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Model: VPT-2457

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides detailed instructions for the assembly, operation, and maintenance of your Vivitar VPT-2457 57-Inch Tripod. Please read this manual thoroughly before using the product to ensure proper function and longevity.





Image 1.1: The Vivitar VPT-2457 57-Inch Tripod in its fully extended position, showcasing its three-section legs and pan head.

2. PRODUCT FEATURES

- **Three-Way Fluid Pan Head:** Allows for smooth horizontal and vertical camera movements.
- **Built-in Bubble Level:** Assists in achieving a perfectly level setup for stable shots.
- **Quick Release Mount:** Enables fast attachment and detachment of your camera.
- **Adjustable Rubber Feet:** Provides stability on various surfaces and prevents slipping.
- **Accessory Hook:** Located at the bottom of the center column, useful for adding weight for increased stability.
- **Three-Section Channel Leg Locks:** Securely extends and retracts the tripod legs to desired heights.
- **Center Column with Brace and Lock:** Enhances stability and allows for fine height adjustments.

3. SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Unfold the Tripod:** Gently spread the tripod legs until they are fully extended or at your desired angle.
2. **Extend the Legs:** Unlock the three-section channel leg locks on each leg. Extend the leg sections to the desired height and securely close the locks. Ensure all locks are firmly engaged before placing equipment on the tripod.
3. **Adjust Center Column:** If additional height is needed, loosen the center column lock and raise the center column.

Securely tighten the lock once the desired height is reached.

4. **Level the Tripod:** Use the built-in bubble level on the pan head to ensure the tripod is level. Adjust leg lengths as necessary until the bubble is centered.

5. **Attach Camera:**

- Locate the quick release plate on the pan head.
- Press the quick release lever or button to detach the plate.
- Screw the quick release plate onto the bottom of your camera using the thumb screw. Ensure it is tightly secured.
- Slide the camera with the attached quick release plate back into the pan head until it clicks securely into place. Verify that the camera is firmly attached.



Image 3.1: The Vivitar VPT-2457 57-Inch Tripod with its legs retracted, showing the pan head and quick release mechanism.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Pan and Tilt Adjustments:

- To adjust the horizontal (pan) movement, loosen the pan lock knob. Rotate the camera to the desired position and tighten the knob.
- To adjust the vertical (tilt) movement, loosen the tilt lock knob. Angle the camera up or down and tighten the knob.
- The three-way fluid pan head allows for smooth, controlled movements when the locks are slightly loosened.

2. **Portrait/Landscape Orientation:** The pan head typically allows for tilting the camera 90 degrees to switch between landscape and portrait orientations. Loosen the appropriate tilt knob, adjust, and re-tighten.

3. **Using the Accessory Hook:** For increased stability in windy conditions or with heavier equipment (within the 5 lb limit), hang a weight (e.g., a camera bag) from the accessory hook located at the bottom of the center column.

5. MAINTENANCE

- **Cleaning:** Wipe the tripod with a soft, dry cloth after each use. If necessary, use a slightly damp cloth with mild soap, then dry thoroughly. Avoid harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners.
- **Storage:** Store the tripod in a cool, dry place, preferably in its carrying case, to protect it from dust and moisture.
- **Inspection:** Periodically check all screws, knobs, and leg locks to ensure they are tight and functioning correctly. Do not overtighten.
- **Lubrication:** The fluid pan head is designed for smooth operation and generally does not require user lubrication. If movement becomes stiff, consult professional service.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Tripod is unstable.	Leg locks not fully engaged; uneven surface; insufficient weight.	Ensure all leg locks are securely fastened. Adjust leg lengths to level the tripod using the bubble level. Hang a weight from the accessory hook.
Camera not securely attached.	Quick release plate not properly seated or tightened.	Ensure the quick release plate is screwed tightly onto the camera. Re-insert the plate into the pan head until it clicks and verify it is locked.
Pan/tilt movement is stiff or jerky.	Pan/tilt lock knobs are too tight; dirt or debris in the head mechanism.	Slightly loosen the pan/tilt lock knobs. Clean the pan head area with a soft cloth. Avoid forcing movements.
Leg sections slide down.	Leg locks are not fully tightened.	Ensure all three-section channel leg locks are firmly closed after extending the legs.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model:** VPT-2457
- **Maximum Height:** 57 Inches
- **Folded Dimensions:** Approximately 4 x 3.75 x 23.75 inches
- **Item Weight:** 1.9 pounds
- **Weight Limit:** 5 pounds
- **Head Type:** Three-Way Fluid Pan Head
- **Leg Sections:** 3
- **Material:** Rubber (feet), other components likely aluminum/plastic blend.
- **Color:** Black
- **Special Features:** Adjustable, Quick Release Mount, Bubble Level, Accessory Hook

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information or technical support, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or visit the official Vivitar website. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

Vivitar Customer Service: Please consult the Vivitar official website for the most current contact information and support resources.

