### Operating Instructions

Congratulations on the purchase of a SLIK DST-103 Tripod.

SLIK Corporation has designed your tripod to be a sturdy, rugged, dependable product that will provide you with many years of satisfactory service. Please take a few moments to read this instruction sheet carefully so that you can take full advantage of many fine features on your tripod. Retain this instruction sheet in case you might want to refer back to it.

**Caution**

This caution icon refers to information pertaining to important safety procedures in preventing injuries, or damages which may occur as a result of mishandling this product.

**Prohibition**

This prohibited icon refers to information pertaining to prohibited contents. Please refer to instructions closely to avoid accidents.

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### Equipment that can be used with this tripod

1. **Prohibited**

This product has been designed to handle equipment weighing under 10 kg (22 lbs). Do not overload. Some equipment weighing under 10 kg (22 lbs.), such as long lenses, may not balance well due to its weight distribution. In such case, please use a larger tripod.

### Components

- **Pan head**
  - 2/3 Camera mounting screw
  - Camera positioning pin
  - 1/4 Camera mounting screw
  - Tilt lock lever
  - Built-in level
  - Tilt lock lever

- **Midlevel spreader**
  - Camera lock lever
  - Camera positioning knob
  - Camera plate lock lever
  - Button for built-in bubble level/light

- **Accessory**
  - Additional 1/4 screw
  - (Attached on the pan head)
  - Load level:
    - 10 kg (22 lbs)
    - 1.637 mm (64 1/4"
  - Folded length:
    - 870 mm (34 3/8"
  - Minimum height:
    - 743 mm (29 1/8"
  - Ballbase:
    - 100 mm (3 11/16"
  - Weight:
    - 6.54 kg (14 lbs 7 oz)
  - Tilt range:
    - -83° to 90°

### Mounting the camera to the camera plate

- **Pan & tilt handle**
  - Pan handle:
    - Pan handle length:
      - Adjustment lock lever
    - Pan & tilt handle:
      - Camera plate lock lever

### Carrying the tripod

- **Prohibited**

Please note that the tripod is not designed to carry equipment weighing over 10 kg (22 lbs). Overloading may result in unexpected accidents. Therefore, please use a larger tripod.

### Using the pan head

- **Loosen the pan handle lever**
  - The pan & tilt handle can be attached on either the right or left side.
  - Thust a pan & tilt handle lightly into the head side by the pan handle locking knob, and adjust to a favorite angle.
  - Please thrust firmly and fix.

### Attaching the pan & tilt handle

- **Loosen the pan handle**
  - The pan handle will rotate along the horizontal direction.

### Attachment of a camera

- **Caution**
  - Please check that the lock levers of a head part and the leg are blocked exactly. If the lock is inadequate, there is a possibility that the camera is omitted and may be damaged.

- **Caution**
  - Please be sure to support the main part of the camera by hand until can check that the camera has certainly been locked.

- **Caution**
  - For fall breakage prevention of a camera, please extend a leg completely and use it in the stable place.

The camera screw, which can be used for a tripod adapter, etc., is attached. If needed, please attach it from the bottom of the body of a camera shoe.

When a tripod adapter is used, attach the tripod adapter with the both screws. Tighten the tripod mount screw firmly after adjusting the position of the tripod adapter.

Please insert a camera shoe in a camera plate from the direction of an arrow to back pushing a shoe stopper. If a shoe stopper is released, a camera shoe stops releasing. Please fix a shoe lock lever in total in the good position of balance.
How to adjust the level of pan head

Adjust the level before putting the camera on the pan head.
1) Loosen the level locking knob and adjust the bubble in the level to fit into the red color mark, while shaking the pan head.
2) Tighten the level locking knob.

Remarks:
This is just rough aim and recommendable to test in advance before operating.

LED lighting

When the LED light button is pushed, a light in the level frame on for approximately 30 seconds. This will help when leveling the tripod in a dark place.

Install a battery

The battery must be a CR1220. The battery included with the unit may not last a long time.

Caution

Re-confirmed the battery properly installed. Put back the LED unit into the pan head and rotate a screw. If the LED light is not used for a long time, remove a battery from the LED unit.

Extending the tripod legs

Loosen the Leg lock lever (upper) to extend or shorten.

Drag adjustment

The tilting drag can be adjusted by the tilting drag lever. The position 1 has less drag than the position 2. In case the drag is not changed when the position 1 sets to the position 2, move the panhandle to the tilt direction.

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Install a battery

When the LED light button is pushed, a light in the level frame on for approximately 30 seconds. This will help when leveling the tripod in a dark place.

Install a battery with the correct direction of the battery contacts.

Caution

Pull out the LED unit but be careful not to pull out the unit by force, doing so may result breaking the unit.

How to open and close the tripod legs

Holding two legs in each hand, lift the tripod on its third leg. Pull the four legs you are holding outward, and all three legs will open at once.

To close the legs, be sure to first raise the leg brace up slightly, then push the legs close. In this case, please take care of your fingers.

Choice of rubber or spike leg tips

Spike tips are useful outdoors especially on loose grounds or on rocky terrain. Rubber leg tips are recommended for indoor work.

To use the spikes, turn the rubber tips clockwise several times until they stop.

To get the rubber tips back into the position, just turn it counterclockwise.

Care of the tripod

- DO NOT apply any grease or oil to this product.
- Clean with a mild detergent and a soft cloth only.
- DO NOT use to flame, Avoid extreme heat.

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