

ADEPT-FC Checklist

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Validation

Flight Description:

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| <div>Flight date: MM-DD-YYYY</div> | <div>Flight number</div> |
| <div>Pilot present</div> | <div>X<div>Signature of pilot present</div></div> |
| <div>Engineer present</div> | <div>X<div>Signature of engineer present</div></div> |
| <div>Approved by</div> | <div>X<div>Signature of approver</div></div> |

Materials

| Check | Item | Quantity | Purpose/Description | Storage Location |
|-------|-------------------|----------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | ADEPT-FC Aircraft | X1 | Test aircraft | On mobile storage cart: Upper shelf |
| | Left Wing | X1 | Left wing of the Adept-FC aircraft | On mobile storage cart: Lower shelf |

| Check | Item | Quantity | Purpose/Description | Storage Location |
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| | Right Wing | X1 | Right wing of the Adept-FC aircraft | On mobile storage cart: Upper shelf |
| | Carbon Fiber Rod | X1 | Loading bearing rod used to attach wings | On mobile storage cart: Upper shelf |
| | Nose Gear | X1 | Nose gear of aircraft | On mobile storage cart: Upper shelf |
| | Wing Nut | X2 | Nut used to secure wings to body | On mobile storage cart: In plastic bag on upper shelf |
| | Washer | X2 | Washer used to spread load of wing nut(s) | On mobile storage cart: In plastic bag on upper shelf |
| | Nose screws | X2 | Screws that hold nose of aircraft during flight | On mobile storage cart: In plastic bag on upper shelf |
| | ADEPT-FC Aircraft | X1 | Test aircraft | On mobile storage cart: Upper shelf |
| | Lipo Battery Voltage Tester | X1 | Used to test the voltages of the Lipo batteries | In lipo pelican case in flammables cabinet |
| | Lipo Balance Charger | X2 | Used to charge lipo batteries | On workbench |
| | 7.4V Lipo | X5 | Powers all avionics systems | In lipo pelican case in flammables cabinet |
| | 18.5V Lipo | X4 | Powers all propulsors | In lipo pelican case in flammables cabinet |
| | 4-8 Power Cable Splitter | X1 | Splits 18.5V connectors to 8 outputs (1 per propulsor) | On mobile storage cart: Upper shelf |
| | General Tool Set | X1 | Used in assembly and repair process | Personal storage |
| | Wireless router | X1 | Creates wireless network used to interface with aircraft | On table near mobile storage cart |
| | Ethernet cable | X1 | Links aircraft to wireless network | In TX case |
| | TX | X1 | Sends radio commands to aircraft | In storage box on mobile storage cart |
| | Linux Laptop | X1 | Used to interface with aircraft via SSH | N/A |
| | Weather Station | X1 | Measures weather conditions at flight location | Under workbench |
| | Weather Station Pole | X1 | Holds weather station | Personal storage |

Assembly

- ☐ Remove *ADEPT-FC Aircraft* from mobile storage cart and place on ground.

- ☐ Remove both doors from *ADEPT-FC Aircraft*.
- ☐ Slide the *Carbon Fiber Rod* through the center hole of the wing root on the *ADEPT-FC Aircraft*. Avoid touching the cut-off faces of the tube as they can give carbon fiber splinters.
- ☐ With two hands distributing the load as evenly and widely as possible, lift the *Left Wing* and slide it onto the left side of the *Carbon Fiber Rod*. Pass through:
 - ☐ 4 propulsor power connectors
 - ☐ 4 propulsor PWM cables
 - ☐ 1 shielded Hall-Effect sensor servo cable
 - ☐ 1 left flap servo cable (blue tape, "LF")
 - ☐ 1 left aileron servo cable (yellow and red tape, "LA")
- ☐ Secure *Left Wing* to *ADEPT-FC Aircraft* with *Wing Nut* and *Washer*. Only finger tighten. Over tightening can damage wing root.
- ☐ With two hands distributing the load as evenly and widely as possible, lift the *Right Wing* and slide it onto the right side of the *Carbon Fiber Rod*. Pass through:
 - ☐ 4 propulsor power connectors
 - ☐ 4 propulsor PWM cables
 - ☐ 1 shielded Hall-Effect sensor servo cable
 - ☐ 1 right flap servo cable (green tape, "RF")
 - ☐ 1 right aileron servo cable (red tape, "RA")
- ☐ Secure *Right Wing* to *ADEPT-FC Aircraft* with *Wing Nut* and *Washer*. Only finger tighten. Over tightening can damage wing root.
- ☐ Attach all PWM cables from both wings (labeled 1-8) to their associated PWM ports. The ports are fixed just inside of the wing root and also labeled 1-8.
- ☐ Attach the "LA", "LF", "RA", and "RF" servo cables to the associated ports. The ports are color coded and labeled.
- ☐ Connect the *Left Wing* Hall effect sensor into the ADC riser port 1. The partially exposed face should face the right of the aircraft.
- ☐ Connect the *Right Wing* Hall effect sensor into the ADC riser port 0. The partially exposed face should face the right of the aircraft.
- ☐ Remove the nut from the ADC board riser grounding bolt.
- ☐ Attach both grounding rings from the *Left Wing* and *Right Wing* Hall effect sensors to the grounding bolt on the ADC board riser.
- ☐ Replace the nut to the ADC board riser grounding bolt.
- ☐ Inspect all batteries for any sign of external damage or swelling.
- ☐ Test battery voltages. Voltages should be no less than design voltages and no greater than 1.0V over design voltages. If voltages are incorrect, charge batteries.
- ☐ Record each battery voltage along with battery name.
- ☐ Attach the 7.4V *lipo* labeled "SE 1" to the servo power distribution board power header. This is the head nearest the left side of the aircraft on the front of the PDB. **BEFORE PLUGGING IN, CHECK POLARITY**. Secure on velcro strip near front right of aircraft.
- ☐ Attach the 7.4V *lipo* labeled "ProLite RX" to the servo power distribution board power header. This is the head nearest the left side of the aircraft on the back of the PDB. **BEFORE PLUGGING IN, CHECK POLARITY**. Secure on velcro strip near front right of aircraft.
- ☐ Attach the 7.4V *lipo* labeled "SE 2" to the ADC board power connector. Secure on velcro strip.
- ☐ Attach the 7.4V *lipo* labeled "Pi 1" to the the Pi's primary power source. Secure on velcro strip near front left of aircraft.
- ☐ Attach the 7.4V *lipo* labeled "Pi 2" to the the Pi's backup power source. Secure on velcro strip near front left of aircraft.
- ☐ Attach the 4-8 *Power Cable Splitter* to each of the 8 motor power connectors.
- ☐ Place NEWT and CHUG 18.5V *lipos* in the nose shield of the *ADEPT-FC Aircraft*. Be careful not to pinch or damage the pressure transducers or their cables. **Do NOT plug in yet.**
- ☐ Place LUMP 18.5V *lipo* in the front of the aircraft on the center line (on a small piece of velcro). **Do NOT plug in yet.**
- ☐ Place BROCK 18.5V *lipo* in the rear of the aircraft off of the center lines towards the right wing (on a small piece of velcro). **Do NOT plug in yet.**

