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## **USER MANUAL**

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## 1. Product Overview

The SmallRig CT-20 Camera Tripod is a versatile and robust support system designed for photographers and videographers. Constructed from durable aluminum alloy, it offers high stability and portability. This 2-in-1 unit functions as both a full-sized tripod and a detachable monopod, adapting to various shooting environments and needs. It features a professional 36mm ball head with 360-degree rotation for flexible angle adjustments and supports a wide range of cameras and devices.



This image provides an overview of the SmallRig CT-20 Camera Tripod, showcasing its primary function as a stable tripod and its ability to convert into a monopod. The design emphasizes portability and adaptability for various photography scenarios.

## 2. Setup and Assembly

Before first use, ensure all components are present and undamaged. The tripod comes largely pre-assembled, requiring minimal setup to begin operation.

## 2.1 Attaching Your Camera

- 1. Locate the quick release plate on the ball head.
- 2. Unscrew the locking knob to remove the quick release plate.
- 3. Attach the quick release plate to the 1/4"-20 threaded hole on the bottom of your camera or device. Ensure it is securely tightened.
- 4. Slide the quick release plate with your camera back into the ball head slot until it clicks into place. Tighten the locking knob to secure the camera.

## 2.2 Adjusting Leg Angles

Each leg features an angle adjustment lock. Press the lock to release the leg and set it to one of the predefined angles for stability on uneven terrain or for different shooting heights.



This image highlights key structural features of the SmallRig CT-20 tripod, including the durable aluminum alloy material, 1/4-inch-20 threaded holes for accessory attachment, leg angle adjustment locks, a stability hook for added weight, and the quick-release leg flip-locks.

## 3. Operating Instructions

## 3.1 Height Adjustment

The tripod features 4-section column legs with quick release flip-locks. To adjust the height, open the flip-locks on each leg section, extend the leg to the desired length, and then close the flip-locks to secure it. The working height can be adjusted from 16 inches to 78.7 inches (40.6 cm to 200 cm).

## 3.2 Monopod Conversion

One of the tripod legs can be detached and used as a monopod. To convert:

1. Unscrew the leg with the foam grip from the tripod body.

- 2. Remove the central column with the ball head from the tripod.
- 3. Attach the central column with the ball head to the detached leg.
- 4. The monopod is now ready for use, offering a height range from 34.17 inches to 80.7 inches (86.8 cm to 205 cm).



This visual guide demonstrates the adjustable height capabilities of the SmallRig CT-20 tripod, showing various configurations from folded to fully extended. It also illustrates the conversion of the tripod into a monopod and its use for low-angle shooting.

## 3.3 Ball Head Operation

The 36mm metal ball head allows for precise camera positioning:

- **Ball Head Locking Knob:** Loosen this knob to adjust the angle of your camera (tilt and swivel). Tighten to secure the camera in position.
- 360° Panorama Base: The base of the ball head can rotate 360 degrees independently. Loosen the panorama locking knob to rotate the camera horizontally for panoramic shots.
- Bubble Levels: Use the integrated bubble levels to ensure your camera is perfectly level for accurate framing.

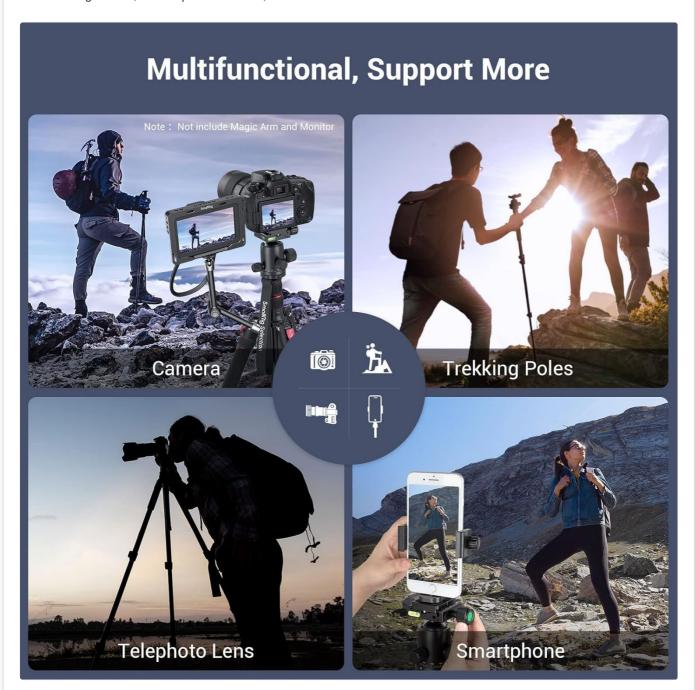
## 3.4 Low Angle and Macro Photography

For low-angle shooting or macro photography, the central pole can be inverted. This allows the camera to be positioned closer to the ground, providing unique perspectives.

