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- Updated [Attitude Mode Calibration](#) with additional information
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- Updated [S.BUS Channel Mapping and Ranging](#) with information for VControl users
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- Updated [IMU Static Calibration](#) with additional information
- Updated [Status Indicator LED Codes](#) with additional information
- Updated [Updating OFS3's Firmware](#) with additional information
- Updated [Bluetooth® Configuration](#) with additional information
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Introduction

Congratulations on your purchase of the all new OMPHOBBY Flight System 3, the most advanced offering in micro helicopter flight control technology today!

OFS3 has been developed, validated and perfected over a period of two years and through thousands of test flights to deliver unparalleled flight performance for novices and 3D champions alike. With completely open flight parameter adjustability and future proofing, OFS3 comprises an all-new 2-in-1 telemetry capable ESC with improved governing, as well as a groundbreaking, new flight controller, rewritten from the ground up, which together set a new standard in micro helicopter flight control.

Customer feedback has been taken very seriously during the development of OFS3. Those familiar with previous generations of OFS and its derivatives will find vastly improved control characteristics, more precise stick tracking and stopping behavior, enhanced stability and a generally more pleasant flight feel.

The OFS3 system has been carefully designed to provide an effortless setup and tuning experience, catering to the needs of both novice and experienced users. The previous OFS generation's button-and-LED-setup procedure has been retained to allow for simple, fast and tool-free adjustments of the helicopter's flight characteristics at the field without the necessity of external devices.

A new fully-featured, collective assisted Rescue Mode allows for reliable and fast upset recovery, should the pilot ever lose control of their model during flight. This new capability saves nerves, time, money and keeps users of OFS3 flying with confidence!

For those wanting to dive in deeper, OMPHOBBY's Bluetooth® module in combination with the OMPHOBBY smartphone app for iOS and Android opens up a full suite of adjustments, allowing users to access every single parameter that makes OFS3 tick and fly, such as full individual P, I, D, and F gain adjustments, control deadbands, servo travel limits and reverses, expo, vibration filtering, torque assisted left yaw gains and more.

Firmware updates to OFS3 are possible through the OMPHOBBY app, extending and improving OFS3's capabilities for years to come.

In addition to the S.BUS and DSM2/X protocol support, native ExpressLRS, CROSSFIRE, and Tracer support via the CRSF protocol with telemetry return, as well as FrSky F.Port with telemetry return, open up a new era in micro RC helicopters, where flying by timer is now a relic of the past as all crucial flight information relating to the model's power system and flight performance is now available on the display of your transmitter.

With all these exciting and new capabilities, OFS3 is not just constrained to the M2 EVO MK2 and M2 V3 PRO it is being released with. Being more open than ever, adjustments for flying with scale fuselages, which change the model's dynamics drastically, can be made more easily. OFS3 can even be adapted by the user to fly almost any micro helicopter that features an H-3 120° swashplate and motor-driven tail.

With all this said, we at OMPHOBBY now wish you amazing flights and always happy landings with your new OFS3 flight controller!

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Important Notes

Remote Control Helicopters, as the ones intended to be flown by OFS3, are not toys. They are sophisticated precision models and must be used with caution. Read this manual carefully before using OFS3 in any RC model. Failure to use OFS3 properly may result in property damage, serious injury, or even death. Make sure to be conscious of your own personal safety and the safety of others, as well as the environment around you when using OMPHOBBY products.

The manufacturer and seller assume no liability for the operation or use of this product. OFS3 is intended for use only by adults that have familiarized themselves with the operation of R/C helicopters. After the sale of this product, the manufacturer and seller cannot maintain any control over its operation or usage.

R/C helicopters require skill to operate. It is recommended that you obtain the assistance of an experienced R/C helicopter pilot before attempting to fly your OFS3 equipped helicopter for the first time.

Damage or dissatisfaction of the product as a result of crashes, incorrect setup, modifications, or lack of necessary user skill is not covered by any warranty.

Please contact our distributors for technical support and parts supply as necessary.

Safety Notes

This product must only be used in safe and open areas, away from obstacles and people and other living beings. Do not operate R/C helicopters within the vicinity of homes or crowds of people.

R/C helicopters may experience accidents, failures, and crashes due to a variety of reasons not limited to but including lack of maintenance, pilot error, or radio interference. Always ensure the model is flown in a way that such failures cannot result in harm to property or life.

The pilot is solely responsible for their own actions and damage or injury occurring during or as a result of the usage of OFS3 and helicopters with OFS3 installed. Models must always be inspected before every usage for potential defects, issues or malfunctions.

Information Recency Notes

This manual is subject to updates and revisions without prior notice. For the latest documentation on OMPHOBBY products, please visit the official support page at omphobby.com. You can also access it by scanning the adjacent QR code.



Additional Components Required For Use

Component	Recommended	Recommended	Alternative	Alternative
Receiver	ELRS Receiver	FrSky F.Port Receiver	DSM2/X Receiver	S.BUS Receiver
Transmitter	ELRS Compatible Transmitter	FrSky Compatible Transmitter	DSM2/X Compatible Transmitter	Compatible Transmitter
Features	Full Telemetry Safety Switch Fastest Response	Full Telemetry	-	-

Flying OFS3 Equipped Models

Below you will find a recommended checklist for safe operation of your model with OFS3.

Before your flight

- Inspect the helicopter for damage or loose components.
- Check your battery's power level. Only fly fully charged batteries.
- Power on the transmitter and ensure the switches are set to prevent the motor from spinning up accidentally.
- Power on OFS3 and wait for initialization, validate correct initialization based on the Flight Controller LEDs.
- Verify that the transmitter and receiver are connected and that the model reacts to control inputs correctly.
- Place the model in an open area with no obstacles or bystanders.
- Fly and have fun!

After your flight

- Safe the vehicle against accidental spool up.
- Disconnect the flight battery.
- Check your battery's physical state. Ensure it isn't excessively hot or showing signs of swelling.
- Review your telemetry values, if using a compatible transmitter.
- Power down your transmitter.
- Inspect the helicopter for loose components.
- Let the power system cool down.
- Recharge your battery.
- Prepare for your next flight with OFS3!

OFS3 Feature and Capabilities Overview

OFS3 is an advanced multi-axis flight control system with 3D and self leveling capabilities, developed from the ground up to deliver both exceptional stability and unparalleled 3D performance for micro helicopters. It comes with a full suite of features, which will be outlined in this chapter.

Flight Mode - 3D Mode

3D mode is OFS3's primary flight mode, where the pilot can freely control the attitude and rotation of the model in space. The pilot commands rotation rates of the model around the axes, which the flight controller tracks by fundamentally reimplemented and improved PIDF control loops. In this flight mode, the model is entirely unconstrained and can perform complex maneuvers, such as inverted flight, flips, rolls, loops, tictocs, pirouetting flips, and more, only being limited by the pilot.

Superior yaw stability is guaranteed by a second-generation TALY (Torque Assisted Left Yaw) algorithm, which utilizes throttle changes of the main motor to assist with left yaw commands on motorized tails. Through an entirely new implementation, OFS3's tail rotor performance can easily be compared to that of a traditional collective-pitch tail, without any of the mechanical complexity and any of the drawbacks of previous TALY implementations.

The main rotor speed is controlled by a newly written governor algorithm in the 2-in-1 stack, giving better RPM consistency than ever before. Using the digital DSHOT600 protocol for both motors, RPM changes needed for flight control are faster and more accurate than ever.

Flight Mode - Attitude Mode

Attitude Mode, also called self leveling mode, is a flight mode where the model always returns to level flight when the cyclic stick (elevator/aileron) is let go. The model cannot be fully flipped or rolled in this mode, and a bank angle limitation of 45° is active at all times. The cyclic stick commands a tilt angle in this mode, and needs to be held to build horizontal velocity, as opposed to the traditional 3D mode.

Attitude Mode can be calibrated for largely drift-free flight when the cyclic stick is centered. The reference for leveling the model is the gravity vector of the Earth. Calibration of the model's gravity vector reference can be done by the pilot to ensure drift-free flight when the cyclic is centered. The procedure is described in detail under [Attitude Mode Calibration](#).

OFS3 firmwares 12.52 and below ONLY, not applicable to firmwares 13.95 and above:0

Prolonged 3D flight may tilt the attitude reference temporarily, which may render Attitude Mode unsafe to enter for a brief period after such flying. The horizon reference will return to level once the model is flown more calmly for a short period of time.

⚠ OFS3's Attitude Mode is not designed to be used as a rescue function. Usage as such happens strictly at the pilot's own risk, as OMPHOBBY cannot guarantee stability of the attitude mode horizon after prolonged aerobatic flight. ⚠

Upset Recovery - Rescue Mode (Experimental)

From firmware version 13.95 onward, OFS3 features a fully-fledged, collective-assisted Rescue Mode for upset recovery without pilot intervention.

See chapter [Rescue Mode \(⚠ Experimental Feature ⚠\)](#) for more information.

Receiver Connectivity

While OFS3 continues to support both S.BUS and DSM2/X known from previous iterations of OFS, it now also supports the CRSF receiver protocol used by TBS CROSSFIRE, Tracer, and ExpressLRS, as well as the FrSky F.Port receiver protocol. The latter two protocols offer the significant advantage of telemetry return, which allows for return of valuable flight data to the transmitter, based on which warnings and vibrations can be played to indicate, for example, an empty battery. Telemetry items include:

- Battery Total Voltage (V)
- Battery Average Cell Voltage (V)
- Battery Current (A)
- Used Capacity (mAh)
- Rotor Speed (RPM)
- ESC Temperature (°C)
- Vehicle Attitude in Roll, Pitch, and Yaw (Radians, Degrees)

More receiver protocols may be supported in the future via firmware update.

Setup Capabilities

LEDs and Button

Similar to the previous iteration of OFS, OFS3 allows the user to change the most important parameters right on the flight controller, which includes basic settings of the control loops like total gain, feedforward, and rotation rates, as well as servo centering and collective pitch endpoints.

Bluetooth® App with Full Parameter Access

With OFS3, OFS has graduated from being a simplified RTF flight controller to a fully fledged, highly advanced flight control system for micro helicopters. To unlock its full range of capabilities, OFS3 seamlessly connects to the OMPHOBBY app on iOS and Android through the included Bluetooth® module.

The OMPHOBBY app allows the user full customization of all core flight control parameters, providing access to every single value that makes OFS3 fly. This includes full PIDF gain access, rotation rates, control deadband values, vibration filters, stick exponentials, software throttle mode, TALY parameters, and more.

Firmware updates to the flight controller can be done through the app, and firmwares can be rapidly developed and deployed by OMPHOBBY.

To find the latest firmware for your OFS3 flight controller, please visit the support page at omphobby.com.

For more information, see [Bluetooth® Configuration](#).

