

Confirm batteries are at half charge for long term storage or full charge if mission is imminent.

## \_\_\_\_\_ **Tablet**

Check tablet for current flight app. version.

## \_\_\_\_\_ **Accessories**

Check flight, controller and tablet battery chargers cables and connectors.

## \_\_\_\_\_ **Test Flight**

Schedule test flight if control systems, propulsion motors or airframe components have been replaced, or if firmware has been upgraded.

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## 1. Introduction

The **3D Robotics (3DR) SOLO** is a commercial hobby type UAS commonly used for photography and recreational use, and provides a stable platform for aerial photography. This document describes operating and maintenance procedures developed with the help of the University of Nevada AirCTEMPs instrument center. This document is intended for AirCTEMPs aircrew familiar with the operations and maintenance of the 3DR SOLO. The following 3DR documents provide supplemental and more detailed information: SOLO Quick Start Guide and the SOLO User's Manual; which contains a section on safety procedures. New AirCTEMPs aircrew are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the above DJI documents before operation or maintenance, and during training.

### 1.1 3DR SOLO Performance Specifications

#### Aircraft

Weight (including battery)	1500g
Weight (including battery, gimbal, GoPro)	1800g
Max Payload	420g
Max ascent	10m/s <i>stabilize</i> mode, 5m/s <i>fly</i> mode
Max descent	10m/s <i>stabilize</i> mode, 5m/s <i>fly</i> mode
Max flight speed	15m/s <i>fly</i> mode
Max flight altitude	6000m
Max flight altitude A.G.L.	122m (FAA regulation, Geofenced)
Flight time	20 – 25 minutes (approximate)
Motors	880kV

#### Radio Control

Frequency	2.4GHz
Control signal range	800m (factory standard) (~0.5 miles)
Communication	3DR Link secure WiFi network

#### Drone Smart Battery

Type	Lithium Polymer
Weight	0.50 kg (~1.1 lb)
mAh	5200
Vdc	14.8 (4 cell)
Charging Time	~1.5 hours

#### Controller Battery

Type	Lithium Ion
mAh	2600
Vdc	7.2 (rechargeable)



## 2. Operation Checklists

### 2.1 3DR SOLO Pre-Mission Checklist

- \_\_\_ Flight Log, Registration, Manual, Check lists, Com Radios
- \_\_\_ Firmware up to date, log book check
- \_\_\_ Airframe: no cracks or separations.
- \_\_\_ Motors free and no roughness; only slight detent
- \_\_\_ Motor Airframe and Accessory screws tight
- \_\_\_ Propellers and spares in good condition, tightened
- \_\_\_ Gimbal guards in place (when applicable)
- \_\_\_ Batteries half charge for transport, or full charge if mission imminent
- \_\_\_ Battery chargers (Smart battery, controller battery, tablet battery)
- \_\_\_ Control switches, sticks, tablet mount functioning
- \_\_\_ Primary and backup tablet check and map(s) Pre-fetched
- \_\_\_ Primary and spare USB cable
- \_\_\_ SD card(s) cleared
- \_\_\_ Firmware up to date

### 2.2 Preflight Checklist

Registration, Manual, Log, Com Radios (if applicable)

#### Craft

Airframe and Hardware	Check
Gimbal	Locks removed and gimbal free
Propellers	No nicks, cracks Check to make sure props are on correct motors (black to black, silver to silver)
Motors	Free
Flight Battery	5 Lights, Voltage recorded
Camera SD Card	Installed

#### Controls

Battery	at least 50% charge
Sticks	Full and smooth
Controller Display	Check
Tablet	Attached, screen clean
Antenna	45 degrees

### 2.3 Power-Up Checklist

Control	On
Tablet/laptop	On
Flight Battery	8 LED's lit in sequence, then all lit
Connection Established	Check
GPS lock	Check
Data Channel	WiFi Connection established
Compass	*Calibrate if new location
Home Point	Established when SOLO starts up. Check
Take off Area	Clear for 5m
Camera	Connected, transmitting (if applicable)

### 2.4 Takeoff and Hover

Taking off Home Point	Check (auto created by Mission Planner)
Controls	Check digital display (battery, GPS, WiFi...)
Telemetry Data Collection	Check
Video Link	Check
Camera Gimbal	Check
Camera	Start

### 2.5 Landing and Shut Down

Camera	Stop
Landing Area	Clear for 5m
Motors	Stopped
Battery Voltage and Flight Time	Recorded
Flight Battery	Power Off

### 2.6 Post Flight

Flight Battery	Off (too hot?)
Control	Off
Motors	Check and remove propellers
Gimbal	Install locks
Airframe and Hardware	Check
Camera SD card	Removed and mission labeled.

## 2.7 3DR SOLO Common LED Codes

LED lights are under each arm, at the base of the leg attachments

### Light Sequences

Solid White (front and back)	Ready to fly: standard flight configuration
Pulsing white and red	Under Auto Pilot Control
Flashing red, alt. front and back	Controller Signal Lost
Flashing Rainbow	Update in Progress
Solid Green: then turning off one by one	Startup Successful
Sold green without turning off automatically	Startup Unsuccessful, restart SOLO

### 3. Lost Link Procedures


#### 3.1 Emergency Procedure Features with SOLO

##### **Pause**

Allows you to stop SOLO in its current position in the air. Stays until further commands given.

Use to: -prevent hitting an object  
-reorient  
-only works with GPS lock

##### **Regaining Manual Control**


Always have controller in hand. If, for any reason during otherwise automated flight, manual (standard) control is needed. Use the fly  button.

##### **Return Home**

Use this to automatically force SOLO to return home, so long as GPS is locked.

Use when: -low battery indicated on controller shows  
-quick, unexpected end to flight needed  
-DOES NOT AVOID OBSTACLES WHEN THIS FEATURE USED. Need standard flight and manual control to do this.


##### **Land**

Press and hold  to land SOLO directly under its current position.  
Can work without GPS lock, but drift can occur.

##### **Emergency Motor Shut-off**

Simultaneously hold down the A, B and Pause Buttons. LAST RESORT.

#### 3.2 Controller Signal Loss

An automatic failsafe procedure is programmed into the SOLO, so that in the event of controller signal loss, the “Return Home” feature is automatically enabled. If controller signal is regained, PIC has the option to regain control by pressing the  button.

#### 3.3 Home Point Establishment

The PIC shall access the flight course to determine if terrain or obstacles are within the course area. If there are any terrain or obstacles ensure that the return to home altitude is set to clear these obstacles. The PIC shall establish home point at the takeoff location, which, if using Mission Planner software, is done automatically; the home point is designated at the location of quad start up.

If flying without GPS lock, DO NOT use return to home feature, even if, during the flight, the drone re-acquires a GPS lock. If in this case, the drone acquires a GPS lock, it will make its first lock location the return-to-home location, which can be potentially dangerous.

### 3.4 Fly-Away

The 3DR flight controller failsafe mode is to land immediately or return to home. Because of this, fly-away is unlikely to occur providing that proper start up procedures are followed and the craft is not launched before GPS satellite acquisition has occurred and home point has been established.

In the event of a suspected fly-away the craft should be monitored, after above-mentioned attempts to correct the errant flight have been attempted, and if it appears the craft is not responding to controls, or does not appear to be following fail safe mode of land immediately or return. ATC shall be notified of the last position and altitude and heading of the craft, and of the approximate flight time remaining.

### 3.5 GPS Signal Loss

SOLO will automatically switch to manual flight mode if a GPS signal is lost. NOTE: because a GPS signal is lost, SOLO will not maintain a position when the right joystick is released.

If GPS is lost, attempt to immediately land and wait for GPS signal to reconnect.

If a secondary error occurs (low voltage, signal loss) the drone will initiate an immediate landing procedure at current location.

### 3.6 Battery Alerts

Controller display will give a battery warning at 25% and 10%. At 5%, SOLO will immediately initiate the "Return to Home" program.

DO NOT let battery reach 0%, as this will ruin the battery.

