

BLADE® 450X

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- Always keep a safe distance in all directions around your model to avoid collisions or injury. This model is controlled by a radio signal subject to interference from many sources outside your control. Interference can cause momentary loss of control.
- Always operate your model in open spaces away from full-size vehicles, traffic and people.
- Always carefully follow the directions and warnings for this and any optional support equipment (chargers, rechargeable battery packs, etc.).
- Always keep all chemicals, small parts and anything electrical out of the reach of children.
- Always avoid water exposure to all equipment not specifically designed and protected for this purpose. Moisture causes damage to electronics.
- Never place any portion of the model in your mouth as it could cause serious injury or even death.
- Never operate your model with low transmitter batteries.
- Always keep aircraft in sight and under control.
- Always move the throttle fully down at rotor strike.
- Always use fully charged batteries.
- Always keep transmitter powered on while aircraft is powered.
- Always remove batteries before disassembly.
- Always keep moving parts clean.
- Always keep parts dry.
- Always let parts cool after use before touching.
- Always remove batteries after use.
- Never operate aircraft with damaged wiring.
- Never touch moving parts.

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BLADE® 450X

Box Contents:

- Blade 450 X
- 3S 11.1V 2200mAh 30C Li-Po Battery
- DC Li-Po Balancing Charger
- Spektrum DX6i Transmitter
- 4 AA Batteries

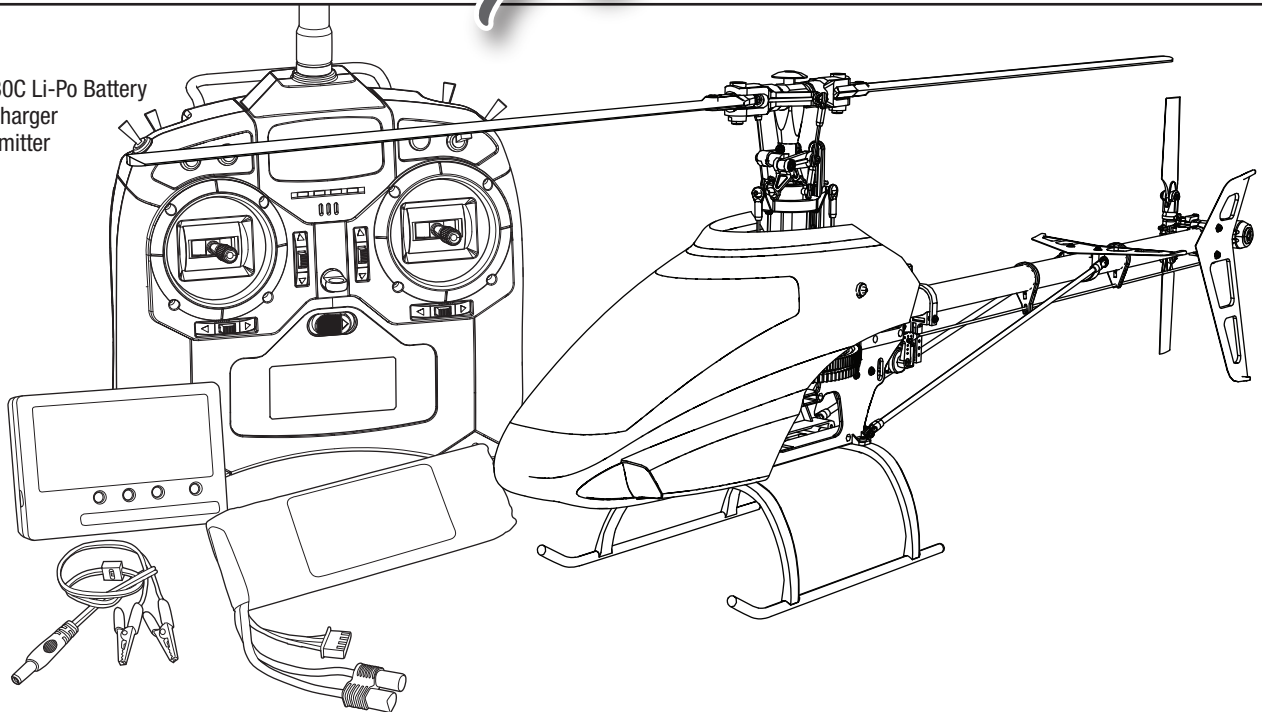


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Specifications

Length	34.3 in (870mm)	Tail Rotor Diameter	6.1 in (155mm)
Height	8.8 in (225mm)	Flying Weight	25.3 oz (717 g)
Main Rotor Diameter	28.5 in (725mm)		

Components

Airframe	Blade® 450 X	Charger	DC Li-Po Balancing Charger
Motor	440H Brushless Outrunner, 4200Kv	Transmitter	Spektrum DX6i Transmitter
Receiver	Spektrum™ AR7200BX with BeastX® Technology	Swash Servos	Digital Cyclic Servo 12 g Metal Gear
ESC	35-Amp Brushless ESC	Tail Servo	Digital Tail Servo 12 g Metal Gear
Battery	3S 11.1V 2200mAh 30C Li-Po	<i>To register your product online, visit www.bladehelis.com</i>	

First Flight Preparation

- Remove and inspect contents
- Begin charging the flight battery
- Install the flight battery in the helicopter (once it has been fully charged)
- Program your computer transmitter
- Bind your transmitter (BNF only)
- Familiarize yourself with the controls
- Find a suitable area for flying

Charging Warnings

The Battery Charger (EFLC3115) included with your helicopter has been designed to safely charge the Li-Po battery.