User Feedback

Special attention in OFS3's development was paid to the flight characteristics, incorporating user feedback on previous iterations of OFS. While OFS3's flight code has been rewritten from the ground up and contains not a single line of previous OFS flight code, certain comparisons with the previous generation of OFS, specifically on M2 V2 and M2 EVO, can be drawn. Notable improvements include:

- Control deadband on the pitch, roll, and yaw axes has been minimized by default and is now fully user adjustable from no deadband at all, to levels of deadband similar to previous OFS generations.
- The TALY (Torque Assisted Left Yaw) algorithm is more robust, does not saturate anymore, is available at much lower RPMs and does not cause yaw creep after a quick yaw stop. TALY now incorporates collective pitch to maintain a more stable rotor thrust level during yaw induced RPM changes.
- Cyclic control range is extended and user-customizable to allow for more cyclic pitch, in turn increasing achievable rotation rates.
- Servo endpoints are now relative to servo center values, eliminating the phenomenon of unequal cyclic throws after adjusting servo centers.
- Cyclic reversals in 3D maneuvers like tictocs can be performed faster and crisper with the model following the control inputs more closely.
- Headspeed governor and TALY remain active at all times.
- Pirouetting control is more stable and smoother, allowing for more precise and consistent pirouetting maneuvers.
- Attitude Mode precision and accuracy has been drastically improved, calibration mode is less sensitive to control inputs for easier handling and better results.
- Telemetry return is now possible with ExpressLRS, CROSSFIRE, and Tracer receivers, as well as FrSky F.Port receivers. Additional protocols may be added in the future.
- RPM can now be accurately set by entering a specific throttle value. Refer to the ["Setting RPM by Throttle Percentage"](#) section for a chart of throttle values vs. main rotor RPM.
- An optional, special Software Throttle mode allows the user to define three RPM presets in the flight controller which can be selected through an extra channel, allowing the user to not use transmitter throttle curves at all.
- An all new, fully fledged, collective assisted Rescue Mode has been implemented, which enables the aircraft to return itself to a stable flight attitude after the simple flick of a switch. See [Rescue Mode \(⚠ Experimental Feature ⚠\)](#) for more information.

These and more improvements to OFS3 make it one of the best flying, most versatile and most complete flight control units on the market.

Battery Information at a glance

A row of LEDs will show you battery information at a glance when the flight controller is powered up and initialized, even if you are not using telemetry. This adds a layer of safety to the system, ensuring a user can easily gauge their battery level on the fly.

OFS3 Helicopter Component Connections

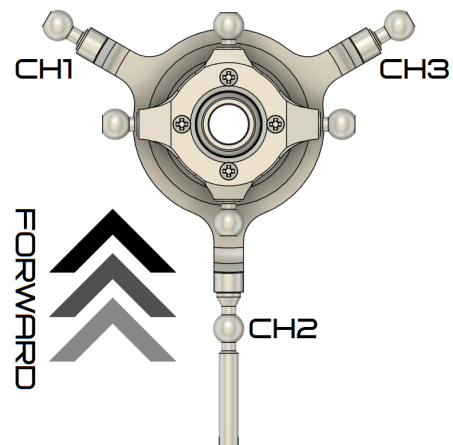
OMPHOBBY Flight System 3 requires the following connections to fly a helicopter:

- Receiver
- Servos
- Main Motor
- Tail Motor
- Battery

Servo Connections

If you purchased OFS3 installed in an OMPHOBBY helicopter, the servos are already connected. Refer to this section if you are retrofitting a helicopter with OFS3, or if you need to reconnect the servos during a repair.

OFS3 currently supports helicopters with an H-3 120° swashplate with two front servos, and one rear servo. The adjacent diagram correlates the servo positions to the channels on the flight controller.



Servo is connected to...	Servo Port on OFS3
Left Swashplate Joint	CH1
Rear Swashplate Joint	CH2
Right Swashplate Joint	CH3

If you are using OFS3 in a helicopter with a servo layout different from the corresponding OMPHOBBY helicopter, you may need to reverse servos according to its specific layout. This is only possible through the OMPHOBBY Bluetooth® App.

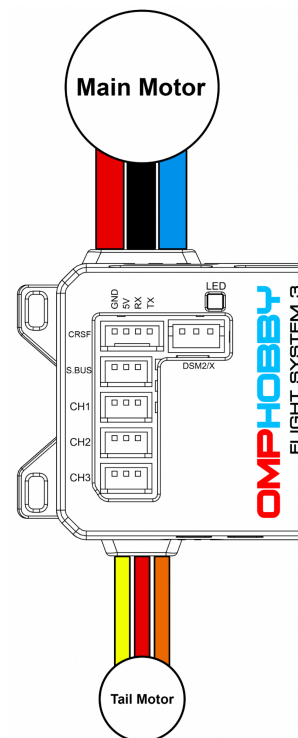
⚠ Always ensure proper servo leveling and mechanics setup after a repair, or when retrofitting an existing helicopter with OFS3. Failure to do so can, depending on the severity of the setup errors, lead to off-axis pirouetting, asymmetric flight characteristics, reduced control margins, axis cross coupling, servo saturation, loss of control, and total loss of the vehicle. Review the relevant sections of this manual for guidance. ⚠

Motor Connections

If you purchased OFS3 installed in an OMPHOBBY helicopter, both motors are already connected from the factory. Refer to this section if you are retrofitting a helicopter with OFS3, or if you need to reconnect the motors while repairing a helicopter.

⚠ **The main motor and tail motor must be connected to the correct outputs of the flight controller. The color-coding of the motor wires must be obeyed to guarantee correct direction of rotation, as otherwise the helicopter will become uncontrollable upon motor start. Do not connect the motors to the wrong outputs, this may have catastrophic consequences for the model, as well as your health and safety.** ⚠

The adjacent diagram illustrates the correct motor connections by the example of the M2 EVO MK2 and M2 V3 PRO.



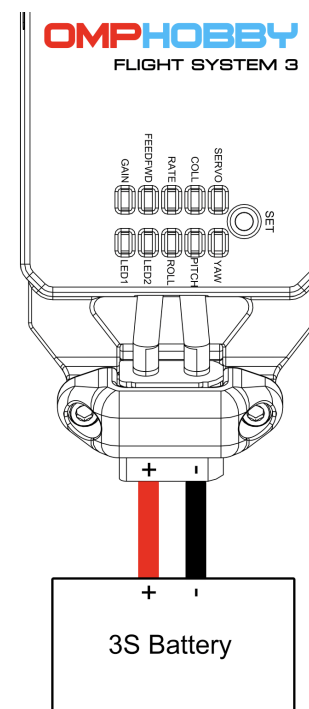
Battery Connection

In the case of the M2 EVO MK2 and M2 V3 PRO, OFS3 comes equipped with an XT30 connector and is compatible with 3S (11.1 V) LiPo batteries. The maximum input voltage is 13.05V, use of 3S LiHV batteries is permitted. Higher voltage can cause permanent and irreparable damage to your OFS3 flight stack and is not covered under product warranty.

⚠ **Pay close attention to the battery connector's polarity. While the XT30 is keyed, contact can potentially be made by forcing the connector, even when reversed. Connecting the battery with reversed polarity is strictly prohibited and will lead to permanent and irreparable damage to your OFS3 flight stack, which is not covered under warranty.** ⚠

OFS3's low voltage cutoff (LVC) is set to 3.3 V per cell, and therefore specifically on the M2 EVO MK2 and M2 V3 PRO, 9.9 V total battery voltage. Once LVC is triggered, the ESC will gradually reduce the rotor speed to a set speed, hold this speed for 15 seconds, and then reduce the throttle gradually to 0, indicating that the pilot should land immediately in order to prevent damage to the flight battery.

It is not recommended to fly the model to LVC. To prolong battery life, it is recommended to never let the battery drop below 3.5 V per cell in flight, and to land the model once the battery reaches a level of about 3.7 V per cell of resting voltage.



Receiver Connection

OFS3 supports the following receiver protocols:

- CRSF (ExpressLRS / CROSSFIRE / Tracer)
- FrSky F.Port
- DSM2/DSMX
- S.BUS

The receivers' respective connection details will be outlined in the following chapters.

CRSF (ExpressLRS, CROSSFIRE, and Tracer)

OFS3 supports the CRSF receiver protocol with full telemetry return. The CRSF protocol is used by ExpressLRS (ELRS), TBS CROSSFIRE (XF), and TBS Tracer receivers. If not specified otherwise, any instructions regarding CRSF are valid for ELRS, XF, and Tracer transmitter systems.

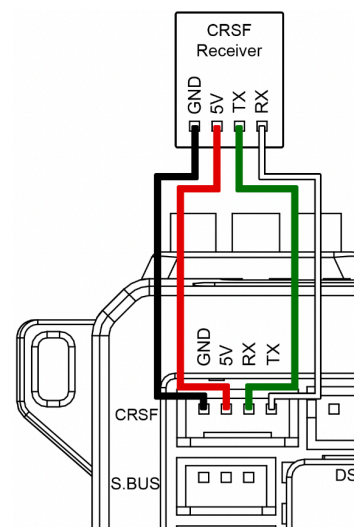
When purchasing an ELRS, XF, or Tracer receiver, ensure that it supports the CRSF protocol and operates at 5V. Telemetry return is only supported when a full duplex connection between receiver and OFS3 is established, which requires both UART RX and TX to be connected.

CRSF Physical Connections

CRSF requires a connection between the CRSF port of the OFS3 flight controller and a corresponding receiver. The serial connection follows UART conventions. The connector used is a Picoblade 4-pin type, but is also compatible with JST-MX 1.25mm connectors. A pre-made cable can be purchased under part number OSHM2133. Note that JST-MX 1.25mm is not compatible with JST-GH 1.25mm, as commonly used by Rotorflight flight controllers, and receivers like the RadioMaster RP3-H. You must not connect a JST-GH connector into a Picoblade/JST-MX port under any circumstances. Only use compatible connectors.

Receiver	OFS3	OSHM2133	Purpose
GND	GND	Black	Power Delivery
5V	5V	Red	Power Delivery
TX	RX	Green	Control Signal
RX	TX	White	Telemetry Return

The adjacent diagram illustrates the required connection between the CRSF receiver and flight controller. Note that it is possible to fly with the receiver's TX pin connected only, but no telemetry will be returned.



⚠ **Ensure correct connection of RX and TX lines. Neither control nor telemetry will work if not connected as described above, and OFS3 will not initialize.** ⚠

ELRS Module Settings

When using ELRS, the transmitter module should be configured to match the receiver being used. The following settings are recommended as a baseline and have been tested with OFS3. As Channel 6 is used for throttle, the ELRS Switch Mode should be set to 8ch to allow for the maximum possible resolution and range.

