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Model: MT-55 | Brand: ULANZI

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides comprehensive instructions for the safe and effective use of your ULANZI MT-55 Ombra Travel Tripod. Designed for photographers and videographers, this professional camera tripod offers stability, versatility, and portability for various shooting environments. Please read this manual thoroughly before operating the tripod to ensure optimal performance and longevity.



Figure 1: ULANZI MT-55 Ombra Travel Tripod with included phone holder.

2. PRODUCT FEATURES

- **360° Panorama Dial:** Enables precise auxiliary panorama shooting.
- **Arca Swiss Quick Release Plate:** Provides universal compatibility and durable attachment for your camera.
- **Horizontal Adjust:** Features a bubble level to ensure the tripod is perfectly level.
- **Mini Compass:** Integrated for outdoor shooting to assist with direction.
- **Leg Angle Adjustment:** Snap-lock mechanism allows for multi-angle adjustment of the legs.
- **Built-in Foot Spike:** Silicone foot pads can be removed to reveal spikes for enhanced grip on soft terrain.
- **Lightweight Design:** Weighs approximately 1.1kg (2.42 lbs), making it highly portable.

- **Extended Height:** Extends up to 158cm (62.2 inches) and folds down to a compact 53cm (20.9 inches).
- **High Load Capacity:** Supports a maximum load of 8kg (17.6 lbs).

DETAIL Camera Travel Tripod Unique Crafted Creation



Figure 2: Key components including leg angle adjuster, ball head, aluminum tubes, center column, quick release buckle, and non-slip rubber feet.

3. SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Unboxing and Initial Inspection

Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Verify that all parts are present and undamaged. The package should include the tripod unit, a phone holder, and an Allen key for adjustments.

3.2 Extending the Tripod Legs

1. Place the tripod on a flat, stable surface.
2. Gently pull each leg outwards until it locks into one of the preset angles.
3. To extend the leg sections, open the quick-release buckles on each section. Pull the leg sections outwards to the desired length.

4. Securely close all quick-release buckles to lock the leg sections in place. Ensure all buckles are fully closed for maximum stability.



Figure 3: The tripod can be adjusted to various heights, from a folded 20.9 inches to an extended 62.2 inches.

3.3 Attaching Your Camera or Device

1. Locate the Arca Swiss Quick Release Plate on the ball head.
2. Unscrew the locking knob to release the quick release plate from the ball head.
3. Attach the quick release plate to the bottom of your camera or phone holder by screwing the 1/4-inch screw into the device's tripod mount. Ensure it is tightened securely.
4. Slide the quick release plate with your device back into the ball head's clamp. Tighten the locking knob firmly to secure the device.

ORIGINALITY

Ergonomic Ball Head
Ultra-smooth & Omnidirection



Figure 4: The ergonomic ball head features an Arca-Swiss QR plate, 360° panoramic dial, double opening for vertical/horizontal shooting, and a bubble level.

3.4 Video Overview of Setup and Features

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Video 1: Official ULANZI MT-55 Ombra Travel Tripod demonstration, showcasing setup and key functionalities.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Adjusting Height and Leg Angles

- **Leg Extension:** Open the flip-locks on each leg section and extend the legs to the desired height. Close the flip-locks firmly to secure.
- **Leg Angle:** Press the leg angle adjustment tabs at the top of each leg to change the leg spread. This allows for low-angle shooting or increased stability on uneven surfaces.

4.2 Ball Head Operation

- **Positioning:** Loosen the main locking knob on the ball head to adjust your camera's angle. Tighten the knob

to lock the position.

- **360° Panorama:** Use the dedicated panorama locking knob (usually at the base of the ball head) to rotate the camera smoothly for panoramic shots without affecting the tilt.
- **Horizontal/Vertical Shooting:** The ball head features U-shaped slots allowing for quick transition between horizontal and vertical camera orientations.
- **Leveling:** Utilize the integrated bubble level to ensure your camera is perfectly horizontal for accurate shots.

4.3 Detachable Center Column and Inverted Mode

The center column can be detached and inverted for extremely low-angle photography or macro shooting. To do this:

1. Fully extend the center column.
2. Unscrew the locking collar at the base of the center column to remove it.
3. Invert the column and reinsert it into the tripod's main body. Tighten the locking collar securely.
4. Reattach your camera to the quick release plate on the inverted column.

