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### **General Safety Precautions and Warnings**

- 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.

**CAUTION:** The ESCs for the 350 QX are not compatible with any other product, and the 350 QX is not compatible with any other ESCs. Use of any other ESCs on the 350 QX will cause a crash, which may result in property damage and/or personal injury.

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Thank you for purchasing the Blade 350 QX quadcopter. You are in for an exciting experience with this exceptional flying machine. With GPS, pressure and compass sensors added to the SAFE<sup>™</sup> (Sensor Assisted Flight Envelope) system, the 350 QX has some incredible features. Position hold, altitude command and self-leveling provide you with a smooth and manageable flight performance. With the addition of the SAFE Circle<sup>™</sup>, Stick Relativity and Return Home functions, the 350

QX makes it more practical and easier to fly for new pilots without RC experience. The Blade 350 QX uses LED codes to communicate flight modes, GPS functions and errors for which you will need the manual. To assure you have a safe and fun experience with your new quadcopter, it is critical that you take the time to read and understand this manual and all the features this aircraft contains.

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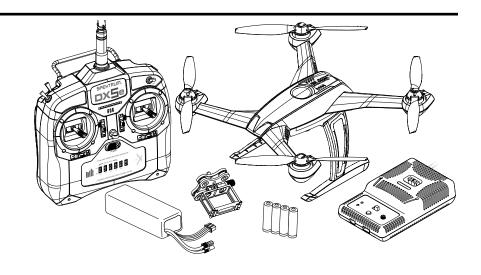
Blade 350 QX Specifications						
Length		22.8	30 in (580mm)			
Height5.43 in (138mm)Fly		Flying Weight	2	4 oz (680 g)		
Component RTF BNF						
Airframe Blade 350 QX Quadcopter			included	included		
Motors 4x Brushless Outrunner Motor, 1100Kv			installed	installed		
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ESCs	4x 10-Amp Brushless ESC	installed	installed
Battery	3S 11.1V 2200mAh 30C Li-Po	included	included
Charger	2–3S Li-Po Balancing DC Charger, 0.5–3A	included	included
Transmitter	DSM2 <sup>®</sup> /DSMX <sup>®</sup> compatible transmitter	included	required

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## **Box Contents**

- Blade 350 QX
- Camera Mount
- 3S 11.1V 2200mAh Li-Po Battery Pack
- 2-3S DC Li-Po Balancing Charger
- DX5e DSMX 5-Channel Transmitter (RTF only)
- 4 AA Batteries (RTF only)



## **Charging Warnings**

The Battery Charger (EFLC3010) included with your quadcopter 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.

- 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.
- Always charge batteries away from flammable materials.

## Low Voltage Cutoff (LVC)

Low voltage cutoff (LVC) protects the Li-Po battery from over-discharge in flight and activates when the battery reaches a preset value. When the battery is discharged to the cutoff point, the aircraft will display rapidly flashing red, green and blue LEDs to warn you it's time to land. When you see this LED code, land immediately to prevent over-discharge and damage to the battery.

When the LVC is activated, you have approximately 2 minutes until the battery is depleted and can no longer maintain a hover. Repeated flying to LVC will damage the battery.

## **Charging the Flight Battery**

### E-flite<sup>®</sup> 2–3S Li-Po Balancing Charger Specifications

- Input power: 10.5–15.0V DC, 3-amp
- Charges 2- to 3-cell Li-Po packs with minimum capacity of 500mAh

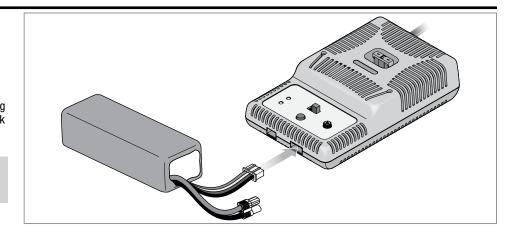
#### E-flite 3S 11.1V 2200mAh Li-Po Battery Pack The E-flite® 3S Li-Po battery pack features a balancing lead that allows you to safely charge your battery pack when used with the included E-flite Li-Po balancing

**CAUTION:** The balance connector must be inserted into the correct port of your charger prior to charging.

- 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 BATTER-IES. 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.

NOTICE: Crash damage and battery damage are not covered under warranty.

**IMPORTANT:** Always disconnect and remove the Li-Po battery from the aircraft after each flight. Charge your Li-Po battery to about half capacity before storage. During storage, make sure the battery charge does not fall below 3V per cell. A connected battery will result in trickle discharge.



charger.

### The Battery Charging Process

1. 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.

2. Attach the input cord of the charger to an appropriate power supply, such as a 12V battery or 12V DC power supply.

3. When the Li-Po charger has been correctly powered up, there will be an approximate 3-second delay, then an audible "beep" and the green (ready) LED will flash.

4. Turn the control on the Amps selector so the arrow points to the charging rate required for the battery (the 2200mAh Li-Po battery will charge at 2.0 amps). DO NOT change the charge rate once the battery begins charging.

5. Move the cell selector switch to 3-cell for your battery.

6. Connect the balancing lead of the battery to the 3-cell (4 pin) charger port and press the Start button to begin battery charging.

7. The green and red LEDs may flash during the charging process when the charger is balancing cells. Balancing prolongs the life of the battery.

8. When the battery is fully charged, a beep will sound for about 3 seconds and the green LED will shine continuously. Attempting to charge an over-discharged battery will cause the charger to repeatedly flash and beep, indicating an error has occurred.