CAUTION: All instructions and warnings must be followed exactly. Mishandling of Li-Po batteries can result in a fire, personal injury and/or property damage.

- **NEVER LEAVE THE POWER SUPPLY, CHARGER AND BATTERY UNATTENDED DURING USE.**
- **NEVER CHARGE BATTERIES OVERNIGHT.**
- By handling, charging or using the included Li-Po battery, you assume all risks associated with lithium batteries.
- If at any time the battery begins to balloon or swell, discontinue use immediately. If charging or discharging, discontinue and disconnect. Continuing to use, charge or discharge a battery that is ballooning or swelling can result in fire.
- Always store the battery at room temperature in a dry area for best results.
- Always transport or temporarily store the battery in a temperature range of 40–120° F (5–49° C). Do not store battery or model in a car or direct sunlight. If stored in a hot car, the battery can be damaged or even catch fire.

Battery Charging



CAUTION: Charge only batteries that are cool to the touch and are not damaged. Look at the battery to make sure it is not damaged e.g., swollen, bent, broken or punctured.



CAUTION: Only use a charger specifically designed to charge a Li-Po battery. Failure to do so could result in fire causing injury or property damage.

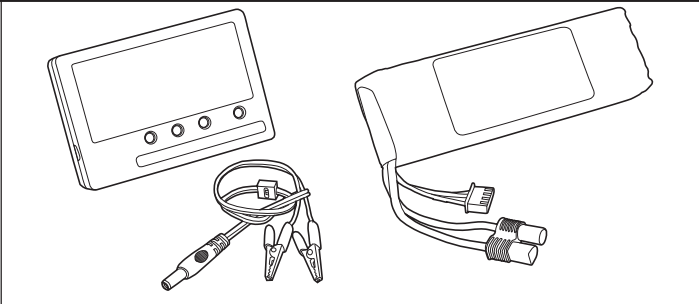


CAUTION: Never exceed the recommended charge rate.

Flying Checklist

- ☐ Always turn the transmitter on first
- ☐ Plug the flight battery into the lead from the ESC
- ☐ Allow the ESC to initialize and arm properly
- ☐ Fly the model
- ☐ Land the model
- ☐ Unplug the flight battery from the ESC
- ☐ Always turn the transmitter off last

- Always charge batteries away from flammable materials.
- Always inspect the battery before charging.
- Always disconnect the battery after charging, and let the charger cool between charges.
- Always constantly monitor the temperature of the battery pack while charging.
- **ONLY USE A CHARGER SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO CHARGE LI-PO BATTERIES.** Failure to charge the battery with a compatible charger may cause a fire resulting in personal injury and/or property damage.
- Never discharge Li-Po cells to below 3V under load.
- Never cover warning labels with hook and loop strips.
- Never leave charging batteries unattended.
- Never charge batteries outside recommended levels.
- Never charge damaged batteries.
- Never attempt to dismantle or alter the charger.
- Never allow minors to charge battery packs.
- Never charge batteries in extremely hot or cold places (recommended between 40–120° F or 5–49° C) or place in direct sunlight.



The Battery Charging Process

1. Connect the charger to a 12V power source, noting proper polarity.
2. The **CHARGE STATUS** LED glows solid red.
3. Connect the battery balance lead to the charger. The balance connector is keyed to prevent reverse polarity.
4. The **CELL STATUS** LEDs glow solid green or yellow and the **CHARGE STATUS** LED glows solid red when the battery is charging.
5. Charging is complete when all LEDs glow solid red.
6. Always unplug the battery from the charger immediately upon completion of charging.



CAUTION: Overcharging a battery can cause a fire.

LED Indications

Cell Status LEDs	Charge Status LED	Instruction
Off	Red Solid	Battery charger is powered. Li-Po battery is not connected
Yellow	Red Solid	Li-Po battery is connected. Charger is balancing the battery pack cells
Green	Red Solid	Li-Po battery is connected and charging
Red	Red Solid	Li-Po battery is connected and charging is complete
Off	Blinking Red	No Li-Po battery connected: Voltage is outside the input voltage range Li-Po battery connected: At least one battery cell voltage is below 2.6V

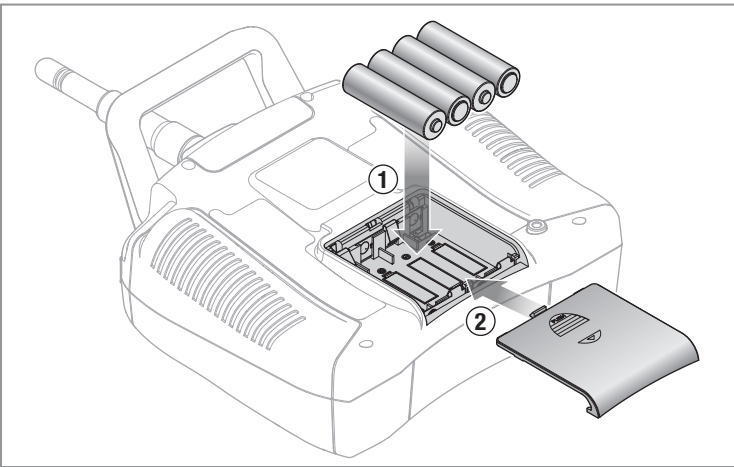
Low Voltage Cutoff (LVC)

The ESC will continuously lower power to the motor until complete shutdown when the battery reaches 9V under load. This helps prevent over-discharge of the Li-Po battery. Land immediately when the ESC activates LVC. Continuing to fly after LVC can damage the battery, cause a crash or both. Crash damage and batteries damaged due to over-discharge are not covered under warranty.

