

Manfrotto MMELMIIA5BK

Manfrotto Element MII MMELMIIA5BK Monopod Instruction Manual

Model: MMELMIIA5BK | Brand: Manfrotto

1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Manfrotto Element MII Monopod Black is a compact, 5-section, aluminium support designed for use with DSLRs, mirrorless cameras, compact cameras, and smartphones (a head or clamp is sold separately). This monopod can support up to 15kg, providing secure stability for shooting with long lenses. It is an ideal choice for various photography styles including sports, weddings, and wildlife, where a small footprint and strong support are essential.

The monopod features a reversible screw on top of the disc, offering a 1/4" - 3/8" thread for direct camera attachment or for mounting an optional Manfrotto head. Its popular twist locks allow for quick height adjustment and secure locking of the 5 sections, enabling instant setup. When fully collapsed, the monopod is only 43 cm long and weighs 0.5 kg, making it highly portable for transport and travel. A rubber grip and wrist strap are included for comfortable handling and security during use.

2. KEY FEATURES

- **Minimum Footprint, Maximum Stability:** Ideal for photographers using compact cameras, CSCs, or DSLRs, offering strong support with a small footprint.
- **Sturdy, Compact, and Lightweight Aluminium Construction:** Extends up to 159 cm, folds down to 43 cm, and weighs only 0.5 kg. Supports a payload of up to 15kg, suitable for heavier zoom lenses.
- **Fast Setup:** Features ergonomic twist-locks for quick height adjustment, securely locking the 5 sections into position for instant readiness.
- **Easy Storage and Safe Transport:** Designed to fit easily into a backpack and includes a wrist strap for comfortable and secure carrying.
- **Convertible Screw 1/4" & 3/8":** Equipped with a versatile 1/4" - 3/8" attachment to accommodate both monopod head users and direct-to-camera mounting.

3. SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

3.1 Unboxing and Initial Inspection

Upon receiving your Manfrotto Element MII monopod, carefully remove all components from the packaging. Ensure all accessories, including the base wrench and cap, are present.



Figure 1: The Manfrotto Element MII Monopod in its extended form.

3.2 Extending and Retracting Legs

The monopod features twist locks for quick and secure leg extension. To extend a section, twist the lock counter-clockwise to loosen, pull the section out to the desired length, and then twist clockwise to tighten. Repeat for all 5 sections.



Figure 2: Close-up view of the ergonomic twist locks for leg adjustment.

3.3 Attaching a Camera or Head

The top disc of the monopod has a reversible 1/4" - 3/8" thread. Use the appropriate thread to directly attach your camera or a compatible monopod head. Ensure the connection is secure to prevent accidental detachment.



Figure 3: The top section of the monopod, showing the mounting plate and wrist strap.

3.4 Attaching a Smartphone (Optional)

To attach a smartphone, an additional smartphone clamp or rig (sold separately) is required. This clamp will typically attach to the 1/4" thread on the monopod's top disc. Ensure the smartphone is securely fastened within the clamp.

Video 1: This video demonstrates how to attach a phone to a Manfrotto Element Tripod. The principles for monopod attachment are similar, requiring a separate phone mount.

4. OPERATING THE MONOPOD

4.1 Adjusting Monopod Height

To adjust the monopod's height, loosen the twist locks on each section, extend or retract the sections to your desired height (up to 159 cm), and then firmly tighten the twist locks. Always ensure all sections are securely locked before placing equipment on the monopod.

4.2 Using the Wrist Strap and Rubber Grip

The integrated rubber grip provides a comfortable and secure hold. Utilize the wrist strap for added security, especially when moving or adjusting the monopod, to prevent accidental drops.



Figure 4: Detail of the comfortable rubber grip and Manfrotto Element MII branding on the monopod.

4.3 General Usage Tips

- For maximum stability, extend the thickest sections first.
- Always keep one hand on your camera equipment when adjusting the monopod.
- When shooting, position the monopod slightly forward and lean into it for added stability.

5. MAINTENANCE

To ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your Manfrotto Element MII monopod, regular maintenance is recommended.

- **Cleaning:** Wipe down the monopod with a soft, damp cloth after each use, especially if used in dusty, sandy, or wet environments. Avoid harsh chemicals.
- **Lubrication:** Periodically check the twist locks and leg sections for smooth operation. If they become stiff, a small amount of silicone-based lubricant can be applied.
- **Storage:** Store the monopod in a dry, cool place, preferably in its carrying bag, to protect it from dust and moisture.
- **Inspection:** Regularly inspect all parts for any signs of wear, damage, or loose connections. Address any issues promptly.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter any issues with your monopod, refer to the following common troubleshooting tips:

- **Leg sections not extending/retracting smoothly:** Ensure twist locks are fully loosened. Clean any dirt or debris from the leg sections and apply a small amount of silicone lubricant if necessary.
- **Monopod feels unstable:** Double-check that all twist locks are fully tightened. Ensure your camera or accessory is securely mounted to the top disc. Verify the monopod is placed on a stable surface.
- **Camera/head wobbles:** Confirm that the mounting screw is tightly fastened to your camera or head. If using a quick-release plate, ensure it is properly seated and locked.

For persistent issues, please contact Manfrotto customer support.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Manfrotto
Model Name	Element MII
Item Model Number	MMELMIIA5BK
Material	Aluminum
Number of Sections	5
Maximum Height	159 Centimeters
Minimum Height (Folded)	43 Centimeters
Item Weight	0.5 Kilograms (approx. 0.018 ounces in some listings)
Weight Limit (Payload)	15 Kilograms (33.1 Pounds)
Compatible Devices	Camera, Smartphone
Special Feature	Adjustable, Compact, Lightweight
Tripod Head Type	Geared Heads (Note: Monopod typically uses a ball head or fluid head, geared head might refer to the specific head type if included or compatible)

8. WHAT'S IN THE BOX

The product package typically includes:

- 1 x Manfrotto Element MII MMELMIIA5BK Monopod
- 1 x Wrist Strap
- 1 x Base Wrench (for adjustments)
- 1 x Cap (for mounting screw protection)

Note: Additional accessories like camera heads or smartphone clamps are sold separately. The provided 'whats_in_the_box' data mentioned '1 x JOBY HandyPod 2, Table Top Tripod with BallHead' which appears to be an error for this monopod product. The list above reflects typical monopod inclusions.

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Manfrotto products are designed for quality and durability. For specific warranty information, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Manfrotto website. For technical support, troubleshooting assistance, or spare parts, please contact Manfrotto customer service through their official channels.