

# WHIPLASH TURBINE



# MANUAL

## Kit Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the X-Cell Whiplash Turbine by Miniature Aircraft. This model is the culmination of years of designing and manufacturing R/C helicopters. It is designed with the highest standards, and will provide years of enjoyment. Whether this is your first R/C model helicopter or you are an advanced R/C helicopter modeler, the X-Cell Whiplash is a fantastic choice for a “700 size” turbine powered model.

## R/C Helicopter Safety

A radio controlled model helicopter is not a toy, but rather a technically complex device that must be built and operated with care. It is also a fascinating and challenging part of the R/C sport, the mastery of which is very rewarding. A model helicopter must be built exactly in accordance with the building instructions. The kit manufacturer has spent much time and effort refining this product to make it reliable in operation and easy to build. The bolt together construction can proceed quite rapidly. This give the builder a strong sense of accomplishment that encourages hasty progress from one construction phase to the next, so that the completed model can be more quickly seen and enjoyed. It is essential to recognize and guard against this tendency. Follow building instructions exactly. Vibration and stress levels are high and all fasteners and attachments must be secure for safe operation. Note that this is the first use of the word SAFETY in these comments. Previously the kit manufacturer’s efforts to ensure reliable operation were mentioned. That is ALL that he can do. Safe operation is the responsibility of the builder/flyer and starts with careful construction and continues with selection and installation of reliable radio equipment and power systems.

The need for safety is nowhere greater than at the flying field. A number of guidelines for safe flight have been developed by experienced flyers and are set down here. It is urged that they be read, understood and followed. Always have a ready to use CO2 fire-extinguisher (at least 2kg of CO2) next to the place where you start the Whiplash turbine engine.

### Warning! – Risk of death or serious injury

Remote Control (“R/C”) Helicopters can be dangerous. Inexperienced pilots of R/C Helicopters should be trained and supervised by experienced operators. All operators should use safety glasses and other appropriate safety equipment. All operators should exercise necessary precautions when fueling, repairing, maintaining, flying and storing R/C Helicopters, and when using or storing R/C Helicopter accessories, equipment, fuels, and related materials. R/C Helicopters should be used only in open areas free of obstacles and far enough from people to minimize the possibility of injury from the helicopter or any of its components falling or flying in unexpected directions.

This helicopter is not a toy but a complex flying machine that must be assembled with care by a responsible individual. Failure to exert care in assembly, or radio or accessory installation, may result in a model incapable of safe flight or ground operation. Rotating components are an ever present danger and source of injury to operators and spectators. Since the manufacturer and his agents have no control over the proper assembly and operation of his products, no responsibility or liability can be assumed for their use.

# INFORMATION

## General Guidelines for Safe R/C Helicopter Flight

- Fly only at approved flying fields and obey field regulations. Fly only if there are other people at the field.
- Follow frequency control procedures. Interference can be dangerous to all.
- Know your radio. Check all transmitter functions before each flight.
- Be aware that rotating blades are very dangerous and can cause serious injury.
- Never fly near or above spectators or other modelers.
- If you're a beginner, get help trimming the model first and seek flight training later.
- Don't "track" the main blades by holding the tail boom. This is a temptation to builders who cannot hover yet and is very dangerous..

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## Kit Assembly

Your Whiplash kit will require a number of different supplies and tools to ensure the best final result. They are as follows:

### Required Lubricants and Compounds:

1. Medium Strength Thread Locking Compound - Loctite Blue #243
2. Synthetic Grease (MA3200-06)
3. Retaining Compound - Loctite Green #648

### Required Tools:

1. M4 Nut Driver
2. M5 Nut Driver
3. M5.5 Nut Driver
4. M7 Nut Driver
5. 1.5mm Allen Driver
6. 2.0mm Allen Driver
7. 2.5mm Allen Driver
8. 3.0mm Allen Driver
9. 4.0mm Allen Driver x2
10. 5.0mm Allen Driver
11. Needle Nose Pliers
12. Phillips Screwdriver
13. Razor Knife (X-acto)
14. 2x Ratchet & Socket M10, M13
15. Dial Gauge resolution of 0.01mm / 0.0004" or better

### Other required components:

The X-Cell Whiplash is an airframe kit. To complete the model, several other items are required, but not included with the kit. There are many choices for these other required components, and any competent hobby retailer with R/C helicopter experience will be happy to make suggestions. You will need:

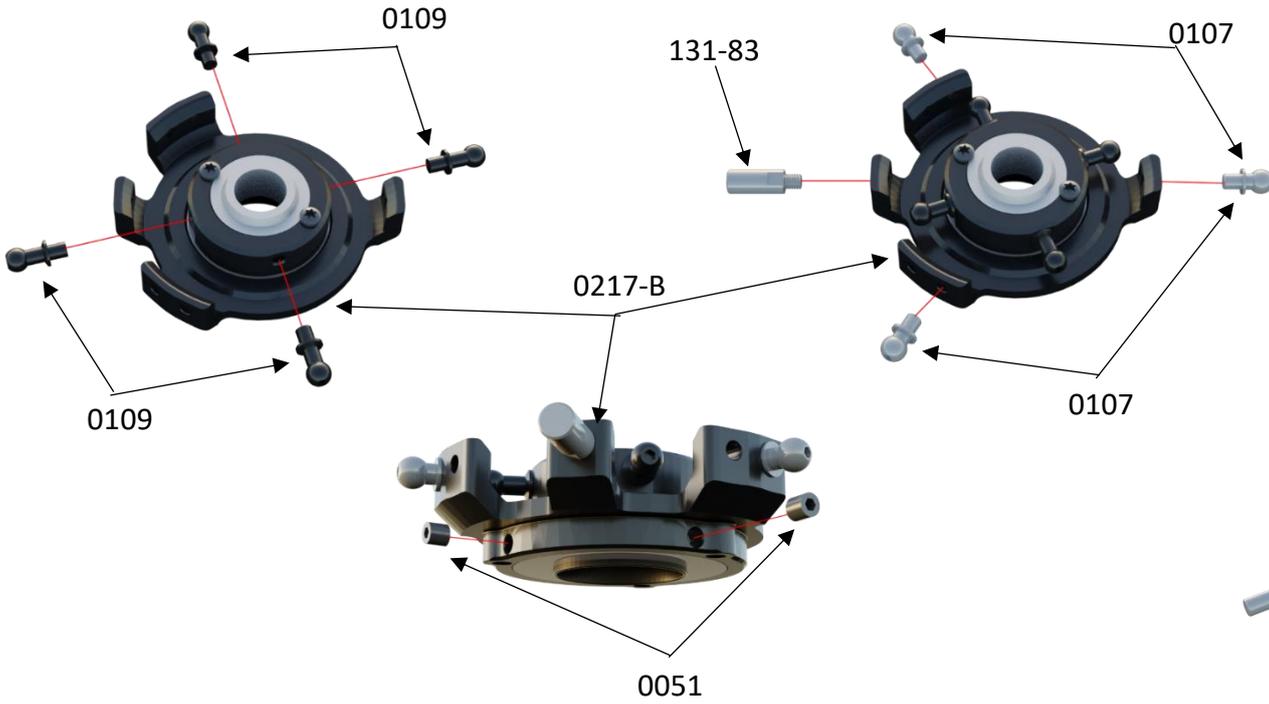
1. Engine: Turbine Solutions 45i Whiplash Edition or Wren 44i.
2. Cyclic servos (Miniature Aircraft recommends high quality brushless cyclic servos with no less than 80 oz. in. of torque.)
3. R/C helicopter flybarless system. If using a FBL system with rescue-functionality ask the manufacturer whether it will work with turbine engine powered helicopters.
4. Rudder servo suitable for use with the gyro you choose. Digital servo is recommended.
5. R/C helicopter transmitter and receiver with at least 8 channels, telemetry capabilities are recommended.
6. 700-720mm Main Blades and 105-115mm Tail Blades.
7. R/C helicopter fueling equipment.
8. R/C helicopter engine governor (Futaba GV-1, GY701, CGY 760 or 750) are recommended.
9. CO2 fire-extinguisher for operating the turbine engine

# INFORMATION

## Important Assembly Tips - Please Read

- Follow the instructions. The methods of construction documented in this manual have been proven to work. Do not rush the build of your model! You have purchased a world class model helicopter kit, take your time and realize that the final result is now up to you. Take the time to fully understand each step and if you are unsure please contact Miniature Aircraft, or a representative.
- Follow the order of assembly. The instructions have been organized into major sections and have been written in such a way that each step builds upon the work done in the previous step. Changing the order of assembly may result in unnecessary steps.
- Be sure not to overtighten bolts as damage to bearings and other components will occur.
- Use thread lock as indicated. Generally any bolt or screw that threads into a metal part requires thread lock. Model helicopters are subject to vibration and failing to use thread lock on any non-locking assembly may result in a part becoming loose or falling off in flight.

# INFORMATION



**0107**



M3 x 6mm

**0109**



M3 x 8mm

**0051**

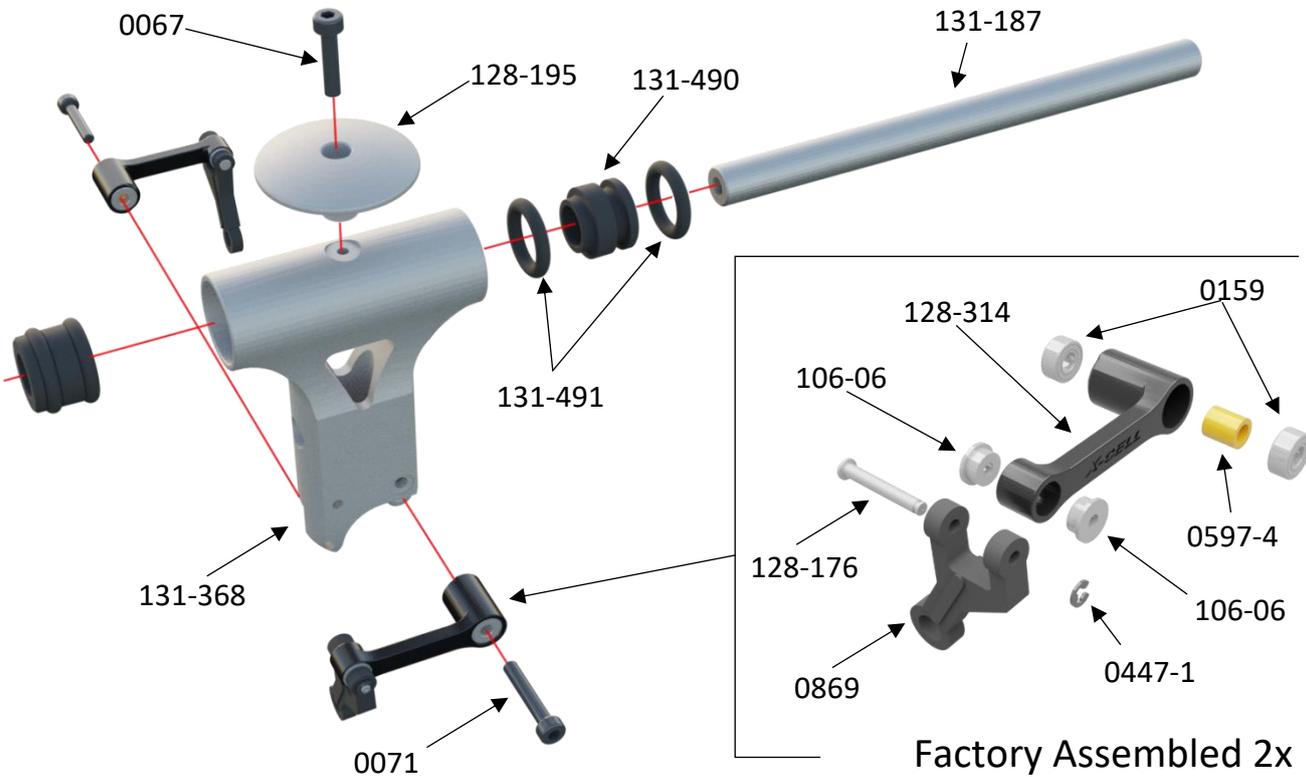


M3 x 3mm



Apply a small amount of medium thread lock when threading into metal parts.

Install MA0051 M3x3 Socket Set Screws only until they bottom out against the lower bearing. Do not overtighten or damage to swashplate bearing will occur. Note: these are used to adjust the bearing tolerance if it develops play over time.