Plan mission in order to land with a minimum 25% charge.

Controller Battery charge will also display when low; at 10%, 5% and 0%. If controller battery goes below 5%, "return to home" program will be initiated by the drone automatically.

Plan mission in order to before controller battery reaches 10%.

### 3.7 Recovery

All reasonable efforts shall be made by the flight crew to recover lost aircraft, with crew safety being a priority.

### 3.8 Imminent Crash

If all attempt to regain control fail and a crash is Imminent. PIC is to first: attempt to, if at all possible, steer the UAS away from bystanders and other field workers. Second: audibly communicate to any nearby workers or bystanders of the imminent crash, forcing all nearby personnel and bystanders to keep their eyes on the UAS if possible.

## 4. Maintenance

### 4.1 Introduction

Because the 3DR SOLO is powered by electric motors and lithium polymer smart batteries, and the manufacture 3DR does not have a specified TBO or specified periodic maintenance, AirCTEMPs conducts physical inspection of craft pre- and post-flight and post-mission for any mechanical defects or indication of wear or aging of the airframe and components. Since flights are of a duration of approximately 20 minutes, because of battery capacity, problems with propulsion motors such as indications of bearing wear should be evident on inspection and initial power up. Also because of the short duration of flight, motors have a low likelihood to fail catastrophically during flight. Because this is a multi-rotor VTOL craft and does not have control surfaces, there are no moving parts or actuators other than the flight motors that require inspection for wear or function. The lithium polymer battery life expectancy is dependent on charge and discharge rates and storage practices, and have an unpredictable life expectancy. To predict battery replacement interval, the voltage of each battery shall be recorded in a battery log along with the flight time and the percent battery remaining as indicated on the tablet/laptop display.

### 4.2 Inspection and Maintenance Procedures

UNR AirCTEMPs SOLO is to be inspected by the PIC pre- and post-flight and pre- and post-mission by the AirCTEMPs Technician.

#### Pre- and Post-mission Inspection

##### \_\_\_\_\_ Static Start Up

Remove gimbal locks. Remove propellers or secure aircraft landing gear to test bench. Start aircraft and ensure indicator lights and annunciators are functioning. Arm motors and listen for uniform idle operation.

##### \_\_\_\_\_ Control

Test control sticks for correct motor response. Test function of controller switches, and sticks (see Appendix for web link)

##### \_\_\_\_\_ Firmware

Check last firmware update in log book and confirm firmware is current version. Update as needed.

##### \_\_\_\_\_ Airframe

Ensure airframe has no cracks or separations. Replace airframe shell or other components if cracks are detected. Shell separation may be due to miss-alignment and may snap into place with slight pressure. Confirm that shell separation is not due to missing or loose screws or hardware, and replace any damaged components.

## \_\_\_\_\_ **Motors**

Motors free and no roughness. Inspect motors visually for any debris between rotor and stator. Place propeller on motor and spin with finger to confirm motors turn freely with slight detent due to motor magnets. Any grinding, ticking or squeaking sound may indicate debris in the motor or worn bearing. Clean or replace motor as necessary.

## \_\_\_\_\_ **Propellers**

Inspect primary propellers and spares for cracks chips or nicks. Replace cracked or chipped propellers. Small nicks may be sanded or burnished, however it is advisable to replace rotors with even slight defects.

## \_\_\_\_\_ **Gimbal**

Inspect gimbal for free movement and put guards in place.

## \_\_\_\_\_ **Batteries**

Confirm batteries are at half charge for long term storage or full charge if mission is imminent.

## \_\_\_\_\_ **Tablet/Laptop**

Check tablet/laptop for current flight app. version.

## \_\_\_\_\_ **Accessories**

Check flight, controller and tablet/laptop battery chargers cables and connectors.

## \_\_\_\_\_ **Test Flight**

Schedule test flight if control systems, propulsion motors or airframe components have been replaced, or if firmware has been upgraded.





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## 1. Introduction

The **Turbo Ace MATRIX** is a commercial hobby type UAS commonly used for photography and recreational use, and provides a stable platform for aerial photography. This document describes operating and maintenance procedures developed with the help of the University of Nevada AirCTEMPs instrument center. This document is intended for AirCTEMPs aircrew familiar with the operations and maintenance of the Turbo Ace MATRIX. The following Turbo Ace documents provide supplemental and more detailed information: Turbo Ace MATRIX User's Manual and the NAZA-M LITE GPS User's Manual.

### 1.1 Turbo Ace MATRIX Performance Specifications

#### Aircraft

Weight (excluding battery)	2180g
Max Payload	1500g (battery weight dependent)
Optimal Payload	1130g
Max yaw (angular velocity)	200°/s
Max tilt Angle	45°
Max ascent	6m/s
Max descent	6m/s
Max flight speed	27m/s
Max flight altitude A.G.L.	122m (FAA regulation, Geofenced)
Flight time	(assuming 22000mAh) 40 mins max

#### Radio Control

Frequency	2.4GHz
Operating Temperature	-10.0°C – 50.0°C
Working Voltage Range	7.2V – 22.2V

#### Drone LiPo Battery

Type	Lithium Polymer
Weight	~2500g
mAh	22000
Vdc	14.8 (6 cell)

## 2. Operation Checklists

### 2.1 Turbo Ace MATRIX Pre-Mission Checklist

- \_\_\_ Flight Log, Registration, Manual, Check lists, Com Radios
- \_\_\_ Firmware up to date, log book check
- \_\_\_ Airframe: no cracks or separations
- \_\_\_ Folding arms in good condition
- \_\_\_ Motors free and no roughness; only slight detent
- \_\_\_ Motor Airframe and Accessory screws tight
- \_\_\_ Battery Velcro support straps in good condition
- \_\_\_ Propellers, spares in good condition, tightened
- \_\_\_ Gimbal guards in place (when applicable)
- \_\_\_ Batteries half charge for transport, or full charge if mission imminent
- \_\_\_ Battery chargers (LiPo battery, controller battery, laptop battery)
- \_\_\_ Control switches, sticks
- \_\_\_ Primary and backup laptop check and map(s) Pre-fetched
- \_\_\_ Primary and spare USB cables
- \_\_\_ SD card(s) cleared
- \_\_\_ Firmware up to date
- \_\_\_ Transmitter Calibrated

### 2.2 Preflight Checklist

Registration, Manual, Log, Com Radios

#### Craft

Airframe and Hardware	Check
Gimbal	Locks removed and gimbal free (if necessary)
Propellers	No nicks, cracks
	Propellers on correct motors (cw and ccw)
Battery	Strapped and secured
Center of Gravity	Check. If off, re-adjust battery
Gyro	Calibrated
Motors	Free, slight detent
Camera SD Card	Installed

## Controls

Sticks  
Controller Display  
Laptop  
Antenna

Full and smooth  
Check  
Attached, screen clean  
45 degrees

## 2.3 Power-Up Checklist

Control  
Laptop  
Connection Established  
GPS lock  
Data Channel  
Compass  
Home Point  
Take off Area

On  
On  
Check  
Check. Wait 2-3 minutes after power up  
Check  
Calibrate if in new location  
Establish  
Clear for 10m

## 2.4 Takeoff and Hover

Taking off Home Point  
GPS fix  
Controls  
Video Link  
Telemetry Data Collection  
Camera Gimbal  
Camera

Check (auto created by Mission Planner)  
>6 satellites?  
All axis check  
Check (if applicable)  
Check  
Check  
Start

## 2.5 Landing and Shut Down

Camera  
Landing Area  
Motors  
Battery and Flight Time  
Flight Battery

Stop  
Clear for 10m  
Stopped  
Recorded  
Power Off

## 2.6 Post Flight

Flight Battery  
Control  
Motors  
Gimbal  
Airframe and Hardware  
Camera SD card

Off (too hot?)  
Off, throttle down  
Check and remove propellers  
Install locks, remove camera  
Check  
Removed and mission labeled.