Repeatedly flying the helicopter until LVC activates will damage the helicopter battery.
Disconnect and remove the Li-Po battery from the aircraft after use to prevent trickle discharge. During storage, make sure battery charge does not fall below 3V per cell.

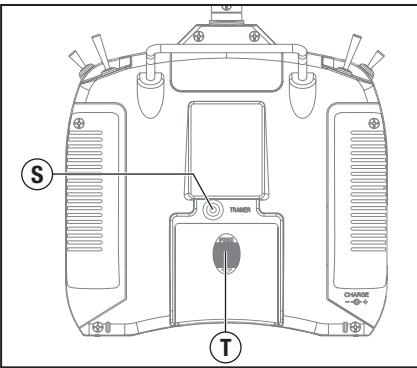
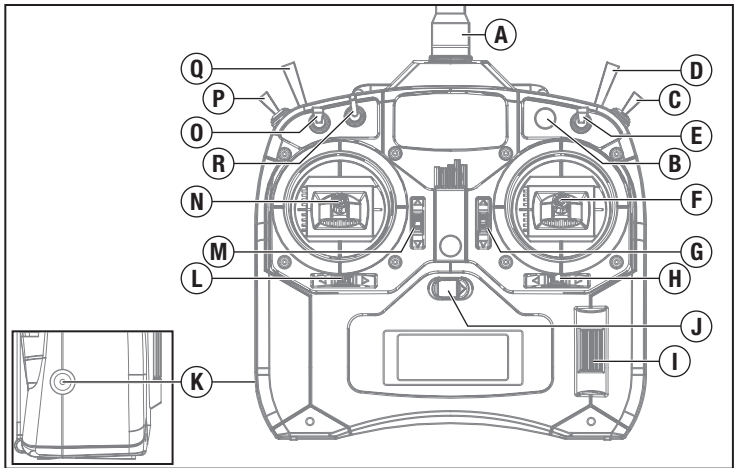
Installing the Transmitter Batteries

Replace transmitter batteries when the transmitter beeps and flashes a warning screen.



Transmitter Functions

Function	Function	Function	Function
A Antenna	F Aileron/Elevator Stick (Mode 2) Aileron/Throttle Stick (Mode 1)	K Charge Port	P Gear/Flight Mode (Mode 2) Rudder Dual Rate (Mode 1)
B Throttle Cut	G Elevator Trim (Mode 2) Throttle Trim (Mode 1)	L Rudder Trim	Q Trainer/Bind (Mode 2) Mix/Throttle Hold (Mode 1)
C Mix/Throttle Hold (Mode 2) Trainer/Bind (Mode 1)	H Aileron Trim	M Throttle Trim (Mode 2) Elevator Trim (Mode 1)	R Flap/Gyro
D Rudder Dual Rate (Mode 2) Gear/Flight Mode (Mode 1)	I Roller	N Throttle/Rudder Stick (Mode 2) Elevator/Rudder Stick (Mode 1)	S Trainer Port
E Aileron Dual Rate	J On/Off Switch	O Elevator Dual Rate	T Battery Cover



The transmitter comes with a thin clear plastic film applied to some front panels for protection during shipping. Humidity and use may cause this film to come off. Carefully remove this film as desired.

For more information on the transmitter, go to www.horizonhobby.com and click on the support tab for the Spektrum DX6i to download the instruction manual.

Transmitter Mode Conversion

You can change transmitter modes between Mode 1 and Mode 2. This conversion requires both a programming and a mechanical change.

Programming set up

1. Power on the transmitter.
2. Press the roller, scroll to Setup List and press the roller to access the Setup List.
3. Select Copy/Reset in the Setup List. When the Copy/Reset menu screen opens, select Reset.

4. Move the Aileron D/R switch forward and backward FOUR TIMES. A screen will display Mode 1 and Mode 2.
5. Select the desired mode.
6. After you change the transmitter Mode in the Setup List, you will need to make mechanical changes to the transmitter gimbals.

CAUTION: Always power off the transmitter and remove the batteries before adjusting stick tension or friction straps. Not doing so could result in property damage or injury.

Mechanical Conversion

Mechanical conversion is required to change between Modes 1 and 2. The mechanical conversion consists of the following steps:

Removing the Rear Case:

- 1. Power off the transmitter and remove the transmitter batteries.
- 2. Remove the six Phillips head screws that secure the rear transmitter case half.
- 3. Put the transmitter face down on a piece of foam or a towel and remove the rear case.

CAUTION: Use care to not pull or disconnect any of the wires attached to the back transmitter half.

Changing the Throttle Ratchet:

- 1. Locate the silver throttle friction straps on both gimbals.
- 2. To change the throttle ratchet, loosen the throttle strap so it does not touch

the throttle gimbal. Tighten the opposite throttle strap to engage the desired throttle ratchet.

Adjusting the Elevator Centering Screw:

When changing between Modes 1 and 2, you must adjust the elevator centering screw.

- 1. Hold the Elevator or Throttle stick in the full up or full down position when you are adjusting the elevator centering screw. Holding the gimbal stick reduces the load on the elevator centering mechanism and makes it easier to adjust the centering screw.
- 2. Locate the gimbal where the elevator centering spring is engaged. Use a Phillips screwdriver to tighten the elevator centering screw. Tightening the screw will disengage the centering spring.
- 3. Using a Phillips screwdriver, loosen the opposite elevator centering screw until the lever engages.