Setting	Value	Note
Baud Rate	1.87M Baud	Data rate module ↔ transmitter
Packet Rate	333 Hz Full	Data rate of the control uplink
Telemetry Ratio	1:4	Data rate of the telemetry downlink
Switch Mode	8ch	Enables extended throttle range

ELRS/XF Transmitter Channel Mapping

The ELRS channel convention and PWM ranges outlined in the table below are expected by the flight controller when a CRSF receiver is connected.

⚠ Channel 5 must be set to at least 1501 µs or higher for flight. ELRS treats Channel 5 as an arming channel and will only output full transmission power when Channel 5 is set above 1500 µs. The motor will remain OFF if Channel 5 is left at 1500 µs or below. OFS3 will however initialize when Channel 5 is above 1500 µs. Channel 5 can double as a safety switch, or can be permanently set high. ⚠

Ch	Control Function	PWM (Min / Center / Max)	Output HIGH when..
1	Aileron	988 µs / 1500 µs / 2012 µs	Rolling Right ↻
2	Elevator	988 µs / 1500 µs / 2012 µs	Pitching Forward ↑
3	Collective	988 µs / 1500 µs / 2012 µs	Collective Up ⬆
4	Rudder	988 µs / 1500 µs / 2012 µs	Yawing Clockwise ↻
5	Optional Motor Safety Switch (ELRS Arm)	988 µs – 1500 µs Safe 1501 µs – 2012 µs Armed	Vehicle is Armed
6	Throttle / Motor Switch	988 µs – 2012 µs, ⬆2140 µs	RPM is High
7	Attitude / 3D Mode Rescue Mode	988 µs – 1212 µs Attitude 1213 µs – 2012 µs 3D	Flight Mode is 3D
8	Software RPM Selection (If enabled, see Software Throttle)	988 µs – 1329 µs RPM1 1330 µs – 1688 µs RPM2 1689 µs – 2012 µs RPM3	RPM 3 is Selected

CRSF Telemetry Sensors

OFS3 supports a variety of CRSF telemetry sensors, which deliver useful information about the state of the model to the pilot. Using ExpressLRS 3.5.5 and EdgeTX 2.11.2 (or later), main rotor RPM, ESC temperature and single cell voltage are also directly supported. In older versions, the Altitude and Heading sensors are used to transmit RPM and ESC temperature. Refer to the table below for proper usage. Due to the nature of how the CRSF protocol transmits sensors, other sensors such as Battery Percentage, GPS Coordinates, GPS Satellites, Vertical Speed, and Ground Speed may be populated during sensor discovery. These sensors are unused and should be disregarded.

To discover these sensors in EdgeTX, the following steps are necessary:

1. Ensure the model is powered off.
2. Open the "Telemetry" tab in Model Settings.
3. Under "Sensors", click the "Discover new" button.
4. Power up the model, wait for connection.
5. Observe the sensor list populating.
6. Once no new sensors are being discovered anymore, click the "Stop" button.
7. Set up your telemetry screens and warnings as desired and required.

Sensor	Function	Note
RxBt	Battery Voltage (V)	Displays total pack voltage.
Curr	Battery Current (A)	Displays battery current.
Capa	Used Capacity (mAh)	Displays total used capacity since power-on.
RPM	Rotor Speed (RPM)	Rotor Speed in [1/min].
Temp	ESC MOSFET Temperature (°C)	ESC MOSFET temperature in degrees Celsius.
Volt	Average Cell Voltage (V)	Calculated from Battery Voltage, Volt=RxBt/3
Ptch	Pitch Attitude (rad)	Default unit is radians, can be changed to °.
Roll	Roll Attitude (rad)	Default unit is radians, can be changed to °.
Yaw	Yaw Attitude (rad)	Default unit is radians, can be changed to °.
Alt	Alternative source for Rotor Speed (RPM) (Pre-ELRS 3.5.5)	Rotor Speed in [1/min]. Rename the sensor to "NR" or "RPM". Change units from m to RPM.
Hdg	Alternative source for ESC MOSFET Temperature (°C) (Pre-ELRS 3.5.5)	ESC MOSFET temperature in [°C]. Rename the sensor to "Tmp". Change units from ° to °C. Change precision from 0.00 to 0.--

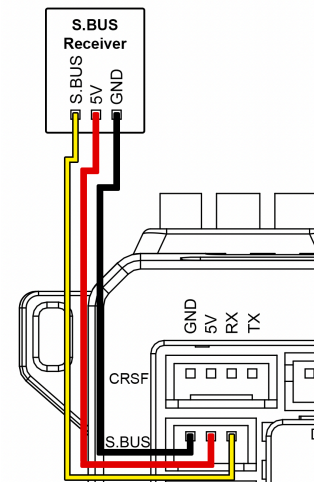
S.BUS

OFS3 supports the S.BUS receiver communication protocol, which is used by a variety of receivers and brands. S.BUS does not support telemetry return.

S.BUS Connection

The adjacent diagram illustrates the connection of a receiver outputting S.BUS to OFS3. OMPHOBBY part number OSHM2076 can be used for receiver connection.

Receiver	OSHM2076	Purpose
GND	Black	Power Delivery GND
5 V	Red	Power Delivery VCC
S.BUS	Yellow	Control Signals



The S.BUS port provides output from a stabilized 5 V rail, which is a common working voltage for S.BUS type receivers. Verify that your receiver supports 5 V before powering it up through OFS3 for the first time. The connector type used is Picoblade 3-pin, but is also compatible with JST-MX 1.25mm connectors.

S.BUS Channel Mapping and Ranging

This table applies to most common transmitter systems using the or S.BUS receivers, either natively or through a MULTI-Module. Futaba transmitters, as well as other transmitters using Futaba's narrow channel ranging, must extend all channel ranges to 119%, or toggle S.BUS Range from "Wide" to "Futaba" in the OMPHOBBY app.

Ch.	Function	Transmitter % Range	EdgeTX PWM (μ s)	S.BUS Rx Raw Signal
1	Aileron	-100% / 0% / +100%	988 / 1500 / 2012	1690 / 1020 / 350
2	Elevator	-100% / 0% / +100%	988 / 1500 / 2012	1690 / 1020 / 350
3	Throttle	-100% – +100%, $\hat{+}$ 125%	988 / 1500 / 2268	1690 / 1020 / 350
4	Rudder	-100% / 0% / +100%	988 / 1500 / 2012	1690 / 1020 / 350
5	Attitude / 3D Rescue Mode	-100% – -57% Att/Resq -56.0% – +100% 3D	988 – 1212 Att/Resq 1213 – 2012 3D	1690 – 1396 Att/Resq 1395 – 350 3D
6	Collective	-100% / 0% / +100%	988 / 1500 / 2012	1690 / 1020 / 350
7	Software RPM (If enabled, see Software Throttle)	-100% – -33.5% RPM 1 -33% – +36.5% RPM 2 +37% – +100% RPM 3	988 – 1329 RPM1 1330 – 1688 RPM2 1689 – 2012 RPM3	1690 – 1244 RPM1 1243 – 773 RPM2 772 – 350 RPM3

Users of VBar Control transmitters are strongly advised to download the OFS3 VBar Control Setup from omphobby.com to obtain full functionality and control resolution. Users of VBar Control transmitters should be aware of the limitations outlined in [Receiver Failsafe](#).

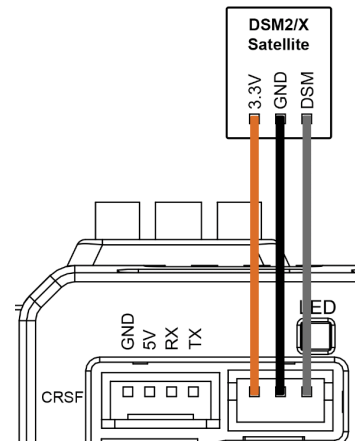
Spektrum DSM2 / DSMX

OFS3 supports Spektrum DSM receivers. Presently, DSM does not support telemetry return. SRXL and SRXL2 receivers are not currently supported by OFS3.

DSM2/DSMX Physical Connection

OFS3 can be used with Spektrum DSM2 and DSMX satellite receivers, which must be bound externally before connecting to OFS3. DSM receivers should be connected as shown in the adjacent diagram. OMPHOBBY part number OSHM2074 can be used for receiver connection.

Receiver	OSHM2074	Purpose
3.3 V	Orange	Power Delivery VCC
GND	Black	Power Delivery GND
DSM	Gray	Control Signal



The DSM port provides output from a stabilized 3.3 V rail, which is a common working voltage for DSM receivers. Verify that your receiver supports 3.3 V before powering it up through OFS3 for the first time. The connector type is JST-ZH 3-pin.

If using a DSM satellite without an integrated bind button, the satellite must be bound using a separate receiver to the transmitter before it can be used with the flight controller.

DSM Channel Mapping and Ranging

DSMX 11 ms or Hybrid 11ms/22ms (requires OFS3 firmware 13.95 or later) is recommended for maximum resolution and lowest latency.

Note that 4-in-1 MULTI-Modules automatically convert the control channel order from the transmitter's default, e.g. AETR for EdgeTX, to the protocol's order, in DSM's case TAER.

Ch	Function	Transmitter % Range	EdgeTX PWM (μs)	Rx Output PWM (μs)
1 Thro	Throttle	-100% – +100%, ⚡+125%	988 / 1500 / 2268	1160 / 1500 / 1840
2 Aile	Aileron	-100% / 0% / +100%	988 / 1500 / 2012	1160 / 1500 / 1840
3 Elev	Elevator	-100% / 0% / +100%	988 / 1500 / 2012	1160 / 1500 / 1840
4 Rudd	Rudder	-100% / 0% / +100%	988 / 1500 / 2012	1160 / 1500 / 1840
5 Gear	Attitude / 3D Rescue Mode	-100% – -57% Atti/Resq -56.0% – +100% 3D	988 – 1212 Atti/Resq 1213 – 2012 3D	1160 – 1308 Atti/Resq 1309 – 1840 3D
6 Pitch	Collective	-100% / 0% / +100%	988 / 1500 / 2012	1160 / 1500 / 1840
7 Aux2	Software RPM (If enabled, see Software Throttle)	-100% – -33.5% RPM 1 -33% – +36.5% RPM 2 +37% – +100% RPM 3	988 – 1329 RPM1 1330 – 1688 RPM2 1689 – 2012 RPM3	1160 – 1386 RPM1 1388 – 1624 RPM2 1626 – 1840 RPM3

FrSky F.Port

OFS3, from firmware version 13.95 onwards, supports FrSky F.Port. F.Port supports full telemetry return on both FrSky and MULTI-Module (CC2500 and 4-in-1) transmitters. Note that FBUS and S.Port are not currently supported.

