Using the Short center column

1. Remove the lower base plate and the rubber ring.
2. Loosen the center column tension adjustment nut three or four complete turns.
3. Using the crank handle, crank out the center column, while holding on to the head.
4. Remove the rubber ring and lower base plate from the short center column.
5. Match the groove of the short center column to the key guide inside the body of the tripod. Check to be sure this is perfectly matched.
6. Turn the crank handle to engage the gear on the short center column. Check to be sure operation is smooth.

If not, retry positioning as described in (5).
7. Replace the rubber ring and base plate.
8. Be sure to attach the rubber ring and base plate to the center column that you just removed to prevent loss.

Adjustment of Center column play (after using tripod)

1. Unlock center column tension adjustment nut and lower tension adjustment nut.
2. Insert enclosed Allen wrench into wrench hole and tighten the screw.
3. Turn the crank handle to check the tightness of the center column. Also check for any play by moving the head while keeping the legs steady.
4. If the center column is too tight, use the Allen wrench to loosen the screw and adjust.

**Technical Specifications:**

**“The Professional”**

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*All models with a Short center column (as an optional accessory), min. operating height is 15 1/8” (38.5 cm).

**Short center column is an optional accessory for all “The Professional” models, “The Professional,” “The Professional 4.”**

**Care of the Tripod**

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

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**THE PROFESSIONAL** TRIPODS

Operating Instructions

Thank you very much for choosing SLIK Professional 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 these operating instructions carefully before use so that you can take full advantage of your Tripod's many fine features. Read this operating instruction in case you might 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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**Components**

- Reversible 1/4”x20 3/8” Threaded post
- 1/4” Camera mounting screw
- Double bubble levels
- Camera locking knob
- Camera mounting screw
- Pan & Tilt handle
- Panning Guide
- 3/8” Tripod attachment female screw
- Vertical tilt levels
- Pan/Tilt head stand
- Indexed height adjustment reference marks
- Lower reversible threaded post

**Equipment that can be loaded on this Tripod**

- This product has been designed to handle equipment weighing under 12 lbs (56 lbs 7 oz). Do not overload. Some equipments weighing under 12 lbs (56 lbs 7 oz), such as big lenses, may not balance well due to its weight distribution.

**Carrying the Tripod**

- 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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**Install the Pan handles**

The pan handles are installed as shown with the long handle on the left, for pan and tilt movement. The short on the right, for vertical tilt. If you prefer to have it the other way around, the tripod will function perfectly.

The vertical tilt handle can be reset inside the pan & tilt handle by screwing off the handle as shown here.

**Attach the head**

The head is installed by screwing it onto the center column's 3/8” threaded post socket hole.
**Panning guide**

A rotating scale at the base of the head makes it easy to set exact shooting angle. To begin, set the mark at the base of the head on “0”.

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**Extending legs**

1. Release the leg lock nut by rotating one half turn. Because leg are grooved, the Leg lock nut can be released in any order.

2. The second section, form the top, in each leg has reference marks every 10 cm for precise height adjustment.

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**Three-position adjustable legs**

1. When opening each leg, it will stop at the first (standard) position. To change the angle of each leg, move the leg a little closer to the center column and pull the leg angle adjustment lock out one click. The leg will be released and can be opened to the second position. To move to the third position, again pull the leg angle adjustment lock out one click.

2. After choosing the desired leg angle, securely push in the adjustment lock. When all legs are opened fully, the lowest position is 23 1/4” (59 cm) from the ground. An optional short center column permits shooting as low as 15 1/8” (38.5 cm).

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**Positioning the Crank handle**

Raise the crank handle into position by pulling out on the knob to lock it into place.

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**Attaching the head to the Center column**

Loosen the panning lock knob and rotate the base of the head clockwise to screw it tightly onto the center column. Tighten the panning lock knob and turn the head clockwise, using both handles, to tighten as much as possible. Unlock the panning lock knob for easy panning.

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**Removing the head from the Center column**

Lock the panning lock knob tightly, then grasp the pan handle and turn the head counterclockwise to loosen. Then loosen the panning lock knob and it will be easy to unscrew the head by rotating the base of the head counterclockwise.

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**Operating the Center column**

1. The center column can be moved up and down by turning the crank handle. The center column tension adjustment nut adjusts the tightness of the column and helps prevent vibration.

2. The worm gear column adjustment mechanism will not move even if pressure is placed on the head with the tension adjustment nut unlocked. Notes: The column can be moved with the crank handle, even when the tension adjustment nut is fully locked.

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**Changing the Camera mounting screw**

1. Both 1/4” and 3/8” camera mounting screws are supplied. The screw in use is stored in the side of the camera platform.

2. Remove the camera mounting screws through the large end of the mounting track. It’s a good idea to tighten the camera locking knob when a camera is not attached to prevent loss of the mounting screws.

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**Bubble Levels**

Two bubble levels are built-in for vertical and horizontal positioning.

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**Reversible threaded post**

1. The threaded posts on each end of the center column are both reversible. 1/4” on one end and 3/8” on the other.

2. To reverse a post, first loosen the base plate. Then remove the post, reverse it, and reinsert it. Right-tighten the base plate.

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**Short center column**

For the lowest possible camera angle with the legs fully spread, a special short center column is available as an optional accessory. This makes the lowest position 15 1/8” (38.5 cm) from the ground.

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**Using the Pan head**

1. Loosen the pan & tilt handle, and the head will move freely front to rear.

2. Loosen the panning lock knob, and the head will rotate.

3. Loosen the vertical tilt handle and the level can be adjusted. The panhead is specially lubricated for smooth movement.