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LEGEND

 NOTE	Notes are used to highlight special operating conditions or steps of a procedure.
 WARNING	Warnings are used to highlight procedures which, if not strictly observed, may result in personal injury or loss of life.
 TIPS	Tips.

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GETTING STARTED

INTRODUCTION

Pixy SM is specially designed to integrate the leading professional M300 RTK drone with the full-frame mirrorless Sony α7R IV camera, offering an unbeatable combination for precision aerial mapping missions.

FEATURES

PLUG & PLAY WITH M300 RTK

Utilizing the built-in advanced processing module, integrating with M300 RTK is quick and straightforward within seconds. Just mount, connect, and you're ready to go.



FULLY COMPATIBLE WITH SONY A7R IV

Pixy SM is optimized to work perfectly with the 61-megapixel Sony α7R IV, ensuring that you can get high-resolution imagery for creating accurate maps.



NOTE

Supported lens:
28mm - SEL28F20
35mm - SEL35F28Z
55mm - SEL55F18Z

Recommended SD cards: 256GB, at least 90MB/s read/write speed.



BUILT FOR MAPPING

In concert with M300 RTK and Sony α7R IV, Pixy SM brings out the best-ever-grade mapping solution for geospatial experts.



HEATED & TEMPERATURE CONTROLLED IMU

Heated and temperature controlled IMU sensor allows reliable performance even in extreme weather. Temperature is maintained within 0.2 degrees Celsius accuracy.



HIGH PERFORMANCE GIMBAL CONTROLLER & IMAGE PROCESSOR

Advanced gimbal controller designed and made by Gremsy based on a 32 bit high performance ARM microprocessor providing fast response and accurate calculation. Combine with high performance data & image processor that allow to process the image and GPS data as highest accuracy during mission.



SPECIFICATIONS

Product Name	Pixy SM
System Type	3-Axis Digital Gyro-Stabilized
Weight	1.26lbs/ 570g
Payload	Sony α7R IV
Lens Compatibility	SEL28F20 SEL35F28Z SEL55F18Z
Construction	All Aluminum
Operating Power	13.7V
Working Current	Static Current 400mA @13.7V
	Dynamic Current 800mA @13.7V
	Locked Motor Current Max 4.0A @13.7V
Connetion	DJI Skyport 2.0 / UART / USB 2.0
Drone Platform Supported	DJI M300 RTK
OS Platform Supported	Windows / Mac
Pan Range	±160°
Tilt Range	+135° to -45°
Roll Range	±25°

PIXY SM I/O CONNECTORS

GIMBAL CONNECTION

■ **HDMI:** to output video from the camera (not available now)

Connector type: micro HDMI

■ **CTRL:** CTRL is a serial protocol (UART) port which is used to interface with Sony A7R IV via USB C port.

Connector type: JST SM10B-GHS-TB(LF) (SN)

■ **USB-C:** to interface with computer or upgrade firmware

Connector type: USC type C



■ **Device Switch:** to switch between gimbal and SOM for firmware upgrading

Connector type: 2 level switch

■ **Micro SD card:** to insert the micro SD card for Geo data storage

Connector type: Micro SD card

Note: Recommend SD Card 256GB, at least 90MB/s read/write speed



GIMBAL BUTTONS

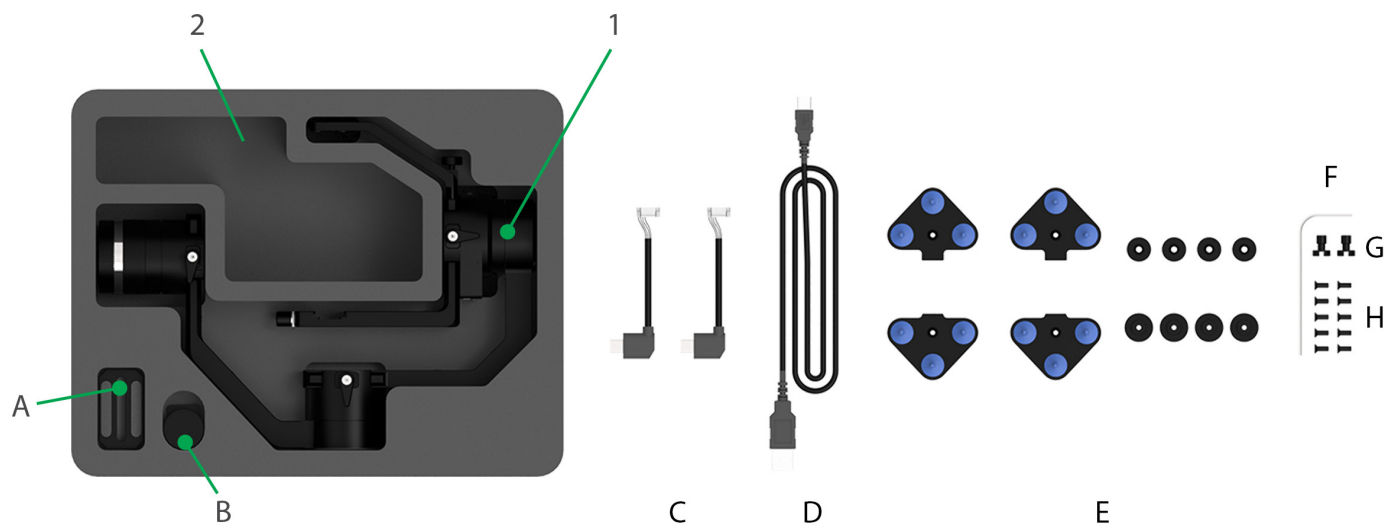
■ **Boot:** to push the firmware during upgrading process



