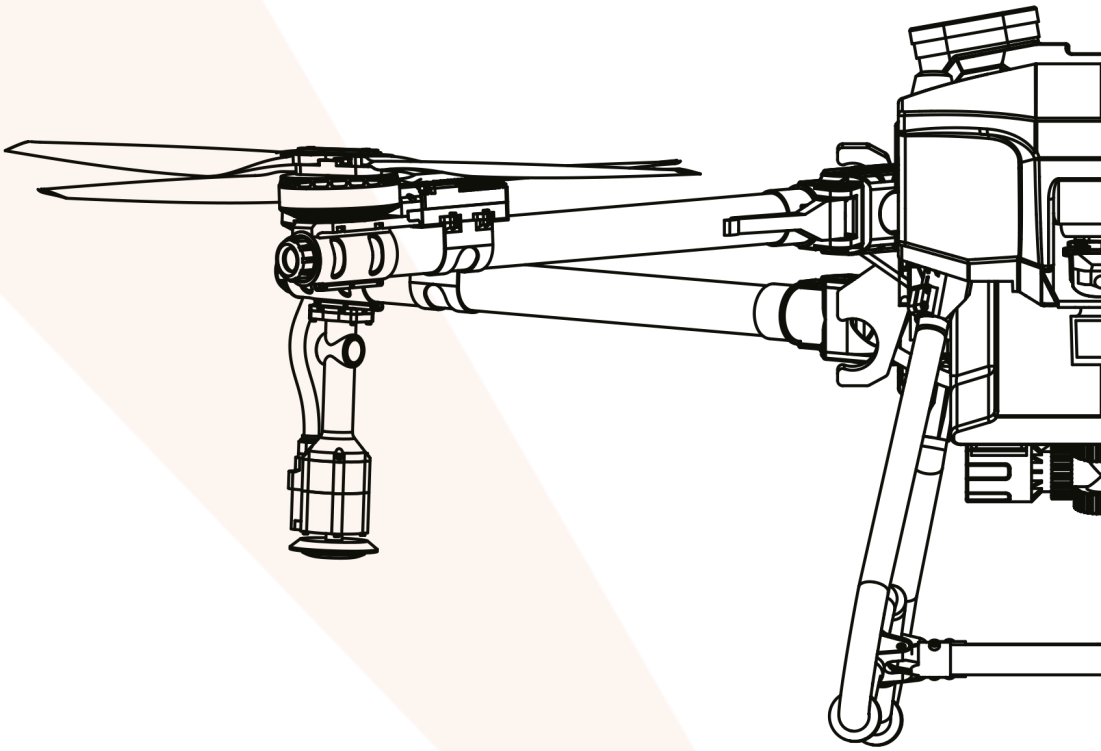
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L50 V1

OPERATOR MANUAL

Version 2.7

General Information

Overview

This manual is for the ABZ Innovation L50 industrial, agricultural drone, equipped with a CDA (controlled droplet application) spraying system designed for the most efficient use.

The drone can be upgraded with a wide range of other payloads too, thanks to its universal design. The drone and its accessories may only be operated in accordance with the instructions in this manual.

Please read this notice and the manual provided for your ABZ Innovation L50 drone before use. If you have any questions, please contact ABZ Innovation customer service before use. The contact details can be found at the end of this document. By using the drone, you declare that you have read this manual, that you understand and acknowledge the information contained herein, and that you consent to use the drone only under proper conditions, in full compliance with applicable laws and the instructions in this manual. Furthermore, you agree that you are now exclusively responsible for the drone and its operation, and for any direct or indirect legal consequences arising from its operation.

The ABZ Innovation L50 drone is NOT a toy and is to be used only with care. Improper use of the drone poses a serious risk and can cause damage to the drone and its surroundings, severe personal injury, or death. The drone may only be used by qualified pilots. The ABZ Innovation L50 is a technical, agricultural device.

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Any modification to the drone, its components or software will immediately void the warranty.



To identify an L50, locate the serial number label on the right side of the drone frame and check if the „Model” is L50.

ABZ INNOVATION L50	RID/Serial No.: 1759FABZL50V12500000
	Date of manufacture: 2025.09.01.
	Input: Battery - 64.8V ⎓ 200A
Make - model - series: ABZ Innovation - L50 - V1	This device complies with:
Manufacturer: ABZ Innovation Kft.	ASTM F3411-22a-RID-B and 14 CFR Part 89
Made in Hungary (EU)	This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.
Address: Kalászi út 3, Szentendre, 2000, Hungary	
This device contains FCC IDs:	
FCC ID: XPYANNAB4 / FCC ID: 2ABCB-RPI5	
FCC ID: 2BN8IUNIRC7RFMD / FCC ID: RID-LR101H	
Safety warning: Hazardous moving parts, keep clear!	

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This device contains the following FCC-certified modules: FCC ID: XPYANNAB4, FCC ID: 2BN8IUNIRC7RFMD, FCC ID: RID-LR101H, FCC ID: 2ABCB-RPI5

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules for Class A digital devices. NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

Responsible Party:

Drone Nerds 5553 Anglers Ave, Suite #109, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312 Phone:(786) 708-7807, Email: sales@dronenerds.com

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Drone main parts



1: Motors

2: Propellers

3: Front cover

4: Tank

5: Battery

6: Rear cover

7: Arms

8: Camera

9: LiDAR sensor

10: Landing gear

11: Pump

12: CDA sprayers

Packing list

The L50 drone standard package contains:

- L50 drone and tank
- ABZ Innovation UniRC7 remote controller with sticks and antennas
- 20 W fast charger and cable for remote controller
- US/EU plug converter for the fast charger
- USB-C / USB-A converter
- Carrying case for the remote controller

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Specifications

General specifications		
	EU	**US**
Payload	50 l spraying system	13.2 gal spraying system
Max. take-off weight	108 kg	238.1 lbs
Maximum gross weight	108 kg	238.1 lbs
Basic empty weight (Total weight without battery) *	39.3 kg	86.6 lbs
Total weight (with battery) *	51.9 kg	114.4 lbs
Maximum characteristic dimension **	3710 mm	146.1 in
Dimensions (arms & propellers unfolded) (L x W x H)	3050 x 3050 x 840 mm	120.1 x 120.1 x 33.1 in
Dimensions (arms and propellers folded) (L x W x H)	1160 x 740 x 840 mm	45.7 x 29.2 x 33.1 in
Effective signal range of RC	3 - 6 km	1.86 - 3.73 mi
Spraying System		
Maximum per Hectare Performance	24 ha/h	59.3 ac/h
Average per Hectare Performance	18-21 ha/h	44.5 - 52 ac/h
Maximum flow	16 l/min	4.2 gal/min
Adjustable droplet size	60 – 1000 µm	60 – 1000 µm
Spray tank capacity	50 l	13.2 gal
Adjustable working width	8-12 m	26.2 - 39.4 ft
Frequency bands		
Radio Control and Telemetry	2.4GHz	2.4GHz
WLAN	2.4GHz	2.4GHz
Flight		
Max. operating flight speed	8 m/s	17.9 mi/h
Max. level speed	15 m/s	33.6 mi/h
Max. tolerable wind speed	10 m/s	22.4 mi/h

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Safety requirements

Use of plant protection products

- Pesticides are toxic, and their use poses high health and safety risks. Use them only as prescribed!
- Do not use strong acids, strong alkalis, high-temperature liquids, or pesticides that are prohibited.
- Do not endanger people, animals, or the health of the environment.
- Pesticides must not be allowed to contaminate rivers and drinking water sources.
- Avoid the use of powder-based pesticides, as they can shorten the life of the spraying system of the device.
- Mix the pesticide with clean water and filter it immediately before use to avoid clogging the filter. Clean the filters of the device before use if noticing deposits.
- The valves of the drone can be opened for cleaning. They have to be closed during operation.
- If spraying in a windward direction, make sure that the spray does not drift onto you or anyone else on the site. Wear full protective gear to avoid direct contact with the pesticide.
- Clean the drone and remote controller after spraying.
- The effectiveness of application depends on the density of pesticides, the speed and distance of spraying, the flight speed and is affected by wind speed, wind direction, temperature and humidity. Take all these factors into account when spraying!
- Avoiding unnecessary spraying: accurate planning of the spraying work is necessary to determine the right amount of pesticide to use, so that the amount of excess spray can be minimized. It is recommended to apply the residual spray or water used to wash the drone's system to plants.

Child protection provisions

- This equipment is not suitable for use in places where children are likely to be present.
- The equipment must be kept out of the reach of children.
- The equipment contains a spray that is dangerous for children and must be kept out of the reach of children!
- In case of contact with the spray, wash off immediately with plenty of water. In case of ingestion of spray, seek medical advice immediately.
- The equipment operates rotating parts that are dangerous for children and must be kept out of the reach of children!

Environmental aspects

- It is forbidden to operate the drone or any of its components in an enclosed space.

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- Fly only in places where there are no buildings or other obstacles.
- Do not fly over or near large crowds.
- Do not fly above 4.5 km (14 763 feet) above sea level.
- Fly only in moderate weather conditions, between temperatures of 5°C and 40°C (41°F and 104°F).
- Rain and foggy weather might affect the performance of the LiDAR, and consequently, the performance of altitude hold and obstacle sensing.
- During lightning, flight is prohibited.
- During adverse weather conditions, such as heavy rain, snow, and icing, flight is prohibited.
- Your flying and spraying activities must not violate any applicable laws or regulations. You must have all the necessary permits. Contact the appropriate government agency or authority before flying to ensure that you operate your drone in compliance with laws and regulations.

Operation

- The drone may only be switched on and operated in accordance with the "Flight Protocol" chapter, starting on page 126.
- Only use the drone in full compliance with the Checklists.
- Stay away from rotating propellers and motors, CDAs.
- Do not exceed the maximum combined accessories and batteries and payload weight in any case. Otherwise, the drone may be damaged and the flight might pose danger.
- Always keep track of the drone's flight, and be ready for manual control. Manually avoid obstacles at a safe distance. Never rely exclusively on the ABZ Control app. It is important to check or set the correct Failsafe and RTL altitude before each flight.
- Always keep the drone within visual line of sight (VLOS) and keep an eye on it.
- Don't get distracted by using your mobile phone or any other activities.
- Don't fly under the influence of alcohol, drugs or medicines. Fly only when you are mentally and physically capable of safely controlling the drone, including paying attention to its surroundings.
- If the drone or remote controller battery is low, land the drone in a safe place. The state of the drone battery should be monitored before the flight using the charging indicator LEDs on the battery. We recommend starting the flight with a minimum of 80% battery charge.
- During the flight, the pilot must monitor the battery voltage, which should always be above 57 V, even when flying with the Maximum Take-off Mass (MTOM).
- When the battery voltage level drops under 57 V, start returning and landing the drone. If, during the return, the battery voltage reaches the critical threshold 54 V, the drone will automatically initiate landing. For further information, see Battery Failsafe.

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- Never fly closer than 100 m (328 ft) to a high-voltage power line or high-power radio emitters (e.g. Radar, TV/Radio station).
- Never fly closer than 30 m (100 feet) horizontal distance to buildings.
- After landing, switch off the motors, switch off the drone by disconnecting the battery, and then switch off the remote controller.
- In case of loss of remote controller signal, the drone can automatically switch to Failsafe RTL mode.

Maintenance and storage

- Do not use damaged, broken, or aged propellers.
- Clean the drone immediately after spraying.
- Regularly check the condition of the drone and make a flight log.
- To avoid damage to the drone's landing gear, remove or empty the spray tank, remove payloads, accessories, and the battery before transportation.
- Significant dust and stains on the optical window will affect the performance of the LiDAR sensor.
    - If it is necessary to clean the sensor, first use compressed or canned air. DO NOT wipe a dusty optical window, as it will only cause more damage.
    - If the optical window has visible stains after dusting, it is necessary to wipe it as well.
    - DO NOT wipe using a dry lens tissue, as it will scratch the surface of the optical window. Use a lens tissue with isopropyl alcohol. Wipe slowly to remove the dirt instead of redistributing it on the surface of the optical window.
    - If the optical window is still dirty, a mild soap solution can be used to gently wash the window. Repeat Step 2 to remove any remaining soap residue.
- Never take pictures of the LiDAR while it is operating. The laser pulses emitted by the LiDAR may damage the mobile phone's camera sensor.
- Only store the drone with the spray system thoroughly emptied, cleaned, and flushed.
- Clean the drone, especially the propellers, after use.
- Recommended storage temperature: between 5°C and 40°C (41°F and 104°F).
- Never store the remote controller's batteries below 0°C (32°F), as it will cause excessive degradation to the battery cells.
- Store the drone, remote controller, and batteries below 60% relative humidity.
- The remote controller and the drone's batteries must be stored at about 60% charge.
- Batteries deplete after extended storage. During storage, the remote controller battery should be discharged and recharged every 2 months, whereas the drone's batteries should be discharged and recharged every 3 months.

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- After long-term storage:
  - Every battery must be inspected and fully charged before use.
  - The drone's motors must be inspected for free rotation.
- DANGER: NEVER LEAVE A BATTERY UNATTENDED WHILE CHARGING. A responsible adult must be present at all times, actively monitoring the battery and prepared to respond immediately in the event of a fire. Failure to do so can result in fire, serious injury, or death.
- WARNING: DO NOT CHARGE THE BATTERY WITH ANY THIRD-PARTY CHARGERS. USE ONLY THE CHARGER SPECIFIED BY THE MANUFACTURER. Using unauthorized chargers can cause overheating, fire, or permanent battery damage.
- DO NOT charge the batteries in a location where temperatures could exceed 40°C (104°F).
- DO NOT charge the batteries if the ambient temperature is below 0°C (32°F).
- DO NOT charge the batteries near heat sources such as space heaters, car heaters, stoves, etc.
- DO NOT charge a battery in a hot vehicle or trailer.
- DO NOT charge the batteries in direct sunlight.
- DO NOT charge the batteries where children or animals can reach them.
- DO NOT charge batteries within 3m (10 feet) of flammable material (wood, paper, chemicals) or other batteries in storage or charging. You should be charging the batteries in an area free of flammable material.
- If charging indoors, charge the battery near an unlocked exit door in some fire resistant container to facilitate the rapid removal of the battery from indoors.
- DO NOT charge the batteries indoors unless you have an AVD or F-500 type fire extinguisher.
- DO NOT charge physically damaged or swelling batteries. Immediately dispose of these batteries according to the disposal instructions.
- DANGER: If a battery begins to swell, smoke, hiss, or emit any unusual odor or sound during charging, IMMEDIATELY STOP CHARGING. Evacuate the battery from any indoor area and place it in a safe, non-flammable location away from people and property. Failure to act quickly can result in fire, serious injury, or death.
- DO NOT charge a battery that just finished being used until 15 minutes have passed or the battery temperature has decreased to 45°C (113°F). Also please wait 10 minutes after charging before discharging again.
- DO NOT use water or ice to cool down a battery.
- DO NOT store the batteries in a location where the temperatures could go below -20°C (-4°F) or exceed 50°C (122°F).
- DO NOT store the batteries when charged to greater than 70V (80%).
- DO NOT store the batteries when charge is less than 60V (20%) as this can cause damage to the battery. The ideal storage condition is at 50%

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- DANGER: DO NOT STORE BATTERIES THAT ARE PHYSICALLY DAMAGED, SWELLING, LEAKING, OR SHOWING ANY SIGNS OF DEFECT. IMMEDIATELY REMOVE SUCH BATTERIES FROM SERVICE AND DISPOSE OF THEM ACCORDING TO THE DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS. Storing damaged batteries can result in fire and toxic chemical release.
- DO NOT store the battery in a wet or moist environment. Store in a dry environment.
- ALWAYS STORE BATTERIES IN THEIR OWN FIREPROOF CONTAINER. Failure to do so increases the risk of fire and property damage.

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Personal precautions

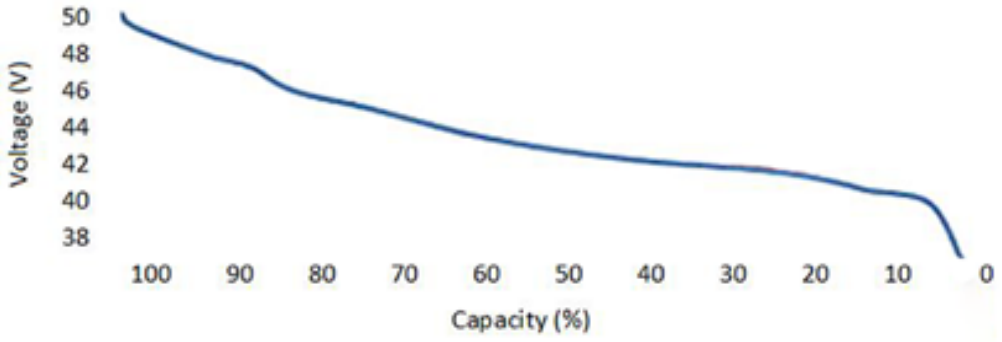
- The temperature of the chemicals in the spray tank cannot exceed 45°C (113°F). During use, the working temperature range is between 5°C and 40°C (41°F and 104°F).
- Before starting the spraying work, always carry out an inspection of the condition of the drone (condition of seals, detection of possible leaks, quality of the spraying) with clean water. Make sure that everything is working properly before you start working with chemicals.
- Always prepare the chemicals according to the instructions for use provided by the manufacturer. Adhere to the appropriate mixing or dilution ratio prescribed by the manufacturer. Mixing and dilution at inappropriate ratios is prohibited as it may have adverse effects on humans and the environment, may be harmful to health, and may result in insufficient treatment of plants.
- Using protective equipment (safety goggles, rubber gloves, overalls, safety shoes, or boots), rinse the spray tank and the spraying system with plenty of water after each operation. Clean the drone after every work session. After cleaning the equipment, wash your hands, change your clothes, and store your work clothes and protective equipment in a locked place. After working with chemicals, always take a shower if possible.

Drone handling and use precautions

- Before commencing each flight, plan your drone's flight path with care and attention.
  Pay attention to the following:
  - working at a suitable time of day,
  - weather conditions,
  - environmental influences (such as sunlight),
  - drifting of the drone in case of wind,
  - wind speed,
  - flight altitude,
  - when planning, the correct line spacing,
  - turning points,
  - obstacles in the work area.
- When planning your flight, pay close attention to spray runoff caused by the wind. The degree of runoff depends on:
  - the amount of spray applied,
  - the flight altitude,
  - the airspeed,
  - the droplet size
    (determined by the combination of impeller speed and pump delivery volume),

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  - the direction and speed of the wind.
- Always factor in the amount of runoff when planning your flight. An incorrectly chosen combination of airspeed and altitude will greatly reduce the quality of the work done. Therefore, follow the instructions provided by the chemical manufacturer and choose the correct flight speed, altitude and amount of spray to be applied.
- You can always count on some residue during operation, which is 1% of the spray tank capacity.
- Carefully store any remaining chemicals after the spraying is done.
- The equipment is powered by a replaceable battery. Make sure the batteries are in good condition and fully charged. Do not use faulty or damaged batteries. To learn about proper use and storage, please read the battery's instruction manual.
- The batteries can be charged using an external battery charger. To use this, please refer to the battery charger's instructions for use.
- Battery discharge is not linear, depending on load, temperature, internal resistance, condition of cells. This figure shows the typical discharge curve for a drone battery in 90% state of health, at 40°C (104°F) at 7,5C load:
- The maximum masses of accessories/batteries/payloads combined, fitted to the drone must not exceed 68,7 kg (151,5 lbs), thereby the drone's overall mass must not exceed the Maximum Take-off Mass (MTOM), 108 kg (238,1 lbs).



- Maximum flight time with one battery is mostly dependent on the Take-off Mass, which is highly related to installed accessories and payloads. The difference in safe maximum flight time between an unequipped L50 and a fully loaded L50 at MTOM can be as high as 9 minutes.
- The drone's agility and balance are highly influenced by the payloads or accessories, especially if those are installed further away from the Optimal payload area. If a heavier device is installed offset from the drone's center of gravity, the pilot must fly with extreme caution to the altered controllability and potential of slower deceleration, acceleration, turning, elevation, and descent speeds.

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Information about transport

The drone is designed for outdoor agricultural work. The drone can be delivered to the site in the trunk of a vehicle, in the loading area of a truck, or in a trailer. Proper anchorage is an important prerequisite for the safe transport of the drone, as it is done on uneven road surfaces and on various terrain. Securing the drone improperly can cause damage such as deformation and ultimately breakage of the propellers, damage to the spray tank, punctures, damage to the spraying system, etc.

Transporting the equipment requires extra care and attention. Improperly secured equipment and accessories necessary for its operation (drone, drone batteries, battery charger, generator, spray tank, spraying chemicals, etc...) can lead to damage, which may ultimately lead to total equipment failure. Therefore, please carefully secure the drone during transport and store its accessories in a suitable place.

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In case of loss of signal and communication

General Failsafe

The ABZ Innovation L50 drone's software is equipped with safety features that ensure safe operation at all times. These include possible loss of signal and communication. This can occur in cases where the drone signal is out of range (for the ABZ Innovation L50 this is 3 - 6 km / 1.86 - 3.73 mi), or when there is interference from equipment, devices, or magnetic interference in the vicinity of the drone. In these cases, the drone will communicate clear instructions to the operator while the software initiates safety functions. The safety features can be set before take-off (under Settings > Safety), telling the drone what to do if the drone loses signal.

These options can also be set with the following:

- Returning to the starting point (Return to Launch – RTL)
- Landing
- continuing Auto mission

If the drone loses signal from the remote controller, or the communication between these are interrupted, on the remote controller's screen the following message will appear: „COMMUNICATION LOST" and it will read it out loud (if the volume is not muted).

The drone and the remote controller will try to recover the connection automatically. However, if possible, it is highly recommended for the pilot to move the remote controller closer to the drone, especially if any obstacles (e.g. building, tree, or a hill) are in between, and also if the communication between the remote controller and the drone is recovered, take back manual control of the drone (e.g. switching to Manual (Loiter) mode).

Low Power Condition

Battery Failsafe

The L50 drone is equipped with battery safety procedures to ensure that the drone operates only within safe battery voltage levels.

The Battery Failsafe system consists of three stages:

- **Stage I – User-Configurable Battery Threshold**
  The threshold can be configured by the pilot under **Settings > Safety**. When the battery voltage reaches the configured threshold, the configured battery failsafe action is activated.
  - Range: 30-40 %

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- Available Actions: **Warning**, Switch to **Manual** mode

- **Stage II – User-Configurable Battery Threshold**
  The threshold can be configured by the pilot under **Settings > Safety**. When the battery voltage reaches the configured threshold, the configured battery failsafe action is activated.
  - Range: 20-29 %
  - Available Actions: **Warning**, Switch to **Manual** mode, **Land**
- **Stage III – Automatic Failsafe Mode**
  When the battery voltage reaches **the critical threshold of** 54 V**,** the drone will immediately **initiate an automatic landing.**

Stage	Threshold	Available Failsafe Actions
Stage I (User-configurable)	30–40%	Warning, Manual, RTL
Stage II (User-configurable)	20–29%	Warning, Manual, Land, RTL
Stage III (Automatic)	54 V (critical)	Automatic Landing

List of Actions:

- **Warning:** The system provides a visual and audible notification when the battery reaches the warning threshold.
- **Land:** The drone automatically performs a controlled descent and landing. In Land Mode, the pilot can only provide forward, rearward (pitch), left, and right (roll) stick inputs to help ensure a safe landing.
- **Manual:** The drone switches to Manual Flight Mode and awaits pilot input.
- **RTL:** the drone switches to RTL mode, and following the Return to Launch settings, it flies back to the takeoff position, then lands and disarms itself after landing.

Regardless of the battery failsafe system in place, the pilot must continuously monitor the battery voltage during flight. The voltage should remain above 57 V, even when operating at Maximum Take-Off Mass (MTOM).

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In the event of a crash, the drone typically disarms itself. However, if the rotors are still spinning, the pilot should attempt to activate the Motor emergency stop (by pressing the M3 and M4 buttons simultaneously), even if the 'Communication Lost' message is displayed.

Never approach an armed drone!

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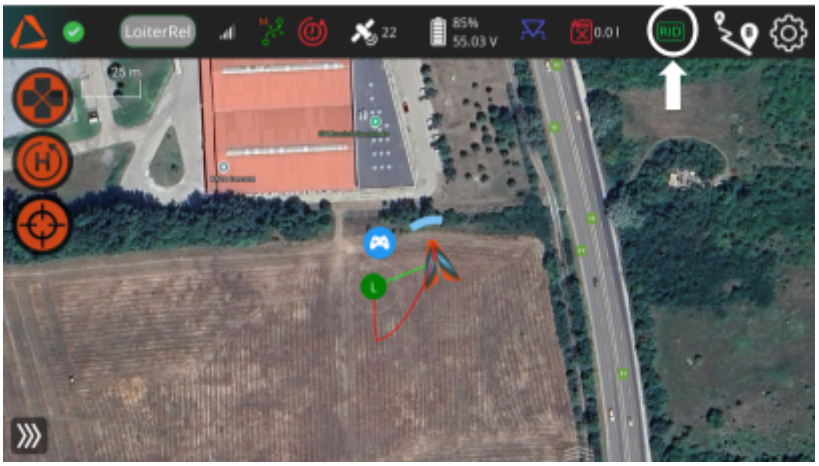
Mandatory Remote identification with Dronetag

For security reasons, remote identification of drones is mandatory in the United States and the European Union. All drones must be equipped with a Remote Identification device to locally transmit information about the operating drone.

The L50 drone comes equipped with a Dronetag DRI Remote ID module and meets the requirements of the legislation requirements of the European Union[1] and the United States[2].

The Remote ID of your drone is its serial number, which is broadcast from the device during flight. The drone's system prevents takeoff if the Remote ID is not functioning.

The **RID icon** shows the operational status of the Remote ID system. If the icon is green, the Remote ID is broadcast correctly.



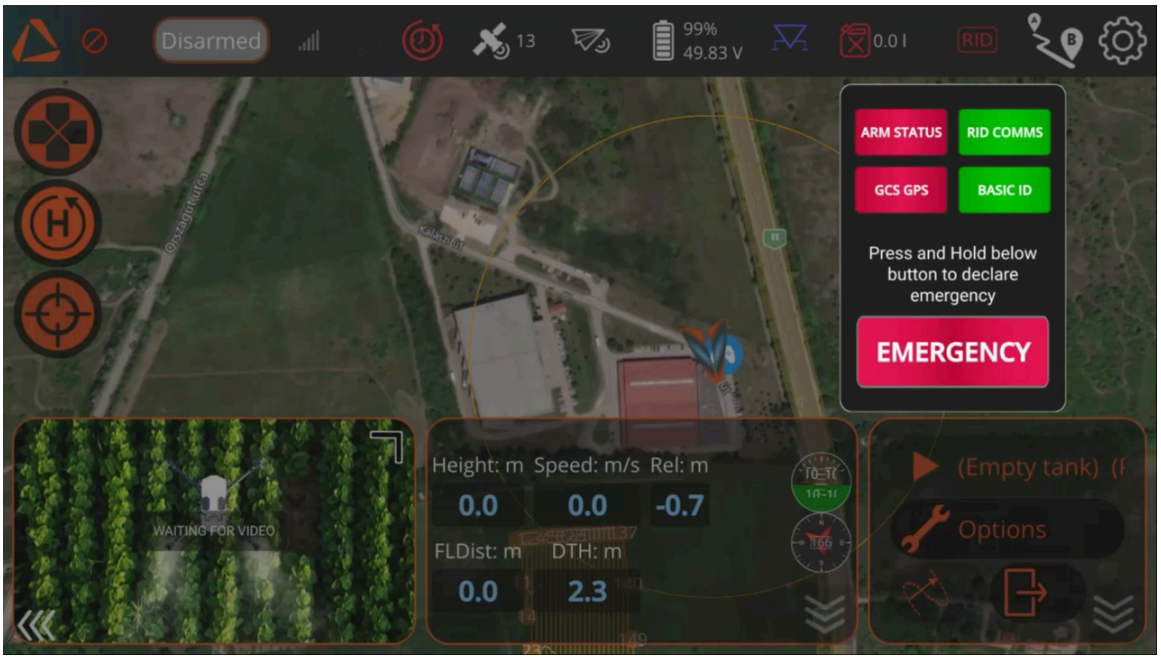
If the RID icon is red, it indicates that the Remote ID broadcast is not functioning properly.



[1] Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/947 (https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32019R0947)
[2] 14 CFR Part 89 – Minimum Performance Requirements for Standard Remote Identification of Unmanned Aircraft (https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-14/chapter-I/subchapter-F/part-89)

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By clicking on the icon, you can check the health of the systems providing the necessary data for the Remote ID module.



The **ARM STATUS** field provides feedback about the proper functioning of the location source hardware and software of the drone. In the case of a malfunction, this icon will turn red, and consequently, the Remote ID icon will also turn red, indicating a malfunction in the Remote ID system. The drone will also provide an error message stating that the Open Drone ID has encountered a problem (e.g., not receiving a location message).

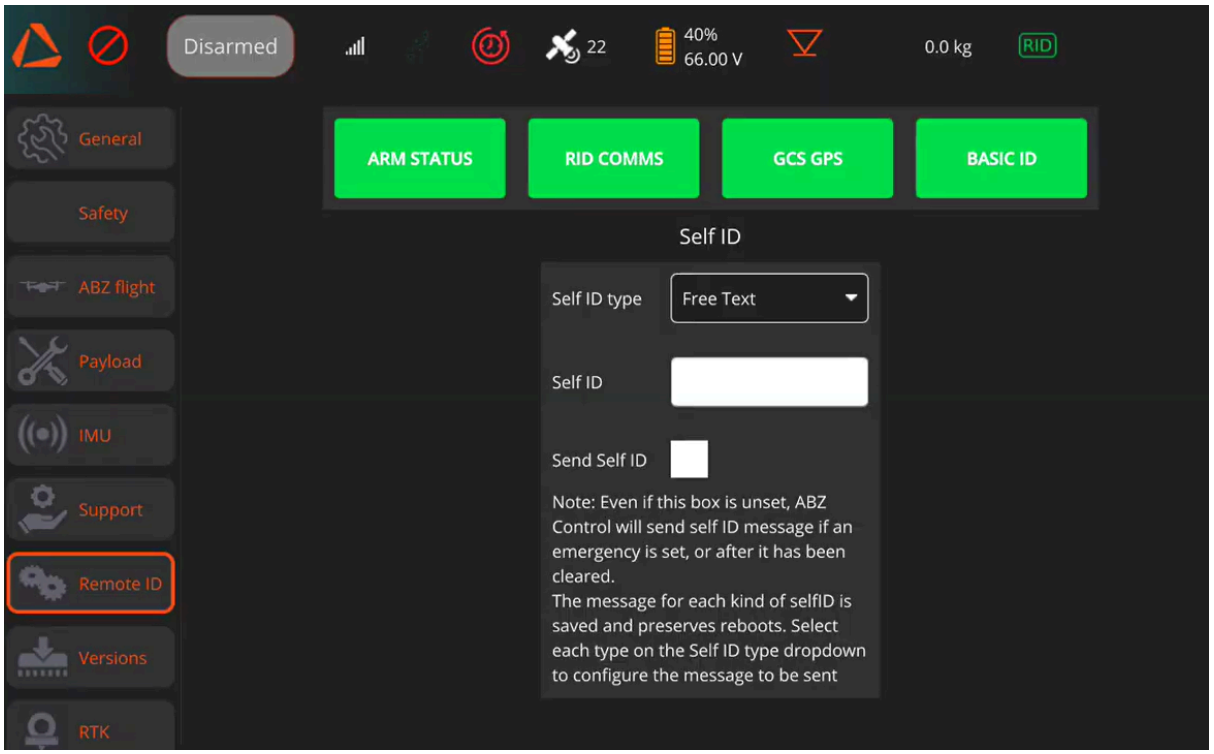
The **GCP GPS** field provides feedback about the proper functioning of the Transmitter radio GPS (hardware and software). In the case of a malfunction, this icon will turn red, and consequently, the Remote ID icon will also turn red, indicating a malfunction in the Remote ID system. The drone will also provide an error message stating that the Open Drone ID has encountered a problem (e.g., not receiving a location message).

The **RID COMMS** field provides feedback on the proper connection between the Remote ID module and the drone.

The **BASIC ID** field should always be green, indicating that the drone's serial number has been set up as Remote ID and is broadcasting.

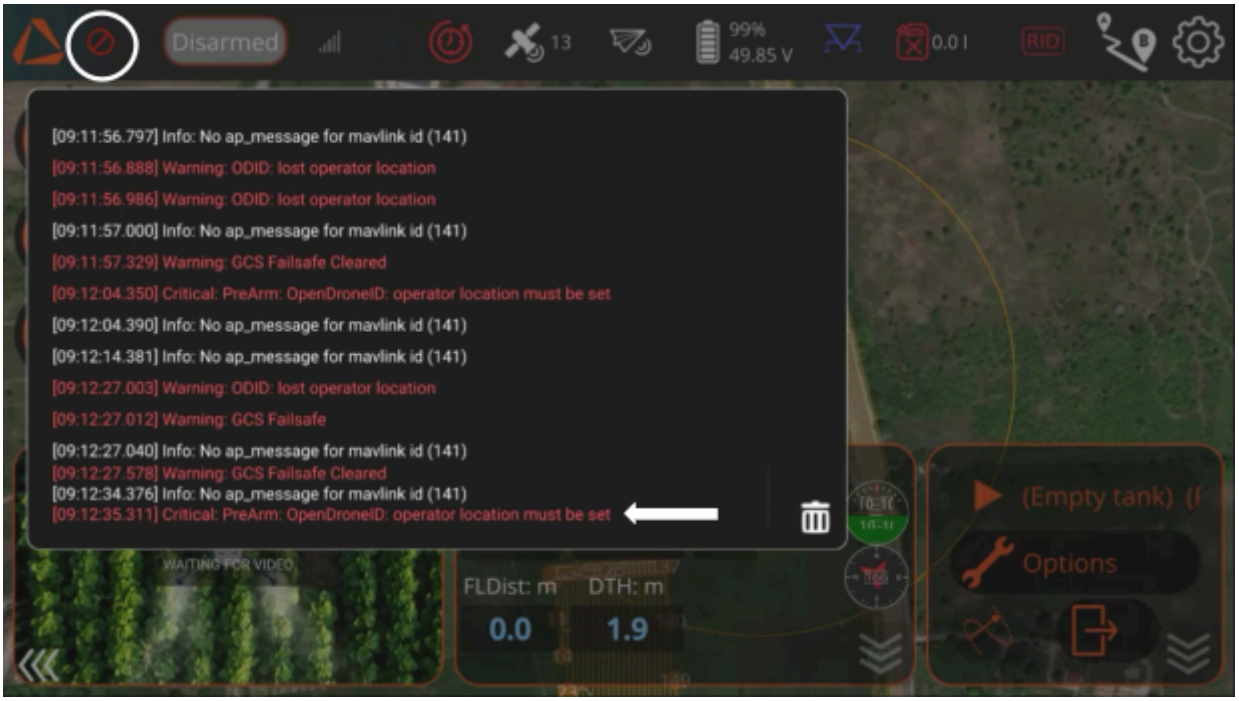
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If you are flying in the **European Union**, the **Operator ID** field should be visible, and your Operator ID must be entered into the system. In the European Union, it is mandatory to register as a drone operator on the official website of your National Aviation Authority. After registration, you will receive a registration ID number, which you can enter under *Settings > Remote ID*.



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If the Remote ID system experiences an error due to insufficient GPS coverage on the drone or the remote controller, or a hardware malfunction, the drone prevents arming.



The drone continuously monitors the Remote ID functionality **from takeoff to shutdown** and provides a **notification of any malfunction or failure** in the top bar of the ABZ Control application. If the Remote ID system detects an error during flight, the RID icon will turn red, and the drone will provide an error message stating that the Open Drone ID has encountered a problem (e.g., not receiving a location message).

If the Remote ID system experiences an error during operation, the unmanned aircraft is no longer broadcasting the message elements of the standard Remote ID.
The pilot must [3] land the unmanned aircraft as soon as practicable.

