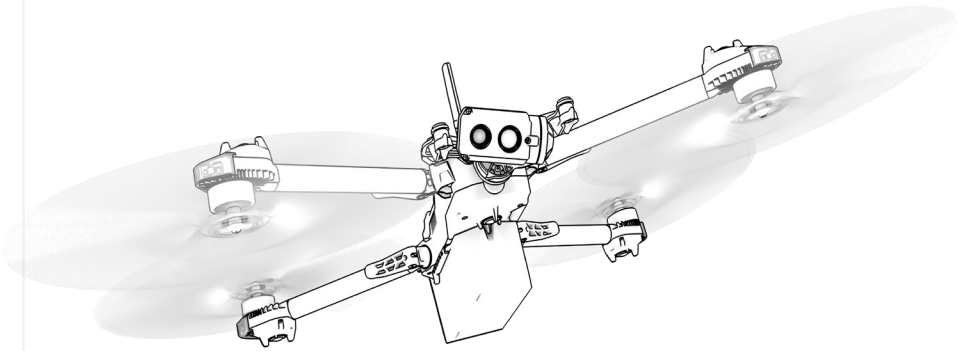
Quick Reference Guide

Skydio X2D-Color
Skydio X2D-Color/Thermal



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WARNING: *Read all documentation provided with your Skydio X2D.*
For additional safety, resources, and information visit Skydio.com/support

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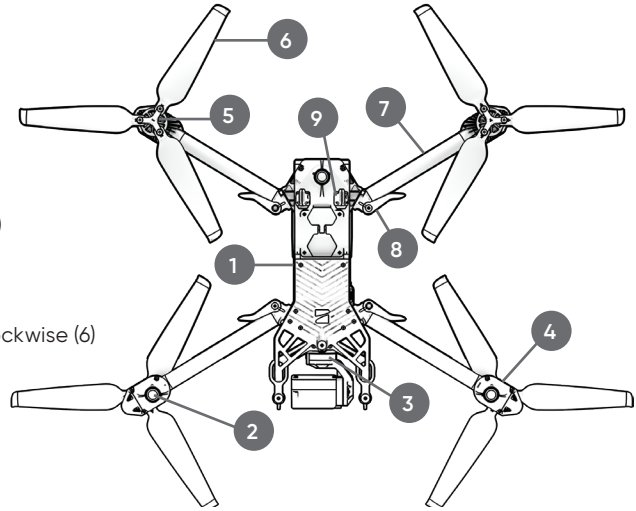

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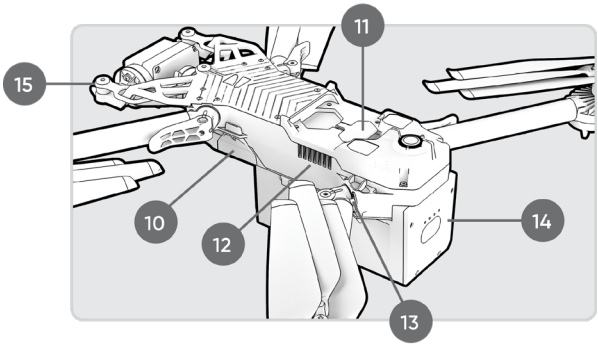

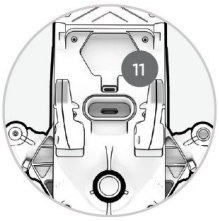

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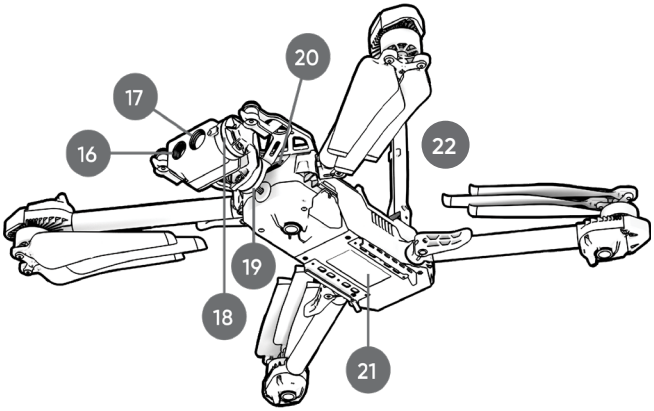

