



F121

**Mini Racing Drone
Altitude Hold by Inertial Navigation**

User Manual V 1.0



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Thank you for purchasing RadioLink mini racing drone F121.

To fully enjoy the benefits of this product and ensure safety, please read the manual carefully and set up the device as instructed steps.

If any problems found during the operation process, either way listed below can be used as online technical support.

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SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- Never operate models during adverse weather conditions. Poor visibility can cause disorientation and loss of control of pilots model.
- Never use this product in a crowd or illegal areas.
- Always ensure the trim levers of the transmitter at 0 and battery properly charged before connecting the receiver.
- Stay at a certain distance from the aircraft during flight to avoid getting hurt by the components of high-speed rotation (eg. Propellers, brushed motors)
- After landing off, make sure the aircraft is disarmed and propellers have stopped moving before getting close to touch the aircraft.
- Always be sure about turning off the receiver/powering off the aircraft before the transmitter.
- Follow the instructions of propellers installation in case of dropping during flight.
- To ensure the best radio communication, please enjoy the flight at the space without interference such as high voltage cable, communication base station or launching tower.

WARNING

This product is not a toy and is **NOT** suitable for children under the age of 14. Adults should keep the product out of the reach of children and exercise caution when operating this product in the presence of children. Water or moisture may enter the mini drone and the transmitter through gaps of electronics and cause model instability, even out of control. If flying in the wet weather(such as game) is inevitable, always use plastic bags or waterproof cloth to cover the transmitter.

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:
This device may not cause harmful interference, and Prevents external wireless interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Any Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

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Chapter 1 Features of F121

As the mini racing drone that can fly at high speed at Altitude Hold Mode, F121 is very easy to master for drone freshman. The inertial navigation system technology blending Kalman filtering, gyro, accelerometer and barometer makes F121 possible to flight through narrow space with accuracy and hold altitude even it's less than one-meter height to the surface or at high speed. With three flight modes Alt-Hold at low speed, Alt-Hold at high speed and Stabilize, beginners can flight stably at the first trial.

F121 is monitored by RadioLink mini racing drone flight controller F121, which is different from other flight controllers with PID needs to be set before use, will tune automatically. The software noise reduction technology not only enables a more pleasant flight but also makes the motors more responsive and more efficient than traditional 8520 coreless motors. It can be thrown and start to fly at any angle even under high-speed and remains stable even facing with sudden airflow fluctuations such as during takeoff, under braking, or after extended flying. Without compass locking, F121 always automatically modify angles during flight .

Chapter 2 Before Flight

2.1 Power Supply

Power for transmitter T8S: Make sure the transmitter is fully charged.

Power for F121: The voltage of 1S LiPo battery packed with F121 by default is not fully charged so the battery needs to be charged with the charger CM120 before flight.

The LiPo battery charger CM120, specially designed for 1S LiPo battery, sharing the professional development and high precision of CB86PLUS, ensures safer charging and battery life span.



Charging current can be set as 1A or 2A by toggling the switch at the side of the charger.

The Red LED flashes slowly indicates the battery is under charging. The Green LED always on indicates the battery is fully charged. The Red and Green LED Flashing alternately indicates Fault prompt.

CM120 applies general USB connector, both computer and power bank for mobile phone can be used with CM120.

Note Voltage output of power supply should be NO higher than 5V.

2.2 Transmitter

The two joysticks of T8S correspond to the four basic channels respectively . The below example takes RadioLink radio T8S Mode 2 (Throttle on the left stick) .

Left joystick

Make the F121 rise or descend by toggling the left stick(THROTTLE) vertically upward or downward and turn clockwise or anticlockwise by toggling the left stick(YAW) to the left or right.