[3] in accordance with 14 CFR Part 89 (Minimum Performance Requirements for Standard Remote Identification of Unmanned Aircraft:https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-14/chapter-I/subchapter-F/part-89)

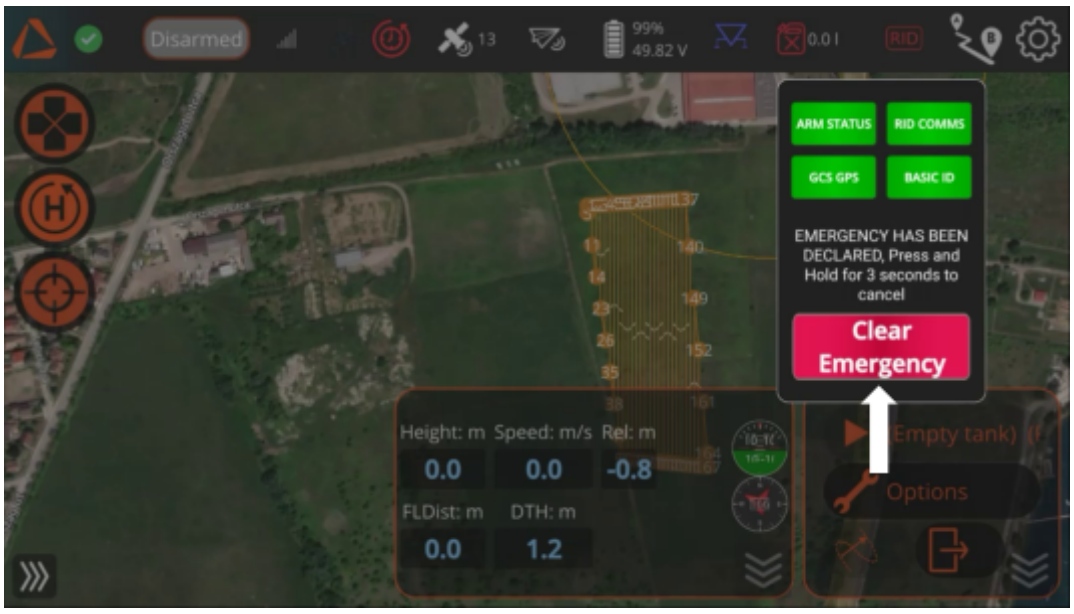
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Declaring an Emergency

In the Remote ID interface, the pilot can click on the **Declare Emergency** button. To declare an emergency, you need to **press and hold the button for 3 seconds.** This function may be employed in situations such as loss of control, potential threats to persons or property, or in other emergency scenarios, at the pilot's discretion.



When an emergency is declared, the drone will broadcast the emergency status. To clear the emergency, press and hold the same button (which now displays the text **'Clear Emergency') for 3 seconds.**



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Remote Controller

The L50 is compatible only with the controllers provided by ABZ Innovation with specialized ABZ Control software. All firmware/software combinations are compatible with the drone. The available remote controller unit:

• ABZ Innovation UniRC7

Other devices or applications are not compatible for controlling the drone and, therefore prohibited to use with the drone.

The UniRC7 remote controller is an Android operation system-based device, with an integrated system for communicating through radio signals with the drone. It runs the ABZ Control application to control the drone and let the pilot access all telemetry data and advanced flight planning.

If the remote controller is turned off, you can check the battery charge of the remote controller by a short push of the power button. The blue LEDs indicate the charge level. The single LED in front of them gives feedback about the connection between the drone and the remote controller. When the LED is green, the drone and the remote controller are connected.



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To switch on the remote controller, push the power button once briefly and then once more for a longer duration (until you hear the system's sound signal).

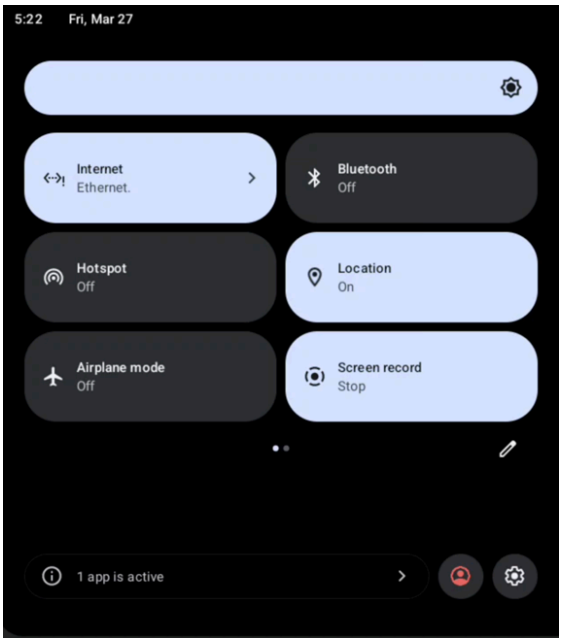
1. Connect the remote controller by Type-C fast charging cable to the fast charger and plug it into the power supply.
2. If the battery indicator blue LEDs are flashing in sequence the charging is in progress.
3. When all four battery indicator LEDs remain steadily lit, charging is complete.

   Do not charge the remote controller without the battery installed!

If you push the power button once short, the screen will turn off (power saving mode). If you push the button for 1 second, you can choose the option of powering the remote control off.

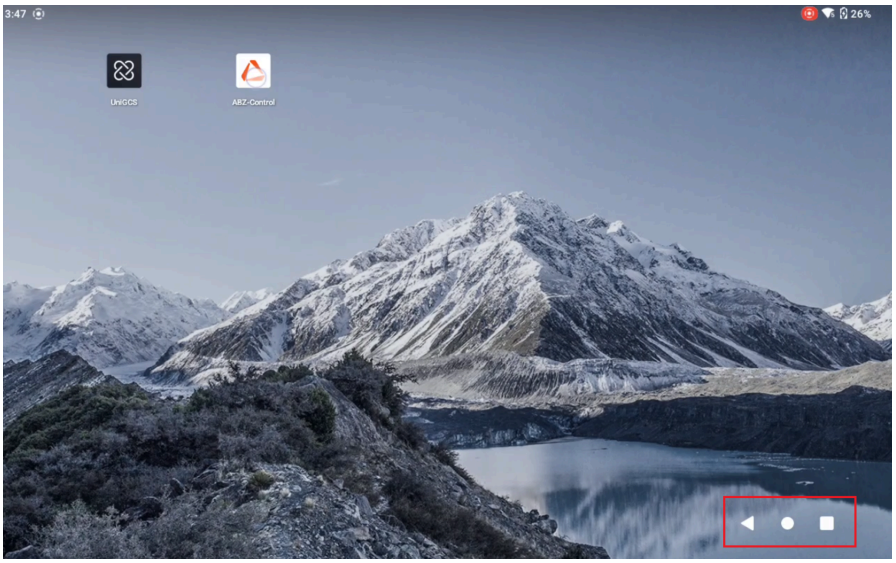
Remote Controller Settings

You can access the Android navigation bar by swiping down from the top of the screen.



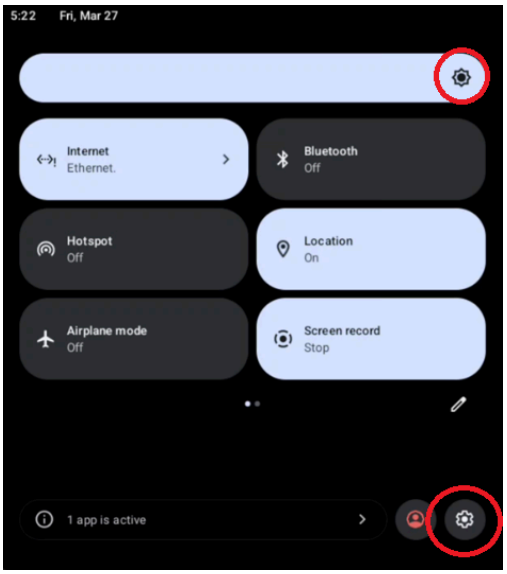
The rectangular icon allows you to switch between applications. The circular icon takes you to the main screen. The triangular icon lets you go back to the previous screen (note: this function is not supported in ABZ Control).

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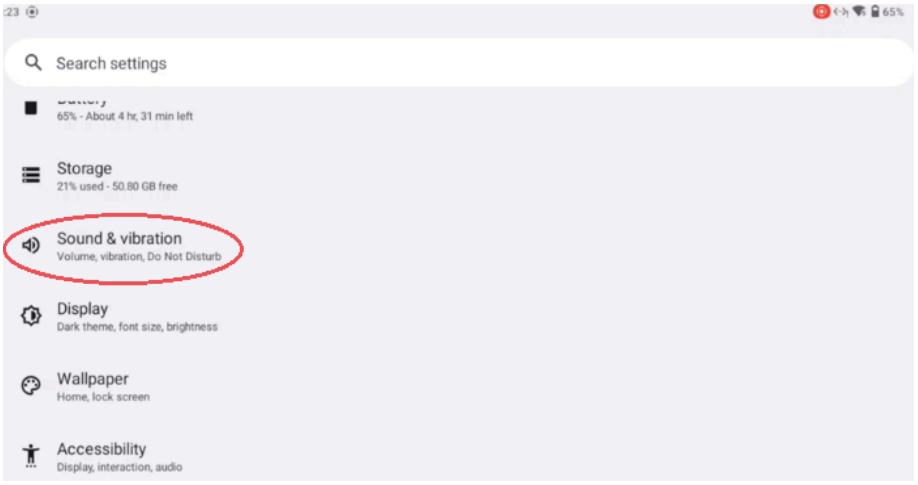
Set the **display brightness** and **sound volume** always according to environmental conditions (light conditions and noise level)! Setting the display brightness and sound volume is always accessible (even when operating the ABZ Control software) from the basic Android menu, swiping down from the top of the touch screen once, where the general Android quick menu appears.

Swiping down from the top of the touch screen once more, the slider for the display brightness setting appears:



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Click on **Settings (gear icon)** then scroll down to the Sound & vibration menu and tap on it to show the sliders for volume control functions.

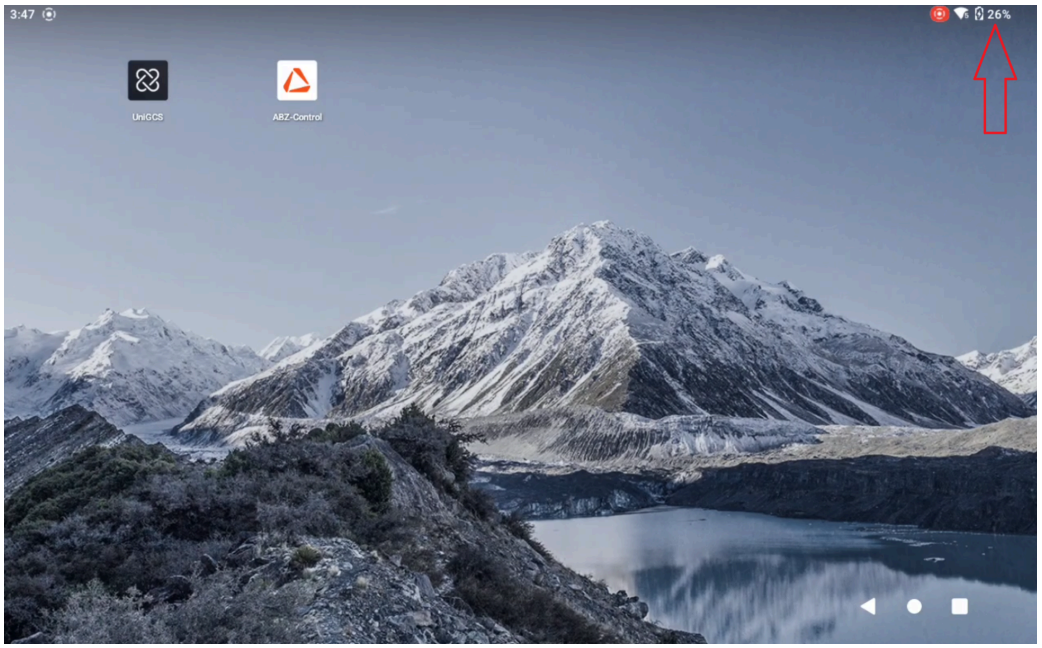


Media volume controls the ABZ Control application's alerts and information volumes. We highly recommend keeping it set to maximum volume at all times.



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The remote controller battery status is displayed in the Android menu in the top right corner.

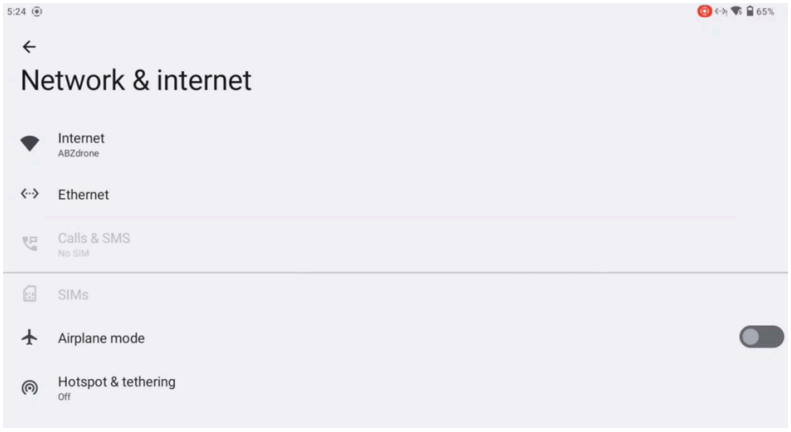


Network settings

Internet connection

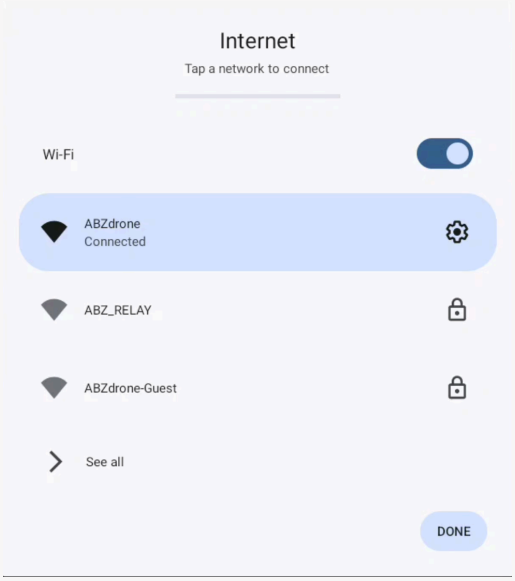
The remote controller can access the internet via Wi-Fi connection, e.g. shared from a router, mobile phone, tablet, or laptop.

This option is available in the Android's Settings menu (by swiping down from top), by pressing the Internet icon, or by tapping the gear icon and choosing Network & Internet.



In the submenu the Wi-Fi can be switched on/off and the available devices can be connected.

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Controlling the drone

It is only permitted to operate the drone in full compliance with this entire operator's manual and specifically the checklists.

Manual flight commands - switching flight modes to choose manual flight control:

- **Manual (Loiter) flight mode: R1 button** – (GPS-based) the flight must be controlled manually with the sticks. If both sticks are fully released, the drone will stop and hover at the actual GPS coordinated position.
- **AltHold flight mode (WITHOUT GPS positioning) Button M3:** By default, this manual flight mode is disabled on the RC. To enable it, go to ABZ Control > *Settings* > *ABZ Flight* > *Advanced*. Once enabled, AltHold mode can be activated with the *M3* button.

  In this mode, flight, braking, and stopping must be controlled manually with the sticks. The drone does not maintain its position, and the pilot must counteract wind forces. The drone maintains altitude using only its barometric pressure sensor, so the pilot must pay attention to altitude changes caused by atmospheric and weather conditions.

Automatic flight commands - switching flight modes to start automated flights:

- **Auto flight mode:** slider on the screen – (GPS based) the drone will fly the mission uploaded to the drone (created by Mission Planner application or created by ABZ Control on the remote controller). Always start the drone manually and fly to a safe height before switching to Auto flight mode.
- **Return To Launch flight mode**: **R2 button** – (GPS based) the drone will fly the shortest way to the launch position (if not changed manually, it is the same as the take-off position) at the specified altitude (Settings/Safety/Return to Launch) and then land itself.

Every automated flight can be interrupted at any time, by the pilot's command to switch back to **manual flight mode (Manual (Loiter) or AltHold)**.

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Emergency stop: In case of emergency, push the M3 button and M4 button simultaneously for at least 1 second. The motors will stop immediately, and the drone will crash into the ground.

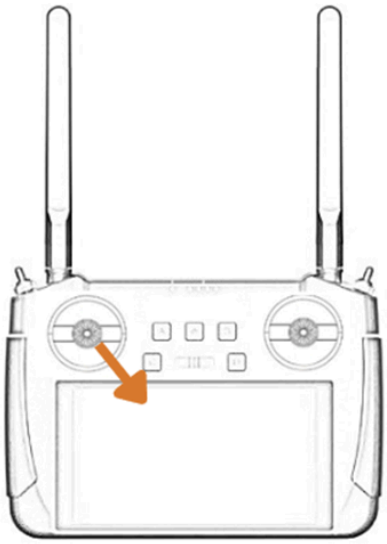
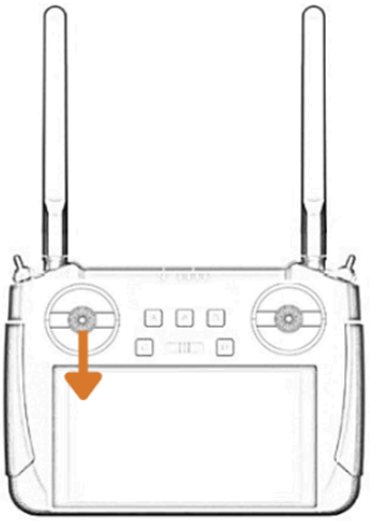
The drone's pitch and roll angles, turning radius, climb, and descent speeds are limited by firmware in order to ensure safe flight. The pilot can safely fly the drone within all possible pilot inputs, no extra limitations are needed to implement manually.

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- **Takeoff:** Switch to “Armed” mode by pushing the left control stick fully to the down-right position until “Armed” is shown on display, then release it.
- After the motors are started and **have reached operating speed**, fly the drone manually using the left stick in **Mode 2** (default), and **take off to a safe height (at least 3 m/9.8 ft).**
- **Land:** Manually control the descent speed and slow it down before reaching ground.

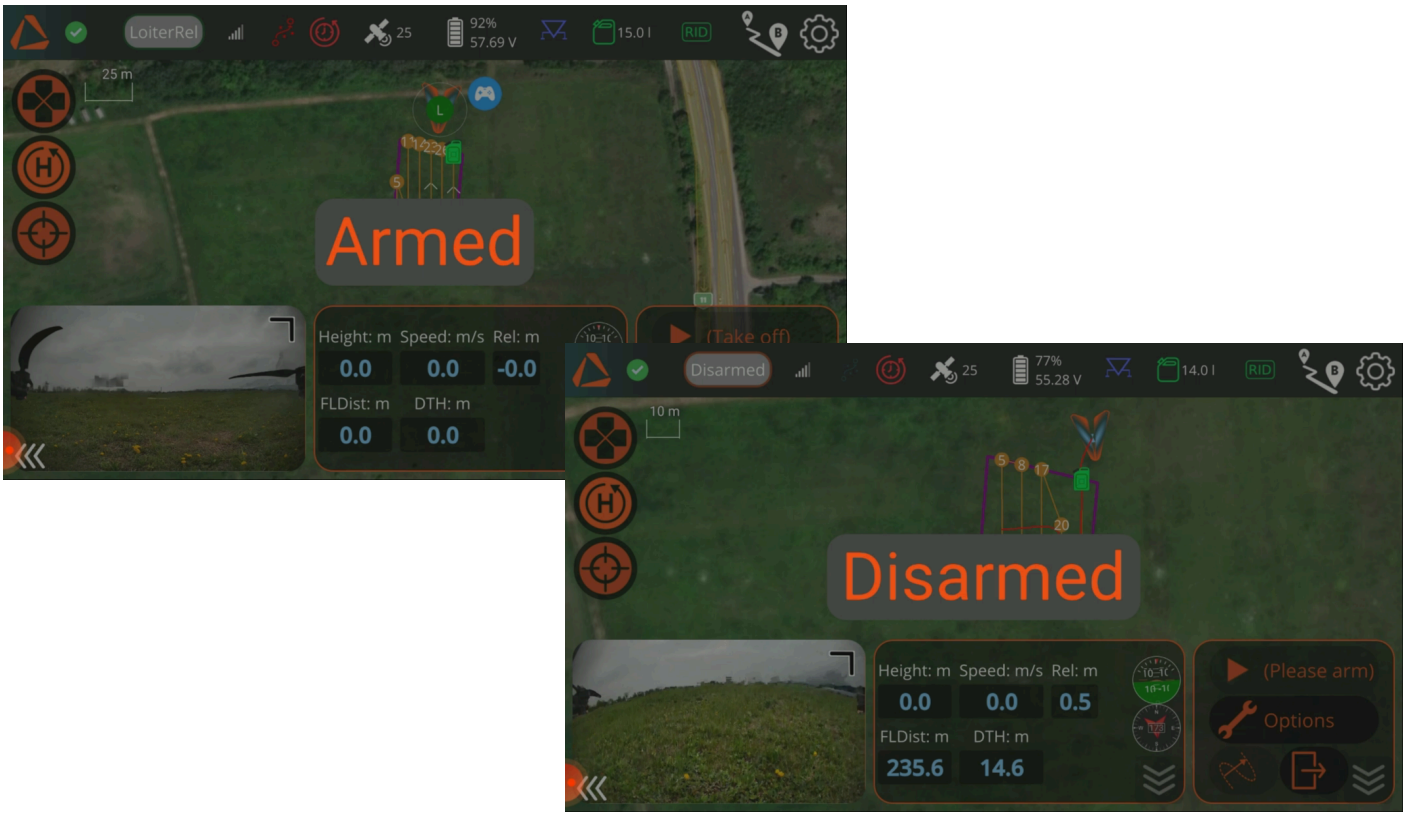
After landing, switch to **„Disarmed**” mode by pushing the left control stick fully to the down position until „Disarmed” is shown on the display and the motors are completely stopped, then release.

Make sure to release the stick after arm immediately, otherwise the system will detect your action as accidental and switch back to the mode previously selected.

Arm	Disarm
	

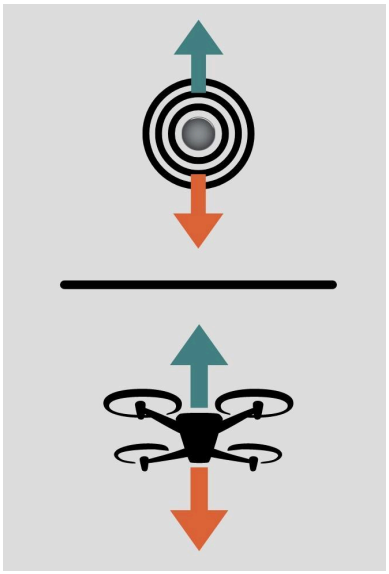
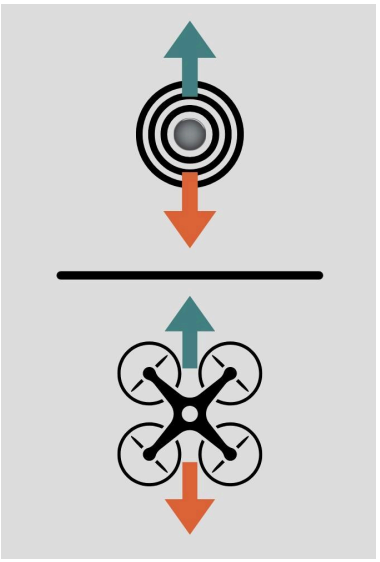
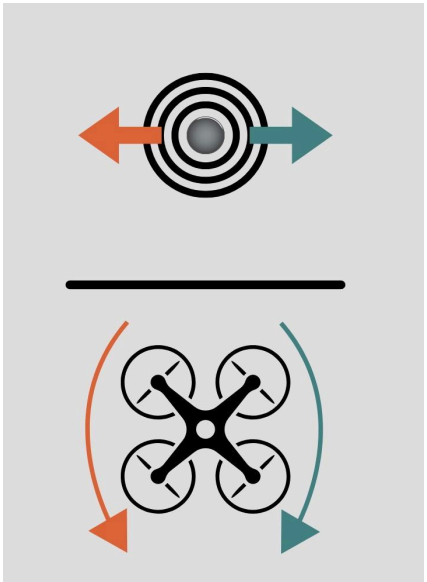
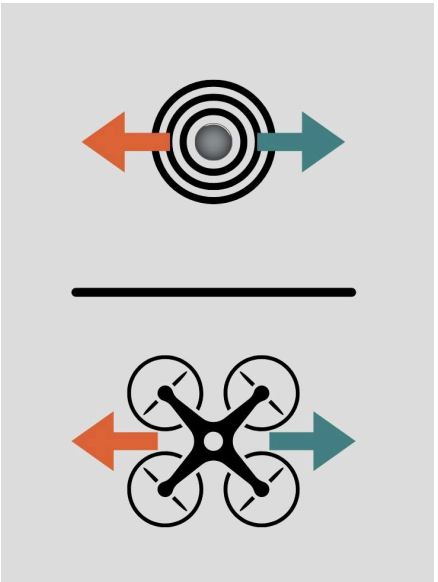
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When you arm or disarm the drone, a large orange text appears on the screen, notifying you of the drone's status change. If audio is enabled, a voice notification will announce the same:



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Default control (mode 2)

Left stick  **Up/down** **(Throttle)**	**Right stick**  **Forward/backward** **(Pitch)**
 **Rotation** **(Yaw)**	 **Left/right** **(Roll)**

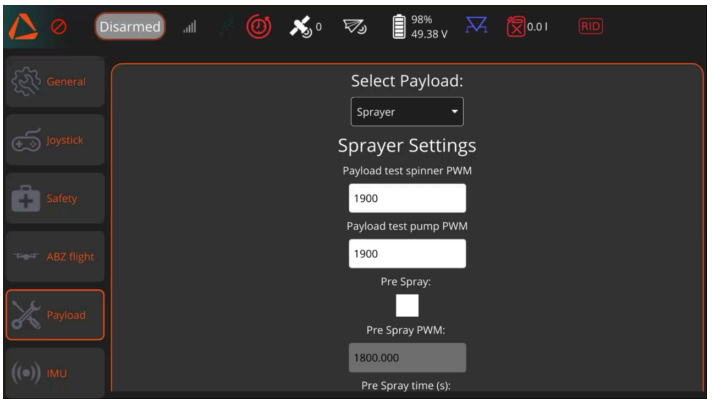
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Starting the pump/payload manually

If the drone is filled with liquid for the first time after the tank has been completely emptied, the pump can be started manually before take-off to facilitate dispensing from the empty tubes. This method can also be used to flush the spraying system.

In any case, this function is only used before pressing the Upload button of the automatic flight plan detailed below, if necessary! Cleaning and flushing the spray system is recommended with the Test Pump pwm at 1900 and the Test Spinner pwm at 1100 and 1900 (the lowest and highest CDA rotation).

You can make the necessary settings in the ABZ Control application under **Settings > Payload** by selecting Sprayer as Payload. You can activate the function by flipping the three-position switch on the right-hand side backward.





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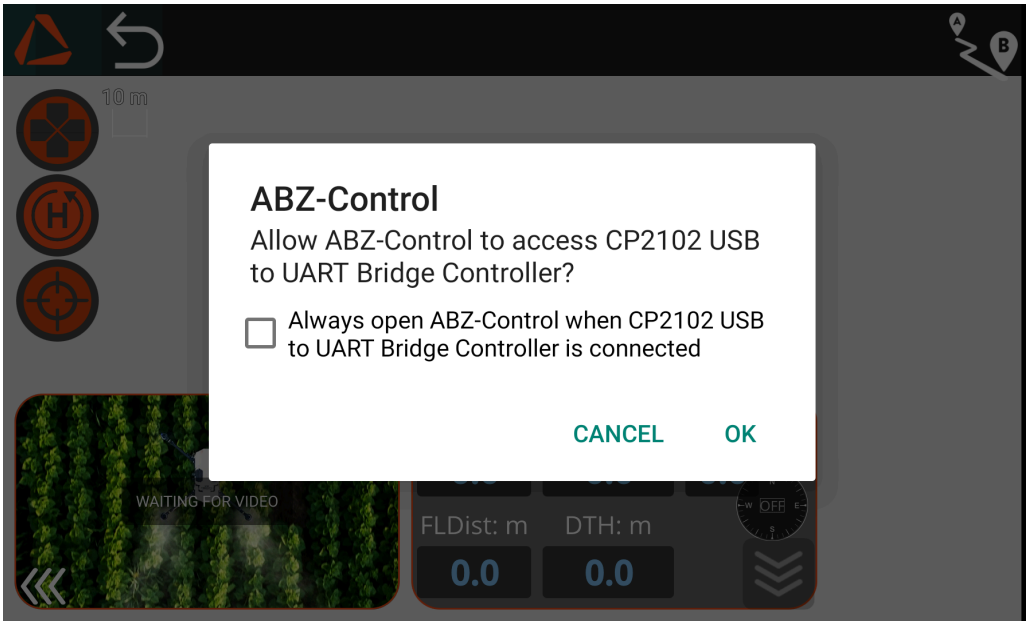
The L50 is compatible only with the controllers provided by ABZ Innovation with specialized ABZ Control software. Other devices or applications are not compatible for controlling the drone and, therefore prohibited to use with the drone.

No software update is needed before and during operating the drone, future updates are only optional. Any future software updates will not affect the control and flight functions. Software update procedures are explained and guided in the documentation of the update package. All information and files are available at: abzinnovation.com/updates. Please check this website if you are looking for software or firmware update options.

Start the ABZ Control flight control and planning application by clicking on its icon on the home screen.

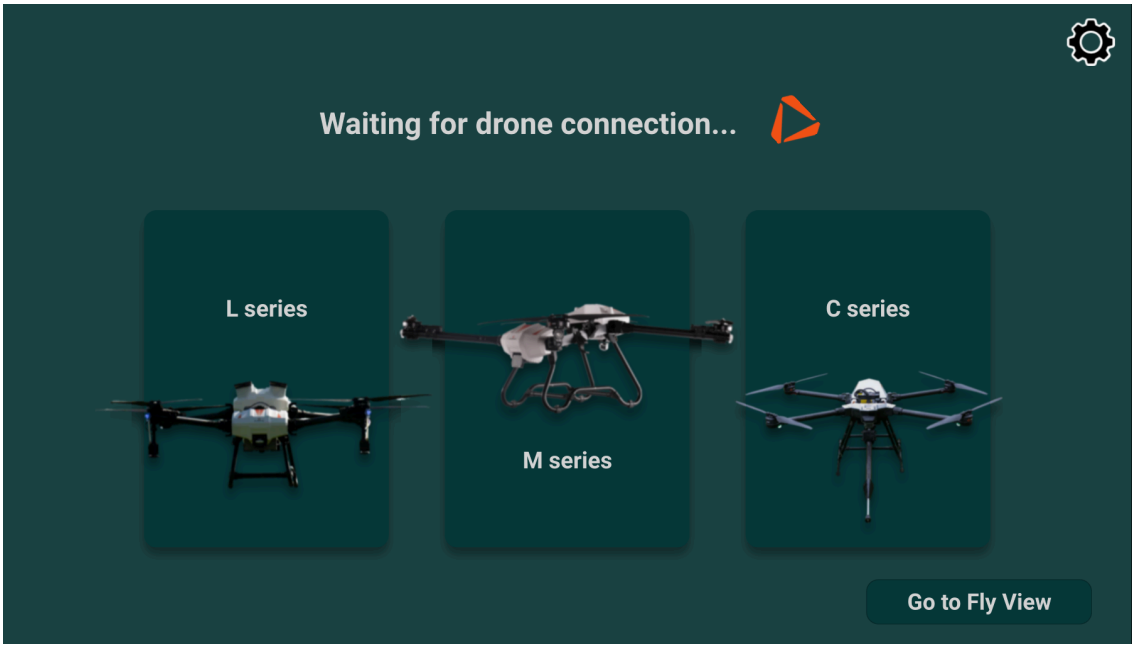


After starting the ABZ Control application, you will receive a pop-up window with the message: Allow ABZ Control to access USB to UART Controller. Click on OK.

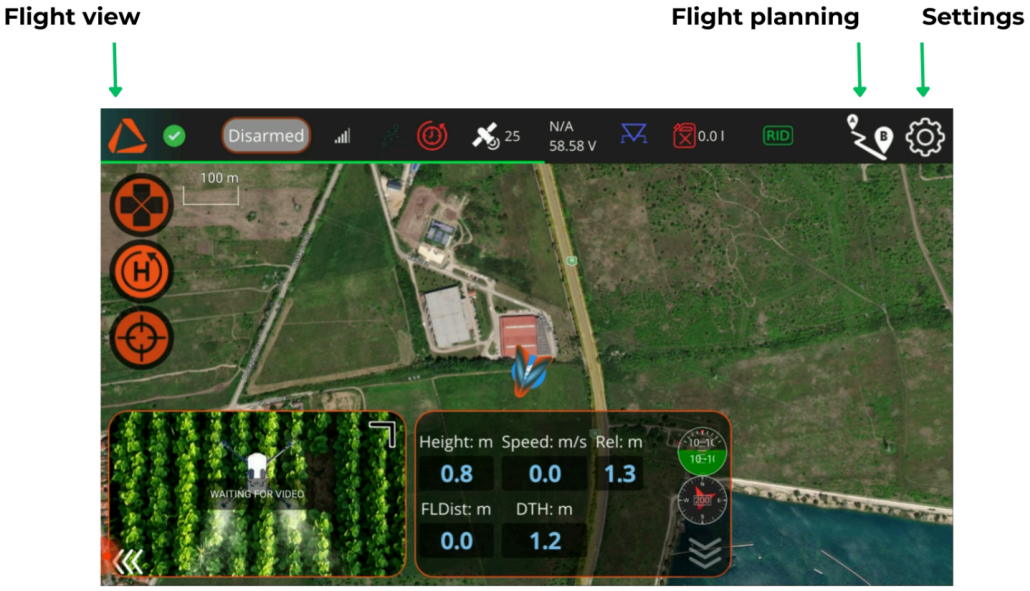


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While the drone connects to ABZ Control, the startup screen is displayed. You can access Settings without connecting to the drone by clicking the Gear icon. To open the Fly view without a drone connection, click the **Go to Fly View** option.



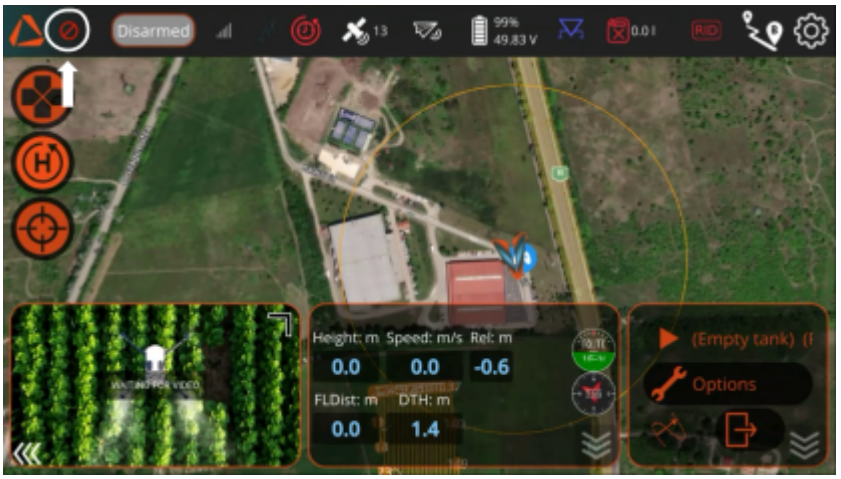
After launching the application, the following screen will be displayed. In the top menu bar, you will find icons representing the main views. In the left corner, the ABZ Innovation icon navigates to the Fly view.



In the right corner of the top bar, you can access the Settings (gear icon) and the Flight Planning view (A to B icon).

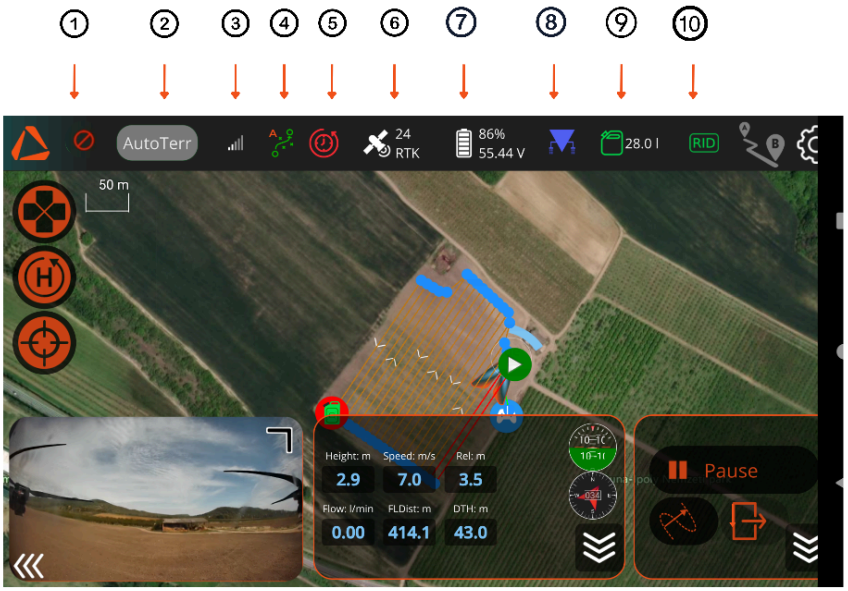
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After powering on and connecting the drone, you will see status icons at the top, including: Vehicle Messages, OBA Status, Connection Status, GNSS Status, Drone Battery Status, Payload Status, Tank Sensor Status, and Remote ID Status.



On the left side of the top bar, a red no-entry sign indicates that the drone is still preparing its systems for flight. If the icon changes to a green check mark, the drone is ready and can be armed. (Below the messages , you can check the pre-arm check messages and any potential error messages.)

