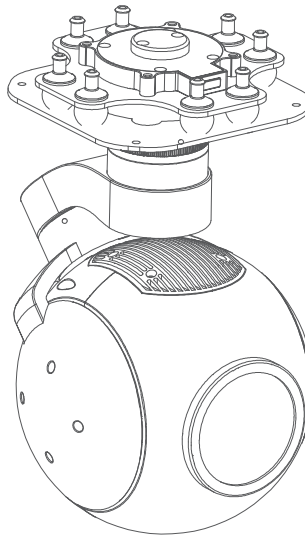
A40-AF 40x EO AI Gimbal Camera (Anti-Fog/Anti-Icing)

User Manual



For more details please scan the QR code or visit our website:
www.viewprotech.com

Warning

Thank you for purchasing Viewpro product. Please read this user manual carefully to make sure the correct operation of this product. Failure to follow instructions and operate in accordance with the instruction in this user manual may damage the product. Do not disassemble or assemble the product by yourself, otherwise it may be damaged or not work properly. Viewpro has no ability for any damage that caused by users' incorrect operation, installation and reassembling in directly or indirectly.

Warming Signs



Warming



Important Note

Important Notes

1. After using the product, please keep the device in dry environment to avoid fogging the lens due to excessive humidity. If the lens fogs, turn on the camera for a while and wait for the fog to dissipate.

2. When cleaning the dirty on surface of lens, make sure the cleaning cloth is soft and dry.

3. Do not plug or unplug the TF card when power on; after plugging and unplugging the TF card, please make sure that the TF rubber plug is tightly covered to prevent the poweron self-check from failing.

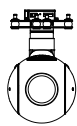
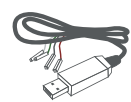
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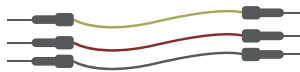
1.1 Introduction

The A40-AF is a high-precision 3-axis stabilized gimbal pod. It is equipped with a 2.13 MP camera featuring 40× optical zoom for outstanding image detail. It supports visible-light zoom, photo & video recording, target tracking, and AI detection of vehicles and humans. Adopting self-developed anti-freezing and anti-fog technology, it keeps the lens clear in low-temperature and high-humidity environments to prevent fogging and icing from interfering with observation.

The pod provides stabilization along yaw, roll and pitch axes. With an integrated damping and gimbal structure, it greatly suppresses mechanical vibration for steady video output. It is widely deployed on unmanned systems for public security, power inspection, zoom aerial survey and other industrial applications.

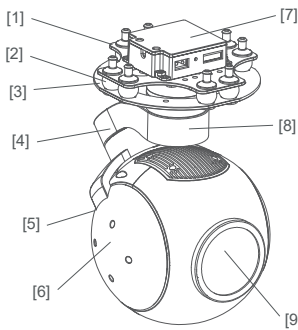
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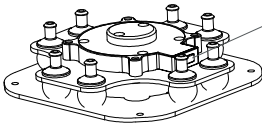
Gimbal (Standard Version) ×1		Gimbal (Viewport Version) ×1	
Aluminum Cylinder ×4		USB to TTL line ×1	
M3 screw ×8			

Power Line ×1	
PWM Control line ×1	
Serial port/S.bus Control line ×1	
Connect serial port line ×3	
Ethernet line ×1	

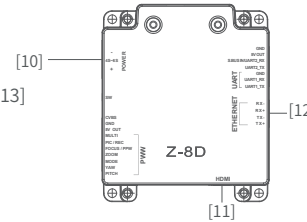
2. Installation Instruction

2.1 Overview





Viewport



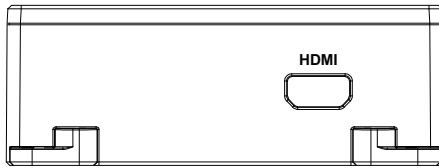
Control Box

[1]Upper damping board
[2] Damping ball
[3] Lower damping board
[4] Roll axis motor
[5] TF card slot
[6]Pitch axis motor
[7]Control box
[8]Yaw axis motor
[9]FHD zoom camera
[10] 4S~6S power
[11] Micro HDMI interface
[12] Ethernet interface
[13] Viewport unlock

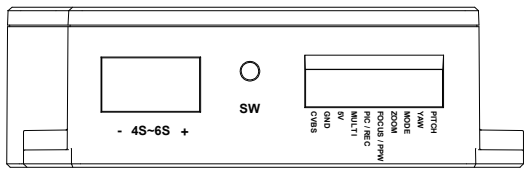
- Make sure no obstacle while the motor is rotating.