**0067**

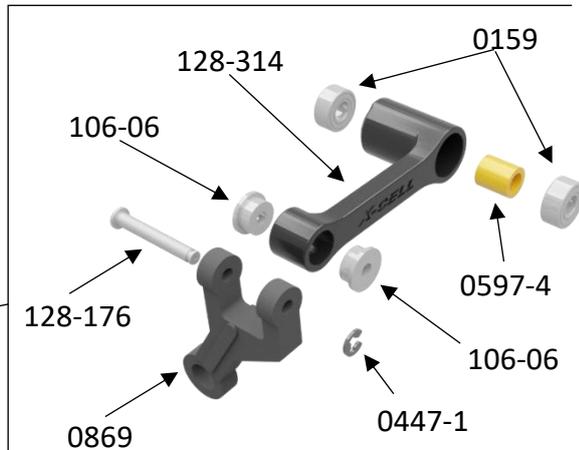


M3 x 14mm

**0071**

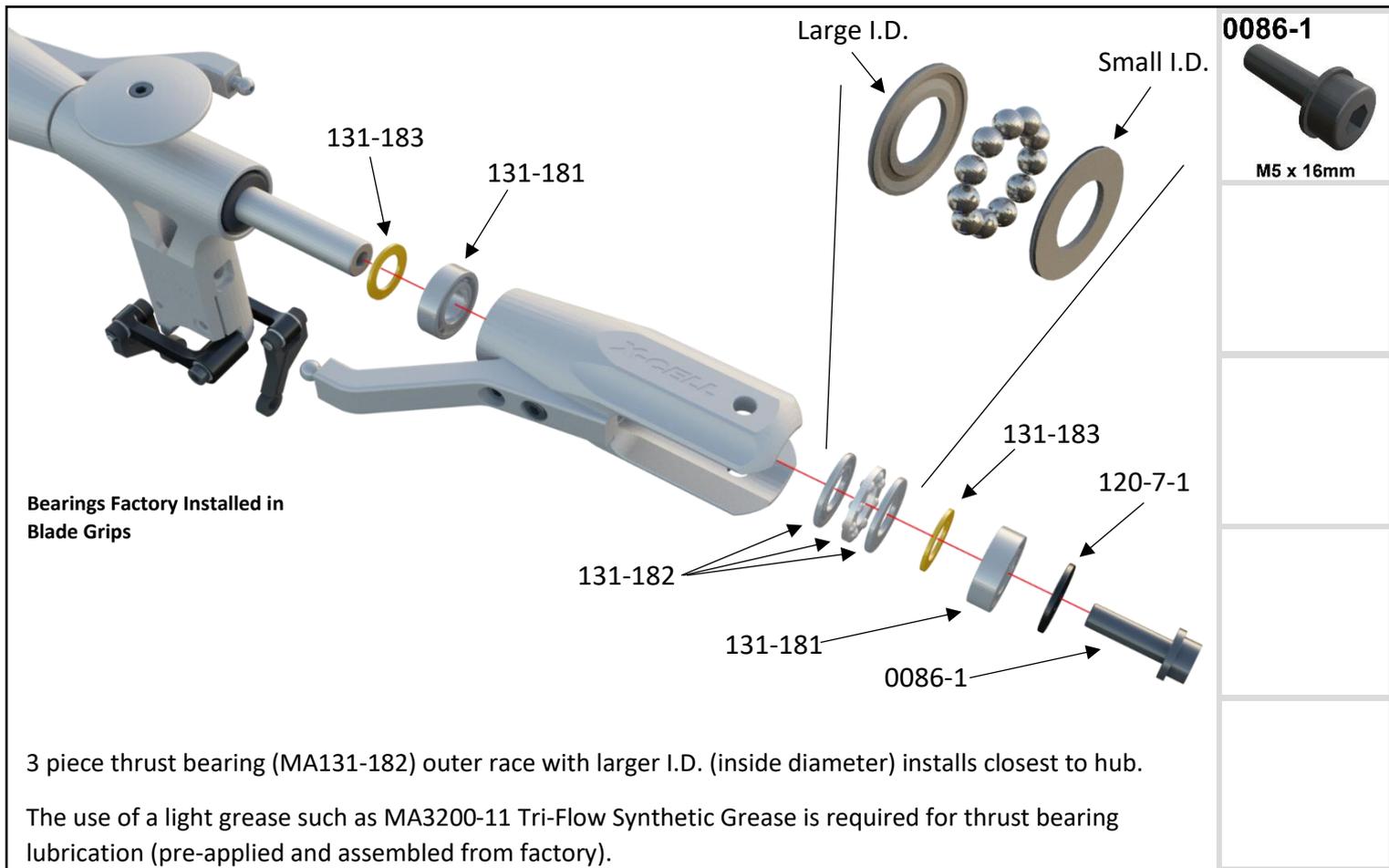
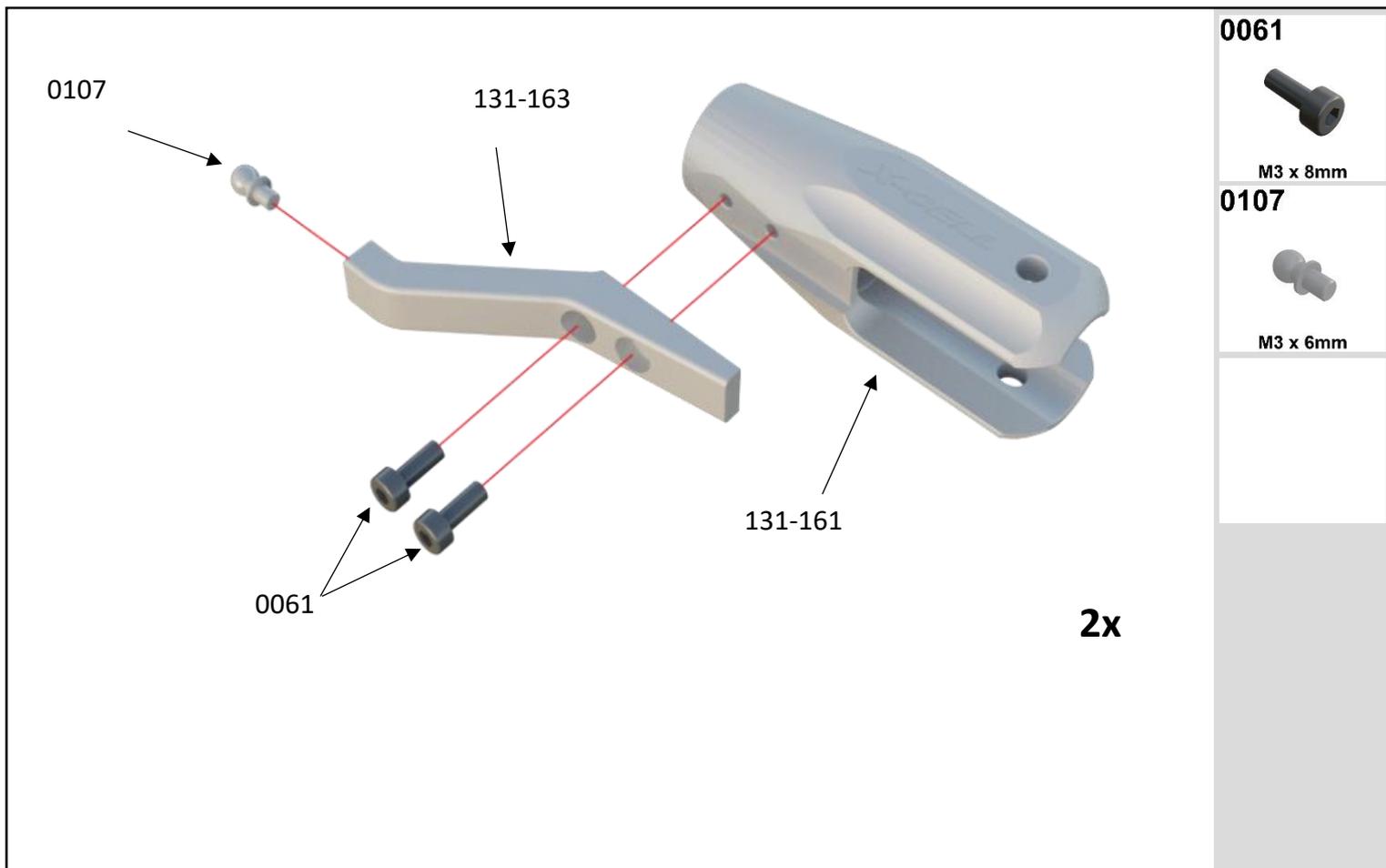


M3 x 18mm



Apply a small amount of medium thread lock when threading into metal parts.

The use of a light grease such as MA3200-11 Tri-Flow Synthetic Grease is required for damper/head axle lubrication and O-rings.



131-477

131-473

0225

131-474

131-476

0442

0107

Factory Assembled

0107	
	M3 x 6mm
	Apply a small amount of medium thread lock when threading into metal parts.

Important: 131-477 and 131-476 have left hand thread

### Factory Assembled

131-33-1

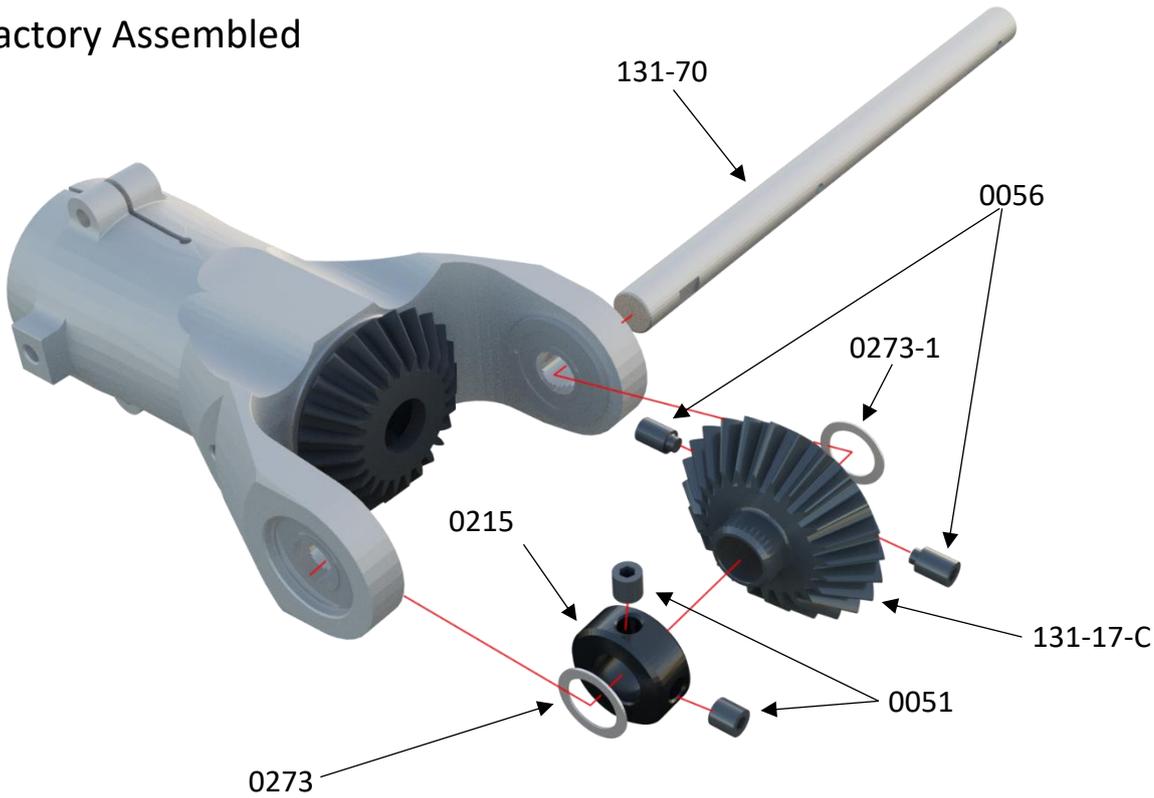
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131-18-C

131-180

131-129

## Factory Assembled



**0051**



**0056**



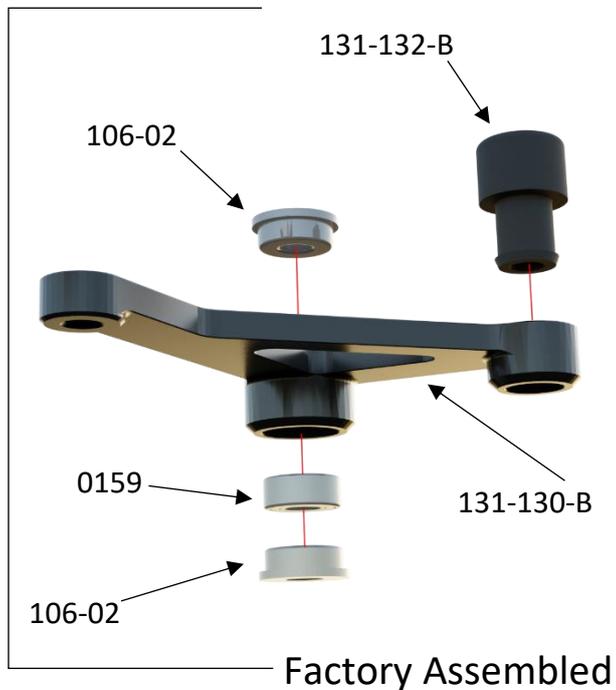
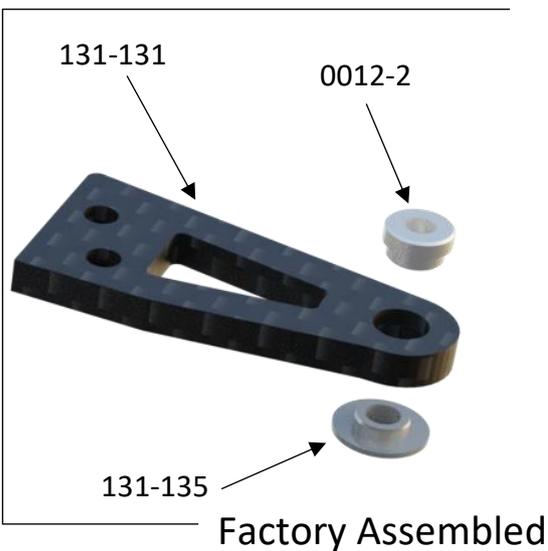
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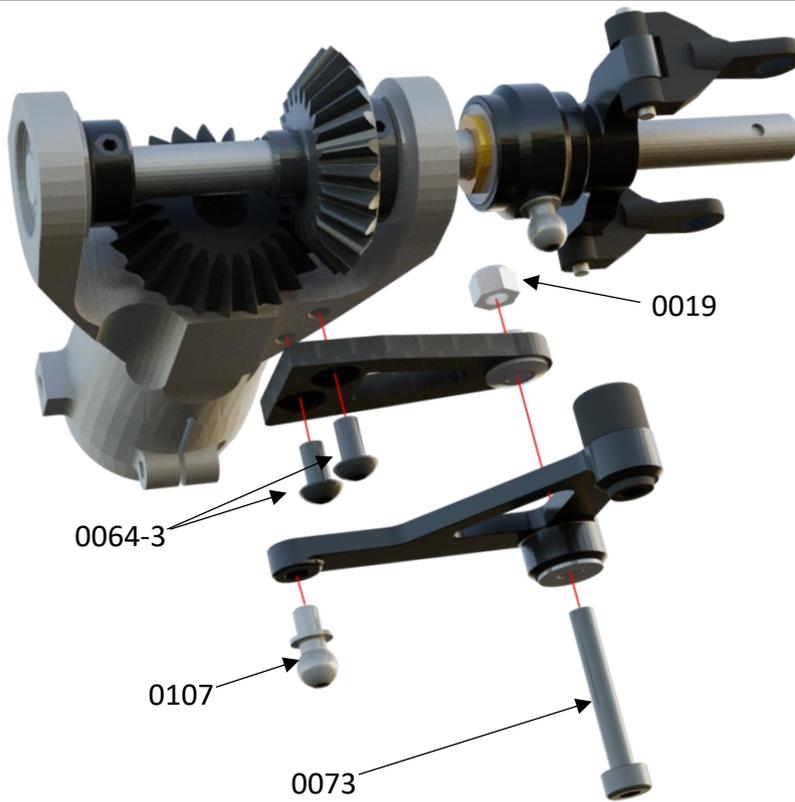


**0273-1**



Use 0273-1 / 0273-1 /0273 or any combination of them to adjust the gear mesh between 131-17-C and 131-18-C. Because 131-18-C will expand in flight so take care that the gear mesh never gets to zero.