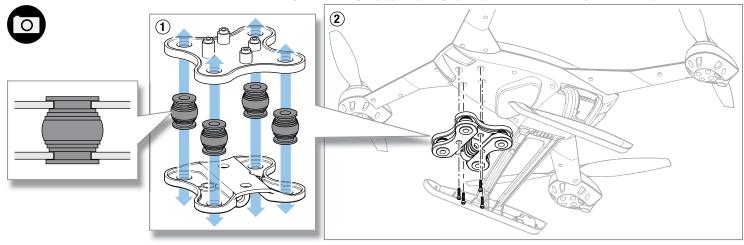
9. Always unplug the battery from the charger immediately upon completion of charging.

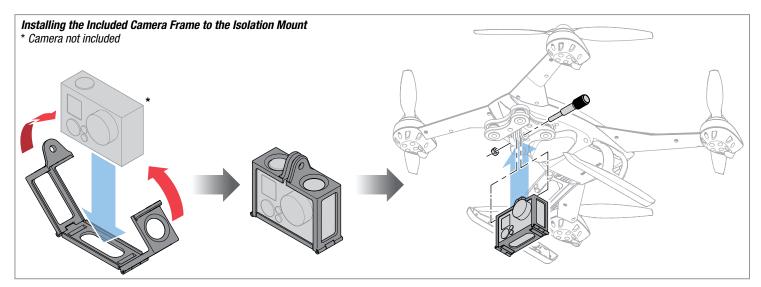
**CAUTION:** Overcharging a battery can cause a fire.

NOTICE: If using a battery other than the included Li-Po battery, refer to your battery manufacturer's instructions for charging.

### **Mounting a Camera**

IMPORTANT: Consult local laws and ordinances before installing and operating any type of photograph-capable or video recording device in this product.





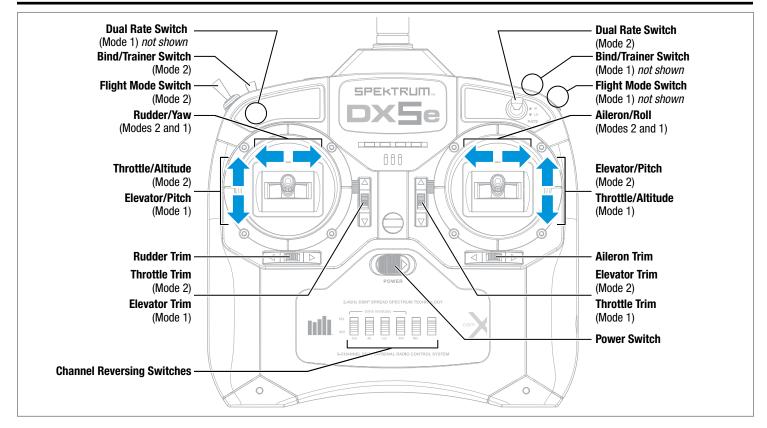
## Transmitter Setup (BNF)

**CAUTION:** When using a Futaba transmitter with a Spektrum DSM module, you must reverse the throttle channel and rebind. Refer to your Spektrum module manual for binding and failsafe instructions. Refer to your Futaba transmitter manual for instructions on reversing the throttle channel.

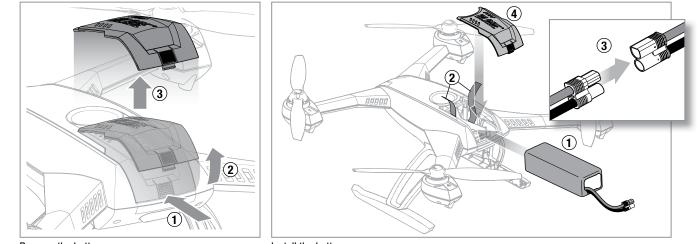
Transmitter	Model Type	Reverse Setup	Throttle Cut Setup	Mode Setup	Switch Positions	Throttle Cut	Return Home	Dual Rate Switch	High Rate	Low Rate
DX4e (New)*				N/A	Position 0 = <b>SMART Mode</b>	- Lower throttle trim until motors		Rate		70% fixed
w/3-position	N/A	N/A	N/A		Position 1 = Stability Mode					
switch					Position 2 = <b>Agility Mode</b>	stop turning	Release to EXIT			
DX5e (New)*					Position 0 = <b>SMART Mode</b>	Lower throttle	Press and Hold			70% fixed
w/3-position	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Position 1 = Stability Mode	trim until motors	TRAINER/BIND	Rate		
switch					Position 2 = <b>Agility Mode</b>	stop turning	Release to EXIT			
		THRO-N ELEV-N		Travel Adj: GEAR POS (0) GEAR: ↑100%; GEAR/F MODE POS (1) GEAR: ↓40%	GEAR 0; Mix $0 =$ <b>SMART Mode</b>		FLAP Position 0	ELEV-AIL D/R	100%	70%
DX6i	Acro	GEAR-R AILE-N	ACT	FLAPS: Norm ← ↑100; LAND ↓100 MIX 1: ACT; GEAR → GEAR ACT	GEAR 1; Mix 0 = Stability Mode	Press throttle cut	= OFF FLAP Position 2 =			
		RUDD-N FLAP-N		RATE D 0%; U + 100% SW MIX TRIM INH	GEAR 1; Mix 1 = <b>Agility Mode</b>		Return Home			
		0 FLAP-R (6)	- ΛΙ/Δ	Travel Adj: GEAR (0) ↑ 100%; GEAR (1) ↓ 40% MIX 1: FLAP → Gear OFF/ON	GEAR (0); Mix (0) = <b>SMART Mode</b>	- Lower throttle trim until motors	FLAP Pos 0 = OFF	ELEV-AIL D/R	100%	70%
DX7/7SE	Acro				GEAR (1);					
	$\begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $		- stop turning	FLAP Pos 1 = Return Home						
	Acro AUX1-R Set To: Set All Otho Others-N Trainer MIX 1: GER			Switch Select: Move Gear to F MODE (F MODE:GEAR)	F MODE (0) = SMART Mode					
DX7S		Leave FLAPS as AUX1 Set All Others to INH MIX 1: GER > GER	F MODE (1) = Stability Mode	Press Trainer	FLAP Pos 0 = 0FF FLAP Pos 2 = Return Home	ELEV-AIL D/R	100%	70%		
				RATE: 0% -100% OFFSET: 0%; TRIM: INH; SW: Mix0	F MODE (1); HOLD (1) = <b>Agility Mode</b>					
					F MODE (0) = <b>SMART Mode</b>		FLAP Pos 0			1
DX8	Acro AUX1-R Others-N Set To: Trainer Switch Select: F-Mode to Gear; Flap to Aux 1 All Others to INH F MODE (1) = Stability Mode F MODE (2) = Agility Mode Press Traine Bind	Press Trainer/ Bind	EL IEL	ELEV-AIL D/R	100%	70%				
			nanci	All Others to INH	F MODE (2) = Agility Mode		FLAP Pos 2 = Return Home			
				Channel Assign: NEXT	B (0) = <b>SMART Mode</b>		D (FLAP) Pos 0			
DX9/DX18	Acro	1-4: N/A 5 Gear: B 6 AUX1: D 7 AUX2: I	B (1) = Stability Mode	Press I (BIND)	= 0FF D (FLAP) Pos 2 =	ELEV-AIL D/R	100%	70%		
			- /	8-10: INH	B (2) = Agility Mode	1	Return Home			