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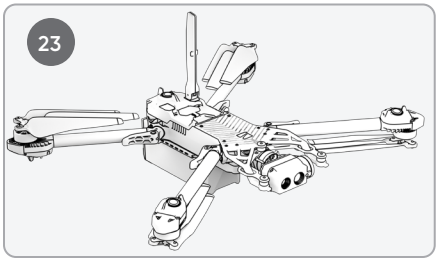

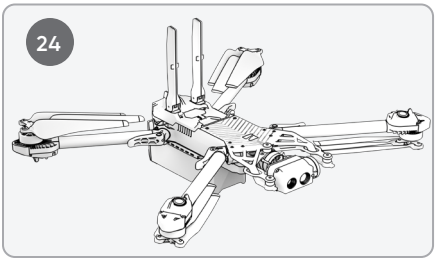

Camera variations:

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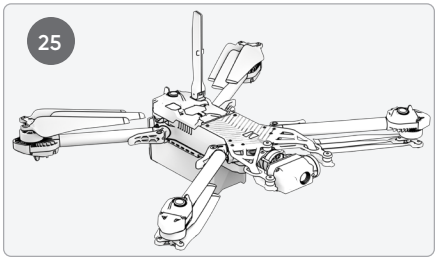

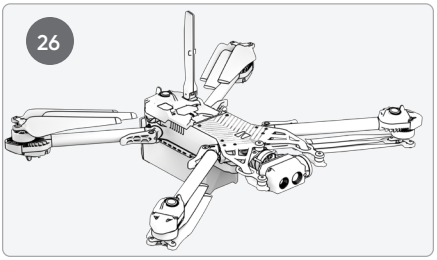

Skydio Enterprise Controller

1. Left joystick
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3. Menu/back button
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5. C1 button (customizable)
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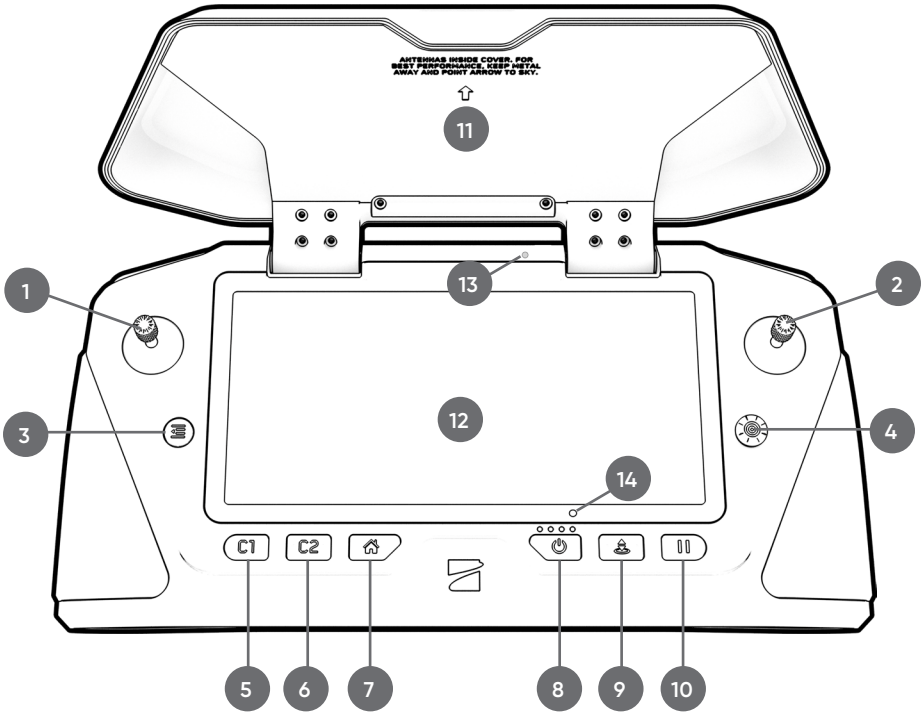