M3 x 20mm



M3 x 6mm

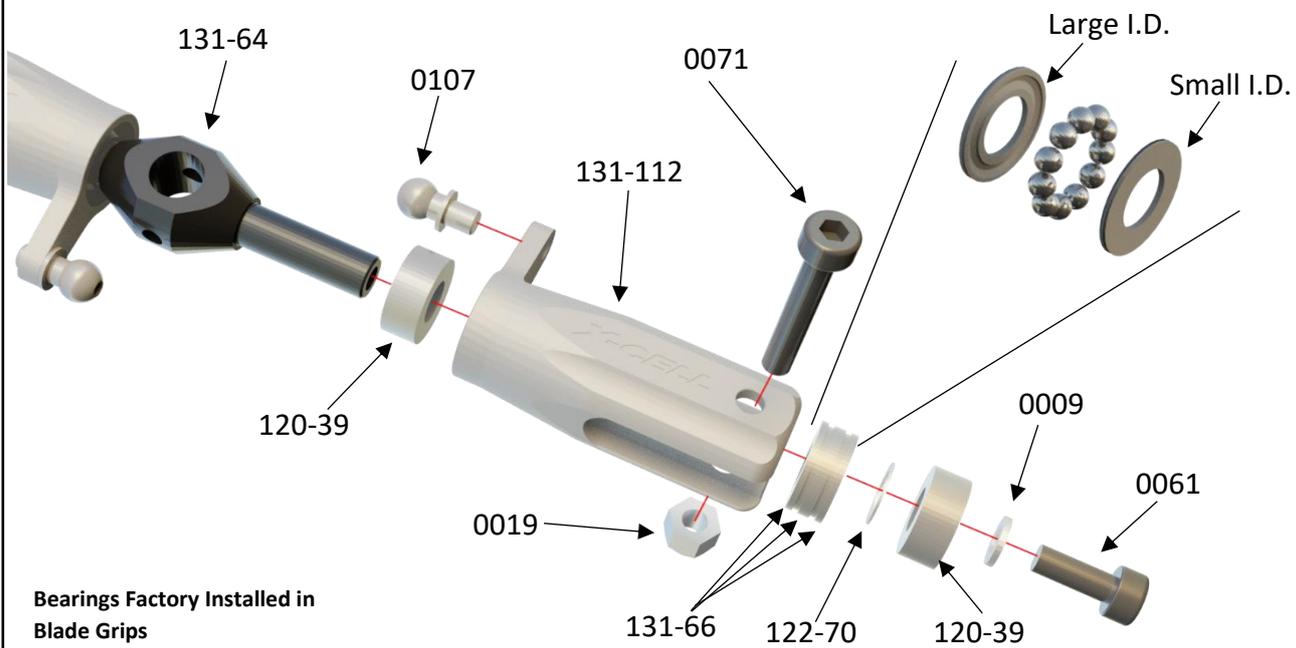


M3 x 6mm



M3

The use of a light oil such as MA3200-12 Tri-Flow Oil is required for tail rotor output shaft/pitch slider lubrication.



**Bearings Factory Installed in Blade Grips**

3 piece thrust bearing (MA131-66) outer race with larger I.D. (inside diameter) installs closest to hub.

Grease the center ball cage of the thrust bearing. We recommend using MA3200-11 Tri-Flow synthetic grease.

Only hand tighten MA0061 Socket Bolt until it is moderately tight. Do not overtighten bolt or it may result in fatigue to bolt.



M3 x 18mm



M3 x 6mm



M3



M3 x 8mm



M5 x .25mm



M3 (small)

0056

0056

0056

0056

M3 x 5mm

Ensure the dog point tip is seated into the dimples on the tail rotor shaft.

**3x**

FRONT

131-481

131-480

131-485

131-482

Take care about the orientation of guide edge of the sleeves, one facing to the front, one one facing to the tail.

Install both bearing cup assemblies facing the same direction on torque tube.

Apply a small amount of green Loctite 648 when mounting the bearing cup assemblies on the torque tube.

Diagram showing the assembly of the torque tube. The main tube is 865 mm long. Key dimensions are marked at 0 mm, 183 mm, 468 mm, 698 mm, and 865 mm. The end is labeled "Facing to front".

Parts list:

- 0049-1: M2 x 12mm socket bolt
- 0015: M2 nut

Instructions:

- ONLY use Loctite #648 to glue TT ends to tube.
- Do not overtighten 0049-1 socket bolts as it is possible to crush torque tube.
- Apply a small amount of green Loctite 648 when mounting the bearing cup assemblies on the torque tube.
- NOTE: Carefully glue bearing assemblies to torque tube making sure bearing locations are NOT equal distances from torque tube ends. Allow Loctite 648 to dry (about 2 hours) before installing into tail boom.

Apply a small amount of medium thread lock when threading into metal parts.

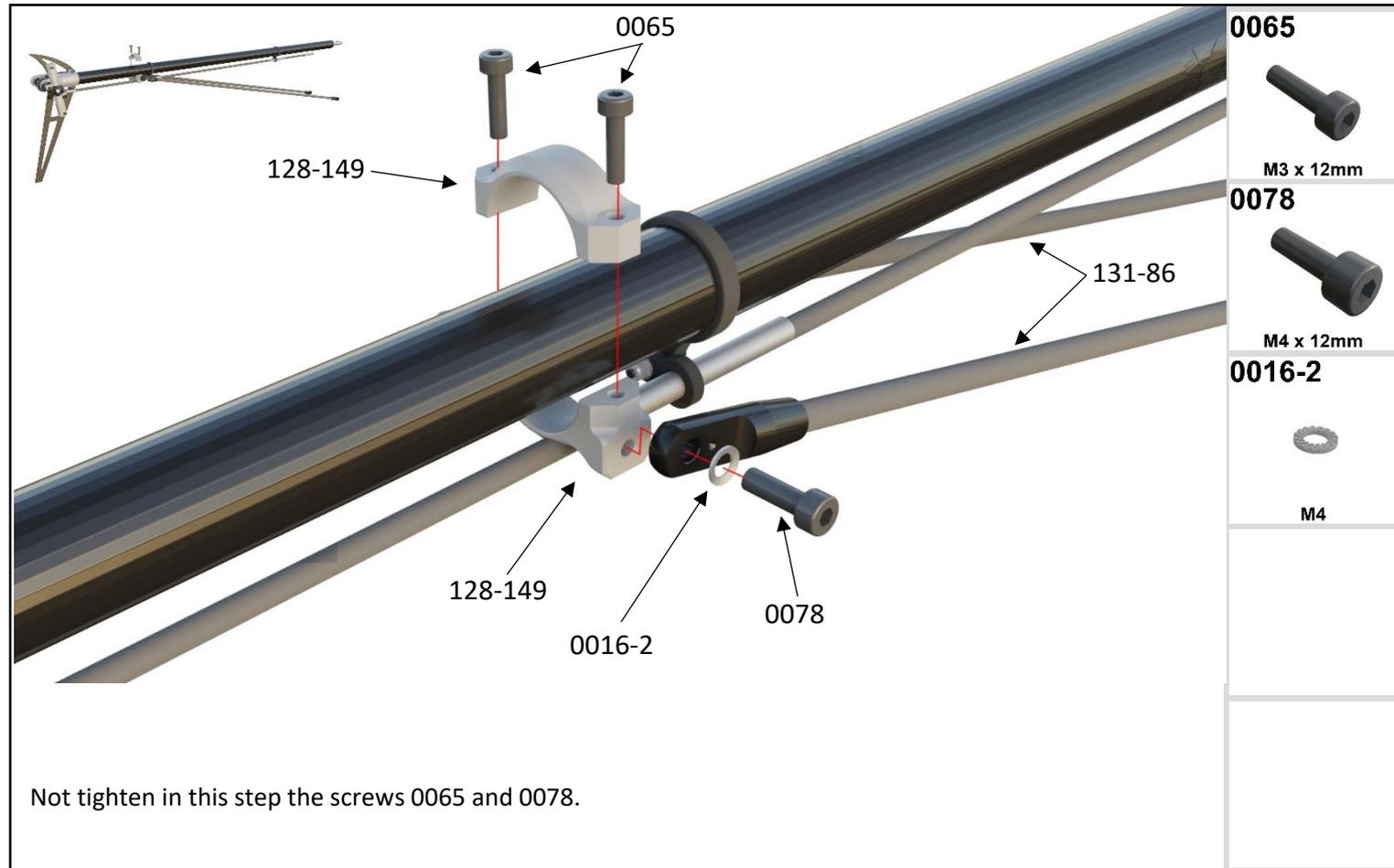
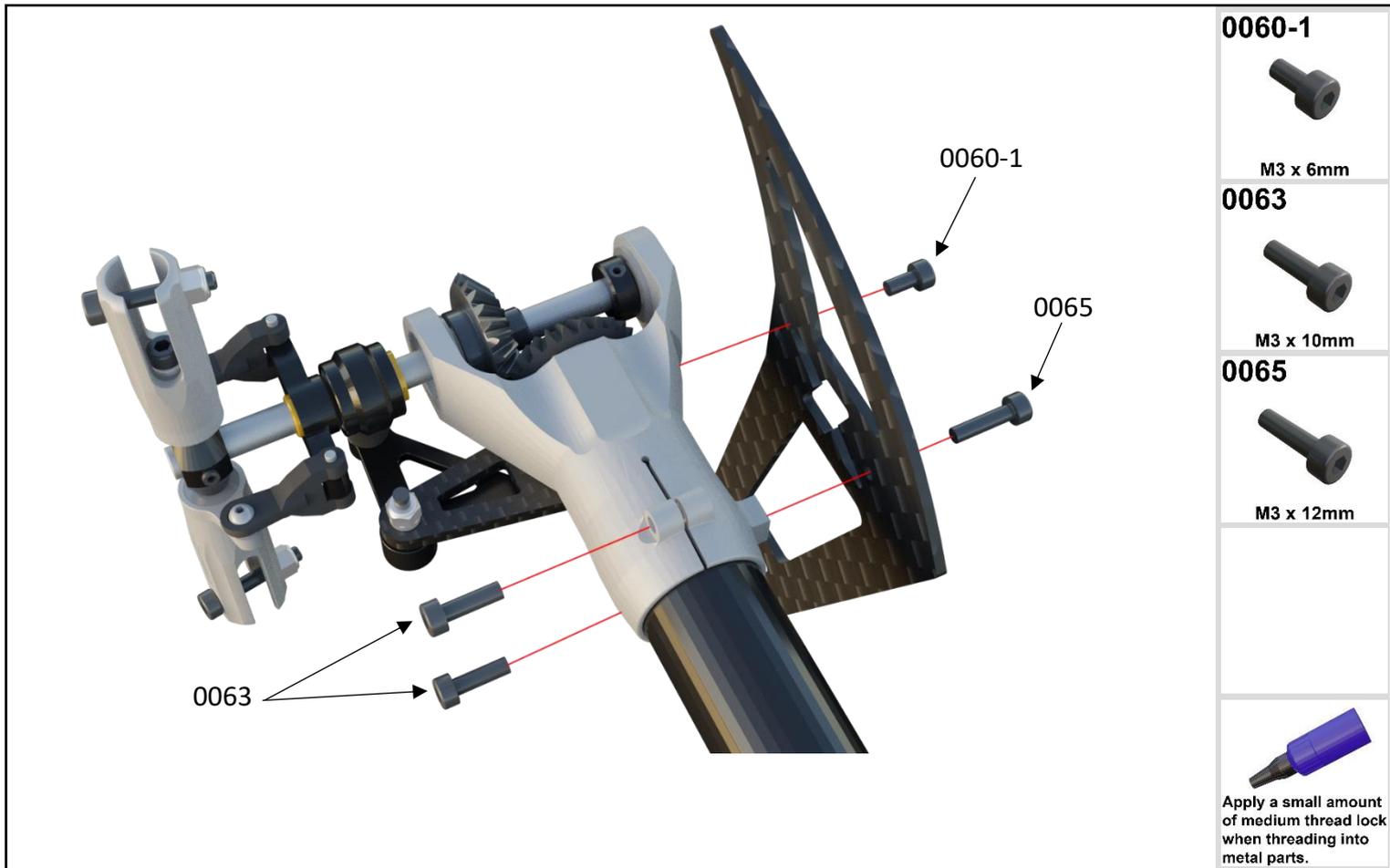
Diagram showing the tail boom assembly. The torque tube is inserted into the tail boom. The bearing cups are mounted on the torque tube with the open ends towards the front.