### **3. Lost Link Procedures**

#### **3.1 MATRIX Lost Link Protocol**

Turbo Matrix signal loss protocol, or fail-safe protocol, is initiated if control signal is interrupted or lost. This will initiate a return to home function. If signal is lost, the failsafe will initiate.

#### **3.2 Controller Signal Loss**

An automatic failsafe procedure is programmed into the MATRIX, so that in the event of controller signal loss, the “Return Home” feature is automatically enabled. See DJI Naza User’s Manual for steps on how to configure this feature.

#### **3.3 Home Point Establishment**

The PIC shall access the flight course to determine if terrain or obstacles are within the course area. If there are any terrain or obstacles, PIC must be aware that the return to home, though automatically established at startup if using Mission Planner software, function will not automatically avoid these features. The Turbo Ace flight controller does not provide a means of programming a remote lost link landing point.

#### **3.4 Fly-Away**

The Turbo Ace flight controller failsafe mode is to land immediately or return to home. Because of this fly-away is unlikely to occur providing that proper start up procedures are followed and the craft is not launched before GPS satellite acquisition has occurred and home point has been established.

In the event of a suspected fly-away the craft should be monitored, after above-mentioned attempts to correct the errant flight have been attempted, and if it appears the craft is not responding to controls, or does not appear to be following fail safe mode of land immediately or return. ATC shall be notified of the last position and altitude and heading of the craft, and of the approximate flight time remaining.

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### 4.2 Inspection and Maintenance Procedures

UNR AirCTEMPs MATRIX is to be inspected by the PIC pre- and post-flight and pre- and post-mission by the AirCTEMPs Technician.

#### Pre- and Post-mission Inspection

##### \_\_\_\_\_ Static Start Up

Remove propellers or secure aircraft landing gear to test bench. Start aircraft and ensure indicator lights and annunciators are functioning. Arm motors and listen for uniform idle operation.

##### \_\_\_\_\_ Control

Test control sticks for correct motor response. Test function of controller switches and sticks.

##### \_\_\_\_\_ Firmware

Check last firmware update in log book and confirm firmware is current version. Update as needed.

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Ensure airframe has no cracks or separations. Replace airframe shell or other components if cracks are detected. Shell separation may be due to mis-alignment and may snap into place with slight pressure. Confirm that shell separation is not due to missing or loose screws or hardware, and replace any damaged components.

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## \_\_\_\_\_ **Propellers**

Inspect primary propellers and spares for cracks chips or nicks. Replace cracked or chipped propellers. Small nicks may be sanded or burnished, however it is advisable to replace rotors with even slight defects.

## \_\_\_\_\_ **Gimbal**

Inspect gimbal for free movement and put guards in place. Remove GoPro for storage and transportation (post mission).

## \_\_\_\_\_ **Batteries**

Confirm batteries are at half charge for long term storage or full charge if mission is imminent.

Check batteries for bloating. This is an indication of a failing LiPo battery. If battery shell is bloated, replace as soon as possible and do not continue use.

## \_\_\_\_\_ **Laptop**

Check laptop for current Mission Planner/software updates. Ensure it is current.

## \_\_\_\_\_ **Accessories**

Check flight, controller and laptop battery chargers cables and connectors.

## \_\_\_\_\_ **Test Flight**

Schedule test flight if control systems, propulsion motors or airframe components have been replaced, or if firmware has been upgraded.





# NIAS Pre-Mission Conditions Setting E- Checklist Certificate of Authorization (COA) Missions

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**UNR AirCTEMP's Mission** \_\_\_\_\_

**Airframe Tail #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check all Boxed Items and Fill in all Highlighted Items for EVERY Mission**

- ☐ ND/Master Service Agreement/Teaming Agreement signed by NIAS.
- ☐ Pilot PIC (400' COA or 200' COA) licensing (FAA private pilot certificate or FAA Sport pilot certificate) and visual observer requirements met. Pilots, supplemental pilots, which are those pilots assigned unmanned aircraft light duties to augment the PIC, and observers must maintain a current third class (or higher) airman medical certificate that has been issued under 14 CFR Part 67, or an FAA accepted agency equivalent based on the application. NIAS needs a photo copy of the actual license.
- ☐ UAS location is not within the 5, 3, or 2 NM distance to airport with or without a control tower, or a heliport, glider port, or seaplane landing area listed in the Airport Facility Directory.
- ☐ Aircrew operator's manual – how you train your pilots and manage aircrew and airframe safety – how is maintenance integrated into your safety process?
- ☐ Maintenance Manual – how do you repair your systems, track parts, and ensure the required scheduled and unscheduled maintenance is performed.
- ☐ Land permission letter from owner.
- ☐ \*Privacy requirements met: check NV Assembly Bill 239, CA Assembly Bill 2306. OR State House Bill 2710.

- ☐ Completed Risk Assessment: Signed off by NIAS. NIAS will send you a template and you can modify.
- ☐ Completed lease document with all signatures.
- ☐ Completed mission public aircraft declaration.
- ☐ Copy of insurance certificate: one pager with coverage limits listed – List NIAS as additionally insured. Contact NIAS/UAS Governing Body at the soonest if you don't have any coverage.
- ☐ Copy of the list of airframes (by VIN and registered through the FAA) and list of aircrews participating in testing/mission execution.
- ☐ Emailed listing by name and what position each individual will lead on mission day.
- ☐ CRM and risk management crew refresher test sent by NIAS/ UAS Governing Body and completed by all aircrews participating on mission—satisfies COA SMS requirements.
- ☐ Copy of PIC designation letter from UAS and a statement that the PIC currency requirements have been met – three takeoff and landings in the same type/series/model N-numbered UAS and current medical have been met. This currency includes a review of aircraft emergency procedures (lost link, inflight malfunction, and recovery of downed aircraft).
- ☐ Maintenance readiness of your two systems (primary and backup) participating in the flight. Will the scheduled maintenance be complete before the mission day?
- ☐ NOTAM filed not more than 72 hours in advance but no later than 24 hours out: 1-877-487-6867 (NOTAM Flight Service Station).
- ☐ Media coverage – No media unless cleared through GOED Director of Communications.
- ☐ Airworthiness Statement issued by NIAS/UAS Governing Body to UAS Company before the mission day (last conditions setting step).

\*NV: A person shall not operate a UAS within 500 feet horizontal distance or a vertical distance of 250 feet from a critical facility without the written consent of the owner. A person who owns or lawfully occupies real property in NV may bring an action for trespass against the owner or operator of an unmanned aerial vehicle that is flown at a height of less than 250 feet over the property.

\*CA: Check CA particularly around LA.

\*OR: Property Owners have the right to sue for trespassing a drone owner/operator if: 1) the drone has been flown less than 400 a.g.l. over the owner's property at least once, 2) Property owner has communicated to the owner/operator that consent has not been given, and 3) the owner/operator proceeds to fly over the property again.

**I. ND/Master Service Agreement/Teaming Agreement**

**Example**

*NAIS and the University of Nevada have signed a teaming agreement*

**II. Pilot PIC (400' COA or 200' COA) licensing (FAA private pilot certificate or FAA Sport pilot certificate) and visual observer certifications**

**Example**

*PIC Warren Rapp is an FAA certified commercial pilot certified and current. Backup Pilot Susan Welsh is FAA civilian pilot certified. Observers Tyler, Sladek, Adkins and Gaffney will receive their VO certification prior to the flight testing.*

**III. UAS location**

**Example**

*The proposed flight operations are proposed to take place at the Palomino Valley Turf Farm and/or the Reno Radio Controlled Club (RRCC) flying area in Hungry Valley NV. The Palomino Valley Turf Farm is within 2 NM of several private airstrips. The RRCC facility is 2.4 NM from the Spanish Springs (N86) airport and ~6.2 NM from the Reno-Stead Airport. Neither are towered facilities.*

**IV. Land permission letter from owner**

**Example**

*Permission from the Land Owner will be secured on Monday, November 16, 2015*

**V. Privacy requirements met**

- a. The UNR UAS will not operate a UAS within 500 feet horizontal distance or a vertical distance of 250 feet from a critical facility without the written consent of the owner.