\* Old versions of the DX4e and DX5e (with 2-position channel 5 switches) are **not** recommended for the 350 QX. Only **Smart Mode** and **Agility Mode** will be available with GPS On.

## Transmitter Control Layout (RTF)



### **Connecting the Flight Battery**



Remove the battery cover

Install the battery

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### Binding

• If you purchased the ready-to-fly (RTF) model, the transmitter is bound to the model at the factory. If for any reason the model needs to be re-bound, follow the directions for the Bind-N-Fly<sup>®</sup> (BNF) version below.



To bind or re-bind your 350 QX to your chosen DSM2/DSMX transmitter, please follow the directions below along with the binding instructions included with your transmitter:

### **The Binding Process**

- 1. With the transmitter and quadcopter powered off, connect the battery to the 350 QX.
- 2. With the 350 QX on a level surface, turn on the power switch and allow the quadcopter to initialize.
- 3. Wait until the blue LED on the quadcopter flashes rapidly, signaling the quadcopter is initialized and ready to bind.
- 4. Ensure throttle is in the low position and throttle trim is at neutral.
- 5. Hold the control sticks in the desired bind position (see illustrations)
- and press/pull the bind button/switch, then power on the transmitter. 6. Refer to the Flying LED Codes table to ensure the aircraft is bound correctly.

**IMPORTANT:** Do not attempt to bind with more than one bind code. Binding with more than one bind code will only allow the aircraft to bind normally.

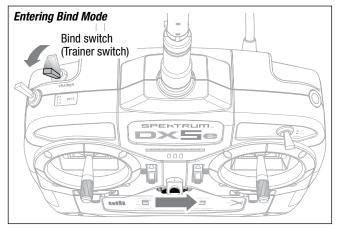
Unless binding with a bind code, the elevator and aileron inputs (including trim) must be neutral during binding. If you are attempting a normal bind with any input other than neutral, the aircraft will emit a constant, rapid beeping sound.

# If your 350 QX emits a constant beeping sound after binding (Smart or Agility Mode only):

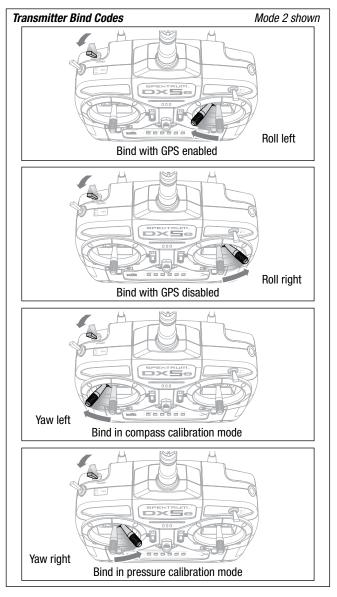
- 1. Ensure all trims are neutral.
- Slowly move the elevator stick back and forth (close to center) and listen for the beeping to stop or hesitate. Take note of the direction you are moving the stick when the change of tone happens.
- 3. If the tone never changes with elevator movement, slowly move the aileron stick back and forth (close to center) and listen for the beeping to stop or hesitate. Take note of the direction you are moving the stick when the change of tone happens.
- 4. Input trim in the direction that caused the change in tone until the beeping stops.

In the event you cannot find an input that stops the tones:

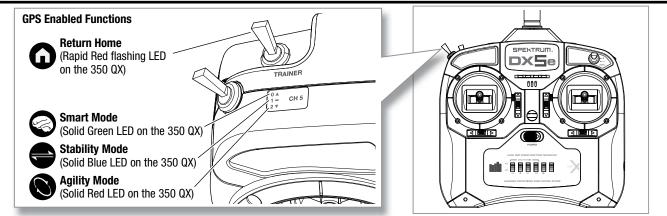
- 1. Apply 1 click of elevator trim in either direction and then slowly move the aileron stick close to center.
- Continue to add 1 click at a time of elevator trim, up to 5 trim steps off center up or down, and move the aileron stick until you find the point that makes the tones stop.
- 3. Add aileron trim in the direction you moved the stick to make the tones stop.