2.2 Control Box Printing

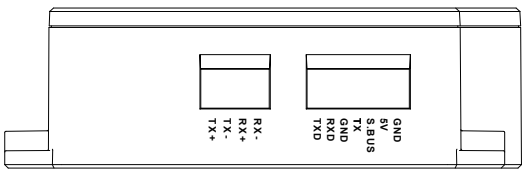
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Left Side

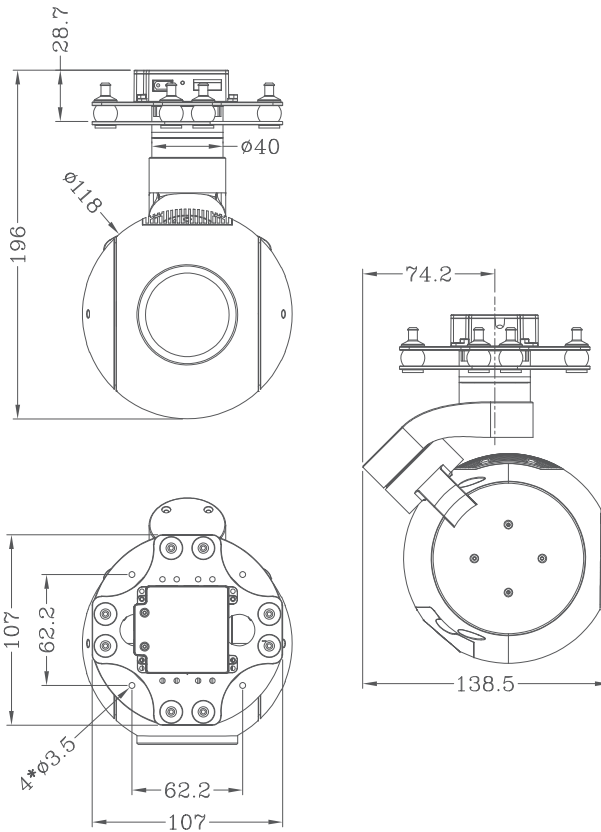


Right Side



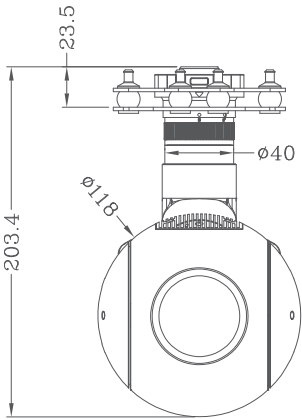
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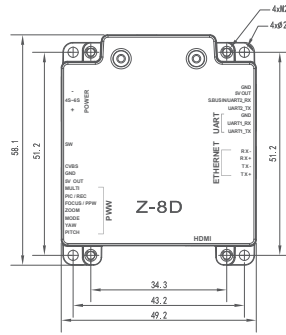
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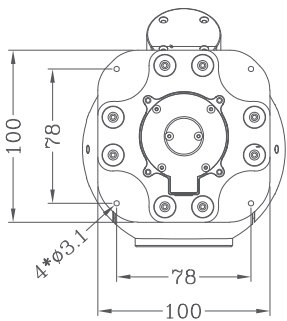
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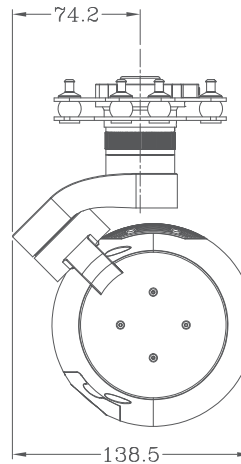
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Control Box