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1 Systems ready:

Not ready to fly | Ready to fly

2 Flight mode and altitude hold method

3 Sygnal strenth

4 Obstacle avoidancce (OBA) status

OBA inactive

OBA active (manual mode) | OBA active (automatic mode)

5 Vehicle messages

New messages available | No new messages available

6 GNSS status

Above: Number of satellites
Below: RTK connection feedback

7 Drone Battery status

Above: charge percentage
Below: Battery Voltage

8 Payload status

Sprayer OFF | Sprayer ON

Spreader OFF | Spreader ON

Trichograma OFF | Trichograma ON

9 Remote ID (RID) Status

RID healthy | RID unhealthy

10 Tank status

The tank is empty | The tank is filled. The number indicates the remaining amount.

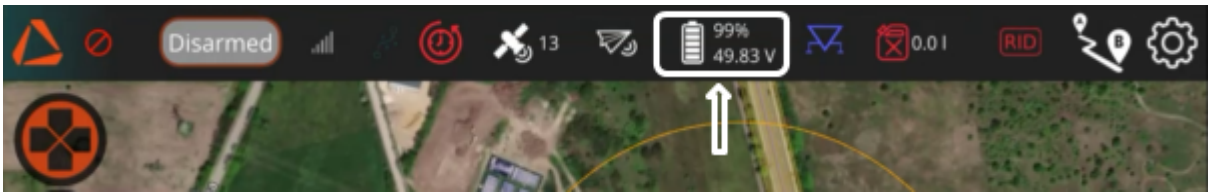
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The RID icon shows the operational status of the Remote ID system. If the icon is green, the Remote ID is broadcast correctly. By clicking on the icon, you can check the health of the systems providing the necessary data for the Remote ID module. For further information regarding Remote Identification, see Mandatory Remote identification with Dronetag (page 15).



In the event of a Remote ID system error caused by insufficient GPS coverage on the drone or the remote controller, or by a hardware malfunction, the drone prevents arming!

Next to the drone battery icon, you will see the charge percentage and battery voltage.
During the flight, you must continuously monitor the battery voltage, which should remain above **57 V**, even when flying at the Maximum Take-Off Mass (MTOM).



The state of the drone battery should also be monitored before the flight using the charging indicator LEDs on the battery. We recommend starting the flight with a minimum of 80% battery charge.

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In the Flight status bar, you can see information about the altitude hold method (Follow terrain with LiDAR or Relative) and the actual flight mode of the drone.



It can show the following statuses:

- Disarmed
- ManualTer – Manual (Manual (Loiter)) Follow terrain mode
- ManualTerRel: Manual (Manual (Loiter)) – Relative mode
- Auto mode – Forest mode
- AutoTerr: Auto mode – Follow terrain
- AutoRel: Auto mode – Relative mode
- RTL (Return to Launch mode)

Only fly the drone if the green check mark is visible, and the Manual (Loiter) flight mode is selected.

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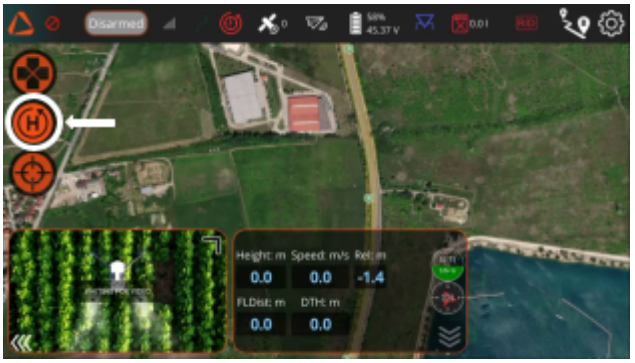
On the left side, you will find three Flight function buttons:

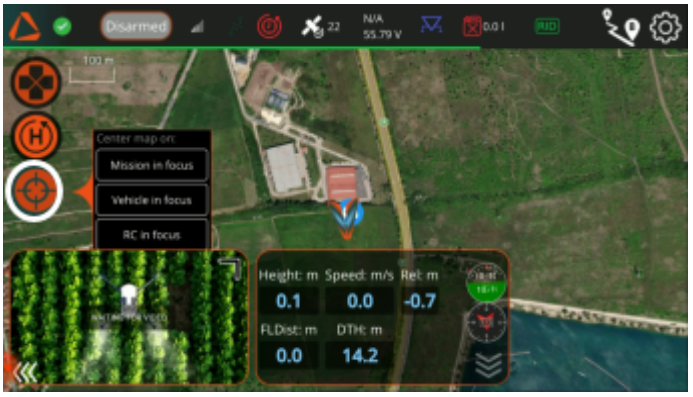


- With the cross button, you can change the flight mode. You can choose between **Manual** and **Altitude Hold** (if enabled under Settings > ABZ Sense > Advanced).
- With the Home button , you can initiate **RTL** (Return to Launch) flight mode. The drone will then immediately return to the launch point—without asking for confirmation—based on the settings defined under **Settings > Safety > Return to Launch**.
- With the target button , you can choose what the map should be centered on: your **Mission**, your drone (**Vehicle**) or the **Remote Controller**.

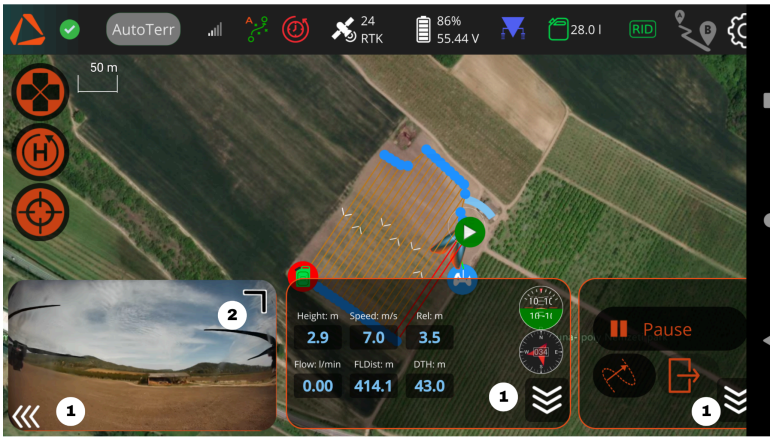
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In the Fly view, with a mission uploaded to the drone, you will see three windows at the bottom of the screen: the **Camera View**, the **Telemetry Window**, and the **Operation Window**. By clicking on the white arrows (1), you can hide the windows. The Camera Image has three possible views: hidden, default (minimal with full-screen map), or full-screen (with minimal map). You can toggle between these view options by clicking the black corner (2).



You can adjust the camera angle with the right scroll wheel on the remote controller.

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The **Telemetry Window** displays real-time telemetry data, including operational information and drone measurements.

In the telemetry window, you can monitor the following data during flight:

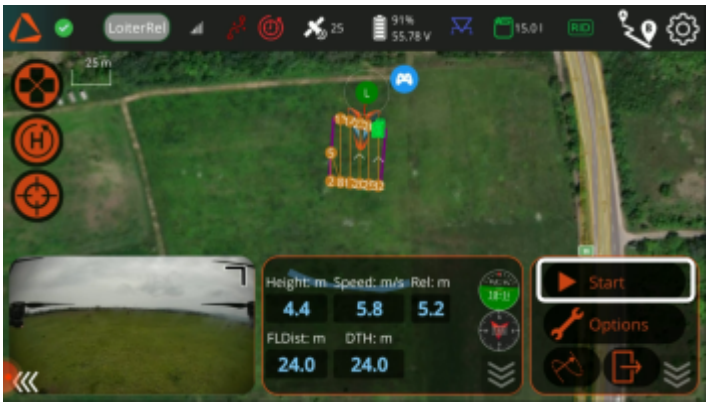
- **Height** → The current height from the ground measured by the LIDAR.
- **Rel** → The relative altitude from the takeoff point.
- **Speed** → The current speed of the drone.
- **FLDist (Flight Distance)** → The distance that the drone has flown from the takeoff point.
- **DTH (Distance from Home)** → The distance from the Home point (takeoff point).
- **Flow:** the actual spraying flow in l/min

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If a mission was uploaded to the drone, the **Operation window** displays the upcoming steps for the pilot and provides access to essential functions throughout the automatic flight.

After you have entered the fluid level in the tank, armed the drone, and taken off manually, the Mission Start button becomes available.
(For further information about flying a Mission, see Starting the mission (see page 75).





If the drone is in Auto Mission mode, this button will change to Pause Mission. When you click on Pause, the drone switches to Manual (Loiter) Mode.



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During flight, in the Operation window:

- Use the **Options button (1)** to change the Mission and Spraying settings after pausing the mission.
- Use the **OBA button (2)** to manually declare an obstacle. (For more information on obstacle avoidance, see page 60.)
- Use the **Exit mission button (3)** to clear the mission from the drone.

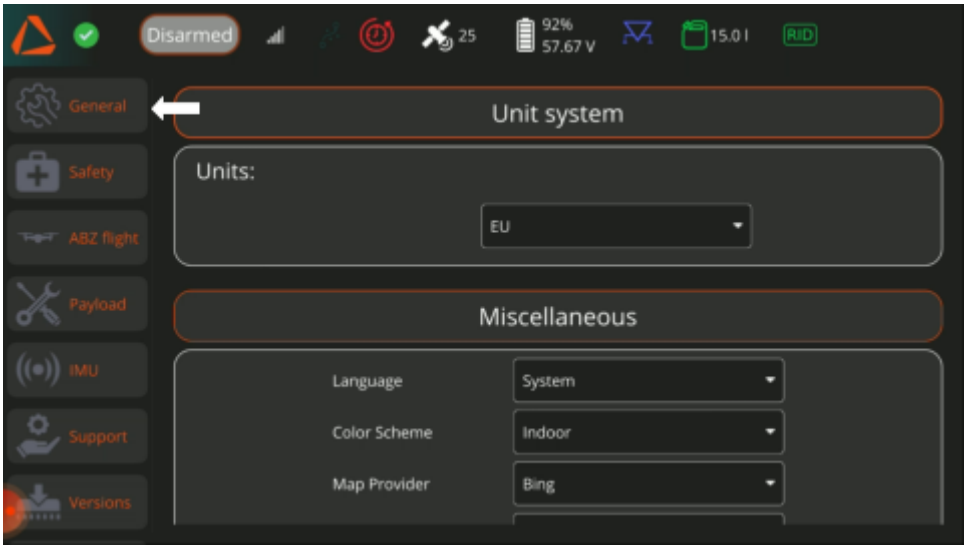
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Settings

In the **Settings** menu, you can change the user interface settings (e.g., language or units of measurement), configure the Failsafe and Mission-related behavior of your drone, set up the Obstacle Avoidance system and your payloads, manage the shapefiles used during planning, configure the RTK correction, and adjust the default behavior of your drone. To access the Settings, tap the gear icon in the top-right corner of the screen.

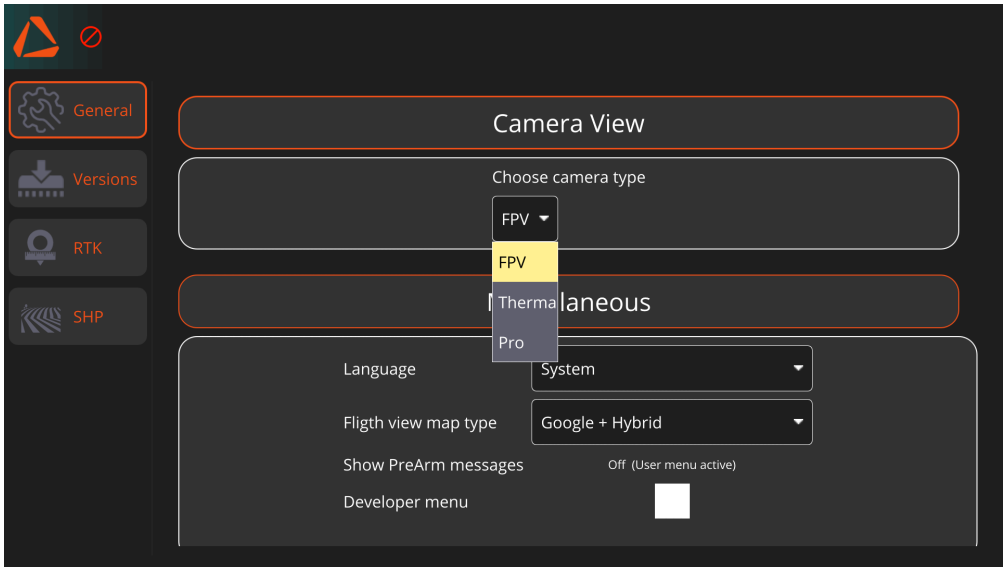


In the General menu, you can configure various settings, including the default units used for measurements in the ABZ Control interface and the provider of the online map displayed in the background of the Fly view.

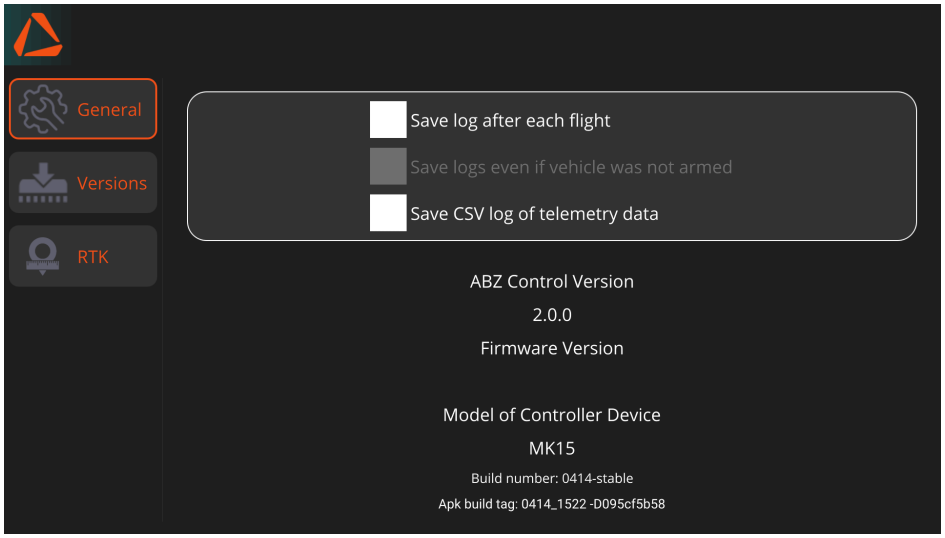


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Under the Camera View section, you can see the camera type used by ABZ Control. The default setting is FPV.



You can save the telemetry log files of your flights by checking in the Save log after each flight. The data will be saved to the folder under *ABZ Control > Telemetry* folder.



The current software version of your drone is displayed at the bottom of this page. If you contact our Support Center with an inquiry regarding your drone, you will be required to provide this information. The same details are also accessible via the *Settings > Versions* menu.

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Safety – Setting up FailSafe

When using a UAS, unexpected events may occur that require intervention. The FailSafe settings are required by law, primarily to prevent personal injury and property damage. Under *Settings > Safety*, always check and configure the FailSafe settings before every new flight or mission.

- Arm Lock Sensor Status: You can decide whether the arm lock sensor's feedback regarding the arms' lock status should be included in the pre-arm check. If enabled, the drone will not allow arming if the sensor detects that an arm is not locked. (Error message: Arms are not secured, check them again!)

  If this function is enabled, the arms' lock status can be verified using the provided visual. A green circle around the propeller indicates that the arm is locked.



- General failsafe triggers: you can set what the machine should do in case of losing the remote controller's signal
- Return to Launch: set parameters for automatic return to home
  - Specify if current or specified altitude is desired.
  - Return at specific altitude: decide the altitude at which the drone flies in Return-to-Launch mode.
  - Return speed: decide the speed at which the drone flies in Return-to-Launch mode.

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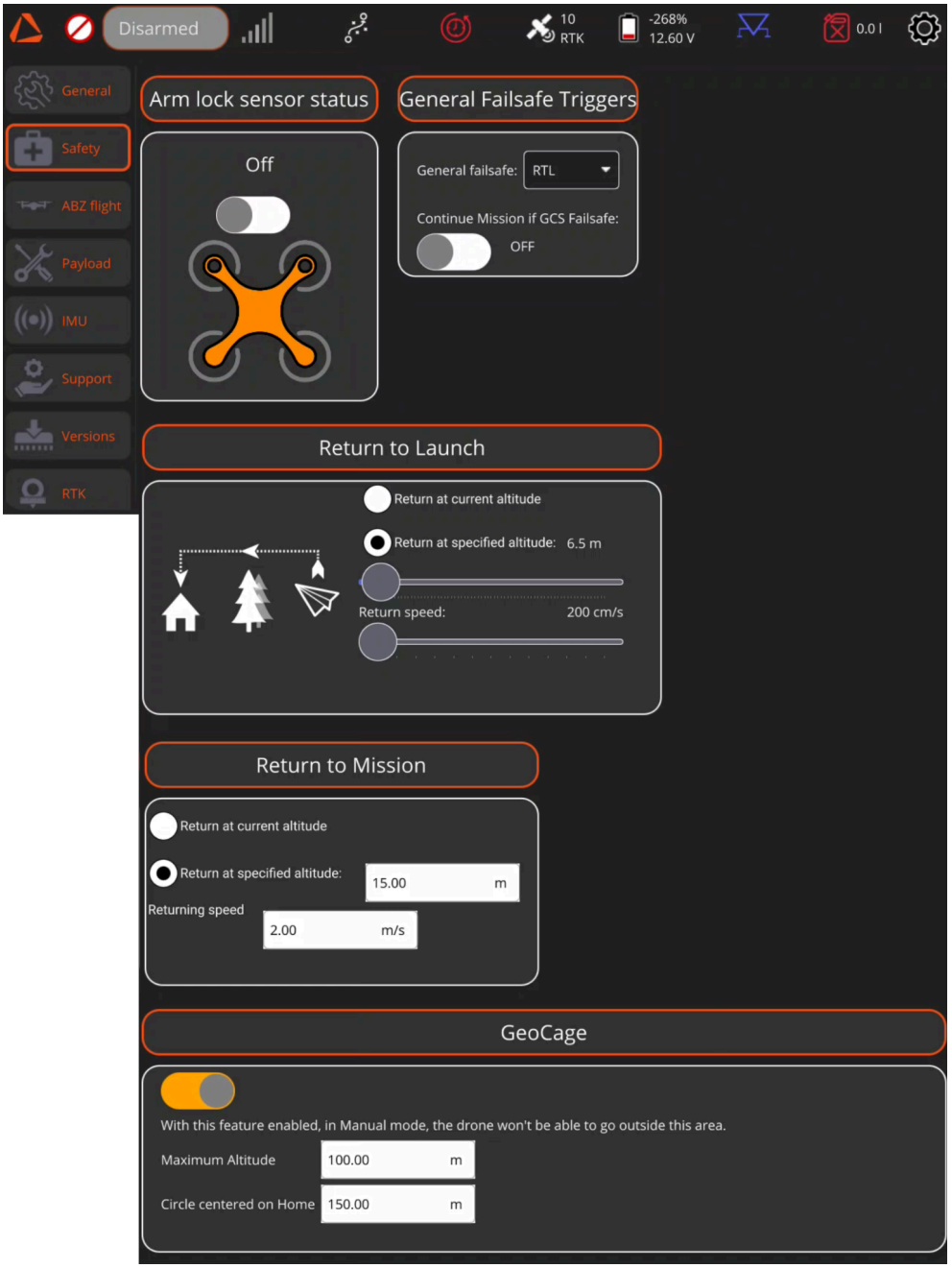
- **Return to Mission:** Configure how the drone returns to an interrupted mission. Upon interruption, the drone will navigate back to the interruption point using the shortest available route.
    - Specify whether the current altitude or a specified altitude should be used during the return. By default, the system uses the current altitude.
    - If a specific altitude is defined, the drone will adjust to that altitude before proceeding to the interruption point.
      Note: The specified altitude is relative to the home point.
    - Specify the returning speed (limited by the drone's limitations)
- **GeoCage:** you can set virtual boundaries that the drone will not fly over.
    - Circle Centered on Home means the drone will stop if it reaches the desired radius from the Home position.
    - Maximum Altitude means the drone will not fly over the desired altitude relative to the takeoff position.
      For more safety instructions when you use the Geocage with AltHold flight mode, see page 114.
- **Prearm checks:** Arming checks are meant to check all the functions and systems necessary for arming and flying the drone safely. All the prearm checks listed in this section are essential and mandatory for safe operation; do not change these settings.

You can also configure the drone's heading behavior and flight speed during Return-to-Launch mode. To adjust these settings, go to *Settings > ABZ Flight > Heading behavior during RTL*.

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Action functions:

- **None:** the drone does not take any action itself. It remains in the actual flight mode.
- **Land:** the drone lands at the actual position and disarms itself after landing.
- **RTL:** the drone switches to RTL mode, and following the Return to Launch settings, it flies back to the takeoff position, then lands and disarms itself after landing.

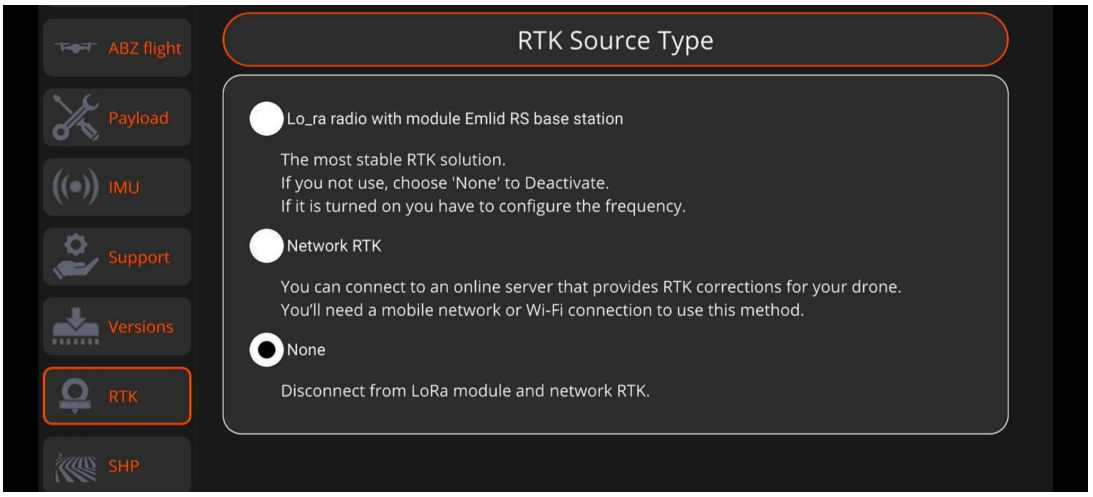


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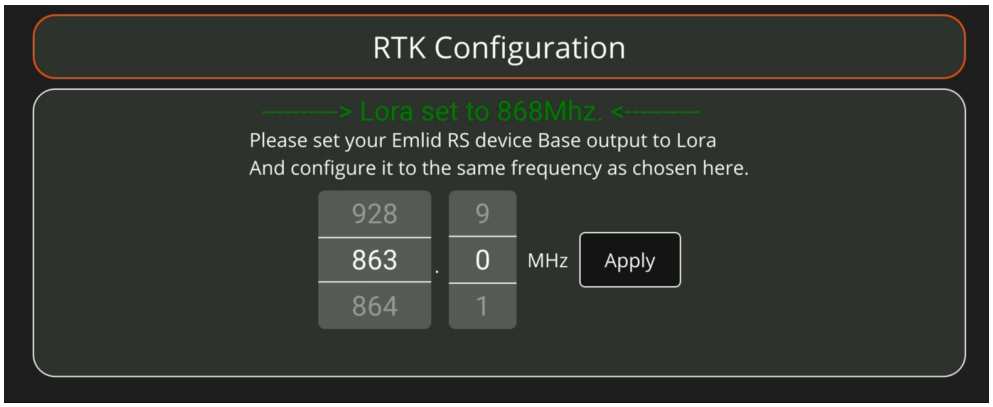
RTK configuration

In the **RTK** menu, you can connect to an RTK correction data source to achieve centimeter-level positioning accuracy during flight. You can connect either to:

- an online server server that provides RTK for your drone(Network RTK),
- an **Emlid base station** via **LoRa radio****, local **NTRIP, or NTRIP (via the Emlid Caster)**.



If using an **Emlid RS base station with LoRa[4]****, make sure it is configured to **Output: LoRa**, and that the frequency matches the Base output value specified in the Emlid flow app.



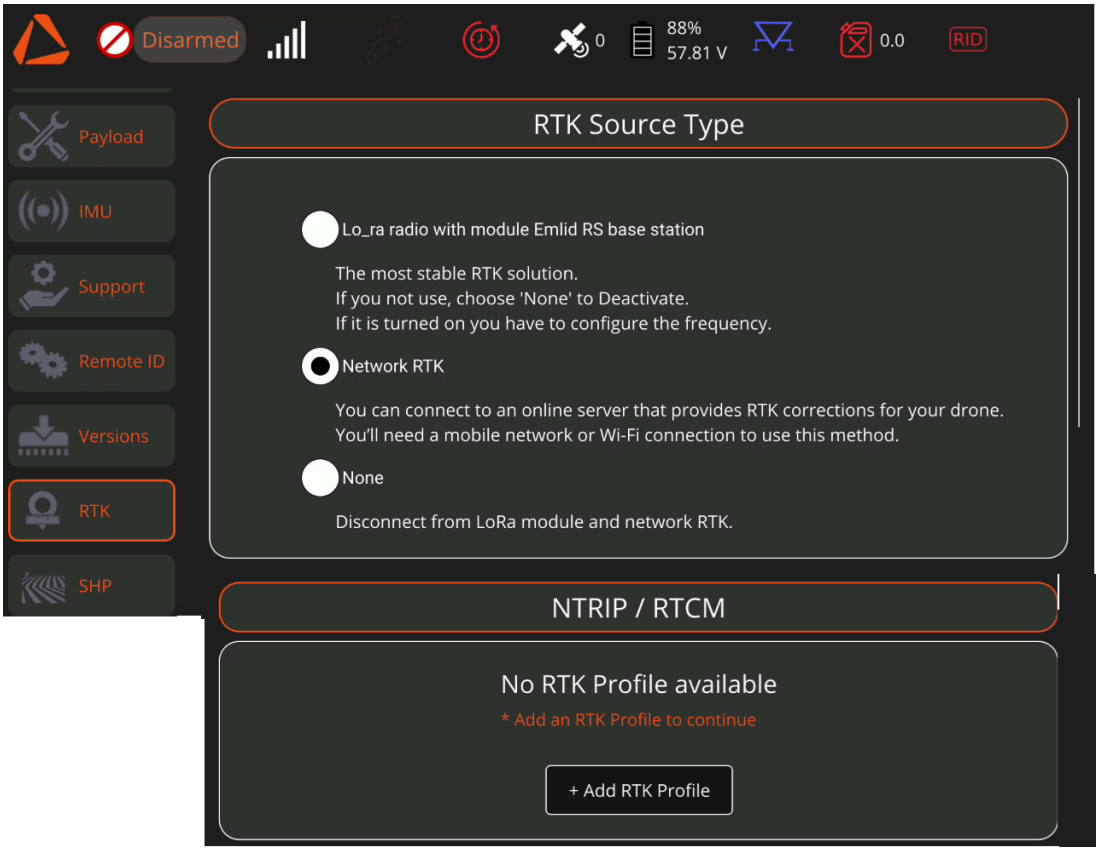
You can also connect to an **Emlid RS base station via local NTRIP** using the **Network RTK** option. For the required credentials, refer to the **Emlid Flow app**. For further information about the Emlid RS, see page 119.

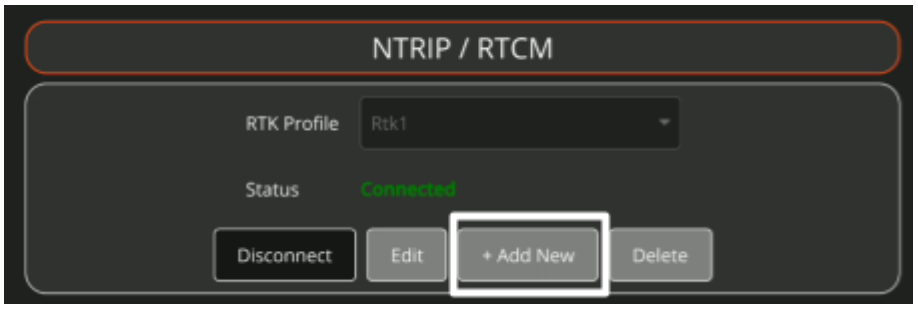
[4]****The LoRa connection to the Emlid base station is only applicable for serial numbers ending in numbers below 00030.**

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Under **Network RTK**, you can connect to a Network RTK environment, or to the nearest Continuously Operating Reference Station (CORS) through an NTRIP Caster. You can also connect to your Emlid base station through **Local NTRIP** or **NTRIP**. (For more information about connecting to the Emlid base station, refer to page 119).

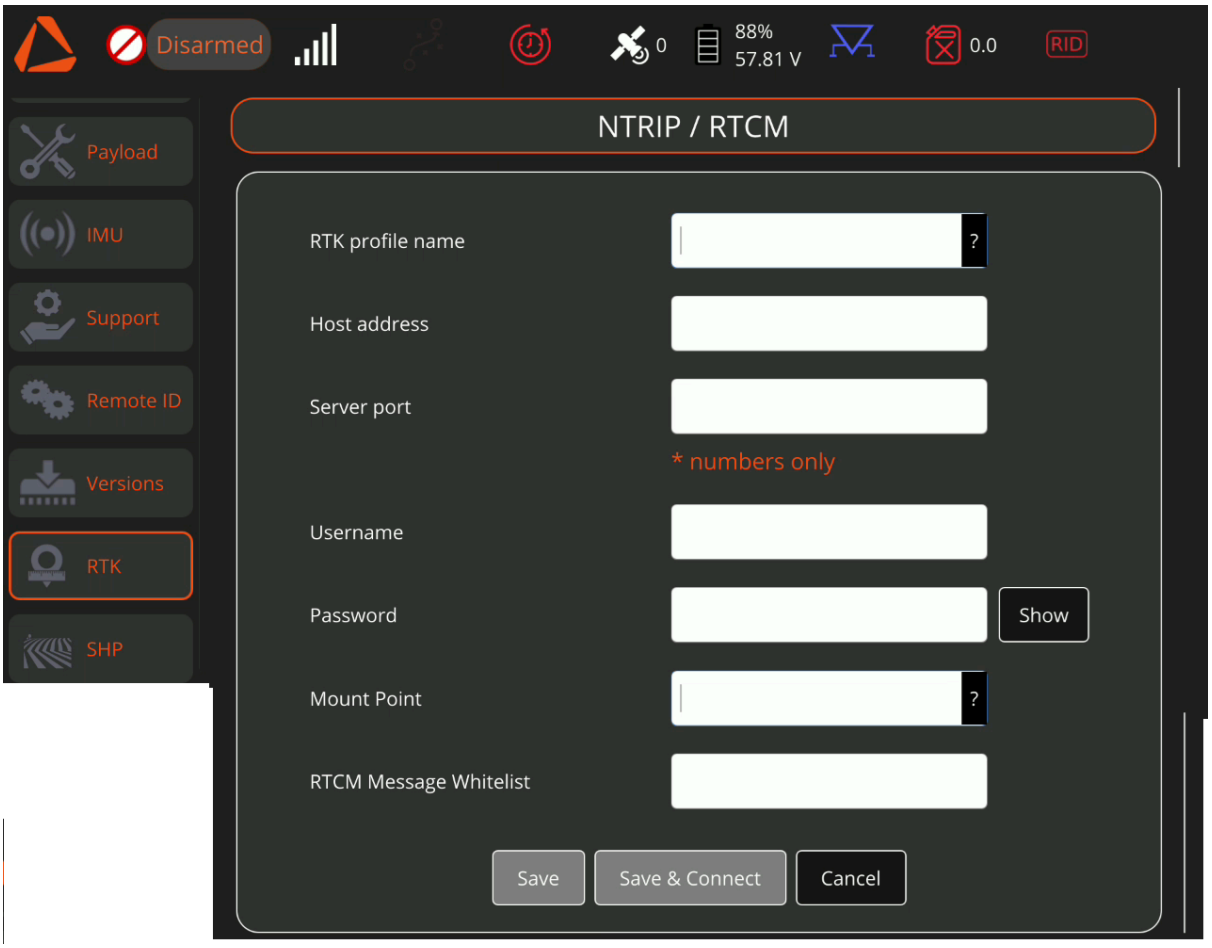
To receive corrections from a Network RTK provider, connect to the internet with your mobile device as a hotspot.





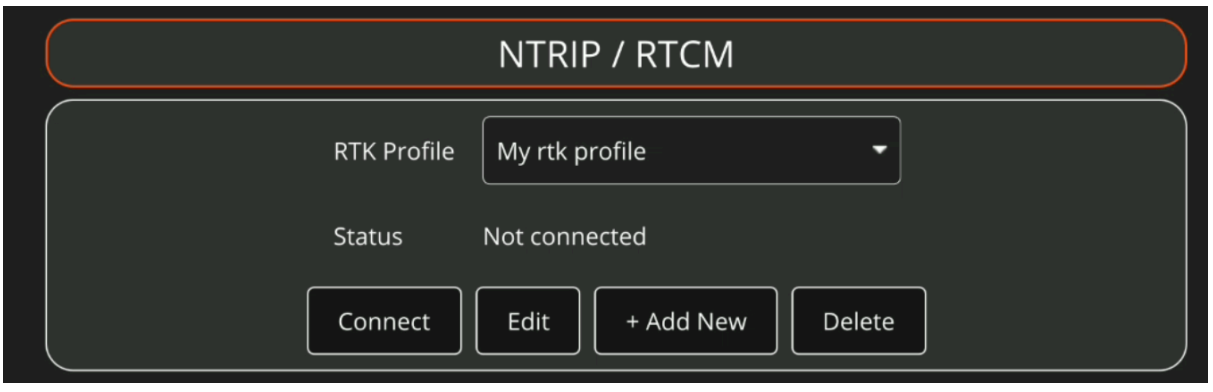
To receive corrections through NTRIP connection, make a profile by clicking **Add RTK Profile** or **Add new**. After you give a name to the profile, enter the credentials given by your NTRIP service provider. Click on **Save & Connect**.

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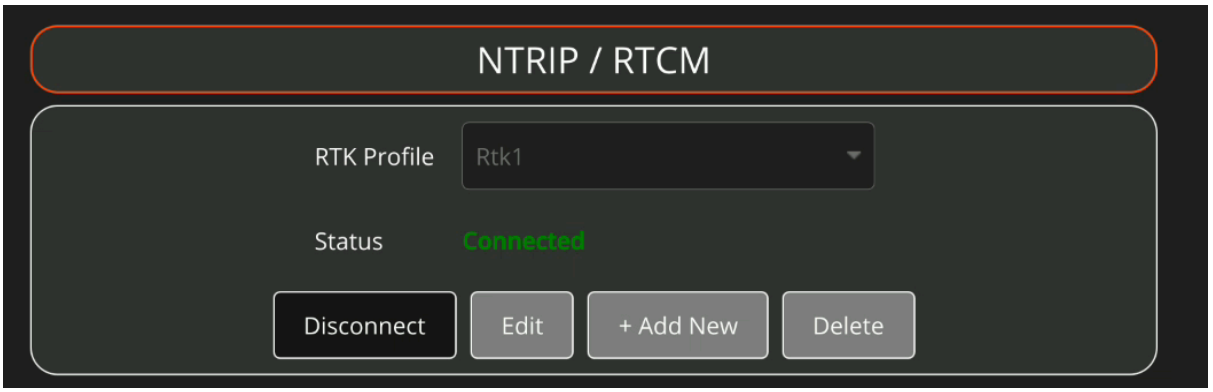
You can save multiple RTK profiles.

To connect to an RTK Profile, select it from the list and click Connect.



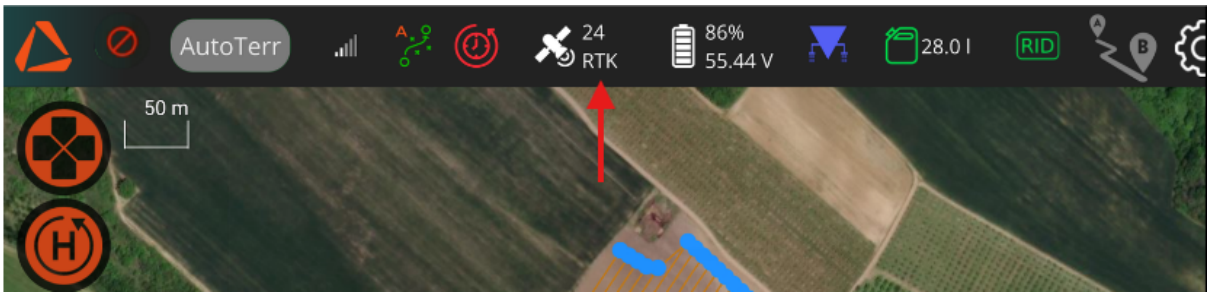
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To edit the Credentials of an RTK Profile, click on **Edit**. To delete an RTK Profile, Click **Delete**.



If you choose to fly with an RTK source, the system will only allow you to arm the drone if the correction data is accurate enough to ensure proper drone positioning.

If RTK correction is available and accurate, the "RTK" status will appear next to the GNSS icon in the top bar.



