

VANGUARD VEO 2 265AB

Vanguard VEO 2 265AB Aluminum Tripod with VEO 2 BH-50 Ball Head Instruction Manual

INTRODUCTION

The Vanguard VEO 2 265AB Aluminum Tripod with VEO 2 BH-50 Ball Head is designed for photographers seeking a versatile and stable support system. This manual provides essential information for setting up, operating, and maintaining your tripod to ensure optimal performance and longevity. Its intuitive design allows for quick setup and flexible positioning, making it suitable for various photographic scenarios.





Figure 1: Vanguard VEO 2 265AB Tripod with BH-50 Ball Head in upright position.

WHAT'S IN THE BOX

- Vanguard VEO 2 265AB Aluminum Tripod with VEO 2 BH-50 Ball Head
- Tripod Bag



Figure 2: Included carrying bag for the Vanguard VEO 2 265AB Tripod, designed for portability.

KEY FEATURES

- **Intuitive Central Column System:** Allows for rapid setup of the central column and tripod legs in under 15 seconds.
- **Multi-action Ball Head (BH-50):** Equipped with 3 independent knobs for precise lock, panning, and friction control. Supports up to 17.6 pounds.
- **Arca-Compatible QR Plate:** Facilitates quick camera attachment and release.
- **Advanced Twist Lock System:** Enables fast and secure position setting for the 5-section aluminum legs, extendable with one hand.
- **Highly Engineered Leg Tubes:** Designed for smooth and precise leg extensions.
- **Dedicated Suspension Loop:** Located on the canopy to accommodate counterbalance weights or bags for enhanced stability.
- **Non-Slip, All-Weather TPU Grips:** Featured on one leg for improved handling and grip.

SETUP

1. Extending the Legs

To extend the tripod legs, rotate the advanced twist locks counter-clockwise to loosen each section. Extend the leg sections to your desired height, then rotate the twist locks clockwise to secure them firmly in place. The 5-section design allows for quick and efficient adjustment.



Figure 3: Advanced twist lock system for leg extension.

2. Adjusting the Central Column

The tripod features an exclusive central column system for rapid deployment. Loosen the central column lock, raise or lower the column to the desired height, and then tighten the lock securely. This system allows for quick height adjustments.

3. Attaching Your Camera

The VEO 2 BH-50 Ball Head comes with an Arca-compatible quick release (QR) plate. Attach this plate to the base of your camera by screwing the 1/4" D-ring screw into the camera's tripod socket. Once the plate is securely attached to your camera, slide the camera with the QR plate into the ball head's receiver and engage the locking mechanism until it clicks into place.



Figure 4: VEO 2 BH-50 Ball Head with quick release plate.

Setup Demonstration Video

Video 1: Official video demonstrating the setup and key features of a Vanguard VEO 2 series tripod, including leg extension and head adjustments.

OPERATING YOUR TRIPOD

1. Adjusting Leg Angles

The VEO 2 265AB offers three leg angles (20°, 45°, and 80°) to ensure stability on uneven terrain and enable creative shooting perspectives. To adjust, press the leg angle lock release button at the top of each leg and set it to the desired angle. Ensure all legs are securely locked before use.



Figure 5: Tripod legs adjusted for low-angle photography.

2. Ball Head Control

The VEO 2 BH-50 Ball Head provides precise control over your camera's position:

- **Lock Knob:** Loosen to adjust the ball head's position, tighten to secure the camera.
- **Panning Knob:** Allows for 360° rotation of the camera for panoramic shots. Loosen to pan, tighten to lock.
- **Friction Control Knob:** Adjusts the tension of the ball movement, providing smoother or stiffer control based on camera weight and preference.

Operating Features Demonstration Video



Video 2: Overview of the Vanguard Alta Pro 2+ series, highlighting innovative features such as multi-angle center column and quick-turn twist locks, applicable to general Vanguard tripod operation.

MAINTENANCE

To ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your Vanguard VEO 2 265AB Tripod, follow these maintenance guidelines:

- **Cleaning:** After use, especially in dusty, sandy, or wet conditions, wipe down the tripod legs and ball head with a soft, damp cloth. Avoid harsh chemicals.
- **Drying:** If the tripod gets wet, extend all leg sections and allow them to air dry completely before collapsing and storing to prevent corrosion.
- **Lubrication:** Periodically check the twist locks and ball head for smooth operation. If necessary, apply a small amount of silicone-based lubricant to moving parts, avoiding excessive application.
- **Storage:** Store the tripod in its included carrying bag in a dry, cool place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.

TROUBLESHOOTING

- **Tripod Instability:** Ensure all leg sections are fully extended and twist locks are securely tightened. On uneven surfaces, adjust leg angles to maximize contact with the ground. For additional stability, utilize the dedicated suspension loop on the canopy to hang a counterbalance weight or your camera bag.
- **Leg Locks Not Securing:** If a twist lock feels loose or doesn't secure a leg section, inspect it for any debris (sand, dirt) that might be preventing proper engagement. Clean the mechanism thoroughly and re-test. Avoid over-tightening, which can damage the locks.
- **Stiff Ball Head Movement:** If the ball head feels stiff, ensure the lock and friction control knobs are adequately loosened. If the issue persists, a small amount of silicone lubricant may be applied to the ball mechanism.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Product Dimensions	5.12 x 5.12 x 16.26 inches
Item Weight	3.38 pounds
Material	Aluminum
Weight Limit	17.6 Pounds
Maximum Height	59 Inches
Tripod Head Type	Ball Heads
Leg Sections	5
Leg Diameter	26 mm
Folded Height	16.25 inches

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

The Vanguard VEO 2 265AB Tripod is manufactured by Vanguard. For detailed warranty information, product registration, or technical support, please visit the official Vanguard website or contact their customer service. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase for any warranty claims.

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