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Fotopro QAL-50 Quick Shoe Instruction Manual

Model: QAL-50

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1. Product Overview

The Fotopro QAL-50 Quick Shoe is an Arca-Swiss compatible camera plate designed for rapid and secure attachment of cameras to compatible tripod heads. Constructed from high-quality anodized aluminum, it offers durability and a wear-resistant surface. Its universal design ensures compatibility with various camera models and tripod systems.

Key Features:

- Universal standard design for quick camera attachment.
- Easy and safe quick release mechanism.
- Suitable for professional cameras.
- Made from high-quality, anodized aluminum for durability.

2. Setup Instructions

2.1 Attaching the Quick Shoe to Your Camera

1. Locate the 1/4-inch-20 threaded screw on the Fotopro QAL-50 Quick Shoe.
2. Align the screw with the tripod mounting hole on the bottom of your camera.
3. Insert the screw into the camera's mounting hole.
4. Tighten the screw securely using a coin or a flat-head tool until the quick shoe is firmly attached to the camera. Ensure it is snug but do not overtighten.



Image: Top view of the Fotopro QAL-50 Quick Shoe, showing the central 1/4-inch-20 camera mounting screw and four rubberized anti-slip pads. This plate attaches to the bottom of your camera.

2.2 Mounting the Camera to a Tripod Head

1. Ensure your tripod head is equipped with an Arca-Swiss compatible clamp.
2. Open the quick release clamp on your tripod head.
3. Slide the Fotopro QAL-50 Quick Shoe (with camera attached) into the open clamp. The dovetail design of the quick shoe should fit precisely into the clamp.
4. Close and tighten the quick release clamp on the tripod head until the camera and quick shoe are securely fastened. Verify that the camera is stable before use.



Image: Angled view of the Fotopro QAL-50 Quick Shoe, highlighting the "Fotopro QAL-50" branding on the side and the Arca-Swiss compatible dovetail design. This side profile demonstrates how it slides into a tripod clamp.

3. Operation

The Fotopro QAL-50 Quick Shoe is designed for straightforward operation, allowing for rapid attachment and detachment of your camera from a compatible tripod head.

3.1 Quick Release Functionality

To release your camera from the tripod head, simply loosen the quick release clamp on your Arca-Swiss compatible tripod head. Once loosened, the camera with the attached QAL-50 plate can be smoothly slid out of the clamp. To re-attach, reverse the process, ensuring the clamp is securely tightened.

Safety Note: Always ensure the quick release clamp on your tripod head is fully tightened before leaving your camera unattended to prevent accidental detachment and potential damage.

4. Care and Maintenance

To ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your Fotopro QAL-50 Quick Shoe, follow these simple maintenance guidelines:

- **Cleaning:** Wipe the quick shoe with a soft, dry cloth to remove dust and debris. For stubborn dirt, a slightly damp cloth can be used, followed by immediate drying.
- **Storage:** Store the quick shoe in a clean, dry environment when not in use.
- **Inspection:** Periodically inspect the mounting screw and the plate for any signs of wear or damage. Ensure the rubberized pads are intact for optimal grip.
- **Avoid Harsh Chemicals:** Do not use abrasive cleaners or solvents, as these can damage the anodized aluminum finish and rubber pads.

5. Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your Fotopro QAL-50 Quick Shoe, consider the following:

- **Plate does not fit tripod head:** Ensure your tripod head is Arca-Swiss compatible. The QAL-50 is designed to universal Arca-Swiss standards. If it's not fitting, the tripod head clamp may not be fully open or may not be Arca-Swiss standard.
- **Camera feels loose on the plate:** Re-tighten the 1/4-inch-20 screw connecting the plate to your camera. Ensure the screw is properly seated in the camera's tripod mount.
- **Plate feels loose in the tripod head:** Ensure the quick release clamp on your tripod head is fully tightened after inserting the plate. Some clamps have an adjustment screw for tension; check your tripod head's manual if necessary.

6. Product Specifications

Feature	Detail
Model Number	QAL-50
Brand	Fotopro
Compatibility	Arca-Swiss Standard, Cameras with 1/4-inch-20 tripod mount. Compatible Tripods: X-5CN/X-6CN/X-GO CHAMELEON/C5I2/PGC-584F.

Feature	Detail
Material	High-quality Anodized Aluminum
Item Weight	1.12 ounces (approximately 31.75 grams)
Color	Aluminum (Black anodized finish)
Global Trade Identification Number (GTIN)	06944326313243



Image: Retail packaging for the Fotopro Quick Shoe, showing model numbers QAL-40 and QAL-50, and the GTIN (Global Trade Identification Number) 06944326313243.

7. Warranty and Support

7.1 Warranty Information

The Fotopro QAL-50 Quick Shoe comes with a**1-Year Warranty** from Fotopro. This warranty covers manufacturing defects and ensures the product meets quality standards. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

7.2 Customer Support

For further assistance, technical support, or warranty inquiries, please visit the official Fotopro website or contact their customer service department. You can find more information and products at the Fotopro Store on Amazon.

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