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Brand: **Manfrotto** | Model: **026**

1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Manfrotto 026 Swivel Umbrella Adapter, also known as Lite-tite, is a robust accessory designed for photographers and videographers. It facilitates the attachment of an umbrella to a light stand and provides a tilting mechanism for precise light and umbrella positioning.

Key features include:

- Easily attaches an umbrella to your light stand.
- Tilting feature adds adjustability to light and umbrella.

2. COMPONENTS

The Manfrotto 026 adapter includes the main swivel unit and two brass spigots for versatile mounting options.



Figure 2.1: Exploded view of the Manfrotto 026 adapter showing the main unit and two brass spigots. These spigots allow for various mounting configurations on light stands, tripods, or Super Clamps.

3. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

3.1 Attaching to a Light Stand

1. Ensure your light stand is stable and securely positioned.
2. Insert one of the provided brass spigots into the top receiver of your light stand. Tighten the light stand's locking knob to secure the spigot.
3. Slide the base of the Manfrotto 026 adapter onto the exposed end of the brass spigot.
4. Tighten the large black knob on the side of the adapter to firmly secure it to the spigot and light stand.



Figure 3.1: The Manfrotto 026 adapter securely mounted on a light stand, ready for an umbrella and light source.

3.2 Attaching an Umbrella

1. Locate the umbrella mounting hole on the adapter, which is typically angled to optimize light positioning.

2. Insert the shaft of your photographic umbrella into this hole.
3. Tighten the small silver knob adjacent to the umbrella hole to secure the umbrella in place. Do not overtighten, especially with hollow umbrella shafts, to prevent damage.

3.3 Attaching a Light Source

The adapter provides a mounting point for your light source, often a flash unit or LED light. This is typically achieved by screwing a second brass spigot (or a cold shoe adapter, not included) into the top of the adapter, then mounting your light onto it.

1. Screw one of the brass spigots into the threaded hole at the top of the adapter.
2. Mount your flash unit or LED light onto the spigot. If your light requires a cold shoe, attach a compatible cold shoe adapter (sold separately) to the spigot first.
3. Ensure all connections are secure before operating.



Figure 3.2: The adapter with both an umbrella and a light source mounted, demonstrating a typical setup.

4. OPERATING THE TILTING MECHANISM

The Manfrotto 026 features a robust tilting mechanism to adjust the angle of your light and umbrella.

1. To adjust the tilt, loosen the large lever handle located on the side of the adapter.
2. Carefully adjust the angle of your light and umbrella to the desired position. Support the weight of your equipment while adjusting to prevent sudden drops.
3. Once the desired angle is achieved, firmly tighten the lever handle to lock the position. Ensure it is secure to prevent accidental movement.

The spring-loaded rotational adjustment handle allows for repositioning the handle itself without loosening the main tilt mechanism, providing flexibility in tight spaces.

5. MAINTENANCE AND CARE

- **Cleaning:** Wipe the adapter with a soft, dry cloth to remove dust and debris. For stubborn dirt, a slightly damp cloth can be used, followed by immediate drying. Avoid abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- **Lubrication:** The moving parts are designed for smooth operation. Avoid applying excessive lubricants unless specifically recommended by Manfrotto, as this can attract dust.
- **Storage:** Store the adapter in a dry, clean environment when not in use.
- **Inspection:** Periodically inspect all knobs, levers, and threaded connections for wear or damage. Ensure all components are securely fastened.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

Issue: Adapter does not hold position securely.

Solution: Ensure all locking knobs and levers are fully tightened. Check that the brass spigot is correctly seated and secured in both the light stand and the adapter. Avoid exceeding the maximum weight capacity of 5.5 pounds (2.5 kg).

Issue: Umbrella shaft slips or is difficult to secure.

Solution: Ensure the umbrella shaft is fully inserted into the designated hole. Tighten the small silver knob firmly, but do not overtighten to avoid damaging the umbrella shaft. If the shaft is too thin, consider adding a protective sleeve or tape for a tighter fit.

Issue: Light source feels unstable on the spigot.

Solution: Verify that the brass spigot is correctly screwed into the adapter and that your light source is securely mounted onto the spigot. If using a cold shoe adapter, ensure it is also firmly attached to the spigot.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Brand	Manfrotto
Model Name	026
Model Number	026
Material	Aluminum
Item Weight	380 Grams
Weight Capacity Maximum	5.5 Pounds (approx. 2.5 kg)
Item Dimensions (L x W x H)	10.39 x 5.28 x 1.18 inches
Compatible Devices	Devices with compatible mount threads (e.g., 1/4"-20 or 3/8"-16)
Mounting Type	Tabletop Mount (versatile for light stands)

8. WARRANTY INFORMATION

The Manfrotto 026 Swivel Umbrella Adapter comes with a **1 Year Limited Warranty**. For detailed terms and conditions, please refer to the official Manfrotto warranty documentation or contact Manfrotto customer support.

9. CUSTOMER SUPPORT

For further assistance, technical support, or inquiries regarding your Manfrotto 026 Swivel Umbrella Adapter, please visit the official Manfrotto website or contact their customer service department.
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