MAGNUS™



VT-100/200/300/350

Owner's Manual

MAGNUS™ Video Tripod

Congratulations on your purchase of the VT-100/200/300/350 Video Tripod by Magnus.

All Magnus tripods are designed to balance features professionals want with the affordability they need, yet be durable enough to provide many years of trouble-free service and enjoyment. Please carefully read these instructions for setting up and breaking down your tripod.

Safety Warnings

- Never set up or pull down a tripod while a camera is mounted
- Do not move the tripod or adjust the legs while a camera is mounted
- Do not exceed the maximum weight capacity of the tripod
- Never leave a camera unattended on the tripod
- The camera should be securely fastened to the quick-release mounting plate before mounting it to the tripod
- Never mount a camera to the tripod until all tripod legs are locked and stabilized
- Do not stand on, rest on, or hang anything from the mid-level spreader
- Do not attempt to remove the mid-level spreader
- Do not lift or move the tripod by the head
- Keep hands clear of the inside of the legs, to avoid trapping fingers
- Safe operation of the tripod is the user's responsibility

Video Tripod Components



Key Features

- Two-way pan head for smooth motion
- Gear-driven center column with friction control
- Auto-lock, quick-release mounting
- Separate pan and tilt locks
- Bubble level for accurate setup
- Mid-level spreader for stability on uneven surfaces
- Full 360° pan range
- Carry case with shoulder strap

VT-100 Specs

- 4.4 lb. (2 kg) load capacity
- 59˝ (150 cm) to 18.75˝ (47.5 cm) height range
- 20˝ (50.8 cm) folded length
- 3.15 lb. (1.4 kg) weight

VT-200 Specs

- 6.6 lb. (3 kg) load capacity
- 60˝ (152 cm) to 20˝ (50.8 cm) height range
- 21.75˝ (55.25 cm) folded length
- 3.45 lb. (1.5 kg) weight

VT-300 Specs

- 15 lb. (6.8 kg) load capacity
- 64.3˝ (163 cm) to 25˝ (63.5 cm) height range
- 26.5˝ (67.3 cm) folded length
- 4.5 lb. (2 kg) weight

VT-350 Specs

- 15 lb. (6.8 kg) load capacity
- 82˝ (208 cm) to 25.5˝ (67.8 cm) height range
- 27.5˝ (69.9 cm) folded length
- 5.45 lb. (2.5 kg) weight

Setting Up Your Tripod



1 Assess Shooting Area

To set up your tripod, begin by removing the tripod from the box and/or carry case. Assess your shooting area to determine a stable area to set up your camera.



2 Extend Legs

Always extend the legs from the top flip-locks first. Pull each flip-lock and extend the leg to its desired height. Match the length of the legs and relock the flip-locks.



3 Spread the Tripod

Plant the front leg of the tripod. Lift the back two legs and pull back to spread the tripod to the full extension of the mid-level spreader. Check the float level to verify that the tripod is level. Readjust the legs if necessary. Lock the mid-level spreader by rotating the knob clockwise.



7 Remove the Mounting Plate

Rotate the mounting plate lock so that the flat side is against the mounting plate. The mounting plate will pop free.



8 Mount Camera to Plate

Attach the mounting plate to your camera. Be certain that the retractable alignment pin sets into its pocket on the camera. Screw the threaded stud on the plate into the bottom of the camera.



9 Mount Camera to Tripod

Make certain that your tripod legs are locked and the tripod is stable and ready for mounting your camera. From the right side of the tripod, slide the mounting plate down and left onto the tripod head. Push down until the mounting plate clicks.

Tearing Down Your Tripod

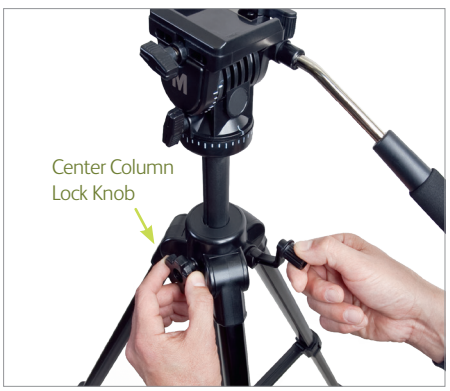


All images are for illustrative purposes only.
Your tripod may look slightly different.



1 Unmount Camera

Rotate the mounting plate lock forward until the mounting plate pops free. Lift the camera up and out until it is free of the tripod.



2 Lower Center Column (if raised)

Release the center column locking knob. Using the hand crank, lower the center column all the way down. Secure the locking knob and fold the hand crank down.



4 Raise Center Column

If you need to raise the center column, unlock the center column by turning the locking knob counterclockwise. Use the hand crank to raise or lower the head platform. Never raise or lower the head by pushing or pulling it.



5 Set the Tilt

Release the tilt lock. Using the tilt/pan bar, set the tilt so that the head is level and ready for mounting your camera. Retighten the tilt lock.



6 Set the Pan Angle

Release the pan lock. Using the tilt/pan bar, rotate the head to set it in the direction you will be shooting. Retighten the pan lock.



10 Start Shooting

If you do not need to pan or tilt during your shot, keep the pan and tilt knobs locked.



11 Pan

Release the pan lock knob. Using the tilt/pan bar, rotate the tripod head left or right to pan.



12 Tilt

Release the tilt-lock knob, and use the tilt/pan bar to tilt the tripod head up or down.



3 Collapse the Tripod

Unlock the mid-level spreader. Push the legs together, collapsing the mid-level spreader.



4 Shorten Legs

Release the flip-locks and slide each leg section to its closed position. Secure the flip-locks. Release the pan and tilt locks and fold the tilt/pan bar toward the legs.



5 Store in Carry Case

Store your tripod in its carry case until the next shoot. You can leave the mounting plate attached to your camera for quick mounting.

Quick-Release Plate for VT-100/200/300/350 Tripod



Magnus offers a spare or replacement quick-release plate for the VT-100/200/300/350 tripod head. Having a quick-release plate attached to the camera's base at all times allows you to attach or remove the camera from the tripod without having to waste time fumbling with the threaded mount. Your VT-100/200/300/350 Tripod includes one quick-release plate, but you may want to have spares for other cameras. The Magnus VT-QRP10 (for VT-100/200) or QRP30 (for VT300/350) has a 1/4˝-20 mounting stud and a retractable register pin for correct camera positioning. The anti-skid mounting surface stabilizes the camera.

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