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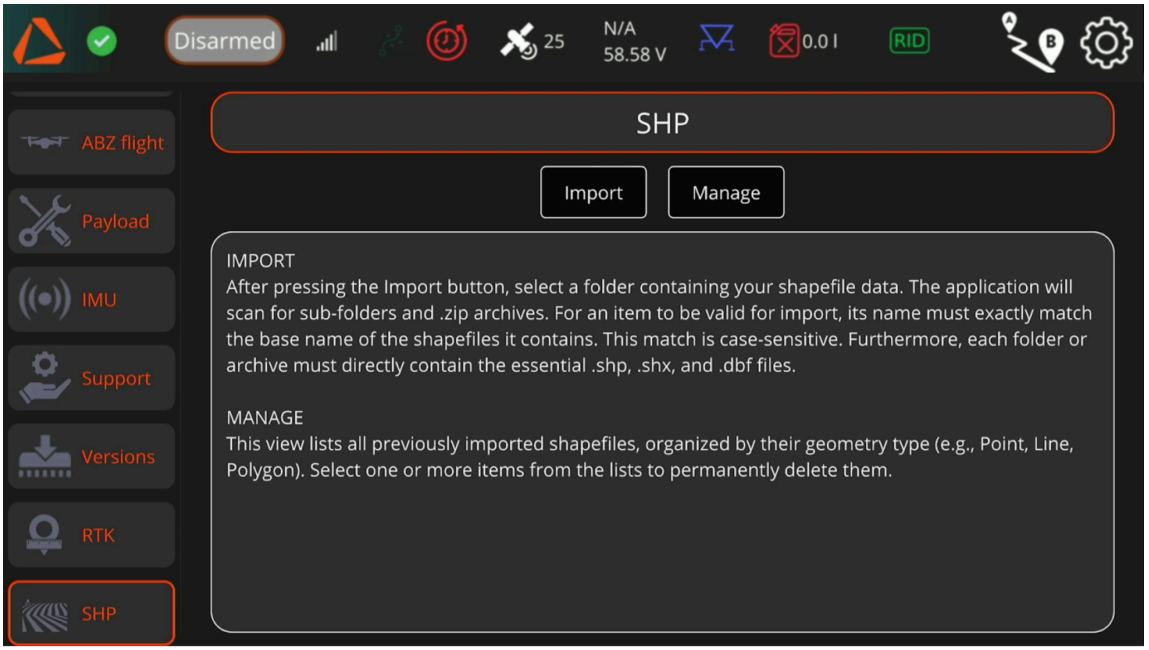
Settings: SHP

In the SHP menu, you can import Point, Polygon, or Polyline shapefiles to use as a boundary, mission route, or visual guide for mission planning.

To successfully import a shapefile, make sure that:

1. You select a folder that directly contains the shapefile folder or a `.zip` archive.
2. The shapefile folder includes all the required files: `.shp`, `.shx`, and `.dbf`.
3. The folder name matches the filenames.

For further information, see page 81. [Shapefile Import].



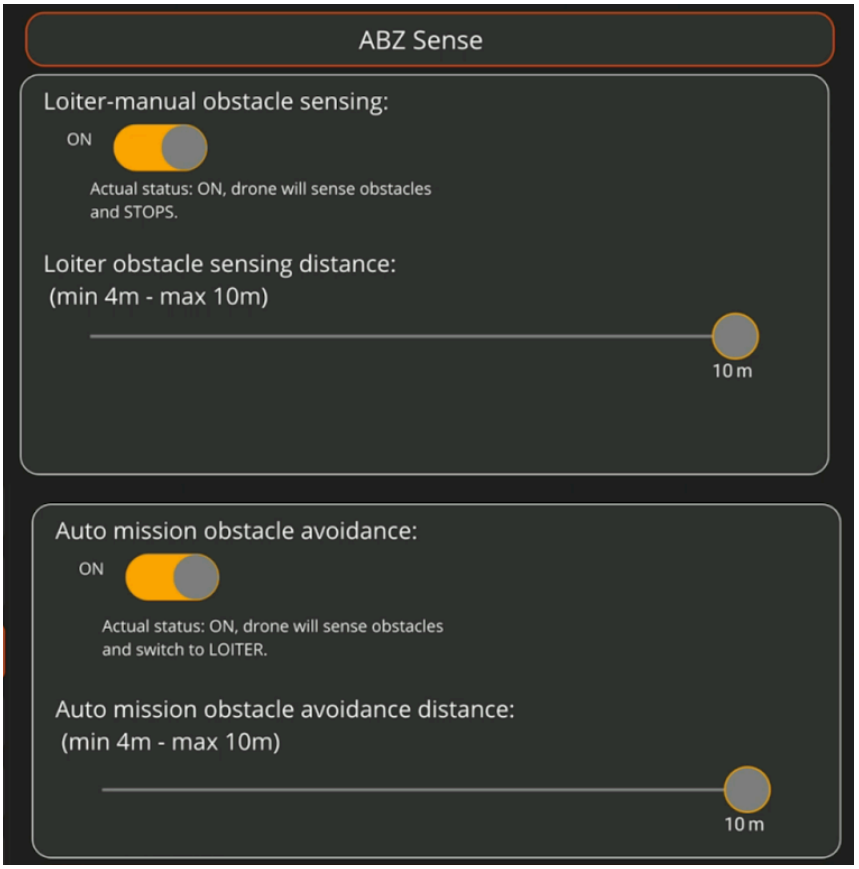
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Abz Flight

In the **ABZ Flight** menu, you can enable **Obstacle Avoidance** for both Automatic and Manual (Loiter) flight modes, and configure the drone's mission-related behavior.

Adjusting the Obstacle Avoidance Options

Under the **ABZ Sense** section, you can enable **Obstacle Avoidance** for both Manual (Loiter) and Auto Flight modes. You can also specify the obstacle sensing distance, which determines how far the drone should stay from obstacles. For more information about the ABZ Sense Obstacle Avoidance system, see page 60.



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Additional Settings in ABZ Flight

Under the **Additional Settings**, you can configure the drones automatic behaviour during Mission. You can decide what the drone should do when the Tank is empty and when it finished the Mission. You can also turn on the Emergency Jump function.

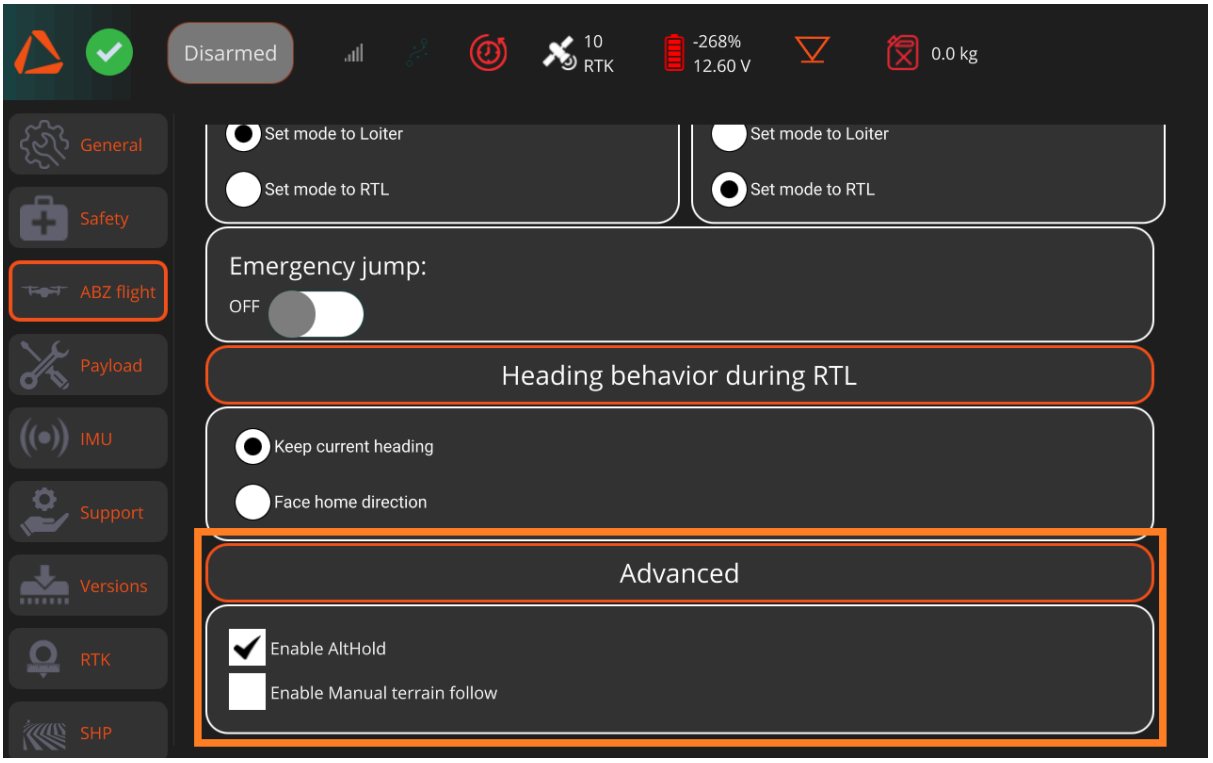
- **Emergency Jump:** If **Emergency Jump** is ON, the pilot can manually increase altitude during an automatic flight. Use this function if you see an obstacle that is not in the map, or if the aircraft starts to descend unexpectedly. **Emergency Jump** is OFF by default.

  If the Emergency Jump is turned on, the drone will rise as long as the pilot pushes the left control stick up. The other settings (e.g., direction and speed) remain the same as defined in the mission settings. If the pilot releases the stick, the drone remains at the given altitude briefly before returning to the altitude specified for the mission.
- **Mission end action:** you can decide what the drone should do when the mission is completed. You can choose between setting the mode to Land, setting the mode to Manual (Loiter) or returning to launch (RTL).
- **Tank is empty:** you can decide what the drone should do when the tank runs empty during the mission. If the drone/payload has a physical sensor and you activate it under **Settings > Payload**, the action will be determined by the sensor's input. Otherwise, the action will take place at the emptying point calculated by the ABZ Control software.
- **Heading behavior during RTL:** You can choose the direction the drone should face when returning to its home point. The drone can either maintain its current heading or orient itself toward the home location.

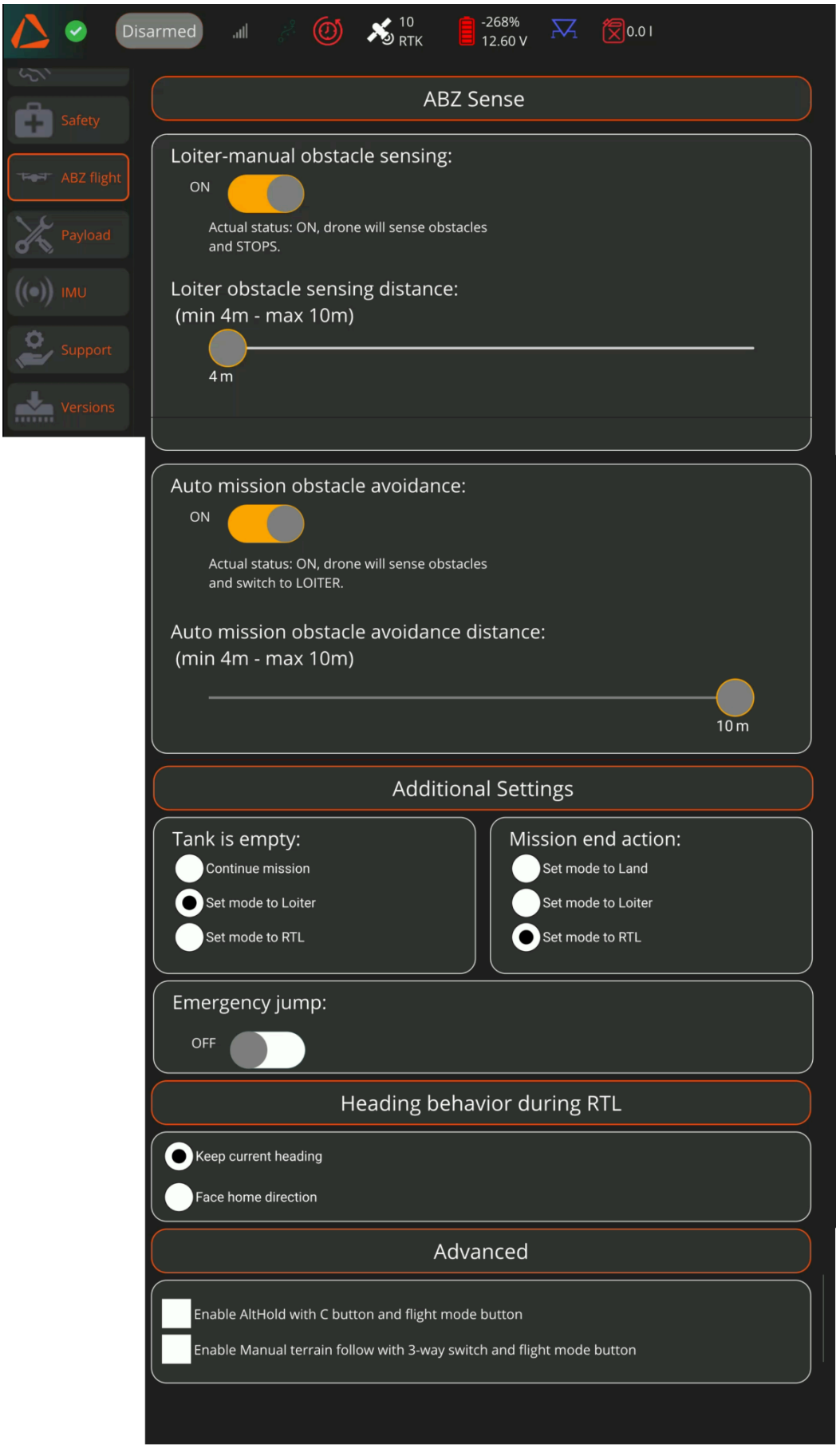
Under the **Advanced** section, you can enable flight mode settings that are initially disabled on the Remote Controller:

- **AltHold Mode**: Allows you to assign Alt Hold to the **C button** and the **virtual Flight Mode function button** (in ABZ Control).
- **Manual Terrain Follow Mode**: Allows you to use the **Terrain Follow altitude control method** in manual flight modes.

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IMU - Compass calibration

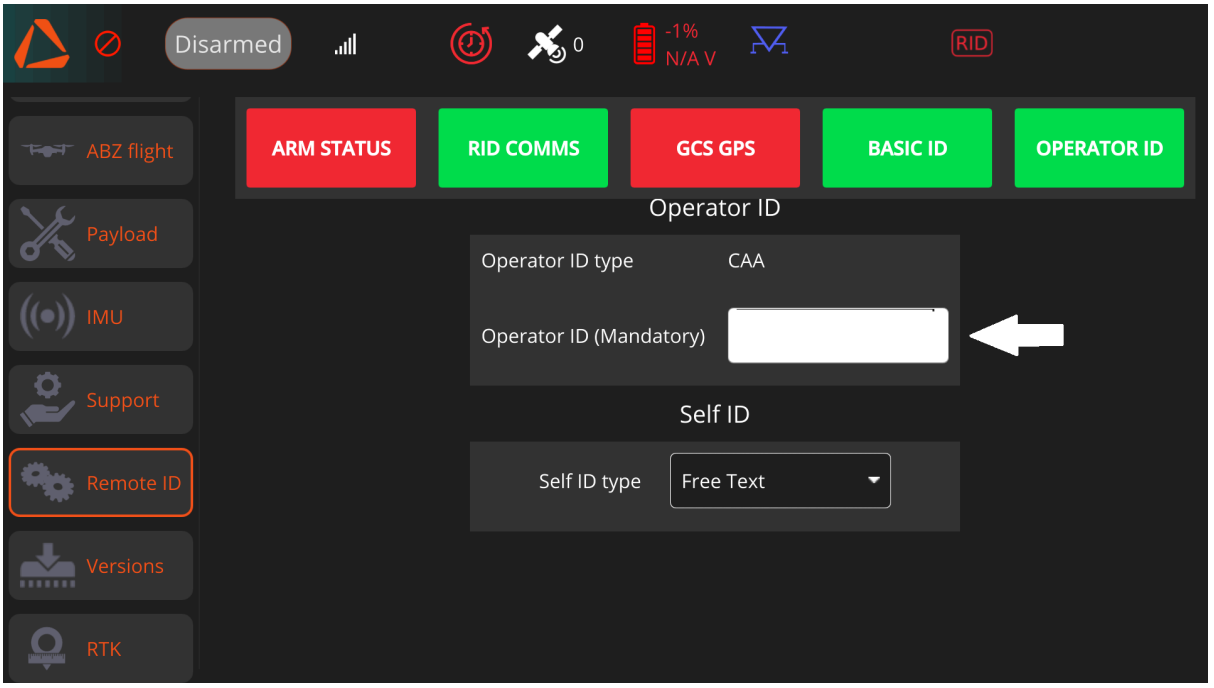
Under the IMU option, the **Compass Calibration** can be carried out. **The calibration should only be performed if requested by the software or instructed by the Support Center.**

For further instructions, see Compass Calibration (page 125).

Remote ID

In the **Remote ID** section, you can set the **SELF-ID** to transmit during operation. Use this function if you want to show your identification, the flight task, or both. This helps to make persons feel safe when the UA operates near them.

If you operate the drone in the European Union, you must register as a drone operator on the official website of your National Aviation Authority. After you register, you receive a registration ID number. Enter this number in the **Operator ID** field.



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Software versions and Update

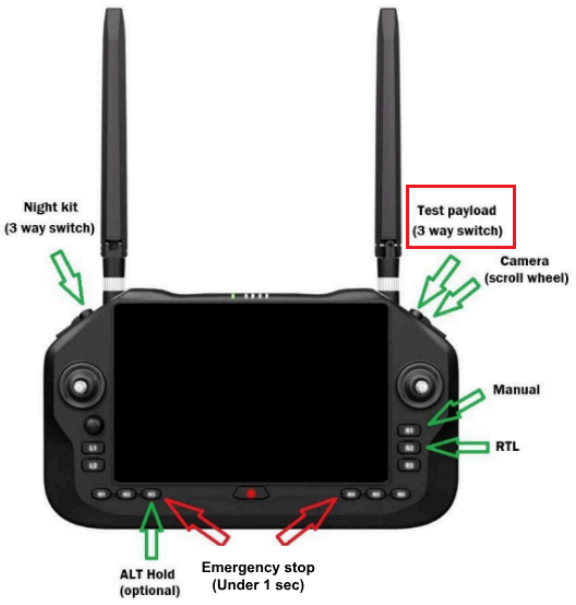
You can check the current drone firmware and ABZ Control software versions under **Settings > Versions.** If you contact our Support Center with an inquiry regarding your drone, you will be required to provide this information.



ABZ Innovation communicates all new software releases via email. Only perform updates when instructed to do so by ABZ Innovation.

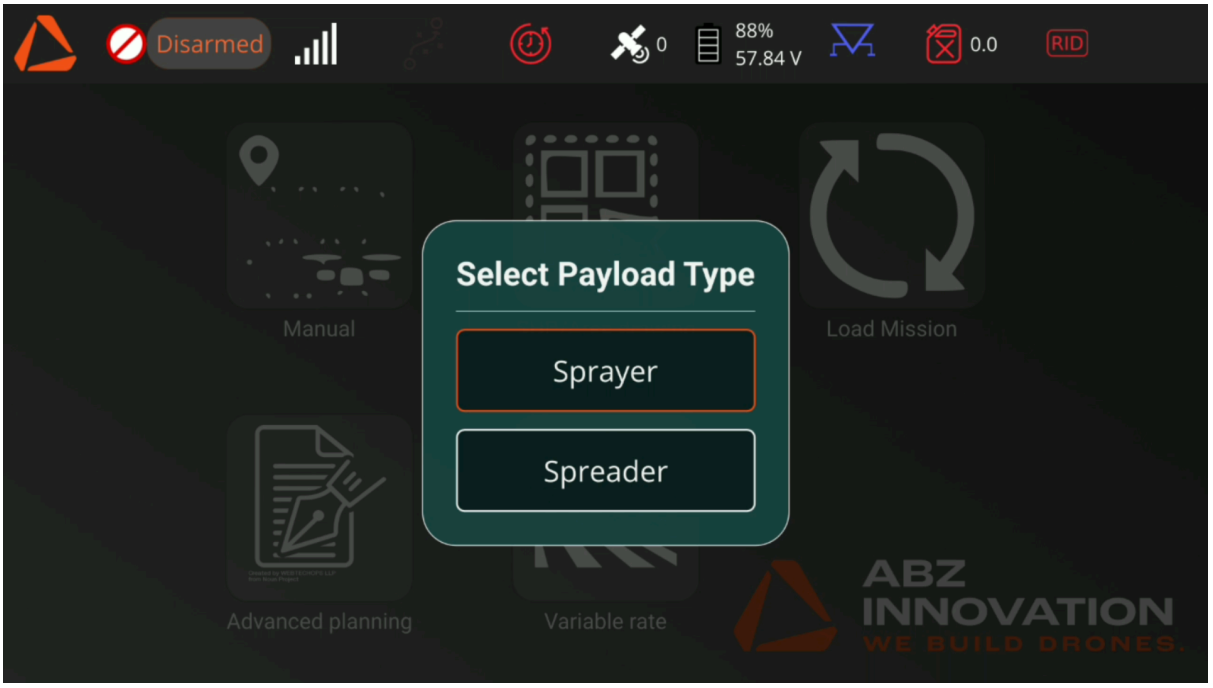
Configuring Payloads

If you have purchased different types of ABZ Innovation payloads (e.g., spreader or Trichogramma) and your drone is equipped with the necessary connectors, you can switch between them in the **Settings > Payloads** menu. The Payload Test switch will activate the selected payload using the test values defined in this menu.



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When planning an automatic mission for a specific payload, ensure the payload type is set correctly before planning.



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ABZ Sense

Obstacle Avoidance with ABZ sense

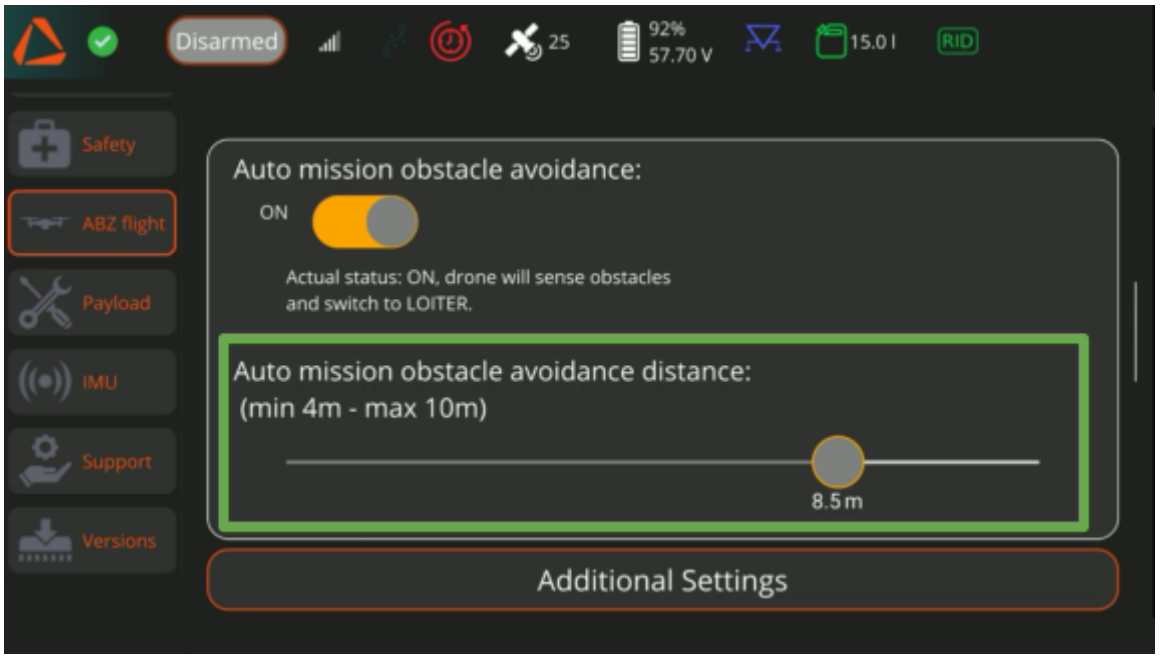
The ABZ Innovation L50 drone uses the Multi beam LiDAR based ABZ Sense system to provide reliable obstacle avoidance, ensuring safe and efficient drone operations.

The Obstacle Avoidance (OBA) function is available in both manual (Loiter) and automatic flight modes. By default, it is enabled in manual mode and disabled in automatic mode. The obstacle avoidance is NOT FUNCTIONING when flying home with the „Return to Launch - RTL" function.

You can enable or disable Obstacle Avoidance via **Settings > ABZ Flight.**

When flying with obstacle avoidance enabled, the drone constantly analyzes its environment using its multi-beam LiDAR system. If an obstacle is detected, the drone stops at the distance defined as the obstacle avoidance distance.

The obstacle avoidance distance can be set between 4 m (13.1 ft) and 10 m (32.8 ft), and can be considered outside of the drone's braking distance (you do not need to consider the braking distance when defining it). The drone consistently preserves the set distance from obstacles, actively pulling back when necessary.



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The OBA icon in the top bar of the Fly view provides continuous feedback on the current status of the system when the drone is armed:



If the OBA icon is red, the obstacle avoidance is disabled.





If the OBA is green, the obstacle avoidance is operating.
A small “M” or “A” on the icon indicates whether the system is operating in manual or automatic flight mode.

If flying with obstacle avoidance enabled, you will see a blue arc moving at a fixed distance in front of the drone, indicating the scanning range. If the distance between the drone and the arc decreases, an obstacle has been detected.



Never rely exclusively on the obstacle avoidance system.

Always pay attention and observe the drone and its surroundings closely during flight.

Using obstacle avoidance, which is an additional safety feature, does not eliminate the need for pre-mapping obstacles, as executing missions with pre-mapped obstacles is always more time-efficient and precise.

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What to do if the drone stopped because of an obstacle?

1. If flying an automated mission with OBA enabled, the drone will switch to Manual (Loiter) mode after detecting an obstacle and stopping at the defined distance.
2. If the drone has stopped, manually navigate it parallel to the obstacle until you reach the end of it.
3. Define a return point on the mission's route by clicking on the map.
   Tap the X button to modify the position of the return point.
4. Tap the checkmark to continue with the mission.

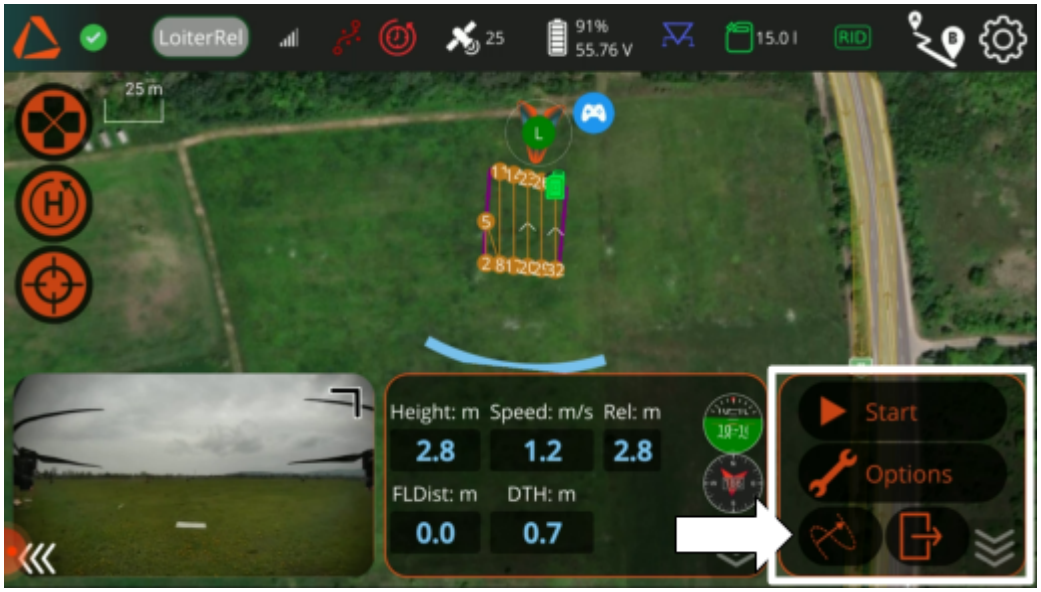
5. In the pop-up window, reconfirm the mission settings. The drone will fly to the designated return point and continue the mission from there.





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You can also manually declare an obstacle during a mission by hitting the OBA Button in the Operation window.



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Altitude control

Based on the characteristics of the working area (terrain and plant coverage) and the requirements of the spraying mission, you can choose between three altitude control methods.

- Follow terrain (LiDAR based)
- Relative
  - Barometer based
  - GPS based

In most cases, it is recommended to use the Follow Terrain altitude hold method, which relies on the ABZ Sense system. The multi-beam LiDAR continuously scans the environment and, based on a temporary real-time map generated from the point cloud, continuously and precisely adjusts the drone's altitude. This method is ideal for challenging terrains and plantations with significant height differences, such as vineyards and orchards.

If flying in Relative Altitude Hold mode, the drone's altitude is maintained relative to the takeoff point.

In **Return to Launch (RTL)** mode and during automatic return-to-mission procedures, the drone uses the **Relative Altitude Hold** method to control altitude.

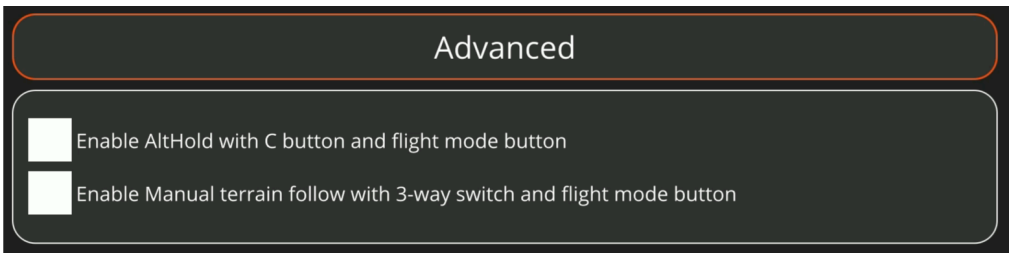
By default, Relative Altitude Hold mode uses barometric measurements as the primary height source. The drone's altitude is maintained relative to the takeoff point. The pilot must be aware of altitude variations caused by atmospheric and weather changes. This mode is best suited for uniform plantations and flat terrains.

If you are flying with an **Emlid base station or Network RTK source using correction data,** the drone relies on GPS information as Primary Height source. This is the optimal solution in conditions where the LiDAR's normal operation is limited—such as when flying over water bodies, glass surfaces, or other reflective materials.

By default, in Manual Flight mode, the drone operates in Relative Mode. You can enable Manual Terrain Follow mode under **Settings > ABZ Flight > Advanced**. If enabled, you can toggle in manual mode between Follow Terrain (LiDAR-based altitude) and Relative Mode (barometer- or GNSS-based altitude hold) using the central three-stage switch or the Flight Mode button in Fly view.

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To enable this feature, go to **Settings > ABZ Flight > Advanced**, and activate **Manual terrain follow with 3-way switch and flight mode button**.



In automatic flight mode, you can predefine the altitude hold method for the mission in the Mission settings.



If Relative Altitude is selected, the drone relies on either barometer data or GNSS for altitude control, depending on the use of RTK correction. If GNSS data becomes unreliable, the drone will switch back to barometric altitude hold.

Always define the mission altitude measured from the highest point of the plants you will be flying over.

In Return to Launch (RTL) flight mode and during Return to mission, the drone will use the relative altitude hold method.

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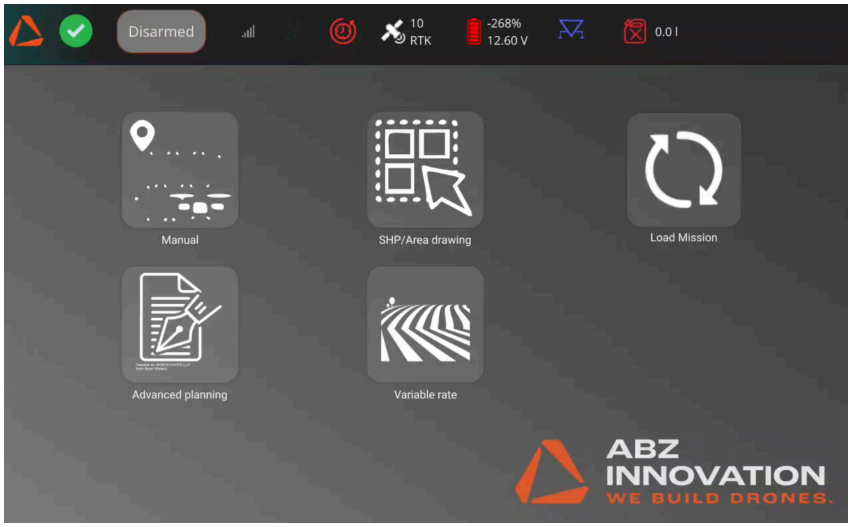
Flight planning

The Flight planning is accessed by selecting its icon at the top right.



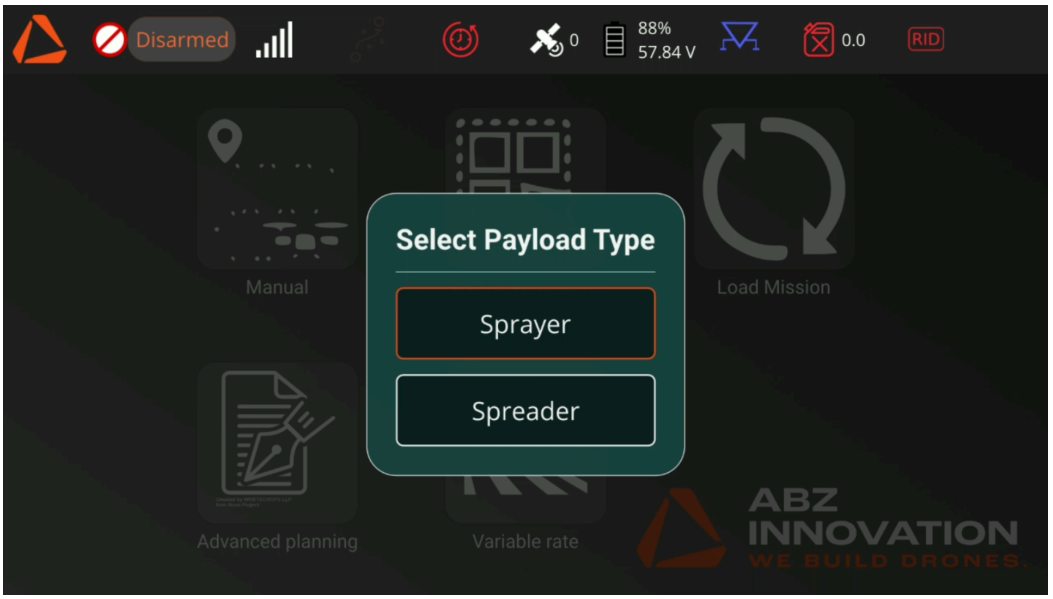
After clicking on the icon, you arrive at the Mission **Planning Method Page**. Here you can choose between the following options:

- **Manual** (Marking the area with the drone/with the Remote controller)
- **SHP/Area drawing** to upload Area based SHP files (polygon or multipolygon) or draw the Mission Area onto Maps.
- **Load Mission** (Loading a previously saved mission).
- **Advanced planning** (waypoint based flight route planning).
- **Variable rate**



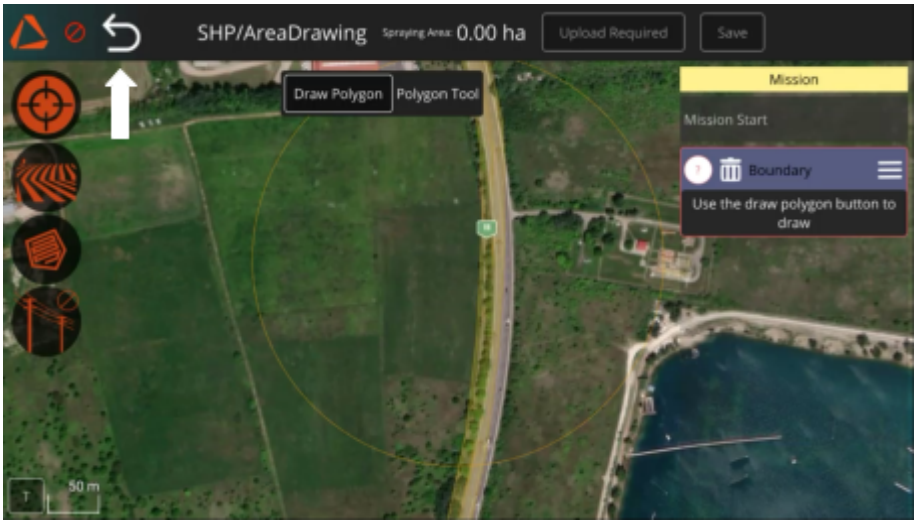
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In the pop-up window, set the Payload Type for the desired application method. (For more information about Spreading, refer to the ABZ Innovation70 L Spreader System Operator Manual).



