# RotorHazard S32\_BPill Case Build Instructions

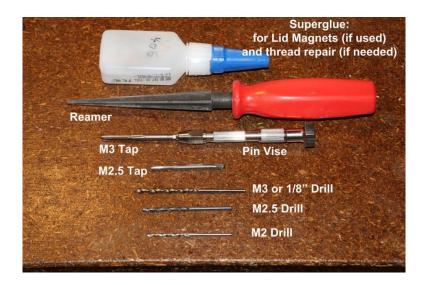
### 1) Hardware Needed:

- a) 4 M3 X 8mm Flat Head Phillips (for mounting the top/lid)
  - https://www.fastener-express.com/m3-x-5-x-8mm-flat-phil-machine-screw-stainless-qty50.aspx
- b) 4 M3 X 6mm Pan Head Phillips (for mounting the main PCB)
  - https://www.fastener-express.com/m3-x-5-x-6mm-pan-phil-machine-screws-stainless-qty-50.aspx
- c) 4 M2.5 X 5mm Pan Head Phillips (for mounting the Raspberry Pi)
  - $\underline{https://www.fastener-express.com/m2-5-x-45-x-5mm-pan-phil-machine-screws-stainless-qty-50.aspx}$
- d) 2 M2.5 X 8mm Button Head (for mounting the XT60 bulkhead connector if you didn't order them with screws) <a href="https://www.amazon.com/uxcell-M2-5x8mm-Thread-Button-Socket/dp/B01B10D6MW">https://www.amazon.com/uxcell-M2-5x8mm-Thread-Button-Socket/dp/B01B10D6MW</a>
- e) 8 M3 X 16mm Pan Head Phillips (optional, for mounting fans)
  - https://www.fastener-express.com/m3-x-5-x-16mm-pan-phil-machine-screws-stainless-qty-50.aspx
- f) 8 M3 Nuts (optional, for mounting fans)
  - https://www.fastener-express.com/m3-x-5mm-hex-nuts-stainless-qty-50.aspx
- g) 3/16" diameter X 1/32" and 3/16" diameter X 1/8" magnets (optional, if using case top magnetic mounting method)

https://www.kjmagnetics.com/proddetail.asp?prod=D301-N52 https://www.kjmagnetics.com/proddetail.asp?prod=D32-N52

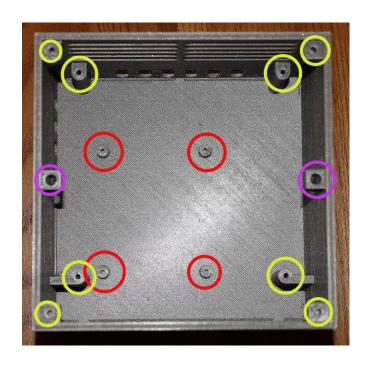


### 2) Tools Needed:



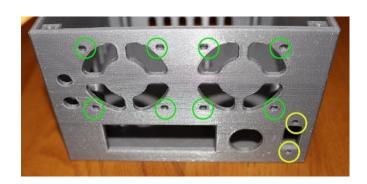
The taps will not be needed if using self-tapping screws. (Tapping the mounting holes for the main PCB, top/lid, and Raspberry Pi and using machine screws will help with reusability but can be difficult to do if you are not used to tapping plastic. It is recommended that holes where self-tapping screws are to be used be drilled out with the tap-drill size anyway in order to reduce chances of the plastic cracking.)

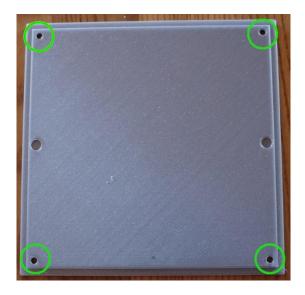
- 3) Carefully remove any support material from openings, being especially careful with the supports for the horizontal vent holes on the front (antenna-side) of the case.
- 4) The printing process will tend to make small holes slightly smaller. They have been designed at nominal dimension so that they can be reamed out with a drill to an accurate diameter. It is suggested to use a pin vise or other manual drill. Powered drills are NOT recommended. The holes and their final dimensions are as follows:
  - a) Raspberry Pi mounting holes: 2.0mm (for tapping to M2.5) RED
  - b) Main PCB mounting holes and case body corner holes: 2.5mm (for tapping to M3 X 0.5) YELLOW
  - c) XT60 bulkhead mount holes: 2.5mm (to clear M2.5 screws) YELLOW
  - d) Case top/lid corner holes and fan mounting holes: 3mm or 1/8" (to clear M3 screws) GREEN



RED holes use a 2.0mm drill, YELLOW holes use a 2.5mm drill, GREEN holes use a 3.0mm or 1/8" drill, and PURPLE holes need to be a slip fit for magnets.

