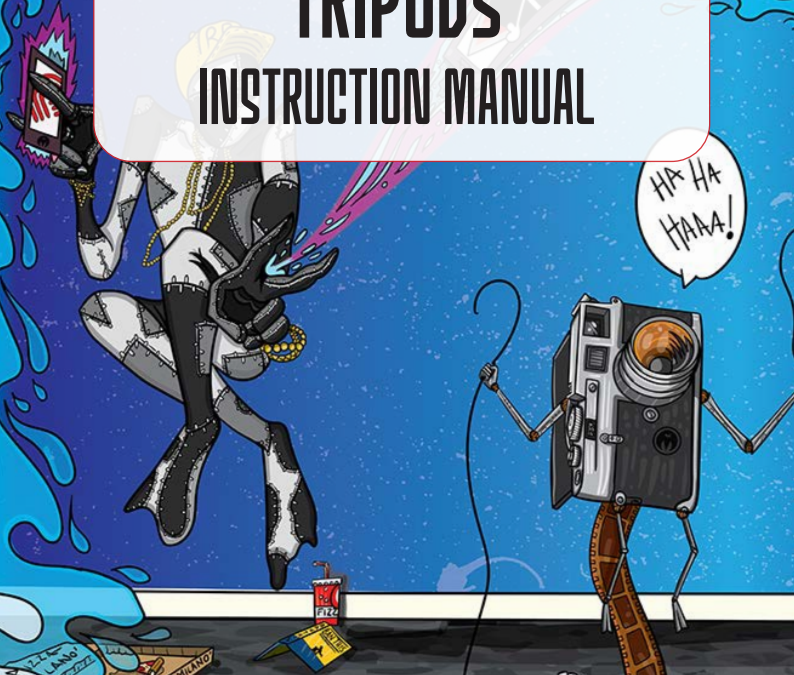


# RAY AND BUCKY TRIPODS INSTRUCTION MANUAL



**3 Legged Thing®** 

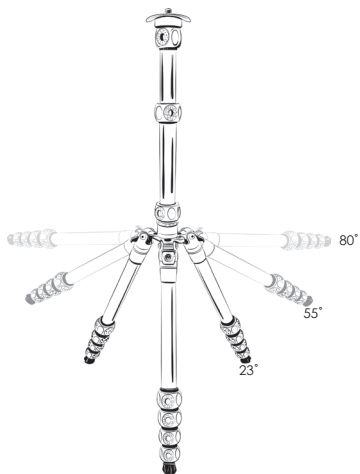
BUILT TO ENABLE. CREATED TO INSPIRE.

Look at the end of your box. See that little sticker with a serial number and a barcode? Peel it off and put it here for safe keeping.

Or don't.

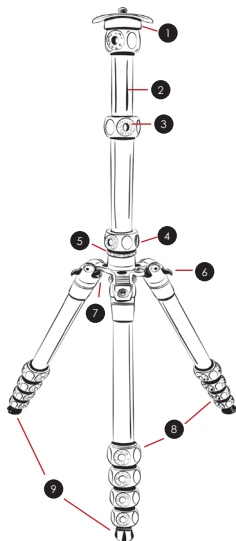
## IMPORTANT

DO NOT USE YOUR TRIPOD UNTIL YOU HAVE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS. NO WARRANTY CLAIM WILL BE ENTERED INTO FOR THE MISUSE OR INCORRECT USE OF THESE PRODUCTS.



# ANATOMY OF A TRIPOD:

We offer three leg angles that we consider to be optimum for using a tripod. They are 23°, 55° & 80°. Each angle has its own merits.



1 Tri-Mount Plate

2 Central Column

3 Twist Lock (Column)

4 Collar

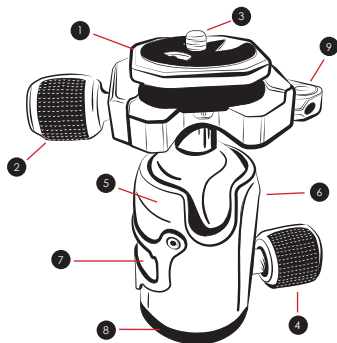
5 Locking Ring

6 Rapid Latch

7 Hinge

8 Twist Lock (Leg)

9 Boots / Footwear



## ANATOMY OF AN AIRHED VU

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 QR-Octa Quick Release Plate | 2 Plate Lock Knob                 |
| 3 Camera Screw                | 4 Pan Knob                        |
| 5 Casing                      | 6 Ball Control Knob (behind head) |
| 7 Vision panel                | 8 Pan Base                        |
| 9 Bubble Level                |                                   |

## AirHeds and Release Plates

The clamp has an orange locking knob (2) for releasing the Plate, and a black knob (4) which locks and unlocks the panning function.

***NEVER undo any of the knobs without holding your camera.***

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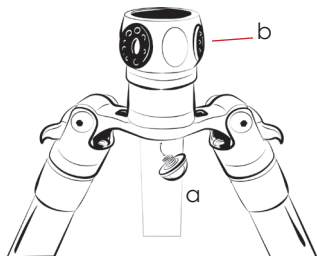
The QR-Octa Release Plate included in the 3 Legged Thing Legends Tripod Kits has security bolts fitted. These fit into the cutouts engineered in the AirHed Vu, and are intended to give you an additional level of security.

It is important that you tighten your release plate onto the clamp completely and check, before use. We recommend placing the orange knob **UNDER** the lens, where it cannot be accidentally released.