Right joystick

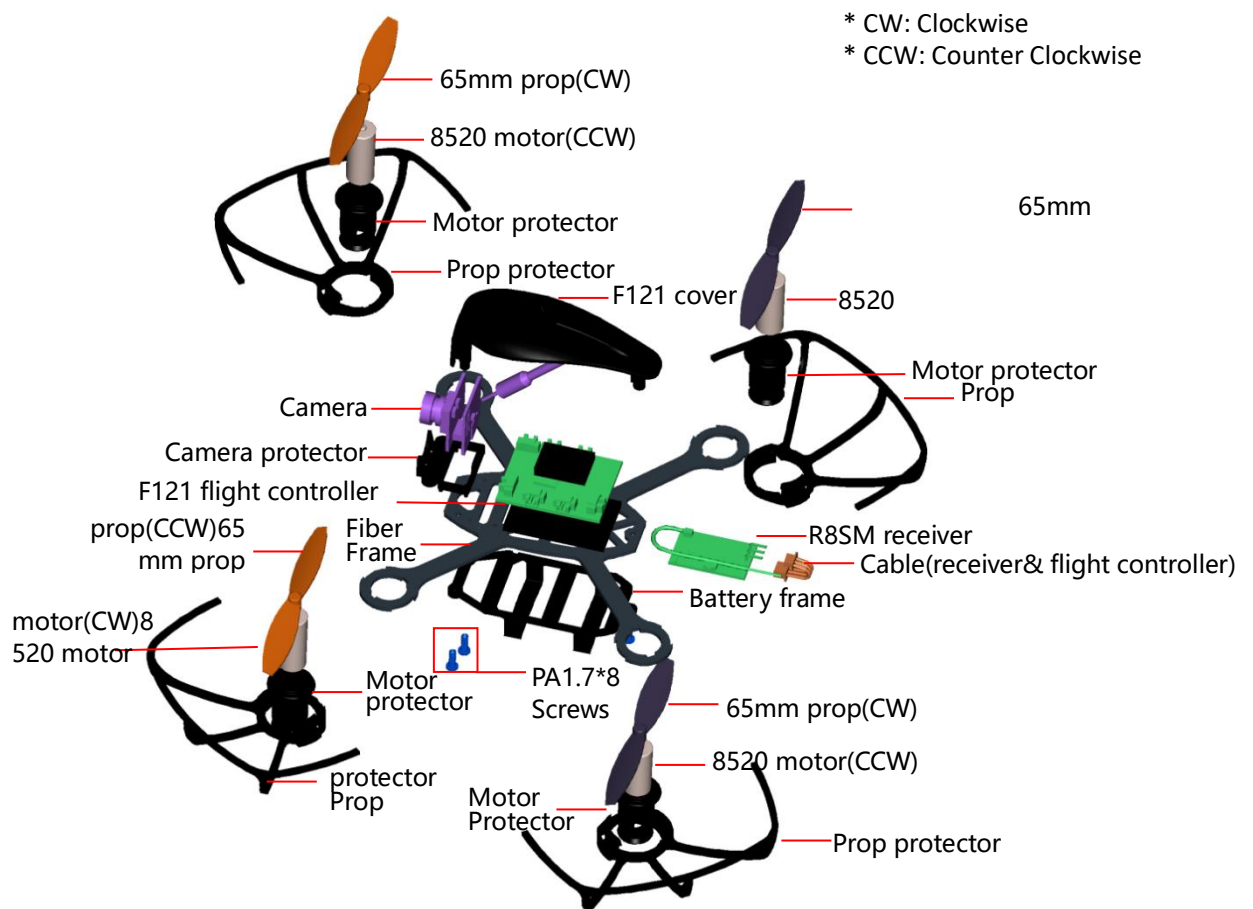
Make the F121 fly forward or backward by toggling the right stick(PITCH) vertically upward or downward and to left or right by toggling the right stick(ROLL) to the left or right.



Note If it's the transmitter from other brands used with RadioLink F121, make sure that the receiver should be SBUS signal output supported. Once the receiver is installed on the mini drone, the phase of the throttle should be reversed while the other three channels normal and the CH5 should be set with a 3-way switch. Servo phases of transmitters from other brands should be set according to the actual situation.

2.3 F121

Assembled as building block makes the RC students exercise their DIY ability and free from lengthy mobile



*There are screws packed with F121 to ensure the firm installation of the propellers protector to the F121 frame even with collision. Pilots can fix them on as necessary.

