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Model: VIV-VPT-7082

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1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the Vivitar 7082 Photo/Video Tripod. This instruction manual provides essential information for the safe and effective use of your tripod. Please read this manual thoroughly before operating the product and retain it for future reference.

The Vivitar 7082 tripod is designed to provide stable support for cameras, extending up to 82 inches and supporting equipment weighing up to 11 pounds. It features a fluid video head, quick-release mount, and 3-section channel leg locks for versatile and secure operation.



Figure 1: The Vivitar 7082 Photo/Video Tripod in its folded state, ready for transport. This image shows the compact design and the fluid video head at the top.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

- **Weight Limit:** Do not exceed the maximum load capacity of 11 lbs (5 kg). Overloading can cause instability and damage to the tripod or your equipment.
- **Stability:** Always ensure the tripod legs are fully extended and locked securely on a stable, level surface before mounting your camera. Uneven surfaces can cause the tripod to tip over.
- **Leg Locks:** Verify that all leg section locks are firmly engaged before use.
- **Center Column:** When extending the center column, do so carefully and ensure it is locked in place. Avoid extending it to its maximum height with heavy equipment in windy conditions.
- **Moving Parts:** Keep fingers and clothing clear of moving parts, especially when extending or folding the legs and adjusting the head.
- **Transport:** Always fold the tripod completely and secure all components before transport. Use the provided case for protection.

- **Environmental Conditions:** Avoid using the tripod in extreme weather conditions (e.g., strong winds, heavy rain) that could compromise its stability or damage the equipment.

3. SETUP

3.1 Unpacking and Initial Inspection

1. Carefully remove the tripod from its packaging and carrying case.
2. Inspect the tripod for any signs of damage that may have occurred during shipping. If any damage is found, do not use the tripod and contact customer support.

3.2 Extending the Tripod Legs

1. Place the tripod on a flat, stable surface.
2. Release the leg locks on each leg section. The Vivitar 7082 features 3-section channel leg locks.
3. Extend each leg to the desired length. For maximum stability, extend the thickest sections first.
4. Firmly close all leg locks to secure the legs in position. Ensure they are fully engaged to prevent accidental collapse.

3.3 Elevating the Center Column

1. Locate the center column lock knob, typically found at the base of the tripod head.
2. Loosen the knob by turning it counter-clockwise.
3. Gently raise the center column to the desired height.
4. Tighten the center column lock knob by turning it clockwise until the column is securely held in place.

3.4 Attaching the Quick-Release Plate to Your Camera

1. Locate the quick-release plate on the tripod head. It is usually secured by a lever or knob.
2. Release the quick-release plate from the tripod head.
3. Attach the quick-release plate to the tripod mounting screw on the bottom of your camera. Ensure it is tightened securely, but do not overtighten.

3.5 Mounting Your Camera to the Tripod

1. With the quick-release plate attached to your camera, align the plate with the receiver on the tripod head.
2. Slide the camera and plate into the receiver until it clicks or locks into place.
3. Engage the quick-release lever or knob to secure the camera firmly to the tripod head. Gently test the camera's stability before letting go.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Adjusting the Fluid Video Head

The Vivitar 7082 features a fluid video head for smooth panning and tilting movements.

- **Tilt Adjustment:** Loosen the tilt lock knob (usually on the side of the head) to adjust the camera's vertical angle. Tighten the knob to secure the desired angle.
- **Pan Adjustment:** Loosen the pan lock knob (usually at the base of the head) to rotate the camera horizontally. Tighten the knob to secure the desired horizontal position.

- **Bubble Level:** Use the integrated bubble level to ensure your camera is perfectly level for accurate shots. Adjust the tripod legs or head until the bubble is centered.

4.2 General Use Tips

- Always hold your camera when making adjustments to the tripod to prevent accidental drops.
- For maximum stability, keep the center column as low as possible. Only extend it when additional height is necessary.
- When panning or tilting, make smooth, controlled movements to achieve professional-looking results.

5. MAINTENANCE

5.1 Cleaning

- Wipe down the tripod with a soft, damp cloth after each use, especially if used outdoors.
- Avoid using harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners, as these can damage the finish or moving parts.
- Ensure all parts are dry before folding and storing the tripod.

5.2 Storage

- Store the tripod in its carrying case in a cool, dry place, away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
- Ensure all locks are engaged and the tripod is fully collapsed before storage.

5.3 Inspection

- Periodically check all screws, knobs, and leg locks for tightness. Tighten any loose components.
- Inspect the rubber feet for wear or damage. Replace if necessary to maintain stability.
- Ensure the quick-release mechanism operates smoothly and securely.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Tripod is unstable or wobbly.	Leg locks not fully engaged; uneven surface; center column too high; overloaded.	Ensure all leg locks are securely fastened. Move to a level surface or adjust leg lengths. Lower the center column. Verify camera weight does not exceed 11 lbs.
Camera not securely attached to the head.	Quick-release plate not properly seated; quick-release lever/knob not tightened.	Re-seat the quick-release plate, ensuring it clicks into place. Firmly engage the quick-release lever/knob.
Fluid video head movements are not smooth or head does not stay in place.	Pan/tilt lock knobs are loose; internal mechanism issue.	Ensure pan and tilt lock knobs are tightened sufficiently. If the issue persists after tightening, contact customer support.
Leg sections do not extend or retract smoothly.	Dirt or debris in leg sections; leg locks are too tight.	Clean leg sections with a damp cloth. Ensure leg locks are not overtightened when releasing.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Vivitar
Model Number	VIV-VPT-7082 (also known as VIVVTP7082-NOC)
Maximum Height	82 Inches (208 cm)
Folded Length	29 Inches (73.66 cm)
Load Capacity	11 Pounds (5 kg)
Item Weight	2.27 kg
Material	Aluminum
Leg Sections	3-section channel leg locks
Tripod Head Type	Fluid Video Head with Quick Release Mount and Bubble Level
Compatible Devices	Camera
Special Features	Quick Release, Rotatable Head
Product Dimensions (L x W x H)	76.71 x 12.7 x 12.7 cm (folded)