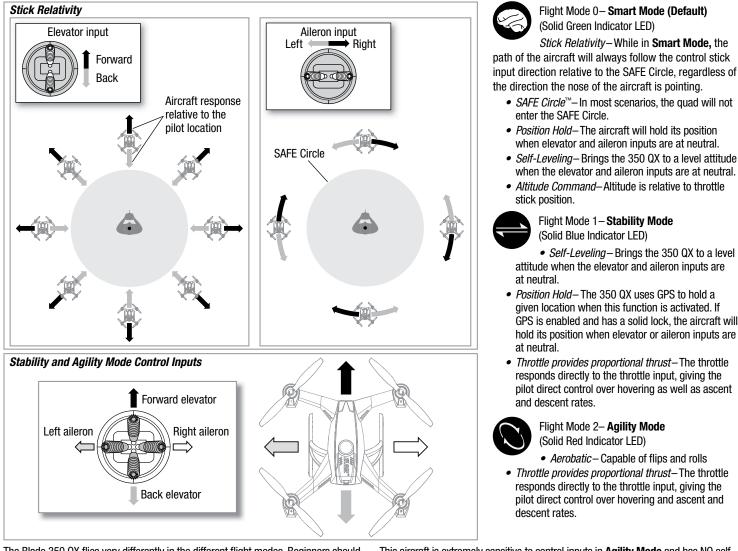
Normal Bind



## **Flight Mode Switches**



### **Flight Modes Explained**



The Blade 350 QX flies very differently in the different flight modes. Beginners should use **Smart Mode** to start and progress slowly into **Stability Mode**. When flying in **Smart Mode**, the quadcopter follows stick input based on the set pilot location. When flying in **Stability Mode**, the quadcopter follows stick inputs based on the orientation of the aircraft. The transition from **Smart Mode** to **Stability Mode** can be a challenge for new flyers because the pilot will need to learn how to interpret the aircraft's orientation.

This aircraft is extremely sensitive to control inputs in **Agility Mode** and has NO self leveling. We recommend you fly at low rate settings for the first few flights until you are familiar with its response. For pilots new to quadcopters and helicopters, familiarize yourself with the Blade 350 QX in **Smart Mode** and at low rate.

As you become more familiar with the quadcopter's response, adjust the rates and expo to suit your flying style (if using a computer radio).

NOTICE: Do not attempt to fly your 350 QX in Stability Mode or Agility Mode until you have familiarized yourself with the operation of the aircraft in Smart Mode and read and understand the descriptions of the other flight modes.

## **Audible Alerts and LED Codes**

The motors will Beep under the following conditions:

- Any time the props stop spinning after they have been initialized.
- After 30 seconds of no throttle input (waiting armed on the ground).

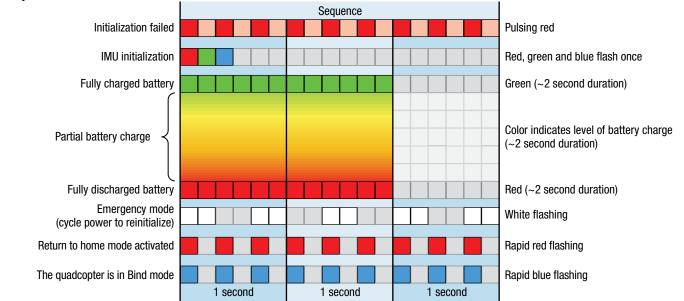
### **Audible Alerts**

Event	Audible Alert
ESC power on	one short beep
Successful initialization	many continuous tones with increasing frequency
RC signal detected after start	one long tone
Bind detected	one long tone
Bind accepted (3 seconds after detected)	one long tone
Thrust stick in correct position for motor start	low, med, high (happy tone)
Cannot start motors because of low voltage	high, med, low (sad tone)
Cannot start motors because vehicle is tilted	high, med, low (sad tone)
Enter ESC ID assignment mode	loud high, low — high, low

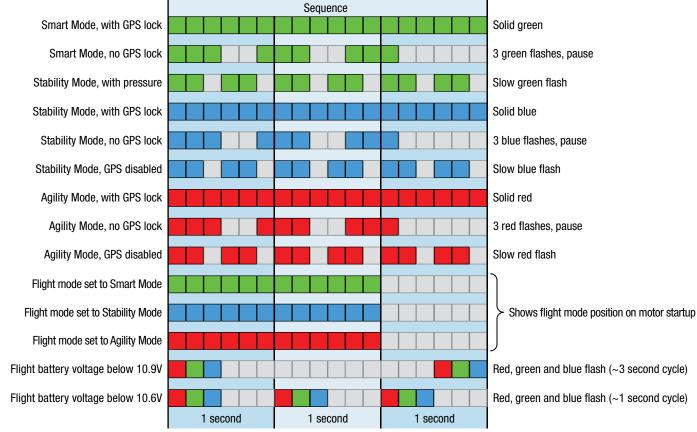
### **Initialization Audible Alerts**

Event	Audible Alert
Gyro, accelerometer sensor error	High, low, 1 short tone
Compass initialization error	High, low, 2 short tones
Pressure sensor initialization error	High, low, 3 short tones
GPS initialization error	High, low, 4 short tones
ESCs not detected	High, low, 6 short tones
Settings saved (i.e. when changed GPS on/off, etc)	Rapid low, med, high — low, med, high
Trim warning (when in Smart or Agility Mode)	Continuous very short, rapid tone
Low-battery warning	Medium frequency, loud tone (every 3 seconds)
Emergency state warning (also after ESC ID assignment)	Once per second loud medium tone

### Startup LED Codes



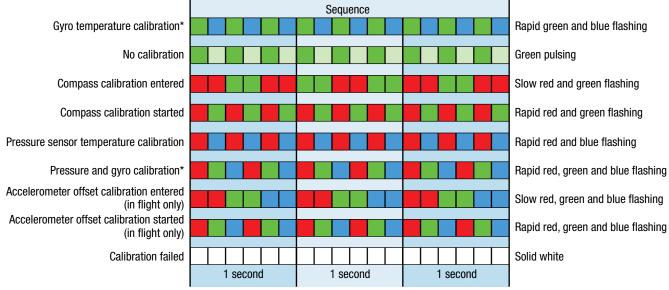
### **Flying LED Codes**



CAUTION: If you see the LED signal for low battery, immediately land your aircraft and recharge the battery.