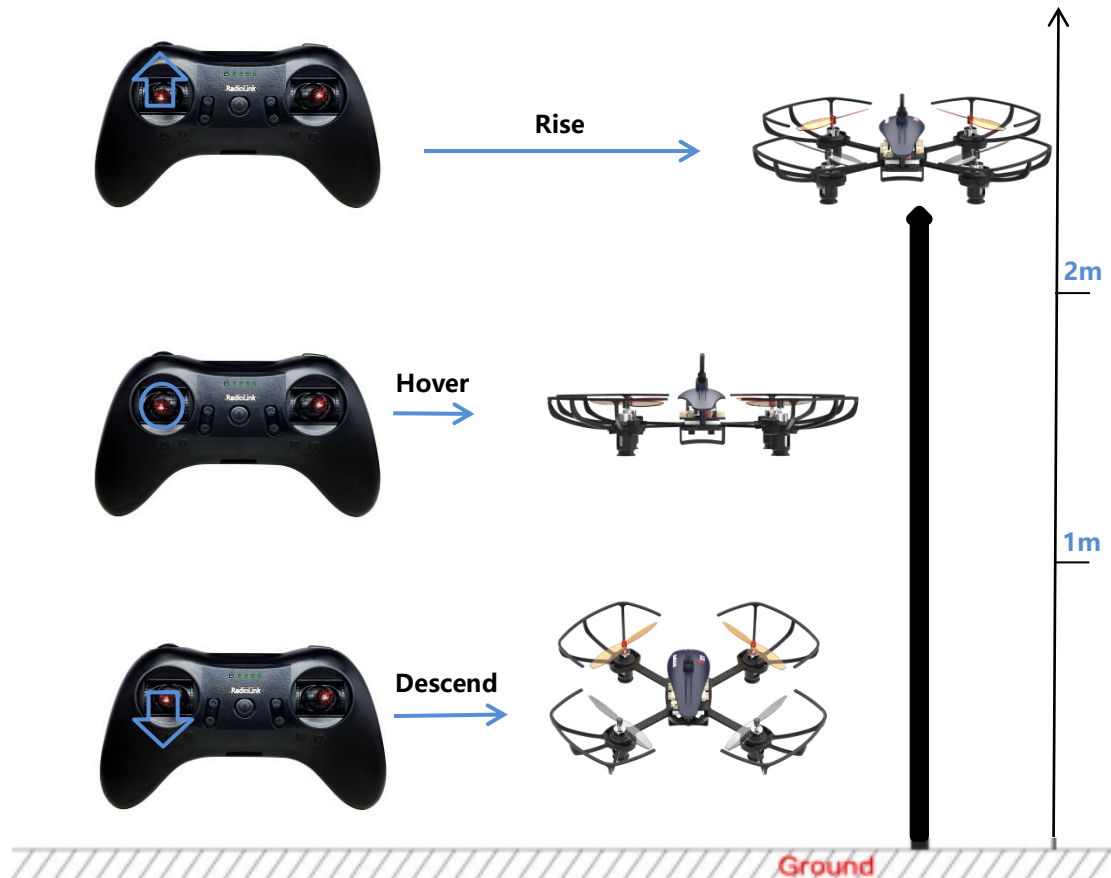
games. Learning knowledge of science and technology when assembling, setting parameters and flight.

2.4 Joysticks & Flight Movements

A. Throttle: Rise/ Descend/Hover

Toggle the throttle stick (on the left) vertically upward and F121 will rise and toggle the throttle vertically downward, then F121 descends.

If at Alt-Hold Mode, toggle the throttle stick vertically upward till the F121 rises to the preferred height, then toggle back to center position and release, the F121 will remain at this height.



B. Yaw: Clockwise/Anticlockwise

Toggle the yaw stick (on the left) to the left and F121 will turn anticlockwise and toggle the yaw stick to the right, then F121 turns clockwise.



Yaw stick to the left , F121 turns anticlockwise



Yaw stick to the right, F121 turns clockwise

C. Pitch: Forward/Backward

Toggle the pitch stick (on the right) vertically upward and F121 will fly forward and toggle the pitch stick vertically downward, then F121 flies backwards.



Pitch stick upward, F121 moves forward



Pitch stick downward, F121 moves backward

D. Roll: Right/Left

Toggle the roll stick (on the right) to the left and F121 will fly to the left side and toggle the roll stick to the right, then F121 will fly to the right side.