Transmitter Setup

Program your transmitter before attempting to bind or fly the helicopter.

SETUP LIST

Model Type	Reverse		Swash Type	Timer
HELI	THRO	N	1 Servo 90 Degree	Type: Down Time: 4:00 Switch: Trainer
	AILE	N		
	ELEV	N		
	RUDD	R		
	GYRO	N		
	PITC	R		

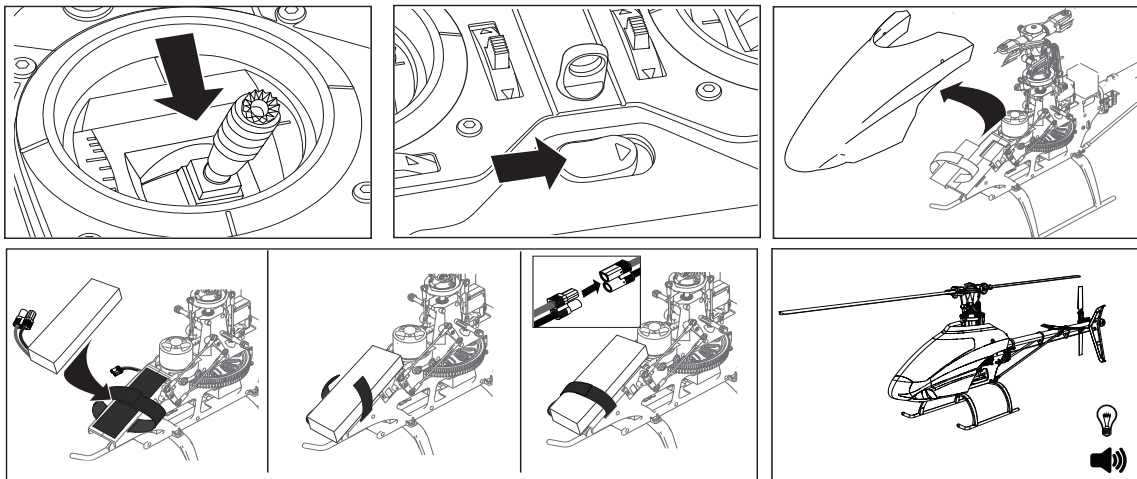
ADJUST LIST

Dual Rate / Expo				Travel Adjust		Sub-Trim*	
Switch	Pos.	D/R	Expo				
AILE	0	100%	INH	THRO	100%	THRO	0
	1	85%	INH	AILE	100%	AILE	0*
ELEV	0	100%	INH	ELEV	100%	ELEV	0*
	1	85%	INH	RUDD	100%	RUDD	0*
RUDD	0	100%	INH	GYRO	100%	GYRO	0
	1	85%	INH	PITC	100%	PITC	0

* Never use sub-trims or trims on AILE, ELEV or RUDD channels with the AR7200BX.

Gyro				Throttle Curve						Pitch Curve						Swash Mix
Pos.	Rate	SW-F. Mode			L	2	3	4	H		L	2	3	4	H	
0	77.0%	NORM	0	NORM	0%	30%	60%	60%	60%	NORM	30%	40%	50%	75%	100%	INHIBIT
1	77.0%	STUNT	0	STUNT	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%	STUNT	0%	25%	50%	75%	100%	
				HOLD	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	HOLD	0%	25%	50%	75%	100%	

Installing the Flight Battery



- 1. Lower the throttle.
- 2. Power on the transmitter.
- 3. Center the throttle trim.
- 4. To allow the ESC to arm and to keep rotors from initiating at startup, turn on throttle hold and normal flight mode before connecting the flight battery.
- 5. Attach hook material to the helicopter frame and loop material to the battery.
- 6. Install the flight battery on the helicopter frame. Secure the flight battery with a hook and loop strap. Connect the battery cable to the ESC.

CAUTION: Always keep the power lead positioned AWAY from the elevator servo. Failure to do so could cause the lead to get caught, resulting in a crash causing property damage and injury.

CAUTION: Make sure the flight battery does not come in contact with the motor. Failure to do so will cause the motor, ESC and battery to overheat, resulting in a crash causing property damage and injury.

- 7. Do not move the helicopter until the AR7200BX initializes. The swashplate will move up and down, indicating that the unit is ready. The AR7200BX will also emit a solid BLUE Status LED when it is ready.
- 8. The helicopter motor will emit 2 tones, indicating the ESC is armed.

CAUTION: Always disconnect the Li-Po battery from the aircraft receiver when not flying to avoid over-discharging the battery. Batteries discharged to a voltage lower than the lowest approved voltage may become damaged, resulting in loss of performance and potential fire when batteries are charged.

Transmitter and Receiver Binding

The transmitter comes prebound to the model. If you need to rebind, follow the directions below.

Binding Procedure
1. Insert the bind plug in the BND/DAT port on the receiver.
2. Connect the flight battery to the ESC. The H menu LED should be flashing, indicating the AR7200BX is in bind mode.
3. Move the throttle stick to the desired failsafe position (low throttle position in normal mode).
4. Power on the transmitter while holding the Trainer/Bind switch. Hold the Trainer/Bind switch until binding is complete. The system will connect within a few seconds. Once connected, the H LED will turn off and the AR7200BX will start the initialization process.
5. When the initialization process is complete, menu LED H will turn OFF and the Status LED light will come ON solid BLUE.
6. Disconnect the flight battery and remove the bind plug from the AR7200BX. Store the bind plug in a convenient place.

