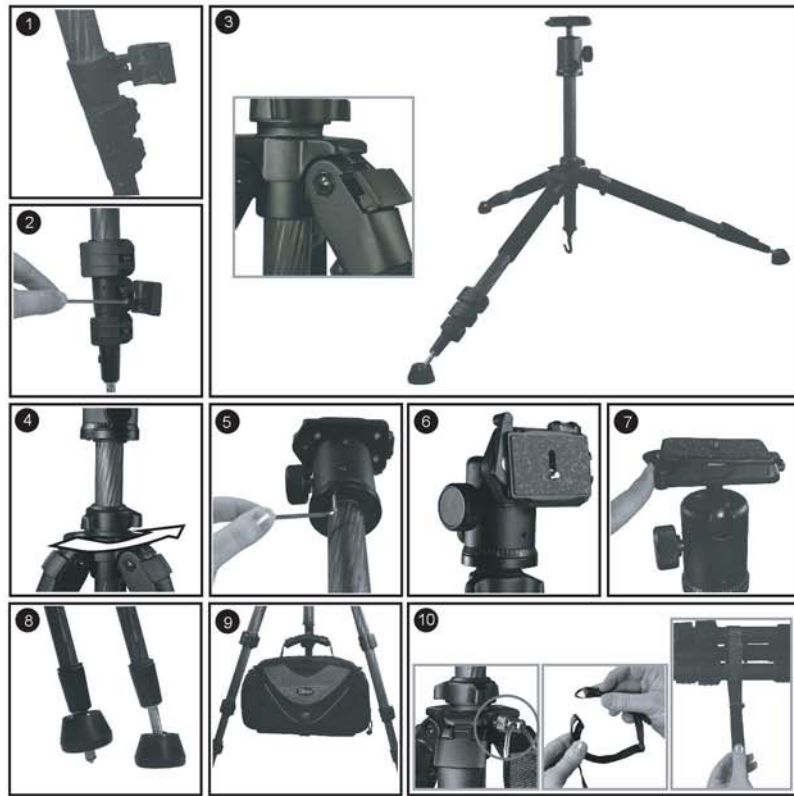


# Carbon Fiber Tripod Operating Instructions



## Tripod Features

- (A) Quick Release Camera Mounting Platform
- (B) Platform Screw
- (C) Panhead Leveling Bubble
- (D) Platform Locking Lever
- (E) Ball Socket Locking Knob
- (F) Panning Locking Knob
- (G) Vertical Positioning Slot
- (H) Ball Socket Camera Plate
- (I) Center Column Plate
- (J) Panhead Mounting Screw
- (K) Center Column Locking Collar
- (L) Center Column
- (M) Leg Locking Tab
- (N) Foam Hand Grip
- (O) Accessory Hook
- (P) Tripod Leveling Bubble
- (Q) Leg Locking Lever
- (R) Self-leveling Foot with Ground Spike
- (S) Tripod Carrying Strap
- (T) Carrying Strap Connector



### Extending Tripod Legs 1

Open the three tripod legs. Release the tab on one of the leg locking levers (Q), and slide the leg to a desired length. Push the tab on the leg locking lever back down, securing the leg in place. Repeat this process for the remaining leg locking levers to achieve your desired height, assuring that all of the leg locking levers have been properly locked. If the ground is not even, the legs can be extended to different lengths.

### Leg Lock Tension Adjustment 2

If the leg extensions slip when the leg locking lever is secured, then the tension requires adjustment. Release the tab on the leg locking lever (Q), and tighten the leg locking lever screw with the allen wrench included with your unit. Normally just a slight adjustment will be sufficient to achieve the correct tension.

### Three Position Leg Spread 3

The tripod legs can be adjusted to three angles for ease of use in different scenarios.

- For standard operating position, simply pull the leg away from the center column (L) until maximum leg spread is achieved.
- To move the legs to a semi-low angle operating position, close the legs towards the center column slightly and release the leg locking tabs (M) one notch. Pull the tripod legs away from the center column until maximum leg spread is achieved.
- To move the legs to a low angle operating position, close the legs towards the center column slightly and release the leg locking tabs (M) completely. Pull the tripod legs away from the center column until maximum leg spread is achieved.

Note: The angle of each leg can be adjusted independently of the other two legs.

### Center Column Height Adjustment 4

To release the center column (L), unlock the center column locking collar (K) by turning it in a counter-clockwise direction. Adjust the height of the column as required. Once desired height is achieved, tighten the center column locking collar by turning it in a clockwise direction.

### Operating the Panhead

5 To attach the panhead to the tripod, mount the panhead on the panhead mounting screw (J) and turn in a clockwise direction until firmly secure. To lock the panhead onto the center column plate (I), locate the three set screws underneath the center column plate. With the allen wrench included with your unit, turn each of the three set screws in a clockwise position until tightened. To remove the head, loosen the set screws and unscrew the head from the center column.

• To pan the head left and right, loosen the panning locking knob (F). If using in a stationary position, move the head until a desired position is reached and relock the panning locking knob.

6 To adjust the position of the ball socket camera plate (H), loosen the ball socket locking knob (E). Adjust the plate to the desired position, and relock the ball socket locking knob. The panhead may be set in a 90 degree vertical position by sliding the stem of the ball socket camera plate into the vertical positioning slot (G) located on the side of the panhead.

7 To attach the spotting scope / camera to the tripod, first unlock the platform locking lever (D) by moving it outward from the panhead, which releases the quick release camera mounting platform (A). Remove the platform and attach it to the bottom of the spotting scope / camera by placing the platform screw (B) into the screw mount opening on the bottom of the spotting scope / camera. Tighten the platform screw until the platform is snug to the base of the spotting scope / camera. Do not over tighten. Over tightening may damage the threads in the screw mount opening on the spotting scope / camera. Replace the platform with the mounted spotting scope / camera back onto the panhead by first placing the quick release camera mounting platform into the end opposite from the platform locking lever. Insert the quick release camera mounting platform in the original position and relock the platform locking lever. Failure to completely relock the platform can cause the camera to loosen from the top of the panhead.

### Additional Features

8 **Self-leveling Foot with Ground Spike (R):** When using the rubber foot pad, turn the foot in a counterclockwise direction to place it in down position. To expose the ground spike, turn the rubber foot pad in a clockwise direction to achieve a raised position.

Caution: When using the tripod indoors or on concrete or rocky surfaces, we do not recommend using the product with the ground spike exposed, as it is likely to scratch indoor surfaces or slip on concrete or rocky surfaces.

9 **Accessory Hook (O):** When using the tripod outdoors, especially in windy conditions, you may hang a counterweight (not supplied) on the accessory hook to stabilize the tripod.

• **Leveling Bubbles (C & P):** The leveling bubble should be used to level the tripod and panhead, allowing for optimum picture taking. The tripod has been leveled when the bubble is located within the red circle, and the panhead has been leveled when the bubble is located in between the two black lines. To adjust the level of your tripod, it is necessary to adjust the extension of the tripod legs as previously instructed.

10 **Tripod Carrying Strap:** To attach the carrying strap, insert and tighten the screw post located at the end of the strap to the carrying strap connector (T). To attach the other end of the strap to the tripod, grasp the D ring at the opposite end of the strap in one hand, and in the other hand fold the strap approximately six inches from the end. Insert the folded strap through the D ring and pull the strap through the D ring. This will form a loop. Place the loop around the leg of the tripod, and pull the strap to tighten the loop around the tripod leg.