

PRESS RELEASE

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GPS "follow me" and "perch and stare" just around the corner!

Following the demonstration of ZANO and subsequent article written by the BBC, Torquing Group (the company responsible for Europe's most funded Kickstarter campaign ever, ZANO), has released a press statement to provide clarification on some concerns raised in the BBC article. These concerns pertain to; Flight Time, GPS "follow me" and "perch and stare" capability, as well as video and photo quality.

"After the demonstration for the BBC, some concerns were raised about ZANO's current flight time and the lack of GPS "follow me" mode, available for demonstration." said Ivan Reedman, Torquing Group's Director of Research and Development. "Firstly, in regards to GPS "Follow me", we are almost there and we hope to demonstrate this feature along with "perch and stare" capability in the next couple of weeks, as advertised in the promotional video. A great feature of ZANO is that we can update the hardware through simple software updates. These software updates allow for a whole bunch of great new features to be enabled in ZANO, very quickly. We see no reason to delay shipment of the hardware."

"Regarding flight time. When we made our flight time estimates, the original ZANO prototype weighed 55grams. Since then, with the extra weight of parts and overweight plastics, ZANO comes in currently at 74grams. This meant the original propellers just were not sufficient for ZANO as it stands now. Flight time has been affected by the extra weight and to counter this we have re-tooled all the plastics for the third time, the result being a 10% reduction in the weight of ZANO. We have also replace the propellers with a more suitable design for a ZANO. We are continually making improvements to propeller design, which of course will increase flight time. The extra efficiency and lift allows for much improved flight time and supports larger extended flight time batteries. When the new plastics arrive, we are confident with the full size extended flight time battery, we can hit the 10 minutes target of flight time even with ZANO still weighing 10 grams more than the prototype that the original specifications were based on." said Reedman.

"It was important for us to build a future-proof piece of hardware, capable of evolving and improving through software updates. We will listen to our backers and BETA testers and improve ZANO according to their user experience and feedback." said Reece Crowther, Marketing Director. "It is also our intention to release GPS "Outdoor mode", including

"follow me" and "perch and stare" capability as soon as possible. We will of course accommodate any press at our facility in West Wales who would like a demonstration of the "follow me" and "perch and stare" capability."

Points for clarification:

GPS "outdoor mode" was inactive during the demonstrate for the BBC, ZANO was being flown outdoors in "indoor mode" (GPS disabled). The BBC article states, "as it tried to lock on to a GPS signal, it crashed". It should be noted, ZANO did not crash, a failsafe was activated within ZANO and it landed. To elaborate, once flying for a minute, ZANO detected a full GPS lock then landed. We didn't have outdoor mode functional at the time of the demonstration for the BBC.

The video footage showcased in the BBC article, was 480P PREVIEW FOOTAGE, that footage is what was shown on the handset and not what will be recorded on the MicroSD card (MicroSD card recording was added during the Kickstarter campaign and will be coming immediately after the GPS functionality is completed). We expect to be in a position to record 720p 30 fps footage locally on the MicroSD card. We have attached 720p 10 FPS PREVIEW FOOTAGE below

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nyhH_YKa15Y&feature=youtu.be) . We have also attached a raw 1 megapixel still image taken from ZANO. ZANO has the hardware capability to capture 5 megapixel stills and we will provide a software update shortly to allow for this feature. (We have also attached a 5 megapixel photo taken from the ZANO "development board", which uses ZANO's current camera, this will give you an idea of the quality of images ZANO will be able to capture very shortly in the future).

Reference Material:

Link to 720 10FPS PREVIEW FOOTAGE:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nyhH_YKa15Y&feature=youtu.be

1 megapixel photo taken from ZANO

(see image in ZIP file)

5 megapixel photo taken from ZANO's camera hardware, in the ZANO "Development environment". This is to showcase the quality of images ZANO will eventually be able to capture, again, we expect to provide the software update to enable this feature very shortly.

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