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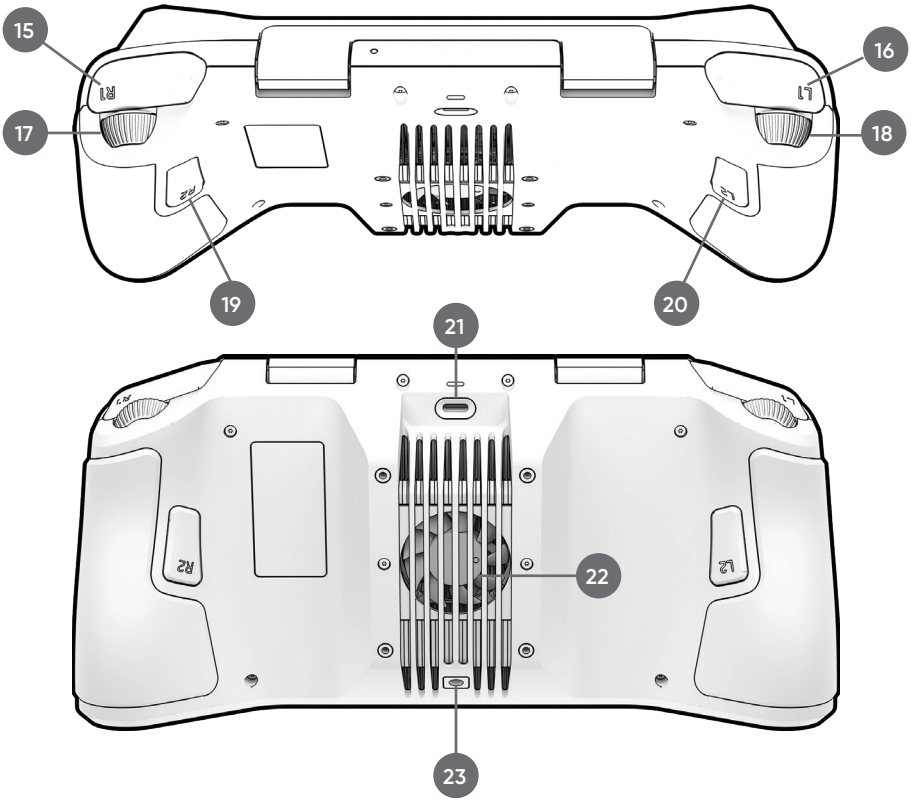

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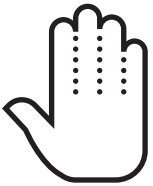
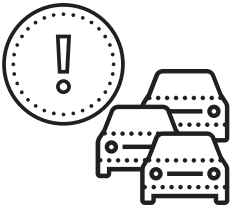
Safety Guidelines



Keep your fingers away from moving propellers at all times

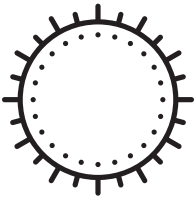
Use caution around reflective surfaces (still water, mirrors, etc.) and small obstacles (thin branches, utility lines, ropes, chain link fencing, etc.)



Skydio X2D does not avoid moving objects or cars

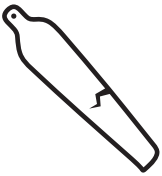
Skydio X2D is not weatherproof – don't fly in rain, snow, fog, high winds, etc

Before flying over water, ensure Skydio X2D has a strong GPS signal



Skydio X2D **obstacle avoidance is off** during GPS Night Flight mode and can be impaired when in low light & poor visibility. Fly with **extreme caution** under these conditions

Clean all of the cameras so Skydio X2D can see clearly



Check your propellers for damage before flying

Follow all civil aviation authority regulations, as well as any applicable local and federal laws

For more Skydio safety information visit: Skydio.com/safety

Charge

Skydio X2D

Skydio Dual Charger is capable of simultaneously providing current to two batteries. However, it will prioritize fully charging the battery with the highest charge level. Allow approximately two hours to fully charge batteries.