For safety reasons, if your location or flight plan has changed, make sure to clear the previous mission from the drone by:

- clicking the **Exit button** in the Operation window under the Fly view,



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- Or by clicking the **Back button** on the Flight Planning page.



Area based flight planning

You have three options for creating a mission plan for a predefined area:

- **Manual** (Marking the area with the drone/with the Remote controller)
- **SHP/Area drawing** to upload Area based SHP files (polygon or multipolygon) or draw the Mission Area onto Maps
- **Load Mission** (Loading a previously saved mission).

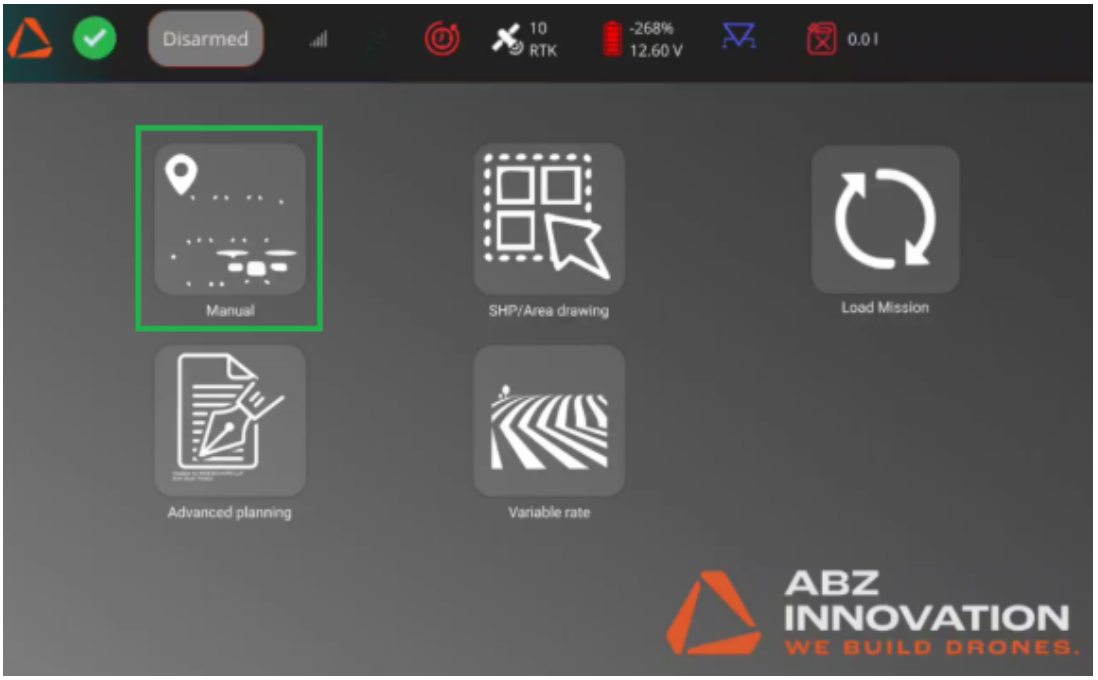
When using are based planning, each flight plan can include one Boundary (the working area where the drone will execute the automatic mission), and optionally one or more Obstacles (areas the drone will avoid during the mission).

At least three points are required to define a boundary or an obstacle.

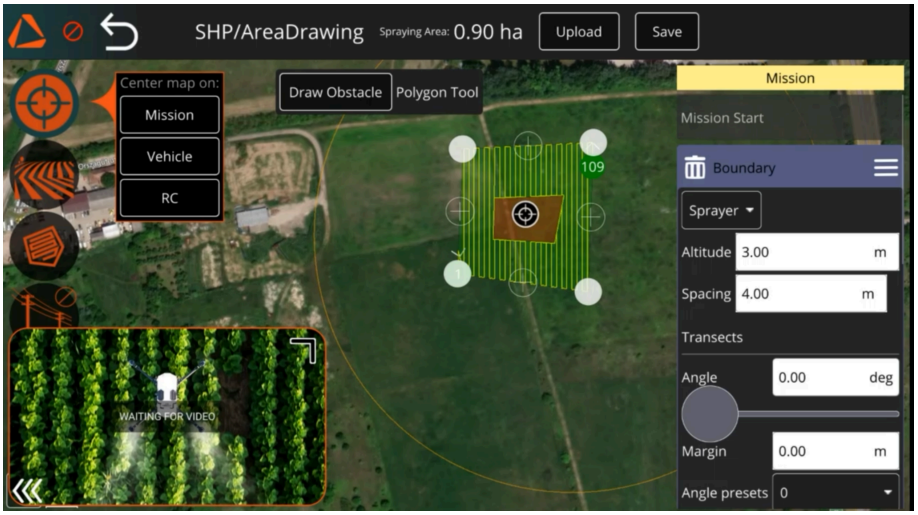
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Planning the field with the drone/ with the remote controller

You can use the drone's camera/the remote controller to mark the points of an area to specify a Boundary or Obstacle. To do so, on the Mission Planning Method Page choose the option **Manual.** In the pop-up window, set the Payload Type for the desired application method.

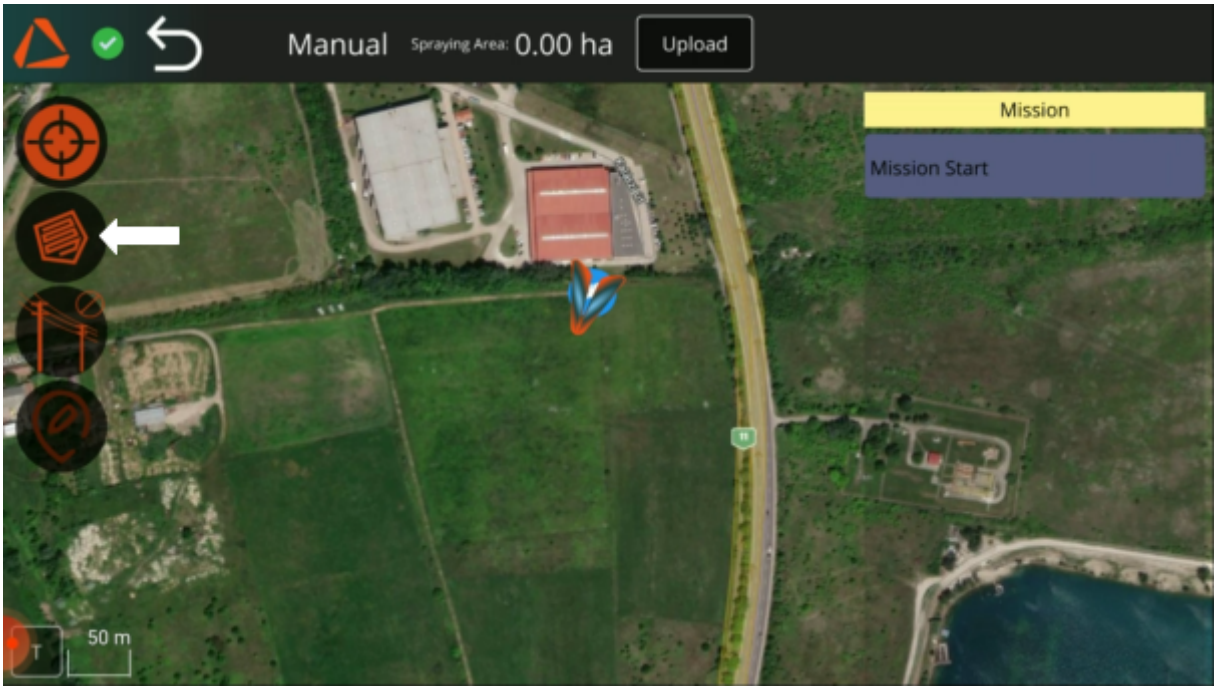


With the Center option, you can decide what should be in the central position on the map (the mission, the Drone, or the Remote Controller).

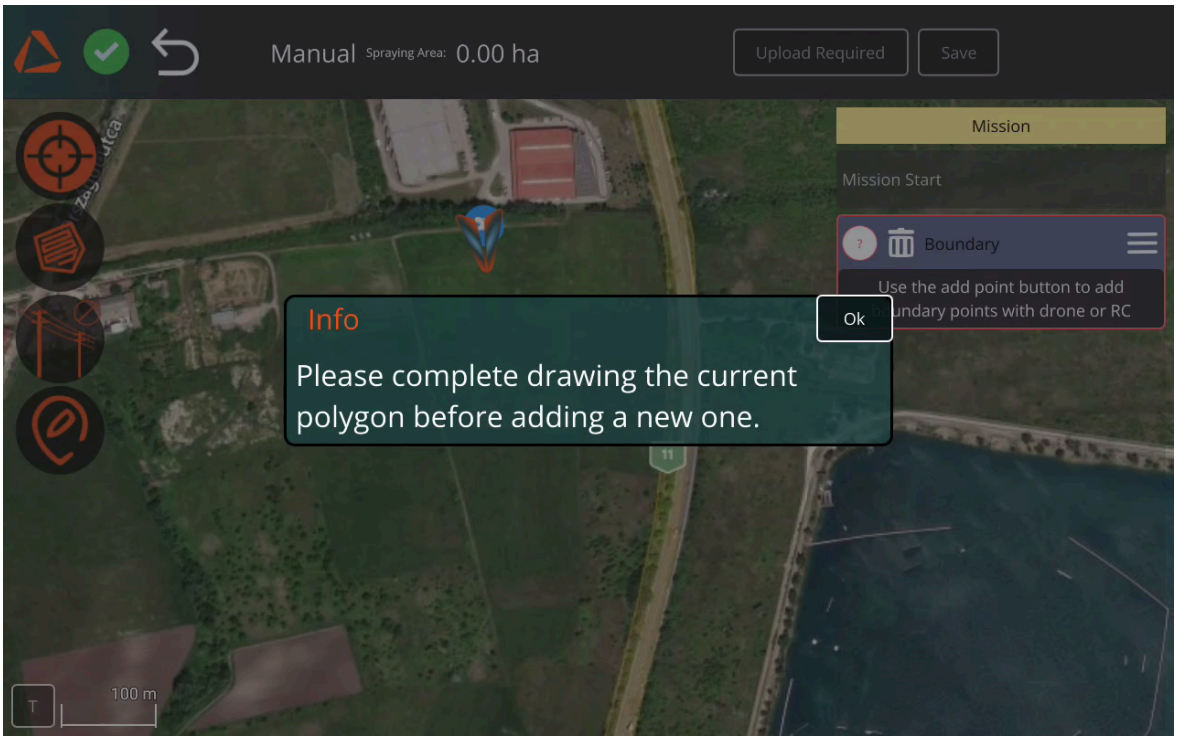


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1. To define your working area for a new flight plan, Click on the Boundary icon.



A flight plan can only have one boundary. If you want to create a new one, the old one needs to be cleared.



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2. After defining the Boundary, you can add points to it. To do so, the Boundary element needs to be active on the right side panel.



3. Click on **Add Point** in the left side menu. The points can be marked by the Remote Controller (RC Point) or the Drone (Drone Point).

To plan a mission using the drone, fly it to the desired points with the help of the camera and allow it to hover at each location. Then click on the **Drone Point** button on the left of the display to add the desired points.

Points can also be manually moved on the display, based on the map, by tapping and dragging.

In this case, you should be aware of the inaccuracy of the background map, which can be several meters off!

If you want to plan with the Remote Controller, take the controller to the desired point. Then click on the **RC Point** button on the left of the display to add the desired point.

If you have defined at least 3 corner points for the boundary, the Mission panel will open up on the right side for additional settings (see page 73).

4. To mark an Obstacle, first click on the Obstacle button.

5. Select the obstacle in the Mission panel and define its points by either the position of the Drone or the Remote Controller. You can define multiple obstacles; the points will be added to the obstacle currently selected in the Mission panel.

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Using obstacle avoidance, which is an additional safety feature, does not eliminate the need for pre-mapping obstacles, as spraying with pre-mapped obstacles is always more time-efficient and precise. The drone will only avoid the obstacles marked in the flight plan in automatic flight mode!

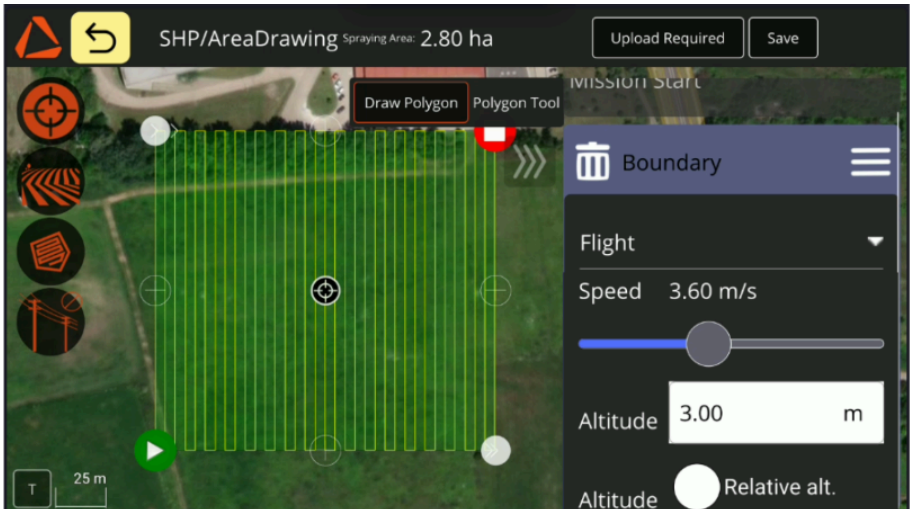
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Never rely exclusively on the obstacle avoidance system.

Always pay attention and observe the drone and its surroundings closely during flight. If possible, manually fly the drone as close as possible to the desired starting/continuation point!

Adjusting the spraying settings

After defining a boundary, you can define the automatic spraying settings in The Mission panel on the right side of the screen.



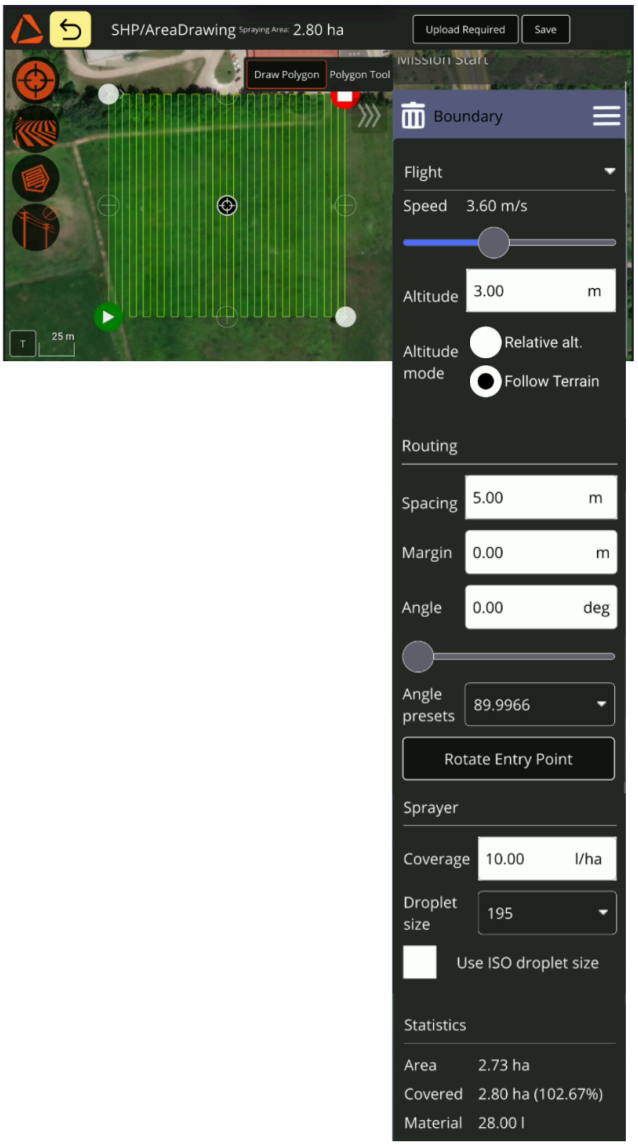
In this panel, you can adjust the following settings:

- Payload Type (For spraying missions, select "Sprayer")
- Flight altitude
- Line spacing: the distance between the drone's flight paths
- Angle of flight direction (also adjustable with the slider)
- Margin (distance kept from the edge of the designated area)
- Angle presets (to match the flight direction with the area's edges)
- Rotating the position of the first waypoint (it is recommended to set it the closest distance to the take-off point)

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- Altitude hold method: In most cases, the Follow Terrain must be selected; this is the setting for the LiDAR system.*
- Droplet size (in microns)
- Optional: Change droplet size scale to ISO Category.

  You can explore the ranges for the different ISO Droplet Size Categories under *Settings > Payloads > Sprayer*.
- Coverage (quantity of liquid sprayed: l/ha)
- Flight speed (ground speed, between applicable extremes depending on spraying rate, also Adjustable with the slider: m/s or mi/h)
- Statistics (calculated data according to the settings, at the bottom)



To upload the planned route to the drone, click the **Upload Required** or **Upload** button at the top-right corner of the screen.



If you save your plan, the file remains on the controller and you can open it from the **Load mission** menu. If you click on the **Back button**, your **plan will be cleared from the editor and from the drone.**

Starting the mission

To start the mission, navigate to the **Fly view** by clicking on the **ABZ Innovation logo**. In the down-right corner of the screen, the **Operation window** displays the upcoming steps and provides access to essential functions throughout the mission.



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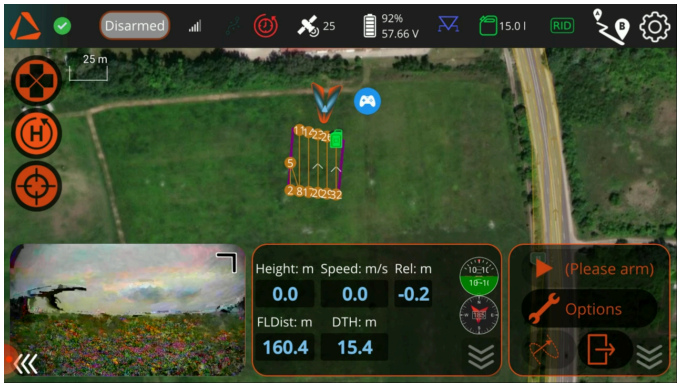
- **With the Options button (1)**, you can change the Mission and Spraying settings after pausing the mission.
- **With the OBA button (2)**, you can manually declare an obstacle.
  (For more information on Obstacle Avoidance, see page 60.)
- **With the Exit button (3)**, you can clear the mission from the drone.

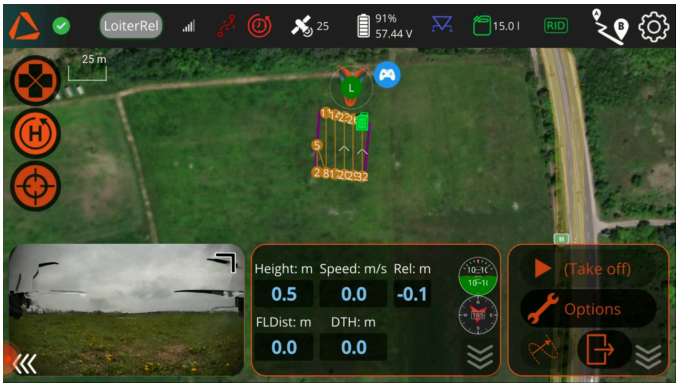
Before starting the mission, the software will prompt you to confirm the tank status by indicating that the tank is empty. You can enter the fluid level by clicking the **Options** button.





After being prompted to arm and take off, manually fly the drone to a safe altitude before starting the mission. You can start the mission by tapping the Start button in the Mission window.





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The system will then prompt you to confirm the spraying settings. If all settings are correct, confirm by using the slider. The spraying will begin automatically.



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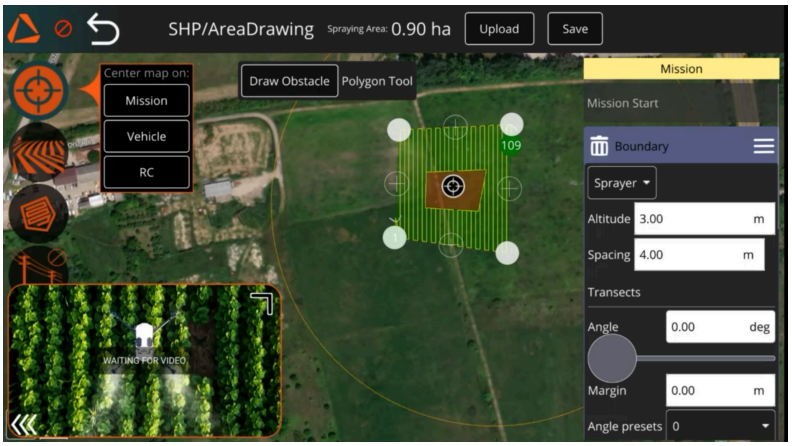
Planning the field by drawing an area

Under the SHP/Area drawing menu, you can manually add and move (by tapping and dragging) corner points on the display based on the map. In this case:

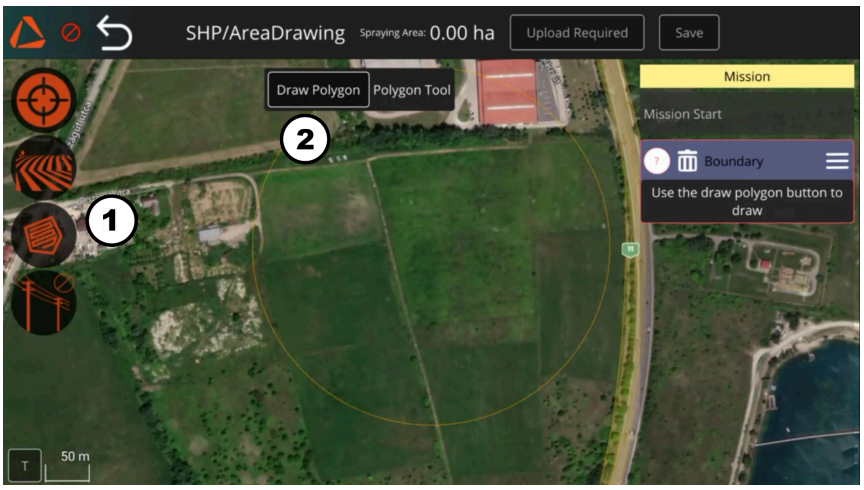
Be aware that the map may be inaccurate by several meters. To ensure precise placement of your boundary, we recommend using shapefiles as visual guides.

Important: Without shapefile-based visual guides, this solution should not be used for actual spraying. It is intended for testing and demonstration purposes only.

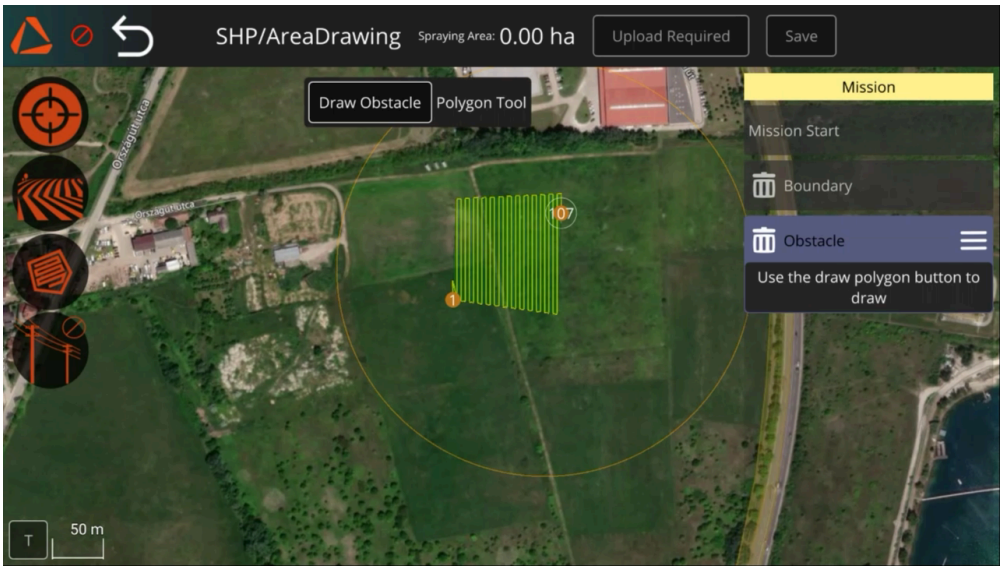
With the Center option, you can decide what should be in the central position on the map (the mission, the Drone, or the Remote Controller).



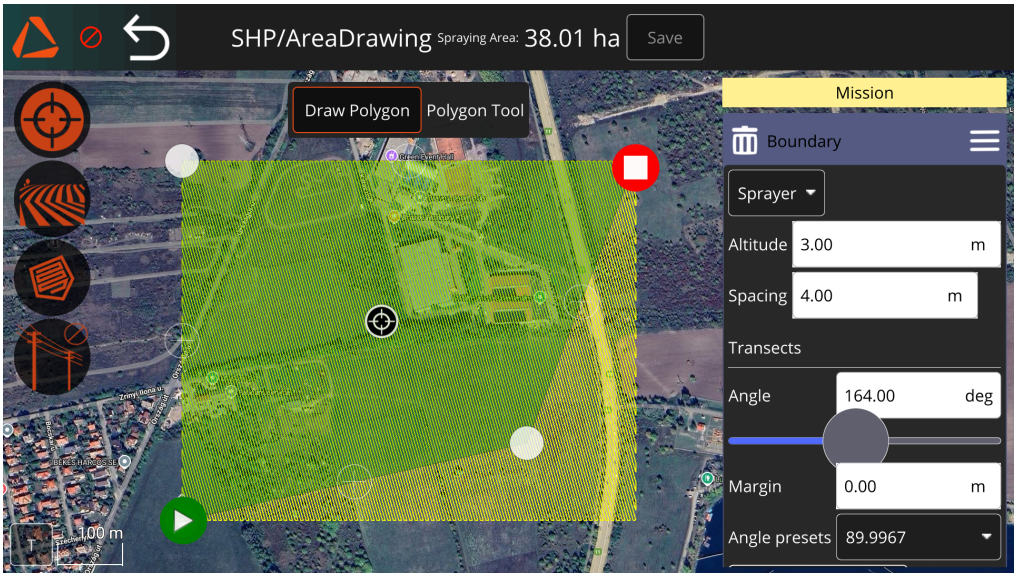
With the the **Shapefile** icon , you can add visual guides to the map to assist with accurate boundary placement.
(For more information on using shapefiles as visual guides, see page 89.)To define a boundary by drawing an area, click the **Boundary** button , then select **Draw Polygon**.



You can add an obstacle in the same way by clicking the obstacle icon and selecting **Draw obstacle**.



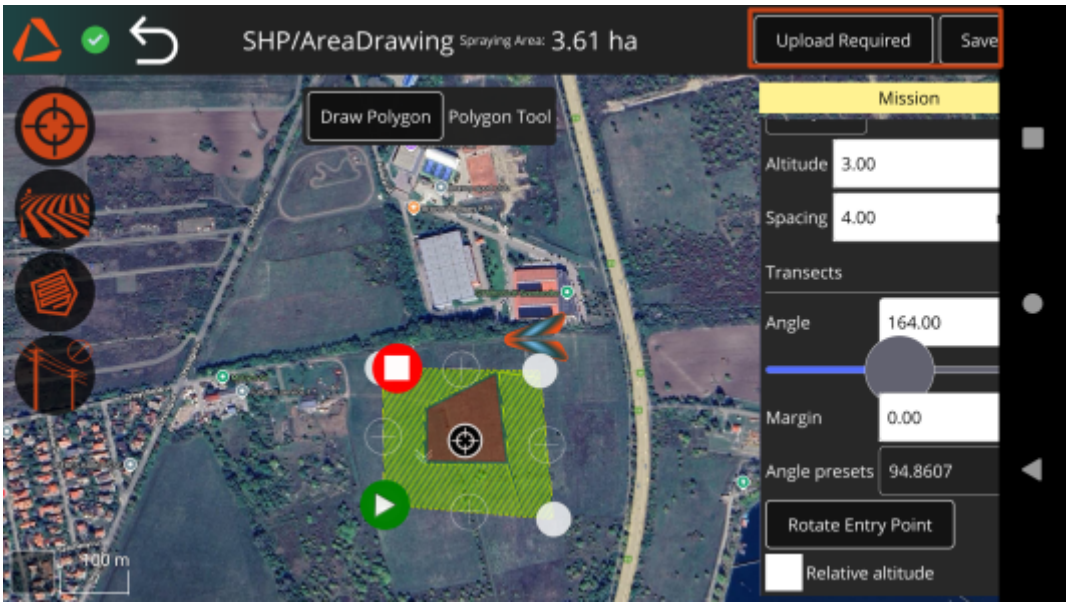
A polygon will be automatically generated, and you can adjust its corner points as needed.



After you have adjusted the points, you can specify the spraying settings for the mission (see page 73).

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When you have finished editing, you can save the mission by clicking the **Save** button on the right side of the top menu bar. To upload the planned route to the drone, click the **Upload Required** or **Upload** button at the top-right corner of the screen.



To start the mission, navigate to the Fly view by clicking on the ABZ Innovation logo. If you leave the planning page by clicking on the back button, your plan will be cleared from the editor and from the drone. If you have saved your plan, the file remains on the controller and you can open it from the **Load mission** menu.

To start a mission, in the **Fly view** tap on the **'Start Mission'** button after manually flying the drone to a safe altitude. The spraying will begin automatically.

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Using shapefiles for mission planning

The ABZ Control supports polygon, polyline, and point-based shapefiles. You can use a shapefile in two distinct ways:

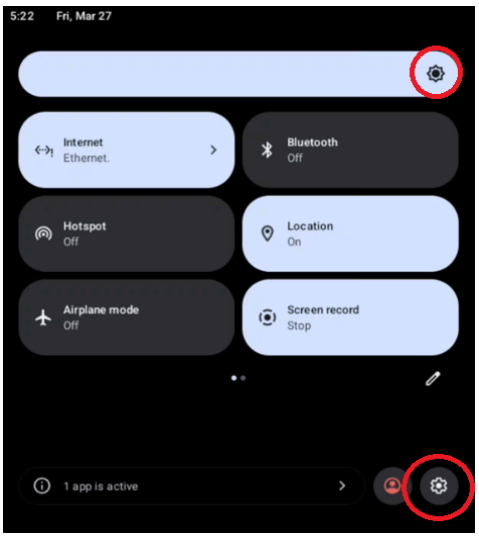
- To define an **area** (for further information regarding polygon based missions, see page 90) or **flight paths** (for further information regarding polyline based missions, see page 93)
- To serve as a guide for precisely positioning the points of a boundary or waypoints (for further information, see page 89.)

To import a shapefile into ABZ Control:

1. Make sure, **all** the needed shapefile parts are included in the .zip archive or shapefile folder (the files with extensions **.shp, .shx and .dbf** are present).
2. Ensure that the folder/archive has the **same filename** as the individual files.
3. Insert the SD card to the Remote Controller or copy the files to its internal storage with a cable:
    - If using an SD card:

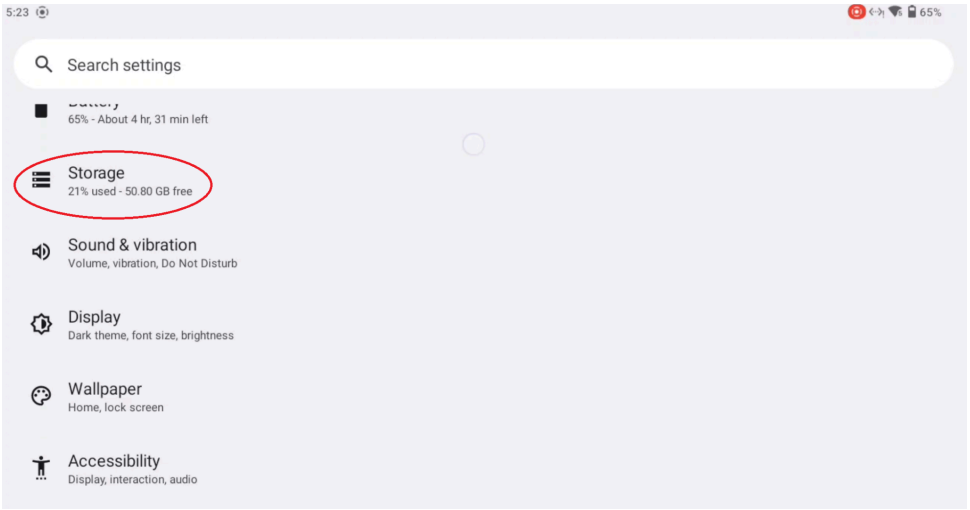
    A, insert the card into the SD card slot. Only MicroSD cards with a maximum of 32 GB capacity are supported. You can decide to import the files directly from the SD card or copy them to the Remote Controller:

    B, To copy them, wipe down from the top of the screen to access the Android menu, where you must press the gear (**Settings**) icon.

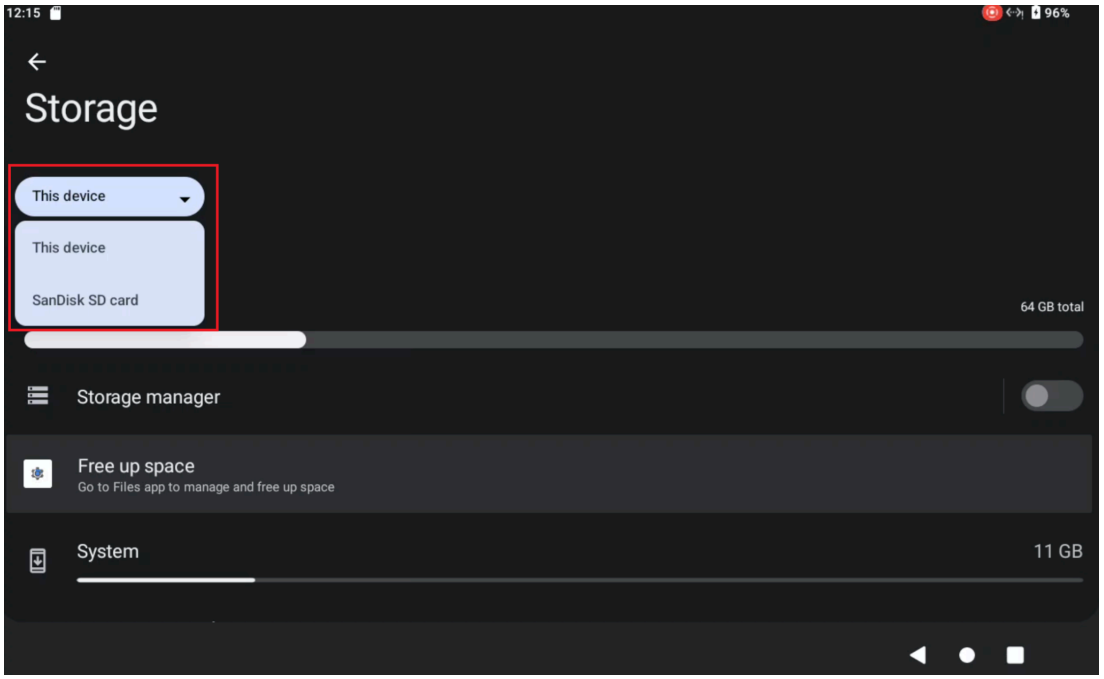


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B, In this menu, scroll down to Storage and open it.

