Operating Instructions

Congratulations on the purchase of a SLIK DST-43 Tripod.
SLIK Corporation has designed your tripod to be a sturdy, rugged, dependable product that will provide you with many years of satisfactory use.
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 important safety procedures in preventing injuries or damage 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.

Components

Pan head

- 1/4 Camera mounting screw
- Camera positioning pin
- Camera plate lock lever
- Pan & tilt handle
- 1/4 Camera mount (rubber or plastic)
- Button for bulb with built-in level
- Pan handle locking knob
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- Tilt range +90°/-90°

Equipment that can be used with this tripod

Prohibited

This product has been designed to handle equipment weighing under 4 kg (8 lbs 13 oz). Do not overload.
Some equipment weighing under 4 kg (8 lbs 13 oz), such as long lenses, may not balance well due to its weight distribution. In such cases, please use a longer tripod.

Carrying the tripod

Prohibited

Carrying a tripod with a camera left on can result in unexpected accidents. We, therefore, recommend you to remove your camera while carrying the tripod.

Attachment of a camera

Caution

Please check that the lock levers of a head part and the leg are locked 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 you can check that the camera has certainly been locked.

Caution

For full breakage prevention of a camera, please extend a leg completely and use it in a stable place.

The camera screw, which can be used for a tripod adapter, etc., is attached.

If needed, please attach it from the back of the long hole of a camera shoe.

Mounting the camera to the camera plate

Loosen the pan handle locking knob, and the head will rotate along the horizontal direction.
Note:
When the pan handle has the structure of a smooth feeling on operation, it looks sometimes standing. Please be sure to lock the tilt lock lever when you leave from your tripod.

Using the pan head

Loosen the tilt lock lever, and the head will tilt back and forth.

Using the pan handle

Thrust 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.

Attach the pan & tilt handle

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(Additional 1/4 screw)

Attach the camera plate by matching it to a tripod mounting screw on the your video camera. If your video camera has a camera alignment pin hole, match the camera alignment pin to it. Before screwing in the tripod mount screw, tighten the tripod mount screw firmly after adjusting the position of the camera plate.
How to adjust the level of pan head

Adjust the level before putting the camera on the pan head.
1) Loosen the bowl locking knob and adjust the bubble in the level to fit into the red collar mark, while shaking the pan head.
2) Tighten the bowl 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 turns on for approximately 30 seconds. This will help when locating the tripod in a dark place. A battery is not installed when new; first install the battery as instructed below.

Install a battery

Remove the 2 hex screws on the bottom of the pan head with the included Allen wrench.

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

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

Re-confirm that the battery is properly installed. Put the LED unit back into the pan head and re-visit the 2 hex screws. When the light begins to dim noticeably or does not turn on in time to replace the battery.

Remove the battery before storing the unit for a long period of time.

Extending the tripod legs

Flip up the Leg lock lever (Upper) to extend or shorten.
Loosen the Leg lock lever (Lower) to extend or shorten. Loosen the brace length adjustable lock lever to extend or shorten.
The strength of a lever can be adjusted using an attached Allen wrench (2.5mm width) in the reverse-side of Leg lock lever (Upper).

How to use a binder

The legs can be locked in the closed position by using the metal hook behind the middle stage.

Make sure the hook is locked firmly.

To remove mid spreader

Remove the mid-level spreader when using the tripod with a dolly (sold separately).
Remove the mid-level spreader sliding each attachment point in the direction of the arrow shown in this diagram.
Do this to all legs to completely remove the spreader.

How to open and close the tripod legs

 Holding two legs, one in each hand, tilt the tripod on its third leg. Pull the two 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, and 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. Rubber leg tips are recommended for indoor use.
To use the spikes, turn the rubber tips clockwise several times until they snap.
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 close to flame. Avoid extreme heat.

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