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Sirui W-1204 4-Section Waterproof Carbon Fiber Tripod User Manual

Model: W-1204

1. Introduction

Thank you for choosing the Sirui W-1204 Waterproof Carbon Fiber Tripod. This manual provides essential information for the safe and effective use of your tripod. Please read it thoroughly before operation and retain it for future reference. The Sirui W-1204 is designed for outdoor photographers and videographers, featuring a waterproof sealing system that protects against water and sand intrusion. Its lightweight carbon fiber construction offers stability and durability in various environmental conditions.



Figure 1: The Sirui W-1204 tripod in its fully assembled state, ready for use.

2. What's in the Box

Please check the contents of your package upon unboxing:

- Sirui W-1204 4-Section Waterproof Carbon Fiber Tripod
- Split-center column
- Custom padded carrying case
- Shoulder strap
- Tools (e.g., Allen wrenches)
- Spring-loaded hook
- Metal spikes (for feet)
- Monopod kit (includes wrist strap, extra 1/2" to 3/8" tripod screw, and extra platform)
- Instruction Manual (this document)

3. Product Features

The Sirui W-1204 tripod incorporates advanced features for professional use:

- **Waterproof Leg Design:** Equipped with the SIRUI WPS Waterproof Sealing System, featuring waterproof rings and leak-proof leg locks to prevent water, dust, and particles from entering the leg tubes.
- **Carbon Fiber Construction:** Made from lightweight 10-layer 100% carbon fiber for enhanced strength, increased load capacity, and superior vibration reduction.
- **Ergonomic Leg Angle Locks:** Designed for quick and easy adjustments, even with wet hands or gloves.
- **Automatic Leg Angle Lock Mechanism:** Each leg features an automatic lock for fast and convenient setup.
- **Convertible Monopod:** One of the tripod legs can be detached and used as a full-size monopod.
- **Reversible Center Column:** Allows for low-angle shooting.



Figure 2: The Sirui W-1204 tripod shown in its folded state, extended, and with one leg detached for monopod use.



Figure 3: A close-up demonstrating the waterproof capability of the tripod leg submerged in water, highlighting the secure leg locks and the interchangeable spike foot.

4. Setup

4.1 Attaching the Tripod Head (if not pre-attached)

1. Ensure the tripod's mounting plate is clean and free of debris.
2. Align the tripod head's mounting screw with the tripod's platform.
3. Rotate the tripod head clockwise until it is securely fastened. Use the provided tools to tighten if necessary, but do not overtighten.



Figure 4: Detail of the tripod's top plate with mounting screw, leg angle adjustment levers, and integrated bubble level.

4.2 Extending the Legs

1. Release the leg section locks by twisting them counter-clockwise (1/2 turn).
2. Extend each leg section to the desired length.
3. Twist the leg section locks clockwise to secure them firmly.
4. Adjust the leg angles by pressing the ergonomic leg angle lock mechanisms and positioning the legs at one of the available angles.

4.3 Adjusting the Center Column

1. Loosen the center column locking knob.
2. Raise or lower the center column to the desired height.
3. Tighten the center column locking knob to secure it.
4. For low-angle shots, the center column can be reversed. Consult the specific instructions for reversing the center

column in the detailed manual.

5. Operating

5.1 Securing Your Camera

1. Ensure your tripod head is securely mounted.
2. Attach your camera to the quick release plate (if applicable) or directly to the tripod head's mounting screw.
3. Verify that the camera is stable and securely fastened before releasing your grip.

5.2 Using as a Monopod

1. Identify the leg with the foam grip (this is typically the detachable leg).
2. Unscrew this leg from the tripod chassis.
3. If desired, attach the center column to the top of the detached leg for additional height.
4. Attach your camera or tripod head directly to the monopod.



Figure 5: A detailed view of the tripod leg's attachment point to the main chassis, illustrating how one leg can be unscrewed for monopod conversion.

5.3 Changing Feet

The tripod comes with rubber feet and includes metal spikes. To change them:

1. Unscrew the existing rubber feet from the bottom of the tripod legs.
2. Screw in the metal spikes until they are secure.
3. Ensure all feet are tightly attached before use.

6. Maintenance

Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and performance of your Sirui W-1204 tripod.

- **Cleaning:** After use, especially in sandy, salty, or muddy environments, rinse the tripod with fresh water. Extend all leg sections and wipe them clean with a soft cloth.
- **Drying:** Allow the tripod to air dry completely before collapsing and storing it. Ensure no moisture remains inside the leg sections.
- **Lubrication:** Do not apply oil or grease to the leg locks or leg sections. The waterproof sealing system is designed to operate without additional lubrication.
- **Storage:** Store the tripod in its padded case in a dry, cool place away from direct sunlight.
- **Inspection:** Periodically check all screws, bolts, and leg locks for tightness. Tighten any loose components with the provided tools.

7. Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Leg sections not extending/retracting smoothly	Dirt or sand inside leg sections; overtightened leg locks.	Clean leg sections thoroughly with fresh water. Ensure leg locks are not overtightened.
Tripod unstable	Leg locks not fully tightened; uneven ground; excessive load.	Ensure all leg locks are secure. Adjust leg lengths for stability on uneven surfaces. Do not exceed maximum load capacity.
Monopod leg difficult to detach/attach	Threads are dirty or cross-threaded.	Clean threads on both the leg and the tripod chassis. Ensure proper alignment before screwing.

8. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Model	W-1204
Material	10-Layer Carbon Fiber (legs), Stainless Steel (components)
Number of Leg Sections	4
Maximum Height	65 inches (165 cm)
Minimum Height	5.7 inches (14.5 cm)
Folded Length	20.5 inches (52 cm)
Weight Limit (Load Capacity)	33.1 pounds (15 kg)
Tripod Head Type	Compatible with Pan Heads (standard 3/8" screw)
Water Resistance Level	Waterproof
Manufacturer	Guangdong SIRUI Optical Co., Ltd

9. Warranty and Support

The Sirui W-1204 tripod comes with a **Sirui 6-year limited warranty** against manufacturing defects. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship under normal use. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

For warranty service or technical support, please contact your authorized Sirui dealer or visit the official Sirui website for contact information.

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