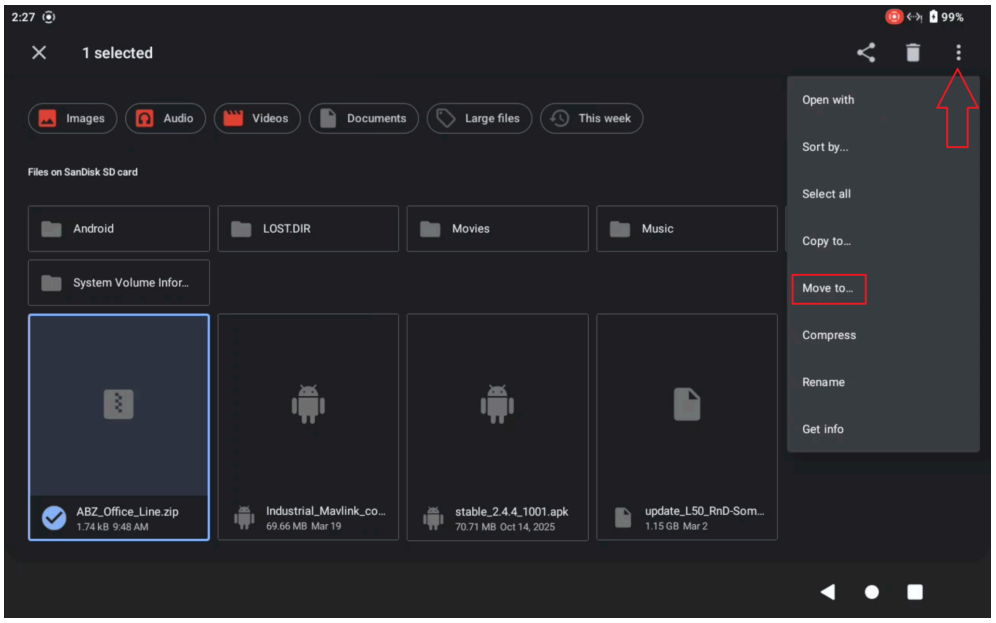


C, You can choose SD Card from the drop-down menu

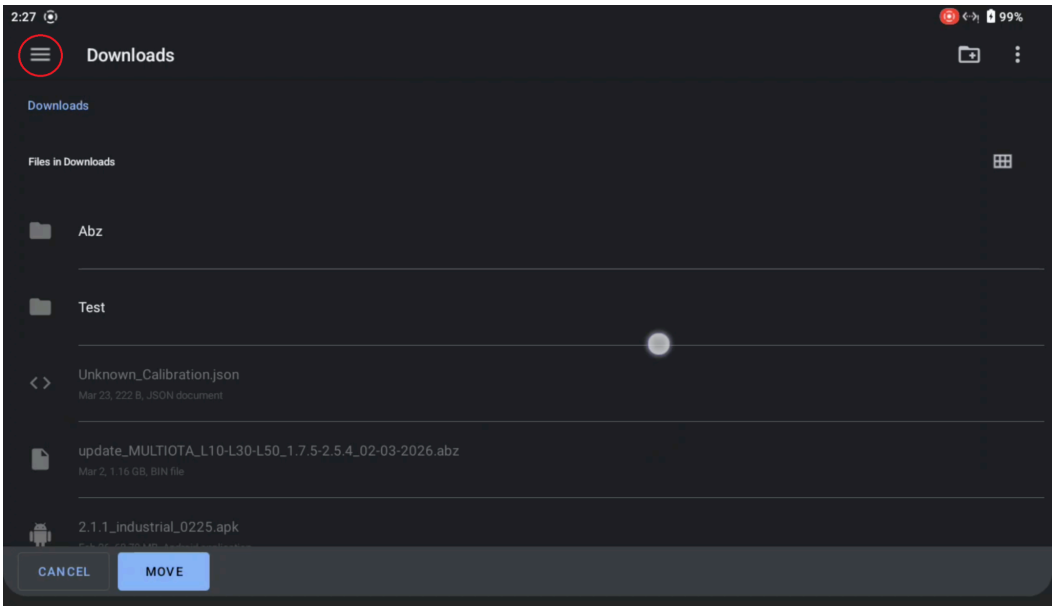


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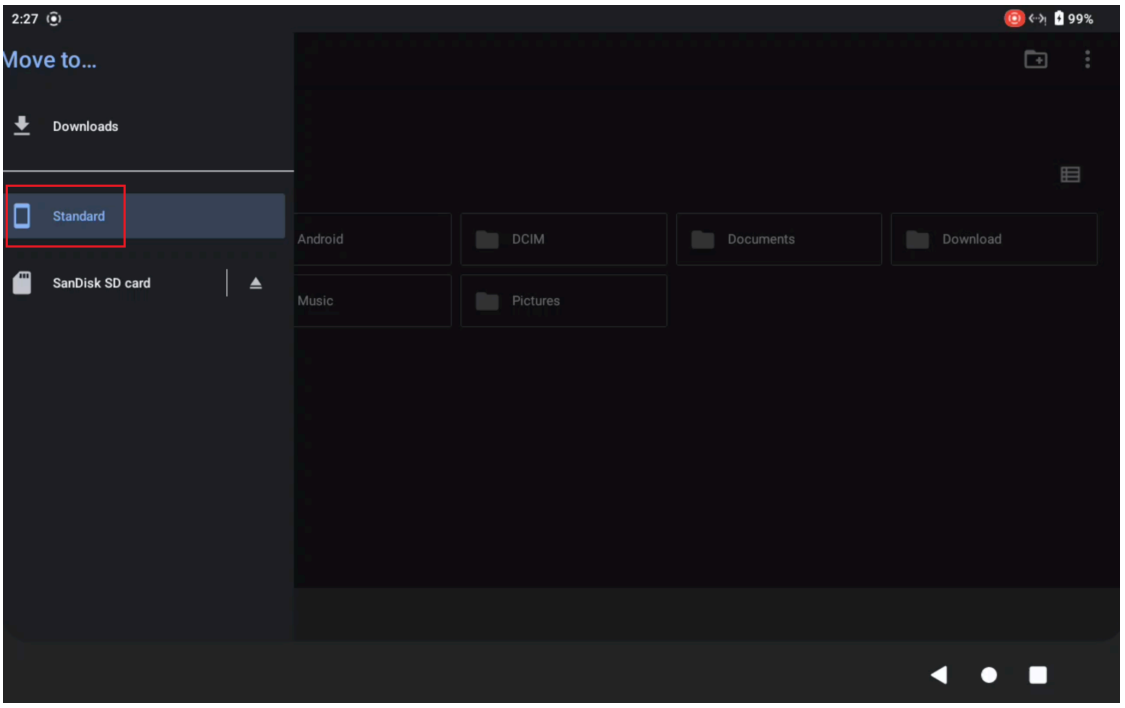
D, Select the required files on the SD card (tap and hold), then click on the Others (3 vertical dots icon) menu in the right corner of the screen, and select Move to...



E, Click on the three lines on the left to open the navigation bar. Select Standard (or how you named your device before), then open the folder (e.g. Downloads) where you want to store your shapefiles. Click the bottom right Move button to move the files to the controller.

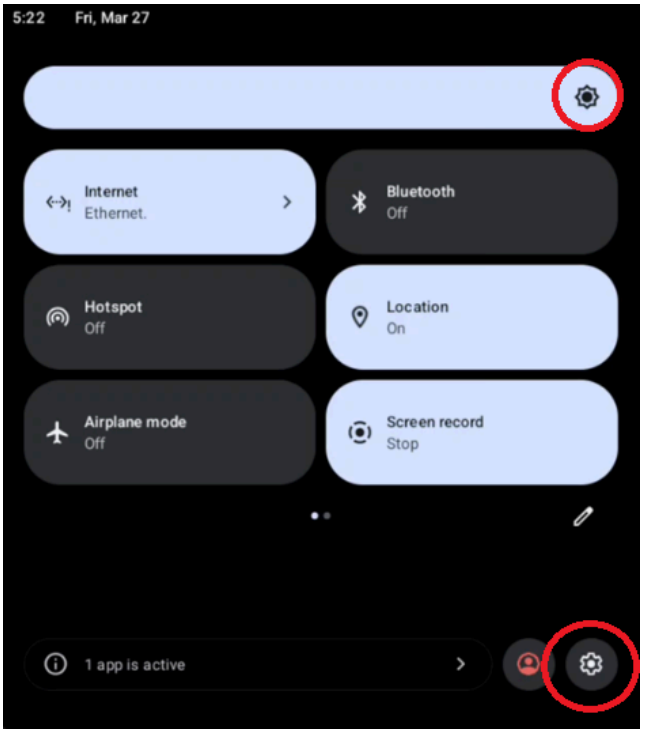


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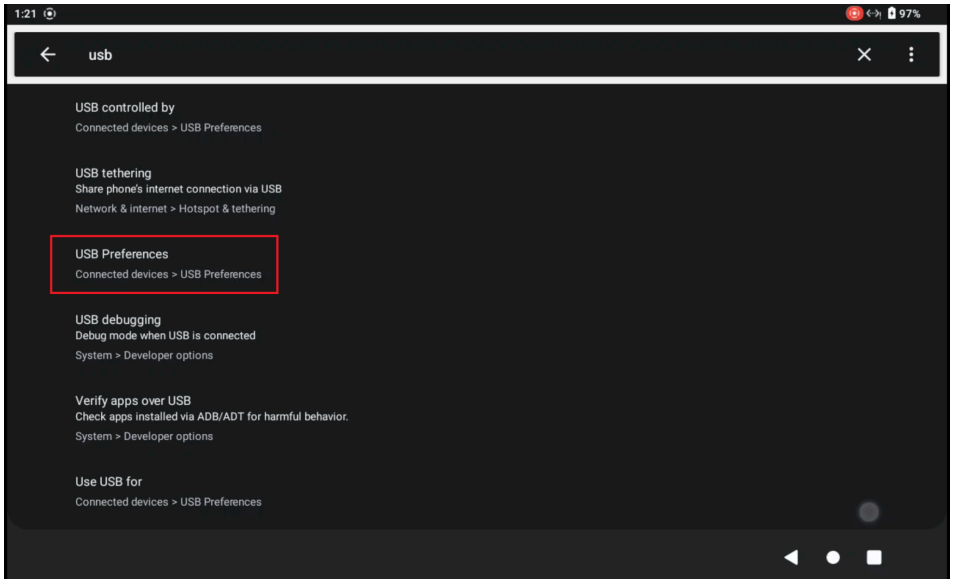


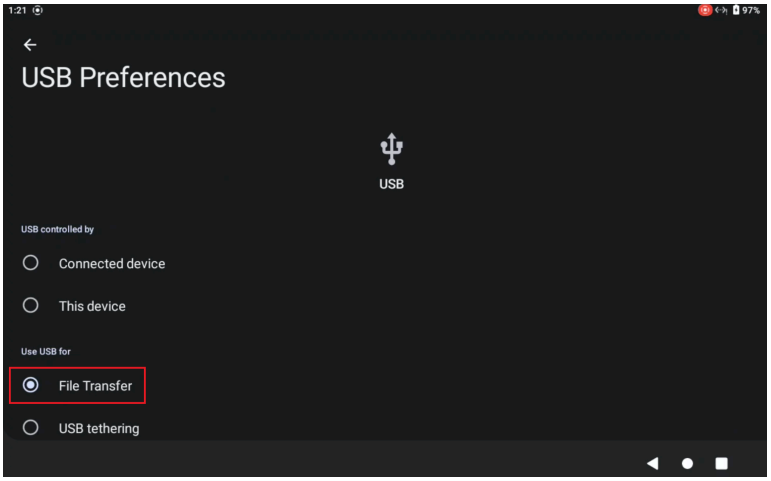
1) If you use a cable, connect the cable to the USB-C port of the remote controller and the computer.
For secure data transfer, use the USB-A adapter to connect the device to your laptop, while the USB-C end of the cable can remain connected to the remote control.

A, Open the Android Settings by swiping down from the top of the screen.



B, In the search bar, enter “USB”. Look for the option USB preferences. Click on File transfer.



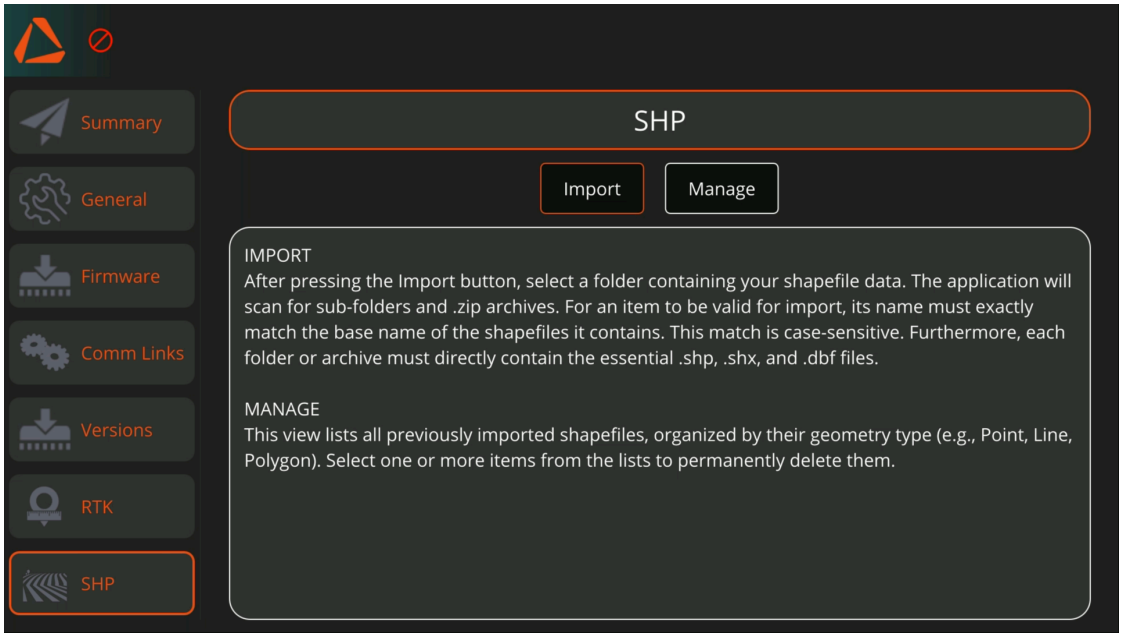


C, On your computer, the device UniRC7 appears. Copy the shapefile to the Controller.

D, You can disconnect the cable.

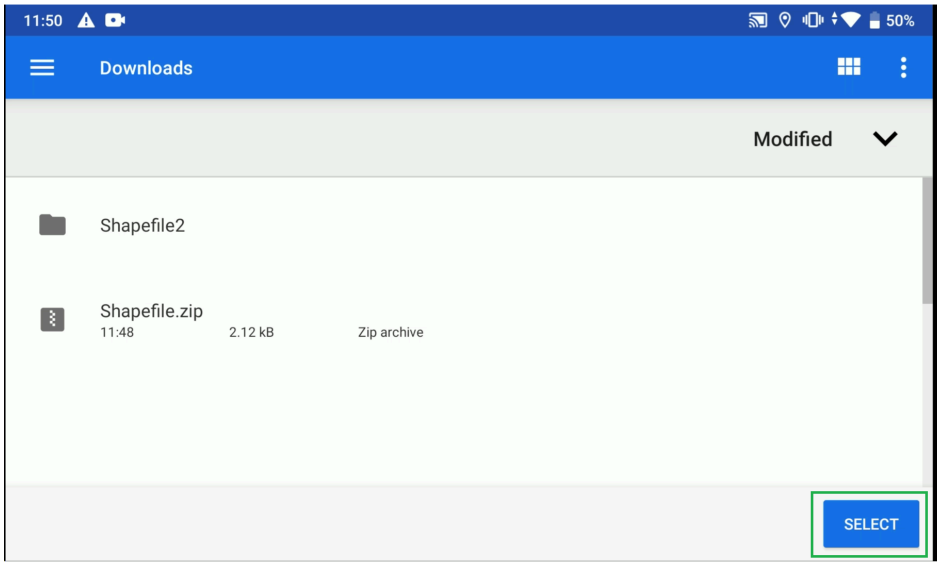
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2) Launch the ABZ Control, and open the *Settings* > *SHP* Option.
3) Click **Import**.



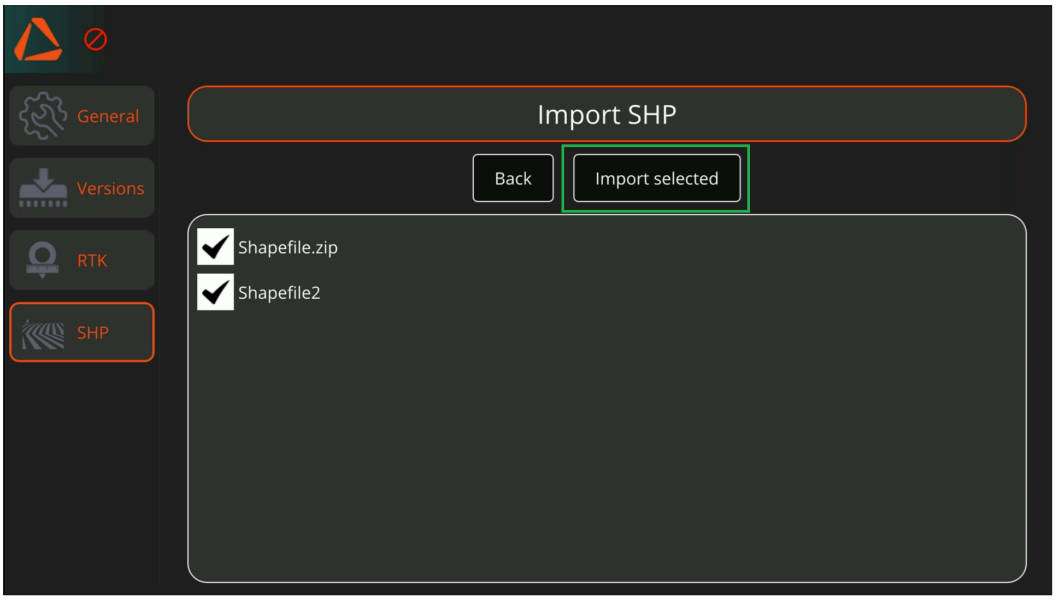
4) In the browser window, navigate to your shapefile folder/ZIP archive file. (Do not open it!)

5) Click on **Select**.

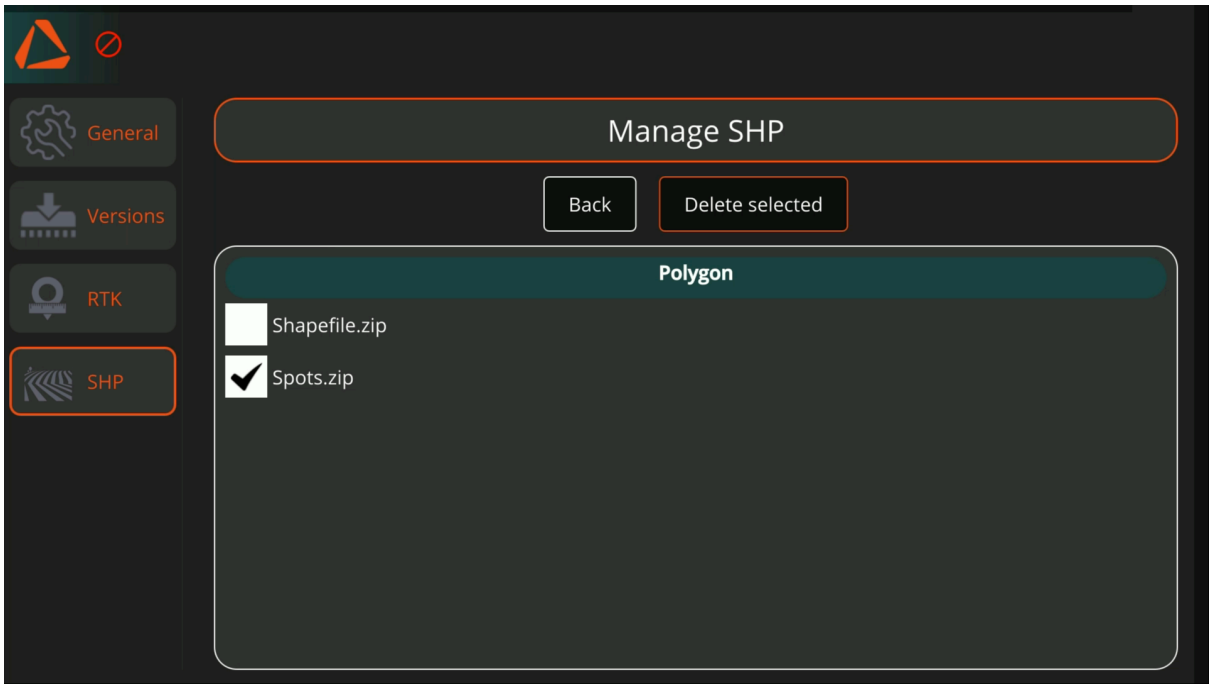


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6) Mark the needed shapefiles with a checkmark, and click on **Import selected**.



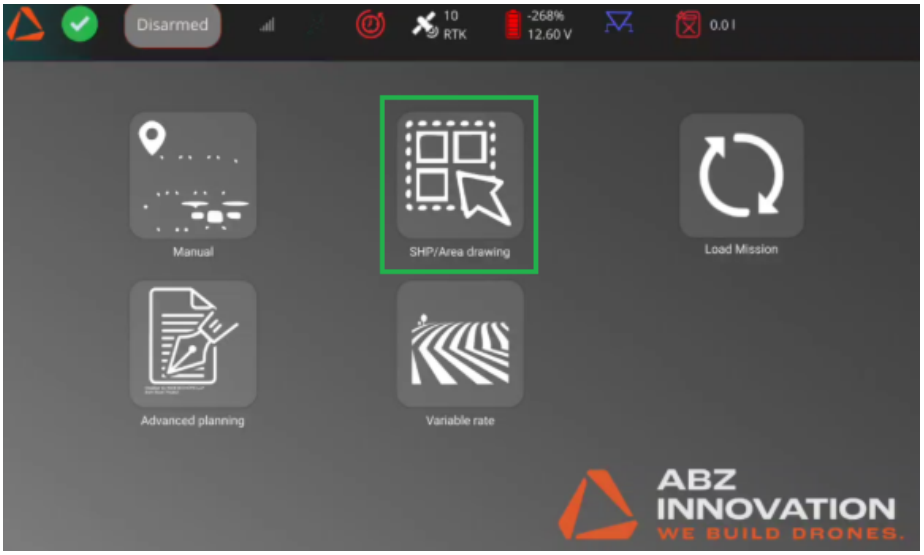
To Delete an imported shapefile, click on Manage. You will find the imported files grouped by their geometry. Select the files you wish to delete, and click on **Delete selected**.



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You can open the imported shapefiles to add them as a work area (polygon-based mission), a work route (polyline-based mission), or a visual guide:

- Imported **area shapefiles** can be selected in the ABZ Control app by clicking on Flight planning then selecting the **SHP/Area drawing** option on the Mission Planning Method Page. For further information on the use of a shapefile as an area-based mission, see page 90.



- Imported **polyline (lineshape) files** can be selected in the ABZ Control app by clicking on Flight planning then selecting the **Advanced planning** option. For further information on the use of a shapefile as a polyline based mission, see page 93.
- For information on using shapefiles as visual guides, see page 89.

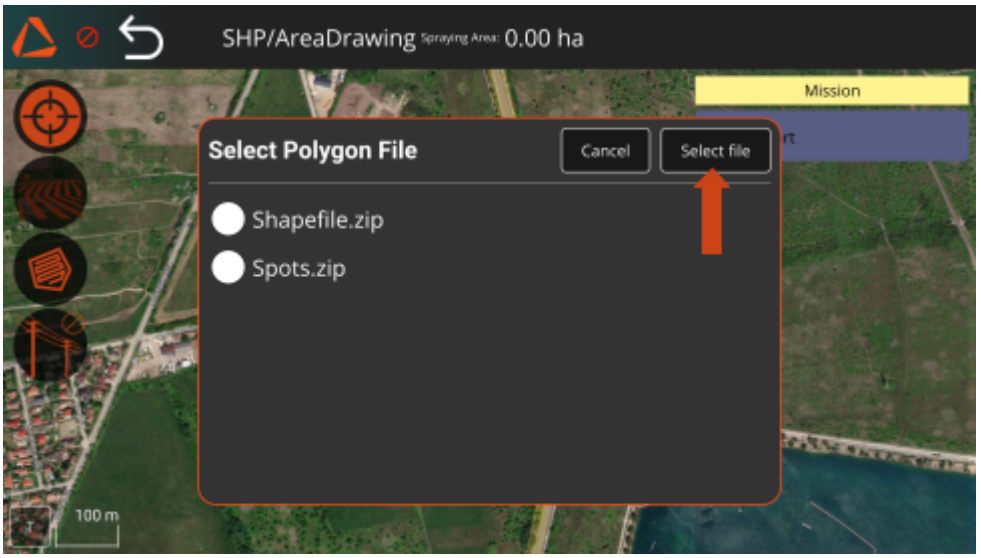
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Using shape files as visual guides

In ABZ Control, you can insert point, polyline, and polygon shapefiles as a layer to support precise planning. This function is available in the **SHP/Area Drawing** and **Advanced Planning** functions.

To open a shapefile as a visual guide, click on the shapefile icon . You can choose whether you want to use a point-, polygon-, or polyline-based shapefile as a Visual Guide.

After selecting one of the options, you will see the corresponding files previously imported to the controller.

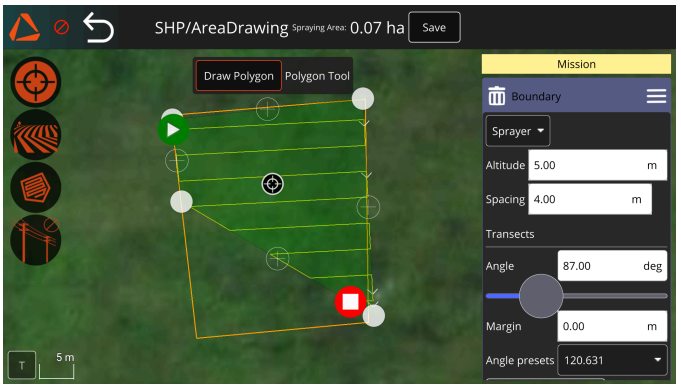


Mark the needed file and click on Select File.

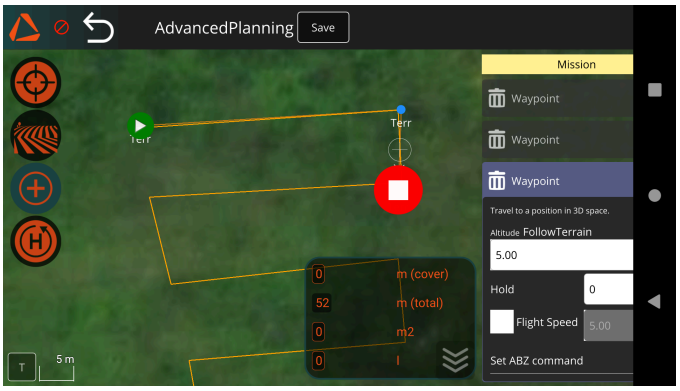
The shapefile will appear in the background, allowing you to use it for the precise placement of your boundary corner points (for more information about Area Drawing, see page 78) or waypoints (for more information about waypoint-based Advanced Planning, see page 66). It is possible to use multiple shapefiles of different geometry types simultaneously.

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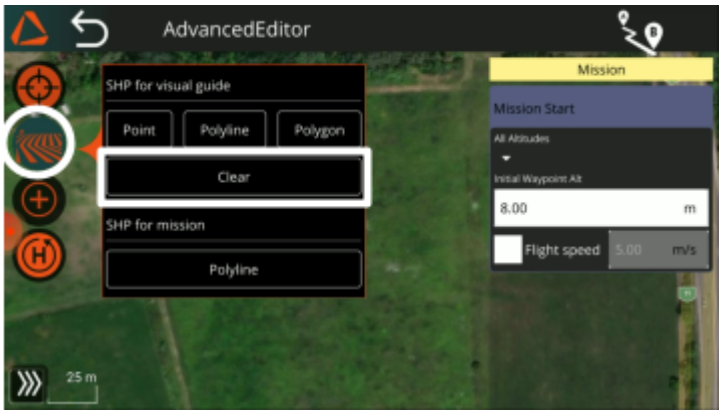
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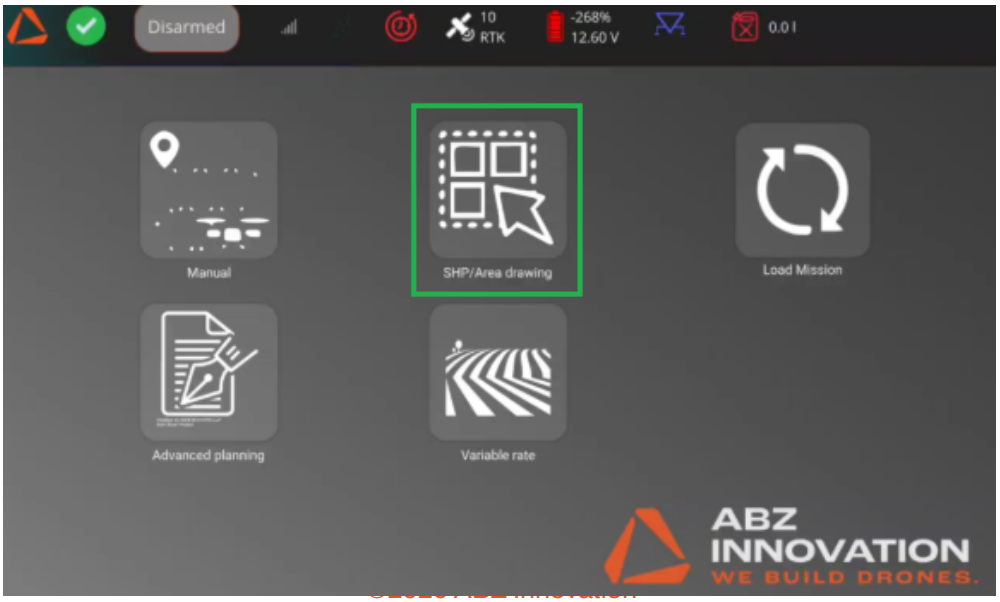


You can remove the visual guides from your planning page by clicking the Clear button.



Planning the field by loading an area shapefile

To use an area shapefile for planning, the files must be imported to the remote controller. For further instructions, see page 81.



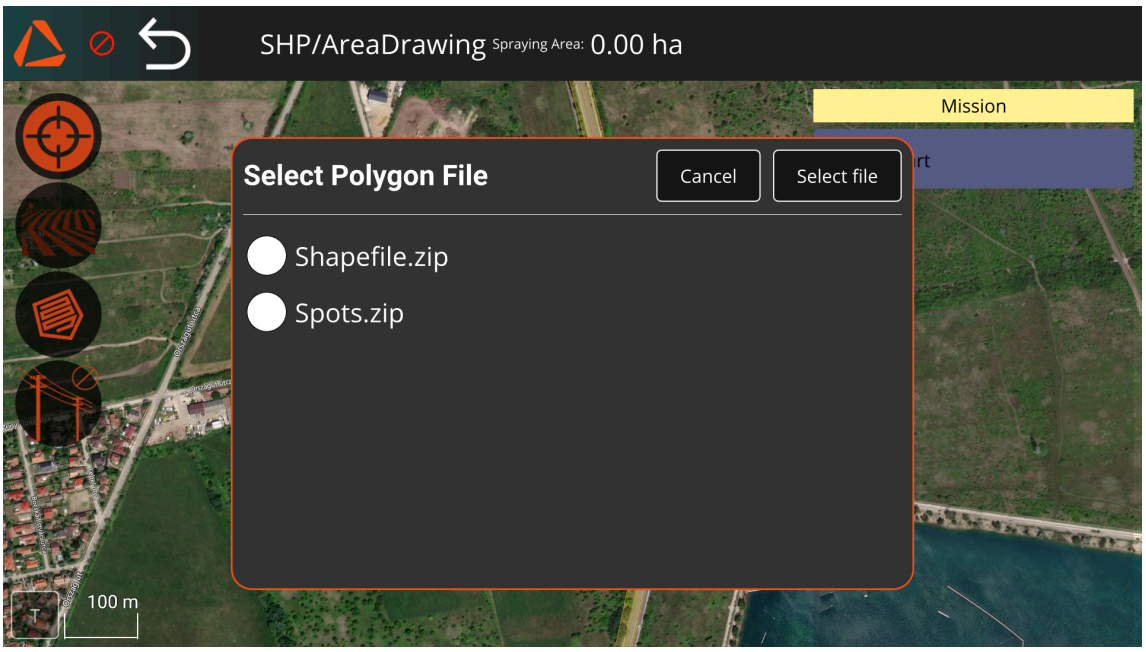
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Open the **Planning view** and, on the **Mission Planning Method page**, select the **SHP/Area drawing** option. In the pop-up window, set the Payload Type for the desired application method.

Click on the **Shapefile button**  . In the pop-up window, under the **SHP for Mission** option, click on the **Polygon(s)** button.



In a popup window, you will see the corresponding files previously imported to the controller. Mark the needed file and click on **Select file**.



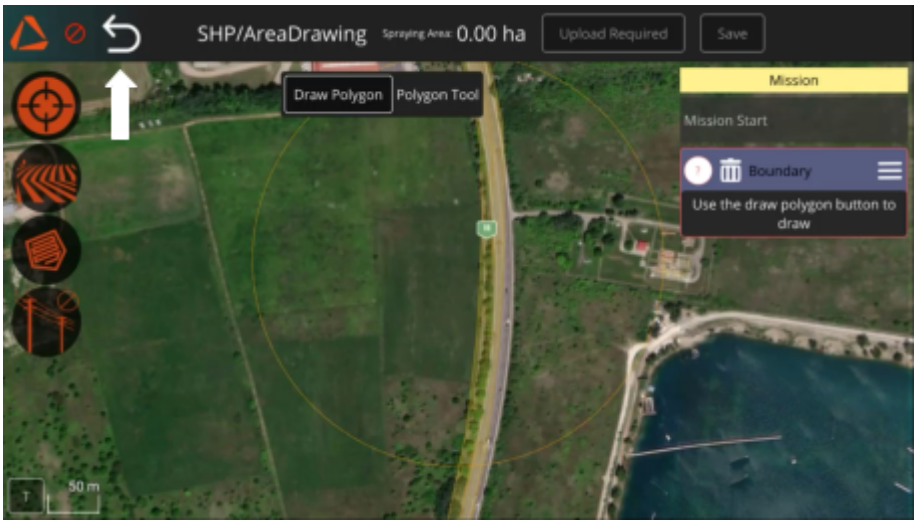
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The polygon appears on the screen. If needed, you can adjust its edges by tapping and dragging the pins on the map.

To specify the spraying settings for Area shapefiles, follow the instructions on page 73.

When you have finished editing, you can save the mission by clicking the **Save** button on the right side of the top menu bar. To upload the planned route to the drone, click the **Upload Required** or **Upload** button at the top-right corner of the screen.

To start the mission, navigate to the **Fly view** by clicking on the **ABZ Innovation logo**.If you leave the planning page by clicking on the back button, your plan will be cleared from the editor and from the drone. If you have saved your plan, the file remains on the controller and you can open it from the **Load mission** menu.



To start a mission, in the **Fly view** tap on the **'Start Mission'** button after manually flying the drone to a safe altitude. The spraying will begin automatically. For more information on how to fly a mission, see page 75.

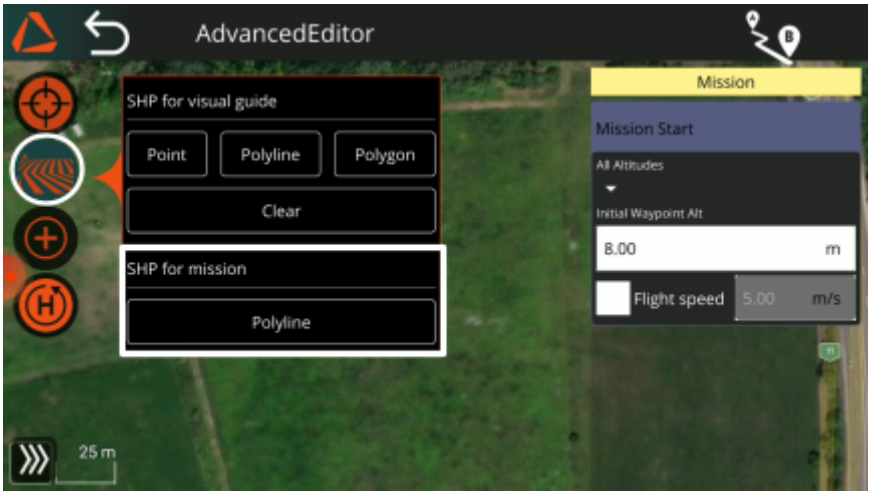
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Planning a mission by loading a Polyline (lineshape) file

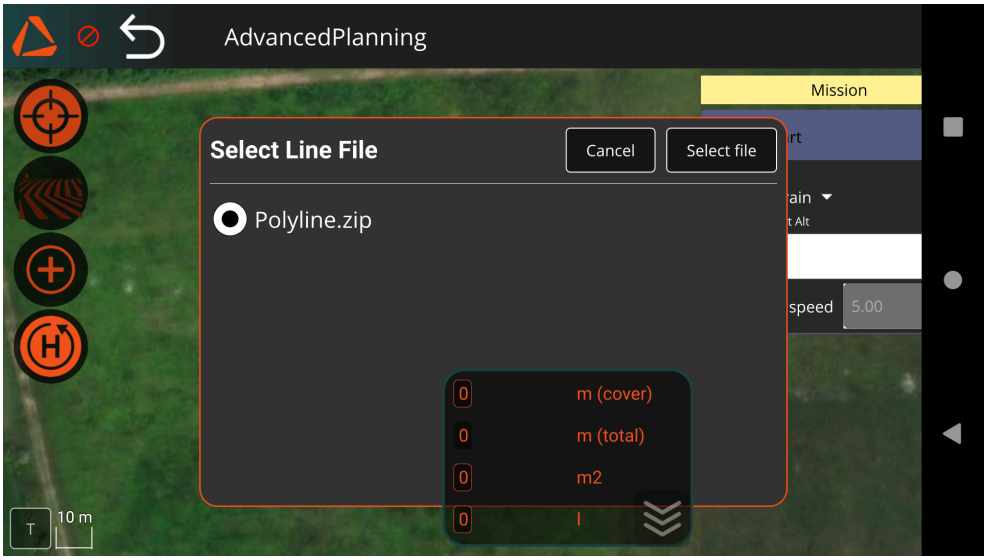
The files must be imported to the ABZ Control (Settings > SHP). For further instructions, see Importing shape files on page 80.

To Load a Polyline mission in ABZ Control, you need to open the Advanced Planning from the Mission Planning Method Page. In the pop-up window, set the Payload Type for the desired application method.