■ **Reset:** to reset the system in case needed



WHAT'S IN THE BOX

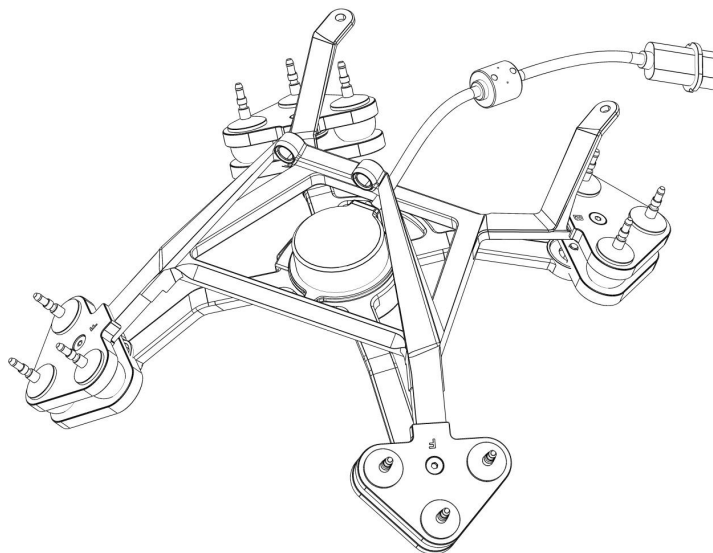


1. PIXY SM GIMBAL

2. PIXY SM ACCESSORIES

A. Camera Plate	x1	E. Pixy SM Damping Extension	x1
B. Hot-shoe	x1	F. Allen Key 2.0mm	x1
C. USB Camera Cable	x2	G. Camera Screws	x2
D. USB Type-C Cable	x1	H. M3 x 8 Screws	x10

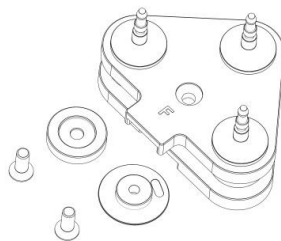
DAMPING INSTALLATION



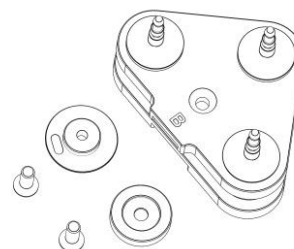
■ Components required:

- DJI Standard damping on M300 RTK to interface with computer or upgrade firmware.
- Gremsy - Damping extension for Pixy SM

■ What's in the box of the damping extension?



F - Adapter bundle x2



B - Adapter bundle x2

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

■ **STEP 01:** Separate the standard damping from the M300 RTK.

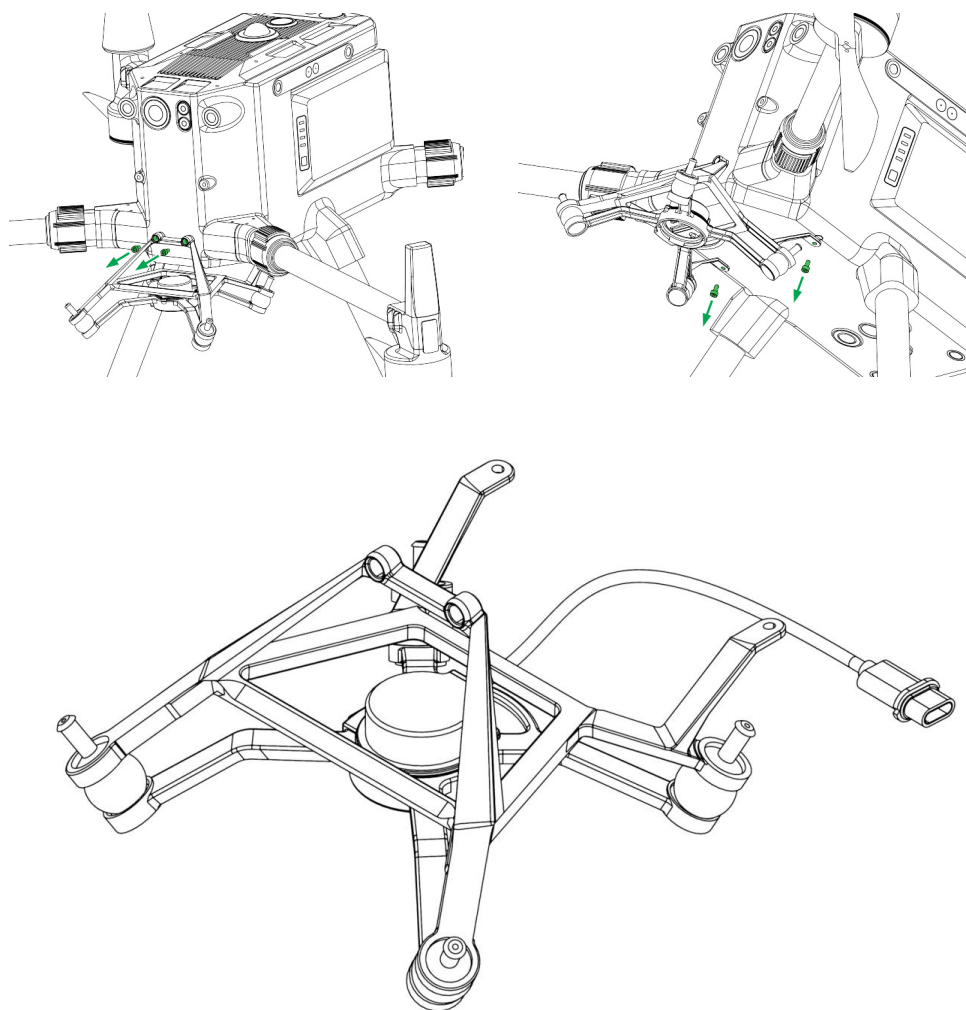
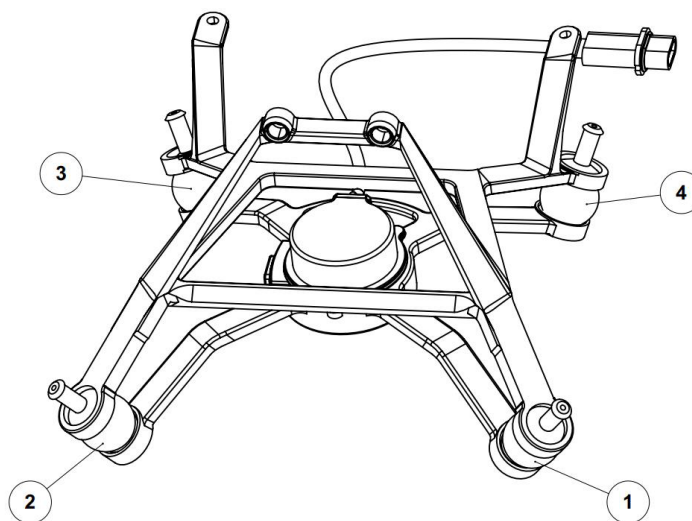
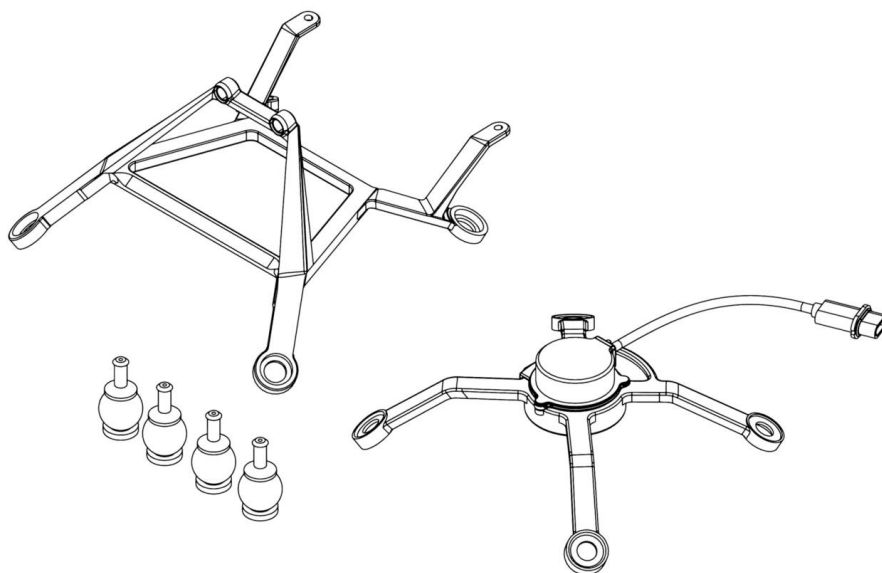