Roll stick to left, F121 flies to the left side

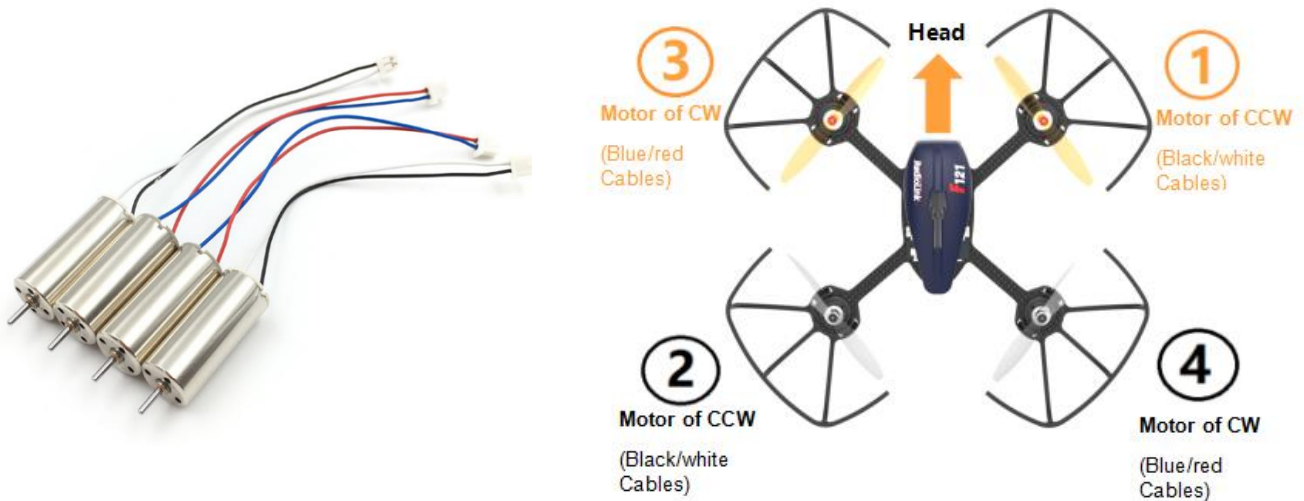


Roll stick to right, F121 flies to the right side

Chapter 3 Get Ready to Flight

3.1 Motor Installation

To make the aircraft fly, motors usually rotate clockwise(CW)/counterclockwise(CCW) with the propellers. The rotation direction of F121 motors can be identified by the cable colors. That is, red/blue means motor of clockwise(CW) while black/white means that of counterclockwise(CCW). It is very important to make sure about the rotation direction as below when installing motors. Otherwise, the drone would fail to take off.



* Motors installation can be skipped as the whole F121 is already assembled by factory default. If any of the motors is worn out and needs to be replaced, it's essential to identify the correct motor rotation.

3.2 Propellers Installation

F121 is installed WITHOUT propellers protector by factory default because of the package consideration. To ensure a safety flight, it's strongly advised to check if the protectors are well installed .

① Find the two notches respectively on the motor protector and propeller protector as image on the right.

② Put on the propeller protector from the bottom and adjust the position of the notches correspondingly.

③ Stabilize the frame with left hand and buckle the notch of one side with right hand. Then buckle the notch of the other side with left hand. A “DA” sound will be heard if the installation is done with success.