1. On the right side, click the **SHP button** and, under the **'SHP for Mission'** section, click the **Polyline button**.

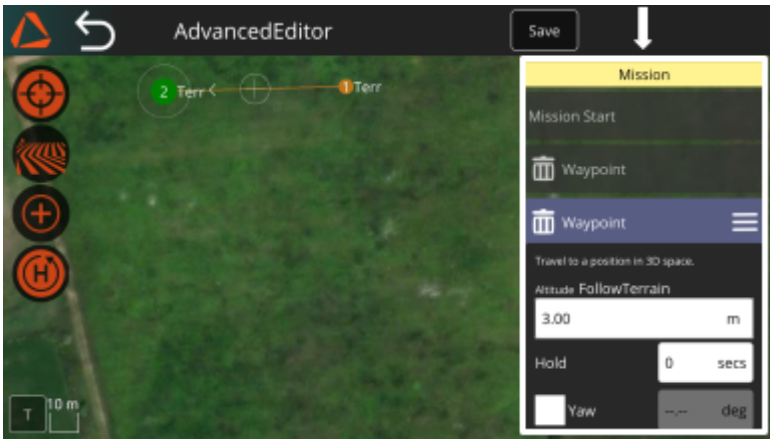


2. In the pop-up window choose the file you want to open and click on **Select file**.

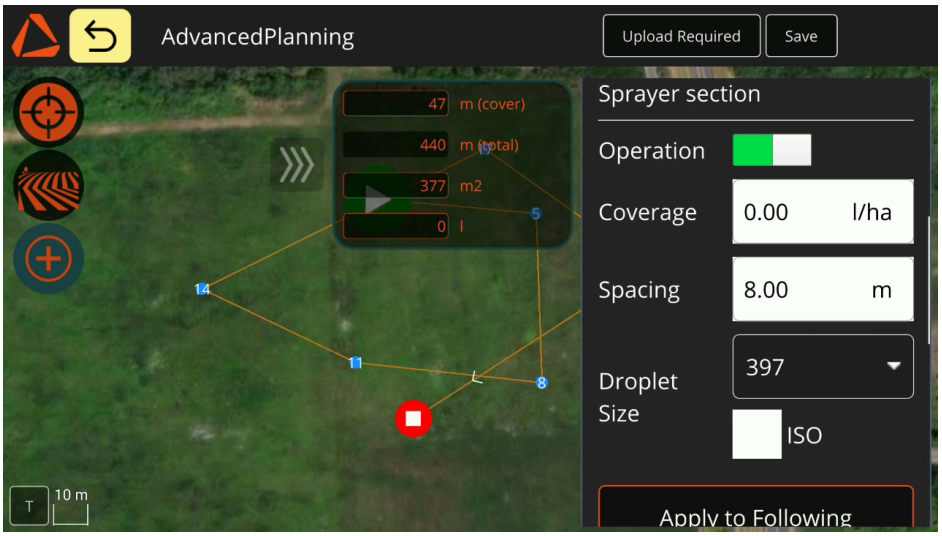


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3. The editor shows the routes and waypoints on the map. The mission panel on the right side also shows the waypoints of the mission. In the mission panel, set the parameters for each waypoint. To delete a waypoint, click the bin icon.



4. If you open the Sprayer section and toggle the Operation option, you can select and adjust the setting for the current payload of the drone. To use the Spraying settings for all subsequent waypoints, click the 'Apply to following' option.



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5. You can turn the sprayer on or off at each waypoint. If the sprayer is activated, you can define different application values: the application rate in liters per hectare, the working width, and the droplet size, which can also be specified according to ISO standards.

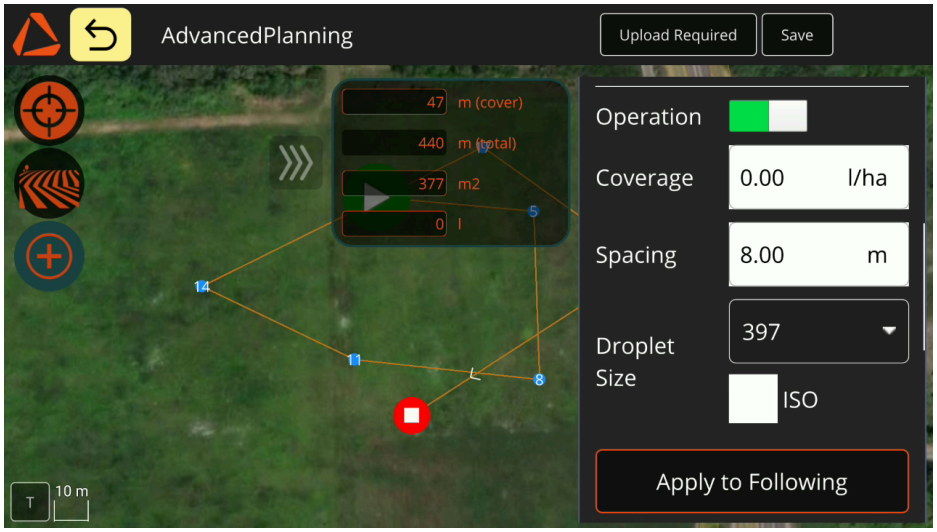
6. In the **Statistics Window**, after entering the spraying parameters, you will see the calculated details of your mission:

    a. The route with spraying activated

    b. The entire route

    c. The area to be sprayed

    d. The amount of spraying liquid required



7. When you have finished editing, you can save the mission by clicking the **Save** button on the right side of the top menu bar. To upload the planned route to the drone, click the **Upload Required** or **Upload** button at the top-right corner of the screen.
8. To start the mission, navigate to the **Fly view** by clicking on the ABZ Innovation logo. In the Operation window, tap on the **'Start Mission'** button after manually flying the drone to a safe altitude. The spraying will begin automatically. For further information regarding starting a mission, see page 74.
9. If you leave the planning page by clicking on the back button, your plan will be cleared from the editor and from the drone. If you have saved your plan, the file remains on the controller and you can open it from the Load mission menu.

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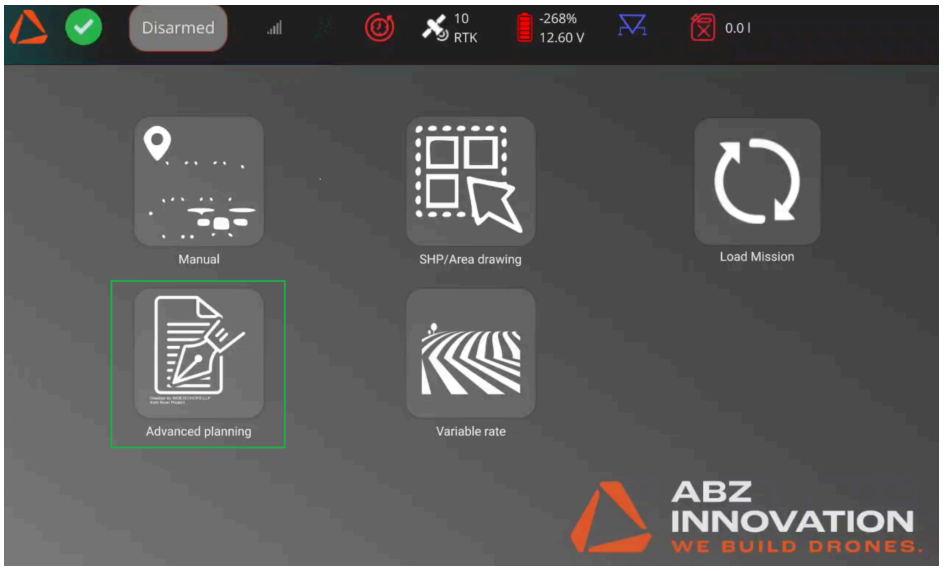
Waypoint based Flight Planning

Advanced Planning

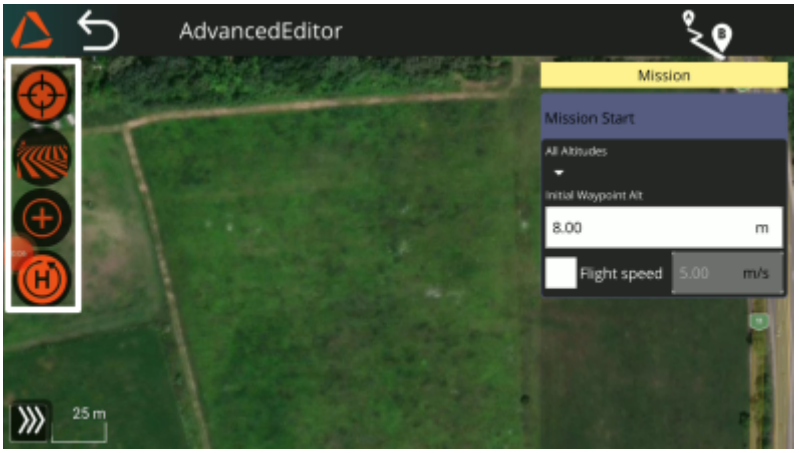
The **Advanced Planning** is a mission planning interface designed for creating complex tasks—such as differential applications or spot treatments—by providing full control over the drone's flight paths. Unlike Manual Planning or Area Drawing, where boundaries must be set, this feature gives you complete control over the drone's flight routes.

Within a single waypoint mission, you can assign different deployment parameters to various waypoints, such as the drone's speed, altitude, and working width. These capabilities enable the drone to perform tasks with precision as needed.

To enter the **Advanced Planning**, navigate to the Mission Planning Method Page and select Advanced Planning. In the pop-up window, set the Payload Type for the desired application method.



On the left side of the planning page, you will find four buttons:

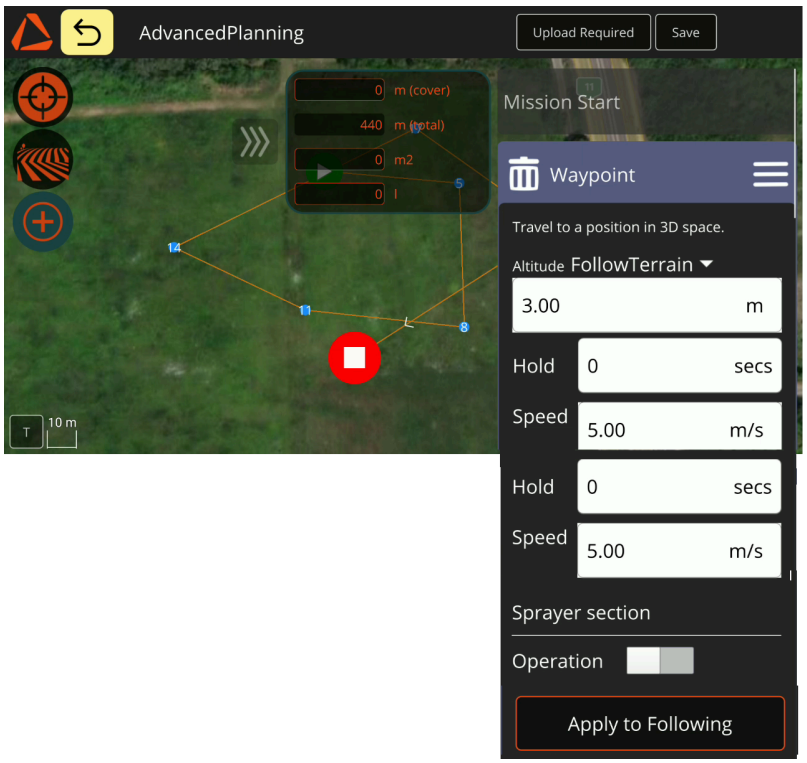


Center: places the mission, the drone's position, or the remote controller's position in the center of the screen with a single click.

SHP: you can add visual guides to the map to help you with the accurate placement of the waypoints. It offers several options: Point, Polyline (Lineshape file), or Polygon. For further information regarding Using shapefiles as visual guides, see page 87. You can also open a Polyline shape to configure it as a Waypoint mission (for instructions, see page 91).

Waypoint: You can set specific waypoints by tapping on the remote controller's screen to create the drone's route.

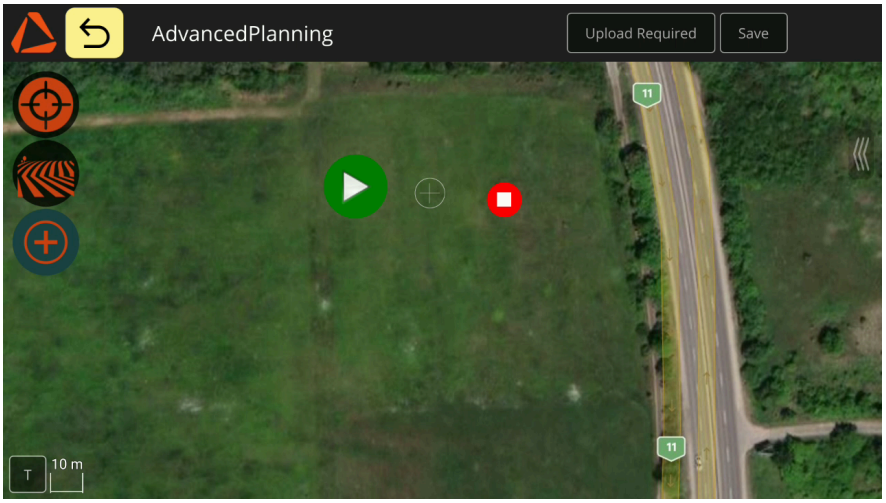
After creating the first waypoint, configure the waypoint parameters on the right side of the planning page. By default, all subsequent waypoints use the flight parameters set for the first waypoint. You can also configure the flight and spraying parameters for each waypoint individually. To apply the spraying settings configured for a waypoint to all subsequent waypoints, click **"Apply to Following"**.



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Waypoint mission planning process

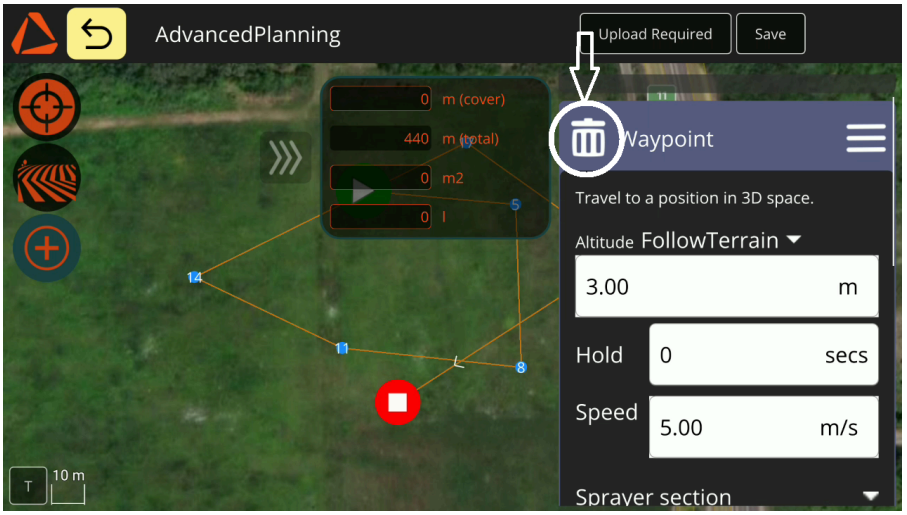
1. Add the waypoints by tapping on the screen. You can grab and move the points to reposition them.



2. After creating the first waypoint, configure the waypoint parameters on the right side of the planning page. By default, all subsequent waypoints use the flight parameters set for the first waypoint.

3. To avoid inaccuracies in planning caused by the inevitable limitations of online maps, use shapefiles to ensure the precise placement of the waypoints. For further instructions, see page 87.

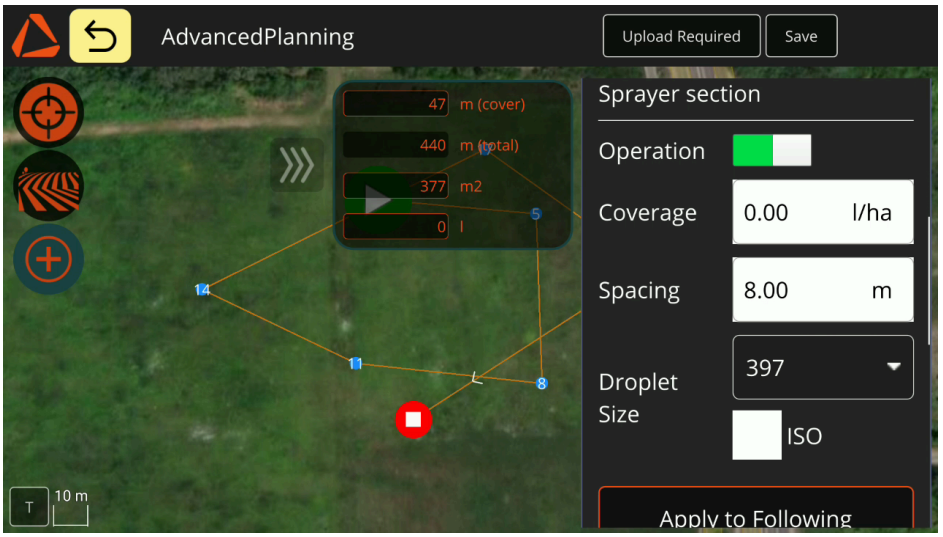
4. You can delete a waypoint by clicking on the bin icon in the Mission Panel.



5. In the mission panel, you can adjust the flight parameters, including altitude and speed, individually for each waypoint.

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6. If you open the **Sprayer section** and toggle the Operation option, you can select and adjust the setting for the current payload of the drone. To use the Spraying settings for all subsequent waypoints, click the 'Apply to following' option.



7. You can turn the sprayer on or off at each waypoint. If the sprayer is activated, you can define different application values: the application rate in liters per hectare, the working width, and the droplet size, which can also be specified according to ISO standards.

8. In the Statistics Window, after entering the spraying parameters, you will see the calculated details of your Mission:

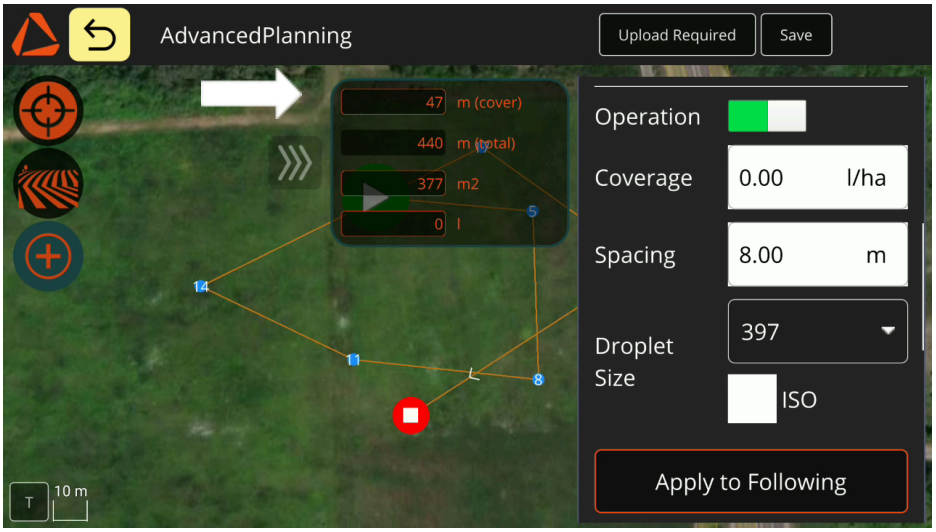
    a. Route with spraying activated

    b. Entire flight route

    c. Area to be sprayed

    d. Required spraying liquid

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9. When you have finished editing, you can save the mission by clicking the **Save** button on the right side of the top menu bar. To upload the planned route to the drone, click the **Upload Required** or **Upload** button at the top-right corner of the screen.
10. To start the mission, navigate to the **Fly view** by clicking on the ABZ Innovation logo. In the Operation window, tap on the **'Start Mission'** button after manually flying the drone to a safe altitude. The spraying will begin automatically. For further information regarding starting a mission, see page 74.
11. If you leave the planning page by clicking on the back button, your plan will be cleared from the editor and from the drone. If you have saved your plan, the file remains on the controller and you can open it from the Load mission menu.

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Usage Examples

Vineyard spraying

In the advanced planning, you can create mission plans that align precisely over the vine rows for efficient and economical spraying.

1. Import the shape file of your vineyard generated by a monitoring drone or with the help of the Emlid RS base (see page 115) to the ABZ Control. (For further instructions see page 79).

2. Select the SHP icon on the left side of the screen, then choose either Point, Polyline (for line shapefiles), or Polygon (for area shapefiles), depending on the geometry of your shapefiles. Use the Clear button to remove the file from the planning page. The Points/Polyline/Polygone appears on the screen.

3. Use the Points/Polyline/Polygone of your SHP file as a guide to help you place the waypoints over the vine rows on your RC. It is possible to use more/different kinds of shapefiles simultaneously. You can grab and move the points to reposition them. For more information on Using shapefiles as visual guides, see page 87.

4. You can delete a waypoint by clicking on the bin icon in the Mission Panel.

5. In the mission panel, you can adjust the flight parameters, including altitude and speed, individually for each waypoint.

6. Click on the waypoint where you would like to begin spraying. Open the **Sprayer section**. Toggle the Operation option. In this window, you must define the application values: the application rate (in liters per hectare), the working width, and the droplet size, which can also be specified according to ISO standards. If you activate the “Apply to following” option, all subsequent waypoints will inherit these settings.

7. When you have finished editing, you can save the mission by clicking the **Save** button on the right side of the top menu bar. To upload the planned route to the drone, click the **Upload Required** or **Upload** button at the top-right corner of the screen.

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8. To start the mission, navigate to the **Fly view** by clicking on the ABZ Innovation logo. In the Operation window, tap on the **'Start Mission'** button after manually flying the drone to a safe altitude. The spraying will begin automatically. For further information regarding starting a mission, see page 74.

9. If you leave the planning page by clicking on the back button, your plan will be cleared from the editor and from the drone. If you have saved your plan, the file remains on the controller and you can open it from the Load mission menu.

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Spot spraying

In advanced planning, you can create mission plans for spot spraying missions.

1. Import the shape file of your field to the ABZ Control. (For further instructions see page 79).

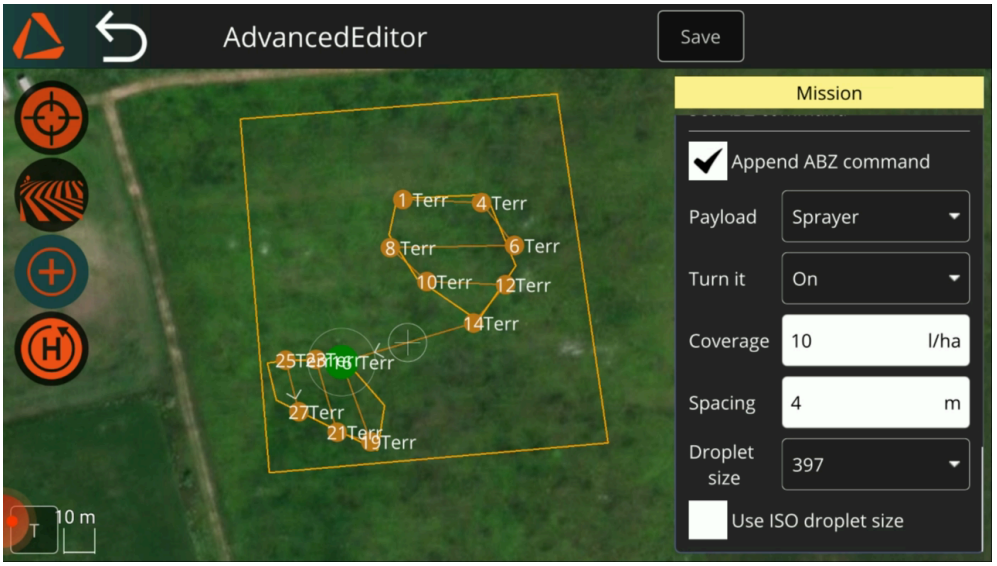
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3. Use the Points/Polyline/Polygone of your SHP file as a guide to help you place the waypoints over the spot you would like to treat. It is possible to use more/different kinds of shapefiles simultaneously. You can grab and move the points to reposition them. (For further instructions, see page 91).

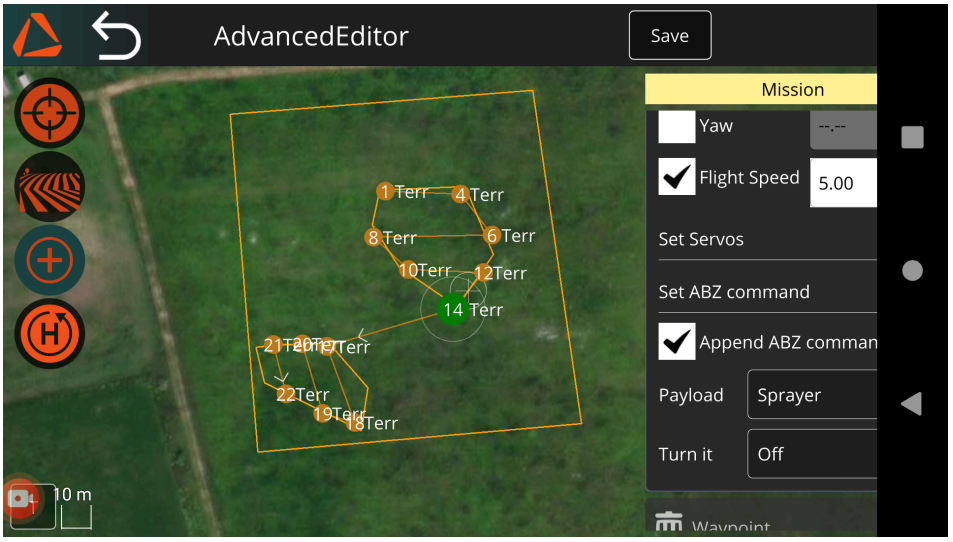
4. In the mission panel, you can adjust the flight parameters, including altitude and speed, individually for each waypoint.

5. Click on the waypoint where the drone enters the first spot and begins the spraying. Open the **Sprayer section**. Toggle the Operation option. In this window, you must define the application values: the application rate (in liters per hectare), the working width, and the droplet size, which can also be specified according to ISO standards. Activate the “Apply to following” option, so all subsequent waypoints inherit these settings.

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6. Click on the last waypoint of the spot and turn off the sprayer.



7. Repeat the two steps above for the additional spots.

8. When you have finished editing, you can save the mission by clicking the **Save** button on the right side of the top menu bar. To upload the planned route to the drone, click the **Upload Required** or **Upload** button at the top-right corner of the screen.

9. To start the mission, navigate to the **Fly view** by clicking on the ABZ Innovation logo. In the Operation window, tap on the **'Start Mission'** button after manually

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flying the drone to a safe altitude. The spraying will begin automatically. For further information regarding starting a mission, see page 74.

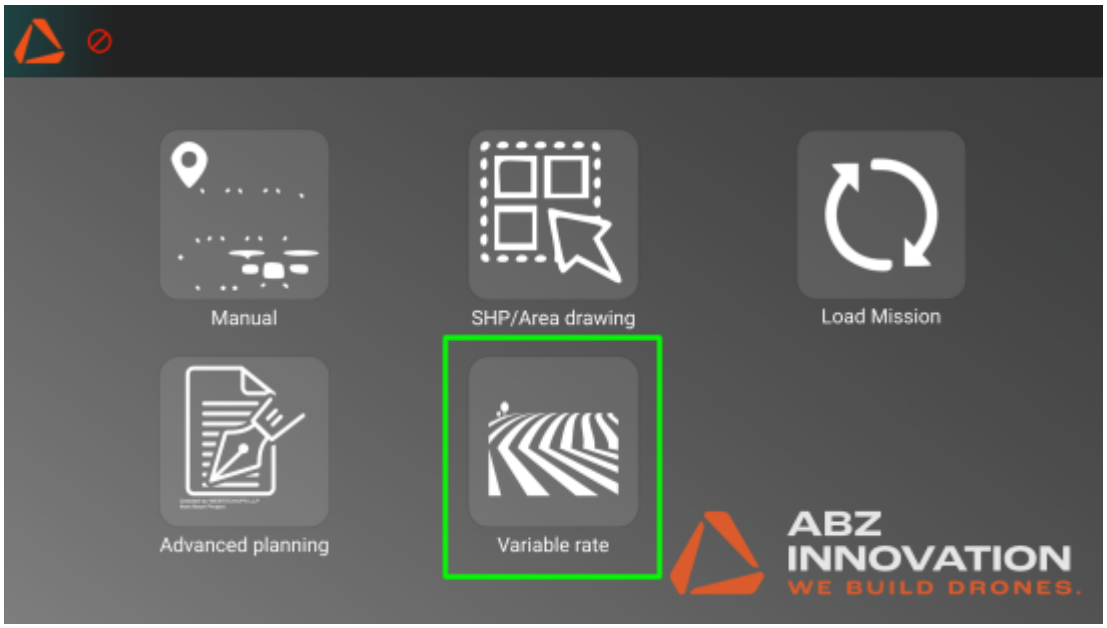
10. If you leave the planning page by clicking on the back button, your plan will be cleared from the editor and from the drone. If you have saved your plan, the file remains on the controller and you can open it from the Load mission menu.

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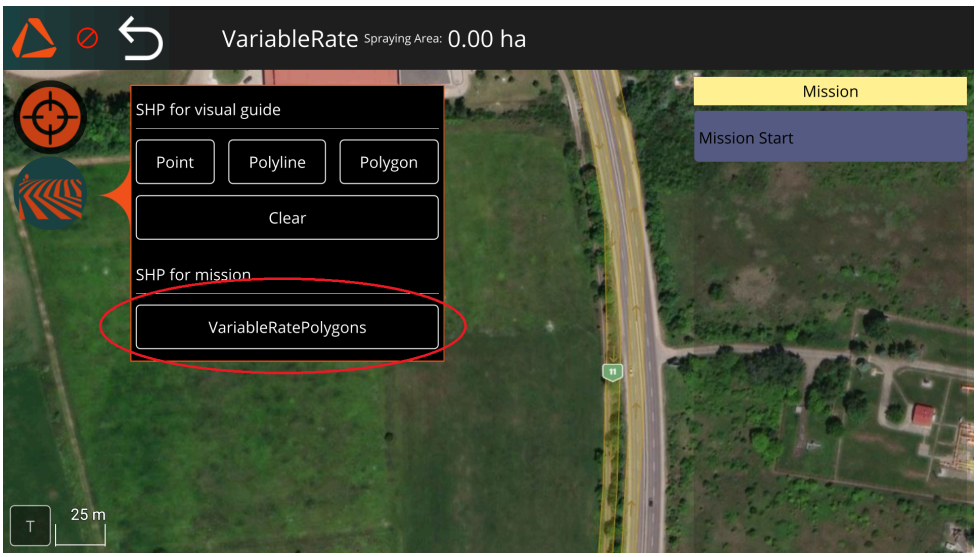
Planning a Variable rate application mission

To fly a variable rate mission, first make the variable rate map (Shapefile) in the Pix4Dfields software. Import the folder into the ABZ Control application. For further instructions, see page 81.

After importing the shape file, open the **Planning view.** On the **Mission Planning Method** page, select the **Variable rate** option. In the pop-up window, set the Payload Type for the desired application method.

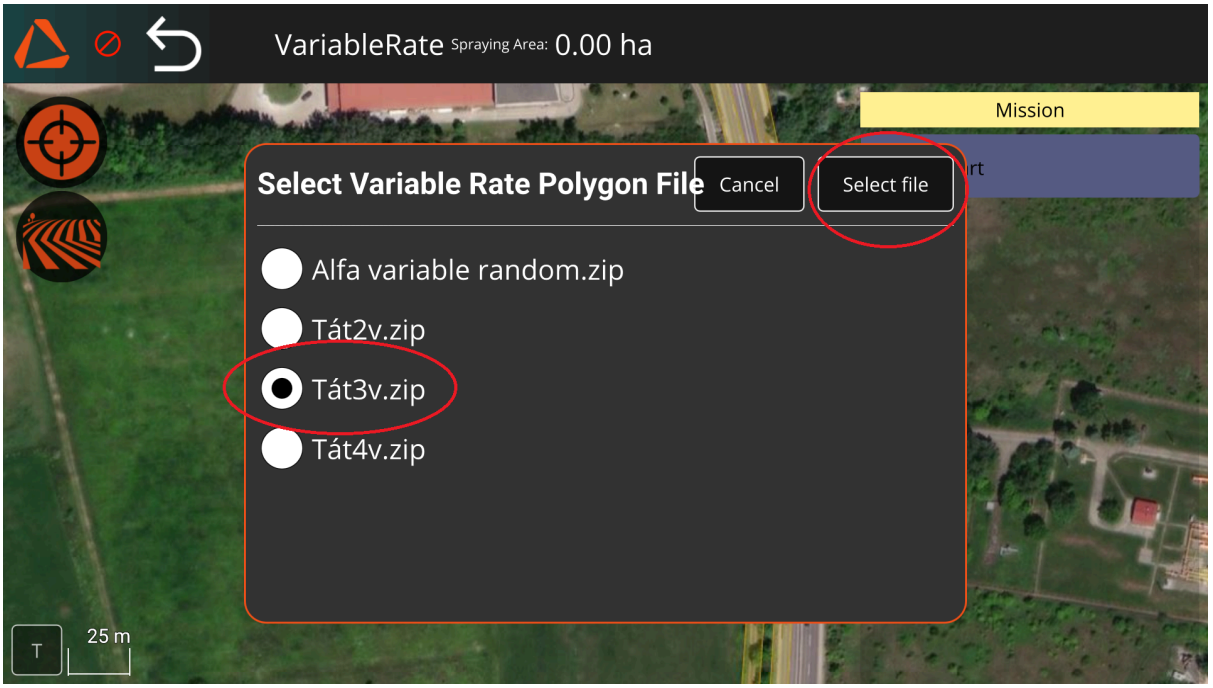


Click on the **Shapefile button**  . In the pop-up window, under the **SHP for Mission** option, click on the **Variable Rate Polygon(s)** button.



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In a popup window, you will see the corresponding files previously imported to the controller. Mark the needed file and click on **Select file**.



In the Mission panel, you can specify the operational and spraying settings for your differential application. In the Flight Section

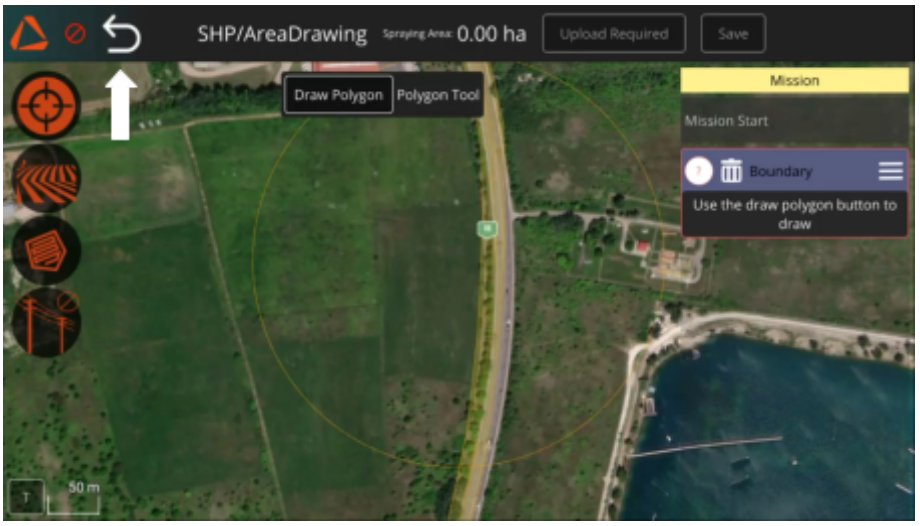
The mission map will now be displayed with distinct colored zones representing different application rates. In the Mission panel, you can specify the Flight, operational and spraying settings for your differential application. Under Color to rate (l/ha), the system displays the dosage values assigned to each color (e.g., Green: 10.00 l/ha, Red: 40.00 l/ha). Review these values to ensure they match your agronomic plan. You can manually adjust the flow rate for each zone directly in this panel if necessary before starting the mission.

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To start the mission, navigate to the **Fly View** by clicking on the **ABZ Innovation logo**. If you leave the planning page by clicking on the back button, your plan will be cleared from the editor and from the drone. If you have saved your plan, the file remains on the controller and you can open it from the **Load mission** menu.