Fig 1. The standard damping after separation

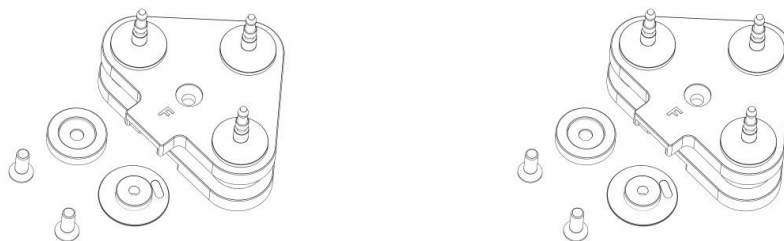
- **STEP 02:** Note the marked position of the standard damping as below.



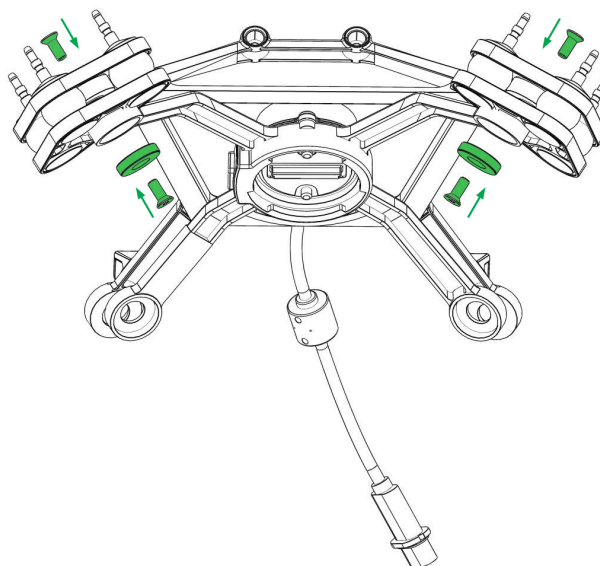
- **STEP 03:** Remove silicone balls from the standard damping.



■ **STEP 04:** Assemble the “F adapter bundles” into the “position 1 & 2” as marked in step 2.



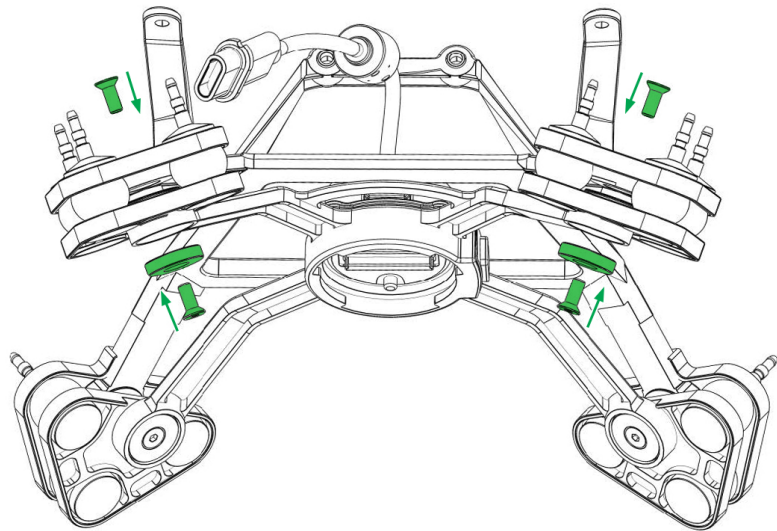
F adapter bundles



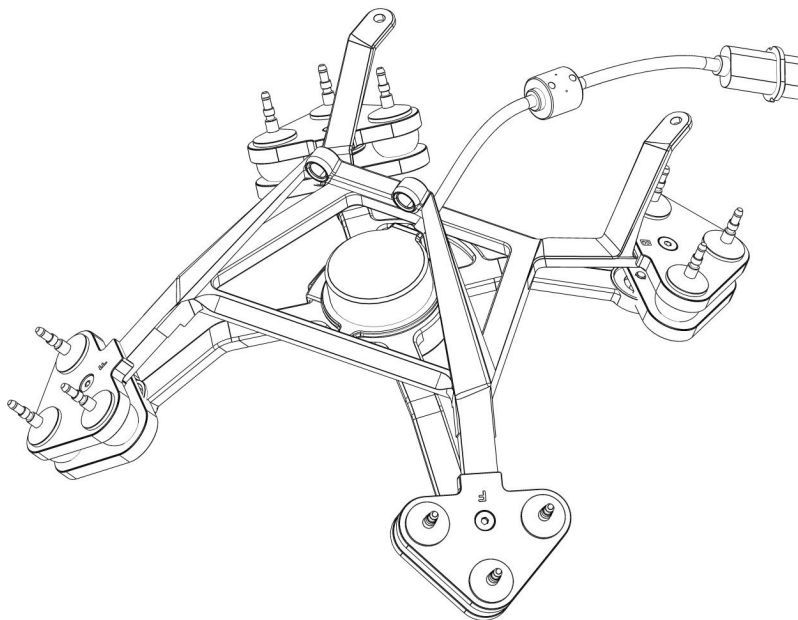
■ **STEP 05:** Assemble the “B adapter bundles” into the “position 3 & 4” as marked in step 2.