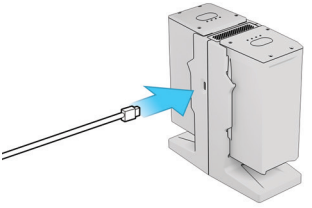
Step 1 - Slide one or both batteries down the rails onto the Dual Charger

- Magnets will engage properly seating the battery

Step 2 - Connect the provided USB-C cable and the 65 W power adapter

Step 3 - Plug the power adapter into the Dual Charger and a 100-240 V power source

- Flashing lights indicate charging
- No light indicates that the charge is complete



WARNING: *Avoid exposure to extreme hot or cold temperatures. Follow instructions for battery storage located in the X2D Operator Manual.*

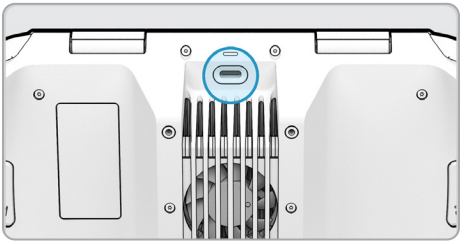
X2D battery charge levels

The current charge level is accessed by pressing the power button on the battery. The battery charge level is indicated by the lights:

1 light	0–37% charged
2 lights	38–62% charged
3 lights	63–87% charged
4 lights	88–100% charged

Skydio Enterprise Controller

Connect your Skydio Enterprise Controller to the USB-C charging cable and 65 W adapter. The lights on the front of the controller will begin to flash blue when the unit is charging, as well as a single light next to the USB-C charging port. A charge level will display on the controller screen. When charging is complete the lights will be solid blue for 1 minute and then turn off.



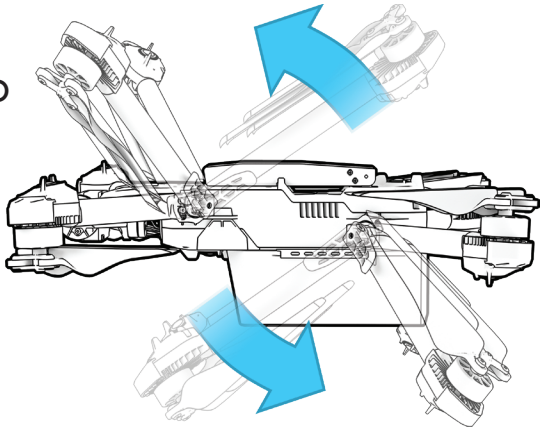
Skydio Enterprise Controller charge levels

The current charge level will display on the front of the controller or can be accessed by pressing the power button. The charge level is indicated by the lights:

1 red	5% or less
1 yellow	6%–15%
1 blue	16%–37%
2 blue	38%–62%
3 blue	63%–87%
4 blue	88%–100%

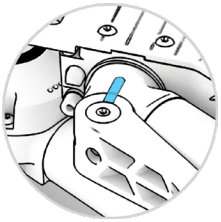
Deploy

Step 1 — Unfold X2D

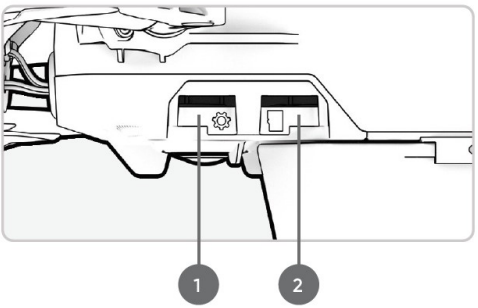


> ***WARNING:*** *The propeller blades are sharp. Handle with care.*

- Release the 4 arm clamps
- Lift the motor arms out and away from the chassis
- Listen and feel for a click
- Return the 4 arm clamps to the locked position
- Ensure that the blue marks align



Step 2 — Verify microSD memory cards are installed

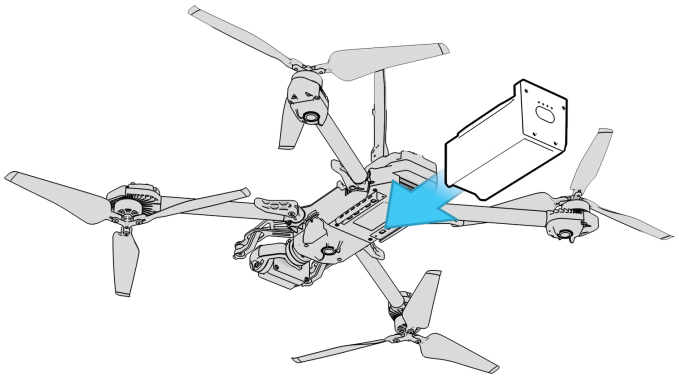


Verify that 2 UHS Speed Class 3 (or faster) microSD memory cards are inserted in the memory card slots located on the left side of the drone.