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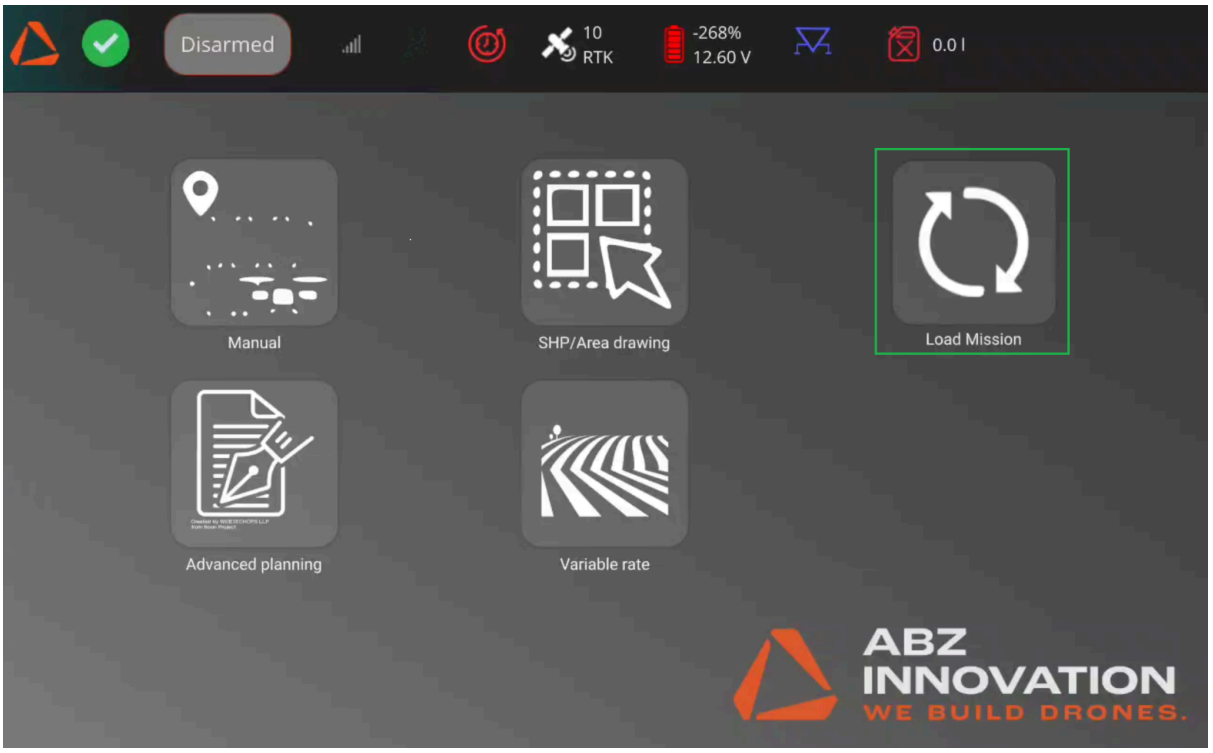


To start a mission, in the **Fly View** tap on the **'Start Mission'** button after manually flying the drone to a safe altitude. The spraying will begin automatically. For more information on how to fly a mission, see page 73.

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Loading a previously saved mission

If you have saved a mission plan using Manual, Drawing, or Advanced Planning, you can open it by clicking Load Mission on the Mission Planning Method page. These saved plans are stored on the remote controller and not on the drone.



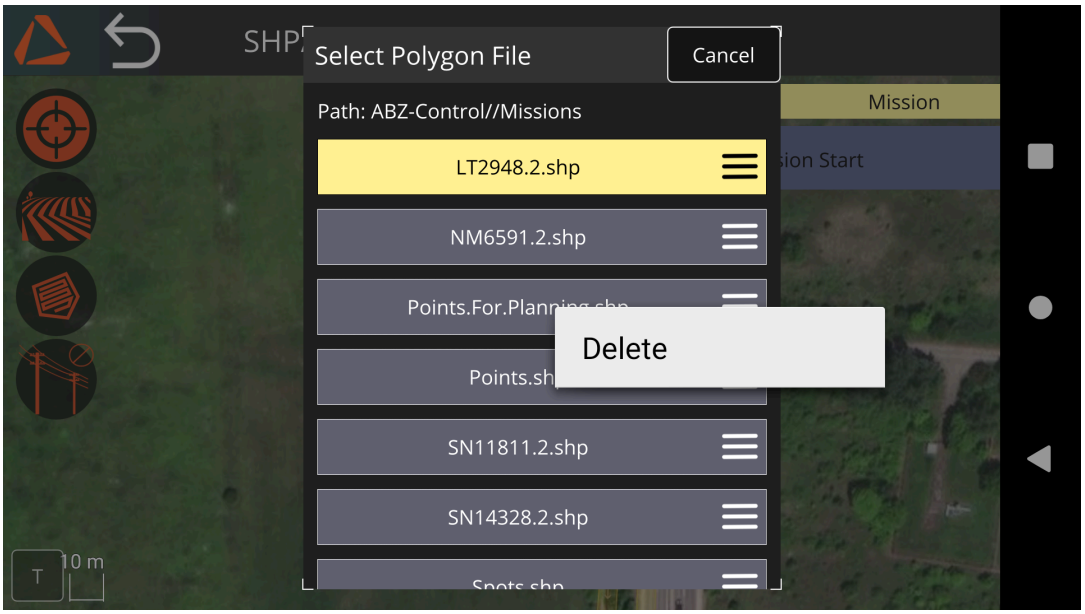
After selecting a mission, you can adjust the spraying settings in the Mission Panel, if needed (see page 73). When you have finished editing, you can save the mission by clicking the Save button on the right side of the top menu bar. To upload the planned route to the drone, click the Upload Required or Upload button at the top-right corner of the screen.

To start the mission, navigate to the Fly view by clicking on the ABZ Innovation logo. If you leave the planning page by clicking on the back button, your plan will be cleared from the editor and from the drone. If you have saved your plan, the file remains on the controller and you can open it from the Load mission menu.

To start a mission, in the **Fly view** tap on the **'Start Mission'** button after manually flying the drone to a safe altitude. The spraying will begin automatically.

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You can delete a mission by clicking on the hamburger menu next to the name of the Mission and choosing delete:



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Flight

Before flight, check **Failsafe settings** and adjust them according to the actual flight task and surroundings.

When flying manually, use Manual (GPS-assisted) mode instead of AltHold whenever possible. In case of unexpected operation, switch to Manual (Loiter) mode (pushing the A button) and release the sticks to stop the drone.

Set the display brightness in accordance with the lighting conditions. Every data on the display should be readable even in direct sunlight. Turn off unnecessary nearby Wi-Fi and radio equipment to minimize interference.

If all the necessary conditions for the flight are ensured, you can then enter the Fly view to start the flight, switching to "Armed" mode.

In this software version manual take-off is required and manual landing is recommended.

After arming the drone, wait about 4 seconds for the motors to reach full speed before take-off. After manual take-off, start the automatic flight by sliding the Start mission - Slide to confirm button. Every flight must be carried out fully in accordance with all Checklists (page 128).

If any values must be adjusted in **Fly view > Options**, even during the mission, these values can be applied. By default, the fields are greyed out. Check in the Editable box to turn on the editing option.

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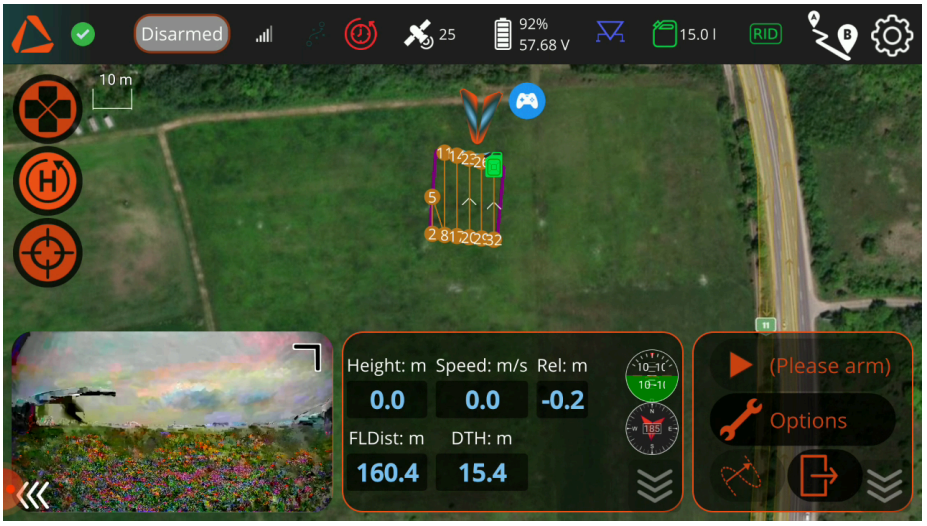
Setting an accurate value for the Tank capacity is mandatory after any change in the amount of liquid in the tank (refill or replacement of the tank) to ensure smart tank refill route calculation and for the correct execution of the Tank is empty action defined under Settings>Safety.

After initiating the mission, a pop-up window appears to check all mission settings beforehand.



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On the mission route, a green petrol tank icon will inform you about the calculated tank emptying point.



The automatic flight, and every other flight mode can be interrupted at any time by changing the flight mode, e.g. by pressing **Button R1** (Manual (Loiter) mode - the drone will hover in position) or **Button R2** (RTL – Return to launch) mode, the drone will fly back to the take-off position, so that settings can be modified, or the battery can be replaced.

After an interruption of automatic flight, the drone will offer you the Continue Mission option. By sliding the slider, the automatic route will continue from the point of interruption.

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Irregular operational conditions

In case of any abnormal behavior of the drone during automatic flight, immediate switching to Manual (A button) or if enabled AltHold (C button) mode is required by the pilot to take full manual control and to ensure the safe flight and landing of the drone.

Please operate the drone smoothly when flying at low altitudes and fly above 3m.

If any flight system errors occur during the flight, the controller shows a pop-up message with information about abnormalities. If any of these happen, the pilot must take back manual control, switch back to **Manual** (Loiter) flight mode, and safely land the drone.

In emergency situations, the pilot must operate the drone manually in the safest available manner, specifically taking care of personal and property security. The pilot must fly the drone away from potential risks, applying careful, slow stick inputs and flight speeds, find a safe area, and land the drone with a slow descent rate.

If the motors are blocked, their movement is obstructed, or the rotor is locked, the LEDs on the drone's arms begin to flush. If you experience this failure signal, immediately contact an official ABZ Innovation distributor's service center.

In case of a „Potential thrust loss" message, the pilot must land the drone as soon as possible, operating it with slow and smooth motion.

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Loss of navigation systems

If the GPS system fails during flight, the "GPS glitch" pop-up message will be shown on the screen, and the pilot must land the drone.



If a total failure of the navigation system occurs, the drone automatically does a controlled descent and landing. In land mode, the pilot can only give forward, rearward (pitch), left, and right (roll) stick inputs to make sure that the landing is safe.

Brake mode

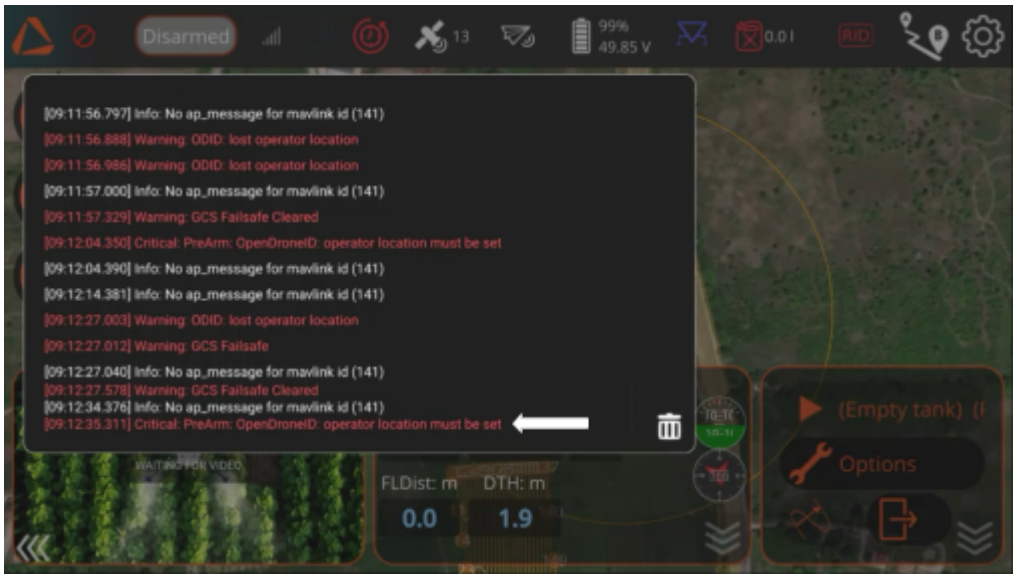
When you fly in **Altitude Hold** mode with the **Geocage** enabled, in rare scenarios, the drone can cross the boundary of the **Geocage**. **This activates a safety protocol that switches the drone to Brake mode, and the drone stops at the boundary of the Geocage.**

In **Brake mode**, the drone does not respond to control stick inputs, and you cannot activate the **Return to Launch** mode. To exit **Brake mode**, the pilot must switch to **Manual (Button A)** mode to get full control.

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Error in Remote Identification System

The drone continuously monitors the Remote ID functionality from takeoff to shutdown and provides a notification of any malfunction or failure in the top bar of the ABZ Control application. If the Remote ID system detects an error during flight, the RID icon will turn red, and the drone will provide an error message stating that the Open Drone ID has encountered a problem (e.g., not receiving a location message).



If the Remote ID system experiences an error during operation, the unmanned aircraft is no longer broadcasting the message elements of the standard Remote ID. The pilot must, in accordance with 14 CFR Part 89 (Minimum Performance Requirements for Standard Remote Identification of Unmanned Aircraft)[5], land the unmanned aircraft as soon as practicable.

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Declaring an Emergency

In the Remote ID interface, the pilot can click on the **Declare Emergency** button. To declare an emergency, you need to **press and hold the button for 3 seconds.** This function may be employed in situations such as loss of control, potential threats to persons or property, or in other emergency scenarios, at the pilot's discretion.



When an emergency is declared, the drone will broadcast the emergency status. To clear the emergency, press and hold the same button (which now displays the text **'Clear Emergency') for 3 seconds.**



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Accessories

Payloads

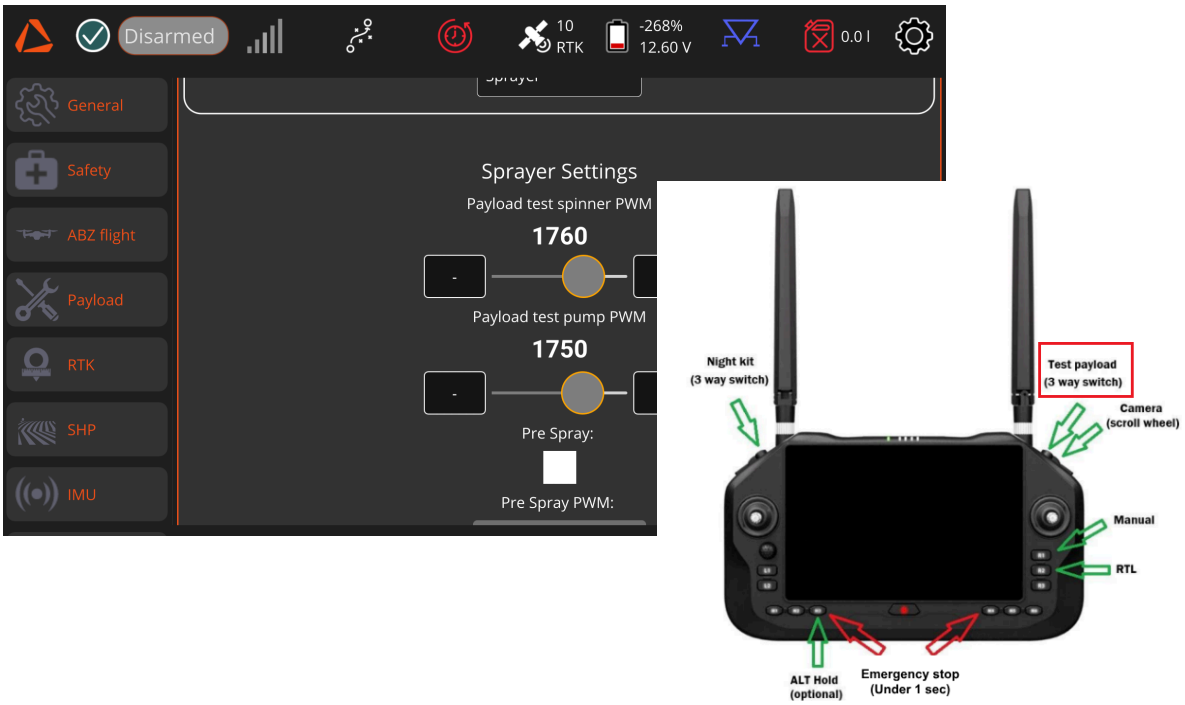
ABZ Innovation does not limit the type of payloads to be used with the L50. Any properly and safely mounted and operated payloads are allowed to attach to, and use with the drone.

The operator is solely liable for using only properly secured, correctly connected payloads and accessories, which are approved and compatible for drone use.

It is the pilot's responsibility not to exceed the maximum combined accessories and batteries and payload weight, which is 68,7 kg (151,5 lbs), thereby not to exceed the MTOM with the fully equipped drone, which is 108 kg (238,1 lbs).

The payloads significantly affect the drone's center of mass, especially, when heavy payload is mounted. It is highly recommended to install the payloads as close as possible to the drone's center.

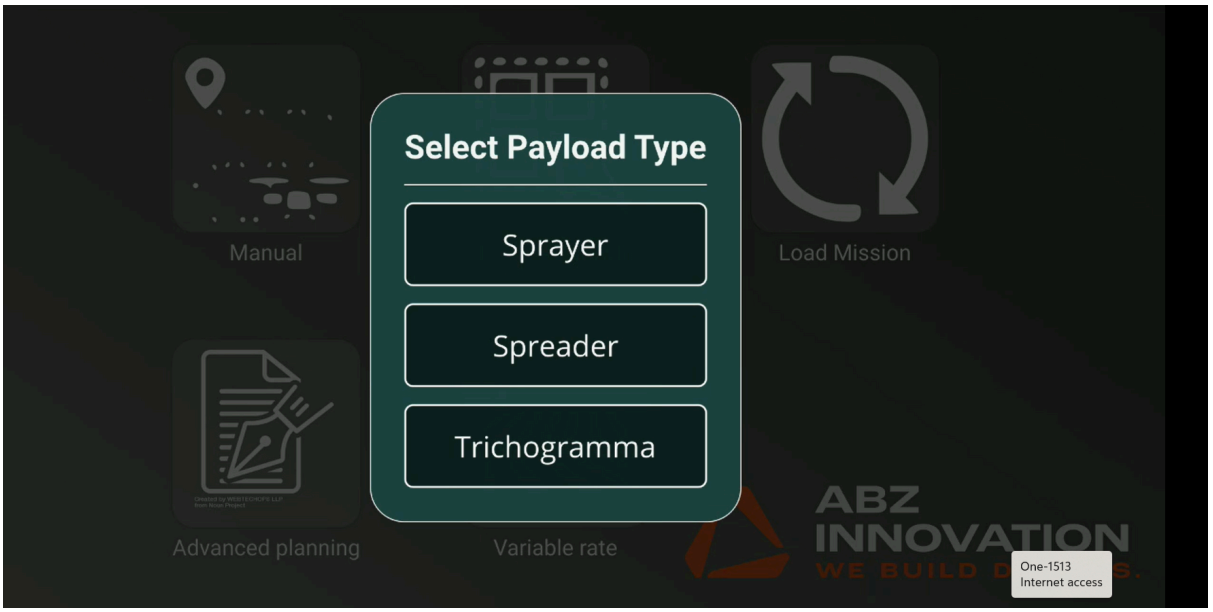
If you have purchased different types of ABZ Innovation payloads (e.g., spreader or Trichogramma) and your drone is equipped with the necessary connectors, you can switch between them in the **Settings > Payloads** menu. The Payload Test switch will activate the selected payload using the test values defined in this menu.



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Weight and balance, and equipment list

When planning an automatic mission for a specific payload, ensure the payload type is set correctly before planning.



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Emlid RTK

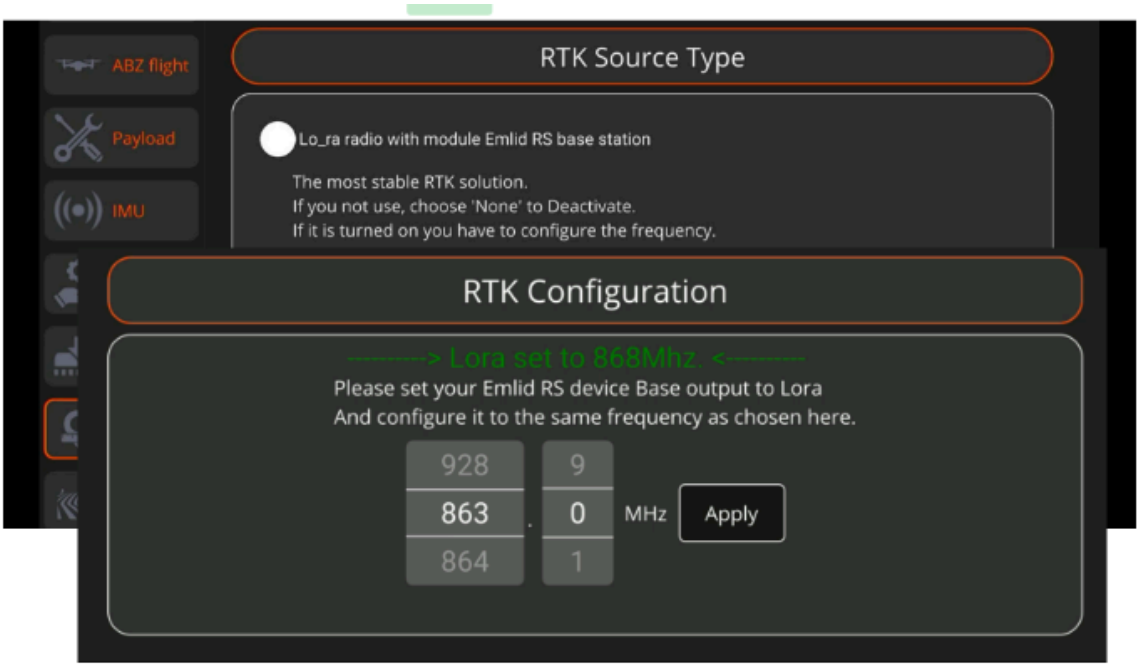
The L50 drone comes with the Emlid LoRa system[6]**, which can be connected with Emlid RS+ or RS2+ RS3+ base stations for RTK positioning at centimeter precision.

An RTK base station is a high-precision GNSS (Global Navigation Satellite System) device used to provide real-time kinematic (RTK) corrections for enhanced positional accuracy. It works by receiving satellite signals and transmitting correction data to the drone.

Setting up the RS2+ or RS3 base is documented at Emlid's support pages:

- Introduction | Reach RS3
- Introduction | Reach RS2/RS2+

- If you connect to the RS2+ or RS3 base with **LoRa****, make sure it is configured to **Output: LoRa**, and that the frequency entered in the **Setting > RTK > Lora radio module Emlid RS base station** matches the Base output value specified in the Emlid flow app.



[6] **The LoRa connection to the Emlid base station is only applicable for serial numbers ending in numbers below 00030.**

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- If you connect to the RS2+ or RS3 base with **Local NTRIP**, set the base output to **Local NTRIP.**
    1. Connect the controller to the hotspot of the base station with the credentials given in the Emlid Flow application.
       During operation, keep the Remote Controller in close proximity to the Emlid base station (within 10 meters).
    2. In ABZ Control, in **Settings > RTK > Network RTK**, enter the NTRIP credentials that are given in the Emlid Flow application.
- If you connect to the **RS2+ or RS3** through the Emlid Caster, set the Base Output to **NTRIP.** Connect the Remote Controller to the internet with a hotspot, and enter the Credential from **Emlid Caster** in **Settings > RTK >Network RTK.**
  For more information about the Emlid Caster, refer to **emlid.com/ntrip-caster/**.

When the system is set up and working correctly, on the drone's controller the GPS Status shows the following based on the accuracy:

- GPS Lock – RTK float
- GPS Lock – RTK fixed

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Batteries and chargers

Battery:

Only use batteries purchased directly from ABZ Innovation distributors! This ensures safe operations, full compatibility, appropriate data connection to the drone. Using 3rd party batteries void the drone's warranty.

General informations about the battery:

- 64,8V nominal voltage
- min. 40000 mAh capacity
- 25C discharge value
- 14 Cells
- Integrated Smart battery management system with automatic storage mode
- To charge the battery in storage mode, turn it on with one short press and then one long press of the power button.

Charger:

Only use the original ABZ Smart Charger 6000! This ensures safe charge, full compatibility, appropriate data connection to the batteries. Using 3rd party chargers void the batteries' warranty.

- Power output: max. 60A/3000W
- Power Input: 16A/110-230V
- Capable of multiple charges at the same time
- Slow, Normal, Fast charge speed options
- Storage mode option
- On the field use two chargers, simultaneously charging one battery each.

For continuous drone operation, use a set of four batteries. You can charge two batteries simultaneously while operating the drone with the remaining two (one active and one standby).

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Maintenance and Continued Airworthiness

Troubleshooting

If any malfunction is experienced, contact an ABZ Innovation service center for further instructions. No repair attempts are allowed by the pilot or operator.

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Replacement parts

Only original replacement parts are qualified, directly from ABZ Innovation.

There are no life-limited parts of the drone, however propellers and motors must be inspected frequently and in case of abnormalities, replacement is needed.

Other than replacing the propellers and the battery, every repair or replacement should be carried out only at an official ABZ Innovation distributor's service center by a trained and qualified technician. Never repair any parts of the drone while it is powered on.

List of spare parts and part numbers:

Battery: A001504.01

Propeller CW: M001231.01

Propeller CCW: M001232.01

Replacing the propellers

Tools for replacement:

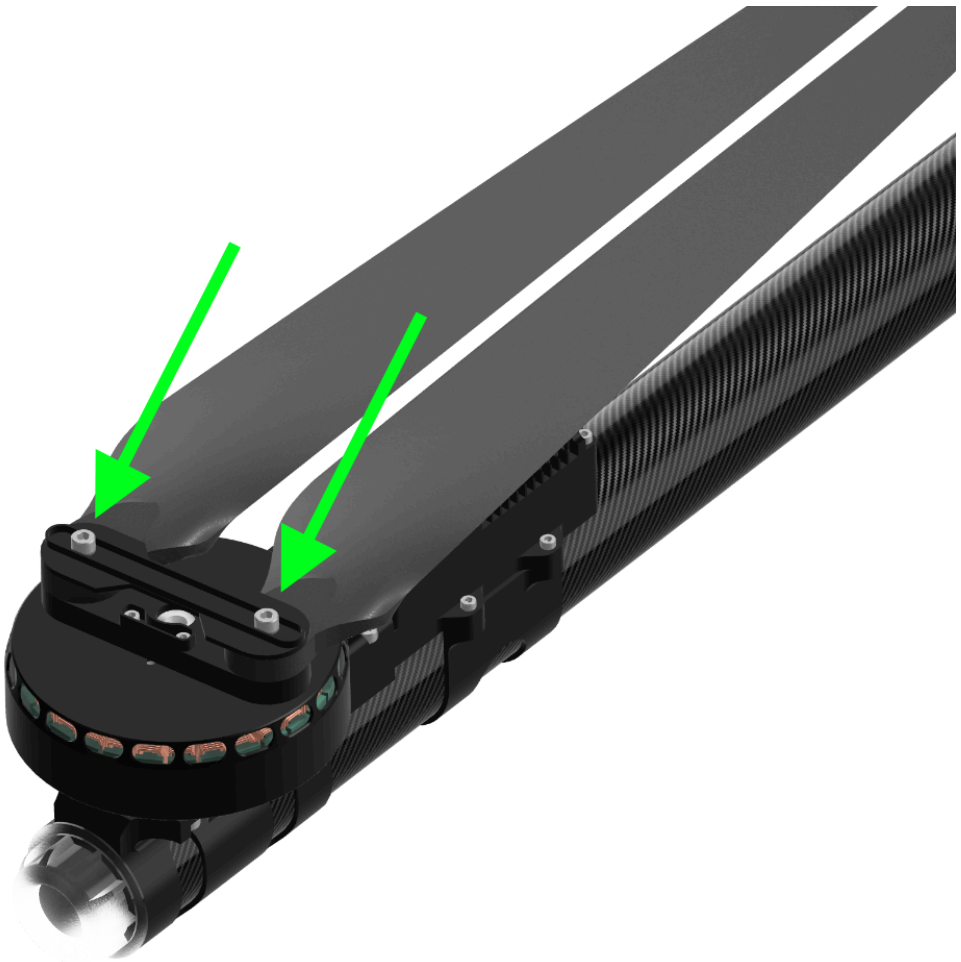
- HEX 5 key
- Threadlocking fluid (e.g. Loctite 243)
- Original ABZ Innovation L50 propellers

Carefully check the motor and propeller rotational direction. On the motors it is indicated with arrows, on the propellers „CW" or „CCW" are indicated.

Unscrew the two 5mm HEX screws, disassemble the fixing cap of the propellers, remove the propeller's upper washers, remove the propellers and install new propellers, reinstall the upper washer and fixing cap. Clean the 5mm HEX screws from threadlocking residues and apply new threadlocking material (according to the

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manufacturer's instruction). Tighten the screws until the propellers have zero axial and radial play, but still easy to fold and unfold them.



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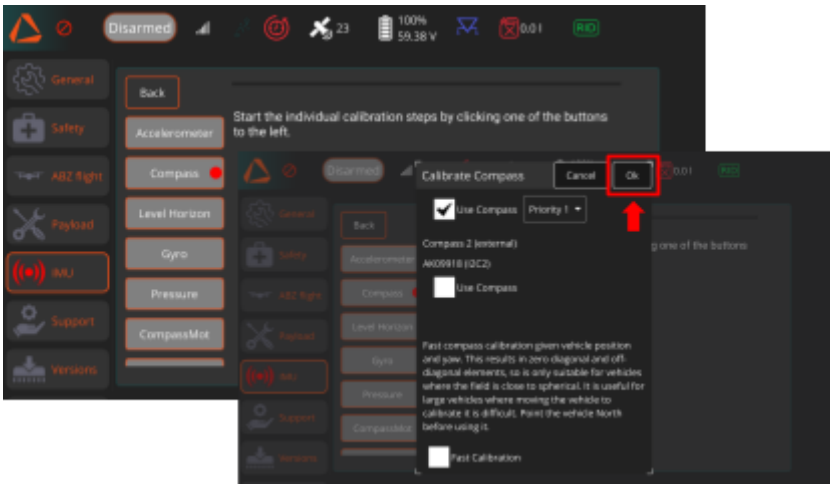
Obtain disposal information directly from local ABZ Innovation Distributors or Resellers. Always follow local regulations regarding disposal and recycling. If a part has ended life cycle or faulty/broken, it must be ensured not to be allowed to use again, which can be carried out by an ABZ Innovation Distributor or Reseller

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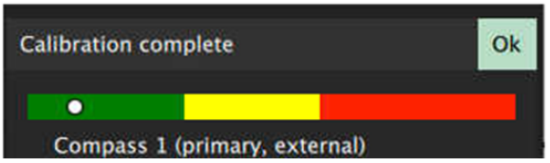
Compass calibration

Compass calibration can be performed under **Settings > IMU > Compass.**



The calibration should only be performed if requested by the software or instructed by the Support Center. Do NOT use Fast calibration!

- The drone must be turned on, in „Disarmed” state.
- Remove any metal (e.g. keys, coins) and electronic object from your pockets.
- The calibration sequence is initiated by pressing the "OK" button.
- Hold and Rotate the drone by hand 360° around all axes, and in both rotational directions
- Until the status bar is complete (usually a 1-2 minute operation).
- The result of the calibration is shown by the calibration quality feedback:



  - Green: good quality calibration -> Only green means successful calibration!
  - Yellow: medium quality calibration, consider recalibrating
  - Red: not acceptable; please recalibrate

After the calibration is complete, do NOT press the Restart button on the interface. Instead, click OK. Wait for the green progress bar to finish loading, then restart the drone by powering it off and on using the battery button (short press followed by a long press).

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Flight Protocol

Before flight, tasks and inspections

- Drone battery status (The state of the drone battery should be monitored before the flight using the charging indicator LEDs on the battery. We recommend starting the flight with a minimum of 80% battery charge).
- Visual inspection of the propellers, paying special attention to possible mechanical damage and whether the propellers are properly fastened.
- General inspection: cables, connections, video connection, payload, etc. Payload condition, arms, base structure condition, and whether the bolts are properly tight.
- Determine the flight location.
- The task to be performed is properly analyzed.
- Permits applied for and obtained.
- Tools and accessories needed for the work are prepared.
- The pilot is fit and ready to work.
- Before take-off, tasks and inspections
- Weather conditions are suitable for the task:no lightning, appropriate temperature, visibility, rain, wind speed, etc.
- General visual inspection and condition assessment of the drone.
- Whether the drone is placed on level ground, away from metal surfaces.
- All batteries charged and checked: radio station, drone, video equipment, and accessories.
- The state of the drone battery should be monitored before the flight using the charging indicator LEDs on the battery. We recommend starting the flight with a minimum of 80% battery charge.
- The drone and all its accessories are in clean condition.
- The landing gear and any accessories are securely fastened.
- Unfold the drone’s arms and tighten the fasteners,
- Unfold the propellers symmetrically
- The propellers are clean, undamaged, properly fastened, and positioned.
- The remote controller is switched on and correctly set. The remote controller must ALWAYS be switched on before the drone battery is connected.
- Check the radio, telemetry, and video antennas.
- NEVER leave batteries connected for prolonged periods.
- Before arming the drone, leave enough free space, stand at least 10 m (35 ft) away from it.

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- Perform compass calibration if necessary.
- Check the video signal on the display.
- Check that the devices installed are working properly.
- Make sure that liquid level is correct (for the spray tank)
- Make sure that the task you have chosen is the one you want to carry out, is planned, and properly analyzed.
- Whether the take-off zone is sufficiently cleared.
- Arm the drone and take off.

After take-off, tasks

- Stabilize and hold the drone at a height of at least 3 m/9.8 ft.
- Test the left and right rotation functions, forward/reverse movements, right, left tilting.
- Check that the drone is stable and that there are no abnormal vibrations.
- Check the voltage of the battery.
- Start the mission with the drone

During mission, tasks

- Regularly check the voltage and charge level of your batteries.
- Check the flight altitude and the maximum allowed distance.
- During the flight, the pilot must monitor the battery voltage, which should always be above 57 V, even when flying with the Maximum Take-off Mass (MTOM).
- When the battery voltage level drops under 57 V, start returning and landing the drone.
  If, during the return, the battery voltage reaches the critical threshold 54 V, the drone will automatically initiate landing. For further information, see Battery Failsafe.
- Switch off the engines after landing (disarm function)
- End of mission.

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After landing, tasks and inspections

- Switch off professional equipment if necessary.
- Switch off the drone by unplugging the battery from the connector.
- Switch off the remote controller.
- Clean the drone thoroughly (batteries, tools, camera, etc.).
- Disassemble, clean, check, and store all professional equipment properly.
- In the flight log, record the flight and any significant events. Accurate completion of this document is mandatory to monitor the operation and lifetime of the drone, and to facilitate properly scheduled servicing (every 300 flight hours).
- Record the nominal voltage remaining in the batteries used. After returning from the field, remove the batteries from the storage box and store them in a cool and well-ventilated place.
- DO NOT STORE batteries overcharged or fully discharged for extended periods of time.

Checklists

Before first take-off

- General structural, mechanical inspection
- Inspection of propellers one by one, even if there is only minor damage, takeoff is prohibited.
- Tightness of the drone arms' fasteners
- Propellers in an unfolded state
- Switch on the remote controller, and launch the ABZ Control app.
- When ABZ Control is waiting for the connection, turn on the drone by turning on the battery with a short and then a long push.
- If you are operating the drone in a country where the remote identification of drones is mandatory, verify in an appropriate application that the Dronetag DRI is correctly broadcasting your Remote ID (see on page 12).

Before every take-off

- Drone battery charge level. The state of the drone battery should be monitored before the flight using the charging indicator LEDs on the battery. We recommend starting the flight with a minimum of 80% battery charge.
- Remote controller battery charge level

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- When ABZ Control is waiting for the connection, turn on the drone by turning on the battery with a short and then a long push.
- Check the connection between the remote controller and the drone.
- Verifying Telemetry live data (e.g. LiDAR, power consumption) (in case of failure, ABZ Control must be restarted).
- Whether the drone is in Manual (Loiter) mode (if not, press button R1 to switch).
- You are at a safe distance (at least 10 m / 35 ft) from the drone.
- Switch to "Armed" mode by pushing the left control stick to the down-right position, until
- „Armed” is shown on the display, then releases the stick.
- After arming the drone, wait about 4 seconds for the motors to reach full speed before take-off.
- Take off to a safe height (at least 3 m/9.85 ft).

After take-off

- Compass adjustment by a single 360° rotation around the vertical axis of the drone
- Check the stability and motion of the drone.
- Check the battery status and voltage frequently during flight.
- If the drone or remote controller battery is low, land the drone in a safe place.
- During the flight, the pilot must monitor the battery voltage, which should always be above 57 V, even when flying with the Maximum Take-off Mass (MTOM).
- When the battery voltage level drops under 57 V, start returning and landing the drone.
  If, during the return, the battery voltage reaches the critical threshold 54 V, the drone will automatically initiate landing. For further information, see Battery Failsafe.
- Land the drone carefully and at a safe descent speed.

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After landing

- Switch to „Disarmed” mode by pushing the left control stick to the down position, until “Disarmed” is shown on the display and the motors are completely stopped.
- At the end of the flight, first switch off the drone and then the remote controller.

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