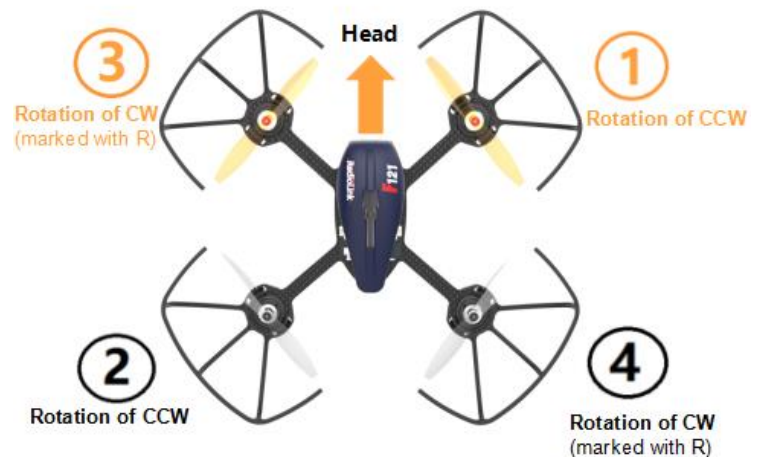
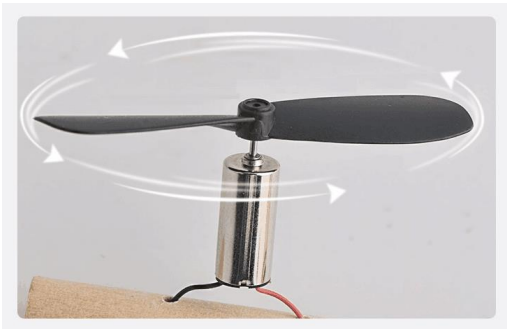
④ Extra 4 screws are in the package and pilot can installed on the propeller protector as prefer.



Note After the installation of the four propeller protectors, double confirm if they are leaning or slightly shake F121 to see if they drop. If they are crooked or drop, repeat the above steps to ensure the well installation.

Propellers installation can be skipped as the whole F121 is already assembled by factory default. If the default propellers get worn and needs to be replaced after a period of flight, it is important to well identify the rotation direction of propellers. If installed incorrectly, F121 can't take off even the throttle is pushed to max.

In order to identify the propellers rotation, take a propeller and observe there's a radian at both sides of the small cylinder in the middle. The higher part (also called windward side) of the right propeller is at the front and the rotating motor will make propeller rotate counterclockwise(CCW). On the contrary, that is clockwise(CW) rotation. For the 65mm GEMFAN propellers used on F121, there are two marked with a letter R, meaning they should be installed on the motors of clockwise.



When the installation is done, make sure the four motors are vertical to the aircraft frame. Adjust them to vertical positions if necessary, otherwise F121 may not flight successfully.



3.3 Power On F121

Before powering on F121, fully charge the 1S LiPo battery first. Plug the PH2.0 end of the battery into the F121, then insert the battery into the battery frame under at the bottom of F121.

- (1) Orange propellers indicates the head of F121 by default. make sure they point to the same direction as the pilot when powering on and be ready to fly, to ensure safety.
- (2) The green LED of F121 will begin flashing when powered on. When it's off, it means F121 finishes calibration.

Note Head direction is determinate. If F121 is calibrated with the direction different from the default, it will turn back to the default direction automatically when starts flying, That's what we called Head Front Forward Point Without Compass.

3.4 Flight Note

If it's the first time of flying drone, flight mode of Altitude Mode-Low Speed is strongly advised to set. At the altitude mode, when toggle the throttle upward till the drone reaches a certain height and release, F121 will

remain at this height. It's simpler because pilots only need to toggle the other joystick to make the F121 move forward/backward or turn left/right. If it's the Stabilize Mode chosen, try to toggle the joysticks slightly to correct the flight and avoid the drone having sudden moves.

If F121 drops by hitting something, toggle the throttle joystick to the bottom position immediately to stop motor rotation.

Make sure the signal output of receiver is SBUS to ensure normal operation of F121. For RadioLink receivers(R8SM/R6DSM) installed on F121, the led indicator is blue/purple when it's SBUS working mode.

3.5 Setup Compatible Transmitters

By factory default, F121 standalone version doesn't have receiver installed while RTF version is packed with the transmitter T8S and receiver R8SM combo. Receiver R8SM is also compatible with RadioLink T8FB. If it's RadioLink transmitter AT10/AT10II/AT9/AT9S/AT9S Pro used with F121, compatible receiver should be R6DSM. If it's transmitters of other brands used, compatible receiver chosen should capable of supporting SBUS output.