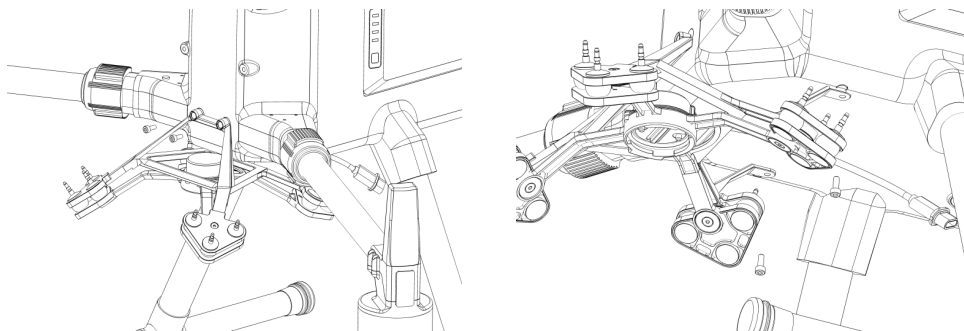
B adapter bundles



■ **STEP 06:** Complete the damping for Pixy SM.



■ **STEP 07:** Mount the damping on M300 RTK and ready for use with Pixy SM.



QUICK RELEASE CONNECTION

CONNECT

- **STEP 1:** The marks on the top part and bottom part must be aligned.
- **STEP 2:** Keep everything aligned and attach the bottom part to the top part.
- **STEP 3:** Rotate the bottom counter-clockwise until the mark on the ring aligned with the locked icon.








DISCONNECT

- **STEP 1:** Press & hold the release button.
- **STEP 2:** Rotate the bottom clockwise.
- **STEP 2:** When the mark on the top aligned with the unlock icon on the bottom, the PIXY SM can be detached from the top part of the Quick Release.



STATUS LED INDICATOR

STATE	LED STATUS		DESCRIPTION
01		Blink	Video Transmission Error
02		Solid	System Error (Camera, Gimbal, SOM)
03		Blink	Camera Not Found
04		Blink	System Ready
05		Blink	Gimbal Not Found

DISPLAY REAL-TIME DATA

STATE	SYSTEM STATUS	DESCRIPTION
01	READY	Ready to flight
02	ERROR	System Error (Camera, Gimbal)
03	CAM ERROR	Camera Not Found
04	GMB ERROR	Gimbal Not Found
05	SOM ERROR	Video Transmission Error

WORKING OPERATION

PIXY SM ONLY SUPPORTS BOTTOM MOUNT OPERATION



At this time, the Pixy SM only support for the bottom mount beneath the DJI M300 RTK

The gimbal must be used with right damping extension and rubber type.

BALANCING

To achieve the best performance from the PIXY SM, proper balancing is necessary. Accurate balance is critical in shots where the gimbal will be subjected to extreme movements or accelerations. There are 3 axes that need to be precisely balanced prior to powering up the gimbal.

MOUNTING THE CAMERA

Use a 1/4"-20 screw to secure the camera to the camera tray, then put the camera to the tilt cage



TILT AXIS FRONT-BACK BALANCE

When the proper front-back balance is achieved, the camera will stay level when you remove your hands.

1. Loosen the thumbscrew underneath the camera tray and the top bar knob. Then, gently slide the camera forward or backward until the tilt axis remains level.



2. Tighten the thumbscrew and knob to lock the camera and camera tray in position.



TILT AXIS VERTICAL BALANCE

When the proper vertical balance is achieved, you can rotate the camera in any angle and it will stay at that position.

1. Rotate the tilt axis so that the lens is pointing upward. Then, loosen vertical adjustment thumbscrew, gently slide the camera mount crossbar forward and backward until the camera remains pointing upward when released.

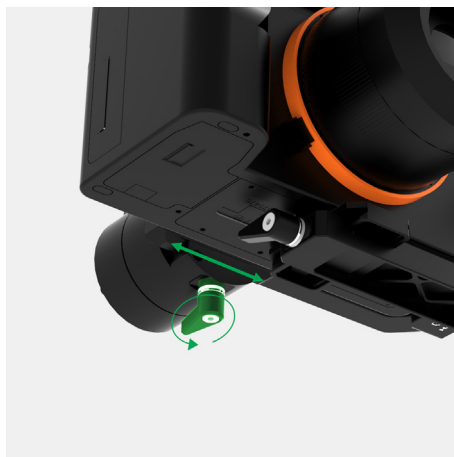
2. Tighten the thumbscrew. Sometimes, the vertical balance could not be achieved, the front-back balance should be re-checked in this case.



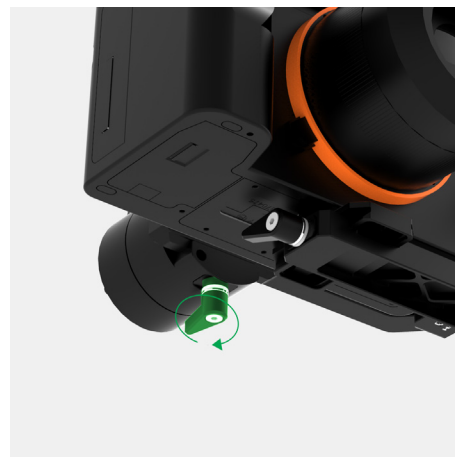
ROLL AXIS BALANCE

When the proper left-right roll balance is achieved, the camera will stay level when you remove your hands.

1. Loosen the thumbscrew underneath the roll bar, then gently slide the roll bar left or right until roll axis remains level.



