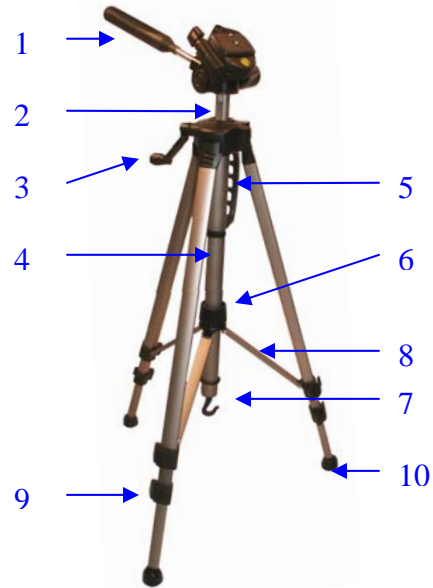


Tripod Operating Instructions

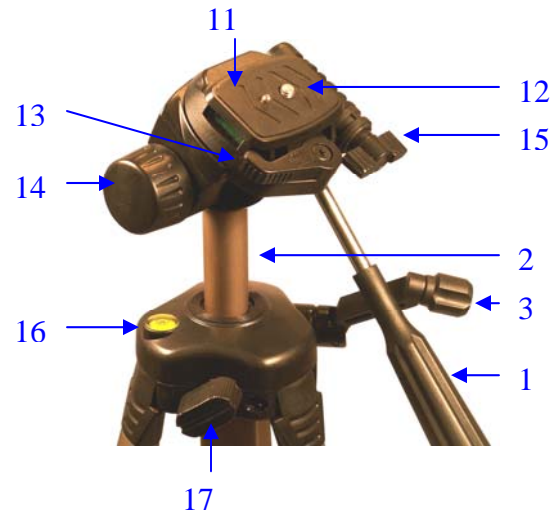
Tripod Features

- (1) Panhead Handle
- (2) Geared Center Column
- (3) Gear Handle
- (4) Center Column
- (5) Carry Handle
- (6) Leg Brace Lock
- (7) Accessory Hook
- (8) Leg Braces
- (9) Leg Locking Lever
- (10) Rubber Foot



Panhead Features

- (1) Panhead Handle
- (2) Geared Center Column
- (3) Gear Handle
- (11) Quick Release Camera Mounting Platform
- (12) Camera Screw
- (13) Platform Locking Lever
- (14) Panning Locking Knob (Horizontal Panning)
- (15) Vertical Locking Knob
- (16) Leveling Bubble
- (17) Center Column Locking Knob



*****FEATURES VARY BY MODEL**

Extending the Tripod

- To spread the legs of the tripod, it is first necessary to loosen the leg brace lock (6) by twisting it. Push the leg braces (8) in a downward motion and the tripod legs in an outward motion until the tripod has reached maximum leg spread. Then tighten the leg brace lock to secure the tripod spread.
- To extend the tripod legs, release the tab on one of the leg locking levers (9), 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.
- You can also adjust the height of your tripod by raising the geared center column (4). It is first necessary to loosen the center column locking knob (17) to unlock the geared center column of the tripod. Flip the gear handle (3) to a proper cranking position, and rotate the gear handle until the geared center column reaches a desired height. It is then necessary to twist the center column locking knob (17) until tight. This locks the geared center column in place.

Attaching Camera to Tripod

Unlock the platform locking lever (13) by moving it outward from the panhead which releases the quick release camera mounting platform (11). Remove the platform and attach it to the bottom of the camera by placing the camera screw (12) into the screw mount opening on the bottom of the camera. Tighten the camera screw (12) until the platform is snug to the base of the camera. Do not over tighten. Over tightening may damage the threads in the screw mount opening on the camera. Replace the platform with the mounted camera back onto the panhead in the original position and relock the platform lever (13). Failure to completely relock the platform can cause the camera to loosen from the top of the panhead.

Operating the Panhead

- For horizontal panning, loosen the panning locking knob (14), which will allow the panhead to move left or right horizontally. Tighten the panning locking knob to secure a horizontal position.
 - To tilt the panhead up or down, twist the panhead handle (1) to the left, which unlocks the tilt mechanism. To lock the tilt mechanism, twist the panhead handle (1) to the right until tightened.
- Caution:** Do not let go of the panhead handle when the camera is mounted without first locking the panhead into position.
- For vertical picture taking with the camera mounted to the tripod, first assure that the panhead handle (1) is locked into place. To move the top of the panhead to a vertical position, release the vertical locking knob (15). While holding the camera, flip the top of the panhead with the camera attached 90° and then retighten the vertical locking knob (15). To move back to the horizontal position simply reverse the process.
- Caution:** Be sure to tighten the vertical locking knob (15) when placed back in the horizontal position, as failure to do so can cause an uncontrolled flip into the vertical position.

Additional Features

- The leveling bubble (16) should be used to level the tripod, allowing for optimum picture taking. The tripod has been leveled when the bubble is located within the red circle. To adjust the level of your tripod, it is necessary to adjust the extension of the tripod legs as previously instructed.
- The rubber feet (10) have the dual purpose of gripping the tripod to slippery surfaces and assisting with the leveling of the tripod when on uneven ground.