**CAUTION:** Do not attempt to use Return Home with a low battery.

### **Calibration LED Codes**



\* These items are performed by the manufacturer.

## GPS Functionality of the 350 QX

To acquire a reliable GPS signal, it is important the 350 QX has a clear view of the sky. Obstructions that can affect the aircraft's ability to acquire an acceptable signal include:

- Flying close to or around tall/big buildings
- Flying under dense vegetation
- Flying indoors or under a structure

If you lose or cannot acquire a GPS lock and home position, the aircraft will not have Stick Relativity, SAFE Circle, Position Hold or Return Home functions available.

It is not possible to use **Smart Mode** without having GPS enabled. If the 350 QX is initialized without GPS enabled, it will default to **Stability Mode**. The aircraft will still be capable of altitude hold.

If you do not have a GPS signal, try maneuvering the 350 QX by steering with forward elevator and rudder only.

**CAUTION:** Do not attempt to fly the 350 QX with GPS enabled while indoors or in a location where the GPS signal is known to be poor, as loss of signal could result in a crash.

#### **GPS Functions**

(see the binding section for turning GPS functions ON and OFF)

### With GPS ON

- If the 350 QX took off with GPS lock and a home position set, when Return Home mode is activated the quadcopter will fly back to the start position (maintaining altitude along the way), then reduce altitude to land.
- If the 350 QX should lose GPS when Return Home mode is activated, it will land quickly using the barometric pressure sensor to maintain the descent rate.
- If the 350 QX took off without GPS lock, but acquires a GPS signal in flight, it will land slowly using GPS to hold its position and barometric pressure sensor to maintain the descent rate when Return Home mode is activated.
- If the 350 QX loses GPS during landing in Return Home mode, it will increase the rate of descent and land quickly to avoid drift.
- If the 350 QX deviates too far from its intended GPS path when in Return Home mode, it will descend using the barometric pressure sensor to maintain the descent rate. This could happen if the flight control system loses its orientation because of aggressive flight in 3 axis mode.
- Once the 350 QX has landed in Return Home mode it will disarm the motors

#### With GPS OFF

• If Return Home mode is activated, the 350 QX will level off and land quickly using the barometric pressure sensor to maintain the descent rate.

### Flight Guidelines and Warnings

- Always keep aircraft in sight and under control.
- Always keep people and pets at least 35 feet (10 meters) away when the battery is connected.
- Keep children out of the vicinity of this product at all times.
- 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.

Once the 350 QX has landed in Return Home mode it will disarm the motors.

#### GPS Failure

Upon GPS failure, the 350 QX will respond according to the following conditions:

#### Smart Mode: (rapid Green flashing LED)

If the 350 QX is in this mode and the GPS fails, the quad will default to **Stability Mode.** The aircraft will still use the pressure sensor to maintain altitude and control rate of descent. If GPS is re-acquired, after 5-10 seconds of reliable GPS signal the **Smart Mode** functions are returned to normal

#### Stability Mode: (long Blue, two short Green flashing LED)

If the 350 QX is in this mode and the GPS fails, it will not switch to **Smart Mode** and will not enter GPS hold, but will otherwise function normally. If GPS is reacquired, after 5-10 seconds of reliable GPS signal the **Stability Mode** functions are returned to normal

#### Agility Mode: (long Red, two short Green flashing LED)

If the 350 QX is in this mode and the GPS fails, it will not affect flight performance, but it will not be able to switch into **Smart Mode.** It will still be able to switch into **Stability Mode** with the limitations described above.

#### Loss of Transmitter Signal

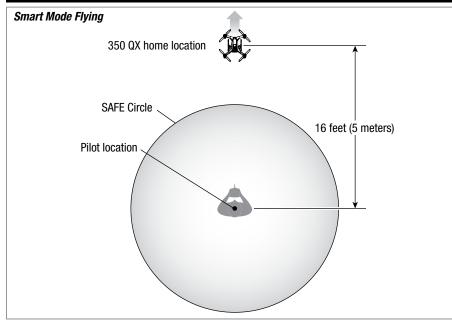
If the transmitter signal is lost for any reason, the 350 QX will respond according to the following conditions:

- If the motors are not turning, the 350 QX will disarm.
- If the motors are turning but the 350 QX is not flying, it will turn off the motors and disarm.
- If the 350 QX is flying and has a good GPS lock with a home position set, it will activate the Return Home function upon the loss of the transmitter signal.
- If the compass is not connected or faulty, or if there is no GPS lock, the 350 QX will descend slowly upon the loss of the transmitter signal.
- If the pressure sensor is not working, the 350 QX will reduce power to initiate a controlled descent upon the loss of the transmitter signal.

- Always let parts cool after use before touching.
- Always remove batteries after use.
- Always have a first aid kit with you.
- Always have an appropriate fire extinguisher with you.
- Never operate aircraft with damaged wiring.
- Never touch moving parts.

The Blade 350 QX has many more features than other Blade quadcopters. Please take the time to read this manual and understand the functions this aircraft contains before flying.