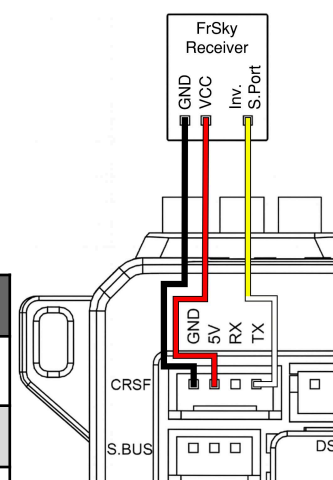
Limitations

OFS3 only supports use of the Inverted F.Port protocol. Certain FrSky receivers support Inverted F.Port, either by way of an alternative firmware, a dedicated inverted solderpad, or on certain newer FrSky receivers, a toggle in the receiver settings menu. Please consult the instruction manual of your specific receiver for further information.

F.Port Physical Connection

F.Port requires a connection between the TX pin of the CRSF port on the OFS3 flight controller and a corresponding receiver. The connector type is Picoblade 4-pin, but is also compatible with JST-MX 1.25mm. A pre-made cable can be purchased under part number OSHM2133. As the RX pin of the CRSF port is not used for F.Port, the green wire of OSHM2133 should be de-pinned. Refer to the adjacent diagram for correct connection.

Receiver	OFS3	OSHM2133	Purpose
GND	GND	Black	Power Delivery
5V	5V	Red	Power Delivery
Inv. F.Port	TX	White	Control/Telem Signal

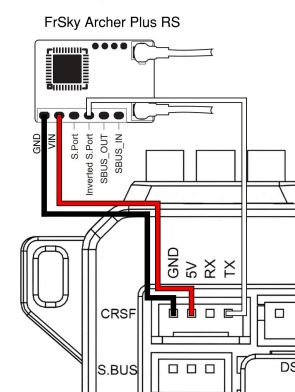


Receiver Specific Tips

Archer Plus RS (Ethos or MULTI-Module CC2500/4-in-1)

The Archer Plus RS can be used with both FrSky Ethos transmitters, as well as MULTI-Module CC2500/4-in-1 transmitters. This receiver requires the end user to solder on a connector, for which OSHM2133 can be used as described previously. Note that the Archer Plus RS must be flashed with a dedicated F.Port firmware from the FrSky website for use with MULTI-Modules (CC2500/4-in-1).

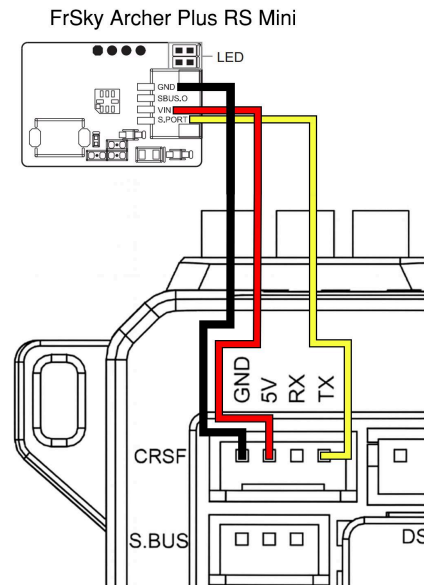
Receiver	OFS3	OSHM2133	Purpose
GND	GND	Black	Power Delivery
VIN	5V	Red	Power Delivery
Inv. S.Port	TX	White	Control/Telemetry Signal



Archer Plus RS Mini (Ethos Transmitters only)

The Archer Plus RS Mini receiver includes a pre-made cable for SBUS connection to OFS3 or OFS2. Using the connector housing from OSHM2133, this cable can be easily reconfigured for F.Port connection with OFS3 by re-pinning the wires into the connector housing of OSHM2133 in the order shown in the adjacent diagram. Pay attention to the correct orientation of the crimp terminals when inserting them into the housing.

Receiver	OFS3	Purpose
GND	GND	Power Delivery
SBUS.O	N/A	Not Connected
VIN	5V	Power Delivery
S.PORT	TX	Control/Telemetry Signal



Once the Archer Plus RS Mini is connected to OFS3, power it up, bind it if required, and enter the receiver options on an Ethos transmitter. Here you will need to change the telemetry port mode from S.Port to F.Port, and enable “Bus invert”. This feature requires Ethos 1.6.2 or above.

F.Port Channel Mapping and Ranging

Ch	Control Function	PWM (Min / Center / Max)	Output HIGH when..
1	Aileron	988 μ s / 1500 μ s / 2012 μ s	Rolling Right ↻
2	Elevator	988 μ s / 1500 μ s / 2012 μ s	Pitching Forward ↑
3	Throttle / Motor Switch	988 μ s – 2012 μ s, ⚡2140 μ s	RPM is high
4	Rudder	988 μ s / 1500 μ s / 2012 μ s	Yawing Clockwise ↻
5	Attitude / 3D Mode Rescue Mode	988 μ s – 1212 μ s Attitude/Resq 1213 μ s – 2012 μ s 3D	Flight Mode is 3D
6	Collective	988 μ s / 1500 μ s / 2012 μ s	Collective Up ⬆
7	Software RPM (If enabled, see Software Throttle)	988 μ s – 1329 μ s RPM1 1330 μ s – 1688 μ s RPM2 1689 μ s – 2012 μ s RPM3	RPM 3 is Selected

F.Port Telemetry Sensors

OFS3 supports a variety of F.Port telemetry sensors, which deliver useful information about the state of the model to the pilot. Refer to the table below for proper usage.

To discover these sensors in Ethos, the following steps are necessary:

1. Ensure the model is powered off.
2. Open the "Telemetry" tab in Model Settings.
3. Under "Discover new sensors", switch the toggle to ON
4. Power up the model, wait for connection.
5. Observe the sensor list populating.
6. Once no new sensors are being discovered anymore, toggle the switch OFF
7. Set up your telemetry screens and warnings as desired and required.

To discover these sensors in EdgeTX with a MULTI-Module (CC2500/4-in-1), the following steps are necessary:

1. Ensure the model is powered off.
2. Open the "Telemetry" tab in Model Settings.
3. Under "Sensors", click the "Discover new" button.
4. Power up the model, wait for connection.
5. Observe the sensor list populating.
6. Once no new sensors are being discovered anymore, click the "Stop" button.
7. Set up your telemetry screens and warnings as desired and required.

FrSky Sensor	EdgeTX Sensor	Function	Note
RxBatt	RxBt	Receiver Voltage (V)	Displays receiver supply voltage.
ESC Current	EscA	Battery Current (A)	Displays battery current.
ESC consumption	Capa	Used Capacity (mAh)	Displays total used capacity since power-on.
RPM	RPM	Rotor Speed (RPM)	Rotor Speed in [1/min].
ESC temp	EscT	ESC Temperature (°C)	ESC MOSFET temperature in degrees Celsius.
ADC4	A4	Average Cell Voltage (V)	Calculated from Battery Voltage, Volt=RxBt/3
P.angle	Ptch	Pitch Attitude (deg)	Default unit is °.
R.angle	Roll	Roll Attitude (deg)	Default unit is °.
GPS course	Hdg	Yaw Attitude (deg)	Default unit is °. Init heading is 180°
ESC RPM	EscR	Mag. field RPM (1/min)	Not needed for normal operation.
ESC voltage	EscV	Battery Voltage (V)	Displays total battery voltage.

Receiver Failsafe

OFS3 includes a sophisticated protection mode against various forms of loss of signal between the transmitter and the flight controller. All receiver protocols supported by OFS3 support failsafe capabilities. This failsafe mode applies to:

- Loss of control link between transmitter and receiver
- Loss of signal between receiver and OFS3
- Loss of physical connection between receiver and OFS3
- Any other reason the signal provider might indicate a failsafe state to OFS3

The time between loss of signal and indicating the failsafe state can vary from protocol to protocol. The failsafe sequence for all protocols consists of the following two steps, and is started once OFS3 receives information about the failsafe state:

Phase 1

- Hold the last control and throttle command (1000 milliseconds, 1.0 second)

Phase 2

- Center all controls to minimize aircraft energy (until signal returns)
- Shut off motor, enable throttle protection (indefinitely, until explicit user action)

Should the signal return and the failsafe state be cleared within the time window of step 1, the model will continue flying as normal, with all controls recovered and the motor continuing to run at the previously set governor speed.

Should the signal only return after more than 1000 ms of signal loss, after which OFS3 will have entered phase 2 (indicated by LED1 and LED2 blinking in parallel, also see [Status Indicator LED Codes](#)), OFS3 will enter a throttle protection mode, and subsequently shut off the motor. In such a case, the pilot will only regain immediate control of the aircraft's swashplate controls (collective and cyclic pitch) and can then, depending on the situation, attempt to perform an emergency autorotation to the ground, or attempt to restart the motor, if the model is still at a sufficient altitude.

In order to restart the motor from the throttle protection mode, the throttle channel needs to be returned to the motor OFF position to clear the protection flag, before being returned to FLIGHT throttle. This is intended to prevent an inadvertent motor startup of the model after it may have already crashed due to a prolonged loss of signal without recovery in the air.

⚠ WARNING: As of the editorial deadline of this revision of the OFS3 User Guide, Mikado VBar's implementation of S.BUS does not send a valid failsafe flag with the control signal data stream, which would be strictly required to indicate loss of signal and associated failsafe state to OFS3. In such an event, depending on macrocell configuration, VBar S.BUS may hold all control channels in their previous positions, including throttle control, which may command the motor to keep running indefinitely. Therefore, OFS3 has no way of knowing about, reacting to, and protecting the aircraft and user from a loss of signal between transmitter and receiver when using VBar S.BUS. This is to be corrected in the future. Use with caution. ⚠

Bluetooth® Module

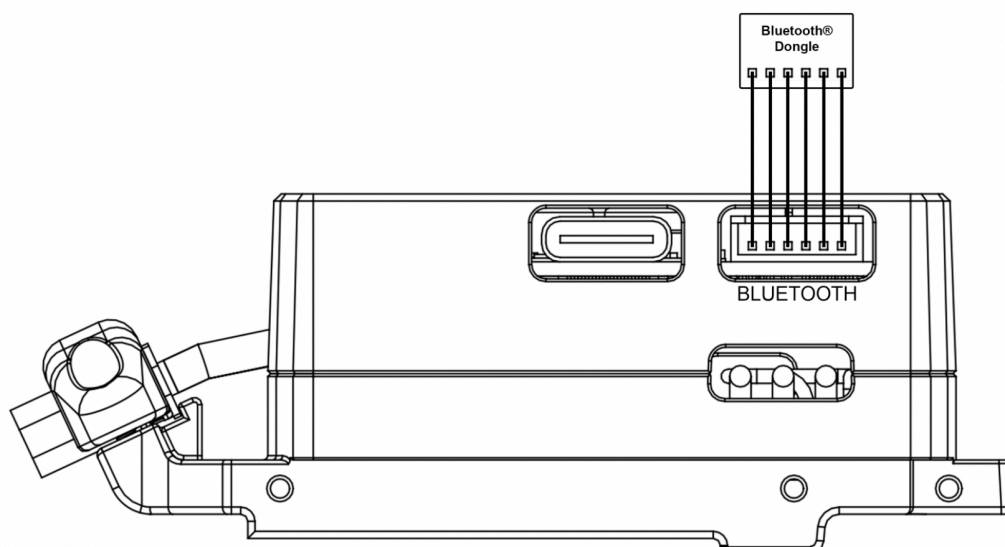
OFS3 supports configuration and firmware updates via the included Bluetooth® module, which can be connected to the flight controller's BLUETOOTH port, as shown by the example of the M2 EVO MK2's and M2 V3 PRO's flight controller below. iOS and Android devices can connect to OFS3 and adjust model parameters by installing the OMPHOBBY app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, respectively. See section [Bluetooth® Configuration](#) for more information.

