**Operating Instructions**

Congratulations on the purchase of a SLIK DST-73 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 information pertaining to important safety procedures in preventing injuries, or damages which may occur as a result of mishandling this product.

**Prohibition**

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

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**Components**

- **Pan head**
  - Leg lock lever (Upper)
  - 1/4" Camera mounting screw
  - Camera positioning pin
  - Plate stopper
  - Tilting lock lever
  - Pan handle locking knob
  - Built-in level
  - Camera plate
  - Pan & tilt handle

- **Binder**
  - Mid spreader
  - 2-way Leg Tip (rubber or spike)

- **Accessory**
  - Additional 1/4" screw (Attached on the pan head)

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**Equipment that can be used with this tripod**

- **Prohibited**

This product has been designed to handle equipment weighing under 7 kg (15 lbs 6oz). Do not overload.

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**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.

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**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.

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**Attachment of a camera**

- **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.

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**Attachment of a camera**

- **Caution**

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

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**Attachment of a camera**

- **Caution**

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

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**Attachment of a camera**

- **Caution**

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 setting the camera on the pan head.
1) Loosen the bowl locking knob and adjust the bubble in the level to fit into the red color 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 20 seconds. This will help when lighting the tripod in a dark place. A battery is not installed when new, first install the battery as instructed below.

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.

Install a battery

Remove 2 screws on the bottom of the pan head.

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

Remove the mid-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.

To remove mid spreader

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How to open and close the tripod legs

Hold 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 or on rocky terrain. Rubber leg tips are recommended for indoor works.

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.

Caution

Re-insert the battery properly installed. Put back the LED unit into the pan head and install the 3 screws.
If the light is not brightening or getting darker, it is the time to replace the battery. If the LED light is not used for a long time, remove a battery from the LED unit.

Extend the tripod legs

Loosen the Leg lock lever (Upper) to extend or shorten.
Loosen the brace length adjustable lock lever to extend or shorten.

Install a battery model CR123A with in the correct direction of the battery contacts.

The battery must be a CR123A. The battery included with the unit may not last a long time.

Positive

Negative

Preceding the tripod legs

Loosen the Leg lock lever (Lower) to extend or shorten.
Loosen the brace length adjustable lock lever to extend or shorten.

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