WARNING: You must move the throttle to the LOW/OFF position during binding. Failure to do so may cause the rotor blades to spin and the helicopter to lift during the AR7200BX initialization, which could result in damage to property and injury.

NOTICE: Remove the bind plug to prevent the system from entering bind mode the next time the power is turned on.

If you encounter problems, obey binding instructions and refer to transmitter troubleshooting guide for other instructions. If needed, contact the appropriate Horizon Product Support office.

Throttle Hold

Throttle hold only turns off the motor on an electric helicopter. You maintain pitch and direction control.

The blades will spin if throttle hold is OFF. For safety, turn throttle hold ON any time you need to touch the helicopter or check the direction controls.

Throttle hold is also used to turn off the motor if the helicopter is out of control, in danger of crashing, or both.

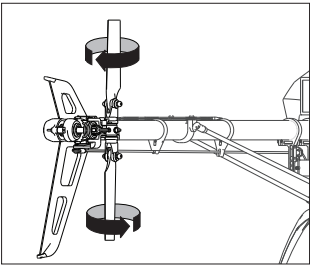
Control Tests

CAUTION: You must complete the Rudder and Cyclic tests prior to flight. Failure to complete the tests ensuring the sensor directions are not reversed can cause the helicopter to crash, resulting in property damage and injury.

Rudder

- 1. Power on the transmitter.
 - 2. Turn TH HOLD ON and put transmitter in normal mode.
 - 3. Connect the helicopter battery to the ESC.
- NOTICE:** Do not allow the helicopter to move until the Status LED is solid blue and all menu LEDs are OFF. The gyro will not operate correctly if the helicopter moves before the Status LED is solid blue.

- 4. Move the rudder stick to the right. The tail rotor blades move as shown. If they do not move as shown, reverse the rudder channel in the transmitter (refer to your transmitter manual for instructions).
- 5. Release the rudder control. Manually turn the helicopter nose to the left. The tail rotor blades automatically move as shown. If they do not move as shown, refer to the AR7200BX manual for information on reversing the tail sensor direction (Setup menu point F).



Cyclic

When using a flybarless rotor head, you are controlling rotational rates while the AR7200BX controls the servos. You are not directly controlling the servos with the transmitter.

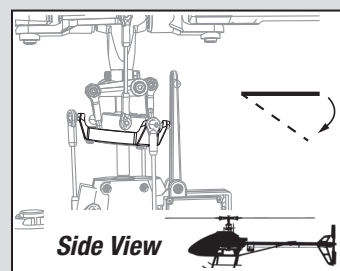
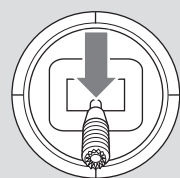
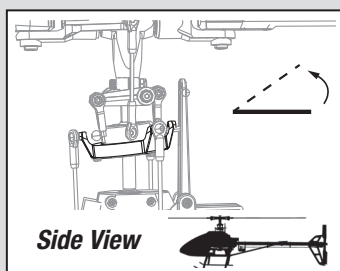
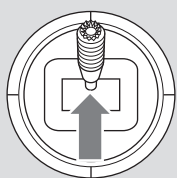
It is normal for the swashplate to slowly move back to its original position after a stick input and for the servos to not move at the same speed as your control sticks.

- 1. Tilt the helicopter forward. The swashplate should tilt backward.
- 2. Tilt the helicopter backward. The swashplate should tilt forward.
- 3. Roll the helicopter left. The swashplate should roll right.
- 4. Roll the helicopter right. The swashplate should roll left.
- 5. If the swashplate does not move in the correct direction, you will need to reverse the cyclic sensor direction. Refer to the AR7200BX manual for more information (Setup menu point M).

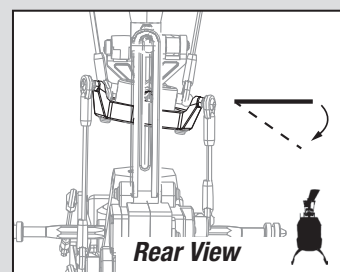
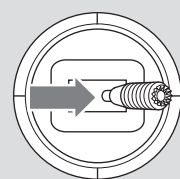
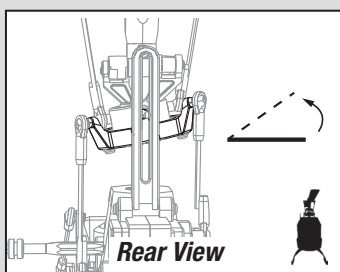
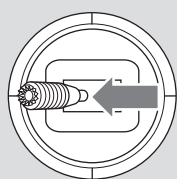
Cyclic and Collective Control Test

Turn on Throttle Hold when doing the control tests.

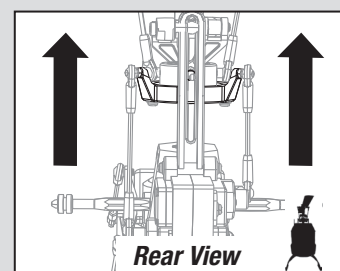
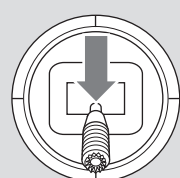
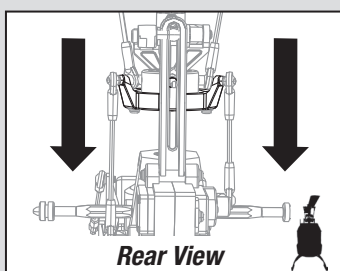
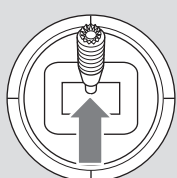
Elevator



Aileron



Collective Pitch



Motor

Place the helicopter outdoors on a clean, flat and level surface (concrete or asphalt) free of obstructions. Always stay clear of moving rotor blades.