Parts list:

- 0049-1: M2 x 12mm socket bolt
- 0001: M2 washer
- 0018: M2 nut
- 0053-5: M3 x 16mm pin
- 0133-1: M3 x 21.2mm pin

Instructions:

- Pour some light oil such or tallow into tail boom to ease installation of torque tube assembly.
- Install the torque tube with the open ends of the bearing cups towards the front of the tail boom assembly.
- Install MA128-144 T/R Control Rod Guides with the dimples towards front of tail assembly.



**Gyro Plate**

0032-2

131-52

**Top Plate**

0088-2

128-57

**0088-2**

M3 x 6mm

**0032-2**

M3 x 8mm

Apply a small amount of medium thread lock when threading into metal parts.

Do not overtighten MA0032-2 Self Tapping Screw into MA131-52 Delrin Tray Mount.

**Front Battery Plate**

0088-2

128-57

135-57

135-55

**Hopper Mount**

0088-2

135-492

128-57

135-383

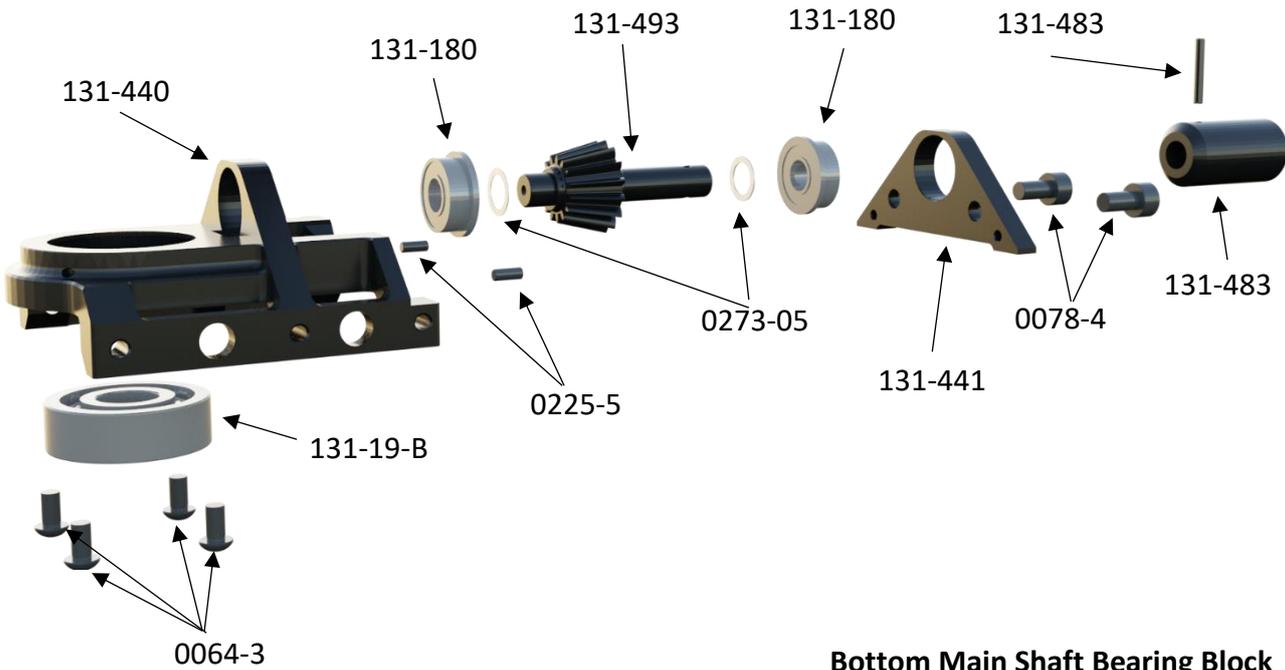
**Hopper Mount Bottom**

**0088-2**

M3 x 6mm

Apply a small amount of medium thread lock when threading into metal parts.

## Factory Assembled



**Bottom Main Shaft Bearing Block**

**0078-4**



M4 x 8mm

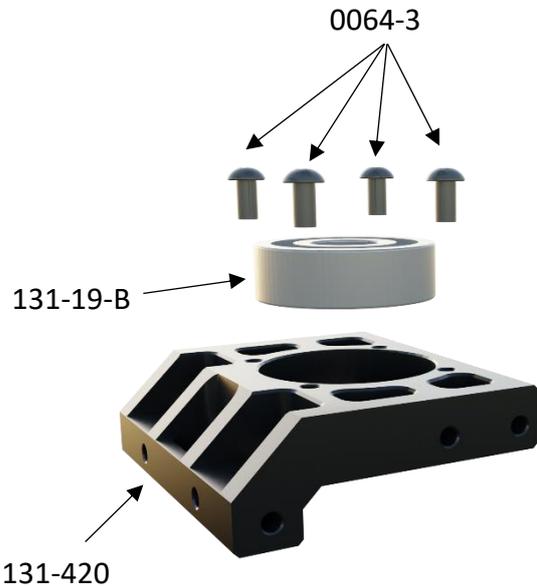
**0064-3**



M3 x 6mm

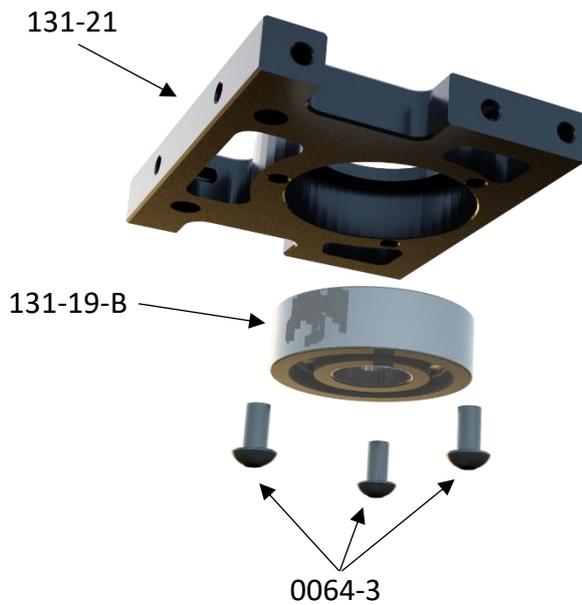
Apply a small amount of medium thread lock when threading into metal parts.

## Factory Assembled



**Middle Main Shaft Bearing Block**

## Upper Main Shaft Bearing Block



**Factory Assembled**

**0064-3**



M3 x 6mm

Apply a small amount of medium thread lock when threading into metal parts.

**NOTE:**  
 Upper bearing block features smooth, wrench access hole  
 Middle bearing block features threaded holes.

131-186

131-47 optional (JR Servos Only)

131-421

0065 w/spacer  
0063 wo/spacer

131-46

**0063**  
M3 x 10mm

**0065**  
M3 x 12mm

Apply a small amount of medium thread lock when threading into metal parts.

If using JR brand servos or other "tall" servos, MA131-47 Servo Rail Spacers are included for proper servo linkage alignment, if required.

131-47 optional (JR Servos Only)

131-420

0065 w/spacer  
0063 wo/spacer

131-46

**0063**  
M3 x 10mm

**0065**  
M3 x 12mm

Apply a small amount of medium thread lock when threading into metal parts.

If using JR brand servos or other "tall" servos, MA131-47 Servo Rail Spacers are included for proper servo linkage alignment, if required.

0060-1      0060-1 (\*)      0067 (\*)

2700-01      X-CELL      0060-1

0061      2700-01      135-488

**0061**

M3 x 8mm

**0063**

M3 x 10mm

**0067**

M3 x 14mm

**2700-01**

M3 (blue)

Apply a small amount of medium thread lock when threading into metal parts.

(\* ) do not tighten the screws at this assembly step

128-58      128-58

128-90      0060-1

Hopper Mount

**0063**

M3 x 10mm

Apply a small amount of medium thread lock when threading into metal parts.

0060-1

128-58

Gyro Plate

0032

CELL

**0063**  
M3 x 10mm

**0032**  
M2.9 x 9.5mm

Apply a small amount of medium thread lock when threading into metal parts.

131-442

134-104

0063 (\*\*)

0078-4 (\*\*)

0004

135-124

**0063**  
M3 x 10mm

**0078-4**  
M4 x 8mm

**0004**  
M4

Do not supply thread lock at screws marked with a (\*\*) at this assembly step. They will be removed again later.

Apply a small amount of medium thread lock when threading into metal parts.





0032

0060-1

128-90

**0060-1**

M3 x 6mm

**0032**

M2.9 x 9.5mm

Apply a small amount of medium thread lock when threading into metal parts.

134-104

0063(\*\*)

0004

0078-4(\*\*)

**0063**

M3 x 10mm

**0078-4**

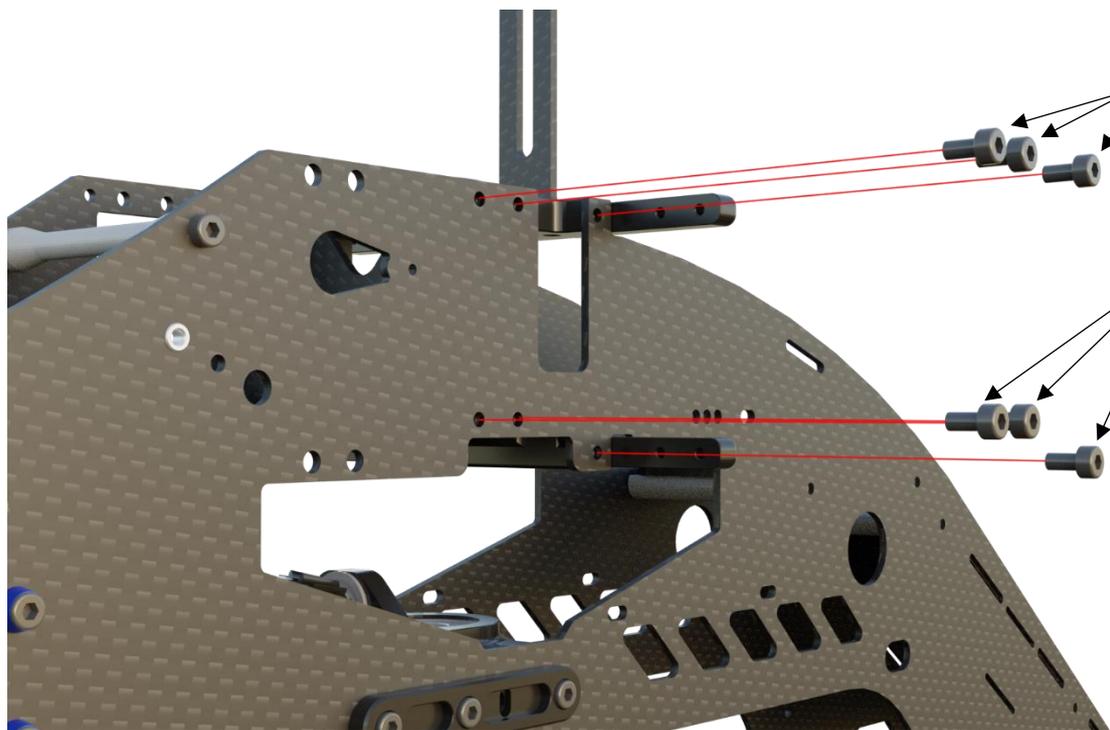
M4 x 8mm

**0004**

M4

Do not supply thread lock at screws marked with a (\*\*) at this assembly step. They will be removed again later.

Apply a small amount of medium thread lock when threading into metal parts.



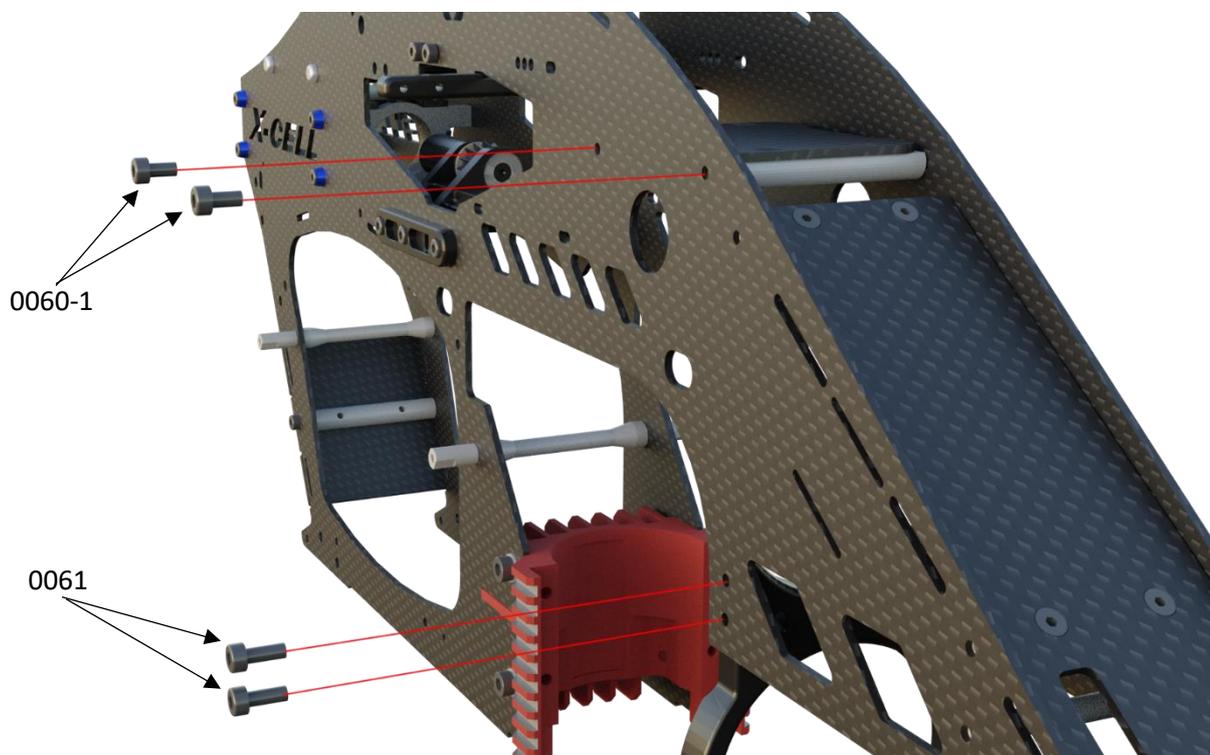
**0060-1**



M3 x 6mm



Apply a small amount of medium thread lock when threading into metal parts.