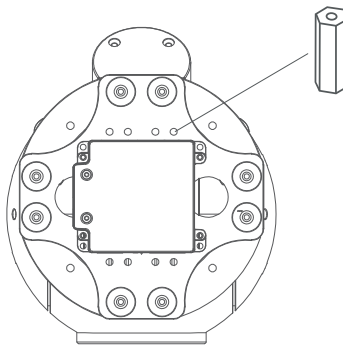


2.4 Install Mounting Part

(1) Find out the arrow icon on the gimbal (that is the lens direction when camera is power on) , and keep its direction same as the specified direction of UxS.

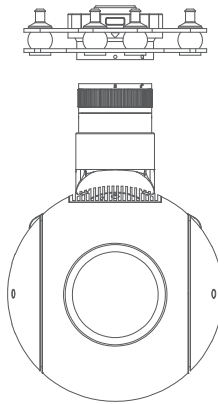
(2) Fix one end of the Aluminum Cylinder on the screw hole of lower damping board, and use M3 screw to fasten it.

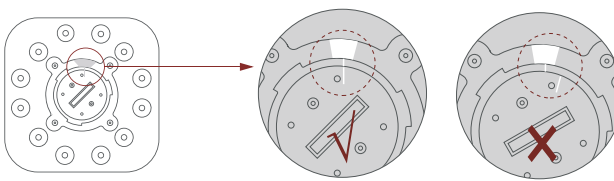
(3) According to the provided screw hole dimension and the actual situation, the user can add suitable mounting holes on the UxS mounting board, and fixes the other end of the Aluminum Cylinder on the mounting board of the UxS (Viewport version is the same).



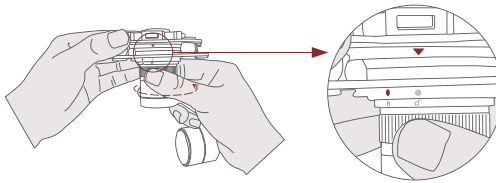
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2.5 Viewport Release Instruction

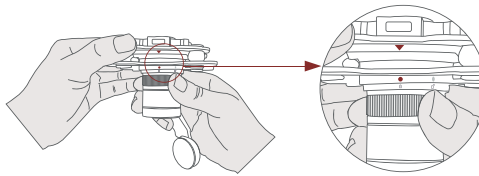




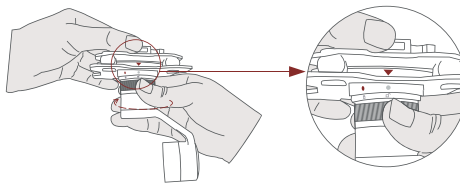
1.Make sure the two white stripes indicated in above picture are aligned with each other. If not aligned, please adjust it manually.



2. Align the white dot (unlock icon) to the red triangle (below unlock button), push the gimbal into the Viewport completely and then rotate the gimbal camera counter-clockwise.



3.When you hear a "click" sound (red dot is aligned to the red triangle) means that the gimbal camera and Viewport has been locked.



4.To unlock the Viewport, you need to press on unlock button and rotate the gimbal camera clockwise till the white dot align to the red triangle. Then pull the gimbal out from the Viewport.

2.6 Install TF Card

TF (Micro SD card):

Insert the TF card to the card slot (Re. 2.1 Overview). It support maximum capacity of 256GB, and require Class 10 (10m/s) transmission speed or higher and FAT32 format.



- The hot plugging is not supported.
  Make sure power is off when inserting the TF card.

2.7 Image Output Interface

Description of all image output interfaces in the gimbal:
HDMI output: Micro HDMI port, supports 1080P@60fps, connects to external monitors or video transmitters for real-time preview.

Network output: Standard RJ45 port, supports RTSP/UDP/RTMP. Default: RTSP, stream at rtsp://192.168.2.119:554, 720P@30fps, 2Mbps bitrate . All parameters user-adjustable.

Analog output: not supported.



- Video output varies by model, refer to actual product. Due to 360° continuous yaw rotation, this gimbal series does not support HDMI. And SDI and HDMI are mutually exclusive and cannot be configured together on the same device.