The Bluetooth® module is not required for flight operation, but can be optionally left connected to OFS3 for quick configuration via smartphone in the field. For this purpose, it is strongly recommended to attach the Bluetooth® module to the helicopter with double-sided tape, or similar.

While parameter adjustments through the OMPHOBBY app can be made to OFS3 while the motor is running, it is generally not recommended to change the configuration in flight, as it is possible to render the model unflyable by setting some expert parameters to their extremes. Due diligence and caution is advised. Expert parameters should only be adjusted by experienced pilots, and doing so happens at their own risk. Adjustments to the configuration made while the motor is running are only held in RAM and can not be permanently saved to flash until the motor is fully shut off. Saving of adjusted parameters is only supported when the motor is stopped.

Firmware updates to OFS3 can be performed through the Bluetooth® module and the OMPHOBBY app for iOS and Android. To find the latest firmware for your helicopter, please visit the support page at omphobby.com. See section [Updating OFS3's Firmware](#) for more information.

As OFS3 is STM32-based, its bootloader generally cannot be bricked by failed firmware updates. In case of a failed firmware update, the user should simply try again. If the flight control firmware cannot be recovered for any reason, the SERVICE USB type-C port can be used to reflash the flight controller's firmware entirely. There is no additional functionality to the SERVICE port at this time.



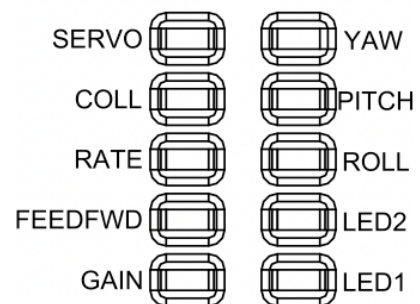
Flight Controller Setup

OFS3 requires a valid receiver signal to successfully initialize. Refer to the receiver connection chapter for more information. Flying or entering setup mode before the flight controller is fully initialized is not possible. The flight controller requires battery power in order to power up, change settings and fly. Please ensure that the connected battery is charged to an appropriate level at all times to supply sufficient voltage to the flight controller.

Configuration of the flight controller can be performed in button mode or with the OMPHOBBY mobile application with Bluetooth® module.

Flight Controller LEDs

OFS3 provides an array of ten LEDs for simplified setup purposes, allowing the user to adjust the most important functions of the flight controller without the use of the BT dongle and smartphone app. The LED array is shown on the right, and is divided into a parameter row (left) and a status row (right) the parameter or status behind each LED is listed in the following table. The name of some of the setup items has been adjusted from previous generations of OFS, their legacy designations are also listed in the table.



Setup Mode LED Descriptions

Item	Description	Legacy Designation
SERVO	Servo Centering Mode	SERVO
COLL	Collective Endpoints Adjustment	PITCH
RATE	Rotation Rate Adjustment	SPEED
FEEDFWD	Feedforward Adjustment	AGILE
GAIN	Control Loop Sensitivity Adjustment	GYRO
YAW	Yaw Axis Adjustment Group	RUDD
PITCH	Pitch Axis Adjustment Group	ELEV
ROLL	Roll Axis Adjustment Group	AILE
LED1	Status Indicator LED 1	LED
LED2	Status Indicator LED 2	LED

Status Indicator LED Codes

OFS3 uses two status indicator LEDs to display useful information to the user. LED 1 is **RED**, LED 2 is **BLUE**. Their location in the array is shown under [Flight Controller LEDs](#).

State	LED 1 and LED 2	Message
Before Init	LED 1 ON LED 2 Flashing Rapidly	No valid receiver signal detected Rate controls not centered
Before Init	LED 1 & LED 2 Flashing synchronously	Throttle Channel High
After Init	LED 1 & LED 2 Flashing synchronously	Receiver Failsafe Throttle Protection
After Init	LED 1 Flashing Slowly LED 2 ON	Flight Mode, 3D
After Init	LED 1 ON LED 2 ON	Flight Mode, Attitude
After Init	LED 1 ON LED 2 Flashing Slowly	Attitude Calibration Mode IMU Static Calibration in Progress
After Init	LED 1 OFF LED 2 OFF	Setup Mode
Anytime	All LEDs ON	Bootloader Mode (Reboot required to exit)

Battery Voltage Indication

After initialization, the flight controller uses the parameter row of LEDs to show a **voltage based estimate** of the battery level for the pilot to validate whether it is safe to take off with the current battery level. Note that this indication is only intended as a helpful reference and cannot replace a proper battery voltage checker or telemetry! Battery voltage can change with load and with ambient conditions. Proceed with proper caution. The table below outlines the voltage levels on the M2 EVO MK2 and M2 V3 PRO.

LEDs lit	Battery Voltage	Individual Cell Voltage
5	12.6 V – 12.3 V	4.20 V – 4.10 V
4	12.2 V – 11.8 V	4.06 V – 3.93 V
3	11.7 V – 11.5 V	3.90 V – 3.83 V
2	11.4 V – 11.2 V	3.80 V – 3.73 V
1	11.1 V – 10.0 V	3.70 V – 3.33 V
1 Flashing	<10.0 V at any point in flight	<3.33 V at any point in flight

Entering Setup Mode (Button Configuration)

1. Power on the transmitter.
2. Power on the model and wait for the flight controller to initialize.
3. Press and hold the **SET** button for 3 seconds to enter setup mode. The tail motor will emit a sequence of beeps to confirm successful setup mode entry.

The LEDs will change state and begin blinking according to the onboard LED menu once setup mode has been successfully entered. Changed settings will not be saved unless setup mode is explicitly exited through a long press of the **SET** button.

Changing a Setting Value

Short press the **SET** button until the desired setting LEDs are illuminated. The number of continuous flashes of the specific LED indicates the value, with the highest value being 9 and the lowest value being 1. The factory default value for all settings is 5 flashes. White LEDs specify the axis (if applicable), blue LEDs indicate the respective setting for the selected axis, as well as its current value.

To change the value, use your transmitter's elevator control.

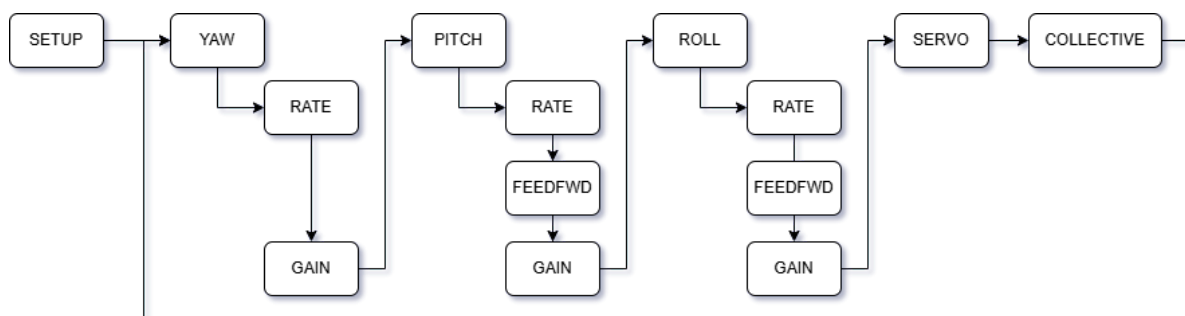
- Increase the value by pushing the stick forward briefly and returning to center.
- Decrease the value by pulling the stick back briefly and returning to center.

Saving Setting Changes

Press and hold the SET button while in any menu point until the flight controller exits back to flight mode, which will be confirmed by the tail motor emitting a sequence of beeps. This will save all changes made since entering the menu.

Navigating OFS3

When moving through OFS3's onboard LED menu, menu items will activate in the order of the following flow chart. Once the end of the chart is reached, OFS3 will loop around to the first item. The menu can be exited at any point through a long press of the **SET** button with all previously adjusted parameters saved.



Rate, Feedforward, and Gain Settings

The Rate, Feedforward, and Gain can be adjusted for the Yaw, Pitch, and Roll axes via the LEDs on the flight controller. These are the same basic adjustments also found on earlier OFS versions, allowing the pilot to easily tune the model's behavior.

Adjustments can be made directly on the flight controller without any additional tools or interfaces required, through an array of ten LEDs. For a given parameter, the number of continuous LED flashes indicates the value, with the highest being 9 and the lowest being 1. The factory default value for all settings is 5 continuous flashes.

RATE adjusts the absolute maximum rotation rate of the model for a given stick input, as long as the model is able to achieve the requested rate.

- Higher numbers of flashes increase the rotation rate for a given input.
- Lower numbers of flashes decrease the rotation rate for a given input.

FEEDFWD adjusts how much cyclic stick command is passed directly to the swashplate without any control loop interaction, which is used to tune the acceleration and stopping behavior of the model on any cyclic stick command.

- Higher numbers of flashes increase the feedforward, making the model more aggressive, but may also lead to strike-back after a stop.
- Lower numbers of flashes decrease the feedforward, making the model gentler in its reaction, but may also lead to creep after a stop.

GAIN adjusts the overall sensitivity of the control loop's P, I, and D terms in equal proportions. This is used to tune the overall stability of the model.

- Higher numbers of flashes increase the gain, making the model more stable, allowing it to follow control inputs more precisely and reject disturbances like wind better, but may lead to wobbling and oscillation if set too high.
- Lower numbers of flashes decrease gain, making the model less stable, shifting the control feel towards more fluid and smooth, but may lead to the model not following the stick command as precisely if set too low.

For deeper adjustments, such as free tuning of expert parameters like individual P, I, D, and F gains, control deadbands, servo travel limits and reverses, vibration filtering, TALLY gains and more, the Bluetooth® module in combination with the OMPHOBBY smartphone app for iOS and Android is required. The default expert parameters are equivalent to all LEDs being set to 5 flashes.

When modifying expert parameters, any modifications through the LED menu are ignored. When using the LED menu, any modifications to the expert parameters in the app are ignored. The parameter set can also be switched in the app.

