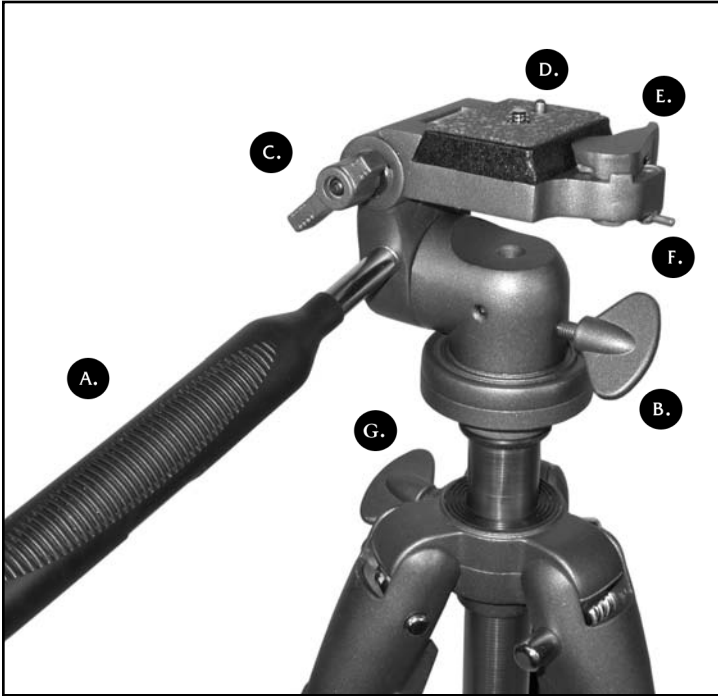


# STOKES

## BIRDING SERIES

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### Stokes Birding Series Tripod User's Guide



**Features of the Tripod Head**

- A. Pan & Vertical Tilt handle (vertical tilt lock)
- B. Pan lock thumbscrew
- C. Lateral tilt lock thumbscrew
- D. Quick release plate
- E. Quick release lever
- F. Quick release safety lock
- G. Center column release thumbscrew



**Features of the Tripod Legs**

- H. Variable leg adjustment
- I. Padded leg wraps
- J. Flip lever leg locks



**Assembling the Tripod Head**

The Stokes tripod head comes attached to the tripod legs. However, one final step of assembly needs to be addressed. Locate the three set screws below where the tripod head connects to the center column and tighten them using the smaller of the two included Allen wrenches.

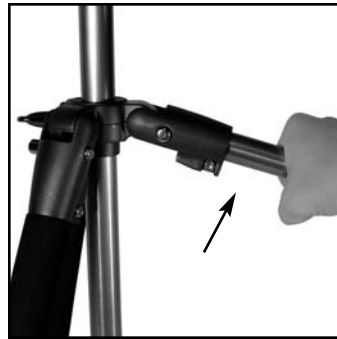
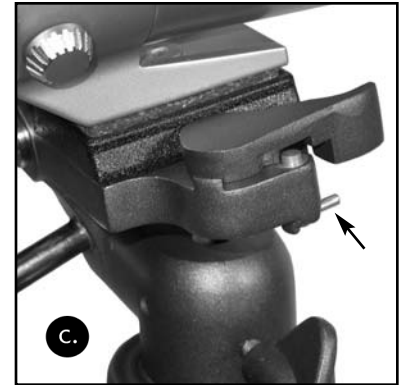
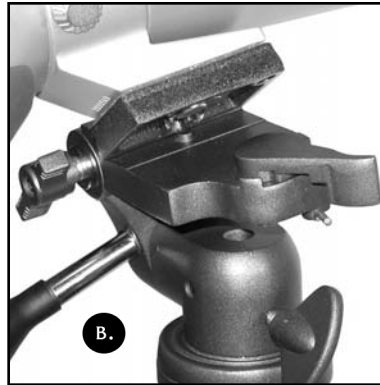
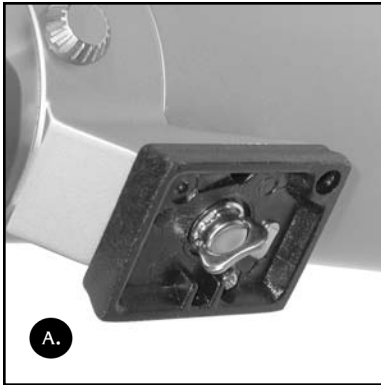
The two Allen wrenches are included for basic tripod maintenance. In addition to using it to connect the head to the tripod legs, use the smaller wrench for re-tightening the cams on the lever locks and for dismantling the lever lock assemblies. The larger wrench is useful for dismantling the shoulder assembly of your tripod for cleaning if needed or when travelling.



## Using the Quick Release plate

The quick release (QR) plate threads onto the scope, camera, or video camera that you are mounting and aids in fast set-up and take-down. The QR plate comes with a standard (.25" x 20) thread, as well as a retractable 3/8" set pin for additional stability. To use the QR plate properly:

1. Remove the plate from the tripod by pressing the lever.
2. Thread the QR plate onto the spotting scope until it is secured (note: the plate should be situated on the scope so that the large open hole on the underside of the plate faces the scope's objective lens [the large lens of the scope] see image A).
3. Set the scope onto the tripod head, the QR plate features a U-shaped groove on the underside that fits around the peg on the tripod head - see images A & B.
4. To avoid accidental lever release, the tripod features a quick release safety lock (see image C). To engage it, press the small brass pin to the right, into its "locking" position.



## Variable leg spread

The Stokes tripod legs can be adjusted to variable angles for ease of use in different scenarios. To utilize the variable leg spreads, push in on the spread button (where the legs meet with the shoulder assembly) and lift the leg upwards. Set it to the desired angle of the three available angles and repeat with the other two legs.

If you have any further questions regarding your tripod, please contact:

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