1. **Logs card** - supports future software offerings
2. **Media card** - stores all media captured during flight

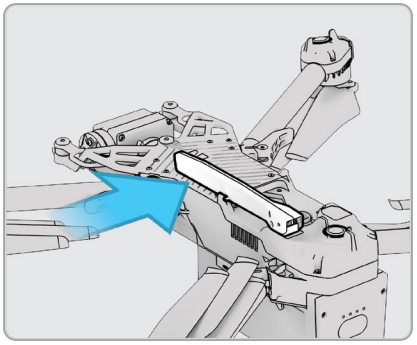
Step 3 — Insert battery

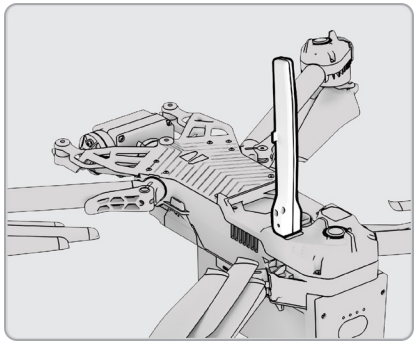
- Slide the battery on rails towards the camera until the magnets engage



Step 4 — Release antenna(s)

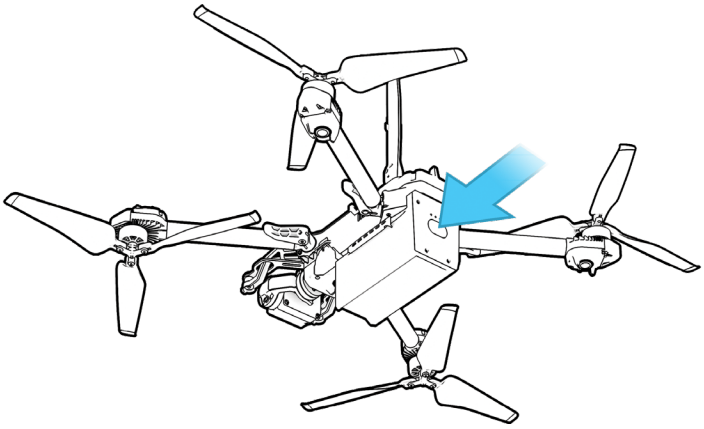
- Gently push the antenna(s) inward to release and guide it into a vertical position





Step 5 — Power on Skydio X2D

- Press and hold the power button on the battery for 3 seconds



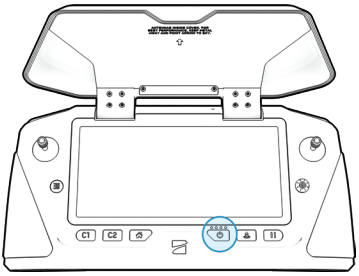
Skydio Enterprise Controller

Step 1 — Open the controller

- The antenna is embedded in the controller lid—use caution when opening

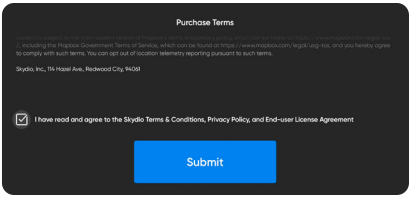
Step 2 — Power on

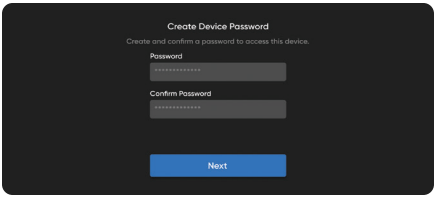
- Press and hold the power button for 3 seconds

