

Carbon Fiber Tripod

3-Section **HG-503MX**

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Includes a light weight, compact 3-way panhead.
Strong legs made of retractable carbon fiber.
Light weight magnesium body.
Urethane grip for carrying ease and protection against cold weather.
Includes stone bag and carrying case.

Thank you for purchasing this product.
Please read enclosed Instruction Manual before use.
Please keep Instruction Manual for future reference.

Before Use

Please confirm the included parts:



Pan Handles
(2 pcs.)



Instructions
Warranty Card



Tripod Case



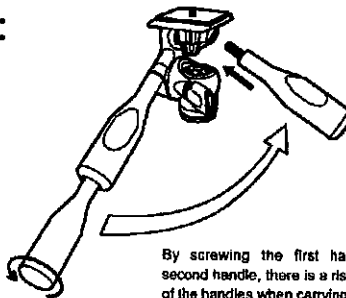
Stone Bag

Installing the Pan Handles:

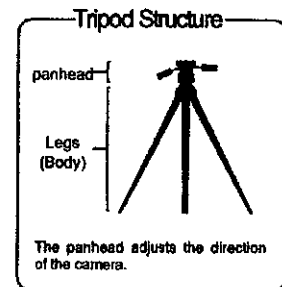
When packaged, panhead and pan handles are packed separately.

Screw in the 2 pan handles as indicated in the drawing (both handles are the same)

Warning
Please be sure to not misplace the metal washer located on the screw of the handle.



By screwing the first handle into the second handle, there is a risk of losing one of the handles when carrying the tripod.



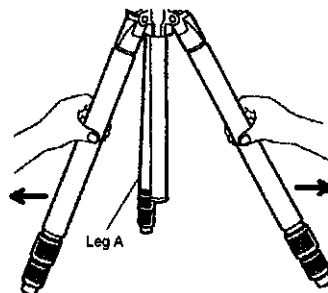
Standing the Tripod

Caution

Do not place your finger into the top portion of the leg when lifting the tripod. You may pinch your finger.

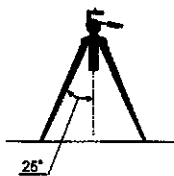


1 Opening Legs



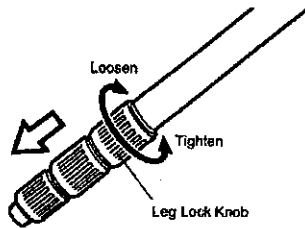
When opening the legs use Leg A as an anchor and open the other legs until they cannot open any further.

The opening of the legs are about 25 degrees.

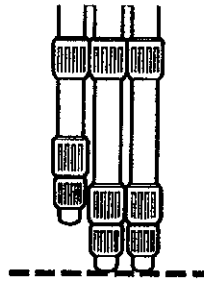


Open legs enough so that the tripod won't tip over.
Do not use the tripod on unstable ground.

2 Extending the Legs



Extending the leg is possible by loosening the leg lock knob. Leg is locked into place by tightening the leg lock knob. Always extend the thickest pipe first.

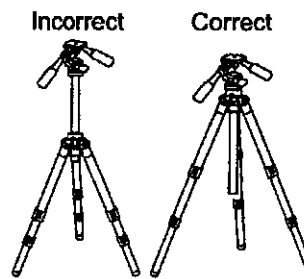
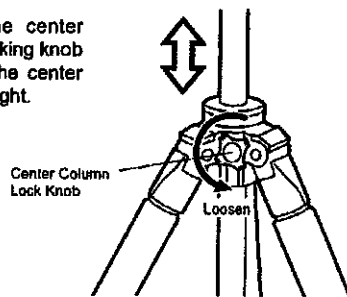


For the easiest method of leg extension, extend the three legs to the same length while tripod is closed. This will keep the tripod stabilized when you open the legs.

When retracting the legs, loosen the thinner pipe first.

3 Height Adjustment Using the Center Column

Loosen the center column locking knob to adjust the center column height.



Fully extend the tripod legs before extending the center column. This is to prevent the camera from being unstable.

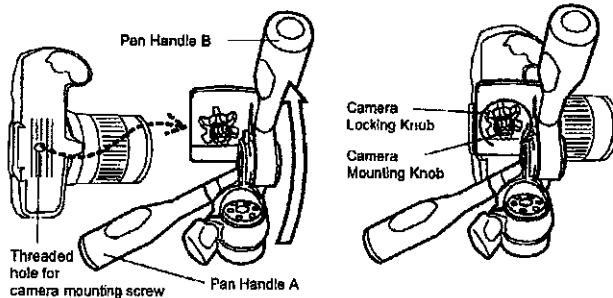
Camera Placement



Caution When moving the panhead, be sure to use your free hand to support the camera.