**VI. Completed Risk Assessment**

**Example**

**VII. Completed lease document with all signatures.**

**Example**

*If the aircraft and airframe are owned by the University of Nevada, Reno and operated by UNR. No lease agreements are required. Otherwise, a lease agreement is required.*

**VIII. Completed Mission Public Aircraft declaration**

**Example**

*The aircraft is solely owned by the University of Nevada, Reno. The University of Nevada, Reno is a public institution.*

**IX. Copy of insurance certificate(s)**

**Example**

*Insurance is provided by the University of Nevada under its State of Nevada insurance. A copy of the certificate will be provided.*

**X. List of airframes (and list of aircrews participating in testing/mission execution)**

**Example**

*DJI Phantom 2*

*PH646026958*

*N81NV*

*Aircrew: W. Rapp, C. Sladek, S. Tyler, R. Gaffney, S. Welsh*

**XI. Emailed listing by name and what position each individual will lead on mission day**

**Example**

*Scott Tyler: Visual Observer*

*Chris Sladek: Visual Observer and Drone Operator*

*Rowan Gaffney: Visual Observer*

*Warren Rapp: PIC*

*Susan Welsh: Back up Pilot*

**XII. CRM and risk management crew refresher test sent by NIAS to UAS and completed by all aircrews participating on mission**

**Example**

*All crew members have taken the refresher test.*

**XIII. Copy of PIC designation letter from UNR that the PIC currency requirements have been met – three takeoff and landings in the same type/series/model N-numbered UAS and current medical have been met. This currency includes a review of aircraft emergency procedures (lost link, inflight malfunction, and recovery of downed aircraft)**

**Example**

*See Attached PIC designation letter at the end of this document.*

**XIV. Maintenance readiness of system participating in the flight**

**Example**

*The DJI Phantom 2 has been pre-flight checked as per maintenance log and will be prepared for flight on Tuesday November 17, 2015.*

**XV. Notam filed not more than 72 hours in advance but no later than 24 hours out: 1-877-487-6867 (NOTAM Flight Service Station)**

**Example**

*To be filed after NAIS review of documents.*

XVI. Media coverage

**Example**

*No media coverage is planned for this activity.*

XVII. Airworthiness Statement issued by NIAS to UNR

**Example**

*See attached Airworthiness statement.*

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November 12, 2015

RE: PIC Designation for AirCTEMPS Mission Scheduled for November 17, 2015

Dear Chris

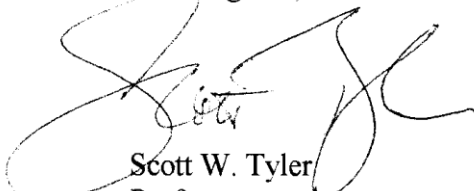
Warren Rapp, UNR's NAASIC business manager, will serve at Pilot in Command (PIC) for missions scheduled for November 17, 2015. Mr. Rapp has an FAA Commercial Pilot rating. He will serve as PIC for missions flown by N80NV and N81NV. Mr. Rapp is current in both aircraft, having performed multiple landings and takeoffs of these aircraft in Mongolia between September 30 and October 10, 2015. He is current in medical, and has reviewed the emergency procedures for these aircraft as laid out in CTEMPs Aircrew Operators and Maintenance Manual.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to support this outstanding researcher and educator.

Dr. Susan Welsh will serve as backup Pilot; Dr. Welsh will complete her FAA Class 3 Medical examination by November 17, 2015.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 775-224-3815 or [styler@unr.edu](mailto:styler@unr.edu) if I can provide any additional information.

Best Regards,



Scott W. Tyler  
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16 November 2015

**SUBJECT: Airworthiness Statement (AWS) for operation of the UNR (Hydrogeology Dept.)  
DJI Phantom 2 (N81NV) and DJI Phantom 3 (N80NV)**

1. Scope: This letter constitutes an AWS authorizing operation of the UNR (Hydrogeology Dept.) DJI Phantom 2 (N81NV) and DJI Phantom 3 (N80NV) UAS for operations at locations authorized under the NIAS/FAA OTA agreement. This AWS is intended to support the issuance of a Certificate of Waiver or Authorization (COA) from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This UAS meets applicable airworthiness standards and requirements of the Nevada Institute for Autonomous Systems (NIAS) as outlined in the NIAS Aviation Safety Inspection, document number PMOUAS-AS-777-FLT-1-6-004, Rev#1 and according to a safety review board conducted the week of 16 November 15.

2. Validity: This AWS is valid for the period of performance outlined in the approved COA. Unless specifically reviewed by the NIAS Director of Technical Operations, this AWS is terminated upon changes in configuration of the subject equipment beyond authorized payload changes, or upon issuance of a later AWS, whichever occurs first. This AWS is valid only for the operations specified within the approved locations authorized under the FAA /NIAS OTA agreement.

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# Pre-Departure Checklist: (1-3 Days Prior to Departure)

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## Procedure

1. Check Charging Checklist. All batteries charged and ready to go?
2. Call **Lockheed Flight Services** to file NOTAM's.
  - Phone number: **(1-877-487-6867)**
  - File at least **3-days** prior to departure
3. Prefetch imagery, mapping data into Mission Planner
4. Check to ensure sectional is loaded in google maps on GCS
5. Establish plot locations, load corners in to GPS or phone
6. Create library in Trimble Pathfinder Office
7. (1 day before): Check NOTAM processing. Confirm Processing
8. Call Seattle center to hours before flight
  - Phone Number: (Insert number here)
9. Contact nearest airport (if within 25 miles of flight) on departure date
10. Double check Equipment Checklist
11. Check functionality of (turn on and make sure operational)
  - Range Finder
  - Laptop
  - Netbook/iPAD/tablet
  - UAS
  - Controller
  - Cameras
  - GPS
11. Test gimbals and perform test flight if UAS has not been flown in last **5 days**.
12. Update Cameras to GPS time
13. Run through field packing lists again
14. Print directions
15. Pack food (if needed) and water

# Charging Checklist (1-2 Days Prior)

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## Batteries and Electronics

Charged/Charging?	QTY	Battery
<input type="radio"/>	_____	22,000 mAH 6S
<input type="radio"/>	_____	1000-2000 mAH 3S
<input type="radio"/>	_____	GoPro
<input type="radio"/>	_____	NEX Camera
<input type="radio"/>	_____	Canon G15
<input type="radio"/>	_____	RC Transmitter
<input type="radio"/>	_____	FARO
<input type="radio"/>	_____	Laptop/Netbook
<input type="radio"/>	_____	Tablet/iPAD
<input type="radio"/>	_____	Cell phone(s)
<input type="radio"/>	_____	Geo Explorer
<input type="radio"/>	_____	Timble Li. Ion
<input type="radio"/>	_____	Multispectral

# Mission Packing Checklist (Day Prior)

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## Batteries (1/2 Charged or Charged)

- Matrix (22,000 mAh)

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

- Gimbal

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

- NEX

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

- Canon G15

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

- FARO LIDAR

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

- R8 Li Ion

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

- GoPro

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

- Spare AA/AAA Batteries

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

- Multispectral

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

## Charging Equipment

- Power Supply(ies)

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

- Charging Units

XT60: \_\_\_\_\_

XT90: \_\_\_\_\_

Balance Port Adpt. \_\_\_\_\_

Lith. Bat Charger \_\_\_\_\_

- GoPro USB Charging Cable

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

- GoPro Battery Charger

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

- Generator

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

- Extension Cords

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

- Laptop/Tablet Charging Cable

- iPad Charging Cable

- Netbook Charging Cable

- Multispectral Battery Charger

# Mission Packing Checklist (Day Prior)

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## Camera Equipment

- ☐ IR GoPro
- ☐ Color GoPro
- ☐ Canon Telephoto
- ☐ Lens cleaning kit
- ☐ Color NEX
- ☐ IR NEX
- ☐ Gimbal Mounting Kit (box)
- ☐ 64 GB Micro SD Cards  
Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Micro SD - SD Adaptor Chip
- ☐ 128 GB SD Cards  
Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Calibration Targets, White  
Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Calibration Targets, Black  
Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Gray Card
- ☐ Mounting Screws Box