VERSATILITY

Detachable Center Column Inverted & Low Mode

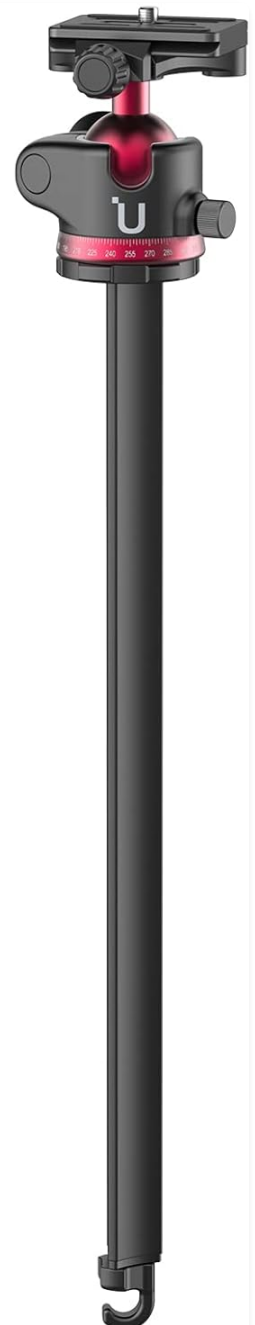
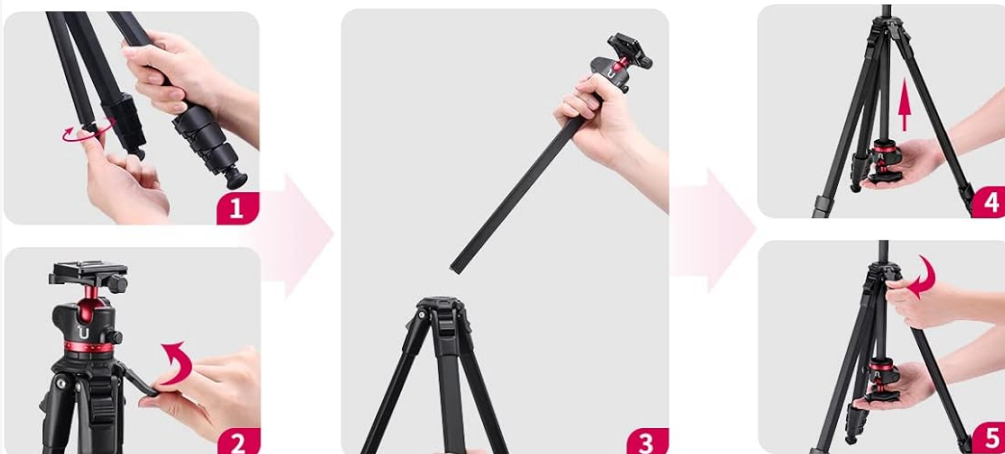


Figure 5: The detachable center column allows for versatile shooting, including inverted and low-mode setups.

4.4 Using the Built-in Foot Spikes

For enhanced stability on soft ground, such as dirt, grass, or sand, the tripod features built-in foot spikes. To deploy them, simply twist and remove the rubber foot pads at the bottom of each leg. Replace the rubber pads when shooting on hard or delicate surfaces to prevent damage.

5. MAINTENANCE

- **Cleaning:** After each use, especially in dusty, sandy, or wet environments, wipe down the tripod with a clean, damp cloth. Avoid using harsh chemicals or abrasive materials.
- **Lubrication:** Periodically check the leg locks and ball head for smooth operation. If they become stiff, apply a small amount of silicone-based lubricant to the moving parts. Do not over-lubricate.
- **Storage:** Store the tripod in its carrying bag in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Ensure it is clean and dry before storage to prevent corrosion.
- **Inspection:** Regularly inspect all screws, bolts, and quick-release mechanisms for tightness. Use the provided Allen key to tighten any loose components.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

- **Tripod Instability:**
 - Ensure all leg sections are fully extended and their quick-release buckles are securely locked.
 - Verify that the leg angles are set evenly.
 - Check that the camera is properly mounted and the quick release plate is firmly tightened.
 - On soft ground, deploy the built-in foot spikes for better grip.
- **Stiff Leg Locks or Ball Head:**
 - Clean any dirt or debris from the mechanisms.
 - Apply a small amount of silicone lubricant to the moving parts.
- **Camera Not Level:**
 - Adjust the tripod legs and use the integrated bubble level to achieve a perfectly horizontal setup.
 - Ensure the ball head is securely locked after positioning.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Name	MT-55 OMBRA
Material	Aluminum
Item Weight	1.1 Kilograms (2.42 pounds)
Weight Limit (Max Load)	8 Kilograms (17.6 pounds)
Maximum Height	158 Centimeters (62.2 inches)
Folded Length	53 Centimeters (20.9 inches)

Tripod Head Type	Ball Heads
Compatible Devices	DSLR Camera, Camcorder, Cell Phone
Product Dimensions	5.91 x 4.72 x 23.62 inches

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

ULANZI products are manufactured to high-quality standards. For specific warranty information and customer support, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official ULANZI website. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase for any warranty claims.

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