



## How to enable more flight modes

This is an example how to set up more flight modes for the Thunderbird. I recommend to create a new model and do all steps with it. Call the model "Crazy Destroyer" or something like that ;-).

I have exchanged the AUX button B2 of the ST16 by a switch in order to use AUX channel 12 to switch between two sets of flight modes;

- Set One (B2 up) has "Altitude" in upper position of the flight mode switch S4, "Position hold" in the middle position and "Return to home" in the lower position.
- Set Two (B2 down) has "Rattitude" in upper position of the flight mode switch S4, "Stabilized" in the middle position and "Return to home" in the lower position.

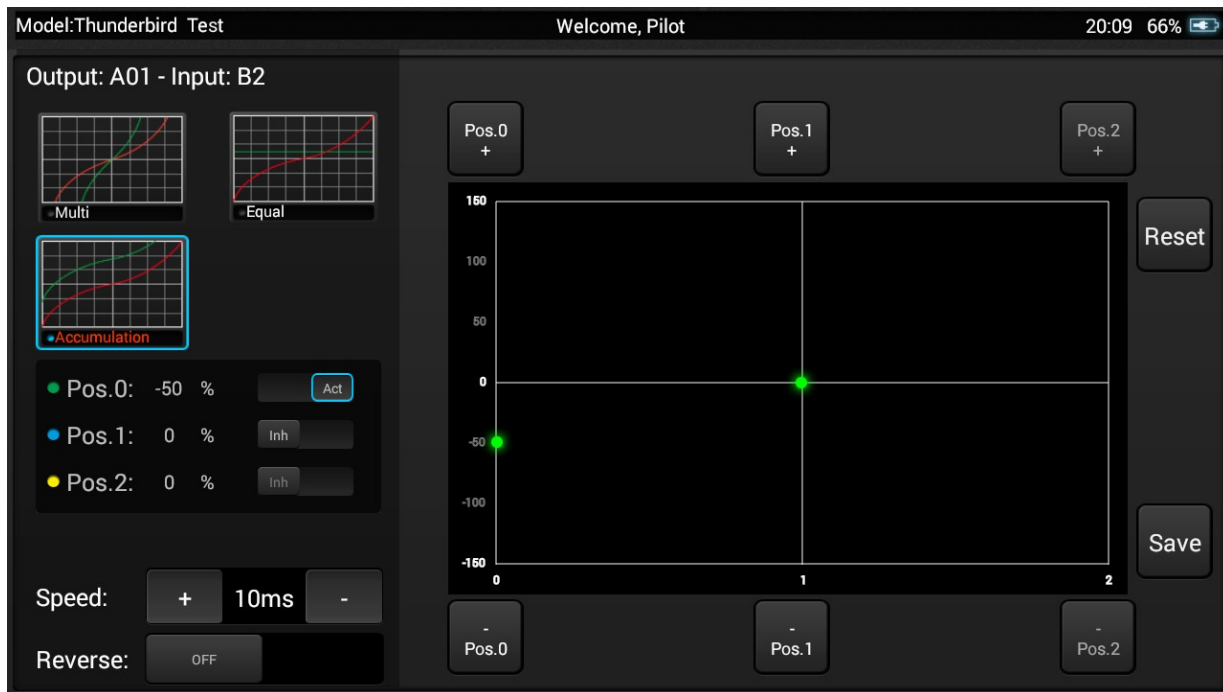
Set One is the same as GPS off/on. Set two contains more advanced flight modes. "Acro" was left off because I'm too old for this stuff.

### Step 1: Channel settings at ST16

Open channel settings and select A01.



Tap on B2 and hold it to get menu. Select "Edit" from the menu. Set "Accumulation", Pos.0 to "Act" and -50%. Tap on Save.



Now you should get a mixed channel for flight modes:

- B2 up: 100% > 0 > -100%
- B2 down: 50% > -50% > -150%

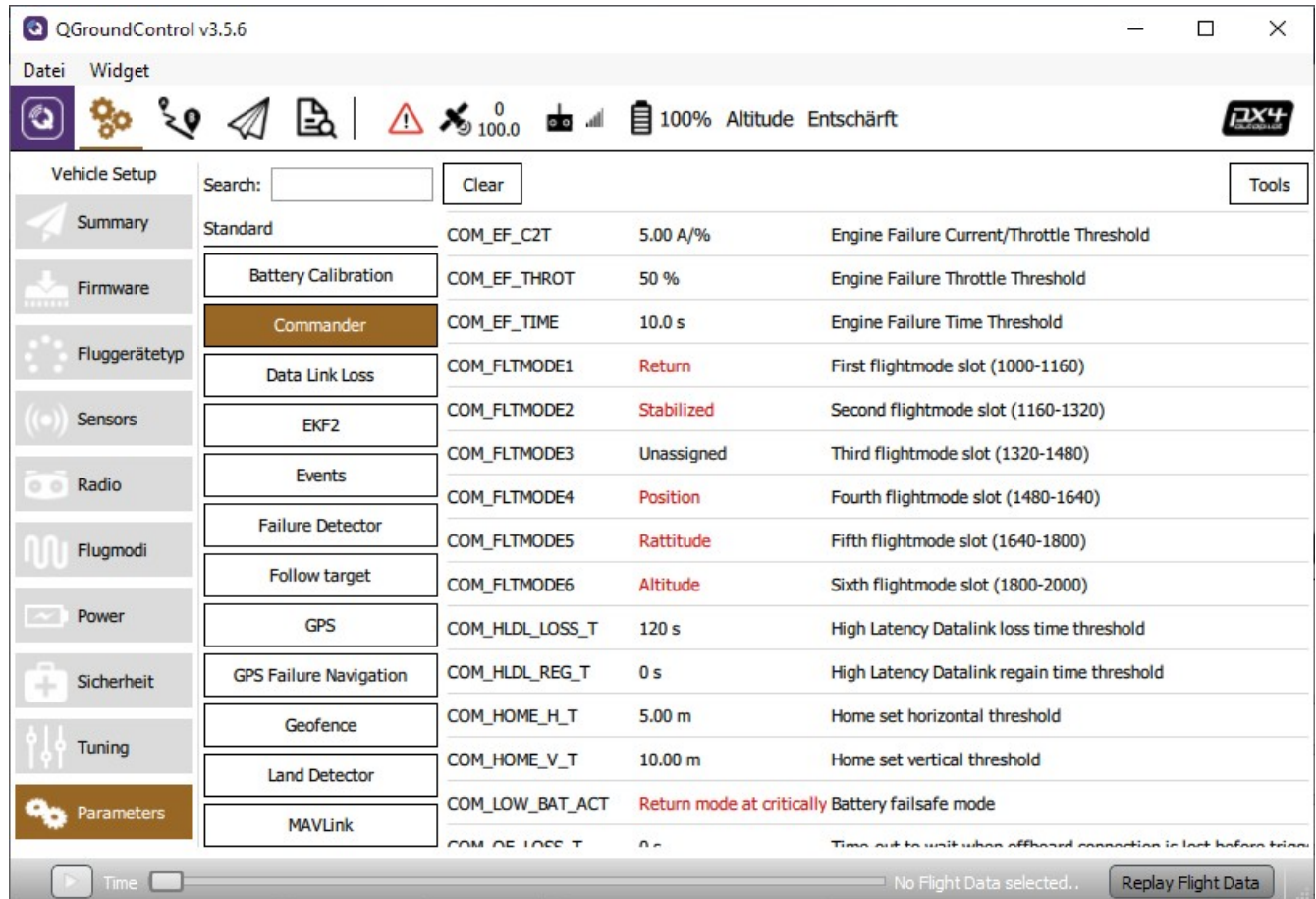


**Remark:** Channel A02 (RTH channel) must still have values 0 > 0 > 150% in both positions of B2 switch. Check this!

## Step 2: Assign flight modes in QGroundControl

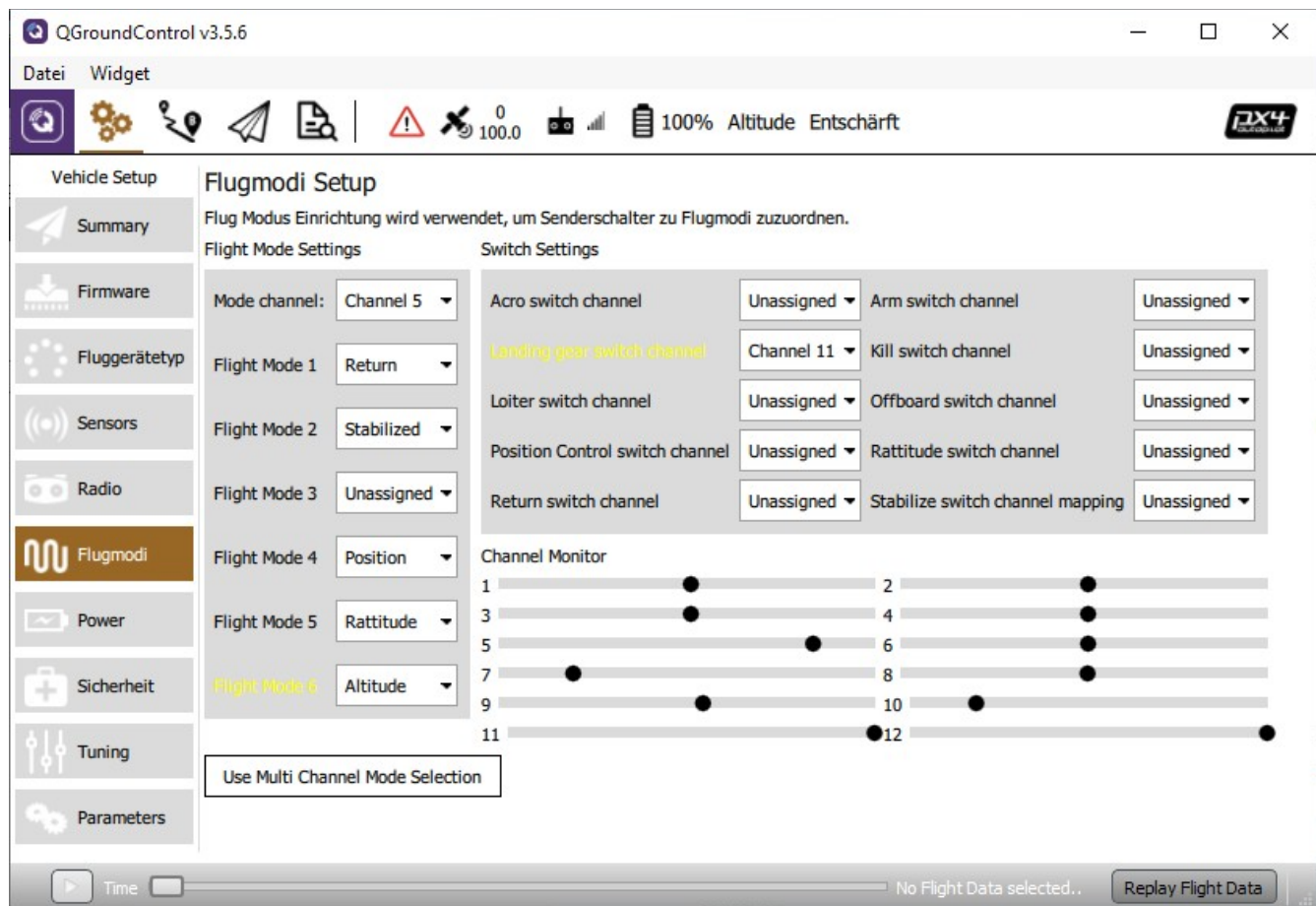
Bind the new model to Thunderbird and connect it to QGroundControl by USB cable.

Now we have more possibilities to add flight modes (COM\_FLTMODE2 and COM\_FLTMODE5):



Go to "Settings" > "Flight modes" and assign flight modes to the mode items.

- Mode channel remains Channel 5.
- Flight mode 1 is lower position of the Flight mode switch S4, remains "Return" for both Sets.
- Flight mode 2 belongs to Set Two, middle position, will be assigned to "Stabilized".
- Flight mode 3 remains "Unassigned".
- Flight mode 4 belongs to Set One, middle position, remains "Position".
- Flight mode 5 belongs to Set Two, upper position, will be assigned to "Rattitude".
- Flight mode 6 belongs to Set One, upper position, will be assigned to "Altitude".



Test all switch positions carefully in flight mode settings of QGroundControl. The active switch combination is marked in Yellow (day time color setting of QGroundControl).

See also: [https://docs.px4.io/master/en/getting\\_started/flight\\_modes.html](https://docs.px4.io/master/en/getting_started/flight_modes.html)

Buy some more propeller and go out testing flight modes **on your own risk**.

Mode-switch	AUX-switch	FlightMode	Status LED	Pos %	Log value
up	up	Altitude	Blue blinking	+100%	3412.0
up	down	Rattitude	White blinking	+50%	2730.0
middle	up	Position hold	Purple solid	0%	2048.0
middle	down	Stability	Blue solid	-50%	1365.0
down	up	RTH	Red blinking	-100%	683.0
down	down	RTH	Red blinking	-150%	0.0

## **Fail-safe/RTH to Pan Mode switch**

QGroundControl > Flight Modes > Flight Mode Settings:

Mode Channel = Channel 5

Flight Mode 6: change from **RTH** back to **Mission**. Altitude Mode is the same as Typhoon H with GPS off.

QGroundControl > Flight Modes > Switch Settings:

Return Switch Channel: Change from Unassigned to **Channel 10**. In this case S2 Pan Mode lowest position is RTH. This switch overwrites all other flight modes.

**Note:** Test changed flight modes without propellers before you use this settings in real flight sessions.