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**FJ-X3**

**WIRELESS TRIGGER**

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FJ-X3 M & FJ-X3 S  
QUICK START GUIDE

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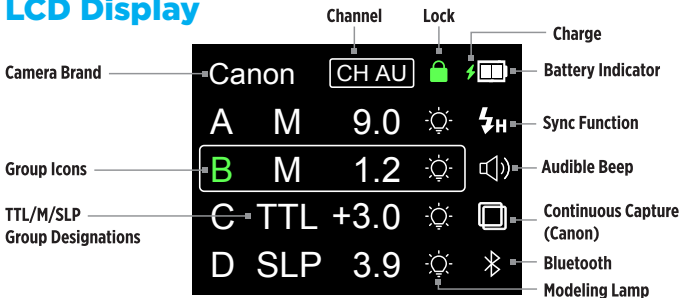
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# Included Components & Overview

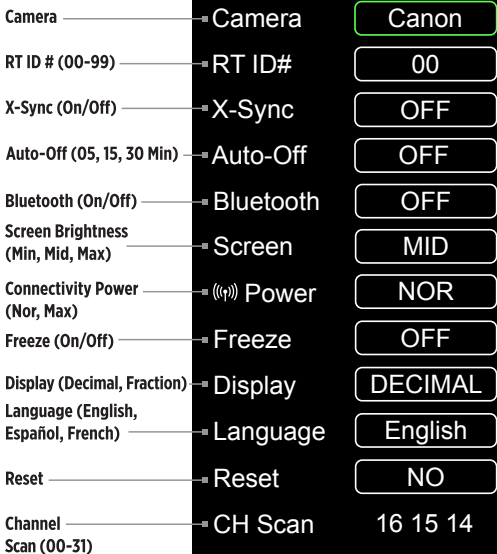
FJ-X3 Wireless Trigger, Removable Li-ion Battery, USB-A to USB-C Cable  
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# LCD Display



## Settings



# Introduction

This guide covers setup, controls, and basic operation. Visit [fjwestcott.com/documentation](http://fjwestcott.com/documentation) and scroll to the FJ-X3 section to download the complete User Manual.



## Warning

- Keep away from fire, water, and moisture. Do not submerge in water.
- Avoid drastic temperature changes before, during, and/or after use.
- Do not over-tighten shoe lock wheel when mounting to camera.
- Ensure the FJ-X3 is securely mounted before use.
- Surrounding RF interference may affect the communication performance of the FJ-X3.
- Do not attempt to modify any Westcott products. Contact Westcott for assistance.
- The maximum operating temperature is 14-104°F (-10-40°C).

## Preparing Your Camera

An FJ-X3 Wireless Trigger is compatible with various camera models to operate the FJ Wireless flashes. Each camera model has a different approach to how it interacts with off-camera lights. A few adjustments to your camera settings may be required. Below are a few settings to check out first. We recommend referring your camera's user manual for details specific to your camera brand and model.

- Set Silent Shutter to **OFF**.
- Set E-Front Curtain to **OFF**.
- Set Wireless Mode to **ON** or **OFF** (camera brand/model dependent).
- Set Red-Eye Reduction to **ON** or **OFF** (camera brand/model dependent).
- Set Exposure Compensation to 0 (zero) in camera.
- Set White Balance to Daylight, 5500K, or Custom at 5500K (not Auto).
- Various camera models require you to set the Sync type (Front Curtain, Rear Curtain, HSS) manually in the camera's Flash Menu before the FJ-X3 Sync can be adjusted.
- Various camera models automatically adjust the Sync setting to HSS when HSS is enabled in the camera settings and the native sync speed is exceeded.
- Ensure the camera's battery level is above 25%.
- Ensure the camera contacts are clean and the FJ-X3 is seated properly and aligned.

# Getting Started

## Charging the FJ-X3

1. Locate the USB-C port.
2. Plug the USB-A to USB-C cable into the FJ-X3.
3. Plug the opposing end of the cable in any 5V power source.
4. Estimated charging time is 3 hours.

## Powering On & Off

- **Power On:** Long press and hold the **Power** button until you see the Westcott logo.
- **Power Off:** Long press and hold the **Power** button until the screen turns off.