T8FB/T8S

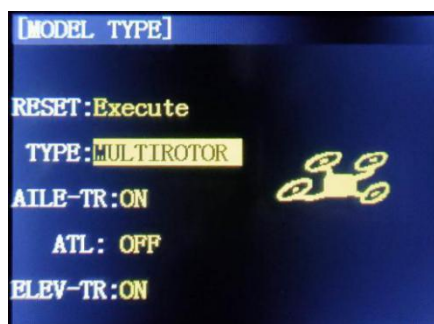
RadioLink 8-channel transmitter are well set by factory default with the flight modes. To control F121, binding is the only thing needs to be done.

There are three flight modes for F121 including Altitude Mode- Low Speed, Altitude Mode- High Speed and Stabilize Mode. It can be changed by pressing the three-way switch on the right of T8FB- SWB or of T8S- CH5 as below

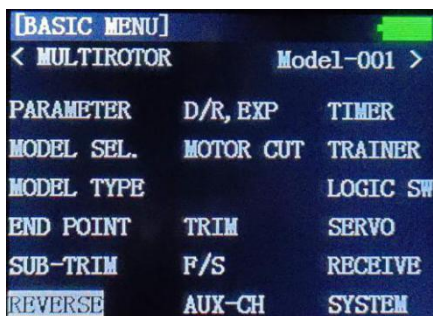


AT9S Pro/AT9S/AT9/AT10/AT10II

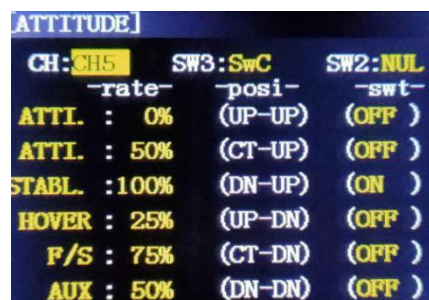
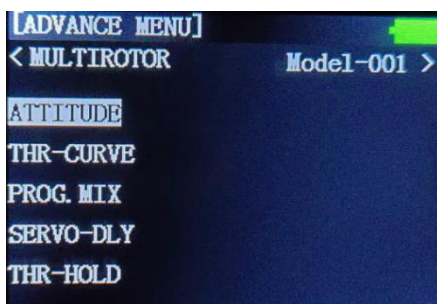
- Enter BASIC MENU, select MODEL TYPE and choose MULTIROTOR



- Return to BASIC MENU, select REVERSE and set CH3 Throttle as REV .



③ Enter ADVANCE MENU, select ATTITUDE and set the CHANNEL as CH5, SW3 as SWC with up position as Alt-Hold Mode(Low Speed), middle position as Alt-Hold Mode(High Speed) and low position as Stabilize Mode.



* For more setting instructions of different RadioLink transmitters, please visit www.radiolink.com to download the corresponding detailed e-manual.

3.6 Binding

If it's the RTF version(whole pack including T8S+F121+bag) purchased, there's no need to bind because the binding is complete with receiver R8SM installed by factory default. However, if it's only the aircraft F121 is purchased, binding between the transmitter and F121 with receiver installed needs to be done first.

If fly F121 with RadioLink transmitter and receiver, binding steps are same as following.

- ① Place the transmitter and receiver(installed on F121) close to each other within 50 centimeters.
- ② Power on the transmitter and F121.
- ③ There is a black binding button(ID SET) on the side of the receiver, press it for more than 1 second.

When the LED starts flashing, meaning binding process has started.

- ④ The binding is complete when the LED is always on.
- ⑤ Make sure F121 is armed (Details in next section). Gently push the throttle of transmitter to see if motors move. If doesn't, retry binding again.



Note

- F121 currently supports SBUS signal output only, always make sure the LED of R8SM/R6DSM is blue/purple, meaning SBUS signals output. If the LED is red, press the binding button twice in 1 second and release to change it to purple/blue.
- If it's the transmitter of AT9S Pro/AT9S/AT10/AT10II used, channel quantity needs to be set first in order to be compatible with receiver R6DSM. Long press MODE to enter BASIC MENU, select SYSTEM and modify CH-SELECT as 10CH. Otherwise, F121 won't be able to be armed.

3.7 Arm and Disarm F121

A. How to arm

Throttle on left (Mode 2): Toggle the left joystick to the lower right corner and hold this position for 3 seconds till the green LED of F121 is on.