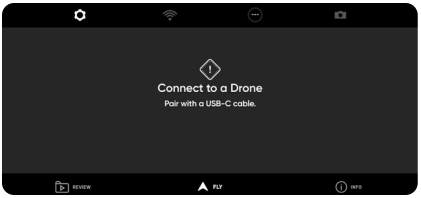


Step 3 — Activate Skydio Enterprise app

- Read and accept the Purchase Terms
- Set a password to unlock your controller when you power on or wake it from a sleep state



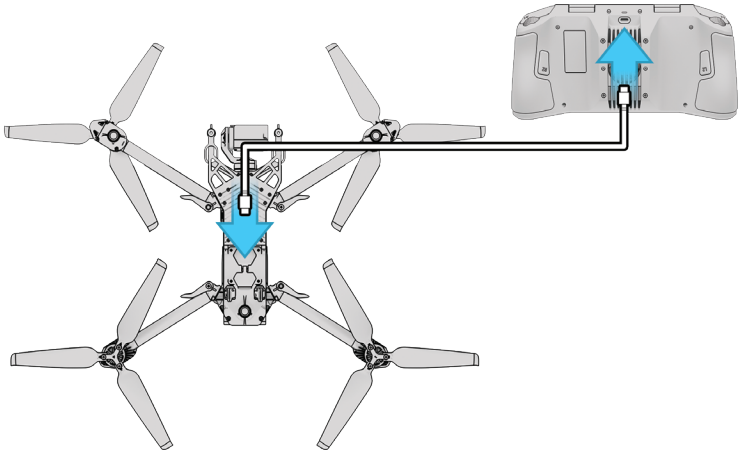




WARNING: The password cannot be recovered or reset. Ensure that your password is entered correctly and is written down and stored in a safe location.

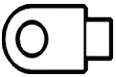
Step 4 — Pair the devices

- Power on X2D and Enterprise Controller
- Connect the controller to X2D using the USB-C cable
- Wait approximately 15 seconds
- Verify that your Skydio X2D was paired
- Select the **INFO menu** and your drone name will be listed under **PAIRED DEVICES**



Encryption

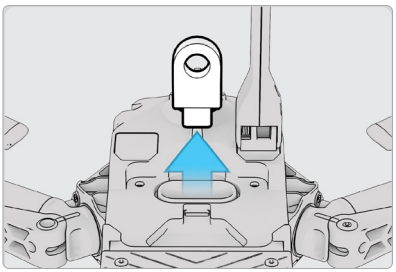
Before you can use the encryption feature on your X2D, you need to first provision the drone using the security key. You only need to complete this step once.
To set up your drone for encryption:



Step 1 - Power on Skydio X2D

Step 2 - Insert the security key into the USB-C port on the drone

- The lights on the key will begin blinking



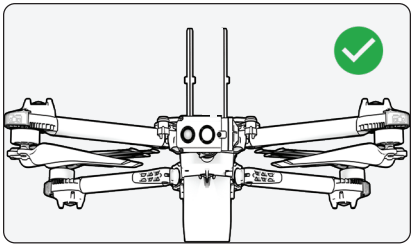
Step 3 - Remove the security key when the lights on the key turn off

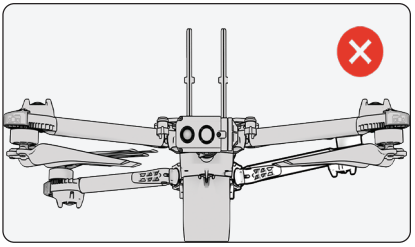
- Skydio X2D is now provisioned for encryption

Pre-flight Inspection

Inspect chassis - inspect the drone chassis to ensure it is free of damage.

Inspect motor arms - verify that they are free of damage and assembled properly. When assembled and viewing the drone head-on, arms should be parallel to the chassis.





Inspect battery - Skydio X2D uses magnets to seat the battery that may attract metallic debris. Visually inspect the battery and connector pins to ensure they are free of debris and damage. Verify the battery is fully seated in the drone prior to launch.

Inspect propellers - ensure that propellers are firmly attached and free of nicks, cracks, and damage. Do not fly with damaged propellers. Fan propellers out so that the blades are separated.

Clean cameras lenses - use a clean microfiber cloth to ensure that all cameras are dust and smudge-free before every flight.