**0061**



M3 x 8mm

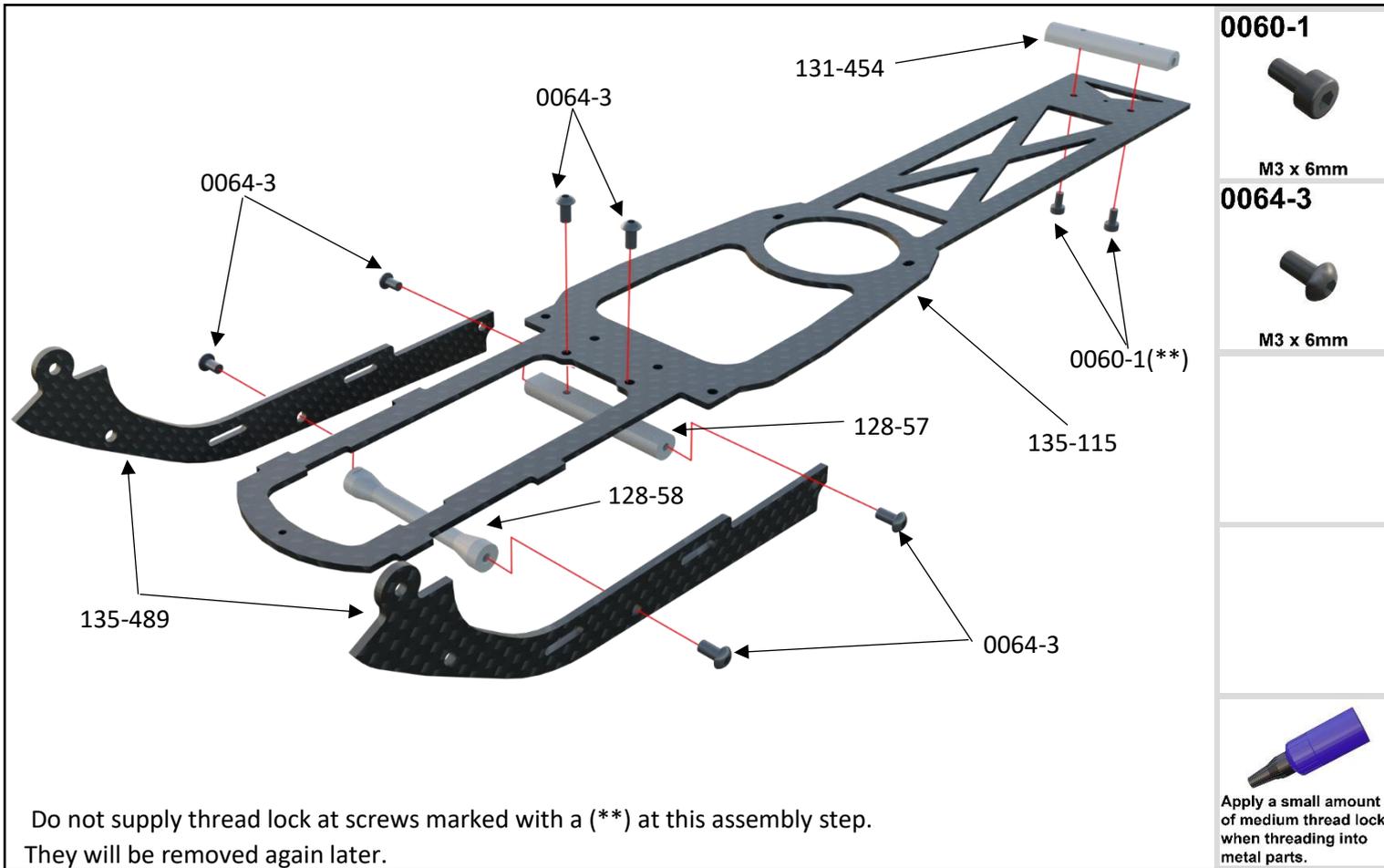
**0060-1**



M3 x 6mm



Apply a small amount of medium thread lock when threading into metal parts.



**0061**

M3 x 8mm

**0060-1**

M3 x 6mm

**2700-01**

M3 (blue)

Assemble the bottom frame section to ensure that the frame is straight and rectangular. The front section of bottom frame and main frame shall fall in line (see picture with the red circle). If they don't so open some screws of the main frame bearing blocks and spacers and align the complete frame. Don't forget to refresh thread lock.

Do not supply thread lock at screws marked with a (\*\*). They will be removed again later.

**0061**

M3 x 8mm

**0078-4**

M4 x 8mm

**0004**

M4

**Hopper Mount Bottom**

Apply a small amount of medium thread lock when threading into metal parts.

**0088**

M3 x 8mm

**0088-3**

M3 x 7mm

Apply a small amount of medium thread lock when threading into metal parts.

Assemble main gear and crown gear at the corresponding hubs.

**0059-2**

M2.5 x 8mm

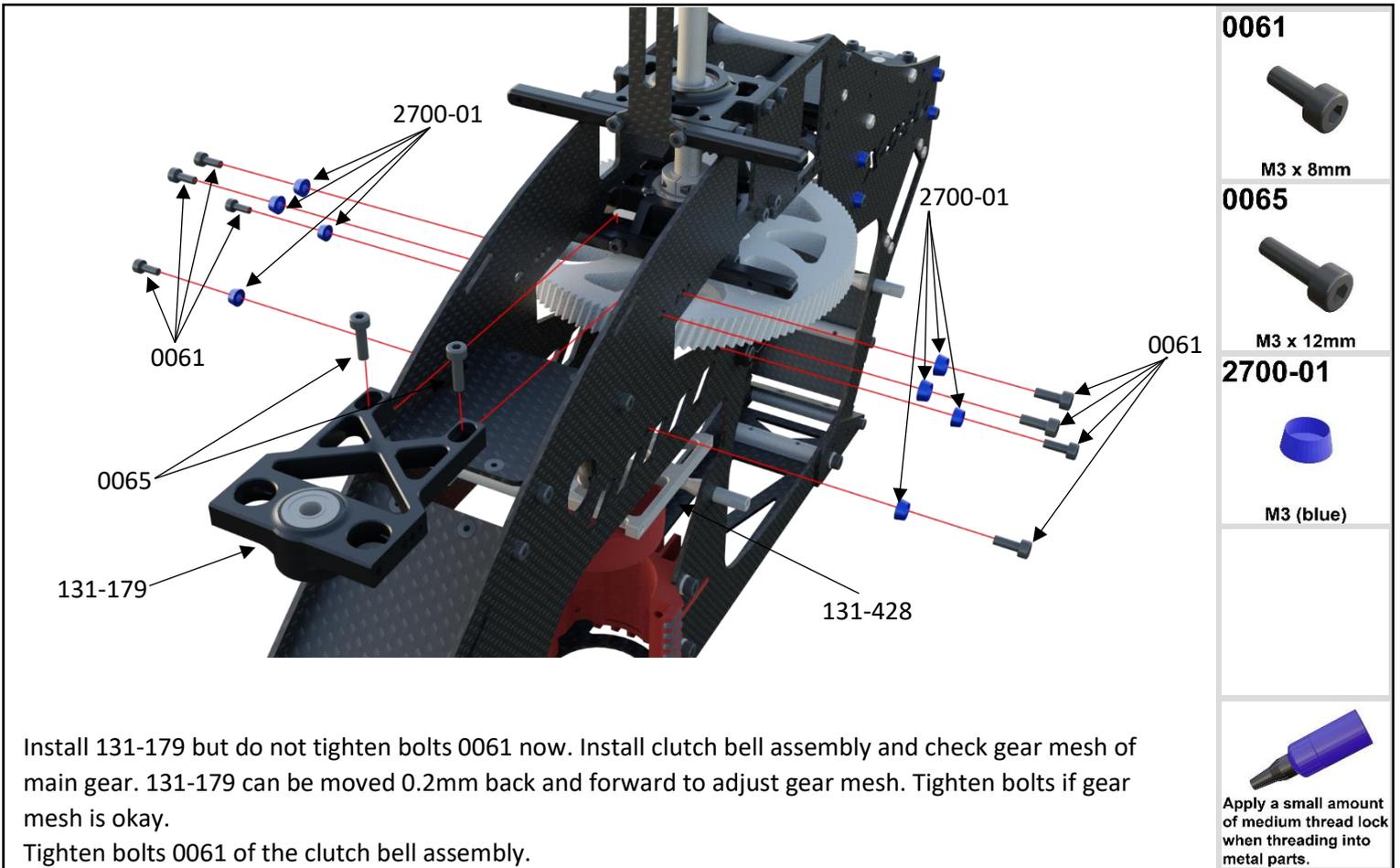
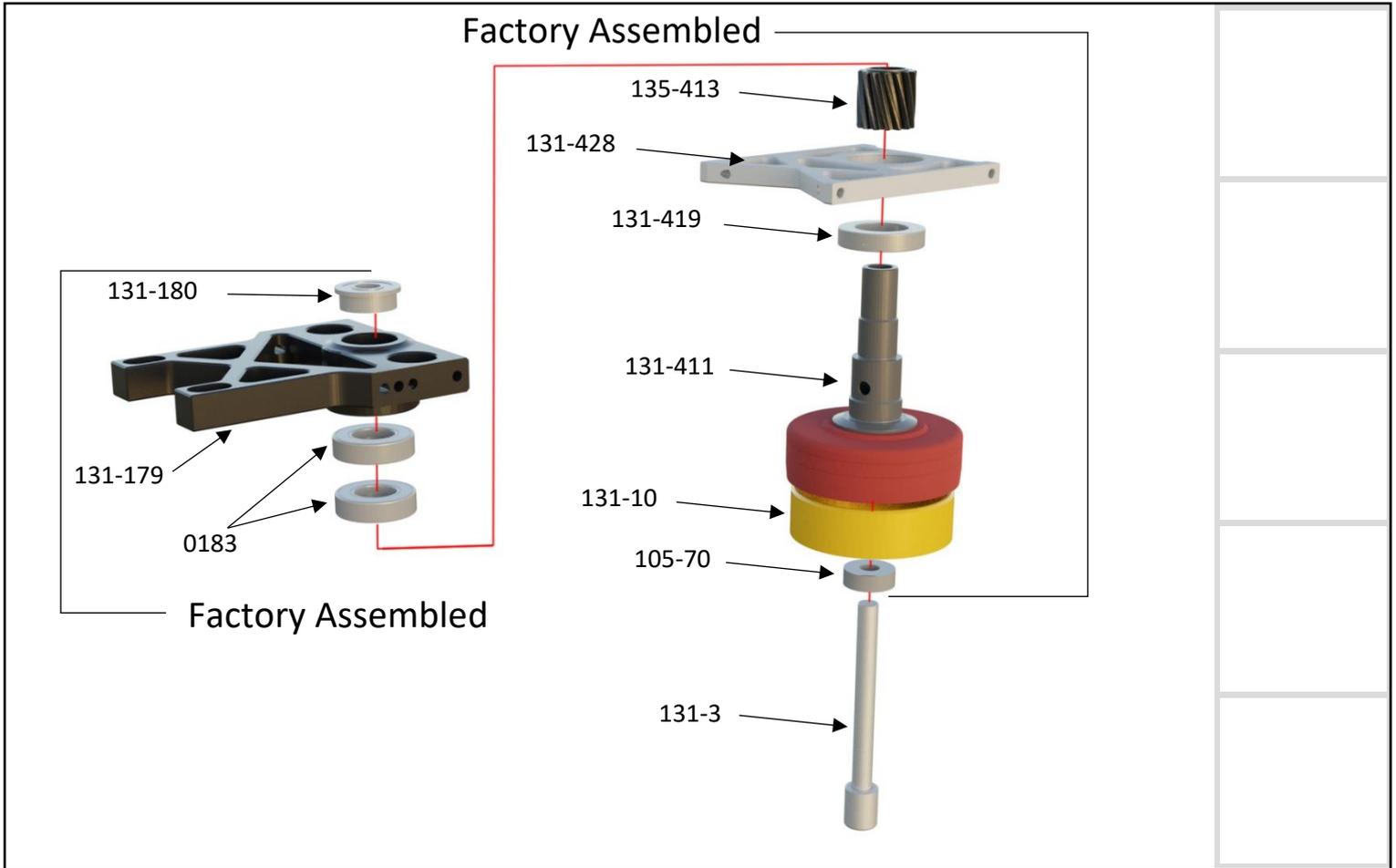
**0021**

M4

Apply a small amount of medium thread lock when threading into metal parts.

The red circles show how to reach the screws of the collars (0875).

Install front drive assembly and one way hub with main gear at the frame and insert mainshaft with collars.  
 Push bottom bearing block up and tighten screws. Take care that it is aligned horizontal  
 Install jesus bolt, push crown gear up and tighten jesus bolt.  
 Then pull mainshaft to the top and tighten upper collar.  
 Check gear mesh of crown gear. If it is too much then insert a 0620-0x shim. If the play is too less, remove one 0620-0x shim. At least one shim has to be installed.  
 Press bottom collar up and tighten it



0215

0051

127-86

0051

M3 x 3mm

127-86

M6 x 9.7 x 1mm

Pull shaft 131-3 up and install 0215 and shims (127-86) as needed.