1. The motor beeps twice when the helicopter's ESC arms properly. Before you continue, confirm that TH HOLD is ON.

WARNING: The motor will spin when throttle is increased while TH HOLD is OFF.

2. Check the swashplate directions to ensure they are moving in the correct direction. Please refer to the diagrams above for reference.



WARNING: Stay at least 30 feet (10 meters) away from the helicopter when the motor is running. Do not attempt to fly the helicopter at this time.

3. Ensure the throttle is lowered completely. Confirm the transmitter is still set to normal flight mode. Turn throttle hold off at this time. Slowly increase the throttle until the blades begin to spin. The main blades spin clockwise when viewing the helicopter from the top. The tail rotor blades spin counterclockwise when viewing the helicopter from the right-hand side.

Pre-Flight Checklist

- ☐ Check all screws and ensure that they are tight
- ☐ Check belt tension and ensure that it is not too tight or too loose
- ☐ Check main and tail blades to ensure they are not damaged
- ☐ Check all links and make sure they move freely but do not pop off easily
- ☐ Check that flight battery and transmitter battery are fully charged
- ☐ Check all wires to ensure that they are not cut, pinched, or chafed and are properly secured

- ☐ Check all wire connections
- ☐ Check gears and make sure no teeth are missing
- ☐ Do a complete control test
- ☐ Check that servos are functioning properly
- ☐ Check to make sure flight battery is properly secured
- ☐ Check to make sure AR7200BX is properly secured


Flying the Blade 450 X

- Always keep aircraft in sight and under control
- Always turn on throttle hold at loss of control or rotor strike
- Always use fully charged batteries
- Always keep transmitter powered on while aircraft is powered
- Always remove batteries before disassembly
- Always keep moving parts clean
- Always keep parts dry
- Always let parts cool after use before touching
- Always remove batteries after use
- Always keep people and pets at least 30 feet away when the flight battery is connected
- Never operate aircraft with damaged wiring
- Never touch moving parts

Consult local laws and ordinances before choosing a location to fly your aircraft.

Select a large, open area away from people and objects. Your first flights should be outdoors in low-wind conditions. Always stay at least 30 feet (10 meters) away from the helicopter when it is flying.


The Blade 450 X is intended to be flown outdoors.



CAUTION: The Blade 450 X is intended for pilots with experience flying aerobatic, collective pitch helicopters. The Blade 450 X is more responsive than other Blade helicopters. If you are not an experienced 3D or collective pitch helicopter pilot, do not attempt to fly this product.

Takeoff

Deliberately increase throttle and establish a hover at least 24" (0.6 meter) high, outside of ground effect.



CAUTION: Do not give any aileron, elevator or rudder commands before takeoff or the helicopter may crash during takeoff.

Flying

The helicopter lifts off the ground when the rotor head reaches a suitable speed. Establish a low-level hover to verify proper operation of your helicopter. You must not set any trim; the flybarless design of the Blade 450 X renders trim unnecessary. Setting trim or sub-trim can cause an unwanted drift or rotation of the helicopter.

Gyro Gain Adjustment

- If the tail wags or oscillates, lower the gain on the gyro.
On your transmitter's gyro menu, decrease the gyro gain values a small amount at a time until the helicopter is stable within a particular flight mode.
- If the tail is drifting while hovering, increase the gain on the gyro.
On your transmitter, increase the gyro gain values a small amount at a time until the tail starts to wag/oscillate. Afterwards, reduce the gain until the tail stops wagging/oscillating within a particular flight mode.

Blade Helicopter Belt Tension

Belt tension that is too tight results in loss of power and causes the belt to wear more quickly. Tension that is too loose can cause belt damage and loss of tail rotor control in flight.

To check for proper belt tension:

1. View the tail rotor drive belt through the opening at the back of the main frame.
2. Use a hex wrench or standard screwdriver to compress the belt through the opening.
3. Apply light pressure on the belt, compressing the belt toward the left side of the tail boom.
4. The belt tension is correct if the compressed side of the belt reaches approximately halfway to the opposite side of the belt.
 - a. *If the compressed side of the belt reaches farther than halfway to the other side of the belt, the tension is too loose.*
 - b. *If the compressed side of the belt does not reach halfway to the other side of the belt, the tension is too tight.*

First flights should be performed in normal mode and low cyclic and rudder dual rates until you are familiar with the flying manner of the Blade 450 X. Discover the rates that fit your flying style.



CAUTION: Always fly the helicopter with your back to the sun and the wind to prevent loss of flight control.

Landing


Establish a low level hover. Deliberately lower the throttle until the helicopter lands. Do not give any aileron, elevator or rudder commands when the helicopter is landing.

When the helicopter is in stunt mode:

- The rotor head speed is constant.
- The main rotor will increase negative pitch as the throttle/collective stick is moved from the middle stick position to the low stick position. Negative pitch allows the helicopter to fly upside down and perform aerobatics.

Change between stunt and idle up modes in a hover with the throttle near the hovering stick position.

The helicopter may go up or down when you change between modes due to the difference in the throttle and pitch curves.




WARNING: Do not use wooden main blades with the Blade 450 X or injury and/or property damage could occur. Only use Blade 450 X approved carbon fiber main blades.