Throttle on right (Mode 1): With right joystick at bottom, toggle the left stick to the right and hold this position for 3 seconds till the green LED of F121 is on.



B. How to disarm

When the flight is finished, always make sure F121 is disarmed when get close and try touching it to avoid unexpected harm.

Throttle on left (Mode 2): Toggle the left joystick to the lower left corner and hold this position for 3 seconds till the green LED of F121 is off.



Throttle on right (Mode 1): With right joystick at bottom, toggle the left stick to the left and hold this position for 3 seconds till the green LED of F121 is off.



Chapter 4 Flight at Different Flight Modes

It's strongly advised for beginners to start from Altitude Hold Mode (Low-speed) to Altitude Hold Mode (High-speed) then to Stabilize Mode.

It's better to keep the direction of F121 head same as pilot in order to easily judge the flight direction. Otherwise, F121 may flight towards pilot and get him/her hurt. If the aircraft head is changed unexpectedly and different from pilot's direction, pull the throttle stick to the lowest position to land F121.

4.1 Altitude Mode: Rise/Descend

Press the CH5 switch of T8S backward, which makes F121 fly at Altitude Hold Mode (Low-speed). Make sure the orange propellers at front when powering F121 on. Then arm F121 and push the throttle joystick vertically upward higher than center position, then the F121 will rise while if push it vertically downward, then the F121 will descend.

4.2 Altitude Mode: Hover

Push the throttle joystick vertically upward till the F121 rises to a height as wish, then toggle it back to center position and release , the F121 will hover at this height.

4.3 Altitude Mode: Forward/Backward/Right/Left

At Altitude Mode, F121 is able to fly forward/backwards or towards to right/left by toggling the right stick at the certain height .

For beginners, make sure to push the stick gently because being a racing drone, F121 is very responsive. It's advised to release the stick as soon as toggle to one direction so that F121 will back to level automatically. Otherwise, F121 will keep flying to the toggled direction with accelerated speed.

4.4 Altitude Mode: Clockwise/Anticlockwise Rotation

When get familiar with the above flights, try flight clockwise/anticlockwise because the yaw practice is more difficult to judge the flight direction. Clearly knowing the direction will quickly help master drone flight. Try imagine sitting on the drone could be a better way to practice.

Toggle the rudder joystick to the left and F121 will flight anticlockwise while if to the right, then the F121 will flight clockwise.

4.5 Stabilize Mode

Press the CH5 switch of T8S backward and it keeps F121 work in Stabilize Mode.

When at Stabilize Mode, F121 will flight faster than when at Altitude Mode. Toggle joysticks as gentle as possible to avoid drastic movements, which may possibly hurt the pilot. Make sure that the battery is fully charged before enjoying the flight.

Once get familiar with the low speed and high speed at the Altitude Mode, beginners can practice how to rise/descend,hover, pitch forward/backward, move to left/right and rotate to clockwise/anticlockwise at the Stabilize Mode, which is more challenging.

Note When the green LED on F121 starts flashing during flight, it means the voltage of F121 is lower than 3.8V as this value is default for 1S battery. It's advised to stop flying to avoid battery over discharging.

* If the F121 purchased is with camera integrated, it's capable of OSD function and pilot can check the current voltage of the battery by goggle or FPV screen in real time.

Chapter 5 Image Transmission of F121

The image transmission device of F121 is 5.8G 25mW all-channel camera integrated image transmission. If it's the image transmission version purchased, the binding between F121 and the FPV screen has been done by factory default. Pilots only need to power both on before flight. If it's the standalone version of F121, an FPV screen or a goggle with integrated 5.8G image transmission receiver is needed and setup by following its instructions.

The default transmission power is 25MW. Available power among 25MW, 100MW and 200MW can be changed by pressing the button on the camera. More instructions about setting the power, please visit www.radiolink.com for detailed manual.

Note As device of image transmission includes transmit and receive, the distance could be influenced by the gain of transmit and receive.

Definition of the image transmission led indicator

- ① RED and BLUE (and YELLOW) always on means normal working status.
- ② If RED (and YELLOW) is always on while BLUE is off, meaning it's at PitMode. That is, transmission off.