Please do not carry the tripod with the camera attached.

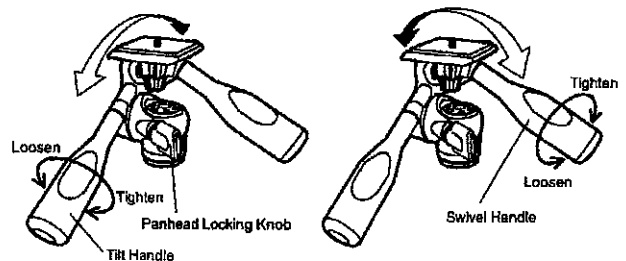
1 Attaching the Camera



1. Loosen pan handle B and move the camera platform vertically. Place the camera mounting screw into the threaded hole on the bottom the camera.

2. Turn the camera locking knob and tighten to secure camera into place.

2 Rotating Panhead Horizontally



Adjusting Panhead Forward and Backward Angle (Tilt)

Loosen pan handle A and adjust the forward or backward angle and tighten at desired angle. To turn the panhead horizontally, loosen the panhead locking knob.

Adjusting Panhead Right and Left Angle (Swivel)

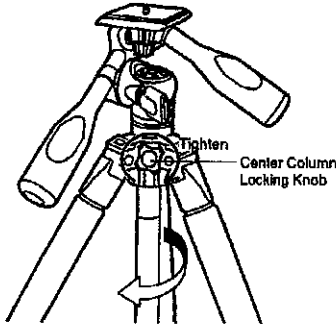
Loosen pan handle B and adjust for right or left angles and tighten at desired angle.

Low Angle Position

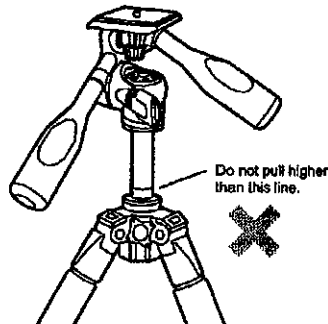
This tripod has two levels of low-angle position. When using the full low-angle position, remove the bottom portion of the center column.



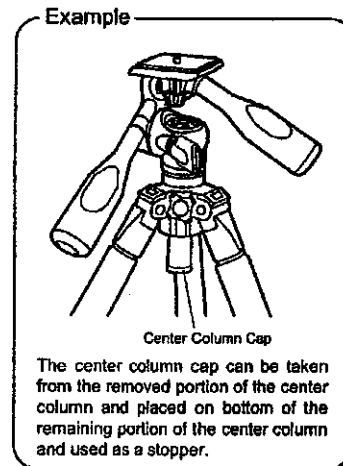
1 Shortening the Center Column



1. After tightening the panhead locking knob and the center column locking knob, you can then remove the bottom portion of the center column by turning it in the direction of the arrow in the drawing above.



2. The line around the center column indicates that the center column should not be pulled higher than mark. When extending the shortened center column, the line should not be seen.



2 Retracting the Legs

Fully retract legs before using the full low-angle position.



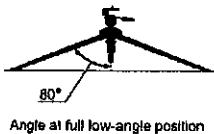
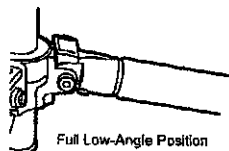
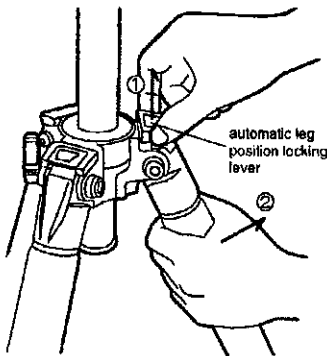
Caution Be careful when placing tripod in full low-angle position with extended legs.

3 Tripod Leg Positions

Full Low-Angle Position

- ① Pull up on the automatic leg position locking levers until they snap into the locked position.
- ② Spread the legs to their maximum 80 degree angle. This position is full low-angle position.

To release the leg position locking levers, legs must be spread in their full low angle position.