2. Tighten the thumbscrew to lock the roll bar in position.

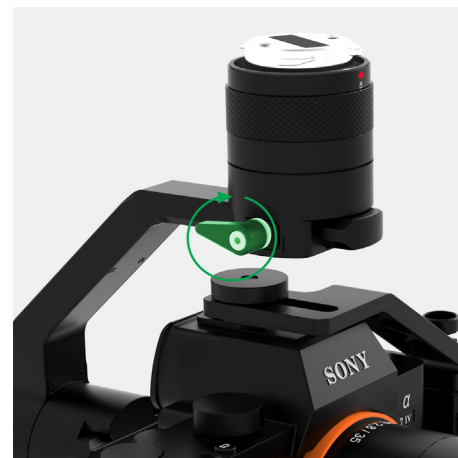


PAN AXIS BALANCE

Tilt the gimbal about 20 degrees from the verticality, identify if the gimbal is front heavy or back heavy. Slide the pan axis slider until the camera does not swing.

1. Loosen the thumbscrew, then gently slide the pan axis slider backward/forward until it doesn't swing and stay at any given position when released.

2. Tighten the thumbscrew to make sure pan axis slider is locked in position.

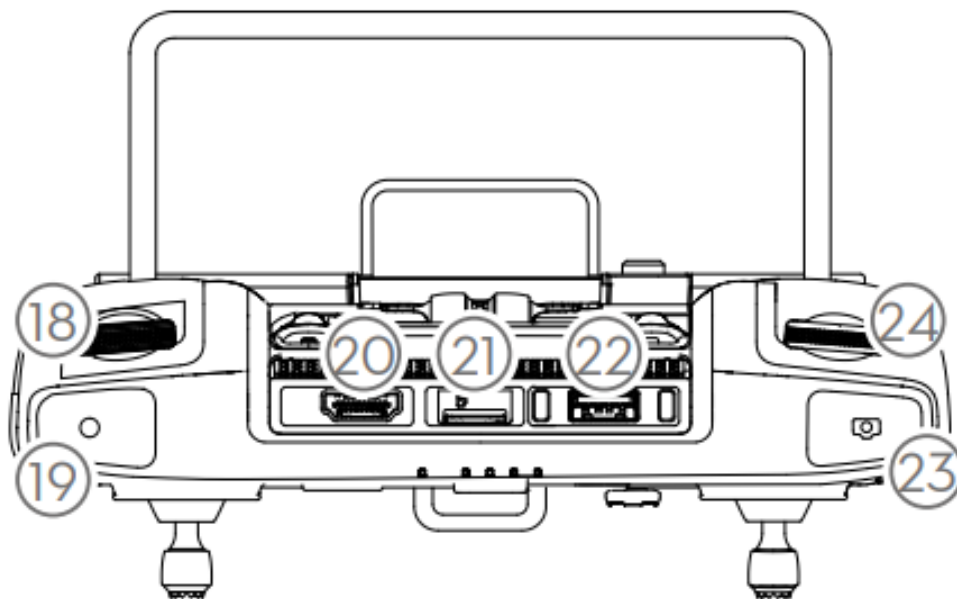


GIMBAL

After the camera is balanced on the Gremsy, it's time to configure some parameters for best performance.

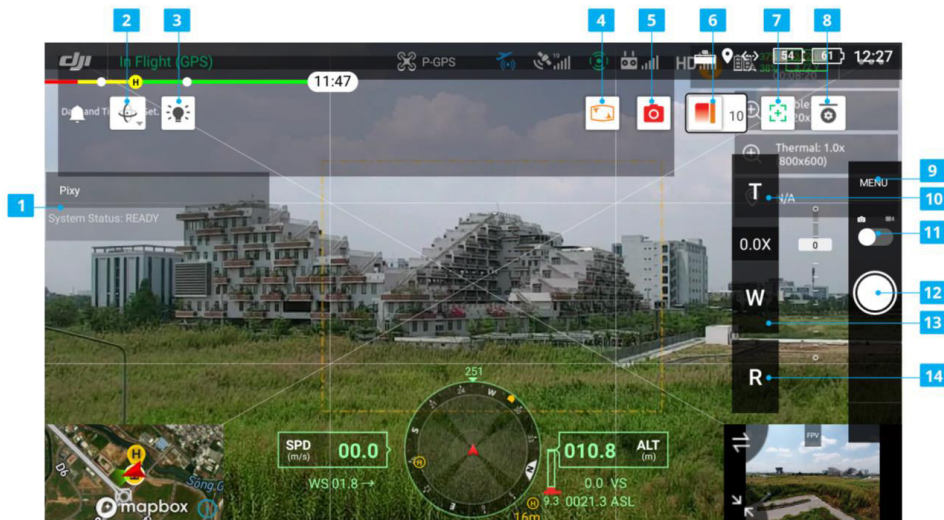
OPERATING THE GIMBAL

The DJI Smart Controller Enterprise supports two buttons: Gimbal Pan Control Dial and Gimbal Pitch Control Dial to control Pan and Pitch of the Gimbal. Besides, widgets are shown on the screens.



■ **LEFT DIAL (18)** controls the gimbal Pitch. Turn the dial to the right and the gimbal will shift to point upwards. Turn the dial to the left, and the gimbal will shift to point downwards. The camera will remain in its current position when the dial is static.

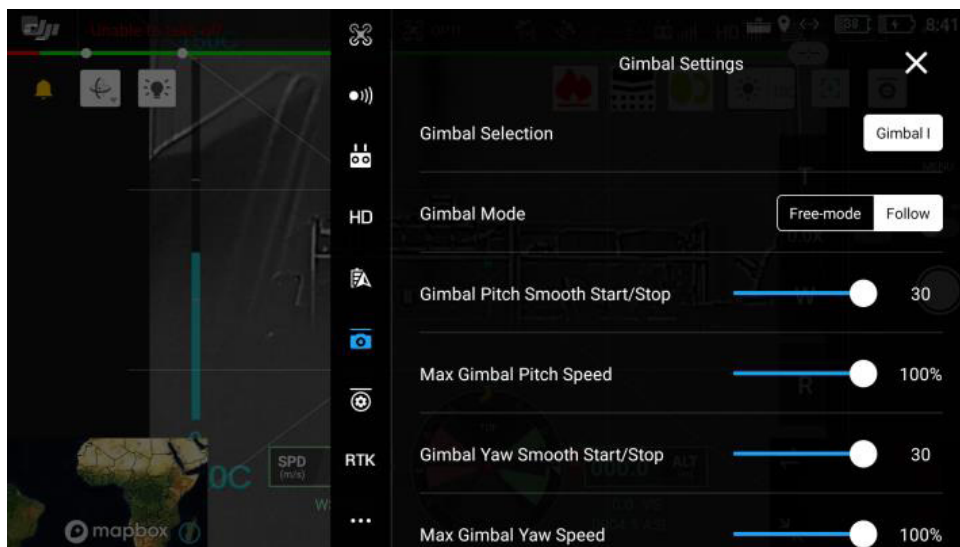
■ **RIGHT DIAL (24)** controls the gimbal Pan. Turn the dial to the right. And the gimbal will shift clockwise. Turn the dial to the left, and the gimbal will shift counterclockwise. The camera will remain in its current position when the dial is static.