## AIS Lab UAS Ops. Info

- ☐ Preflight checklist
- ☐ CoA
- ☐ Medical Certifications
- ☐ Pilot Certifications

## Additional Electronics

- ☐ FARO Scanner Kit
- ☐ iPad
- ☐ HP Netbook
- ☐ Range Finder
- ☐ External Hard Drive (cords too!)
- ☐ Cell Phone(s)

## Tool Kit Supplies

- ☐ Socket Wrench Set
- ☐ Allen Wrench Set
- ☐ Needle-Nose Pliers
- ☐ Hex Driver Set
- ☐ Electrical Tape
- ☐ Packing Tape
- ☐ Duct Tape
- ☐ Extra Velcro straps
- ☐ Zip Ties
- ☐ Rotor Blade wrench (IRIS, Solo)

## Field and Safety Gear

- ☐ Backpack (electronics)
- ☐ Backpack (solo)
- ☐ Hardhats  
Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Cruising Prism
- ☐ Cruising Vest
- ☐ Rain Gear
- ☐ Jacket
- ☐ Hat/hood
- ☐ Rain Pants
- ☐ Toilet Paper
- ☐ Hand Sanitizer
- ☐ Water Bottle(s)  
Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Field boots  
Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Sun Hat
- ☐ Fire Extinguisher  
Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ First Aid Kit
- ☐ DBH Tape
- ☐ Tape Measure

# Mission Packing Checklist (Day Prior)

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## Ground Control Gear

- ☐ Bipod
- ☐ Antenna Mast
- ☐ Tornado Antenna
- ☐ R8 Base  
Antenna/Receiver
- ☐ R8 Rover  
Antenna/Receiver
- ☐ Trimble GEO XH
- ☐ Antenna Cable
- ☐ Targets
- ☐ Box of staples/stakes
- ☐ Surveying Tripod
- ☐ Rover Bipod
- ☐ Surveying Tape  
Measure
- ☐ Field Notebook (write-  
in-the-Rain)
- ☐ Pens, pencils

## MATRIX Equipment

- ☐ VHF Radio
- ☐ GCS Laptop
- ☐ 915 Hz Telemetry  
Radios
- ☐ Spare GPS module
- ☐ Spare 3DR 6 Wire  
Extension
- ☐ Spare 3DR 5 Wire  
Extension
- ☐ Matrix Arm Mount.  
Screws
- ☐ Matrix UAS + Case
- ☐ RC Transmitter
- ☐ GoPro Mounting  
Bracket
- ☐ Spare Rotor Blades  
  
Quantity:\_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Spare Motors (cw &  
ccw)  
  
Quantity:\_\_\_\_\_

## SOLO Equipment

- ☐ UAS Case + Solo
- ☐ Spare Blades  
  
Quantity:\_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Spare Blades  
  
Quantity:\_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Spare Motors (cw &  
ccw)  
  
Quantity:\_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Hex Tool set
- ☐ Quick Start Guide (Solo  
and IRIS)
- ☐ Other Manuals
- ☐

## DJI Equipment

- ☐ UAS Case
- ☐ Spare Blades (cw)  
  
Quantity:\_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Spare Blades (ccw)  
  
Quantity:\_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Spare Motors (cw &  
ccw)  
  
Quantity:\_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Hex Tool set
- ☐ Quick Start Guide
- ☐ Other Manuals

# Pre-Mission General Procedure (Before First Flight)

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## **Steps**

1. Assemble (as needed) UAS
  - check any and all screws
  - blades correctly mounted (cs and ccw tightened appropriately)
  - legs, arms correctly mounted
  - Gimble (if needed, correctly mounted and balanced?)
  - Velcro for battery system in good condition (Matrix)?
2. Turn on GCS and check
3. Boot up Mission Planner Software, check
4. Plug in Telemetry Radio (if applicable)
5. Conduct Safety Briefing
6. Follow pre-flight instructions

# Pre-Flight Safety and Hazardous Scenarios Checklist

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## Safety and Observer Brief: For PIC, CO-Pilot and other observers, workers

1. Review 14 CFR 91.113 (next page, for reference)
2. Establish safe distance from aircraft while it's operational

### -20m for non-pilot personnel

### -150m for unaffiliated people

1. Establish, if necessary, a barrier between non-flight personnel and the aircraft itself
2. Incident reporting procedures (**clarify this with Jon. FAA procedures, as if an incident occurred in a plane?**)
3. Make sure everyone know where fire extinguisher is, and that everyone can easily access and use it
4. Establish location of first aid kit
5. Anyone within 150m required to wear a hard-hat
6. Phone, radio emergency contact procedures established.
7. Discuss pilot-observer distractions. When is it appropriate to talk to PIC, co-pilot? Etc...

## Hazardous Situation Response Procedures

1. TX Communications lost
  - i. If loitering, then reduce physical distance until control regained
  - ii. if in RTL, stand a safe distance from landing location, attempt to regain control
2. Telemetry Communications lost
  - i. If loitering, then reduce physical distance until control regained
  - ii. if in RTL, stand a safe distance from landing location, attempt to regain control
3. Bird in Vicinity: circling craft
  - i. If within **10m** of aircraft: FOR MATRIX
    - Climb to max ceiling (400ft) to test whether bird will lose interest in craft
    - IF NO: bring aircraft to home position and land.
  - ii. If within **10m** of aircraft: FOR SOLO
    - Geofence will not allow craft to fly higher than 100m (330ft), therefore:
    - bring craft to home position and land

# Pre-Flight Safety and Hazardous Scenarios Checklist

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## 4. Sudden Loss of Altitude or Crash

- i. Steer aircraft away from any and all personnel and bystanders
- ii. Communicate situation concisely and quickly to all bystanders
- iii. Reduce throttle/slow descent as much as is possible
- iv. If Possible, not last geo position on your GCS
- v. Find and obtain fire extinguisher
- vi. Recover craft. Follow shut-down procedures if craft is still powered on

## Right-of-way rules: Except Water Operations

§ 91.113 Right-of-way rules: Except water operations. **(a) Inapplicability.** This section does not apply to the operation of an aircraft on water.

**(b) General.** When weather conditions permit, regardless of whether an operation is conducted under instrument flight rules or visual flight rules, vigilance shall be maintained by each person operating an aircraft so as to see and avoid other aircraft. When a rule of this section gives another aircraft the right-of-way, the pilot shall give way to that aircraft and may not pass over, under, or ahead of it unless well clear.

**(c) In distress.** An aircraft in distress has the right-of-way over all other air traffic.

**(d) Converging.** When aircraft of the same category are converging at approximately the same altitude (except head-on, or nearly so), the aircraft to the other's right has the right-of-way. If the aircraft are of different categories—

**(1)** A balloon has the right-of-way over any other category of aircraft;

**(2)** A glider has the right-of-way over an airship, powered parachute, weight-shift-control aircraft, airplane, or rotorcraft.

**(3)** An airship has the right-of-way over a powered parachute, weight-shift-control aircraft, airplane, or rotorcraft.

However, an aircraft towing or refueling other aircraft has the right-of-way over all other engine-driven aircraft.

**(e) Approaching head-on.** When aircraft are approaching each other head-on, or nearly so, each pilot of each aircraft shall alter course to the right.

**(f) Overtaking.** Each aircraft that is being overtaken has the right-of-way and each pilot of an overtaking aircraft shall alter course to the right to pass well clear.