REMOVE

Remove bottom frame section as show

Install the magnets at the fan using epoxy like UHU 300. Follow instructions of the glue. One mangent has to face by 'N' to the top of the fan the other by 'S' (north and south pole of magnet).

4500-100

131-120

S

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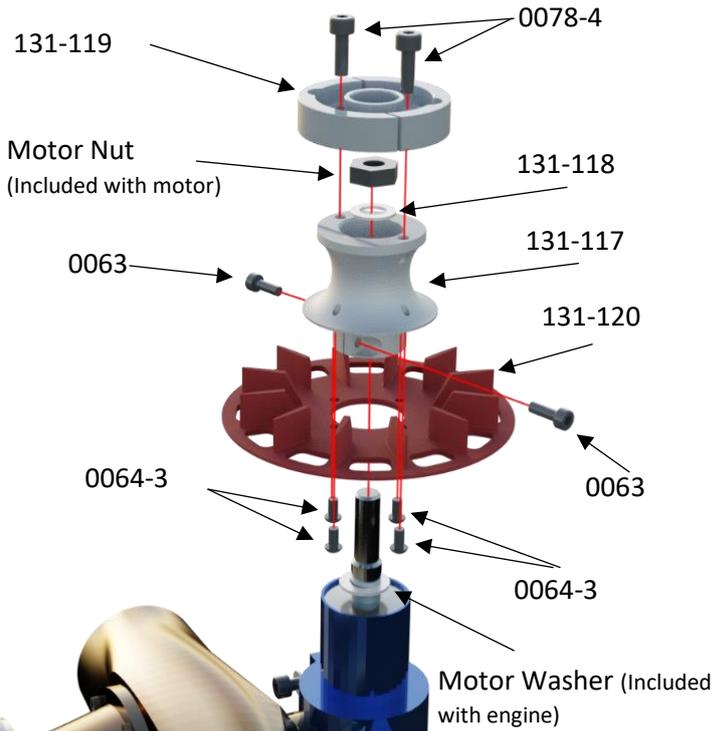
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S

Assemble fan hub to fan, then install motor washer and hub on engine and tighten MA0063 socket bolts a little to clamp onto engine shaft.

Next, install 131-118 washer and nut (included with engine). Follow manual of turbine engine. Now tighten bolts 0063. Use a dial indicator to verify runout of the hub at the inner surface. It should be less than +/- 0.015mm. If runout is too big, repeat install procedure and rotate hub by 90°.

Install clutch (one-way bearing is factory installed).



**0078-4**



M4 x 8mm

**0063**



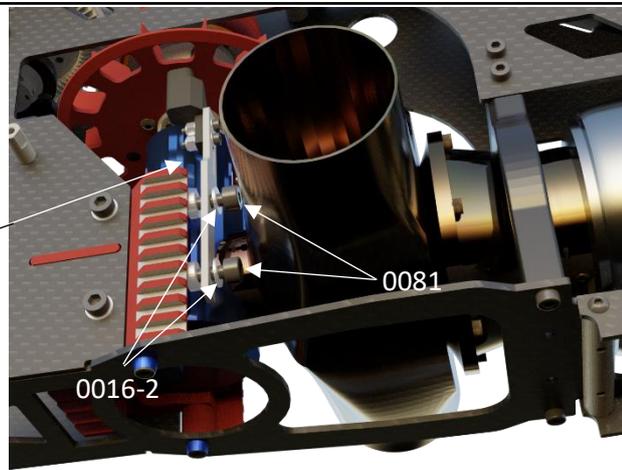
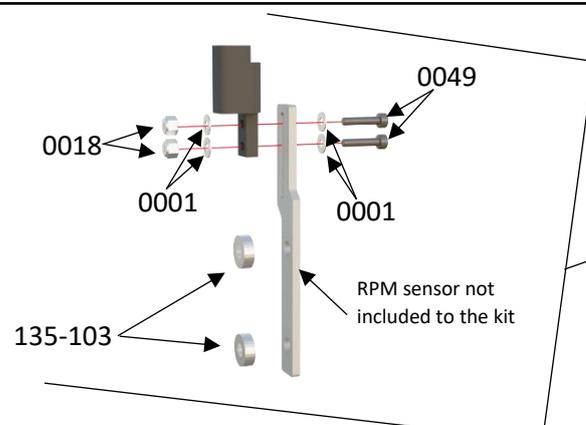
M3 x 10mm

**0064-3**



M3 x 6mm

Apply a small amount of medium thread lock when threading into metal parts.



**0080**



M4 x 14mm

**0081**



M4 x 16mm

**0016-2**

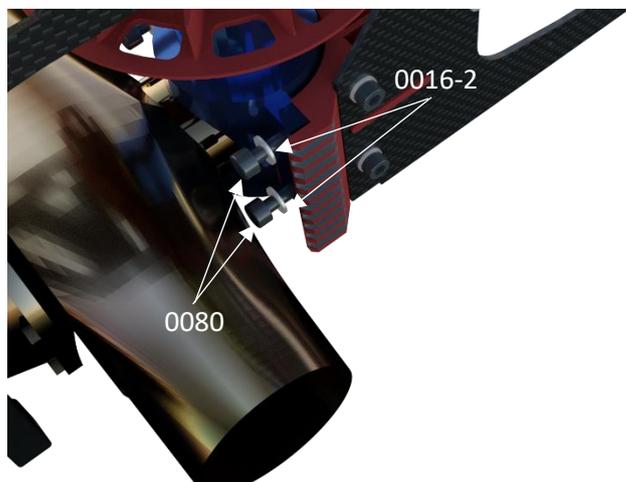


M4

**0049**



M2 x 10mm



Apply a small amount of medium thread lock when threading into metal parts.

**0001**



M2

**0018**



M2



**0069**  
M3 x 16mm

**0009**  
M3 (small)

135-101 (4x)

0069 (4x)

0009 (4x)

Install turbine supports (135-101). The supports shall only 'touch' the engine. They shall not supply pressure to the engine body.

Apply a small amount of medium thread lock when threading into metal parts.

**0060-1**  
M3 x 6mm

0060-1

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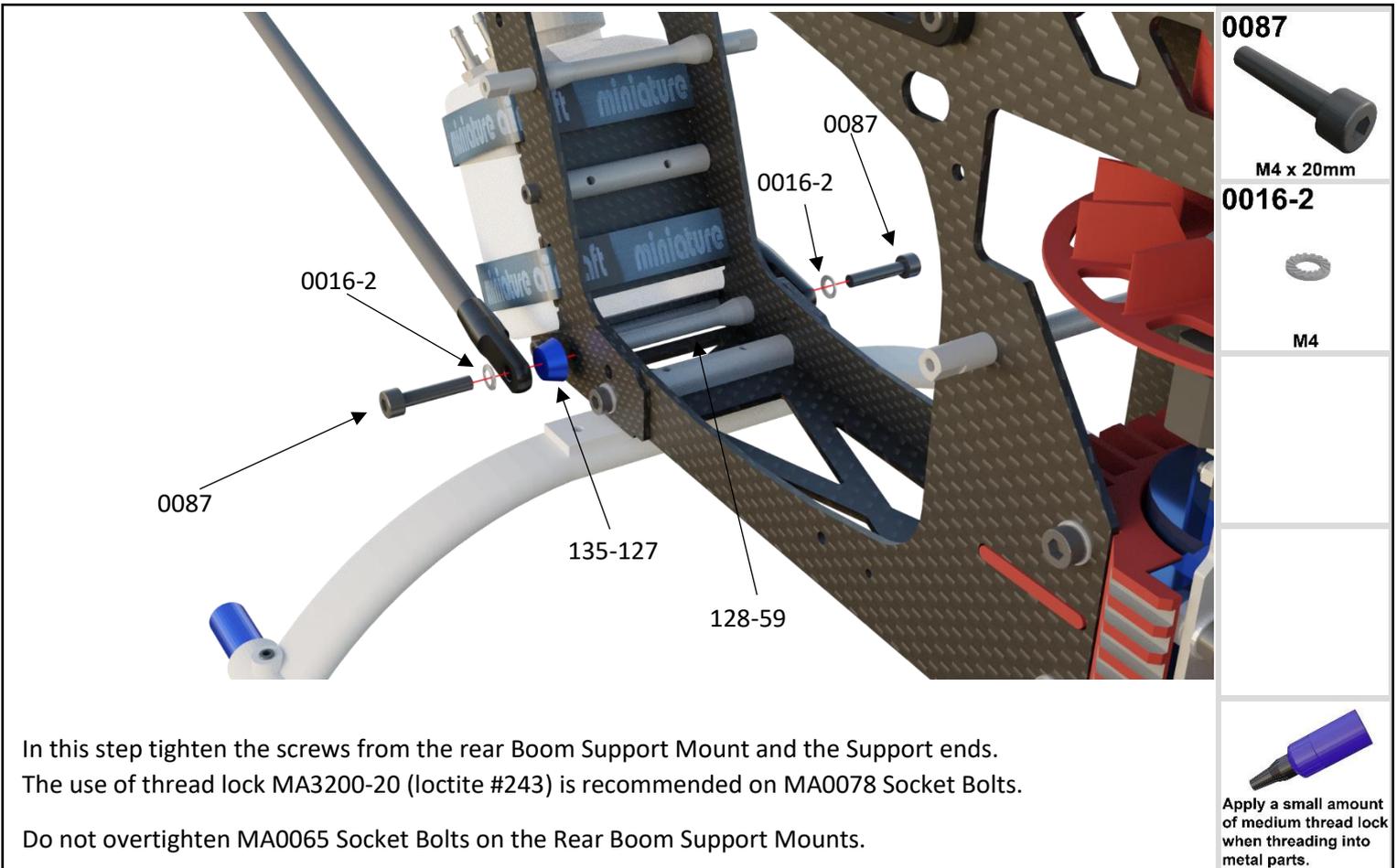
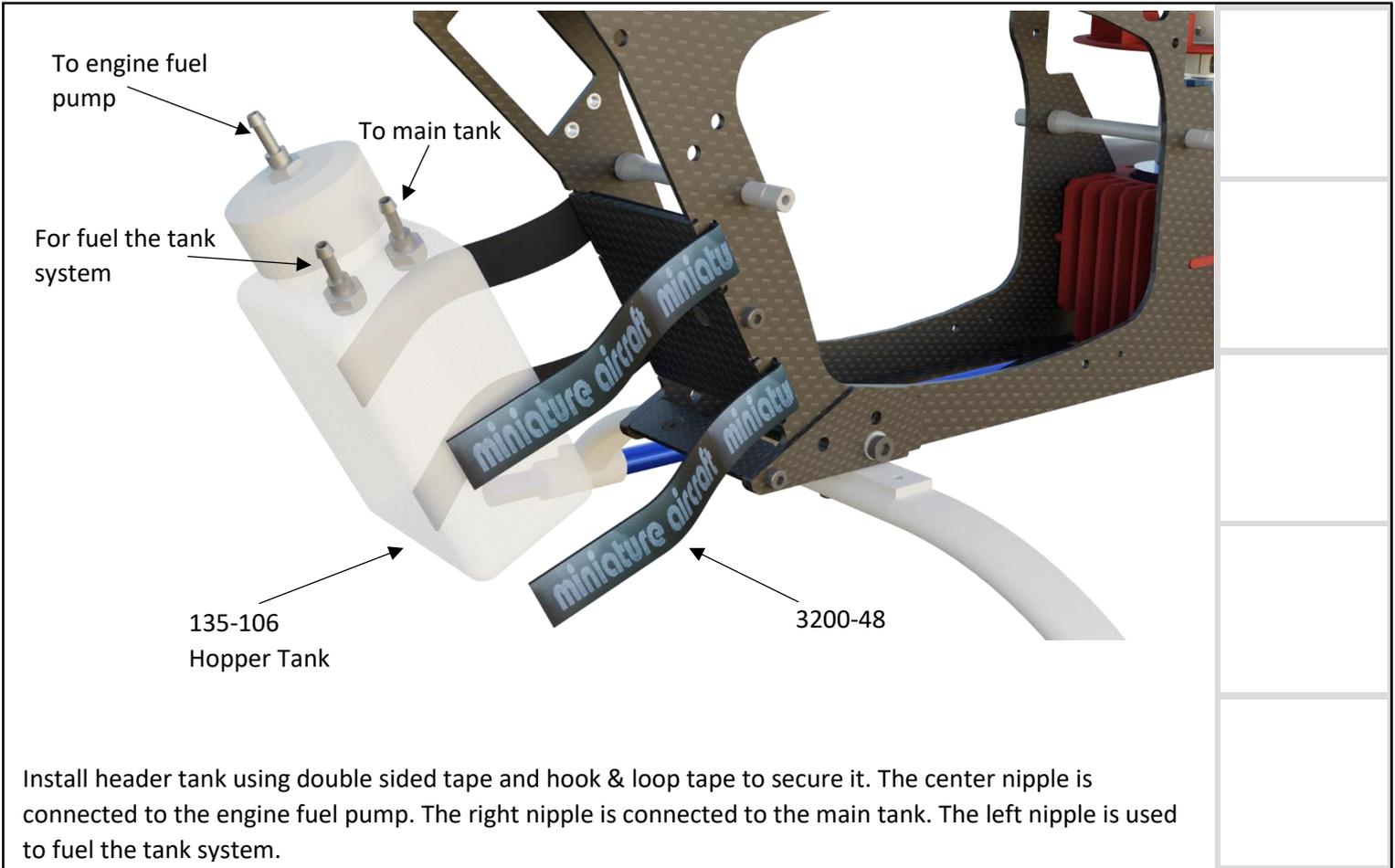
Install tail boom assembly.  
Don't forget to use thread lock!