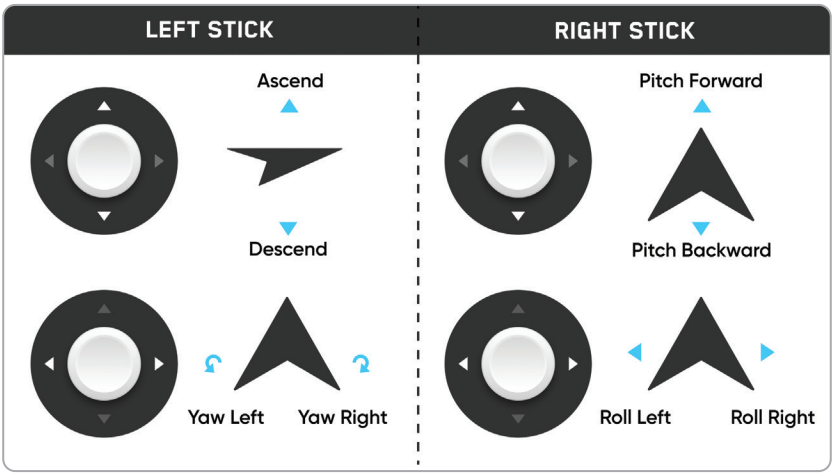
Inspect motor hubs - ensure that they are free of damage and debris.

Inspect gimbal - ensure that it moves freely.

Joystick controls

Skydio Enterprise Controller joystick controls are set to Mode 2:

- Left stick controls height and rotation
- Right stick controls forward, backward, and side to side motion



Flight controls

Launch

1. Find a clear area to launch
2. Place X2D on a flat, stable surface
3. Select the launch button on the Fly screen *or*
4. Press and hold the **Launch**/**Land** button on the Controller
5. X2D will arm and ascend to 10 ft (3 m) and hover in place

Return

1. Select the **Home** button on the Fly screen *or*
2. Press and hold the **Return** button on the Controller
   - X2D will return to the **Launch Point**, **Controller location**, or **Home Point** if one was set

Land

1. Pilot X2D over a safe landing location free of obstacles
2. Select and hold the **Land** button on the screen *or*
3. Press and hold the **Launch**/**Land** button on the Controller
   - X2D will descend with full obstacle avoidance to 10 ft (3 m) above ground level
   - Below 10 ft (3 m) **all obstacle avoidance is disabled**
   - Nudge forward, backward, left, or right using the Controller
   - Cancel landing by pushing the left joystick forward

Obstacle avoidance

Skydio X2D uses six 4K navigation cameras and a main subject camera for visual navigation resulting in unparalleled 360° obstacle avoidance.

Skydio X2D will maintain a distance of 25 in (63.5 cm) away from objects (measured from the propeller to the obstacle). You can reduce your obstacle margin in flight, enabling up close object inspection.

WARNING: *If this is your first flight with Skydio X2D, Skydio recommends flying with a full obstacle margin during the day.*

GPS night flight

Skydio strongly recommends inexperienced pilots fly during daytime hours or in brightly lit conditions to get comfortable with the system before attempting to fly at night.

WARNING: *GPS Night Flight mode requires flying without obstacle avoidance and may drift slightly. Take extra caution when flying in this mode and do not stand near the drone.*

Emergency behavior

Low battery

X2D will assess the altitude and distance from the Launch/Home Point and alert you when it is time to return home and land. You will receive a series of notifications and actions to ensure time for a safe landing:

1. Return to Home warning (Home Point is set) - recommended to return home and land
2. Two-minute warning - fly to a safe location and land
3. After the two-minute countdown - X2D will automatically land
   - You will be able to nudge X2D during landing to avoid any obstacles

Lost connection

Establishing lost signal connection return behaviors is a critical component in pre-flight planning to ensure that your Skydio X2D returns safely and lands in an accessible location.

Wait before Return - specify the amount of time that you want X2D to wait before it initiates a return flight, allowing time to reconnect.

