Inverting the center column

Caution

Always remove the pan head when replacing the center column.

Remove the center column base stopper through to the way arrow.

Loosen the center column stopper and the locking collar, and then pull out the center column.

Insert the center column from lower side of main body, and tighten the locking collar and the center column stopper.

Make sure to re-attach the center column base stopper, in order to prevent the center column from falling out.

Opening the tripod legs

Caution

Be sure to open all three legs completely in order to prevent camera shakes, or accidental tip overs caused by unsteadiness.

Remove the vertical tilt handle from the pan head, and screw into the back of the pan & tilt handle.

Make sure the washer ring on the thread stays on with the handle.

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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PRO 500DX Tripod

Operating instructions

Thank you very much for choosing SLIK PRO 500DX Tripod.

The 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 before use so that you can take full advantage of your Tripod's many fine features.

Refrain 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.

Components

Pan head

Quick release platform

Center column

Quick release lock lever

Center column locking collar

Center column stopper

Main body

Handle connecting screw

3-position leg angle adjustment lock

Pan & tilt handle

Soft grip

Center column base stopper

Leg

Camera mounting screw

Center column stopper

Mounting wing nut

Rubber leg tip

Set up

Caution

Prevent accidental equipment fall, or tripod tipping over, by making sure all levers, knobs, and handles on the tripod are securely tightened, and that all three legs are open all the way.

Prohibition

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.

Equipment that can be loaded on this tripod

This product has been designed to handle equipment weighing under 6 kgs (13 lbs 3 oz), Do not overload.

Some equipment weighing under 6 kgs (13 lbs 3 oz), such as long lenses, may not balance well due to its weight distribution. In such case, please use a larger tripod.

Specifications

Length folded: 695mm (27 1/2")

Max. operating height: 1,645mm (64 3/4")

Max. center column ext: 260mm ("10 1/4")

Weight: 2.73kg (6lbs 1oz)
Install the vertical tilt handle

Remove the vertical tilt handle from the back of the pan & tilt handle where it is stored. Check to see that there is a washer ring on the shaft of the vertical tilt handle, and then insert the shaft into the threaded hole located on the right side of the pan head. Screw handle all the way in until secure.

Attaching the camera to the quick release platform

To remove the quick release platform from the pan head, turn quick release lock lever and tilt out platform from its back. Align the length of the platform along the base of the camera body, and securely tighten the mounting wing nut. When attaching the camera to the pan head, check to make sure that the quick release platform is engaged in the catch of the pan head before locking the lever.

Using the pan head

The quick release platform can be attached to the camera body in either directions (along the length, or along the width). This feature facilitates your camera set up into the vertical position, simply by the turn of one of the tilt handles. Loose the pan & tilt handle, and the head will tilt back and forth. Loose the panning lock knob, and the head will rotate along the horizontal direction.

Removing the head from the center column

Use the following instructions if you wish to change heads, or attach accessories. First, lock the panning lock knob, then grasp the pan, or vertical tilt handle and turn the head, counter-clockwise to loosen.

Three position adjustable legs

To change the angle of each leg, close the leg slightly, and then pull the leg angle adjustment lock out. There is a choice of two other angle positions. After choosing the desired leg angle, securely push in the adjustment lock.

Extending the tripod legs

Flip up the leg lock lever to extend or shorten any of the individual leg sections to the desired length, and press the leg lock lever flush against the leg to lock.

How to get low position shots

Remove the center column base stopper and then, remove the lower part of center column. Put the center column base stopper on the upper part of center column.

Using the center column

Hold onto the pan head with one hand, and loosen the center column locking collar with the other hand. Raise or lower pan head to desired height, and while maintaining a hold of the pan head, tighten the locking collar. You may injure your hand by a sudden fall, if you let go of pan head before locking the collar. Turn the locking collar with your fingers on the side of the collar.

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Loosen the vertical tilt handle, and the level can be adjusted. When loosening either the pan & tilt handle, or the vertical tilt handle, take precaution by keeping a firm grip on the handle until the pan head is locked down.

To avoid unnecessary camera vibrations, try to keep the center column height to a minimum. Also use the larger legs first, when extending the legs.