This detailed diagram illustrates the various components and functions of the SmallRig CT-20's professional 36mm ball head, including the quick release plate, 360-degree panorama base, QR plate knob, ball head locking knob, bubble levels, and pan locking knob.

## 3.5 Accessory Attachment

The tripod features three 1/4" threaded holes on the bracket, allowing for the attachment of external accessories such as magic arms, mobile phone holders, or monitors.

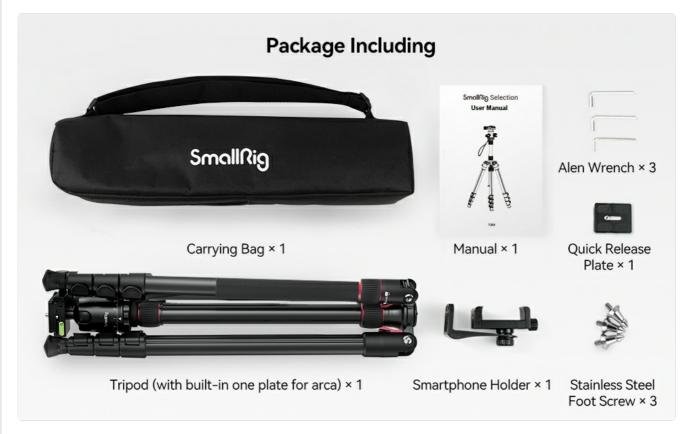


This image showcases the multifunctional capabilities of the SmallRig CT-20 tripod, demonstrating its use with a camera, as trekking poles, for telephoto lenses, and with a smartphone.

## 4. Maintenance

Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your SmallRig CT-20 tripod.

- **Cleaning:** After use, especially in wet or dusty conditions, wipe the tripod with a clean, dry cloth. If exposed to liquids such as water, wipe thoroughly to prevent corrosion and ensure a longer lifespan.
- **Storage:** Store the tripod in its carrying bag in a dry, cool place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
- **Inspection:** Periodically check all screws, locks, and joints for tightness. Tighten any loose components to maintain stability.



This image illustrates the diverse shooting environments and needs for which the SmallRig CT-20 tripod is suitable, including indoor, outdoor, night, sunrise/sunset, starry sky, travel selfie, macro, long focal length, and mountaineering. It also includes a crucial note on wiping the tripod after exposure to liquids for extended product life.

## 5. Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your SmallRig CT-20 tripod, consider the following common solutions:

- **Instability:** Ensure all leg sections are fully extended and their flip-locks are securely closed. Verify that the quick release plate and ball head locking knobs are tightened. For maximum stability, especially with heavier loads or in windy conditions, utilize the stability hook to hang a counterweight.
- Stiff Ball Head Movement: Check that the ball head locking knob is sufficiently loosened. Ensure no debris is obstructing the ball joint. If movement remains stiff, gently clean the ball head area.
- Camera Not Secure: Confirm the quick release plate is correctly seated in the ball head and the QR plate knob is fully tightened. Ensure the plate is securely attached to your camera.

For persistent issues not resolved by these steps, please contact SmallRig customer support.

## 6. Specifications

Feature	Specification
Model Name	CT-20 (14292)
Material	Aluminum Alloy
Maximum Height (Tripod)	78.7 inches (200 cm)
Maximum Height (Monopod)	80.7 inches (205 cm)
Folded Size	16.9 inches (43 cm)
Net Weight	3.88 pounds (1.76 kg)
Payload Capacity (Vertical)	33 lbs (15 kg)
Payload Capacity (Tilt)	11 lbs (5 kg)
Ball Head Diameter	36mm
Threaded Holes	1/4"-20 and 3/8"-16

## 7. Warranty and Support

SmallRig products are manufactured to high-quality standards. For information regarding warranty coverage, product registration, or technical support, please visit the official SmallRig website or contact their customer service directly. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase.

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For any inquiries or assistance, please reach out to the manufacturer's support channels.

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