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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides detailed instructions for the setup, operation, and maintenance of your Glide Gear GG 665 Video/Photo Camera Tripod Monopod with Fluid Ball Head. Designed for versatility and stability, this unit supports both video and photography applications, offering features like a dual spirit level, quick release plate, and the ability to convert into a monopod.

## 2. KEY FEATURES

- **Dual Spirit Level:** Ensures precise leveling for balanced shots.
- **Three Adjustment Knobs:** Provides fine control over fluid head movements.
- **Quick Release Plate:** Features a secure clip and rubber mat for safe camera attachment and quick detachment. Includes 1/4"-20 and 3/8"-16 screws.
- **Adjustable Leg Locks:** Allows independent adjustment of each leg for stability on uneven terrain.
- **5-Section Column Legs:** Offers flexible height adjustments with quick release locks.
- **Center Axis Inverted Function:** Enables low-angle shooting by inverting the center column.
- **Monopod Conversion:** The tripod can be disassembled to function as a monopod for increased portability and flexibility.
- **Durable Construction:** Made from magnesium alloy and aluminum alloy for anti-corrosion and wear resistance.
- **Portable Design:** Includes a carry bag for easy transportation.
- **High Payload Capacity:** Supports equipment up to 22 lbs (10 kg).
- **Adjustable Height:** Ranges from approximately 2.5 feet to 6 feet (76 cm to 183 cm).

## 3. SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

### 3.1 Unpacking and Initial Inspection

Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Inspect the tripod for any signs of damage. Ensure all parts, including the fluid head, quick release plate, and carry bag, are present.



Figure 3.1: The Glide Gear GG 665 tripod folded for transport and storage.

### 3.2 Deploying the Tripod Legs

1. Place the folded tripod on a flat surface.
2. Release the leg locks and extend each leg section to your desired height. Ensure the quick release locks are securely fastened after adjustment.
3. Spread the tripod legs to form a stable base. The leg angle can be adjusted using the leg angle locks located at the top of each leg.



Figure 3.2: The Glide Gear GG 665 tripod shown fully extended, ready for use.

### 3.3 Attaching the Fluid Head Handle

The fluid head handle can be attached to either the right or left side of the fluid head for user comfort. Simply screw the handle into the designated threaded port until secure.

### 3.4 Mounting Your Camera

1. Locate the quick release plate on the fluid head. Press the release lever to detach the plate.
2. Attach the quick release plate to the bottom of your camera. Use the appropriate 1/4"-20 or 3/8"-16 screw, which is stored in a thread under the plate. Tighten securely.
3. Slide the camera with the attached quick release plate back into the fluid head until it clicks into place. Ensure the secure clip engages to prevent accidental drops.

### 3.5 Leveling the Tripod

Use the built-in spirit level on the fluid head to ensure your setup is perfectly level. Adjust the tripod legs or the fluid head's base until the bubble is centered.

### 3.6 Visual Setup Guide

For a visual demonstration of the setup process, please refer to the official product video below:

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Video 3.1: Official Glide Gear 665 Fluid Head Tripod setup and feature overview. This video demonstrates unpacking, leg deployment, handle attachment, quick release plate usage, and leveling.

## 4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

### 4.1 Adjusting Tripod Height

To adjust the height of the tripod, unlock the quick release leg locks on each section. Extend or retract the legs to the desired height and then firmly close the quick release locks to secure them. Ensure all leg sections are locked before placing equipment on the tripod.

### 4.2 Fluid Head Operation

The fluid head allows for smooth panning and tilting movements. Use the three adjustment knobs to control the tension and lock the head in position. The handle provides leverage for precise camera control during recording.

### 4.3 Monopod Conversion

The Glide Gear GG 665 can be converted into a monopod. To do this, detach one of the tripod legs from the main chassis. This leg, typically marked for monopod use, can then be used independently with the fluid head attached. Consult the product diagram or the official video for specific instructions on which leg to detach.

### 4.4 Low-Angle Shooting

For extremely low-angle shots, the center column can be inverted. This allows the camera to be mounted below the tripod's base, bringing it closer to the ground. Ensure the camera is securely mounted and balanced when using this feature.

## 5. MAINTENANCE

- **Cleaning:** Wipe down the tripod with a soft, dry cloth after each use to remove dust and dirt. For stubborn grime, a slightly damp cloth can be used, followed by immediate drying. Avoid harsh chemicals.
- **Lubrication:** Moving parts, such as leg locks and fluid head mechanisms, are generally self-lubricating. If any movement becomes stiff, consult Glide Gear support before applying any lubricants.
- **Storage:** Store the tripod in its provided carry bag in a cool, dry place, away from extreme temperatures and humidity.

- **Inspection:** Periodically check all screws, knobs, and leg locks to ensure they are tight and functioning correctly.

## 6. TROUBLESHOOTING

- **Tripod is unstable:** Ensure all leg sections are fully extended and their quick release locks are securely fastened. Verify that the leg angle locks are engaged. Check the ground surface for stability.
- **Fluid head movement is stiff:** Loosen the tension adjustment knobs on the fluid head. If stiffness persists, ensure no debris is obstructing the mechanism.
- **Camera not securely attaching to quick release plate:** Ensure the quick release plate is correctly aligned and fully inserted into the fluid head until the secure clip engages. Verify the camera screw on the plate is tightened.
- **Legs are difficult to extend/retract:** Ensure the quick release leg locks are fully disengaged. Clean any dirt or sand from the leg sections.

## 7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Specification
Brand	Glide Gear
Model Number	GG665
Material	Magnesium Alloy & Aluminum Alloy
Head Type	360° Swivel Fluid Ball Head
Column Quantity	5 Sections
Folded Length	360mm / 14.17 inches
Maximum Height	1530mm / 60.23 inches
Max. Tube Diameter	25mm / 0.98 inches
Load Capacity	15kg / 33.069 lbs
Item Weight	1.535kg / 3.384 lbs
Product Dimensions	20 x 6 x 6 inches (approximate)



Figure 7.1: Technical diagram detailing the folded length, maximum height, and other key dimensions of the tripod.

## 8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information and technical support, please refer to the official Glide Gear website or contact their customer service directly. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase for any warranty claims.