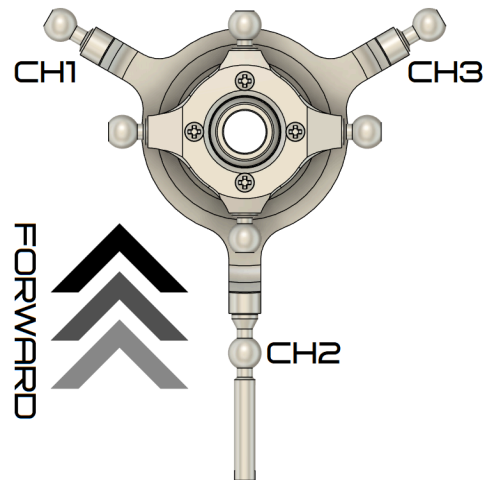
SERVO Settings

The SERVO menu allows the user to fine-tune their servo centering, as might be necessary after replacing a servo arm or servo after sustaining damage from a collision with terrain.

Once the SERVO menu is entered, the transmitter control axes will each be assigned to a servo for fine-tuning its center. The servo centers can then be modified by moving the respective control axis as specified in the table below.

Alternatively, servo centers can be modified numerically using the OMPHOBBY app.

When centering servos, the motor is disabled when in servo centering mode. The model cannot be flown until servo centering mode is exited through the app again, or the model is rebooted entirely.



Servo	Stick Axis	Servo Up	Servo Down
CH1	AILE	Left	Right
CH2	ELEV	Forward	Backwards
CH3	RUDD	Right	Left

COLLECTIVE Settings

The COLL menu allows the user to individually adjust the magnitude of the positive and negative collective pitch of the model's rotor blades. This adjusts the total amount of rotor thrust that can be generated at a given RPM, in turn adjusting the total lift of the model, and how aggressively it responds to collective inputs.

In the COLL menu, the collective transmitter control works as usual, with the elevator control modifying the respective positive or negative endpoint the collective stick is set to. Adjusting one endpoint does not affect the other. Adjusting either endpoint does not affect the servo centers or zero collective.

Alternatively, the collective pitch endpoints can be adjusted numerically through the OMPHOBBY app.

Endpoint	Collective Stick	Elevator Forward	Elevator Backwards
Positive	High	Increase Positive Coll.	Decrease Positive Coll.
Negative	Low	Increase Negative Coll.	Decrease Negative Coll.

Additional Functionality

Flight Controller Tuning Parameter Reset

OFS3 supports tuning parameter reset. This reset does neither reset servo settings or collective adjustments, nor the selection of Software Throttle mode and output adjustments – it only affects parameters directly related to the flight control loops and will return them to factory defaults, both for the LED menu and app-adjusted expert parameters.

To reset the flight controller, wait for it to initialize into flight mode, then press the SET button five times (5x) in rapid succession. A bar of 5 LEDs will flash three times (3x) and the tail motor will emit a sound to confirm the reset.

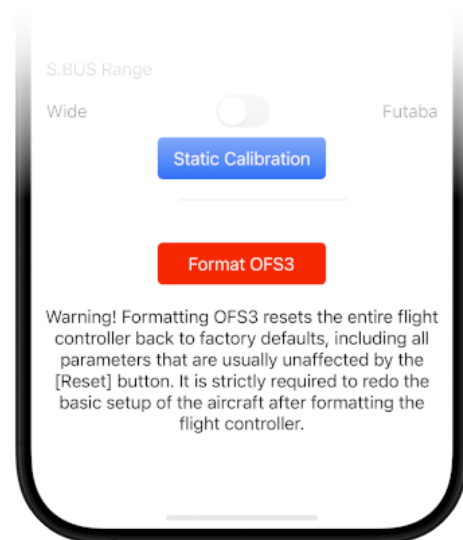
Formatting OFS3 to Factory Defaults

As of firmware version 12.08 and later, OFS3 supports formatting the entire flight controller back to factory defaults. This will reset every flight parameter, mechanical parameter, Attitude Mode trim and the static calibration offset back to default for a given firmware. This can be useful for troubleshooting, resetting an aircraft with suboptimal mechanical adjustments, or simply getting back to a clean-slate starting point for advanced users.

⚠ When formatting OFS3, it is strictly required to redo the basic mechanical setup of the aircraft. The aircraft is not flyable immediately after formatting OFS3, as servo centers are reset to 0. Formatting OFS3 is a permanent action which cannot be undone.



The factory reset option is only available through the OMPHOBBY app. It can be found at the bottom of the **Mechanical Settings** page, titled **Format OFS3**. Carefully read the warning below the button before proceeding. For instructions on how to connect to the OMPHOBBY app, see [Bluetooth® Configuration](#).



Lost Model Beeper

OFS3's tail motor ESC supports a beeper functionality to help with locating a lost model. It will be initiated after 10 minutes of the tail ESC receiving a continuous OFF throttle signal from the flight controller, with the battery connected uninterruptedly. Switching on the motor for any amount of time resets the 10-minute timeout until it is shut off again, and aborts any currently running beeper operation. Servo or control movements have no effect on the beeper timeout. The model is safe to start up and fly from an active beeper state.

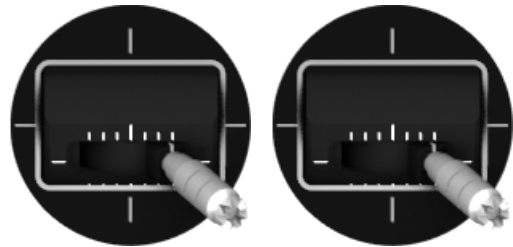
IMU Static Calibration

OFS3 uses a next generation Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU), which, unlike traditional flight controllers, does not require gyroscope calibration upon power up for regular flight (it is required when used with rescue). This is achieved by factory-calibration and advanced drift compensation methods, which account for varying environmental conditions.

In the rare case of drift occurring in flight, both in 3D Mode as well as after yaw movements in Attitude Mode, the user can easily and quickly redo the static calibration of the IMU. For this procedure, the motor must be fully switched **off**, and the model must be placed on a solid, stable surface. This surface isn't required to be level, as the calibration only finds the zero-offsets for the rate gyroscopes and does not affect the accelerometers. For calibration of the accelerometer for Attitude Mode, see [Attitude Mode Calibration](#).

To initiate the calibration, hold **both sticks in their bottom right-hand corners on your transmitter**, until the LED pattern changes as described under [Status Indicator LED Codes](#), and the main motor starts beeping. Should you fly a non-standard channel direction, the required control input corresponds to:

- Negative Collective,
- Clockwise Yaw,
- Backwards Elevator,
- Right Roll.



All channel outputs must be beyond $\pm 90\%$.

The main motor will continuously beep during the procedure. Once calibration is successfully finished, the tail motor will confirm exiting the procedure by playing a beep sequence once, and the LED pattern will return back to flight mode. The model has now stored the new calibration data and can be flown immediately to validate the result of the calibration.

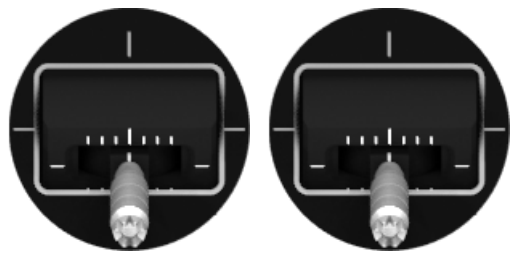
Should OFS3 not find successful calibration values within 15 seconds, e.g. if the model is unsteady on the surface, shaken by wind or otherwise moved, OFS3 will consider the procedure failed and exit static calibration mode without making any changes to the configuration. Failure is indicated by the tail motor playing the beep sequence twice. It is recommended to then steady the model, and reattempt calibration.

If [Rescue Mode \(⚠ Experimental Feature ⚠\)](#) is enabled, static calibration is forced on every power-up of the model to improve rescue horizon tracking. The model then needs to be set down for initialization, and will only unlock the controls once the IMU static calibration is successfully completed. The previously mentioned failure state does not exist in this particular case, instead, OFS3 will try calibrating the IMU indefinitely until the model stops moving and a converging solution is found for all three axes.

Attitude Mode Calibration

In Attitude Mode, the model will always return to level once the cyclic controls are released. To achieve this, OFS3 aligns the model's pitch and roll orientations with the local gravity vector of the Earth, intending to provide a reproducible level attitude. While this is not a position hold mode, minimizing lateral drift of the model in this mode can be desirable for the user, especially since the **Attitude Mode reference is also used for [Rescue Mode](#)**. As each and every helicopter is unique and local conditions can vary, OFS3 provides a procedure to fine-tune the Attitude Mode's reference orientation. **It is recommended to perform an [IMU Static Calibration](#) before calibrating Attitude Mode.**

To enter Attitude Mode calibration, the flight controller must be in Attitude Mode and the motor must be OFF. **Move the collective to full negative and elevator fully backwards, both channel outputs must be beyond -90%, and hold them for about 3 seconds until the LED pattern changes as described under [Status Indicator LED Codes](#).** The tail motor confirms entering calibration mode through a single beep sequence, and the swashplate may change its angle slightly.



The model is now in attitude calibration mode, its flight characteristics are different to regular Attitude Mode, and the model needs to be flown accordingly:

- The model will still self-level, the effect of cyclic control is severely reduced.
- The cyclic stick now permanently trims the model's attitude in 3D space instead of only changing the model's attitude temporarily.
- If a control input is given into any particular direction, the level attitude of the model will permanently shift in this direction, and the model will remain in this new attitude, even if the cyclic stick is released. The length and magnitude of the control input determines the magnitude of the attitude change.

Flying in this mode is roughly similar to flying a model in 3D mode at drastically reduced rates. The pilot's objective is now to hold the model in a stable hover and adjust its attitude with small control inputs, until no more apparent drift in any direction is occurring. At this point, the model's dynamic equilibrium is found, where all lateral forces cancel out.

The pilot should now land vertically using only collective, without touching the cyclic controls any further, and shut off the motor so as to not change the model's attitude reference. Once the model has landed and the rotor has stopped, repeat the stick command used for entering calibration mode to save the calibration data and exit back to normal flight mode. The tail motor will confirm this with a beep sequence.

Attitude Mode calibration cannot be reset directly. When trimming Attitude Mode, the model will always start out with the previous trim value, from which the new value will then be adjusted. Once the motor is running, the model can already be pre-trimmed on the ground with cyclic commands, should a significant deflection of the tip-path plane be evident. If a complete reset of the Attitude Mode calibration is desired, OFS3 must be formatted. See [Formatting OFS3 to Factory Defaults](#) for more information.