- When using user interface software Viewlink for network connection, the network of external device (computer) should be the IP address: 192.168.2.2 (choose the last byte among 2~254, but must not be 119 same as the gimbal), subnet mask: 255.255.255.0, Default gateway: 192.168.2.1, and all firewalls of the computer must be turned off. Then enter the IP address of the gimbal camera, Open Video, the video stream can be output.

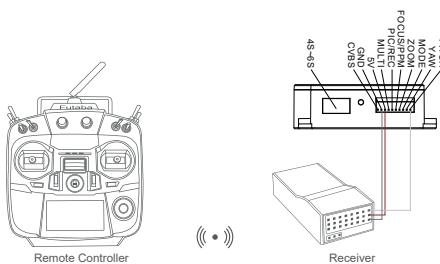
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3. Signal Control

3.1 PWM Control

Control the functions of gimbal camera through the multiplex pulse width modulation signal outputted by PWM channel of the remote control receiver. The gimbal camera needs 6 control channels of PWM at most. Users can choose the required function channels, and reduce some PWM channels accordingly in usage.

PWM Connection Diagram (Connect pitch channel as an example)



Connection Diagram

PWM Control Operation Instruction

3.1.1 Pitch Channel: Connect PWM Pitch channel to control Pitch by Joystick, rotary knob and 3-gear switch on remote control. Take 3-gear switch as an example.



Position 1

Low Gear
Pitch Up



Position 2

Middle Gear
Pitch Stop



Position 3

High Gear
Pitch Down

3.1.2 Yaw Channel: Connect PWM Yaw channel to control Yaw by Joystick, rotary knob and 3-gear switch on remote control. Take 3-gear switch as an example.



Position 1

Low Gear
Yaw Left



Position 2

Middle Gear
Yaw Stop



Position 3

High Gear
Yaw Right

3.1.3 Mode Channel: Connect PWM Mode channel to adjust speed control and One-key to Center. Take 3-gear switch as an example.



Position 1

Low Gear



Position 2

Middle Gear



Position 3

High Gear

Switch position 1: Low speed mode, control pitch / yaw to move at lowest speed;
Switch position 2: Middle speed mode, control pitch / yaw to move at middle speed;
Switch position 3: High speed mode, control pitch / yaw to move at highest speed.
(When it is controlled by rotary knob, the speed will change according to switch position)

Function of continuous switch:

1.Switch one time from position 2 - 3 quickly, to Home position.
2.Switch twice from position 2 - 3 - 2 - 3 continuously and quickly, the camera lens is positioned vertically downward.
3.Switch 3 times from position 2 - 3 - 2 - 3 - 2 - 3 continuously and quickly, to close Follow Yaw Mode.
4.Switch 4 times from position 2 - 3 - 2 - 3 - 2 - 3 - 2 - 3 continuously and quickly, to start Follow Yaw Mode.

3.1.4 Zoom Channel :Connect PWM zoom channel to control Zoom by Joystick, rotary knob and 3-gear switch on remote control. Take 3-gear switch as an example.



Position 1

Low Gear
Zoom Out



Position 2

Middle Gear
Stop Zoom



Position 3

High Gear
Zoom In

3.1.5 Focus Channel: This modle has no focus function.



Position 1

Low Gear



Position 2

Middle Gear



Position 3

High Gear

3.1.6 Pic/Rec Channel: Connect PWM Pic/Rec channel to control “Photograph” and “Record” by Joystick, rotary knob and 3-gear switch on remote control. Take 3-gear switch as an example.)



Position 1

Low Gear



Position 2

Middle Gear



Position 3

High Gear

Switch from Position 2 to 1 to take a picture.
OSD display “IMG PHOTOING” at the left top corner and the picture is stored in TF card.

Switch from Position 2 to 3 to start “ Record ” , and repeat the operation to stop recording.
During recording, OSD display information of “REC 00 00 00”, as current recording time, and the remaining capacity of TF card. It will show the “TFXXXMB” when stop recording. When the storage capacity of TF card is full , “TF FULL” is shown on screen. If no TF card is inserted, “ NO TF” is shown on screen. Please insert the TF card before using.

