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Model: 5858DLX

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

- Do not exceed the maximum weight limit of 6.6 pounds (3 kg) for attached equipment.
- Ensure all leg locks and head adjustments are securely tightened before use to prevent equipment damage.
- Avoid placing the tripod on unstable or uneven surfaces.
- Do not leave the tripod unattended with a camera or camcorder mounted, especially in windy conditions.
- Keep hands and fingers clear of moving parts when adjusting the tripod.
- Store the tripod in a dry, clean environment away from extreme temperatures.

PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all items are present in the package:

- Sunpak Platinum Plus 5858DLX Tripod
- Owner's Manual (this document)

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Sunpak Platinum Plus 5858DLX is a versatile tripod designed to provide stable support for cameras and camcorders. It features a 3-way pan head, geared center column, and quick-release plate for efficient setup and adjustment.





Figure 1: Sunpak Platinum Plus 5858DLX Tripod. This image displays the tripod in its extended form, showcasing the legs, center column, and pan head assembly.

Key Components:

- **3-Way Pan Head:** Allows for precise horizontal, vertical, and tilt adjustments.
- **Quick-Release Plate:** Enables fast attachment and detachment of your camera or camcorder.
- **Geared Center Column:** Provides fine height adjustments for the camera platform.
- **Leg Locks:** Securely hold the tripod legs at desired lengths.
- **Built-in Chassis Bull's-Eye Level:** Assists in achieving a perfectly level setup.
- **Leg Foam:** Provides comfortable handling in various temperatures.

SETUP

1. Unpacking and Initial Inspection

1. Carefully remove the tripod from its packaging.
2. Inspect the tripod for any signs of damage. If damage is found, do not use the product and contact customer support.

2. Extending the Tripod Legs

1. Place the tripod on a flat, stable surface.
2. Release the leg locks on each leg section.
3. Extend the legs to the desired height. For maximum stability, extend the thickest leg sections first.
4. Securely close all leg locks to prevent the legs from collapsing.

3. Attaching Your Camera or Camcorder

1. Locate the quick-release plate on the tripod head.
2. If the plate is attached to the tripod, release the quick-release lever and slide the plate off.
3. Screw the quick-release plate onto the tripod mounting thread on the bottom of your camera or camcorder. Ensure it is tightened securely by hand.
4. Slide the quick-release plate with your device back into the tripod head until it clicks into place. Engage the quick-release lever to lock it.

4. Adjusting the Center Column

1. To raise or lower the camera platform, turn the geared center column crank handle.
2. Once the desired height is reached, ensure the center column lock is tightened to prevent movement.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Using the 3-Way Pan Head

The 3-way pan head allows for independent control over three axes of movement:

- **Pan (Horizontal Rotation):** Loosen the pan lock knob to rotate the camera horizontally. Tighten to secure.
- **Tilt (Vertical Rotation):** Loosen the tilt lock knob to adjust the camera's vertical angle. Tighten to

secure.

- **Lateral Tilt (Portrait/Landscape):** Loosen the lateral tilt knob to switch between portrait and landscape orientations. Tighten to secure.

Always loosen the appropriate knob before adjusting and tighten it firmly once the desired position is achieved.

2. Leveling the Tripod

Use the built-in chassis bull's-eye level to ensure your tripod is perfectly level, which is crucial for panoramic shots and accurate framing.

1. Observe the bubble in the bull's-eye level.
2. Adjust the length of the individual tripod legs until the bubble is centered within the circle.

MAINTENANCE

1. Cleaning

- Wipe down the tripod with a soft, dry cloth after each use to remove dust and dirt.
- For stubborn grime, use a slightly damp cloth with mild soap, then dry thoroughly.
- Do not use abrasive cleaners or solvents, as these can damage the finish and materials.

2. Storage

- Retract all leg sections and the center column before storing.
- Store the tripod in a cool, dry place, ideally in a protective bag (not included) to prevent dust accumulation and scratches.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Tripod is unstable or wobbly.	Leg locks not fully tightened; uneven surface; overloaded.	Ensure all leg locks are secure. Move to a flat, stable surface. Check camera weight against maximum limit.
Camera detaches from tripod head.	Quick-release plate not securely attached to camera; quick-release lever not locked.	Tighten quick-release plate screw on camera. Ensure quick-release lever is fully engaged and locked.
Head movement is stiff or loose.	Pan/tilt lock knobs are too tight or too loose.	Adjust the tension of the pan/tilt lock knobs. Do not overtighten.
Center column does not move smoothly.	Dust or debris in the geared mechanism; center column lock engaged.	Ensure center column lock is disengaged. Clean the geared mechanism carefully.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Specification
Model Name	5858DLX
Brand	SUNPAK
Material	Aluminum, Plastic, Rubber, Steel
Maximum Height	147 Centimeters (58 inches)
Minimum Height	57 Centimeters (22.4 inches)
Weight Limit	6.6 Pounds (3 Kilograms)
Item Weight	0.98 Kilograms (2.16 Pounds)
Head Type	3-Way Pan Head
Compatible Devices	Camcorder, Camera
Special Features	Adjustable, Geared Center Column, Quick-Release Plate, Bull's-Eye Level

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Warranty Information

Specific warranty details for the Sunpak Platinum Plus 5858DLX tripod are not provided in this manual. Please refer to the warranty card included with your purchase or visit the official SUNPAK website for the most current warranty information.

Customer Support

For technical assistance, troubleshooting beyond this guide, or inquiries regarding parts and service, please contact SUNPAK customer support. Contact information can typically be found on the product packaging or the official SUNPAK website.