## Test Fire

Press the **Test** button once to remotely test-fire the FJ Wireless flash. When the **Test** button is pressed the wireless signal indicator LED will illuminate red.

## Trigger Settings Lock

- Long press and hold the **CH | Lock** button to lock the current trigger settings. A green lock icon will appear on the display.
- Long press and hold the **CH | Lock** button again to unlock to adjust the settings.

## Removing & Replacing the Battery

1. Turn the FJ-X3 to the side with the battery cover. Locate the textured and arrow portions on the battery cover.
2. Apply slight pressure to the textured area and slide the battery cover in the direction of the arrow.
3. Remove the battery cover.
4. Remove the battery by inserting your finger into the half-circle cutout above the battery and leaning the battery forward, or turn the FJ-X3 over and gently shake the battery until it's removed from the battery bay.
5. Reinsert the new battery by aligning the 3 contact points on the battery with those inside the battery bay. Angle the battery and gently insert into the battery bay.
6. Ensure that the battery is seated flush by gently pressing into place.
7. Reinstall the battery cover by laying the cover flat and covering 3/4 of the battery. Use the textured area to slide the battery cover towards the base of the FJ-X3 until it clicks into place.

# Getting Started

## Settings Menu

- Long press the **SYNC | MENU** button to access the Settings Menu.
- Use the side **Group Selection** buttons to select the corresponding displayed screen option or use the arrows on the **Control Pad** to scroll through the screen options. Additional menu options are available by pressing the down arrow on the **Control Pad**.
- Press the center button on the **Control Pad** to select the green highlighted option. Press the **Control Pad** arrows to adjust the setting.
- Press the **Control Pad** center button or **Group Selection** button to confirm the setting.
- Long press the **SYNC | MENU** button to exit the Settings Menu.

## Mounting the FJ-X3 to a Camera

### Hot Shoe Mount

1. Looking at the FJ-X3 screen, turn the **Shoe Lock** dial to the right.
2. Gently slide the FJ-X3 into the camera's hot shoe.
3. Turn the **Shoe Lock** dial to the left to lock into place. Do not overtighten.

### 2.5mm PC Port Connection

The 2.5mm port (output only) can be used to initiate wired synchronization with third party flashes, triggers, and light meters that offer a sync port (input). (Cables sold separately).

NOTE: The Westcott FJ-XR Wireless Receiver (#4701) is equipped with a 3.5mm plug which adds FJ Wireless Communication to 3rd-party strobes equipped with a 3.5mm sync port (input).

### Hot Shoe Mounting the FJ-X3 M with an Adapter for Sony Cameras (#4706)

1. Slide the Adapter for Sony Cameras (sold separately) into the camera's hot shoe with the release button facing the back of the camera.
2. Once the adapter is mounted, loosen the FJ-X3 M's **Shoe Lock** dial and slide the FJ-X3 M onto the Adapter for Sony Cameras.
3. Turn the FJ-X3 M **Shoe Lock** dial to the left to lock into place. Do not overtighten.

# Updating Firmware

The FJ-X3 Wireless Trigger is designed with a USB-C port to allow for firmware updates and charging. Future firmware updates may result in performance enhancements and modified menu options.



The FJ-X3's firmware version is displayed on the start-up screen. Please visit [fjwestcott.com/firmware](https://www.fjwestcott.com/firmware) to update your FJ-X3 to the latest firmware. Follow the instructions included with the firmware download to update.

## IMPORTANT

- If the FJ-X3 doesn't display as an external device after connecting to a computer, disconnect the USB cable from both devices and restart the computer and firmware update process.
- It's recommended that the firmware update installation process be completed only when the connected computer's power level is  $\geq 25\%$ . Loss of power of any type during this process could render the FJ-X3 inoperable and require professional repair.
- Removing the USB cable from the FJ-X3 without properly ejecting the device from your computer could render the trigger inoperable and require professional repair.
- Copying the firmware from your computer to the FJ-X3 may take a few minutes and/or halt the copying process. Should this happen, close the copy progress window and try again. Further copying issues may require the computer to be restarted.

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