3.17 Multi Channel: Connect Multi Backup channel to control digital zoom and tracking by 3-gear switch on the remote control. Take 3-gear switch as an example.



Position 1

Low Gear



Position 2

Middle Gear



Position 3

High Gear

Switch from Position 2 to 1: Cancel tracking

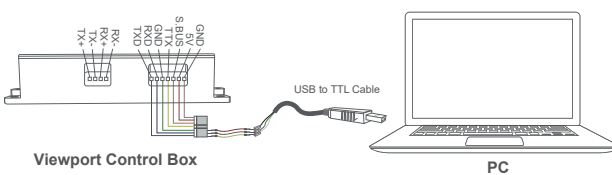
Switch from Position 2 to 3: Display the tracking box at the center of screen, start tracking

4.2 Serial Port / TTL Control

TTL communication requirements: TTL signal is 3.3V, baud rate: 115200, data bit 8, stop bit 1, no parity, HEX send and receive.

Connection Diagram (PC - USB to TTL Cable- Gimbal Camera as an example):

Gimbal Camera	Cable
TX ⟷	RX (White)
RX ⟷	TX (Green)
GND ⟷	GND (Black)



Connection Diagram

Diagram of USB to TTL Cable:

Connect the camera to the upper computer by USB to TTL cable (Adopt connection method of TX to RX, RX to TX, GNG to GND at Dupont ends of the provided USB to TTL cable, connect to the specified TTL of the gimbal, and the USB end of the cable connect to computer).

Install Viewlink control software to test the functions directly. Users may choose to develop their own software, please contact technical support for TTL control protocol file.

ViewLink is a user interface developed by Viewpro for Viewpro gimbal cameras, you can download it from Viewpro website (www.viewprotech.com) or ask distributors for installation package.

- Connect serial port of gimbal to pins, DO NOT connect with power supply.
- The default baud rate of serial port is 115200, which can be changed according to the docking equipment.

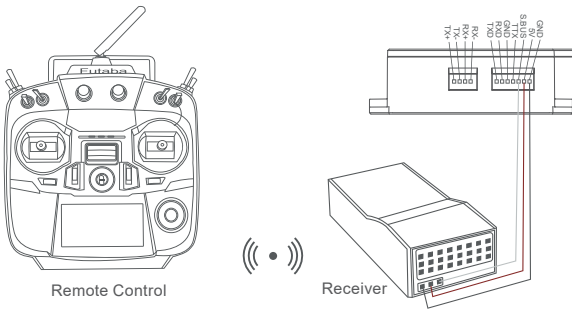
3.3 S.BUS Control

Control the gimbal camera functions by one combining signals. Connect the external S.Bus to S.Bus port on the control box, and the external S.bus signal GND connect to the GND interface of the control box.

Take Futaba's S.Bus remote control for example:

Connect receiver's S.Bus port with gimbal camera. The receiver working power (5V) is supplied from gimbal camera.

Wiring Diagram



Wiring Diagram

S.Bus control mode: default S.Bus signal channel 7-13 to control gimbal camera functions (the function of channel is consistent with the corresponding channel in PWM function description)

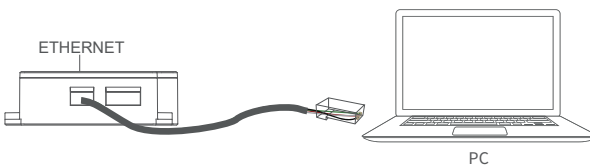
Channel7: Yaw Control
Channel 8: Pitch Control
Channel 9: Mode Control
Channel 10: Zoom Control
Channel 11: Focus Control
Channel 12: Pic/Rec Control
Channel 13: Multi Backup

- User can set the channels by setting serial command according to the actual requirement. The S.Bus channel position can be arranged in any sequence within channel 7-13 to connect with the flight controller or remote control.
- TTL control and S.bus control cannot coexist at the same time for standard version. The defualt control is TTL if no requirement. The user can set to S.bus control if needed (please contact with our technical support for the setting instruction.)

