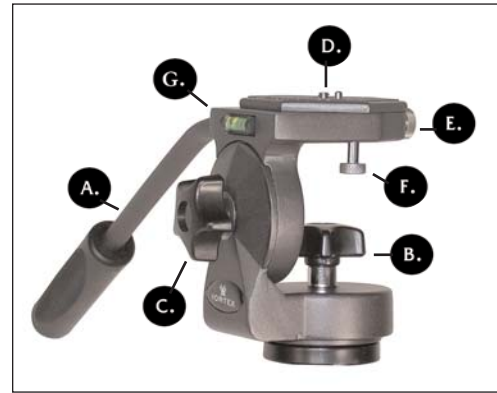


# Vortex STX Tripod Manual

Congratulations on your purchase of the Vortex STX tripod. We are certain that it will prove reliable in any terrain and weather conditions.

## Assembly

The STX panhead comes unattached to the tripod legs. Attach the head by threading the panhead onto the mounting bolt (H) until it's tight. Then, locate the three set screws below where the tripod head connects to the center column and tighten them using the included Allen wrench (see below).



## Quick Release (QR) Panhead (above):

- A. Pan and Tilt Control Handle
- B. Pan Lock Knob
- C. Tilt Lock Knob
- D. QR Mounting Plate
- E. QR Safety-lock Thumbscrew
- F. QR Lever
- G. Panhead Leveling Bubble

## Tripod Legs:

- H. Panhead Mounting Bolt
- I. Center Column Platform
- J. Center Column Locking Collar
- K. Center Column
- L. Accessory Hook
- M. Tripod Leveling Bubble
- N. Variable Leg Angle Release
- O. Flip-lever leg locks

## Tripod operation

### 1. Extending the legs

Each tripod leg has four sections; to extend the legs for more height, release the flip-lever locks (O) and slide the leg out to desired length. Press the flip-lever lock back to lock the section. If the leg lock slips after you've secured it, the tension may need adjusting. Release the flip-lever lock and tighten the lever screw with the included Allen wrench.

### 2. Variable angle leg spread

The 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 release (N) and lift the leg upwards. Set it to the desired angle of the three available angles and repeat with the other legs.

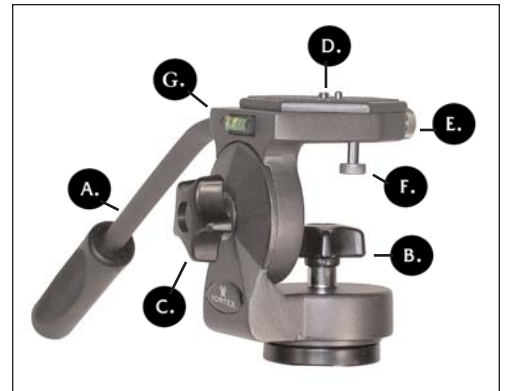


### 3. Adjusting the center column

Adjust the center column by turning the locking collar (J) in a counter-clockwise direction and pulling the column up or down to the desired height. Tighten the center column by tightening the collar in a clockwise direction.

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### 4. Operating the panhead

To pan from left to right, loosen the lock knob (B) and pan in desired direction with the control handle (A). To tilt up and down, loosen the lock knob (C) and tilt in the desired direction with the control handle.

To use the QR plate properly:

1. Remove the QR plate from the tripod by unlocking the safety-lock thumbscrew and then pulling on the quick release lever (see Image 1).



2. Thread the QR plate onto the scope or camera until it is secured (see Image 2). Note: many scopes and video cameras accept the plate's safety 3/8" pin either in front of or in back of the main .25" thread for additional stability. The 3/8" pin will retract if not needed.



3. Slide the scope/camera onto the grooved panhead platform (see Image 3). You should hear an audible click when the plate slides over the locking lever.



4. Tighten the plate to the platform with the safety-lock thumbscrew (see image 4).



### Additional features

#### Accessory hook

The accessory hook is used to further stabilize the tripod in very windy conditions. Hang a counterweight (not supplied) onto the hook to stabilize your set-up.

#### Leveling Bubbles (G and M)

The levels are used to level the tripod and panhead, allowing for optimum viewing and picture-taking. The tripod is level when the bubble is within the red circle. The panhead is level when the bubble is located between the two black lines.

### Warranty/service

Your tripod is warranted to be free of defects in materials and workmanship for three (3) years after purchase. Vortex Optics will repair or replace such product or part thereof that upon our inspection is found to be defective in materials or workmanship. If warranty problems arise, or if you need assistance in using your tripod, please contact:

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