- Gimbal Orientation Adjustment (2):** Tab to select the Gimbal Orientation Adjustment as Gimbal Recenter, Recenter Gimbal Yaw, Gimbal Yaw Downward or Gimbal Downward.

GIMBAL SETTINGS

Here you can adjust how your gimbal moves



GIMBAL MODE

There are 2 choices Free-mode and Follow mode

- Follow Mode: Yaw will follow the aircraft heading.
- Free Mode: Meaning the gimbal can move independently of the aircraft's yaw. In this mode, even if the aircraft yaw changes, the gimbal will ignore the movement of aircraft.

GIMBAL PITCH SMOOTH START/STOP

Smooth factor for gimbal controller, using to smooth control. The larger the value, the smoother gimbal movement is (higher latency response).

MAX GIMBAL PITCH SPEED

This controls the max speed percentage at which the gimbal pitch. A higher value means a faster-moving gimbal and a lower value means a slower gimbal.

**GIMBAL YAW SMOOTH
START/STOP**

Smooth factor for gimbal controller, using to smooth control. The larger the value, the smaller the acceleration of gimbal.

MAX GIMBAL YAW SPEED

This controls the max speed percentage at which the gimbal yaw. A higher value means a faster-moving gimbal and lower value means a slower gimbal.

STIFFNESS TUNING

Stiffness setting has a significant impact on the performance of the gimbal. This setting adjusts the degrees the gimbal tries to correct for unwanted camera movement and hold the camera stable.

The higher you can run the setting without vibration or oscillation, the better it is.

GENERAL METHOD

Start with a low value of 20 for all axes, then turn the motors ON. Slowly increase this setting until you feel an oscillation in each axis, then reduce it until the oscillation subsides. You can touch the camera to feel the oscillation during tuning. Increase the stiffness setting 5- 10 points until oscillation appears, then reduce 5 points until oscillation subsides.

STEP 01 - TILT STIFFNESS

Slowly increase this setting until you feel an oscillation in the tilt axis, then reduce the setting until the oscillation subsides. Make sure there is no vibration when tilting the camera up and down and when moving the gimbal in any orientation.

STEP 02 - ROLL STIFFNESS

Slowly increase this setting until you feel an oscillation in the roll axis, then reduce the setting until the oscillation subsides. Pick the gimbal up and make sure there is no vibration when you move the gimbal around.

STEP 03 - PAN STIFFNESS

Slowly increase this setting until you feel an oscillation in the pan axis, then reduce the setting until the oscillation subsides. Tilt the gimbal about 20 degrees from the verticality and make sure that no vibrations are presented.

HOLD STRENGTH

For heavy cameras, it’s suggested to increase hold strength for each axis by around 10% than the default values. This option is only recommended for advanced users

GAIN

Defines how fast each axis will return to commanded position. To reload default expert settings just press “Default” in the expert menu.

DEFAULT SETTINGS

HOLD STRENGTH	TILT	ROLL	PAN
	40	40	40
GAIN	120		
AUTO POWER ADJUSTMENT: ENABLED			

FILTER

The purpose of the filters is to eliminate noise and vibration due to structural resonances in the camera, lens, or gimbal.

Setting the filters too high or too low can cause signal disturbances that can reduce the overall stabilization.

GYPRO FILTER

Defines the strength of the filter applied to Gyro sensor output. If the gimbal has oscillations that cannot be corrected by adjusting stiffness settings, the Gyro Filter is used to further tune the gimbal and remove the oscillation.

OUTPUT FILTER

Defines the strength of the filter applied to motor output. If the gimbal has oscillations that cannot be corrected by adjusting stiffness settings, the Output Filter is used to further tune the gimbal and remove the oscillation.

Vibration. If the gimbal is vibrating at a high frequency after tuning, increase the filter values.

Oscillation or rocking. If the gimbal is oscillating or rocking at a low frequency after tuning, decrease the filter values.

GYRO FILTER

Gyro Filter	2
Output Filter	3

OTHERS GIMBAL PARAMETERS

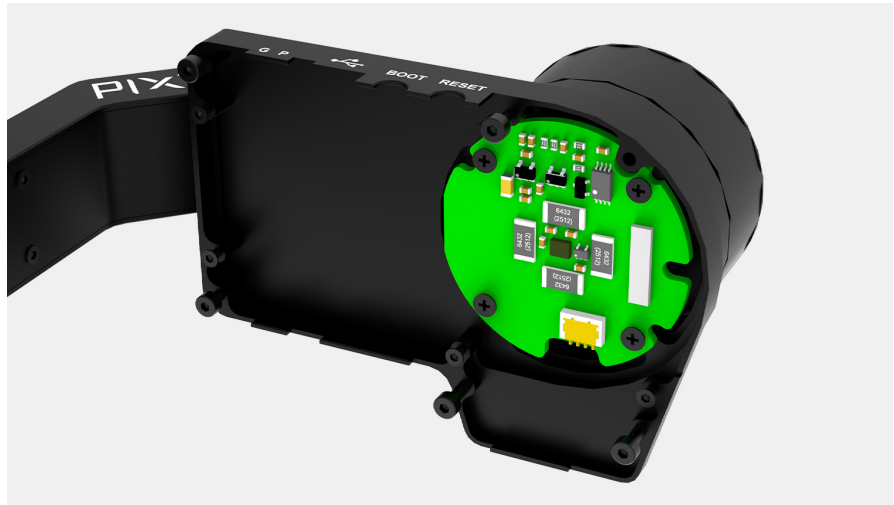
SPEED	Defines how fast camera will follow the movement.
SMOOTH	Smooth out the camera movement by adjusting this parameter. The higher the value is the smoother camera moves but at the expense of more delay in following the movements.
WINDOW	When the movement is out of the window zone, the camera starts to move. Within the window zone, the camera maintains its direction.
TILT LOCK	When the movement is out of the window zone, the camera starts to move. Within the window zone, the camera maintains its direction.
ROTATION LIMIT	If this option is selected, the tilt axis will maintain its angle and only be controlled by remote control.
UP LIMIT	Travel of Tilt and Roll axis can be limited using UP LIMIT and DOWN LIMIT. The Pan axis keeps the ability to pan 360 degrees itself.
DOWN LIMIT	Set the up limit for Tilt or Roll axis (in 1 degree unit). The default values are -90 for Tilt and -45 for Roll.
WINDOW	Set the down limit for Tilt or Roll axis (in 1 degree unit). The default values are 90 for Tilt and 45 for Roll.