**(g) Landing.** Aircraft, while on final approach to land or while landing, have the right-of-way over other aircraft in flight or operating on the surface, except that they shall not take advantage of this rule to force an aircraft off the runway surface which has already landed and is attempting to make way for an aircraft on final approach. When two or more aircraft are approaching an airport for the purpose of landing, the aircraft at the lower altitude has the right-of-way, but it shall not take advantage of this rule to cut in front of another which is on final approach to land or to overtake that aircraft.

[Doc. No. 18334, 54 FR 34294, Aug. 18, 1989, as amended by Amdt. 91-282, 69 FR 44880, July 27, 2004]



# Summary Flight Procedure: Matrix

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## UAS

1. Turn on RC Transmitter
2. Ensure proper UAS model is selected
3. TX switches forward (if applicable)
4. TX throttle down
5. Plug in battery to UAS
6. Check roll, pitch, yaw response to movement on Mission Planner
7. Check mode change switch if applicable (loiter, stabilize, auto, etc..)

## Camera

9. Install battery in Camera
10. Install SD card in Camera
11. Turn on Camera
12. Photograph GPS time on Mission Planner display
13. Set manual focus against target to >40m
14. Set white balance with the gray card
15. Check Battery Level
16. Check SD card Capacity
17. Mount Camera on Gimbal
18. Clean lens

## Gimbal

19. Check Gimbal Balance; check for neutral
20. Plug in Gimbal Battery (if applicable) WAIT 10 seconds

## Video

21. Turn on real time feed monitor
22. Plug in video TX and RX
23. Test video Signal
24. Change camera to intervalometer mode
25. Check home position for UAS on Mission Planner.
26. Upload or set up Mission (though this should be done before this point!)
27. Check Mission has upload correctly.
28. Monitor GPS lock until **PDOP is <2.0 meters**

## Pre Takeoff

29. Check area for flight hazards, low flying aircraft
30. Ensure personnel are clear of takeoff area and flight path

## On the UAS

31. Put UAS in 'loiter mode'
32. Push Pre-Arm button (Matrix, IRIS, Solo)
33. Arm the autopilot from the Transmitter
34. Take off
35. Rise to Mission altitude
36. Switch to 'auto' mode

# Summary Flight Procedure: Gwaihiri

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## Initial set up

1. Mount batteries
2. Check that the CG is centered, or *very slightly* shifted toward nose (nose-heavy)

## Batteries

3. Install “screamers” on batteries
4. Install GoPro Cameras
5. Plug IMU into computer (white USB connector)
6. Plug Lidar into computer (black Ethernet connector)
7. Check: USB drive plugged into **upper right** USB slot
8. TX switches forward
9. TX throttle all the way down
10. TX aileron centered
11. Turn on **transmitter (NOT craft!)**
12. Check model: TX is “Heavy Lift Helicopter”
13. Throttle hold ‘on’ (“SG switch should be **up, toward you**)

## Power plug in Sequence

14. Ensure throttle hold is **on**
15. Top right battery (1) to plug into input with flight controller power lead (1)
16. WAIT TEN SECONDS for IMU gyros to stabilize
17. Top left battery (2) into input at bottom left *Listen for arming tone from ESC*
18. WAIT ANOTHER TEN SECONDS for IMU gyros
19. **Arming tone should produce 12 tones, corresponding to a 12 cell battery**
20. *Unusual tone: ESC log is full. Download and start over*
21. Connect final two batteries.

## Transmitter input check

22. Check throttle hold is **on**
23. Right stick (elevator) forward: check that swash tilts forward

24. Right stick (elevator backward: check that swash tilts backward
25. Right stick to right (aileron): check that swash tilts right
26. Left stick to right (aileron): check that swash tilts left
27. Again **check that throttle hold is on**
28. Left stick (throttle/pitch) up: check that swash plate move **up** shaft
29. Return left stick to lowest position
30. Left stick (yaw) left: check that tail blades are blowing air to **left side** of aircraft
31. Left stick (yaw) right: check that tail blades are blowing air to **right side** of aircraft

## Gyro Check

32. Check that throttle hold is still **on**
33. Tilt nose down: swash should tilt **back** to compensate
34. Tilt nose up: swash should tilt **forward** to compensate
35. Tilt craft left: swash should tilt **right**
36. Tilt craft right: swash should tilt **left**
37. Pull craft toward you: air should *hypothetically* blow toward you to oppose the pull
38. Push away from you: air should *hypothetically* blow away from you to oppose push

## Auto Pilot Check

39. Throttle **down** and throttle hold still **on**
40. Start with switch fully forward
41. Full forward to GPS: two green lights should be flashing on GPS antenna
42. Switch to center position: two purple flashes should be seen on GPS antenna
43. Switch to full manual mode: no lights should be flashing on the GPS antenna
44. Return to full forward (GPS mode): 2 green flashing lights again

# Summary Flight Procedure: Gwaihir

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45. IMPORTANT: if lights flash **red**. This is a NO GO for flight

46. All switches forward EXCEPT THROTTLE HOLD

47. Throttle position still fully back

48. Toggle switch F (rate mode switch) from forward to back, then to forward again

*-this centers the tail rotor for takeoff*

*position*

## **Payload Start up**

49. Turn on Cameras

50. Plug in payload battery: check to make sure Lidar is spinning

51. Throttle hold forward. Throttle hold **off**.

52. Increase throttle/pitch to 2<sup>nd</sup> position ind. Bar

*-this initiates ESC governor; ramps up*

*RPM to operating speed*

53. Wait for ESC to spool up to RPM

## **Take off**

54. Increase throttle/pitch to stick just above 5<sup>th</sup> position

55. Climb to altitude. Reduce throttle to just below 4<sup>th</sup> position to **hover**

## **Ground station transfer**

56. Click '**go**' on pre-planned mission

57. Toggle Mode Switch (TSE) forward and back to set to GPS cruise

## **Landing**

58. Return to hover in GPS mode over landing location

59. Decrease throttle to just below 4<sup>th</sup> position to initiate **slow** descent

NEVER LOWER BELOW 3<sup>RD</sup> POSITION DURING LANDING

## **When skids touch ground**

60. Lower throttle to 3<sup>rd</sup> indicator position

61. Switch throttle hold indicator backward (hold **on**)

62. Look for (red-blue-flash white) GPS light indicator

63. WAIT 8-10 seconds for throttle to turn off

64. Put throttle position at its lowest indicator position



# OSU: Field Work Safety Planning Record

Pursuant to the Oregon State University's Fieldwork Safety Instruction, this form, is to be completed by the Principal Investigator and submitted to the Department Chair (or equivalent) prior to the departure on research travel and fieldwork. Numerous excursions to the same location or group of locations can be dealt with via one form. The form is good for a single academic year and a new form must be completed annually.

Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Principal investigator: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Fieldwork:

Country / State: \_\_\_\_\_

Geographical Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest City (name, distance to): \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Research: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Departure: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Return: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fieldwork Team:** *(Please identify team leader(s))*

Name	Category			First Aid Trained
	Employee	Student	Volunteer	

**Hazard Identification** – Identification of the hazards is critical to ensuring the safety of the Fieldwork Team. The following checklist will provide a guide to identifying common hazards, however, the Principal Investigator should review all aspects of the fieldwork to ensure comprehensive hazard identification has been completed.

**Physical Demands** - What physical demands will the fieldwork entail?

- |  |                                       |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climbing      | <input type="checkbox"/> Extreme Heat | <input type="checkbox"/> Manual lifting, carrying or handling heavy loads |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High Altitude | <input type="checkbox"/> Extreme Cold | <input type="checkbox"/> Working on, near, or over water                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sun Exposure | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                                     |

**Orientation:****Yes No N/A**

			Have arrangements been made to provide participants with: <input type="checkbox"/> Potable water <input type="checkbox"/> Personal washing/hygiene <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet facilities or procedures
			Are participants aware of suitable clothing, footwear and personal supplies required (e.g. boots, hat, raingear, sunglasses, sunscreen, insect repellent)? List required personal supplies and attach to form.
			Have arrangements been made to provide participants with, and train them in the safe use of, appropriate personal protective equipment such as: <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Glasses <input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory Protection <input type="checkbox"/> Coveralls <input type="checkbox"/> Protective Footwear <input type="checkbox"/> Protective Headwear <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing Protection <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves <input type="checkbox"/> Face Shield <input type="checkbox"/> Waders (Hip, Chest) <input type="checkbox"/> Knee/shin Guards <input type="checkbox"/> Flame Retardant Clothing <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
			Are participants familiar with Oregon State University's policy on the use of alcohol and drugs?
			Are participants familiar with Oregon State University's policies such as, Health and Safety Policy / Respectful Workplace and Learning Environment Policy / Violence Prevention Policy?