## Basic Functionality

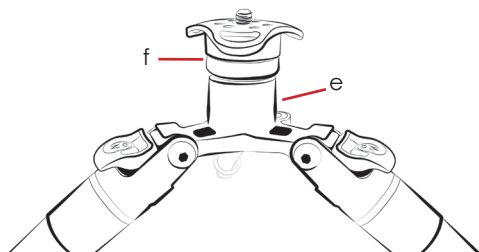
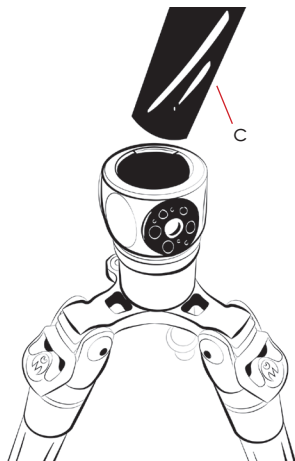
The contoured Tri-Mount Plate comes with three hollow ends (a), for connecting your strap, carabiner or Toolz(b), six 1/4" threaded holes (c) and one 3/8" threaded hole in the centre. The central bolt can be removed and has both 1/4" and 3/8" threads. In the base of the centre column is a D-Ring (e), which is used to connect either your strap, for carrying, or the bag (d), for ballast, using the carabiner.





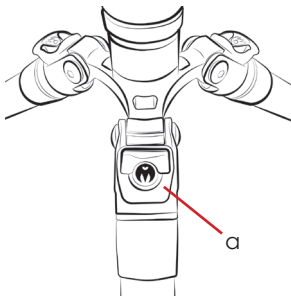
## Basic Functionality

To remove the centre column, unscrew the D-Ring (a), and the collar (b). You can then pull out the column (c), and completely remove the collar (b). Your Tri-Mount Plate (d) should be unscrewed from the other end of the column, and then carefully screwed directly to the canopy (e). Line up the three hollowed ends between the leg gaps, and then screw up the Locking Ring (f) to meet the Tri-Mount Plate, locking it firmly in place.

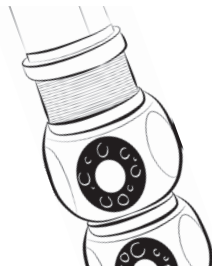


## Legs, catches & locks

In order to change the leg angle or to stow away your tripod you will need to press down on the rapid leg catch (a) maneuver the leg into the desired position and then release the catch.

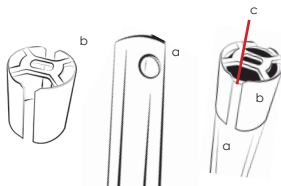


To open and extend the tripod legs simply grip the twist locks in your hand, quarter turn, loosening the legs allowing you to select a desired height. Once the required height has been obtained, lock the legs in place by rotating back to the original position, which will fully engage the leg lock. The friction locks do not require to be undone further than a half turn, unless you intend to completely disassemble the legs for cleaning.

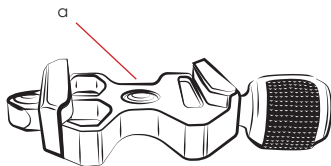


## Cleaning

It is advised that you wash your tripod after using it in salt water, sand, dirt or mud and this can be done by undoing each leg. Take each individual leg lock and unscrew until completely undone, and gently pull the tubing (a) out, being careful not to lose the nylon shim (b) (chicken lips), allowing you to clean the threads of the legs. Once cleaned, dry all the parts with a clean cloth. Do not leave them to air dry. Then ensure that the chicken lips are in place and then carefully insert the leg, lining up the internal slot with the gap (c) in the chicken lips, and tighten the leg lock in place.

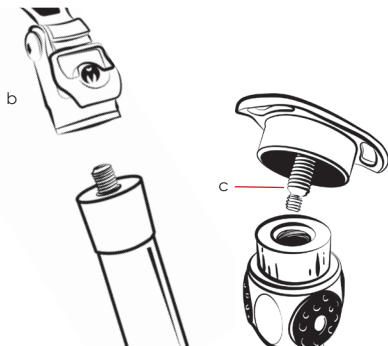


## Additional Clamp Function



The Vu Clamp can be detached from the ball head and mounted directly to the tripod canopy. This is particularly useful as a quick release mechanism for the monopod leg.

In the centre of the clamp is a hex screw. Undo this with the tools provided. Once removed the 3/8" female thread (a) will be visible. This can be screwed down onto any 3/8" thread.



## Monopod Legs

All three legs can be unscrewed directly from the leg hinge (b) and used as monopods or boom arms. To create a longer monopod screw the leg into the bottom of the centre column.

The Tri-mount plate, from the top of the column, can be added to the monopod. If using the monopod leg only, screw the Tri-mount plate directly on to the 3/8"-16 screw on the top of the leg.

With a monopod formed from the leg and the column joined together, screw the Tri-mount plate and threaded bolt (c) on to the top of the monopod leg. The AirHed can then be mounted on to the top of the monopod if required.

The clamp on the AirHed can be detached from the ball head and mounted directly to the Tri-mount (d). This is particularly useful as a quick release mechanism for the monopod leg.

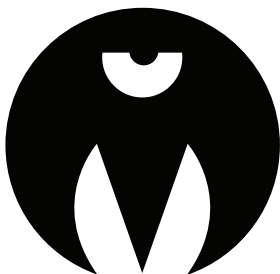


## Warranty Information

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