Post-Flight Inspections and Maintenance

Ball Links	Make sure the plastic ball link holds the control ball, but is not tight (binding) on the ball. When a link is too loose on the ball, it can separate from the ball during flight and cause a crash. Replace worn ball links before they fail.
Cleaning	Make sure the battery is not connected before cleaning. Remove dust and debris with a soft brush or a dry lint free cloth.
Bearings	Replace bearings when they become notchy (sticky in places when turning) or draggy.
Wiring	Make sure wiring does not block moving parts. Replace damaged wiring and loose connectors.
Fasteners	Make sure there are no loose screws, other fasteners or connectors. Do not over tighten metal screws in plastic parts. Tighten screw so parts are mated together, then turn screw only 1/8th of a turn more.
Rotors	Make sure there is no damage to rotor blades and other parts which move at high speed. Damage to these parts includes cracks, burrs, chips or scratches. Replace damaged parts before flying.
Gyro	Make sure the AR7200BX is securely attached to the frame. Replace the double-sided tape when necessary. The helicopter will crash if the AR7200BX separates from the helicopter frame.

SETUP MENU *Menu LED solid*

	Status-LED:	OFF	Purple	Red Flashing	Red Solid	Blue Flashing	Blue Solid
A	Mounting orientation				upright (vertical)		flat (horizontal)*
B	Swashplate servo - frequency	User defined	50 Hz	65 Hz	120 Hz	165 Hz	200 Hz*
C	Tail servo - center position pulse length	User defined	960 µs		760 µs		1520 µs*
D	Tail servo - frequency	User defined	50 Hz	165 Hz	270* Hz	333 Hz	560 Hz
E	Tail servo - rotor endpoints	Tail stick - move to right endpoint and wait/left endpoint and wait					
F	Tail - sensor direction				normal*		reversed
G	Swashplate - servo centering	Reference position	ELE center pos.		AIL center pos.		PIT center pos.
H	Swashplate - mixer	User defined	mechanical	90°	120°*	140°	140° (1=1)
I	Swashplate - servo directions	nor rev rev	nor nor rev*		nor rev nor		nor nor nor
J	Swashplate - cyclic pitch geometry	Aileron stick – adjust 6° cyclic pitch on the roll axis (blades aligned with fuselage)					
K	Collective pitch range	Collective stick on max and min position and use tail stick to adjust desired pitch. Stock settings provide +/- 12 degrees of collective pitch.					
L	Swashplate - cyclic limit	Move aileron, elevator and pitch sticks – adjust max limits with tail stick					
M	Swashplate - sensor directions	rev rev	rev nor		nor rev		nor nor*
N	Pirouette optimization direction				normal		reversed*

PARAMETER MENU *Menu LED is flashing quickly*

	Status-LED:	OFF	Purple	Red Flashing	Red Solid	Blue Flashing	Blue Solid
A	Swashplate - cyclic center adjustment	Aileron and elevator stick – reset with tail stick					
B	Control behavior	User defined	normal	sport*	pro	extreme	transmitter*
C	Swashplate - pitching up behavior	User defined	very low	low	medium*	high	very high
D	Tail - HeadingLock gain	User defined	very low	low	medium*	high	very high
E	Stick deadband	User defined	1	2*	3	4	5
F	Tail - torque precompensation IX)	User defined	off*	low - nor	high - nor	low - rev	high - rev
G	Cyclic response	User defined	normal*	slightly increased	increased	high	very high
H	Pitch boost	User defined	off*	low	medium	high	very high

* The AR7200BX included with your Blade 450 X helicopter is pre-programmed with these default settings. If you perform a factory reset on the included AR7200BX will default back to these helicopter settings.

To perform a Blade 450 X AR7200BX factory reset, enter any Setup menu and press the setup button for 10 seconds. After performing the factory reset, you will need to re-center the swashplate servos by using setup menu G.

If you update the firmware on the AR7200BX to non-Blade 450 X firmware, all Blade 450 X helicopter default settings will be deleted. You will need to complete the entire AR7200BX setup process before flying the helicopter again. Please refer to the Spektrum AR7200BX instruction manual included with your helicopter for more information.

AR7200BX Parameter Menu Tips

Refer to the Spektrum AR7200BX manual to fine tune the Blade 450 X to your flying and control style via the AR7200BX parameter menu.

If you would like to change the control behavior of the flybarless system to a pre-defined behavior in the AR7200BX, adjust parameter B (default behavior is transmitter).

If you would like to have the cyclic behavior to feel more linear OR more like a flybarred helicopter, increase the cyclic response by adjusting parameter G (default is 'slightly increased').

Refer to the Spektrum AR7200BX manual for specific details on each parameter.

AR7200BX Fine-tuning and Adjustment

Observed Behavior	Suggested Adjustment
Cyclic response too slow or too fast	Adjust the control behavior parameter in the AR7200BX to fit your flying style.
Control inputs feel delayed	Increase Dial 2 on the AR7200BX
The helicopter seems to overshoot control input and then return	Decrease Dial 2 on the AR7200BX
The helicopter tail stops too abruptly	Decrease Dial 3 on the AR7200BX
The helicopter tail does not stop precisely	Increase Dial 3 on the AR7200BX
	Increase the rudder gain in your transmitter
	Adjust the rudder heading lock gain parameter in the AR7200BX
	Make sure the tail drive belt tension is adjusted correctly