Other Hazards/Protective Measures/Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Working Alone (see Oregon State University's Working Alone Instruction)****Yes No N/A**

			Will any participant be working alone? (See Working Alone Safety Instruction):
			Has an effective communications system been established (e.g. radio, walkie-talkies, phones, whistles, air horns, flares, frequent and scheduled contact)? Describe system:

What other means can be employed to reduce the risk to a participant when working alone?

**Yes No N/A**

			Limitations or prohibitions on certain activities while alone
			Provision of emergency supplies
			Establishment of minimum training or experience or other standards of competency before working alone
			Other:

Other Hazards/Protective Measures/Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Remote Areas:**

What communication systems will be employed?

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cell Phones             | <input type="checkbox"/> Leaving Itinerary at Base Camp | <input type="checkbox"/> Whistles/Air Horns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radio or Walkie-Talkies | <input type="checkbox"/> Scheduled contacts             | <input type="checkbox"/> Satellite phone    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____            |   |   |

How will participants remain orientated to their location?

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maps                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Compass      | <input type="checkbox"/> Identification of safest routes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GPS (spare batteries) | <input type="checkbox"/> Local guides | <input type="checkbox"/> Area familiarization trips      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arial photo           | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |  |

What procedures have been established in the case participant(s) become lost?

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|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Participant training on remaining at location, use of emergency signals, use of emergency survival gear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provision of survival gear  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Procedure for organized search  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Precautions against fire  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Precautions in the event of extreme weather conditions  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Hazards/Protective Measures/Comments: _____   |
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**Wildlife:**

Yes No N/A

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have participants been adequately trained in the handling, capture and restraint of study species?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will participants be administering drugs/anaesthetics or obtaining biological samples? If so, have they been trained in techniques appropriate to the species and in how to manage disposal of waste or surplus materials?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have participants been instructed on techniques to avoid unexpected encounters with potentially dangerous wildlife?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are participants familiar with the methods of contraction of disease from wildlife in the area?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have participants been made aware of the signs/ symptoms of potential zoonoses that may be present in wildlife in the study area?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have participants been made aware of potential vegetation hazards and the identification of toxic plants such as Poison Oak / Poison Ivy?

Other Hazards/Protective Measures/Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Chemicals and Hazardous Materials:**

Yes	No	N/A	
			Is each hazardous properly identified with a supplier or label?
			Will hazardous material be transported to and from the site?
			Will Material Safety Data Sheets for each hazardous material used be readily available to participants?
			Will samples be collected, preserved in hazardous material (ethanol, formalin)?
			Will appropriate materials be available to adequately handle hazardous materials, spills, leaks or releases? Describe materials and attach to form.
			Will radioisotopes be transported or used in the field? If so, have participants been trained to safely use, store and transport the material in accordance with legal requirements and licence conditions? (see Radiation Safety Policy)

Other Hazards/Protective Measures/Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Safe Use of Equipment and Work Processes:**

Some equipment and activities to which specific training or certification is required include:

<input type="checkbox"/> Chain Saws	<input type="checkbox"/> Explosives
<input type="checkbox"/> Compressed Gases	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall Protection above 6 feet
<input type="checkbox"/> Confined Space	<input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Materials
<input type="checkbox"/> Diving (Free, SCUBA, Line, NITROX, Tri Gas)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ladders
<input type="checkbox"/> Excavation/Trenching/Tunnelling	<input type="checkbox"/> Lifting Devices and Hoists
<input type="checkbox"/> Noise exposure above 85dBA <sub>lex</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> Scaffolds
<input type="checkbox"/> Powered saws, grinders & planers	<input type="checkbox"/> Travel Un-Improved Roads
<input type="checkbox"/> Firearms	<input type="checkbox"/> ATV, PWC, other Water Craft
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire Extinguisher	<input type="checkbox"/> Climbing, Rappelling, Rope work
<input type="checkbox"/> Powered Mobile Equipment (fork lift, tractor, heavy equipment)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Minimum Distances from exposed energized conductors (e.g. power lines)	

Yes	No	N/A	
			Are participants trained to operate the equipment safely and in compliance with regulatory standards?
			Have employees been trained in safe work procedures?

List Powered or Hazardous Equipment:

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List Hazardous Procedures:

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## REQUIREMENTS

### Equipment

All equipment to be taken on a field trip must be checked by a qualified person to ensure that it is in good condition, complete and safe (before removal from the campus). Documentation of this pre-trip assessment of the equipment is advised. Individuals operating the equipment must be trained in the proper use of the equipment.

### Clothing

Fieldwork participants should be informed of the appropriate clothing to be worn while conducting their work. The appropriate clothing may have to be provided by the University or the worker may have to provide his or her own clothing, depending on requirements.

It should be identified whether or not there is special protective gear to be used while conducting the particular fieldwork and where necessary, this protective clothing must be used and the appropriate training provided in the proper use and maintenance of the personal protective equipment.

When extreme weather conditions can be anticipated or are known, clothing appropriate to the situation should be taken on the fieldwork excursion.

Fieldwork participants must employ common sense in terms of clothing worn on the fieldwork excursion. Participants inappropriately attired or without the correct PPE will not be allowed to participate in the Fieldwork.

### First-Aid Kits

First-aid kits are required for all off-campus operations. It is the responsibility of the Primary Investigator to provide and ensure that the kit is maintained. Prior to the departure for fieldwork the Primary Investigator is responsible to document the presence of a first-aid kit for the trip and any other required first-aid supplies.

Refer to OSU Safety Instruction #6 <http://oregonstate.edu/ehs/bulletin/si06.html>

For First Aid Requirements as required by *The Occupational Health and Safety Regulations*.

## Immunizations, Emergency Preparedness and First Aid

### Travel Immunization/Prophylaxis Requirements:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/acip/default.htm>

<input type="checkbox"/> Diphtheria	<input type="checkbox"/> Polio	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below): _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis A	<input type="checkbox"/> Rabies	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis B	<input type="checkbox"/> Rubella	
<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese Encephalitis	<input type="checkbox"/> Tetanus	
<input type="checkbox"/> Malaria	<input type="checkbox"/> Typhoid	
<input type="checkbox"/> Measles	<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Fever	

Yes No N/A

			Has itinerary been left with responsible person at the University?
			Will itinerary be left with responsible local authority?
			Are emergency contact numbers for local emergency assistance known?
			Are emergency contact numbers for each participant known? Attach list or describe location of list:

Yes No N/A

			Are Student Health or Primary Health Insurance Numbers (or equivalent) for each participant available? Attach list or describe location of list:
			Is first aid kit complete?
			Are all participants familiar with the location of first aid kit and its contents?
			Has nearest medical facility been identified? Include Name, Location, & Distance from fieldwork site:
			Is a first aid attendant required? Name(s) of attendant(s):
			Are additional first aid supplies required? List:
			Is there means to summon assistance in case of emergency? Describe:
			Are participants familiar with the Oregon State University Incident Reporting Process? (See website <a href="http://oregonstate.edu/admin/hr/benefits/roa.pdf">http://oregonstate.edu/admin/hr/benefits/roa.pdf</a> )

Other Hazards/Protective Measures/Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

### EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Emergency Plan for Research Location: include information on communication, equipment; local emergency contacts, emergency OSU contacts, etc. (**attach copy to form**)

University Contact and Phone #	Local Contact and Phone #
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.