Setting RPM by Throttle Percentage

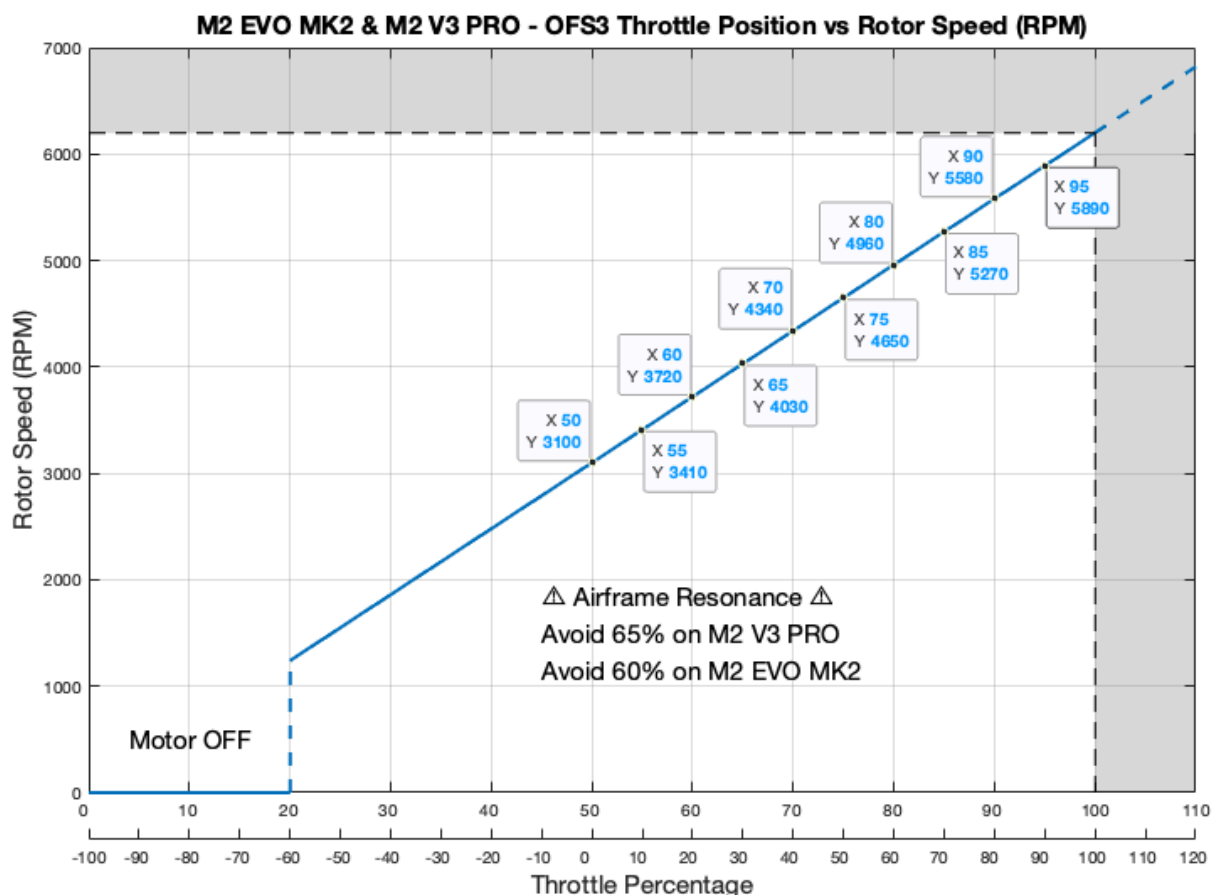
OFS3's fully integrated nature allows the user to precisely select RPM by setting a specific throttle percentage in the transmitter. Specific throttle mapping varies by helicopter. A 20% safe zone at the bottom of the range prevents accidental startup.

Shown below is the throttle mapping for the M2 EVO MK2 and M2 V3 PRO flight stack. In this example, the throttle is mapped to the range of the throttle channel in the range of 20% (-60%) to +100%, at a maximum of 6200 RPM. Recommended rotor speeds specifically for the M2 EVO MK2 and M2 V3 PRO are marked in the graph. Due to the linear nature of RPM vs. throttle, you can also use the rule of three for calculating the throttle percentage for your desired main rotor speed, 5400 RPM in the following example:

$$\frac{5400 \text{ RPM}}{6200 \text{ RPM}} * 100\% = 87\%$$

By setting the calculated percentage, the ESC will then govern the corresponding RPM. It is important to note that this approach only works if the channel's 100% value corresponds to the receiver protocol's 100% PWM output, as otherwise, the transmitter's channel display may become mismatched with the chart below.

⚠ **The 100% speed is set to the maximum allowed continuous RPM of the model sold with OFS3. While the model can technically be set to run higher rotor speeds by increasing throttle beyond 100%, this is not permitted or endorsed by OMPHOBBY, might lead to the destruction of the model, will void the product warranty and happens solely at the user's responsibility.** ⚠



Software Throttle Special Mode

Specifically for those users who wish to use more than one OFS3 equipped model with a single model memory, OFS3 offers a special mode called Software Throttle. This is disabled by default, and can be enabled through the OMPHOBBY app's **Expert Settings**.

If enabled, **Channel 7 on DSM and S.BUS** or **Channel 8 on CRSF** will act as an RPM preset channel, while the usual throttle channel acts solely as a motor ON/OFF switch. The startup point is the same as in regular mode, therefore, a single model memory can be set up to use both throttle modes. By setting the RPM Preset channel to values -100, 0, and +100, each of the RPM presets can be selected, which can be customized in the OMPHOBBY app. The throttle values correspond to the graph under [Setting RPM by Throttle Percentage](#) in a total range of 0% to 125%.

An example of this mode's usefulness: A pilot may own an M2 EVO MK2 installed into a scale fuselage, and a stock M2 V3 PRO. The scale model requires much lower rotor speeds than the 3D model, which previously required different throttle outputs from the transmitter, meaning a switch of model memories before each flight.

Software Throttle removes the requirement to use throttle curves in the transmitter, as rotor speeds are directly set in the app. This allows the scale model to turn at a docile 3000, 3250, and 3500 RPM, while the 3D model can run high rotor speeds of e.g. 4800, 5100, and 5800 RPM, on the same model memory, without having to adjust throttle values to match. Additionally, control attributes like expo, rotation rates, collective pitch, and other flight parameters can also be adjusted in OFS3, individually for each model and independent of the transmitter's settings.

(Default) Proportional Throttle Mode

S.BUS/DSM	CRSF	Function	Range
Channel 3	Channel 6	Proportional Throttle	0% – 19% Motor OFF 20% – 100% Motor RPM
Channel 7	Channel 8	NONE	NONE

Software Throttle Mode

S.BUS/DSM	CRSF	Function	Range
Channel 3	Channel 6	Motor ON/OFF	0% – 19% Motor OFF 20% – 100% Motor FLY
Channel 7	Channel 8	RPM Presets	-100% – -34% RPM 1 -33% – +33% RPM 2 +34% – +100% RPM 3

Rescue Mode (⚠ Experimental Feature ⚠)

From firmware version 13.95 onward, OFS3 offers a fully-featured upset recovery mode (“Rescue Mode”), which, once triggered by the pilot, uses an auto-sequence to rapidly establish a positive rate of climb and return the aircraft to a safe attitude for the pilot to regain control. This is enabled by an advanced data fusion and state estimation algorithm, using all flight data available to OFS3, which can perform error-correction on the fly in any situation and therefore largely circumvents the limitations of the previously used algorithm.

Rescue Mode Limitations and Conditions

⚠ OFS3’s Rescue Mode is an EXPERIMENTAL feature and is not intended for regular or safety-critical use at this stage. Rescue Mode is under active development, and its behavior, including auto-sequence logic, abort triggers and exit criteria, is subject to change. Rescue Mode may not yet perform as expected in all scenarios. ⚠

Limitations and Conditions

- Rescue Mode **cannot and does not control or restrict horizontal movement** of the aircraft during or after the auto-sequence. The aircraft will **largely retain any horizontal momentum** it carries before activation of Rescue Mode.
- Rescue Mode will **always choose the quickest path to level**, which may include cross-axis rotation, and inverted leveling. **Yaw orientation** at the end of the auto-sequence **is not controlled or predictable**.
- **Rescue Mode uses the Attitude Mode reference** established through [Attitude Mode Calibration](#). **Calibrate Attitude Mode before using Rescue Mode.**
- **Never limit any control throws in the transmitter.** OFS3’s Rescue Mode relies on all channels being able to reach **certain deflections to trigger an abort.**
- Upon initiation of the auto-sequence, the model will **immediately begin climbing rapidly. Never trigger Rescue Mode indoors** under any circumstances.
- Rescue Mode may **not function correctly** on aircraft with **high levels of vibration.**
- The ability of Rescue Mode to **arrest a descent** relies heavily on rotor speed, rate of descent and ground separation. Proper upset recovery **cannot be guaranteed in situations of low rotor speed (RPM), high vertical rate of descent, and close proximity to the ground.**
- When Rescue Mode is enabled, **IMU static calibration is forced at each power-up.** The aircraft **must be placed on a stable surface** for OFS3 to initialize.
- While the new data-fusion algorithm is highly robust, **minor drift may still occur during prolonged, extreme 3D flight.** During internal testing, this drift remained within a few degrees of level and never impeded the rescue function itself.

⚠ Use at Your Own Risk ⚠

By enabling or flying with OFS3’s Rescue Mode enabled, the pilot confirms full understanding of all associated limitations and risks, and expressly assumes sole responsibility and liability for the use or misuse of Rescue Mode, and any resulting damage, injury, or death. OMPHOBBY assumes no responsibility or liability for the consequences of usage of Experimental Features under any circumstances.

Rescue Mode Usage

OFS3 Rescue must explicitly be enabled through the OMPHOBBY app (see [Bluetooth® Configuration](#)) under the **Experimental Features** section, and replaces Attitude Mode entirely. By doing so, **you accept all responsibility and liability arising from usage of Rescue Mode**, as outlined in [Rescue Mode Limitations and Conditions](#) chapter.

Rescue Mode is triggered in the same way Attitude Mode is triggered. The triggering channel depends on the receiver protocol used, please see the [ELRS/XE](#), [S.BUS](#), [F.Port](#) and [DSM](#) Channel Mapping sections for correct channel assignments. As Rescue Mode is designed to exit automatically or by user intervention through the flight controls, it is strongly recommended to **map the triggering channel to a momentary switch**.

Once Rescue Mode is triggered, OFS3 will perform the auto-sequence outlined in the adjacent graphic. For better clarity, the auto-sequence is divided into 3 phases:

1. Level the aircraft to nearest horizon, start climbing rapidly.
2. Ensure the model is returned to upright, continue climbing.
3. Slow the ascent to allow the pilot to regain control, or return control after a time-out without pilot action.