Here are photos of the back of the case body and the underside of the top with more holes marked to be drilled:





(The two insets in the middle of the left and right edges on the underside of the top are for gluing magnets.)

# 5) The three other round holes in the rear of the case are for the Status LED, Raspberry Pi Shutdown Pushbutton, and Main Power On/Off.

The larger one is nominally 16mm diameter for the power switch and may need some cleanup with a round file or reamer. The other two may also need enlarging with a reamer, depending on exactly what components are used. See the image below for components used in a typical installation:



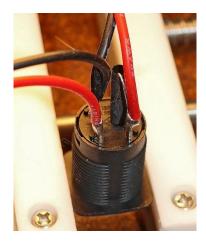
Here are some links to those components:

- a) XT-60 bulkhead connector with screws
  - https://www.amazon.com/XT60E-M-Mountable-Connector-Models-Multicopter/dp/B07YJMCDC3
- b) XT-30 connectors (pairs)
  - https://www.amazon.com/Finware-Upgrade-Female-Connectors-Battery/dp/B074S7NH3H
- c) Latching switch with LED
  - https://www.adafruit.com/product/916 or (nicer) https://www.adafruit.com/product/916
- d) SPST momentary pushbutton
  - https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B075LDGHHS/ref=ppx yo dt b search asin image?ie=UTF8&psc=1
- e) LED holder
  - https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B07D9JL55L/ref=ppx yo dt b search asin image?ie=UTF8&psc=1
- f) Pre-crimped wires
  - https://www.pololu.com/product/1800
- g) 2-Pin connector shells
  - https://www.pololu.com/product/1901
- h) 40mm fans, plain bearing, US seller
- https://www.ebay.com/itm/4-Pcs-5V-12V-24V-40mm-Cooling-Computer-Fan-4010-40x40x10mm-DC-3D-Printer-2-Pin/112462283342
- i) 40mm fans, higher quality, ball bearing
  - https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B07KRST21P/ref=ppx yo dt b search asin title?ie=UTF8&psc=1

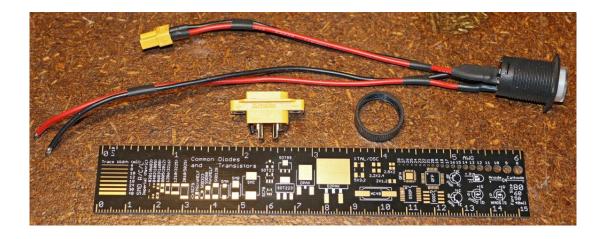
# 6) The three wire harnesses to be made up are for the <u>Main Power Switch</u>, the <u>Status LED</u>, and the <u>Shutdown</u> Pushbutton:

a) The *Main Power Switch* harness is comprised of a SPST latching switch with LED, a 330 ohm – 1K ohm resistor for the switch LED, an XT-30 connector, and an XT-60 bulkhead-mount connector. The exact value of the resistor, or whether it is needed at all, will depend on whether the switch used has a built-in resistor, the desired brightness, and the range of supply voltages to be used. A 1K resistor is the safest option as it should provide reasonable LED brightness with a 3S (12V) supply even if there is a built-in resistor and yet will not allow excess current even with a 6S (24V) supply. Wire used can be anything larger than about AWG 30 since currents are usually less than 1A.

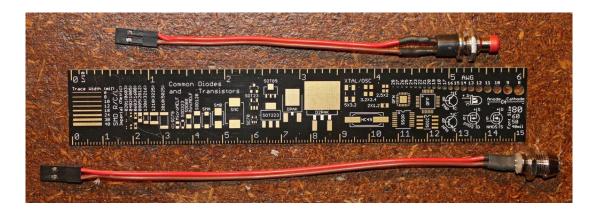
The terminal for the negative end of the LED forms a convenient attachment point for the negative supply wires. The LED resistor can be mounted to the switch itself. The resistor connects between the LED positive and the switched power terminal. Wires for incoming power from the bulkhead-mount XT-60 should be about 7" long to allow for soldering that connector AFTER the switch has been mounted to the case. Wires for the switched power which go to the XT-30 connector should be about 5" long to facilitate connecting power to the main PCB. Here is a sample detail of how to wire a typical power switch:



In the photo above the internal switch LED is connected to the upper two terminals while the lower terminals are the SPST switch itself. Wires going out to the left are 7" long and connect to incoming power. Wires going out the top are 5" long for switched power going to an XT-30 connector. Following is a photo of the harness ready for installation in the case. Note that because the XT-60 connector does not fit through either the switch opening in the case nor the switch collar, its wires cannot be soldered until the switch harness is installed in the case.