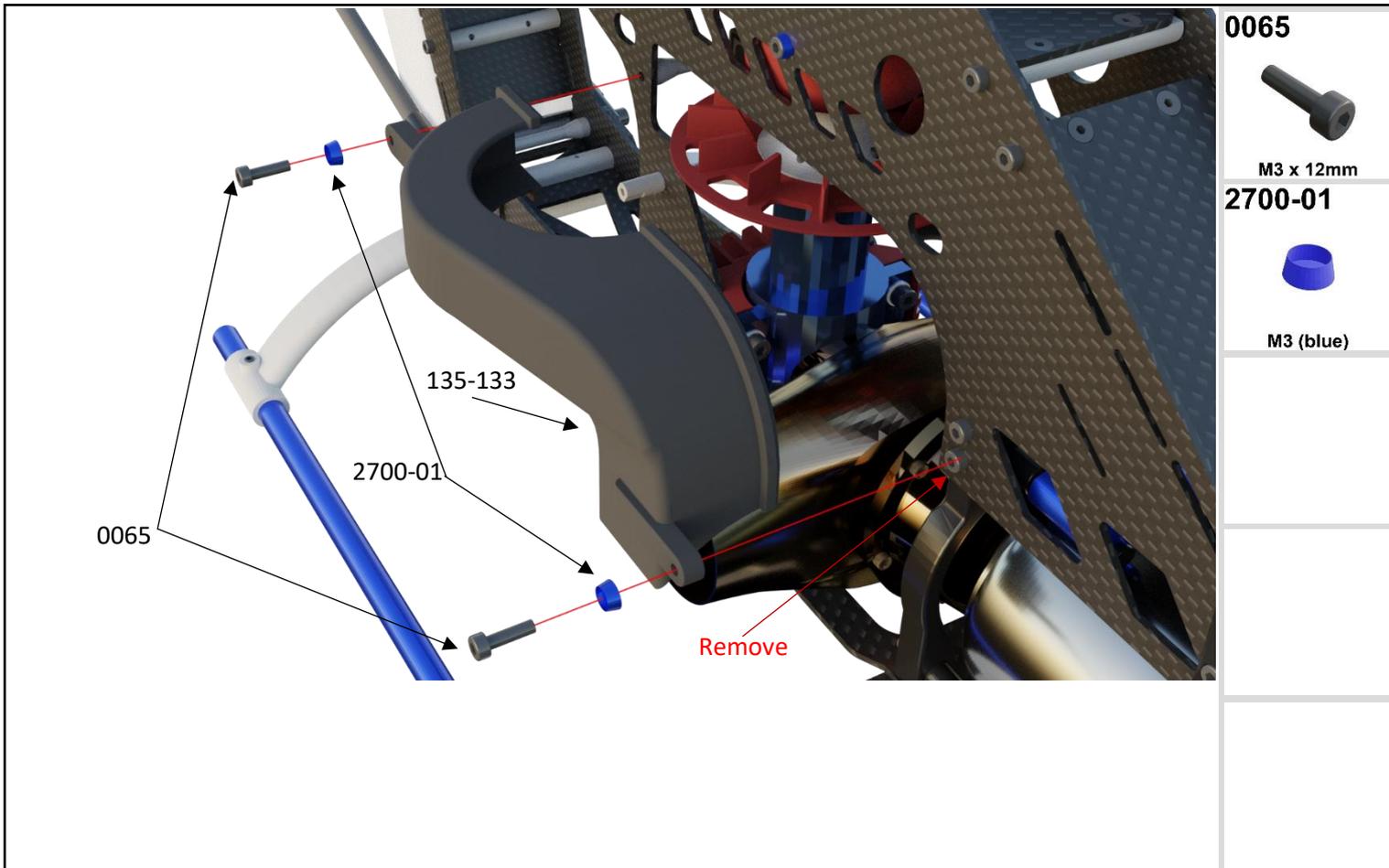
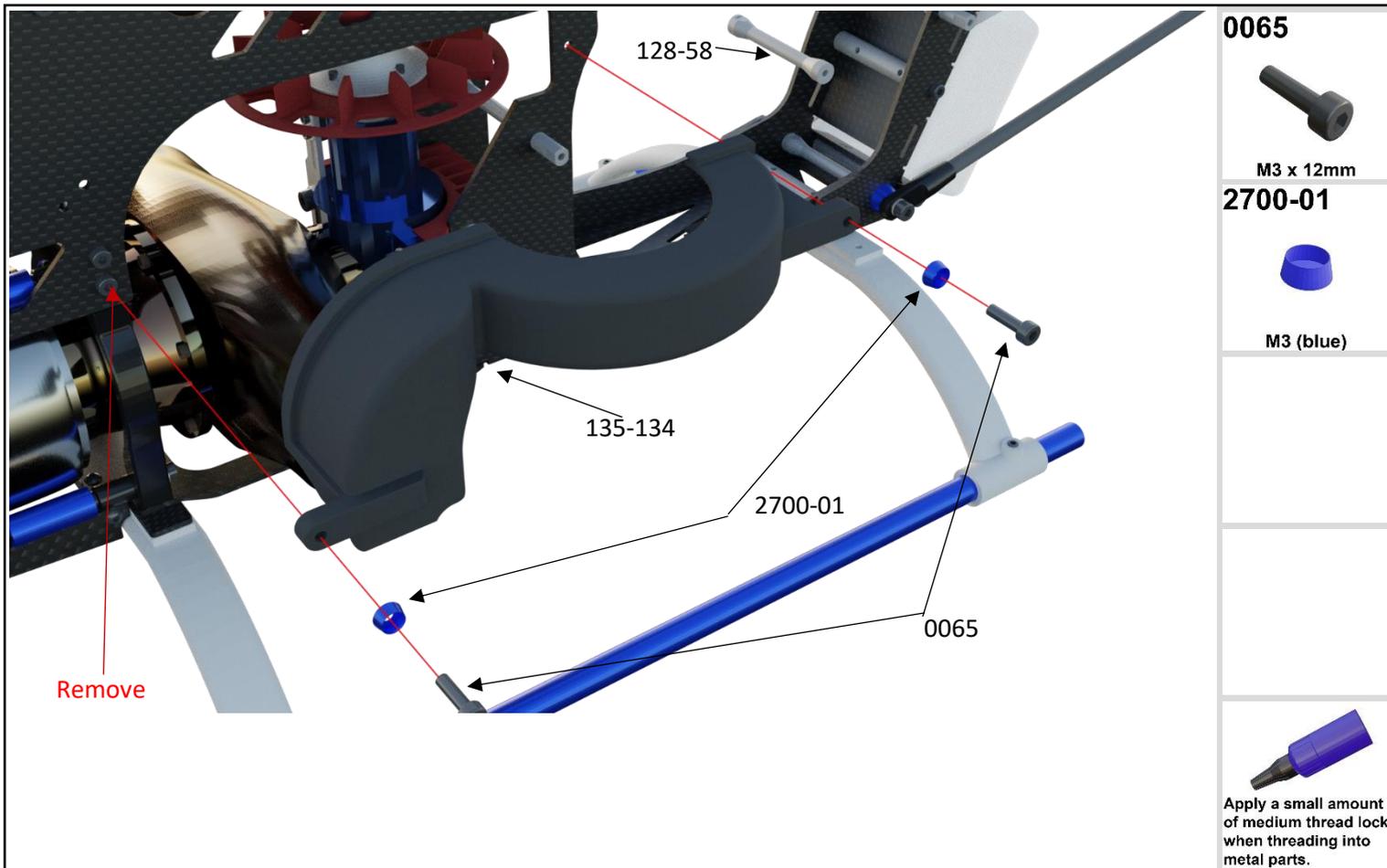
**1** – tighten the screw (0060-1) first to fix the tail boom in position

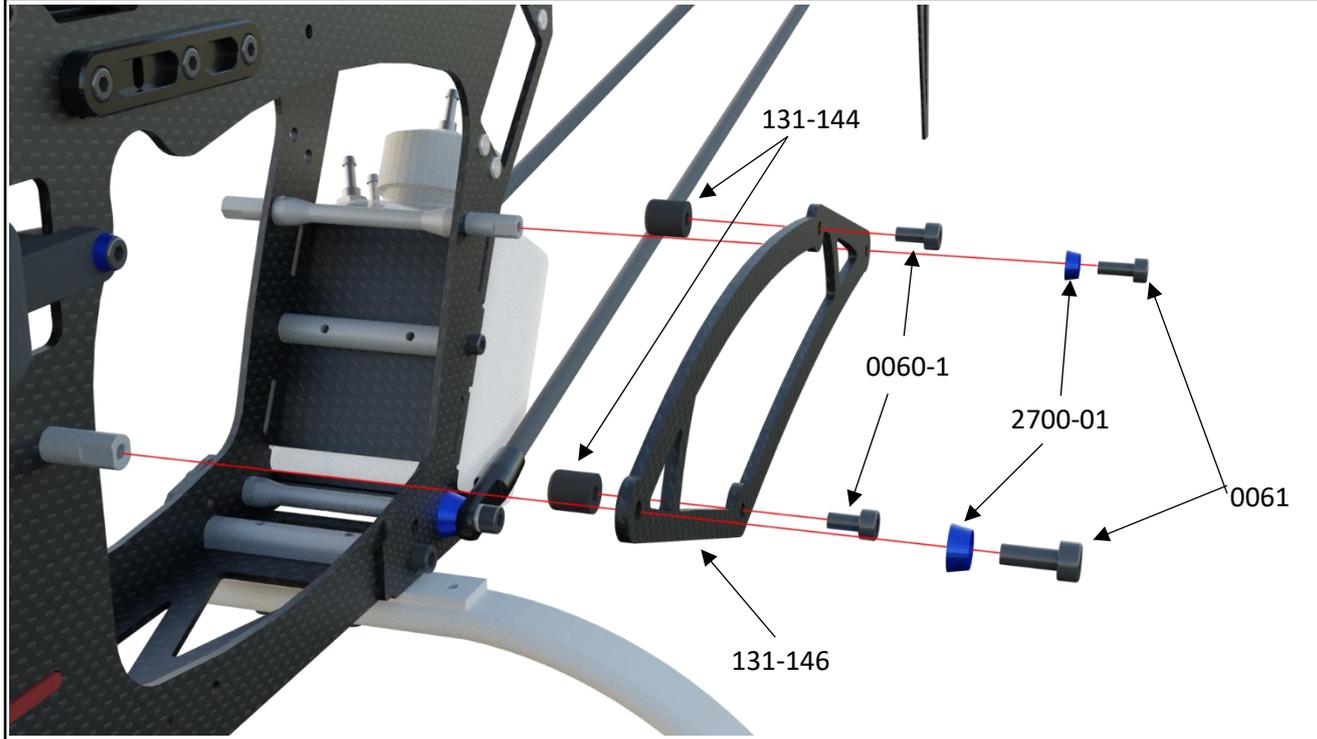
**2** – tighten this 2 screws to clamp the tail boom. Please look that the tail fin is 90 degrees

**3** tighten this 2 screws at the last to fix all

Apply a small amount of medium thread lock when threading into metal parts.

