

A complete hybrid VTOL autopilot solution. Start anywhere, fly everywhere.

Key Features

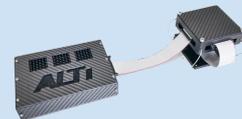
Supported Vehicle Types

Hybrid VTOLs	Bi-, tri- and quadcopter tailsitters, quadplanes and tiltrotors.
Multirotors	Quad-, hexa-, octa- and X8 copters.
Fixed-wings	Hand launched fixed-wings.



Supported Autopilot Hardware

Autopilots	Pixhawk, Pixhawk V2, Dropix, Pixracer, Pixfalcon.
Peripherals	UBlox GPS support (RTK coming soon), digital airspeed sensors, PPM remote controls, radar and lidar range finders.
Connectivity to GCS	1 mbit/s UART connection supporting any serial C2 link including direct WiFi (ESP 8662).
Payload	Payload controls via serial and PWM supporting various gimbals and cameras.



Ground Control Station

Tablet based	Android 4.4+. 9" - 12" tablets, min. resolution 1200 x 1920 resolution.
Operation	Survey, inspection and mapping mission planning in 3D, user-based permission levels and central system management.
Connectivity to autopilot	Bluetooth, WiFi 2.4GHz / 5.8GHz, FTDI via USB.



Flight Support

Modes	Fully autonomous mission, manual and GPS assisted flying modes.
System monitoring	Flight envelope monitoring (detection of stall, excessive roll/pitch, engine failure and more), continuous monitoring of sensors, battery and C2 links.



Flight Control System



The flight control system is a fully-fledged autopilot system supporting various aircraft types and running on a wide range of Pixhawk compatible autopilot hardware.

Flight Modes

Manual	Manual control (stabilized) for Multirotor/VTOL and Fixed-wing aircrafts.
Altitude Hold	Assisted flying mode allowing manual control but holding altitude and airspeed (Fixed-wing).
Position Hold	Assisted flying mode allowing manual control but holding altitude and position (Multirotor/VTOL) or heading (Fixed-wing).
Mission / Loiter / RTL	Fully autonomous flight mode. See mission features below.

Mission Features

Takeoff and landing	Fully autonomous.
Speed control	Manually adjust the speed along the mission path at anytime.
Payload triggering	Auto trigger payload (ie: camera) once or multiple times using geo reference, time or distance interval. Manual override possible.
Hybrid VTOL return home	Smart selection of the most efficient mode (multirotor / fixed-wing) to return home and land. Any required transitions handled automatically.
Hybrid VTOL transitions	Fully autonomous airspeed based transitions between fixed-wing and multirotor modes.
Hybrid VTOL loiter	Loiter waypoints can be set to circle in fixed-wing mode (efficient) or auto-transition to a multirotor hover.

Vehicle Configuration

Engine	Electric and fuel engine supported.
VTOL pusher assist	Pusher (and tractor) motor can be used in VTOL configuration to produce forwards thrust, greatly improving stability in wind.
Actuators	Actuator control via PWM.



Safety Features

Flight envelope monitoring	Detection of stall, excessive roll/pitch, freefall, altitude loss, minimum altitude violation, airspeed loss, motor loss.
Autopilot sensor failover	Sensor failure detection and failover for redundant sensors.
Battery monitoring	Warnings on low battery and configurable action on critical battery levels.
Datalink monitoring	Link loss detection with optional auto return home triggering.
Motor monitoring	Smart software based motor thrust loss detection or based on RPM sensor if installed.
GPS monitoring	GPS glitch detection and recovery.
Airspeed failure detection	Detection of blocked pitot tubes or complete sensor failures with automatic switch to thrust based flying for efficient and safe return to land.
Hybrid VTOL recovery	Auto failover to multicopter mode on flight envelope violations with optional operator override / retry.
Geofence	Cylinder based geofence. RTL can be enable on fence violation with optional operator override.

Hardware Support

GPS	UBlox M6, M7, M8. UBlox RTK coming soon.
Airspeed	Digital airspeed sensors (Measurement Specialities, Eagle Tree).
RC	PPM sum and SBUS based remote control systems.
Range finders	Lidars (Lightware range), LidarLite, Aerotenna uLanding.
RPM sensor	Pulsed or analog voltage RPM input.



Ground Control System



The ground control station has been built with commercial operations in mind. Built on Android to support not just selected consumer tablets but also a range of industrial tablets on the market.

Supported Tablets

General	Android 4.4+. Bluetooth, WiFi 2.4GHz / 5.8GHz, FTDI via USB. Most 9" - 12" tablets, min. resolution 1200 x 1920 resolution.
Consumer tablets	Samsung Galaxy Note Pro 12.2", Pixel C, Nexus 9, Sony Xperia SGP
Industrial tablets	Requires extra map license. Contact us for details.

Flight Planning

Creation	Planning in 2D and altitude adjustment in 3D.
Map types	Hybrid satellite
Library	Save flight plans, grouped by plan type and location. Unlimited plan storage limited only by available local storage. Online storage with auto-sync available.
Pre-generated plan templates	Surveys, circular, square, spiral, vertical survey, zoom out, spline.
Validity checks	Check for errors or potential vehicle related issues with the flight plan.

User Management

Operator types	4 user selectable password protected operator levels: operator, advanced operator, technician, admin.
Access level	Limited, deactivated or hidden functionality based on the active operator type.
Central credentials management	Passwords set and distributed to tablets from central Fleet Management System.



Flight View (HUD)

Pre-flight checks	Tablet assisted orientation checks, autopilot system checks, plan validation, optional airspeed calibration.
Pre-flight check enforcement	Set ability to cancel, skip or force completion for all or a selection of operator types.
Embedded video	Display live video feeds from onboard cameras via 2.4GHz and 5.8GHz WiFi. Supported formats: H.264 (and more)
3D Flight Plan	Flight plan and live vehicle position visualisation in 3D. Zoom and panning supported. Live flight plan interaction to alter next waypoint, change speed, etc.
3D base map	3D hybrid satellite base map.
Emergency button	Highly visible emergency button to trigger recovery options.
Onscreen Joysticks	Control payloads (ie: gimbals), flight speed, position via onscreen joysticks.

System Configuration

Calibration	Perform gyro, accelerometer, magnetometer, airspeed and leveling calibrations.
Parameters	Modify autopilot parameters.
OTA firmware updates	Autopilot firmware updates via WiFi (requires WiFi enabled autopilot).

External Systems

ADS-B	Integrated ADS-B system provides audio warnings for approaching aircraft. Requires internet connection.
Weather	Enables weather pre-flight checks on a flight plan prior to uploading to the vehicle. Requires internet connection.

Flight Logs

Log fetching	Automatically download all log files from the autopilot once vehicle disarms. Fetched logs will be cached on the tablet.
Log upload	Upload cached log files to the Fleet Management System automatically once an internet connection becomes available.