Preflight

- ☐ Record temperature, pressure, and wind data from weather station.
- ☐ Remove protective cover from 5-hole probe
- ☐ Conduct walkaround (defined in AP_Validation.md).
- ☐ Turn on TX. Check battery status of TX. If it is below 80%, charge.
- ☐ Move throttle stick all the way down.
- ☐ Set all SC switches to the fully forward position.
- ☐ Attach ethernet cable to Pi.
- ☐ Attach wireless router to ethernet cable connected to Pi. Power on the router.
- ☐ Wait for Pi to boot. If it has not booted, leave the keyboard and monitor attached and restart the device by removing and reconnecting its batteries.
- ☐ On linux laptop: Connect to ADEPT-FC wireless network
- ☐ On linux laptop: `ssh pi@192.168.0.100`
- ☐ Password: `*****`
- ☐ On Linux laptop, download most recent flight release: <https://github.com/tbretl/adept-fc.git>
- ☐ Rename flight release to `adept-fc`
- ☐ `scp -r adept-fc pi@192.168.0.100:`
- ☐ On PI, `cd adept-fc`
- ☐ `cd config_files`
- ☐ `vim autopilot_main.config`
- ☐ `i`
- ☐ Ensure proper AP gains are selected
- ☐ Enter density (ρ) in kg/m^3 based on temperature
- ☐ `esc :wq enter`
- ☐ `cd ..`
- ☐ `sudo ./run.sh`
- ☐ Ensure proper AP gains have been loaded in stdout
- ☐ `pwm arm`
- ☐ Check direction and throw of all control surfaces.
- ☐ Check trim command on all control surfaces.
- ☐ Check flap extension and retraction.
- ☐ `pwm disarm`
- ☐ `all exit`
- ☐ `sudo git clean -fxd`
- ☐ `cd config_files`
- ☐ `vim sequence.dat`
- ☐ Set sequence number to flight number - 1
- ☐ `sudo ./run.sh`
- ☐ AT disarm (SC3 to forward).
- ☐ AP disarm (SC3 to forward).
- ☐ `pwm arm`
- ☐ Disconnect ethernet from Pi.

Taxi

- ☐ Move aircraft to taxiway.

- ☐ Verify crosswind is less than 7 MPH.
- ☐ Plug in all 4 propulsor batteries. Ensure symmetric cross loading of each motor battery. Ensure audible beep from each motor.
- ☐ Record each motor powered by each battery.
- ☐ Conduct a fan run-up test.
- ☐ Secure both doors.
- ☐ Taxi to active.

Before takeoff

- ☐ Flaps set to takeoff.
- ☐ Trim set to takeoff.
- ☐ Flight brief.
- ☐ Clearance.

Cruise / test

- ☐ Flaps to flight.
- ☐ Set rudder and elevator trim.
- ☐ At steady level flight, arm and engage AP (and AT).
- ☐ Conduct test.
- ☐ Disengage and disarm AP (and AT).

Before landing

- ☐ Ensure AP disarmed.
- ☐ Trim set to landing.
- ☐ Flaps set to landing.

Taxi off

- ☐ Flaps up.
- ☐ Taxi off of runway.
- ☐ Run propulsors on low throttle for 4 minutes.

Shutdown, lockout

- ☐ Plug in ethernet cable to aircraft.
- ☐ On linux laptop: Connect to ADEPT-FC wireless network
- ☐ On linux laptop: `scp -r pi@192.168.0.100:~/adept-fc ~/Documents`
- ☐ Password: `*****`
- ☐ On linux laptop: `ssh pi@192.168.0.100`
- ☐ `sudo ./bin/monitor`
- ☐ `pwm disarm`
- ☐ `all exit`
- ☐ `sudo poweroff`
- ☐ Disconnect propulsor batteries. Measure and record post flight voltages.

- ☐ Disconnect ADC battery. Measure and record post flight voltages.
- ☐ Disconnect both servo power distribution batteries. Measure and record post flight voltages.
- ☐ Disconnect both flight computer batteries. Measure and record post flight voltages.