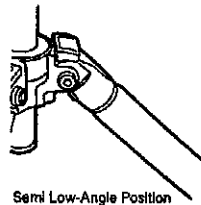


Angle at full low-angle position

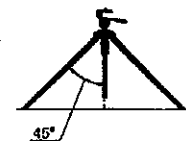
Semi Low-Angle Position

To use the semi low-angle position, open legs to full low-angle position and push legs in one notch until locking lever snaps into the semi low-angle position.

Legs must first be opened completely to the full low-angle position in order to use the semi low-angle position.



Semi Low-Angle Position

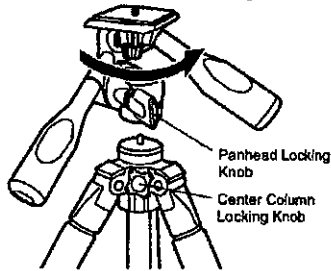


Angle at semi low-angle position

Each leg individually opens to each of the positions, therefore making it quick and easy to adjust to any slope you place the tripod.

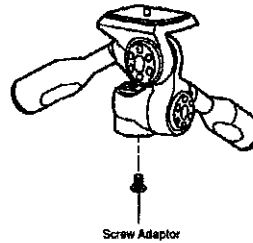
Removing the Panhead

You can use 1/4 inch screw as an adaptor.



How to Remove the Panhead

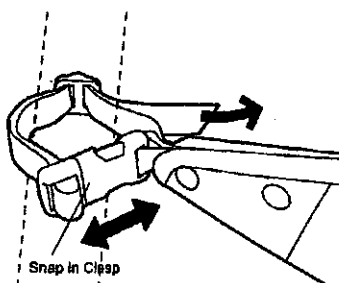
Tighten the panhead locking knob and the center column locking knob and turn panhead in the direction of the arrow as shown in the drawing.



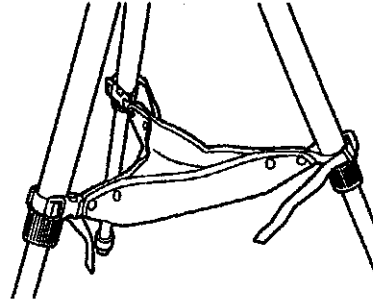
Reference

The panhead (PH-G40) is made for the insertion of a 3/8 inch screw. By removing the screw adaptor, the panhead can be placed on the tripod. Be cautious of losing or damaging the screw adaptor when changing the panhead.

Attaching the Stone Bag



Unsnap clasp and wrap nylon strap around leg. Adjust the strap length by pulling the end of the strap.



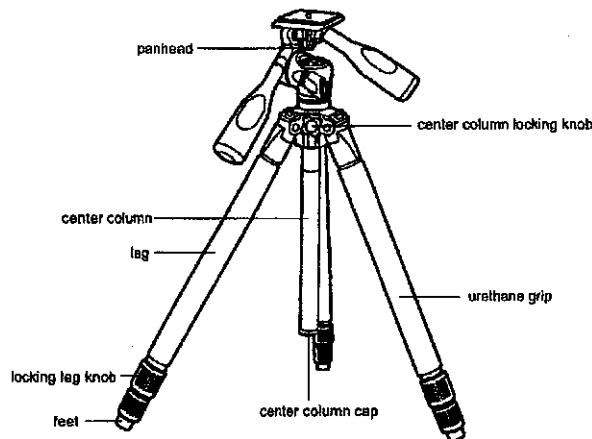
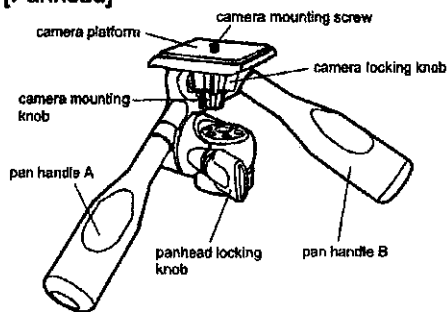
Place rocks or heavy items in stone bag to stabilize tripod. Do not place any sharp items in stone bag.

Caution

Do not use tripod under extremely windy conditions or on unstable ground, tripod may tip over.
Remove stone bag when carrying tripod.
Do not place camera or lens in stone bag.

Part Description

[Panhead]



Specifications

Carbon Fiber 3-Section **HG-503MX**

Maximum Extended Height: 70.1 in.
Minimum Operational Height: 11 in.
Folded Length: 26.8 in.
Weight: 4 lbs.

Carbon Fiber 4-Section **HG-504MX**

Maximum Extended Height: 63 in.
Minimum Operational Height: 9.8 in.
Folded Length: 22 in.
Weight: 3.9 lbs.