The transmission distance is 1-2m. It's advised to choose this mode if there are many people switching channels simultaneously at the same space so that channels won't get mixed.

Customize the power and the channel frequency

After powering on, wait for 10 seconds to initialize, red and blue (and yellow) always on means normal working status. Long press the channels/power switching button, the channel frequency, the channel team and the transmit power will recycle.

Channels/Power Switching Button



*The cover of F121 needs to be removed when pressing the button

Table of Band/Frequency

| Band/Freq | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| A | 5865M | 5845M | 5825M | 5805M | 5785M | 5765M | 5745M | 5725M |
| B | 5733M | 5752M | 5771M | 5790M | 5809M | 5828M | 5847M | 5866M |
| C | 5705M | 5685M | 5665M | 5645M | 5885M | 5905M | 5925M | 5945M |
| D | 5740M | 5760M | 5780M | 5800M | 5820M | 5840M | 5860M | 5880M |
| E | 5658M | 5695M | 5732M | 5769M | 5806M | 5843M | 5880M | 5917M |
| F | 5362M | 5399M | 5436M | 5473M | 5510M | 5547M | 5584M | 5621M |

Frequency Selection: Long press the channels/power switching button for 5 seconds, the RED led flashes once means entering the frequency selection mode. Then short press the button again, the frequency changes each time the button is pressed once. The blue led flashes 1 time means Frequency 1, 2 times means Frequency 2, 3/4/5/6/7/8 etc.

Band Selection: Long press the channels/power switching button for 5 seconds, the RED led flashes twice means entering the band selection mode. Then short press the button again, the band changes each time the button is pressed once. The blue led flashes 1 time means Band A, 2 times means Band B, C/D/E/F etc.

Power Selection: Long press the channels/power switching button for 5 seconds, the RED led flashes three times means entering the power selection mode. Then short press the button again, the power changes each time the button is pressed once. The blue led flashes 1 time means 25mA, 2 times means 100mW and 3 times means 200mW.

Turn on/off the transmission: When at the normal working status(with red/blue led on), quickly press the button twice and the working mode will change. When the red(yellow) led is on and blue led is off, it means it's at Pitmode(Low power mode). When red(and yellow)/blue leds are on, it means the normal transmission mode.

When all parameters set, long press the channels/power switching button, the red and blue leds always on means setting saved, then normal working status. Otherwise, the setup mode remains and all the parameters set above can't be saved with success.

Note

- ① When installing the image transmission, make sure the heat radiation is considered. Otherwise, the transmission power will decrease even turn off as the protection of over heating is activated.
- ② It's normal that the camera will get heated during usage. DO NOT touch it directly with hands in case of getting burnt.
- ③ If the transmission antenna is broken or not well welded, the transmission distance will be impacted. Replace the antenna as soon as possible.
- ④ The detailed instructions of setting FPV screen and goggle, please refer to its corresponding manual.
- ⑤ If there's interference during the usage, try switching the camera channel first, then search for a new channel on FPV screen or goggle.

Specification

Name: F121(Altitude Hold Micro Racing Drone)

Weight: 47.5g(Drone only)

Drone Size: 121*55mm(with antenna; 41mm without antenna)

Package Size: 170X210x113mm(RTF bag); 210x163x67mm(Standalone box)

Transmitter Frequency: 2.4G

Image Transmission Frequency: 5.8G

Material: Carbon Fiber(Frame), Plastic(Cover, Bases for Image transmission/battery, Prop protector)

Motor: 8520 coreless with software to reduce noise

Propeller: GEMFAN propellers with diameter of 65mm

Transmitter: RadioLink 8-channel handle transmitter T8S

Receiver: RadioLink 8-channel mini receiver R8SM

Flight Controller: RadioLink flight controller F121

Battery: FULLYMAX 3.7V 660mA 25C LiPo Battery

Charger: USB Charger (1A/2A)

Flight Time: 10 minutes, suitable for Indoor and outdoor



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Low Voltage Alarm: Green led flashes quickly when lower than 3.8V

Control Distance: 2KM in the air(Maximum range is tested in an unobstructed area free of interference)

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