### Equipment Checklist:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Specialized Clothing – describe: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PPE (respirator, eye/face protection/head protection/footwear/high visibility wear) - describe: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Training on safe use procedures for power equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional First Aid or medical supplies
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other training	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency supplies
<input type="checkbox"/>	Communication devices (e.g. whistles, 2-way radios)	<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle travel survival kit
<input type="checkbox"/>	First Aid kit	<input type="checkbox"/> Material Safety Data Sheets
<input type="checkbox"/>	First Aid attendant (see Appendix 12)	<input type="checkbox"/> Maps
<input type="checkbox"/>	Licenses (e.g. vehicle/boat/diving equipment)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____	

**RISK ASSESSMENT:**

List identified hazards related to activities or environment (i.e. extreme heat or cold, wild animals, endemic disease, firearms, explosives, violence), and chosen available measures for eliminating or reducing risks to acceptable levels:

RISK	PRECAUTIONS TO BE IMPLEMENTED
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Notes:

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that, in keeping with the Oregon State University's Fieldwork Safety Instruction:

- (a) I have been fully informed of the risks of this fieldwork and that I accept them;
- (b) I am aware of and will comply with the established safety procedures and my duties as a participant as set out in the OSU's Travel and Fieldwork Safety Instruction, including my duty to take reasonable care for my health and safety and the health and safety of others who may be affected by my actions;
- (c) I am in a satisfactory state of health to undertake the research;
- (d) I have received all of the recommended immunizations;
- (e) I am aware of limitations of insurance coverage; and
- (f) I am aware that I may be subject to academic discipline should I fail to comply with the Fieldwork Safety Instruction and established safety procedures.
- (g) For specific requirements reference the Oregon State University Fieldwork Safety Instruction for referenced Safety Instructions, Training requirements, and guidelines.

<b>ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PARTICIPANTS:</b>		
<b>NAME (print)</b>	<b>SIGNATURE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
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**Signature of Principal Investigator**

I acknowledge that this safety plan has been prepared in keeping with the requirements of the Oregon State University procedures for safety in fieldwork:

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Name (print)	Signature	Date
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**Signature of Unit Head (or equivalent)**

I acknowledge receipt of this document:

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Name (print)	Signature	Date
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**Please forward a copy of this plan to Environmental Health and Safety.**



# Useful Web Links

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## CTemps Web Link

### AirCTemps

<http://ctemps.org/air-ctemps>

## Useful General Safety Links

### Useful Link for Safely Flying Drones (general knowledge)

<http://knowbeforeyoufly.org/>

## Manufacturer Links

### Phantom 2

<http://www.dji.com/product/phantom-2/download?www=v1>

#### Phantom 2 Quick Start Guide

[http://dl.djicdn.com/downloads/phantom\\_2/en/PHANTOM2\\_Quick\\_Start\\_Guide\\_en.pdf](http://dl.djicdn.com/downloads/phantom_2/en/PHANTOM2_Quick_Start_Guide_en.pdf)

#### Flying Flowchart v1.0

[http://dl.djicdn.com/downloads/phantom/en/PHANTOM\\_Flying\\_Flowchart\\_v1.0\\_en.pdf](http://dl.djicdn.com/downloads/phantom/en/PHANTOM_Flying_Flowchart_v1.0_en.pdf)

#### Phantom 2 Advanced User's Manual

[http://dl.djicdn.com/downloads/phantom\\_2/en/PHANTOM2\\_User\\_Manual\\_v1.4\\_en.pdf](http://dl.djicdn.com/downloads/phantom_2/en/PHANTOM2_User_Manual_v1.4_en.pdf)

#### Phantom 2 Smart Flight Battery Safety Guidelines

[http://dl.djicdn.com/downloads/phantom\\_2\\_vision\\_plus/Smart\\_Flight\\_Battery\\_Safety\\_Guidelines.pdf](http://dl.djicdn.com/downloads/phantom_2_vision_plus/Smart_Flight_Battery_Safety_Guidelines.pdf)

#### Phantom 2 Ground Station Wireless Data-Link User Manual

[http://download.dji-innovations.com/downloads/groundstation/en/Ground\\_Station\\_User\\_Manual\\_en\\_v3.0.pdf](http://download.dji-innovations.com/downloads/groundstation/en/Ground_Station_User_Manual_en_v3.0.pdf)

### Phantom 3 (Scroll to bottom of page)

<http://www.dji.com/product/phantom-3-pro/info>

#### Phantom 3 Quick Start Guide

[https://dl.djicdn.com/downloads/phantom\\_3/en/Phantom\\_3\\_Professional\\_Quick\\_Start\\_Guide\\_en\\_v1.2.pdf](https://dl.djicdn.com/downloads/phantom_3/en/Phantom_3_Professional_Quick_Start_Guide_en_v1.2.pdf)

#### Phantom 3 Advanced User's Manual

[https://dl.djicdn.com/downloads/phantom\\_3/en/Phantom\\_3\\_Professional\\_User\\_Manual\\_V1.6.pdf](https://dl.djicdn.com/downloads/phantom_3/en/Phantom_3_Professional_User_Manual_V1.6.pdf)

### **Phantom 3 Intelligent Flight Battery Safety Guidelines**

[http://dl.djicdn.com/downloads/phantom\\_3/en/Phantom\\_3\\_Intelligent\\_Flight\\_Battery\\_Safety\\_Guidelines\\_\\_en.pdf](http://dl.djicdn.com/downloads/phantom_3/en/Phantom_3_Intelligent_Flight_Battery_Safety_Guidelines__en.pdf)

### **Phantom 3 Safety Guidelines and Disclosure**

[http://dl.djicdn.com/downloads/phantom\\_3/en/Safety\\_Guidelines\\_Disclaimer\\_en\\_201509.pdf](http://dl.djicdn.com/downloads/phantom_3/en/Safety_Guidelines_Disclaimer_en_201509.pdf)

## **3DR SOLO**

### **User Manual**

<https://3drobotics.com/kb/solo-user-manual/>

[https://3drobotics.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/v8\\_11\\_20\\_15.pdf](https://3drobotics.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/v8_11_20_15.pdf)

### **Safety Link**

<https://3drobotics.com/drone-safety/>

## **Turbo-Ace MATRIX User Manual**

<http://home.chpc.utah.edu/~u0553130/Manuals/QuadCopter%20Manual/Turbo%20Ace%20Matrix%20Manual%20V11.pdf>

## **NAZA-M LITE GPS**

### **User Manual (for fail-safe procedures)**

[http://www.fpvfactory.com/images/NAZA-M%20LITE\\_User\\_Manual\\_v1.00\\_en.pdf](http://www.fpvfactory.com/images/NAZA-M%20LITE_User_Manual_v1.00_en.pdf)

### **NAZA-M LITE Quick Start Guide**

[http://download.dji-innovations.com/downloads/phantom/en/NAZA-M\\_Quick\\_Start\\_Guide\\_en.pdf](http://download.dji-innovations.com/downloads/phantom/en/NAZA-M_Quick_Start_Guide_en.pdf)

### **NAZA wiki: Transmitter Calibration**

[http://wiki.dji.com/en/index.php/Naza-M\\_R/C\\_Transmitter\\_Calibration](http://wiki.dji.com/en/index.php/Naza-M_R/C_Transmitter_Calibration)

## **Regulatory Agencies**

### **Federal Aviation Administration Updates on Regulations**

[https://www.faa.gov/uas/regulations\\_policies/](https://www.faa.gov/uas/regulations_policies/)

### **National Conference of State Legislatures**

<http://www.ncsl.org/research/transportation/current-unmanned-aircraft-state-law-landscape.aspx>

### **Oregon State House Bill 2534**

<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2015R1/Measures/Overview/HB2534>

### **NELIS Link to Nevada Assembly Bill 239**

<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2015R1/Measures/Overview/HB2534>



**NIAS: Nevada Institute for Autonomous Systems**

*<http://www.nias-uas.com/>*



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