After triggering Rescue Mode, **OFS3 is locked into the auto-sequence for 0.5 seconds** to protect against accidental aborts. After this delay, the following actions by the pilot **trigger an immediate abort to 3D mode** during phases 1, 2 and 3:

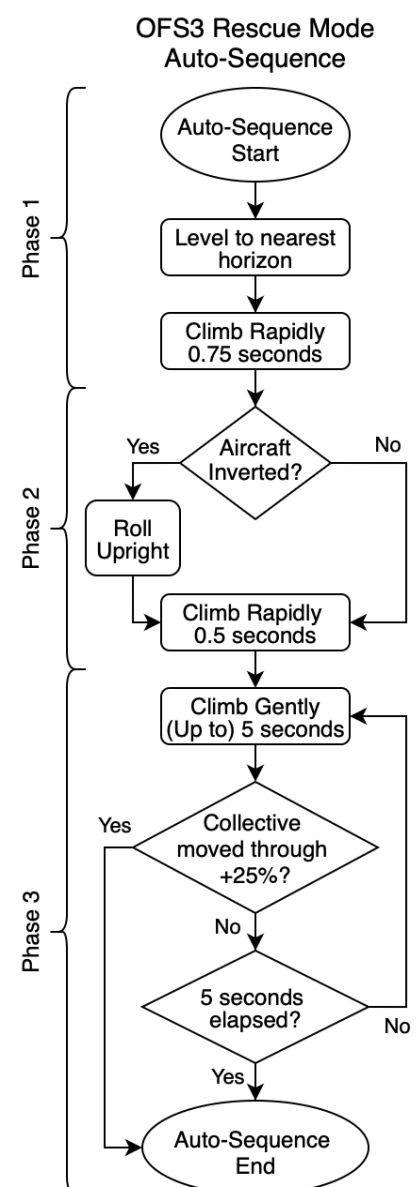
- Cyclic control is moved beyond $\pm 75\%$ in any direction.
- Collective control is moved beyond $\pm 85\%$.
- The rescue channel is triggered a second time.

The following actions by the pilot **will not trigger an abort** during phases 1, 2 and 3 of the auto-sequence:

- Any yaw input of any magnitude is given or held anywhere in the auto-sequence.
- Cyclic control is held beyond $\pm 75\%$ during rescue start, or is moved below $\pm 75\%$ during the auto-sequence.
- Collective control is held beyond $\pm 85\%$ during rescue start, or is moved below $\pm 85\%$ during the auto-sequence.

The following actions by the pilot **will trigger completion with return to 3D mode** during phase 3 of the auto-sequence:

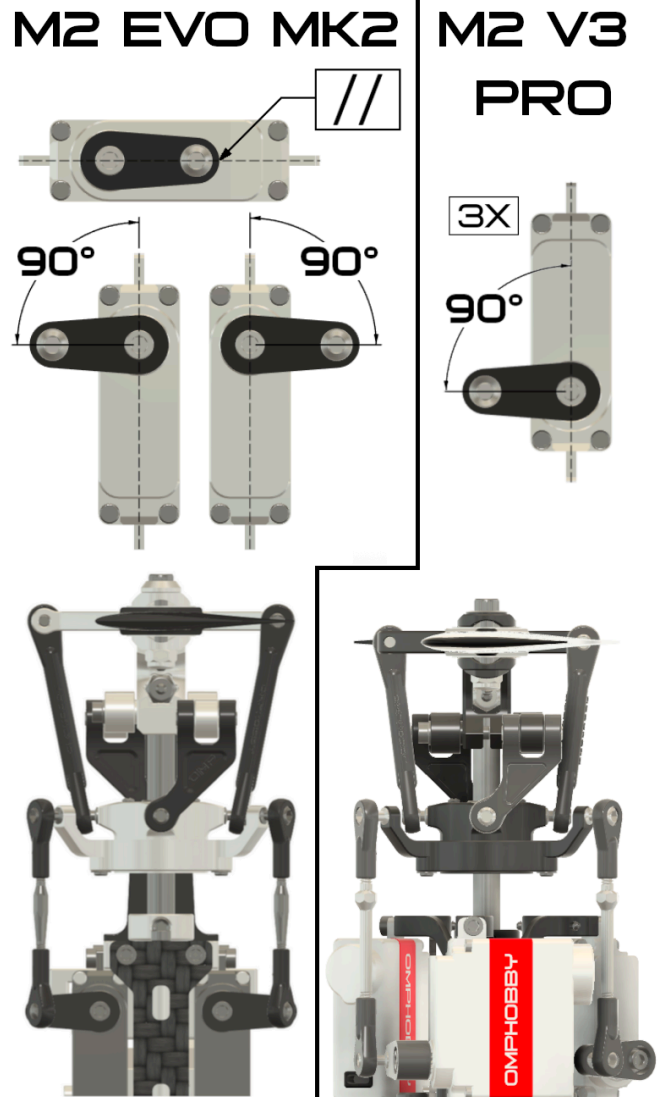
- Collective control is moved through $+25\%$ in either increasing or decreasing direction.
- 5 seconds elapse without the collective being moved through $+25\%$, or an abort being triggered by any means outlined above.



Helicopter Mechanical Setup

While all OFS3 helicopters come ready to fly and pre-set from the factory, it may be necessary to redo the mechanical setup after performing repairs, or when retrofitting an existing model with OFS3. The following steps will provide an example to guide you to a clean mechanical setup. Please note that these steps may differ for different helicopters.

1. Enter the servo centering mode (SERVO) by long-pressing **SET** and repeatedly pressing **SET** until SERVO LED lights up, or use the Servo Trim toggle in the OMPHOBBY app.
2. Adjust the servo centers as required and verify that all servo arms rest at a **90° angle relative to the main rotor shaft**.
 - a. In case of the M2 EVO MK2, this is perpendicular to their housings of servos CH1 and CH3, and parallel to the housing of CH2.
 - b. In case of the M2 V3 PRO, this is perpendicular to all three servo housings.
3. Adjust the metal turnbuckles of the swashplate linkages individually in such a way that the **swashplate rests perpendicular to the main rotor shaft** in both lateral and longitudinal direction. Clockwise turns on the linkages' metal turnbuckles shorten them, counter-clockwise turns lengthen them.
4. Adjust the turnbuckles of the swashplate equally, so that the swashplate rests at a vertical position that sets the **blade pitch of both blades to 0°**. After these adjustments, it should still fulfill the requirements of step 3.
5. Enter the collective endpoints adjustment mode (COLL) by short-pressing **SET** once, or use the Collective Pitch settings in the OMPHOBBY app.
6. Adjust your positive and negative collective endpoints by setting the collective stick to either endpoint, and moving the elevator stick accordingly. It is recommended to set symmetric collective endpoints of about $\pm 12^\circ$ to $\pm 14^\circ$.
7. Save your adjustments by holding the **SET** button until the flight controller returns to flight mode, or by hitting the **Save** button in the OMPHOBBY app and disabling the **Servo Trim** toggle.



Bluetooth® Configuration

OMPHOBBY Flight System 3 supports configuration and firmware update via the included Bluetooth® dongle.

To connect to the iOS / Android application:

1. Download the OMPHOBBY application from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.
2. Connect the Bluetooth® adapter with the corresponding port on your OFS3 Flight Controller, as shown under [Bluetooth® Module](#).
3. Open the OMPHOBBY application and grant the Bluetooth® permissions once prompted. This step is crucial, as otherwise, the app will not be able to connect to the flight controller.
4. Power on your transmitter, OFS3, and wait for initialization.
5. Open the OMPHOBBY application and press "Connect Device".
6. Select the ID of your Bluetooth® module in the following dialog window.
7. Upon successful connection, the main page of the app will open automatically.
8. Bluetooth® will stay connected if you back out of the flight controller settings. You can re-enter the settings main page by tapping "Go to Settings". OFS3's firmware can be updated through the About tab.



The main page holds basic adjustments for tuning the flight feel of OFS3. Some of the options presented there correspond to the LEDs on the flight controller.

Mechanical Settings holds all options pertaining to the mechanics of the helicopter, such as servo centers and collective endpoints, cyclic ring adjustments for center and high/low collective.

Expert Settings holds the core parameters that make OFS3 fly, giving the user unlimited access to all control loop parameters. Things found here include all PIDF gains, TALY PI gains, filter cutoff frequencies, control deadbands, expo settings, the control loop limits of the helicopter, and the settings for Software Throttle mode.

Experimental Features holds new features which are under development, intended for testing purposes only and should be used only if the user understands and is willing to accept all associated risks and implications of using such features (see [Rescue Mode Limitations and Conditions](#) for an example.)

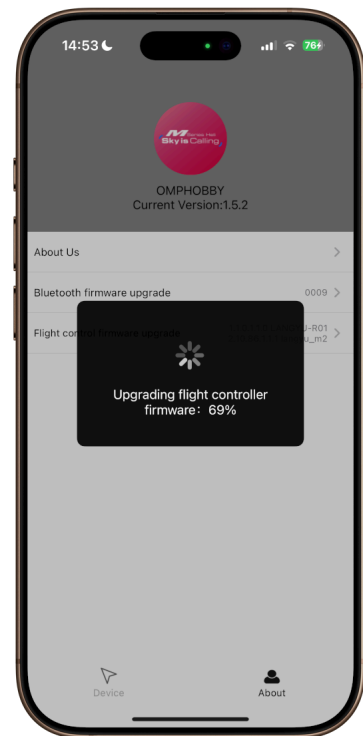
Updating OFS3's Firmware

Firmware updates to OFS3 can bring new functionality, improvements, and bug fixes to your flight controller. New firmwares can conveniently be installed via the OMPHOBBY smartphone app for iOS and Android.

⚠ **Only download and flash official OFS3 firmwares from omphobby.com. Do not download or install firmwares from anywhere else on or off the internet. Installing firmwares not directly downloaded from omphobby.com will void your OFS3 and model warranty.** ⚠

To update the flight controller's firmware:

1. If you are using Android, skip ahead to step 3.
2. Find the latest firmware for your OFS3 flight controller on the support page at omphobby.com, download it, and save it to your phone's Files app (iOS).
3. Connect to OFS3 via Bluetooth®, as described under [Bluetooth® Configuration](#).
4. Exit the model settings entirely through the back arrow in the top left-hand corner.
5. Head to the "About" tab in the bottom right-hand corner.
6. Tap the "Flight Control Firmware Upgrade" option. Should your Bluetooth® module require an update, this will automatically be done first. The Bluetooth® module firmware is integrated into the app.
 - Should the Bluetooth® Module firmware not update automatically, it can be manually updated by tapping the Bluetooth® Firmware Upgrade button.
7. If prompted, select the latest firmware you downloaded earlier, and the app will conduct the update for you.
8. Once the update is complete, OFS3 will automatically reboot into flight mode.
9. If the firmware update should fail for any reason, for example an unstable Bluetooth® connection, the flight controller will reboot into bootloader mode and cannot be flown. In this case, simply repeat the firmware update procedure and ensure a stable connection between your phone and OFS3.



To download the latest firmware for your OFS3 flight controller, please visit the **Firmware Download** page in the **Support** section on

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