

Manfrotto MKELES5BK-BH

Manfrotto Element Traveller Small Aluminum 5-Section Tripod Kit with Ball Head Instruction Manual

INTRODUCTION

The Manfrotto Element Traveller Small is a versatile and compact tripod designed for enthusiast photographers. It offers a reliable, lightweight, and portable solution for various photography needs. Constructed from aluminum, this 5-section tripod features a ball head engineered for smooth movements and precise locking. Its telescopic center column extends to a maximum height of 56.3 inches, balancing portability with performance. The tripod is ideal for CSC cameras and supports payloads up to 8.8 lbs.

Key Features:

- Compact design for easy transport in backpacks and suitcases.
- Three independent leg angles to adapt to uneven terrain.
- Telescopic center column for increased maximum height.
- Aluminum ball head with independent 360° pan for panoramic shots.
- Includes a customized carrying bag for convenient storage and transport.

SETUP

1. **Unfolding the Tripod:** Gently pull the legs outwards until they click into their initial position. Each leg can be independently adjusted to one of three angles (21.5°, 54.5°, 83°) by pressing the leg angle selector and moving the leg to the desired position.
2. **Extending the Legs:** Each leg consists of 5 sections. To extend a leg section, twist the rubberized twist lock counter-clockwise to loosen, pull the section out to the desired length, and then twist clockwise to secure it firmly. Repeat for all sections of all three legs.
3. **Extending the Center Column:** Loosen the locking collar at the base of the center column by twisting it counter-clockwise. Pull the center column upwards to extend it to your desired height. Tighten the locking collar clockwise to secure the column.

4. **Attaching the Camera:** The tripod features an Arca-type quick release plate with a 1/4"-20 camera screw. Attach this plate securely to the bottom of your camera. To mount the camera, open the quick release clamp on the ball head, slide the plate (with camera attached) into the clamp, and then tighten the clamp until the camera is firmly secured. Ensure the camera is balanced, especially when using zoom lenses.



Image: Manfrotto Element Traveller Tripod with its legs fully extended, demonstrating its maximum height and stability. The ball head is visible at the top, ready to mount a camera.

OPERATING

1. **Adjusting the Ball Head:** The aluminum ball head allows for flexible camera positioning. Loosen the main locking knob to adjust the camera's angle and tilt. Once the desired position is achieved, tighten the knob firmly to lock the camera in place.
2. **Panoramic Movement:** For panoramic shots, the ball head features a separate pan lock. Loosen this dedicated knob to allow 360° rotation of the camera without affecting its tilt. Tighten the knob to lock the panning movement.
3. **Monopod Function:** One of the tripod legs can be detached and used as a monopod. To do this, unscrew the designated leg from the tripod's shoulder. The center column can then be attached to this leg to create a full-height monopod.
4. **Enhanced Stability:** A spring-loaded hook is located at the bottom of the center column. This hook can be used to attach additional weight (e.g., a camera bag) to increase the tripod's stability, especially in windy conditions or when using heavy equipment.



Image: Manfrotto Element Traveller Tripod in its compact, folded state, highlighting its portability. The legs are collapsed and folded upwards around the ball head.

MAINTENANCE

- **Cleaning:** Regularly wipe down the tripod with a soft, dry cloth to remove dust and dirt. For stubborn grime, use a slightly damp cloth and mild soap, then dry thoroughly. Avoid harsh chemicals or abrasive materials.
- **Lubrication:** Periodically check the leg locks and ball head mechanisms. If they become stiff, apply a small amount of silicone-based lubricant. Do not over-lubricate.
- **Inspection:** Before each use, inspect all parts for any signs of wear, damage, or loose connections. Ensure all screws and locking mechanisms are functioning correctly.
- **Storage:** Store the tripod in its included carrying bag in a dry, cool place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Ensure it is clean and fully collapsed before storage.

TROUBLESHOOTING

- **Tripod Instability:** Ensure all leg sections and the center column are fully extended and securely locked. Verify that the leg angles are set appropriately for the terrain. Use the bottom hook to add

weight for extra stability if needed.

- **Stiff Leg Locks:** If twist locks are difficult to operate, clean them thoroughly to remove any accumulated dirt or sand. A small amount of silicone lubricant can also help.
- **Camera Not Securing Firmly:** Check that the quick release plate is correctly attached to your camera and that the ball head clamp is fully tightened. Ensure the plate is properly seated in the clamp.
- **Ball Head Movement Issues:** If the ball head is not moving smoothly or locking properly, ensure the main locking knob is fully loosened for movement and fully tightened for locking. Clean any visible debris from the ball mechanism.

SPECIFICATIONS

Brand	Manfrotto
Model Name	MKELES5BK-BH
Material	Aluminum
Color	Black
Item Weight	2.5 Pounds (40.56 Oz)
Weight Limit (Safety Payload)	8.8 Pounds (8.82 lbs)
Maximum Height	56.3 Inches
Maximum Height (with center column down)	50.2 Inches
Minimum Height	14.17 Inches (32 Centimeters)
Folded Length	12.6 Inches
Number of Leg Sections	5
Leg Lock Type	Twist Lock
Head Type	Ball Head
Quick Release	Yes (Arca-type compatible)
Panoramic Rotation	360°
Bubble Spirit Level	Yes
Compatible Devices	CSC, Camera

WHAT'S IN THE BOX

- Manfrotto Element Traveller Small Aluminum 5-Section Tripod
- Ball Head
- Quick Release Plate
- Customized Carrying Bag

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

This product comes with a Standard Limited Warranty. For detailed information regarding warranty terms and conditions, please visit [manfrotto.us](https://www.manfrotto.us).