- b) The **Status LED** is to be used as a replacement for the LED on the main PCB, where a 2-pin header will be installed instead of the LED. A series current-limiting resistor already exists on the PCB so the LED harness comprises only an LED in a holder, wires, and a connector. You can crimp terminals for the connector onto your own wires or use pre-terminated wires cut from readily-available low-cost jumper wire sets. A wire length of 6 inches works well.
- c) The *Shutdown Pushbutton* is used to provide a means to shut down the Raspberry Pi gracefully and minimize chances of corrupting its file system. This harness has a SPST momentary pushbutton, wires, and a connector. A standard 2-pin connector allows the pushbutton to connect to the GND and GPIO18 pins of the Raspberry Pi through the J10 header on the main PCB. A wire length of 4 inches works well. Following is a photo of sample LED and Pushbutton harnesses:



#### d) Harnesses Installed

Here are some views of the finished harness installation:





#### 7) Fans:

Fans are optional but if used can provide a more constant temperature for the receiver modules in a variety of environmental conditions. They can be mounted with the previously shown hardware and either one or both can be installed. The labels on the fans should face the case so that cooling air is drawn into the case through the front slots. There are provisions for 2 headers on the main PCB to supply +5V to each of the fans. Proper polarity should be observed when connecting. The easiest wiring will be to have the fan wires exit from the right upper corner of the fans with excess wire length folded into a bundle and tied off with a ty-wrap:

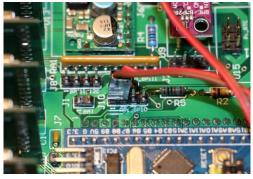




## 8) Photos of Harnesses connected to PCB

The first of these photos shows an overall view from above, the second is a detail of the SPST pushbutton connected to J10, and the third is a detail of the fans and LED connections.







### 9) Optional Top/Lid Magnetic Mounting:

Provision has been made to install magnets in the middle of two sides of the case body and two more in the case top to allow for convenient temporary lid mounting when it is not necessary or desirable to use the mounting screws. Following is a method of installation that allows for self-alignment and provides the best holding power. (*Note*: It is important to first form the threads in the case body corner posts so that the corner screws can be used to hold the top in alignment while waiting for CA to cure during one of the following steps!):

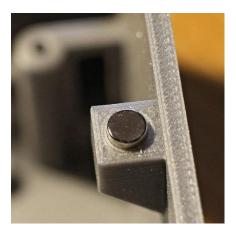
- a) Carefully clear out any support material that may be in the case lid magnet mounting depressions.
- b) Check the fit of the 1/32" thick magnets in those depressions. They should fit flat and approximately even with the bottom of the lid.
- c) Place a small drop of medium or thick CA in each depression, place a magnet in each, and press down so that the magnet is flat and even all around. **Thoroughly** wipe off any excess CA.
- d) Allow the CA to thoroughly cure, probably an hour or more. Here is what an installed magnet should look like:



- e) Test fit the longer magnets in the holes in the square posts in the middle of the case sides at the top. They should fit loosely but not so loosely that uncured CA can leak by.
- f) Place the longer magnets on top of the ones that have been CA'd into the case top. They should hold tightly and self-center on each other:



- g) Place a drop or two of CA into each of the holes in the two blocks in the middle of the case sides. Try not to get any on the surface of the blocks. If you do, wipe it off.
- h) Carefully place the lid with all of the magnets on top of the case. The longer magnets should slide into the holes in the two blocks. Screw down the top using two (or more) of the flat-head screws to establish accurate alignment.
- i) Allow time for the CA in the square blocks to cure, fastening the longer magnets to the case. It may help to create a stronger bond if you invert the case so that any CA pushed down into the holes can settle back down on the magnet to help retain it in place.
- j) Remove the alignment screws installed in (h) and carefully remove the lid. If excess CA was used and it got between the magnet pairs or on top of the posts it may be a bit tricky to remove the lid, so be careful. The lid should now be capable of being reasonably secured using only the magnets. Here is a photo of one of the magnets installed in the case body:



If the magnets have been installed with all of the north poles facing up or all of the south poles facing up then the lid will be held in either of two orientations. If one side has the north poles facing up and the other side has the north poles facing down then the lid will be held in only one orientation.