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Model: Billy

1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the 3 Legged Thing Punks Billy Tripod. This lightweight, general-use tripod is engineered for versatility and stability, making it an ideal companion for photographers across various genres. This manual will guide you through the proper setup, operation, and maintenance of your new tripod to ensure optimal performance and longevity.

2. PRODUCT FEATURES

- **Lightweight Design:** Weighs just 1.45 kg (3.2 lb) for easy portability.
- **High Load Capacity:** Supports equipment up to 18 kg (40 lb).
- **Detachable Monopod:** Features a full-size detachable monopod for added versatility.
- **Carbon Fiber Construction:** 100% Carbon fibre legs and column for durability and reduced weight.
- **Tri-Mount Plate:** Patented Tri-Mount plate with hollowed spurs for attaching accessories.
- **Precision Leg Locks:** Engineered leg lock system for enhanced stability and rigidity.
- **Arca-Swiss Compatible:** Quick Release Plate is Arca-Swiss compatible.
- **Ergonomic Bubble Grip:** Provides better handling in all weather conditions.
- **Multiple Spirit Levels:** Integrated spirit levels for comprehensive leveling.
- **D-Ring & Toolz Assembly:** Convenient D-Ring and multi-tool for adjustments and hanging weights.
- **Interchangeable Feet:** 1/4" screw foot allows for multiple accessory options.

3. WHAT'S IN THE BOX

Your 3 Legged Thing Punks Billy Tripod package includes:

- 3 Legged Thing Punks Series Billy Carbon-Fibre Tripod
- AirHed Neo Ball Head
- Multi-Tool (integrated into the D-Ring assembly)

4. SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Unfolding the Tripod

To unfold the tripod, release the leg locks and extend the legs to your desired height. The Billy tripod features 4-section legs for compact storage and extended reach.



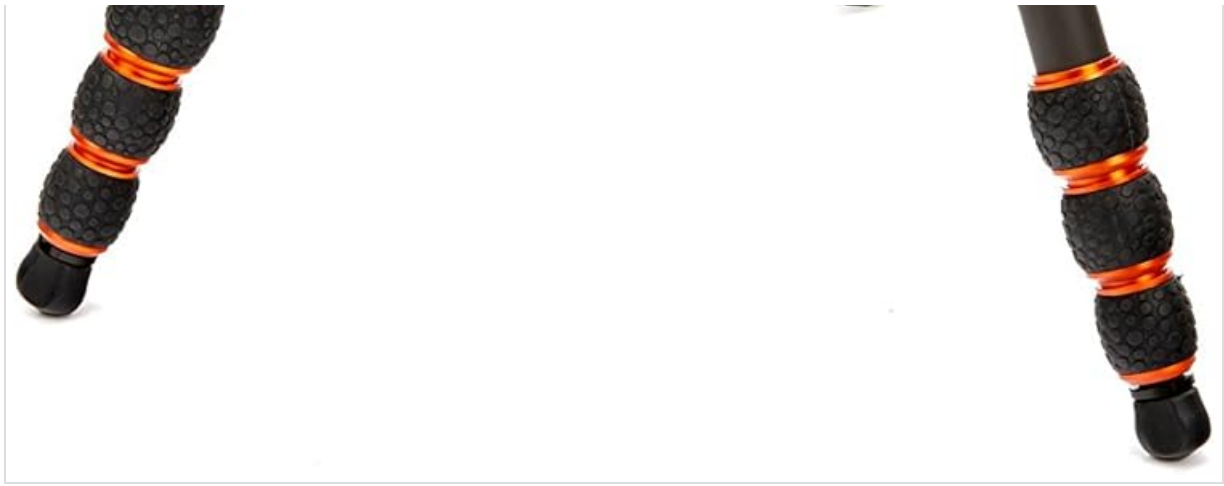


Image: The 3 Legged Thing Punks Billy Tripod shown fully extended with the AirHed Neo Ball Head attached, ready for use.

4.2 Attaching the Camera to the Ball Head

The AirHed Neo Ball Head features an Arca-Swiss compatible quick release plate. Attach this plate to the base of your camera. Then, secure the camera with the plate into the ball head clamp. Ensure the clamp is tightened securely before releasing your grip on the camera.

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Video: An official demonstration of the 3 Legged Thing Billy Tripod, showcasing its features and setup process, including attaching a camera to the ball head.

4.3 Using the Tri-Mount Plate

The patented Tri-Mount plate, located at the base of the center column, features hollowed spurs. These can be used to attach various accessories such as monitors, lights, or other photographic tools, expanding your creative possibilities.