3.4 TCP control

For Viewpro gimbal cameras with Ethernet output, the default IP address is: 192.168.2.119, control port: 2000. You can send the corresponding protocol to realize TCP control after connecting.

The TCP control protocol is [Frame header: EB + command ID: 90 + data body (serial port protocol) + Checksum (CS = body checksum, checksum is calculated as a sum of all bytes of data body modulo 256)]. Or directly use UI Viewlink to control after TCP connection.



Ethernet wiring diagram

4.Specification

Overall Specifications	
N.W.	952g
Product meas.	118*138.5*139.8mm
Input voltage	14.8V~25.2V
Dynamic current	550~2500mA @ 16V
Power consumption	Average 12W, Max 40W
Working environment temp.	-20℃ ~ +50℃
IP Rating	IP44
Output	Micro HDMI(1080P@60fps) / IP (RTSP/UDP 720p/1080p@ 30fps H264/H265)
Storage	TF card (Up to 256G,class 10, FAT32)
Picture in TF Card	JPG(1920*1080)
Video in TF Card	MP4(1080P@30fps)
Control method	PWM / S.BUS / UART (TTL) / TCP / UDP
Gimbal Spec	
Mechanical Range	Pitch/Tilt:-60°(Up)～130°(Down), Roll: ±70°, Yaw/Pan: ±300° / ±360°*N (IP output version)
Controllable Range	Pitch/Tilt: -45°～125°, Yaw/Pan: ±290° / ±360°*N (IP output version)
Vibration angle	Pitch/Roll/Yaw: ±0.02°
One-key to center	√
EO Camera spec	
Imager Sensor	1/2.8" Sony CMOS Sensor
Picture quality	Full HD 1080 (1920*1080)
Effective pixel	2.13MP
Lens optical zoom	40x, F=4.25~170mm

Digital zoom	x32
Field of View (D, H, V)	Wide: 73.80° / 66.35° / 39.98° Tele: 2.16° / 1.90° / 1.11°
Min object distance	0.1 / 1.5 / 3.0 / 5.0 / 10.0 m
Min illumination	Color(1/30s, 79.5dB) : 0.01 lux , BW(1/30s, 79.5dB) : 0.002 lux Color DSS(1/1s, 79.5dB) : 0.001 lux , BW DSS(1/1s, 79.5dB) : 0.0002 lux
S/N ratio	more than 50dB
Focus	Auto / One Push / Manual
White balance	Auto
Shutter speed	1/1 ~ 1/30,000 sec
Exposure control	Auto / Iris. Priority / Shut. Priority / Manual
Backlight compensation	Yes
Auto ICR	Yes
Image Stabilizer	Yes
Defog	Yes
Camera Object Tracking	
Update rate of deviation pixel	30Hz
Output delay of deviation pixel	<30ms
Minimum object contrast	5%
SNR	4
Minimum object size	16*16 pixel
Maximum object size	256*256 pixel

Tracking speed	±48 pixel/frame
Object memory time	100 frames
Camera AI Performance	
Targets type	Car and human
Simultaneous detection quantity	≥ 10 targets
Min contrast ratio	5%
Min target size	5×5 pixel
Car detection rate	≥85%
False alarm rate	≤10%

5.FAQ

Q1: Forgot the camera IP after changing it?

To restore the default IP (192.168.2.119):

1) Format a TF card to FAT32. (If it is already FAT32, formatting is not necessary.)

2) Copy the file ip_bak.txt to the root directory of the TF card.

3) Power on the gimbal and wait for 3 minutes, the IP address will automatically reset to 192.168.2.119.

4) Power off the gimbal.

5) Confirm that the file ip_bak.txt is disappeared from the card — this means the reset was successful.

6) Insert the card back and power on. The IP should now be restored to 192.168.2.119.

Q2: Does A40-AF support taking picture during video recording?

Answer: Yes.

Q3: How does A40-AF store photos and videos?

Answer: Photos stored on the TF card are at 1920×1080 resolution, and videos are 1080P@30fps.