IMU SENSOR

The IMU sensor used in the PIXY SM is a combination of a high precision 3 axis gyroscope sensor and a 3 axis accelerometer sensor.

IMU board is being heated where the temperature inside is controlled around 50°C with 0.2°C accuracy. Thanks to this feature, gyro calibration is no longer required in most situations.

The PIXY SM controller has a special algorithm to provide attitude estimation based on input data from the IMU sensor. This attitude estimation helps the controller to command motor output to compensate for camera movement.



GYPRO CALIBRATION

Thanks to temperature controlled and heated IMU, gyro calibration is not necessary as the gyro was calibrated at the factory and the temperature inside IMU remains constant around 50 degrees. However, if you notice drift during operation in extreme weather (below -20C or above 50C) please re-calibrate the gyro.

■ **CALIB AT STARTUP:** this feature is not available on the PIXY SM



NOTE

After Gyro Calibration, Gyro Offset X, Y, Z will change to a new value depending on the temperature.

ACCELEROMETER CALIBRATION



Do not use this function, please contact Gremsy Support Engineers. Accelerometer sensor was calibrated properly at the factory to achieve accurate horizon level with special and precise equipment. Users do not need to do this unless it's required for troubleshooting.

INSTALLING SOFTWARE

Desktop software

Download at:

www.gremsy.com -> [Support](#) -> [Product Support](#) -> [Pixy SM](#)

■ USING USB CONNECTION



NOTE

Make sure the Silab USB driver is already installed. The driver can be found at:

www.gremsy.com -> [Support](#) -> [Product Support](#) -> [Pixy SM](#)

STEPS TO CONNECT

- 1 - Power ON the PIXY SM.
- 2 - Connect USB cable from gimbal controller to Mac/PC.
- 3 - Run the gTuneDesktop software.
- 4 - On Connection Tab, select the Serial option.
- 5 - Select the correct COM port in the list.
- 6 - Click on the "Connect" button.



UPGRADING FIRMWARE

Only USB connection allows upgrading firmware. Refer to Section "01. GETTING STARTED" for USB connection.



NOTE

Make sure Silab USB driver is already installed. The driver can be found at:

www.gremsy.com -> supports -> product support

DEVICES CHECKING



REQUIRED APPS

■ **GremsyFlashTool**: To flash firmware for pSDK_Board-V21B(Carrier Board).

Download at: https://github.com/Gremsy/GremsyFlashTools_Public

■ **gTuneDesktop**: To connect gimbal & flash gimbal firmware.

Download at: <https://github.com/Gremsy/gTuneDesktop>

REQUIRED FIRMWARE

■ **Firmware for SoM**: Choose the latest Pixy SM firmware for SoM.

Download at: https://github.com/Gremsy/PixySM300_SoM_Firmware/releases/tag/1.0.0

■ **Firmware for the gimbal**: Choose the latest version of the gimbal.

Download at: https://github.com/Gremsy/PixySM-Firmware/releases/tag/v7.7.0_Preview



NOTE

The switch under Tilt have 2 modes:

“G” for flashing Gimbal firmware

“P” for flashing SOM firmware.



HOW TO UPGRADE GIMBAL FIRMWARE

- 01 - Mount the Pixy SM to DJI M300.
- 02 - Power on the aircraft.
- 03 - Connect USB cable from gPort to Mac/PC.
- 04 - Run the gTune Desktop Software.
- 05 - In the software, select “Serial” option on “CONNECTION” tab.
- 06 - Select the port in the list.
- 07 - Click on the “CONNECT” button.
- 08 - “Browse” to firmware file for your gimbal from your computer.
- 09 - Click “Upgrade” button. The process will take about 2 minutes. When the firmware is upgraded successfully, the gimbal will be restarted automatically.

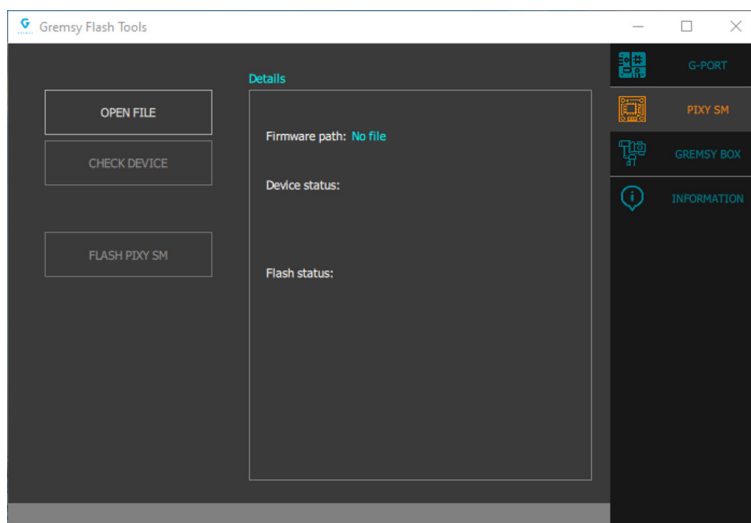


HOW TO UPGRADE SOM FIRMWARE

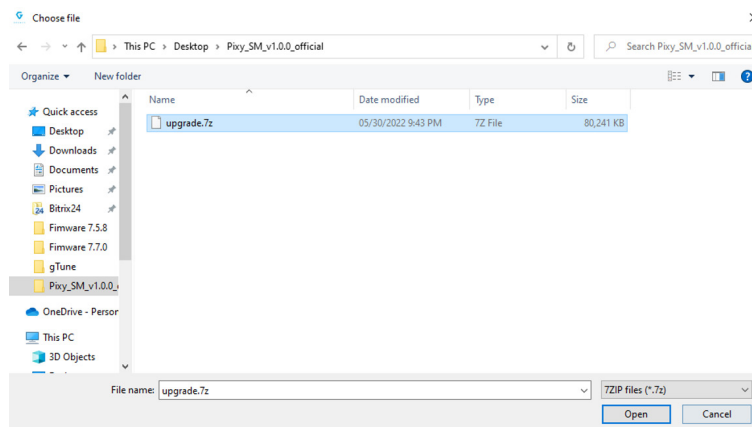
01. Switch the button on SOM to “P”.