Land Once Returned -

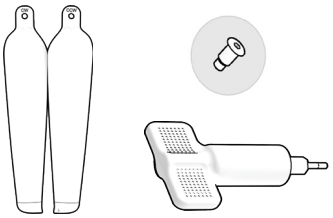
- Enabled (default): X2D will return, hover for a specified amount of time, and then land
- Disabled: X2D will hover in place until it runs out of battery

Wait Before Land - specify the amount of time between 0 to 300 seconds (default - 240 seconds) that you want X2D to wait before landing. Only available when Land Once Return is toggled on.

Replace propeller blades

A routine preflight inspection should include the propellers to ensure that they are in good working condition. Skydio recommends replacing your propellers after 100 hours of flight time or whenever you notice any damage for optimal performance. Replace all propellers in the hub, even if only one is damaged, to reduce any potential variations and to make it easier to track propeller flight time. Propellers are matched to maximize performance and robustness. You will need:

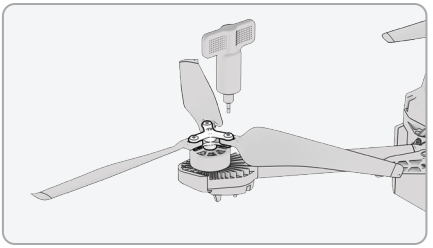
- Clockwise (CW) propellers
- Counter-clockwise (CCW) propellers
- Propeller screws
- Torque driver



***WARNING**: Propeller blades with cracks, dents, or bends should be replaced immediately. Do not fly with damaged propellers as serious bodily harm or injury may occur. Propeller blades are sharp. Do not replace propeller blades while the drone is powered on.*

Step 1 - Remove propellers from the motor hub

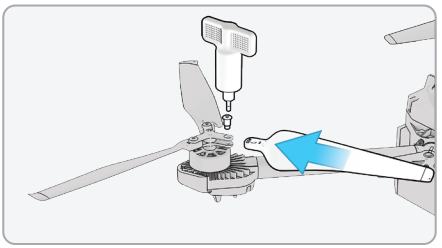
- Hold the motor hub to stabilize
- Unscrew the propeller screw
- Slide the propellers out of the hub
- Replace all three propellers in that hub from the same replacement kit
- Dispose the removed propellers



Step 2 - Attach new propellers blades

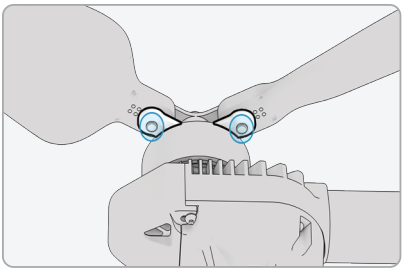
Find the markings that match the propeller hub and install with those markings facing up to ensure that the propellers are in the correct direction (clockwise or counter-clockwise) and orientation for the motor.

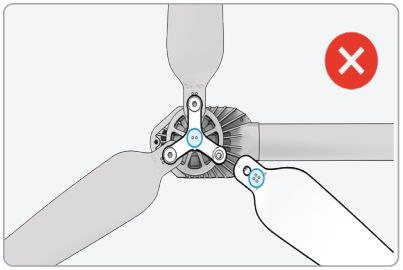
- Hold the motor hub to stabilize
- Slide the new propeller into the hub
- Insert a new screw - do not reuse screws even if they look to be in good condition
- Use the torque driver to fasten the screw clockwise until you hear a click

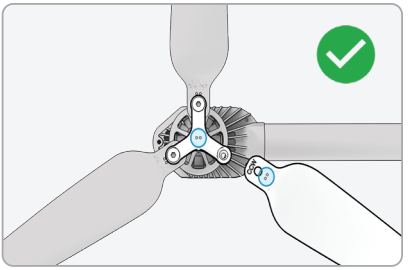


Step 3 - Inspect your propeller blade installation

- Screw threads extend slightly beyond the bottom of the propeller hub
- Dot patterns match between propeller blades and hub
- Propellers rotate smoothly and do not bind on the hub spokes







WARNING: *Failure to match the markings on the propeller to those on the propeller hub is a safety hazard and may result in potential serious damage to the drone and serious bodily harm or injury to you and bystanders.*

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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Skydio Safety and Operating Guide
www.skydio.com/safety

Skydio X2D Operator Manual
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