Manfrotto MVKBFRL-LIVEUS

Manfrotto Befree Live Aluminum Travel Video Tripod (MVKBFRL-LIVEUS) Instruction Manual

Your guide to setting up, operating, and maintaining your Manfrotto Befree Live Tripod.

1. Introduction and Overview

The Manfrotto Befree Live Aluminum Lever-Lock Tripod Kit is a portable video tripod system designed for travel. It includes a fluid head, aluminum tripod legs, and a carrying case. This compact kit is ideal for mobile applications such as vlogging and supports loads up to 8.8 lb (4 kg).

Key features include lever-style leg locks for quick setup, a strong core, and three tripod-angle positions. The Befree Live video head provides smooth, fluid drag for pan and tilt movements, and features a standard Manfrotto 501PL sliding quick release plate for easy camera attachment and detachment. The head also includes a removable pan bar and a bubble level for precise leveling. It offers a full 360-degree pan movement and -90 to +65-degree tilt adjustment.

The three-stage tripod has a 1.6-inch flat base, a 3/8-inch 16 Easy Link accessory mount, and a hook for attaching a stabilizing weight. The kit folds down to 15.75 inches and weighs approximately 4 lb (1.8 kg).

Product Highlights:

- **PORTABLE:** Intuitive and quick to use. This travel tripod is practical, extremely quick and easy to set up and is exceptionally easy to carry.
- **COMBINABLE:** Befree Live is perfect for video recording with DSLRs, compact system cameras or small camcorders and can carry up to 4 kg of equipment.
- **SAFE:** The tripod is equipped with the Travel Quick Power Lock (QPL), which ensures quick and precise tripod setup and guarantees outstanding stability in all settings.
- **VERSATILE:** You can change the perspective and height of the tripod without losing camera focus, as well as adjust each tripod leg individually for maximum freedom when shooting.
- **COMPLETE:** The Befree Live fluid head ensures exceptionally smooth movements with its fluid system for the pan and tilt axis.



Figure 1: Manfrotto Befree Live Tripod with fluid head and carrying bag.

2. What's in the Box

- Manfrotto Befree Live Aluminum Lever-Lock Tripod Kit
- Befree Live Video Head
- Carrying Bag
- Allen Key



Figure 2: The included carrying bag for your Manfrotto Befree Live Tripod.

3. Setup

3.1 Unfolding the Tripod

1. Remove the tripod from its carrying bag.
2. Release the leg locks on each leg.
3. Extend each leg to your desired height. The tripod features three-stage legs for versatile positioning.
4. Secure the leg locks firmly to ensure stability.





Figure 3: The tripod in its compact, folded state, ready for transport.



Figure 4: Detail of the lever lock system for quick and secure leg adjustments.

3.2 Attaching Your Camera

1. Ensure the quick release plate is detached from the fluid head.
2. Screw the quick release plate onto the bottom of your camera.
3. Align the quick release plate with the receiver on the fluid head and slide it into place until it clicks securely.
4. Tighten any locking mechanisms on the fluid head to prevent accidental detachment.



Figure 5: The fluid head with its quick release plate and pan bar, designed for smooth video movements.

4. Operating the Tripod

4.1 Adjusting Height and Angle

- **Leg Height:** Use the lever locks on each leg to adjust their length. Ensure all locks are securely fastened after adjustment.
- **Leg Angle:** The tripod allows for three independent leg angle positions. Adjust each leg individually for stability on uneven terrain or for low-angle shots.
- **Center Column:** Loosen the center column lock to extend or retract the column for additional height adjustment. Secure the lock once the desired height is reached.



Figure 6: The adjustable and precise leveling column allows for quick camera positioning.

4.2 Using the Fluid Head

- **Pan Movement:** Loosen the pan lock knob to allow horizontal rotation (360 degrees). Tighten to secure.
- **Tilt Movement:** Loosen the tilt lock knob to allow vertical tilting (-90 to +65 degrees). Tighten to secure.
- **Pan Bar:** Use the removable pan bar for smooth and controlled movements during video recording.
- **Bubble Level:** Utilize the integrated bubble level on the fluid head to ensure your camera is perfectly level before shooting.

4.3 Accessory Mount

The tripod features a 3/8-inch 16 Easy Link accessory mount, allowing you to attach external accessories such as monitors, lights, or microphones directly to the tripod for enhanced functionality.



Figure 7: The Easy Link attachment allows for integration of additional accessories.

5. Maintenance

- **Cleaning:** Wipe down the tripod and fluid head with a soft, damp cloth after each use, especially if used in dusty or wet conditions. Avoid harsh chemicals.
- **Lubrication:** Periodically check the leg locks and fluid head mechanisms for smooth operation. If any stiffness is noted, apply a small amount of silicone-based lubricant.
- **Storage:** Always store the tripod in its provided carrying bag in a dry, cool place to protect it from dust and moisture.
- **Inspection:** Regularly inspect all screws, bolts, and moving parts for tightness and wear. Use the provided Allen key to tighten any loose components.

6. Troubleshooting

- **Tripod Instability:** Ensure all leg locks are fully engaged and the legs are spread to an appropriate angle for the terrain. Check that the center column is securely locked.
- **Stiff Fluid Head Movement:** Check if the pan and tilt lock knobs are fully loosened. If movement remains stiff, apply a small amount of lubricant as per maintenance instructions.
- **Camera Not Secure:** Verify that the quick release plate is correctly attached to your camera and fully inserted into the fluid head receiver. Ensure all quick release locking mechanisms are tightened.
- **Legs Not Extending/Retracting Smoothly:** Clean any dirt or debris from the leg sections and apply lubricant if necessary.

7. Specifications

Feature	Specification
Product Dimensions	15.75 x 5 x 59.45 inches
Item Weight	1.75 pounds (1.8 Pounds listed elsewhere)
ASIN	B07HQWGQTF
Item Model Number	MVKBFRL-LIVEUS
Brand	Manfrotto
Color	Black
Compatible Devices	Camera
Material	Aluminum
Weight Limit	8.8 Pounds (4 kg)
Model Name	Befree
Maximum Height	59.45 Inches
Tripod Head Type	Pan Heads
Minimum Height	15.75 Inches
Date First Available	September 24, 2018
Manufacturer	Manfrotto

8. Warranty and Support

Manfrotto products are known for their quality and durability. This product was wholly produced or has undergone its last substantial transformation in Italy, adhering to high manufacturing standards.

For specific warranty details, including coverage period and terms, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Manfrotto website. For technical support, troubleshooting assistance beyond this manual, or spare parts, please contact Manfrotto customer service through their official channels.

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