02. Open the Gremsy Flash tool then choose “PIXY SM”.



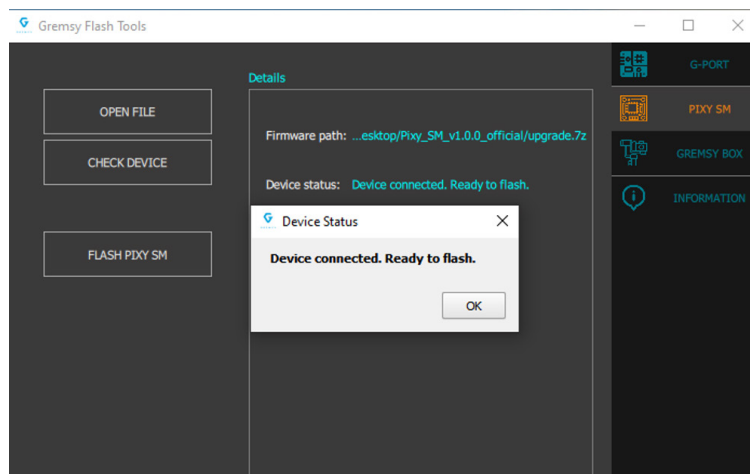
03. Choose “OPEN FILE” and browse the right firmware file.



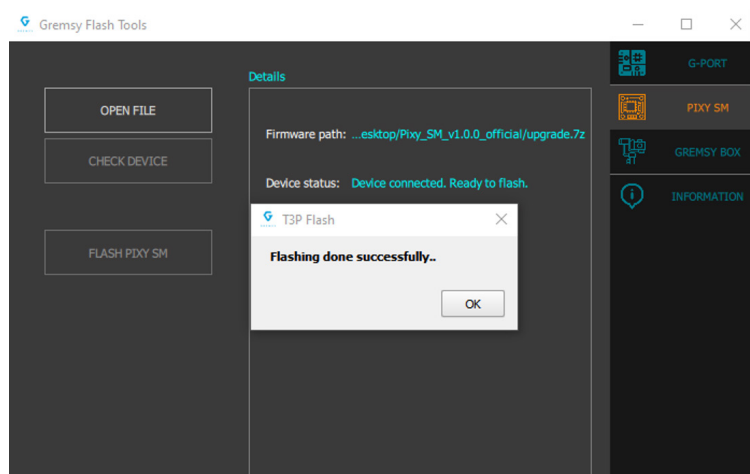
04. On the SOM, do the steps below

- Press Reset and Boot button simultaneously
- Release Reset
- Release Boot

05. On Gremsy Flash Tools, click “CHECK DEVICE” to check device status. Connection successfully will show as below:



06. Finally, click “FLASH PIXY SM” and wait for the process to complete (normally take 3 – 5 minutes)



TROUBLESHOOTING



NOTE

Find more at:

www.gremsy.com -> supports -> product support -> Pixy SM

CHECKING

PAYLOAD CHECKING

Payload information will appear on the bottom right of the screen.



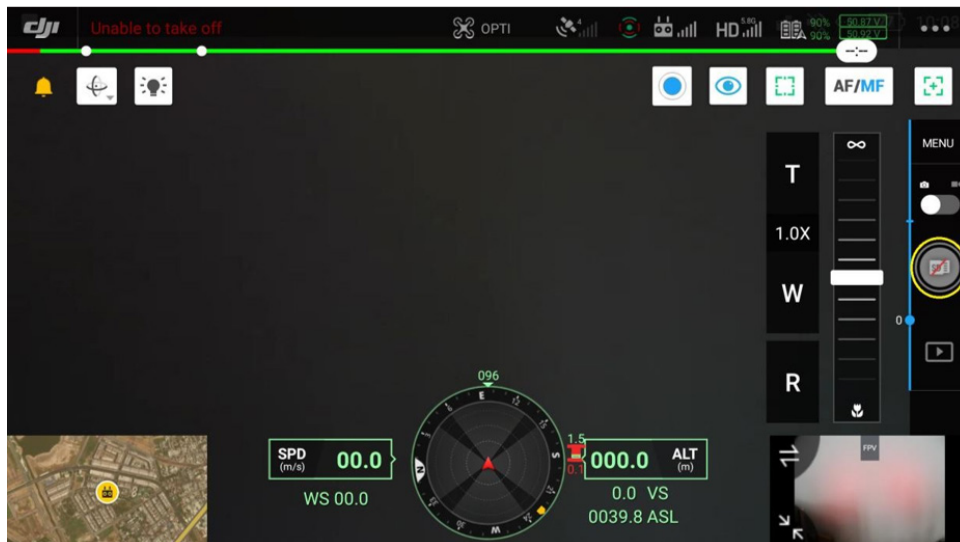
THE CAMERA LIVE VIEW CHECKING

Check the live view on the remote controller.



MEMORY CARD CHECKING

When the Memory Card is not inserted, the Remote Controller's screen will display the icon (marked yellow) in the picture.



PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSES	SOLUTION
System Error	Camera, Gimbal are damaged	Check each component.
Camera Not Found	Connection is loose	Check the USB-C connection. Check Sony camera control is set.
Gimbal Not Found	Gimbal Error	Connect to gTune software to check the error status of the gimbal.
Video Transmission error	Connection is loose or gimbal video transmission is damaged.	Reboot SOM system by using DJI PILOT APP. Waiting for the video stream (Approx: 1 minute)
Not displayed payload on DJI Pilot App.	App/device connection issue	Scroll down and choose Recent. Then reopen
Uncontrolled camera	The cable connection is loose	Check the camera USB cable connects from the gimbal to the camera.
Live view is not working or is dark	The cable connection is loose	Check USB camera cable connecting from the gimbal to the camera
Not insert the SD card	No SD card or system error	Insert the SD card and press the button "RESET" on the tilt axis.