## Preparing the 350 QX For Flight



- 1. Power on the transmitter with the flight mode set to **Smart Mode,** the throttle stick down and the throttle trim at neutral.
- 2. Install a charged battery, plug it in and close the hatch.
- 3. With the quad on a level surface, turn on the power switch and allow the 350 QX to initialize. If the GPS is enabled, wait for the GPS signal to be acquired, which is indicated by a solid green LED. It may take from 30–90 seconds to acquire a GPS signal.

**IMPORTANT:** While in **Smart Mode** the motors will not start if a GPS signal has not been acquired.

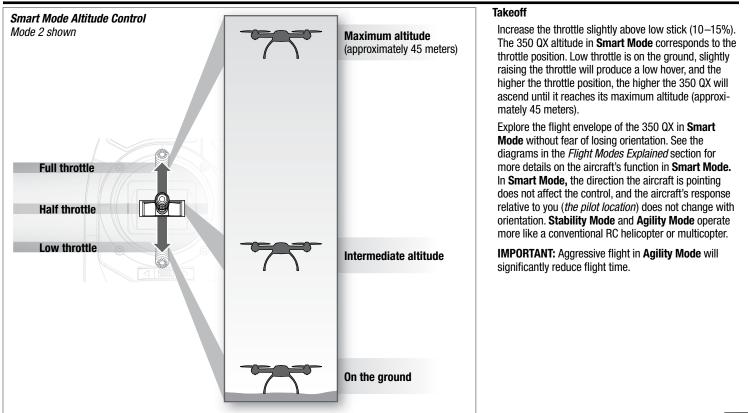
- 4. Move the aircraft to the desired home location and orient the aircraft pointed away from the pilot.
- 5. Step back approximately 16 feet (5 meters) from the home location.
- 6. When you are prepared to fly, quickly move the rudder stick all the way left and then all the way right. The props will begin to spin. The home position for GPS functions is set and your aircraft is ready to fly.

**IMPORTANT:** The motors will not start if the transmitter is set to low rate. The dual rate switch must be set to high rate.

Lower the throttle stick and the throttle trim to power off the props after flight.

**CAUTION:** When the home location is set (**step 6**), the 350 QX must be approximately 16 feet (5 meters) from where the pilot will stand during flight, pointing away from the pilot. If the aircraft is pointed in any other direction, the *SAFE Circle* feature will not function as expected and may result in personal injury or damage to property. Once the aircraft's motors are started, do not change your position.

## Flying the 350 QX



#### Landing

To land the 350 QX there are two options:

- Guide the aircraft to where you wish to land and reduce the throttle. Reduce the throttle trim after landing to disarm the motors.
- Activate the Return Home function to return the 350 QX to the assigned home location and land automatically.

**CAUTION:** Do not activate the **Return Home** function if the 350 QX is showing the low battery indication. *Manually land the aircraft immediately.* 

#### **Return Home**

- When this feature is activated, the 350 QX will fly back to its assigned home location and land. After landing, the motors may take up to 5 seconds to disarm. If the motors take more than 20+ seconds to disarm, perform the Pressure Sensor Calibration.
- To restart the props after landing in **Return Home**, fully lower the throttle and ensure the throttle trim is neutral, then quickly move the rudder stick fully left and then fully right.

**CAUTION:** The 350 QX will not recognize the SAFE Circle feature when **Return Home** is used. Activating **Return Home** may cause the 350 QX to fly directly over the pilot if the aircraft was flown to a position behind where the pilot was standing when the home position was established.

#### After Your Flight

- 1. Turn off the power switch on the 350 QX.
- 2. Turn off the power to your transmitter.
- 3. Unplug and remove the battery from the 350 QX.

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

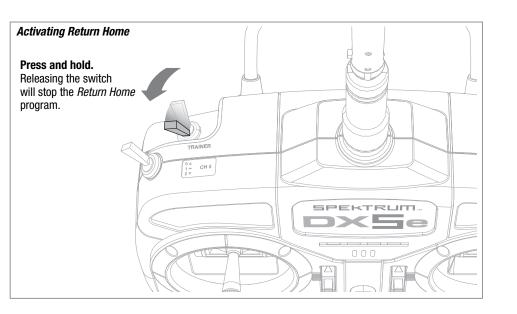
#### Location alert

- The motors will Beep under the following conditions:
- At any time the props stop spinning after they have been initialized.
- After 30 seconds of no throttle input (waiting armed on the ground).

This will alert the pilot to the location of the aircraft if it lands in a location with low visibility. Beeping will continue until the battery can no longer

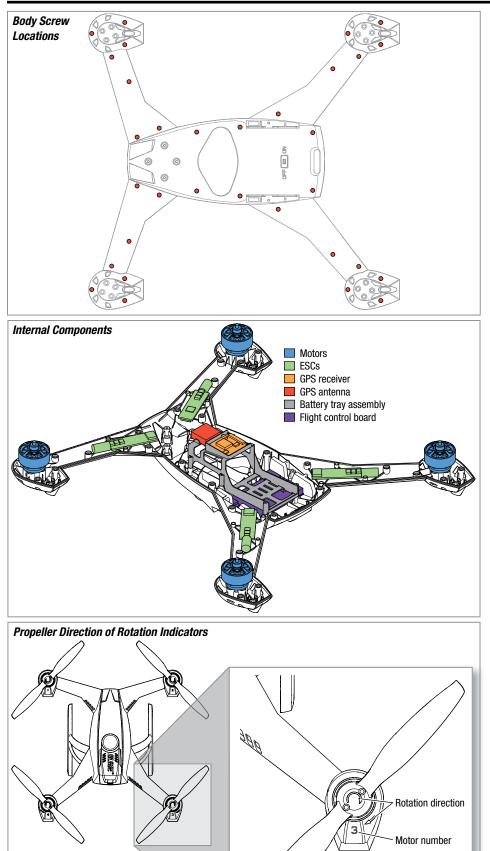
supply enough power to the motors.