Troubleshooting Guide

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Helicopter will not bind to the transmitter (during binding)	Low flight battery or transmitter battery voltage	Fully charge or replace the flight battery and/or transmitter batteries
	AR7200BX is not in bind mode	Make sure the bind plug is connected to the AR7200BX BND/DAT port
	Transmitter is not in bind mode	Power on the transmitter while holding the Trainer/Bind switch. Hold the Trainer/Bind switch until binding is complete
	Transmitter too close to the helicopter during binding process	Power off the transmitter. Move the transmitter to a larger distance from the helicopter. Disconnect and reconnect the flight battery to the helicopter and follow binding instructions
Helicopter will not link to the transmitter (after binding)	Helicopter is bound to a different model memory (ModelMatch radios only)	Disconnect the flight battery. Select the correct model memory on the transmitter. Reconnect the flight battery
	Flight battery/Transmitter battery charge is too low	Replace or recharge batteries
AR7200BX will not initialize	The helicopter was moved during initialization	Lay the helicopter on its side during initialization if windy
	The transmitter is powered off	Power on the transmitter
	Controls are not centered	Center elevator, aileron and rudder controls. Make sure the throttle is at idle
Helicopter will not respond to the throttle but responds to other controls	Throttle not at idle and/or throttle trim is too high	Lower the throttle stick and lower the throttle trim
	The transmitter is not in normal mode or throttle hold is on	Make sure the transmitter is in normal mode and throttle hold is off
	The motor is not connected to the ESC or the motor wires are damaged	Connect the motor wires to the ESC and check motor wires for damage
	Flight battery charge is too low	Replace or recharge flight battery
	Throttle channel is reversed	Reverse the throttle channel on the transmitter
Helicopter power is lacking	Flight battery has low voltage	Fully charge the flight battery
	Flight battery is old or damaged	Replace the flight battery
	Flight battery cells are unbalanced	Fully charge the flight battery, allowing the charger time to balance the cells
	Excessive current is being drawn through the BEC	Check all servos and the helicopter motor for damage
	Tail drive belt tension is not correct.	See "Checking Tail Drive Belt Tension" in this manual
Helicopter will not lift off	Main rotor head is not spinning in the correct direction	Make sure the main rotor head is spinning clockwise. Refer to the motor control test
	Transmitter settings are not correct	Check throttle and pitch curve settings and pitch control direction
	Flight battery has low voltage	Fully charge the flight battery
	Main rotor blades are installed backwards	Install the main rotor blades with the thicker side as the leading edge
Flight battery will not charge	Input voltage to the charger is too low	Input voltage must be between 11.5–15V DC with a minimum 3A current
	The battery balance tab is damaged	Make sure the balance tab wires are fully seated in the balance plug
	The flight battery is overdischarged	If any cell voltage drops below 3V, the battery is damaged and must be replaced
The helicopter tail spins out of control	Rudder control and/or sensor direction reversed	Make sure the rudder control and the rudder sensor are operating in the correct direction
	Tail servo is damaged	Check the rudder servo for damage and replace if necessary
	Inadequate control arm throw	Check the rudder control arm for adequate travel and adjust if necessary
	Tail belt is too loose	Make sure the tail drive belt tension is adjusted correctly
The helicopter wobbles in flight	Cyclic gain is too high	Decrease Dial 1 on the AR7200BX
	Head speed is too low	Increase the helicopter's head speed via your transmitter settings and/or using a freshly charged flight pack
	Dampers are worn	Replace the main rotor head dampers

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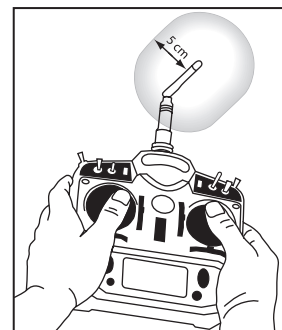
CAUTION: Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

This product contains a radio transmitter with wireless technology which has been tested and found to be compliant with the applicable regulations governing a radio transmitter in the 2.400GHz to 2.4835GHz frequency range.

Antenna Separation Distance

When operating your Spektrum transmitter, please be sure to maintain a separation distance of at least 5 cm between your body (excluding fingers, hands, wrists, ankles and feet) and the antenna to meet RF exposure safety requirements as determined by FCC regulations.

The following illustrations show the approximate 5 cm RF exposure area and typical hand placement when operating your Spektrum transmitter.



IC Information

This device complies with Industry Canada license-exempt RSS standard(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

(1) this device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

Compliance Information for the European Union

Declaration of Conformity

(in accordance with ISO/IEC 17050-1)

No. HH2014070201U1

Product(s): Blade 450 X RTF

Item Number(s): BLH1900C, BLH1900CM1

Equipment class: 1

The object of declaration described above is in conformity with the requirements of the specifications listed below, following the provisions of the European R&TTE Directive 1999/5/EC, EMC Directive 2004/108/EC and LVD Directive 2006/95/EC:

EN 300-328 V1.8.1

EN 301 489-1 V1.9.2: 2012

EN 301 489-17 V2.1.1: 2009

EN 60950-1:2006+A11:2009+A1:2010+A12: 2011

EN 62311: 2008

EN 55022:2010 + AC:2011

EN 55024:2010



Signed for and on behalf of:
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Instructions for disposal of WEEE by users in the European Union

This product must not be disposed of with other waste. Instead, it is the user's responsibility to dispose of their waste equipment by handing it over to a designated collections point for the recycling of waste electrical and electronic equipment. The separate collection and recycling of your waste equipment at the time of disposal will help to conserve natural resources and ensure that it is recycled in a manner that protects human health and the environment. For more information about where you can drop off your waste equipment for recycling, please contact your local city office, your household waste disposal service or where you purchased the product.