How Ready-to-Fly is an RTF RC Helicopter?

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Because of the much advancement in the electronics and remote control industries during the past few years, the RC helicopter have enjoyed a steady rise in popularity with many toy enthusiasts and serious hobbyists. And because of the improvements in the qualities of the production of these toys that are couples with a drop in production costs, many manufacturers are now able to sell RC helicopter beginner models that are cheap and labeled as RTF or ready to fly. The phrase â€˜ready to flyâ€™ was first coined during the more traditional days of RC aviation or flying. During those times, the term ready to fly meant that a particular RC helicopter has no need of any assembly. However, this does not mean that the RTF kits have no other requirements such as set-ups, tuning, or mild tinkering before it could lift off. Nowadays, most new pilots expect to have an RTF RC helicopter to be ready to fly out of the box. However, this is not always the case with these RTF kits.

New pilots in the field of RC aviation are slowly beginning to realize that RTF helicopters are not necessarily ready-to-fly. In fact, without a few tinkering and tuning up, these models will have very difficult time in staying in the air, especially if the helicopter being used is a four channel model. And while co-axle models, which are relatively easier to maneuver in the air are readily available, flying them smoothly and successfully also requires a lot of training time.

Contrary to popular belief, RTF Helicopter kits aside from not really being able to fly readily out of the box, also does not come with everything needed to fly the contraption. One of the most common missing components when RTF helicopter kits are bought is the battery pack for the remote control. Another common missing component is a battery charger. However, the usual RTF kits usually include a rudimentary adaptor that you may be able to plug into the battery pack. However, they donâ€™t even come close to constituting a charger and are not even able to cut back on the electricity when the battery is full, which may lead to overcharging and explosion of the battery pack.

While it is true that all of these mishaps and missing components is true for the normal RTF RC helicopter kits, there are some kits that truly offer a ready to fly helicopter like the two channel models, which are not only ready to fly right out of the box, but are also handy and may even fit the palm of your hands. A caution though, two channel models are less maneuverable than the four channel models.

In conclusion, there are many RTF RC helicopter kits that are available in the market with some kits more ready to fly than other kits. It is advisable for people, who expect their RTF helicopters to literally fly right out of the box to get the two channel models, compromising maneuverability, or get the four channel model and compromise being able to fly right out of the box.

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