If the quadcopter crash lands and one or more motors are stopped by an impact, the quadcopter enters emergency mode. The LED will flash white and the motors will beep loudly.



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## Airframe Maintenance



### Replacing the body

Disassembly of the old airframe

- 1. Ensure the battery is disconnected from the quadcopter.
- 2. Remove the 2 machine screws from each propeller and remove the propellers.
- 3. Remove the 32 1.5mm hex screws from the bottom of the frame to separate the upper and lower body pieces.
- 4. Unplug the compass sensor from the flight control board. Remove the landing gear with compass sensor and place it in a safe area away from magnets.

**NOTICE:** Do not allow the compass sensor to get near a magnet. Any magnet, including those in the 350 QX motors, can damage the compass and cause it to work incorrectly. If the 350 QX is flown with a faulty compass, all GPS functions will be compromised.

- 5. Unplug the GPS receiver from the flight control board and remove the battery tray assembly.
- If you are replacing the GPS components, remove the foil from the GPS receiver and unplug the GPS antenna from the GPS receiver.
- 7. Remove the flight control board from the airframe.
- 8. Remove the motors and ESCs from the airframe.

Before installing the components into the new airframe, inspect all the components for any obvious damage or burnt smells. Check the motors for smooth bearings and inspect all the propellers for chips, burrs or cracks. Replace any parts in question.

Installing components in the new airframe

- 1. Install the motors and ESCs, making sure to match the wire colors on the connectors.
- 2. Install the flight control board.
- 3. Install the tray assembly.
- 4. Install the GPS receiver and GPS antenna and plug the cables into their corresponding sockets.
- 5. Assign the motors and ESCs according to the *ESC and Motor Assignment Procedure.*
- 6. Install the landing gear and connect the compass to the flight control board. If you replaced the compass or believe that it may have been impaired by a magnetic field, you will need to perform the compass calibration procedure.
- 7. Mount the top of the airframe.
- Install the propellers, paying attention to the direction of rotation as indicated by the arrows molded in the frame and on the propellers for each motor.

## **Compass Calibration**

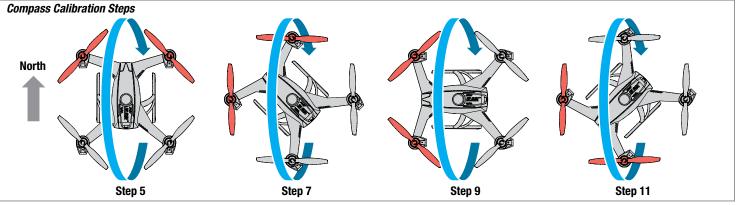
The Flight Controller on the 350 QX has automatic magnetic declination calibration, so you will not have to worry about looking up the magnetic declination at your location and changing settings on your 350 QX to get accurate compass measurements. It is possible, however, that your compass may need to be calibrated if it is exposed to strong magnetic fields.

### **Compass calibration procedure:**

- 1. Go to an open space outdoors away from metal. Take a conventional compass with you to ensure you know the direction of north.
- Ensure your transmitter is off and then connect a flight battery to the 350 QX. Power the aircraft on. Wait five seconds and then the blue LED will begin flashing rapidly, signaling the aircraft is initialized and ready to bind.
- Once the blue light begins flashing, bind with yaw stick left. The 350 QX LED will slowly flash between red and green for 5 seconds.
- 4. Put the 350 QX flat in your hands and face north. After 5 seconds of slow flashing the quad will start flashing rapidly. The quad is now collecting data to be used for the calibration.
- 5. Slowly rotate the quad 360 degrees about the east-west axis ("flip" the aircraft either forward or backward) until it is flat in your hands again.

- 6. Continue facing north and yaw the quad 45 degrees left so the quad is now facing north-west.
- 7. Slowly rotate the quad 360 degrees about the east-west axis, ("flip" the aircraft diagonally either direction) until it is flat in your hands again.
- 8. Continue facing north and yaw the quad 45 degrees left so the quad is now facing west.
- 9. Slowly rotate the quad 360 degrees about the east-west axis ("flip" the quad sideways either direction) until it is flat in your hands again.
- 10. Continue facing north and yaw the quad 45 degrees left so the quad is now facing south-west.
- 11. Slowly rotate the quad 360 degrees about the east-west axis ("flip" the aircraft diagonally either direction) until it is flat in your hands again.

You have 30 seconds to complete the procedure. The 350 QX should still be blinking rapidly when you finish. Hold the aircraft still until it stops blinking rapidly. If successful, the 350 QX will beep a positive confirmation and then restart itself. If unsuccessful, the 350 QX displays the failed calibration code, a solid white LED. If the 350 QX displays this error code, power off the aircraft and then begin the calibration procedure again.



### **Pressure Sensor Calibration**

The pressure sensor is calibrated at the factory on the 350 QX. Recalibration should only be necessary if you replace the sensor.

- 1. Place the 350 QX in a cold area. Allow it to remain in the cold for 30 minutes or more.
- Bring the 350 QX out of the cold and into a warm area. The greater the difference in temperature between the cold and warm areas, the more accurate the calibration will be.
- 3. Ensure your transmitter is off and then connect a flight battery to the 350 QX and power the aircraft on. Wait five seconds and then the blue LED will begin flashing rapidly, signaling the aircraft is initialized and ready to bind.

### **Accelerometer Calibration**

To calibrate the accelerometer, the quadcopter needs to fly for 20 seconds while being level. This allows the accelerometer readings to be averaged and stored in memory.