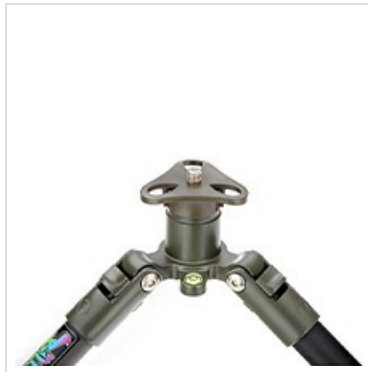


Image: A detailed view of the Tri-Mount plate, highlighting its design for accessory attachment.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Adjusting Tripod Height and Leg Angles

To adjust the height, twist the leg locks counter-clockwise to loosen, extend the leg sections, and then twist clockwise to secure. The legs can be independently adjusted to various angles for stability on uneven terrain or for low-level shooting. Use the integrated spirit levels on the ball head to ensure your camera is perfectly level.

MINIMUM HEIGHT



Image: The Billy Tripod configured for minimum height, demonstrating its capability for low-angle shots.

5.2 Detaching and Using the Monopod

One of the tripod legs can be detached and used as a full-size monopod. To detach, unscrew the leg from the tripod chassis. The ball head can then be transferred to the monopod for immediate use. This feature is ideal for situations requiring quick mobility or when a full tripod is not necessary.



Image: The tripod leg detached and configured as a monopod, with the ball head mounted on top.

5.3 Using the Multi-Tool and Interchangeable Feet

The integrated multi-tool (part of the D-Ring assembly) can be used for various adjustments, including tightening components or changing the tripod's feet. The 1/4" screw foot design allows for easy replacement with different foot accessories (sold separately) to adapt to various terrains, such as spikes for soft ground or larger rubber feet for stability on smooth surfaces.

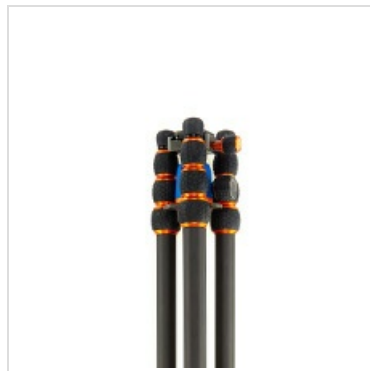


Image: A close-up view of the ergonomic bubble grips on the tripod legs, designed for comfortable handling.



Image: A close-up of the tripod's interchangeable feet, illustrating the 1/4" screw design for customization.

6. MAINTENANCE

- **Cleaning:** After use, especially in dusty, sandy, or wet conditions, wipe down the tripod legs and ball head with a damp cloth. Ensure

all moving parts are free of debris.

- **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 leg locks and ball head mechanisms. If they feel stiff, a small amount of silicone-based lubricant can be applied, but avoid over-lubrication.
- **Storage:** Store your tripod in a dry, cool place, ideally in its protective bag, to prevent dust accumulation and damage.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

- **Legs not extending/retracting smoothly:** Check for dirt or sand inside the leg locks. Clean thoroughly as per maintenance instructions. Ensure leg locks are fully loosened before adjusting.
- **Tripod instability:** Ensure all leg locks are fully tightened. Verify that the leg angles are appropriate for the terrain and that the center column is not over-extended, especially with heavy loads.
- **Ball head not holding position:** Ensure the main locking knob on the ball head is fully tightened. Check that the quick release plate is securely attached to both the camera and the ball head clamp.
- **Lost feet:** The 1/4" screw feet are designed to be interchangeable. If a foot is lost, contact 3 Legged Thing support for replacement options.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Specification
Brand	3 Legged Thing
Model Name	Billy
Material	Carbon Fiber
Item Weight	1.67 kg (3.68 Pounds)
Weight Limit	18 kg (40 lb)
Maximum Height	165 cm (65 inches)
Minimum Height	11 cm (4.25 inches)
Folded Size	45 cm (17.7 inches)
Number of Leg Sections	4
Tripod Head Type	Ball Heads (AirHed Neo)
Leg Diameter	23 mm (0.91 inches)

FOLDED LENGTH



45CM / 17.7"

Image: The Billy Tripod shown in its folded state, indicating a folded length of 45cm / 17.7 inches.

LOAD CAPACITY



18KG / 40LB



Image: Illustration of the Billy Tripod's maximum load capacity, stated as 18kg / 40lb.

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

The 3 Legged Thing Punks Billy Tripod comes with a **5-year global warranty**, covering manufacturing defects and material flaws under normal use. For warranty claims, technical support, or to purchase replacement parts and accessories, please visit the official 3 Legged Thing website or contact their customer service directly.

For further assistance, you may also refer to the [3 Legged Thing Store on Amazon](#).