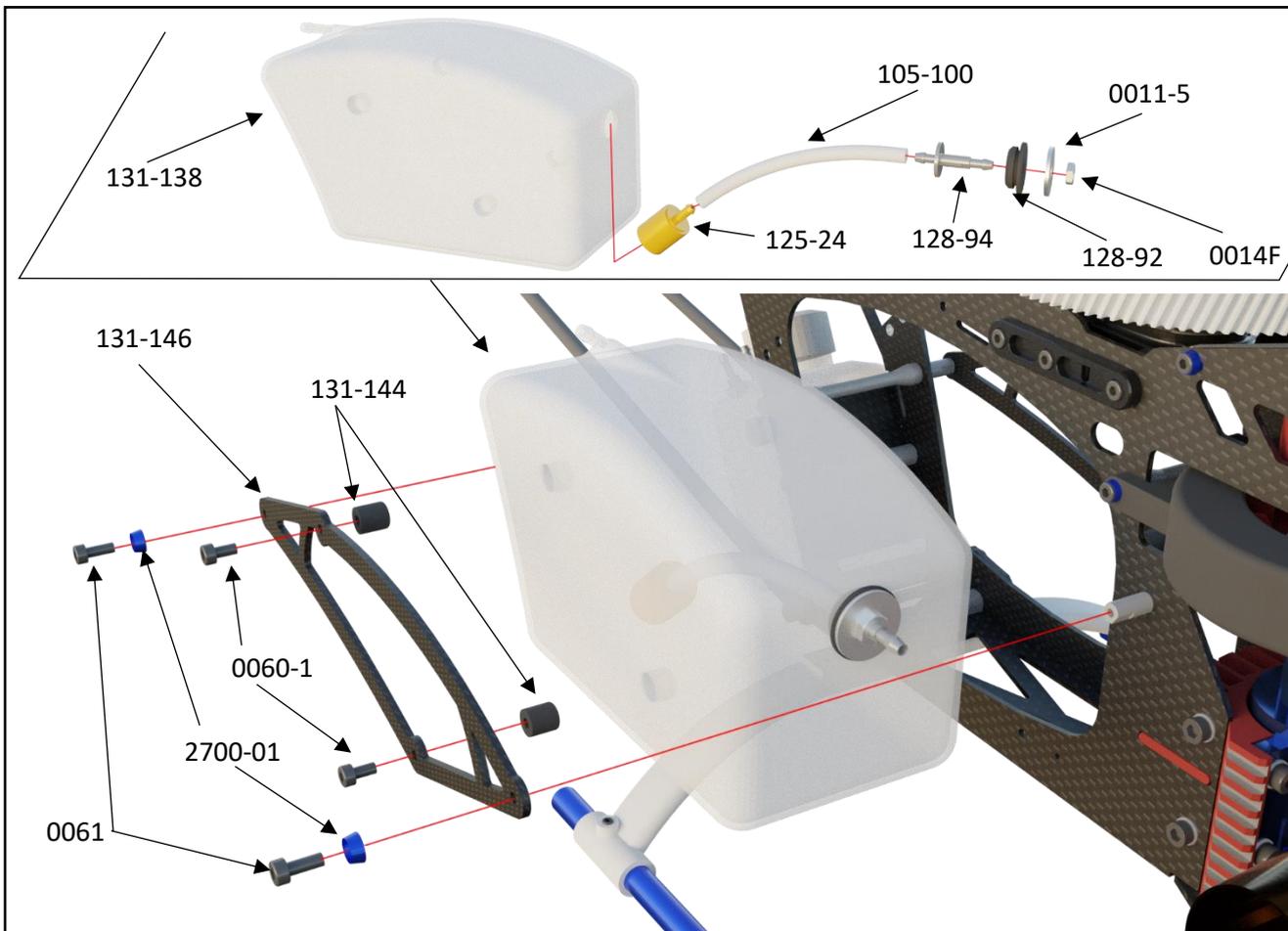






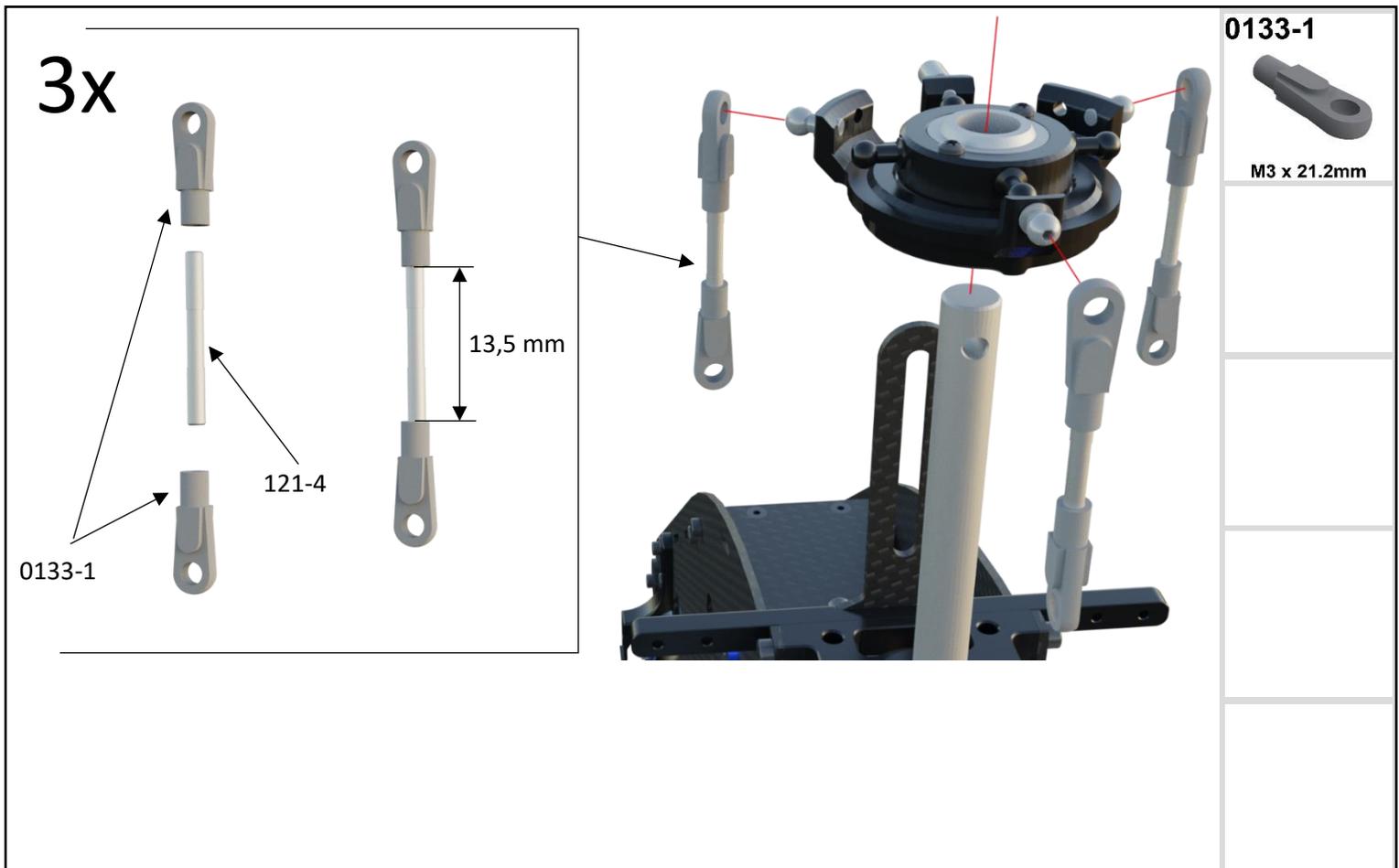
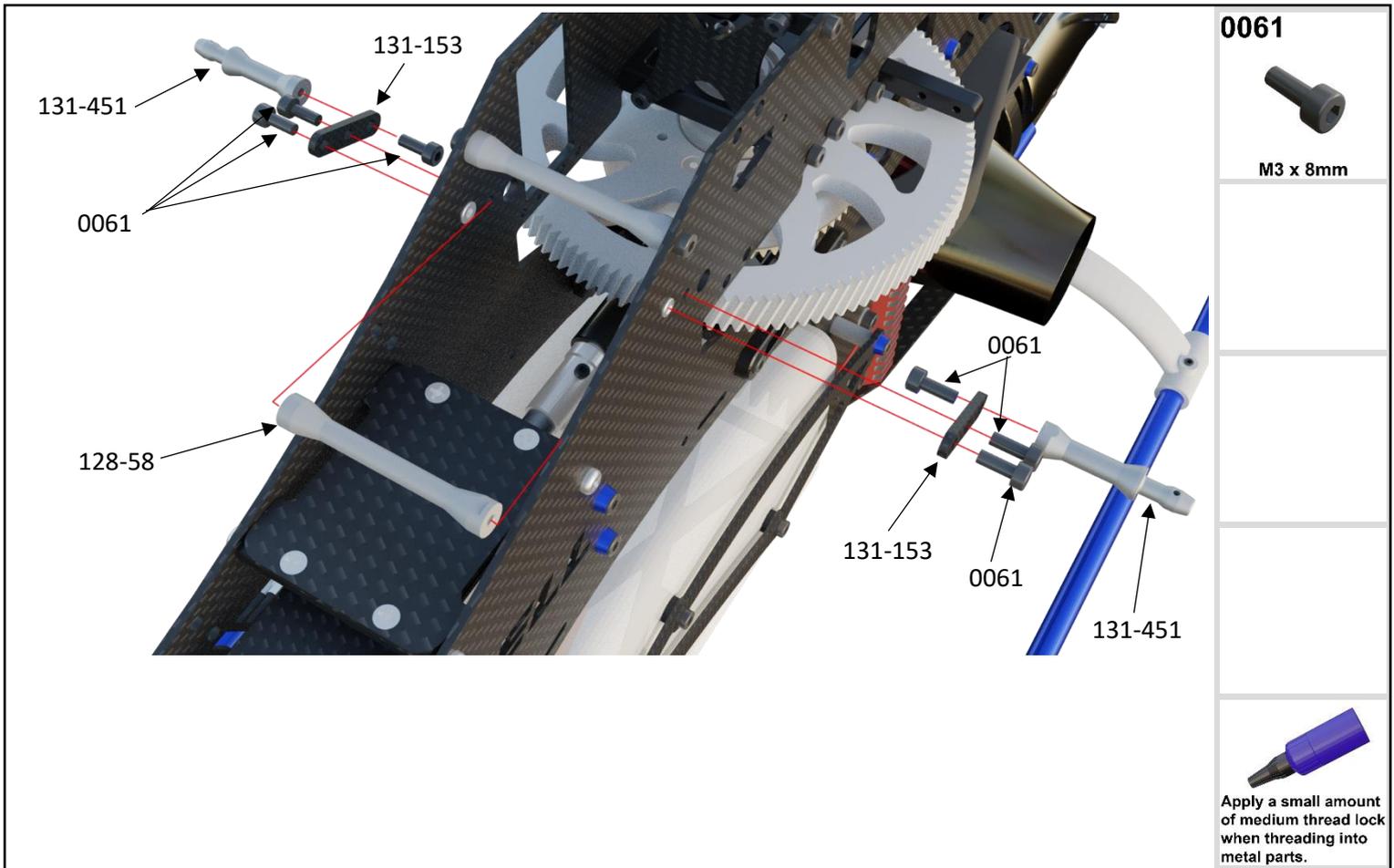
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- 0060-1**  
  
M3 x 6mm
- 2700-01**  
  
M3 (blue)

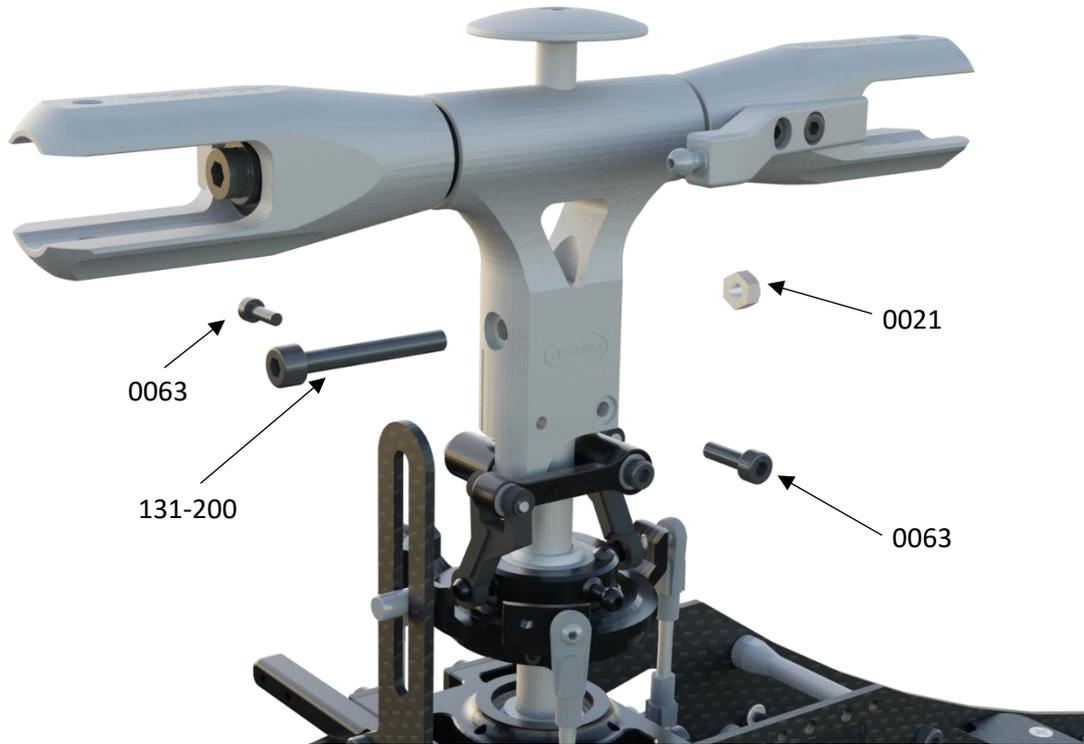
  
Apply a small amount of medium thread lock when threading into metal parts.



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**0063**



M3 x 10mm

**131-200**



M4 Jesus Bolt

**0021**



M4

0063  
131-200

0021

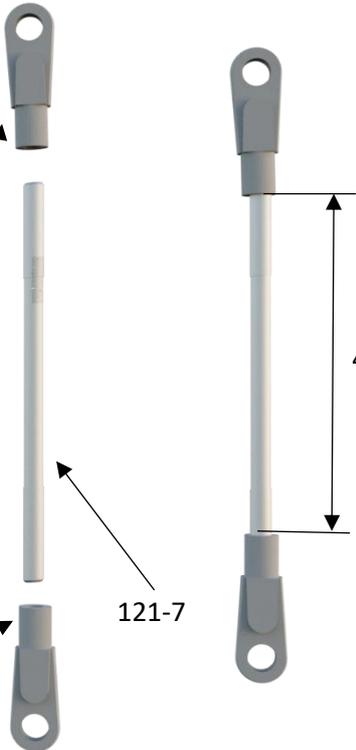
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Please tighten the 0063 screws evenly and alternately



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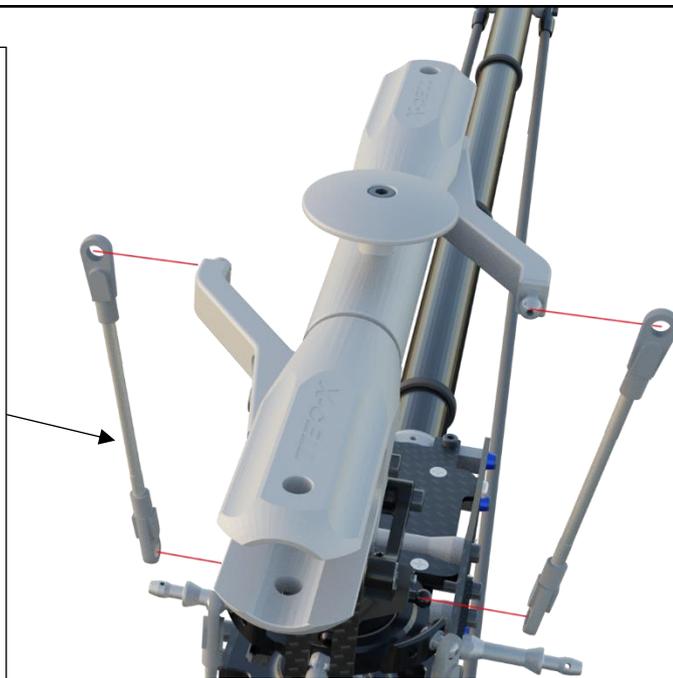
2x



47,5 mm

0133-1

121-7



**0133-1**



M3 x 21.2mm