Use the following procedure to calibrate the accelerometer:

- 1. Power on the quadcopter with the transmitter off to enter bind mode.
- 2. Turn on the transmitter while holding the elevator stick back and pressing the bind switch.
- 3. Set the flight mode switch to Stability Mode or Smart Mode. The quadcopter will fly in Stability Mode no matter which position is selected.
- 4. Start the motors. Fly the quadcopter off the ground. The quadcopter LED will flash slowly (red, green, blue).
- 5. Use trims to adjust roll/pitch so the quadcopter does not drift left/right and forward/back.
- Activate the accelerometer calibration mode by changing the flight mode switch into Agility Mode. The vehicle will still fly in Stability Mode. The LED will start flashing quickly (red, green, blue).

- 4. Once the blue light begins flashing, bind with yaw stick right. The 350 QX will blink red and blue rapidly. Leave the aircraft and transmitter powered on and allow the aircraft to warm up for 10 minutes. Do not move the aircraft during this time.
- 5. After 10 minutes the motors on the aircraft will beep to indicate the calibration is complete. Power off the aircraft and then your transmitter.

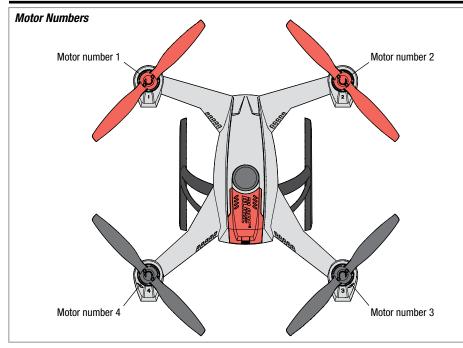
If the 350 QX displays the failed calibration code, power off the aircraft and then begin the pressure calibration procedure again.

- Fly steadily for 10–30 seconds. The LED will flash slowly when data collection is done.
- 8. Land the quadcopter and stop the propellers by lowering the throttle and throttle trim.

**IMPORTANT:** The calibrated values are not yet permanently stored. Do not turn off the quadcopter.

- 9. Center the trims on the transmitter. Start the motors and verify the quadcopter flies without drifting.
- 10. Land the quadcopter and stop the motors by lowering the throttle and throttle trim.
- 11. Save the calibration by moving the rudder stick quickly left, right, left, right. Values are saved when you hear a rapid triple tone twice.
- 12. Turn off the quadcopter.
- 13. Confirm the calibration by powering up the quadcopter and performing a test flight. If the calibration is not correct, start the calibration procedure again.

## **ESC and Motor Assignment Procedure**



### Troubleshooting

- 1. Begin with the transmitter off and connect a flight battery to the 350 QX.
- 2. Power on the quadcopter on a level surface and wait for the rapid blue flashing LED to indicate the aircraft has entered bind mode.
- 3. With the throttle stick in the full throttle position, press/ pull the bind button/switch and power on your transmitter. The quadcopter will acknowledge the assignment mode with a loud high, then low tone. If your transmitter is equipped with a high throttle warning at startup, it is necessary to disable this alarm prior to completing this step. After the replacement procedure is complete, re-activate the high throttle warning in your transmitter.
- 4. The motor number and prop direction are molded in the top of the body. The motors will give an audible "beep" to indicate which motor to calibrate. When the motors beep 1 time, spin motor 1 by hand. The motor will respond with the same number of tones upon successful assignment.
- 5. When the motors beep 2 times, spin motor 2 by hand.
- 6. When the motors beep 3 times, spin motor 3 by hand.

7. When the motors beep 4 times, spin motor 4 by hand.

When the assignment is successful, the quadcopter enters emergency mode. Restart the quadcopter.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution	
350 QX will not initialize	The quadcopter was moved during initialization	Re-arm the aircraft, being cautious to avoid any movement during initialization	
	Throttle trim is not in the correct position	The trim may need to be adjusted a click above or below center	
	Heavy overcast	Wait for lighter cloud cover and re-lock or disable GPS	
	Solar flares	Wait for disturbance to subside or disable GPS	
GPS will not lock	Aircraft is indoors	Disable GPS	
	Objects blocking clear access to the sky (under a metal cover, inside a car, tall buildings, etc)	Move aircraft to a clear area	
	Video transmitter nearby	Re-position or remove video transmitter	
	Raised threat level by the U.S. government	Wait for threat level to be reduced or disable GPS	
GPS has reduced resolution	The GPS antenna coaxial cable is nicked, cut, or otherwise damaged	Replace the GPS antenna	
	The compass has been exposed to a magnet	Move the aircraft away from the magnetic source. In worst case sce nario, the compass may need to be replaced	
GPS functions not operating properly	The GPS antenna coaxial cable is nicked, cut, or other- wise damaged	Replace the GPS antenna	
	The aircraft is behaving erratically	Rebind the aircraft with the GPS function off	
	Aggressive flight	Fly level for a few seconds before flipping into other modes	
<b></b>	Rate mode switch set to low	Set transmitter dual rate switch to hi	
Motors will not start in Smart Mode	GPS signal is not aquired	Ensure a GPS signal is aquired	
	Rudder trim not centered	Center the rudder trim	
Motors will not start in	Rate mode switch set to low	Set transmitter dual rate switch to hi	
Stability/Agility Mode	Rudder trim not centered	Center the rudder trim	
Blades take a long period of time to shut off after completing return to home		Refer to the Pressure Sensor Calibration section of this manual	
The quadcopter has trouble finding the home position and the props will not shut off after returning home	Accelerometer calibration is needed	Refer to the Accelerometer Calibration section of this manual	

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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.

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Product(s): BLH 350 QX RTF Item Number(s): BLH7800, BLH7800M1

Equipment class: 2

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:

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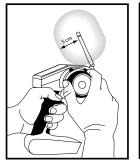
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