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**Tripod User Manual  
& Care Instructions**

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# SPECIFICATIONS

Head Style	Ball
Head Mount	Arca-Swiss
Leg Material	Aluminum
Max Leg Diameter	28 mm
Max Extended Height	1660 mm / 65 in
Lowest Extended Height	430 mm / 17 in
Folded Height (HxW)	680 mm / 27 in
Weight	4.7 lb
Max Load	26 lb



## LEG ANGLE ADJUSTMENT

Each of the four tripod leg sections can be adjusted to three different angles, 80°, 55° or 25°.

### To adjust the angle of the legs:

- ▶ Pull the Leg Angle Catch out and adjust the leg to the desired angle.
- ▶ Push the Leg Angle Catch back in and pull the leg out to the nearest angle stop.



## LEG SECTION LENGTH ADJUSTMENT

Each of the three tripod leg sections can be adjusted to different tripod height.

### To adjust the length of a leg section:

- ▶ Rotate the Leg Lock clockwise (when viewing from top) to loosen the tension.
- ▶ Extend the leg section out to the desired length and rotate the Leg Lock counter-clockwise (when viewing from top) to lock in place.

**TIP:** For the best stability extend legs from the top section down.



## INSTALLING SPIKE FEET

The Midas Tripod comes with spike feet that can be installed for use on soft grounds and/or difficult terrain to provide more stability.

### To install the spike feet:

- ▶ Unscrew the rubber feet (counter-clockwise) from the bottom of the tripod legs.
- ▶ Screw the spike feet into the bottom of the tripod legs (clock-wise).

**TIP:** Use hex wrench that's included to torque down the spike feet for added force to prevent unintentional loosening.



## ATTACHING/REMOVING A HEAD

### To mount or remove the ball head:

With the pan lock engaged (locked), firmly grasp the entire ball head unit and rotate counter-clockwise to loosen and clockwise to tighten.



## TILT

The ball head can be tilted in different angles and vertical orientation to position your optics for best viewing.

Twist the Ball Head Lock knob to adjust different angle positions and orientation.

**TO CHANGE ANGLES:**  
TWIST THE BALL HEAD LOCK KNOB UNTIL IT IS LOOSENED. THEN ADJUST THE BALL HEAD TO THE DESIRED ANGLE/ORIENTATION AND ROTATE THE KNOB CLOCKWISE TO SECURE NEW POSITION.



## PAN

The ball head can be adjusted to pan left and right while maintaining the desired ball head angle/orientation.

### To use the Fluid Pan Lock knob:

- ▶ Unlock the Fluid Pan Lock knob by twisting knob counter-clockwise.
- ▶ Lock the Fluid Pan Lock knob by twisting knob clockwise. You can also adjust the tension of the panning base by not locking it completely to have smooth panning.



TWIST THE FLUID PAN LOCK KNOB TO PAN OR LOCK IN PLACE.

## FRICTION CONTROL

Friction Control adjusts the ball tension. This is useful during fast paced transitioning as it allows you to pan and tilt the ball head when the Ball Head Lock is in the unlocked position while maintaining the last position when unsupported (low tension).

Adjust the ball tension by twisting the Friction Control knob counter clockwise to decrease the ball tension.

Twist the Friction Control knob clockwise and this will increase ball tension.

Once in a position you want to maintain, tighten the Ball Head Lock knob clockwise to prevent further movement.



## ATTACHMENTS

- ▶ Adjust the Quick-Release Locking Knob counter-clockwise to remove the Quick-Release Plate.
- ▶ Align the plate to your accessory. Tighten the mounting bolt from the bottom side of the plate.
- ▶ Put the Quick-Release Plate back into the tripod head and rotate the Quick-Release Locking Knob clockwise to securely lock the plate in the head.

**TIP:** Alternatively, attach your arca rail equipped rifle or accessory directly to the tripod head.



## ADJUSTABLE CENTER SHAFT

The Athlon AL28 tripod is equipped with an adjustable center shaft. You can make up 10 inches to adjust the final height of the tripod for the most comfortable position.

### To adjust the center shaft:

- ▶ Extend the legs close to your desired position.
- ▶ Rotate the center shaft lock counter-clockwise (when viewing from the top) to unlock the shaft.
- ▶ Raise or lower the center shaft to the preferred height.
- ▶ Rotate the center shaft lock clockwise (when viewing from the top) to lock the shaft in position.



## THE ATHLON GOLD MEDAL LIFETIME WARRANTY\*

Your Athlon product is not only warranted to be free of defects in materials and workmanship for the lifetime of the product. Athlon will also repair or replace, at no charge to you, your product if you should damage it through normal use. No receipt is needed, no registration is required. This is a commitment that Athlon Optics will be the best product you can buy for your money.



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