

Tripods Comparison Chart

	Ocean Traveler 4-Section Carbon Fiber Tripod with Ball Head Kit	SER.2 Safari Traveler BW Tripod Kit	GTL9242B-S2 Tripod With MH7503-630 Ball Head	055CXPRO4 Tripod with MH057M0-Q5 Pro Ball Head Kit	CT-3500 5-Section Carbon Fiber Folding Tripod with BB-0T Ball Head	Slik Compact Tripod II	Alta+ 235AB 50 Aluminum Tripod with SBH-50 Ball Head	Alta + 235AP Aluminum Alloy Tripod	TT-100 Table-Top Tripod	TT-200 Table-Top Tripod	TT-300 Table-Top Tripod
Construction	Carbon fiber	Carbon fiber	Aluminum	Magnesium, Carbon Fiber	Carbon Fiber	Aluminum	Aluminum	Aluminum alloy	Aluminum	Aluminum	Aluminum
Thread Size	1/4"-20, 3/8"-16	1/4"-20, 3/8"-16	1/4"-20, 3/8"-16		1/4"-20, 3/8"-16	N/A		1/4"-20, 3/8"-16	1/4"-20	1/4"-20	1/4"-20
Leg Angles	25 deg, 70 deg	25 deg, 70 deg		23 deg, 50 deg, 75 deg	N/A	N/A	25 deg, 50 deg, 80 deg	30 deg, 50 deg, 80 deg	N/A	N/A	N/A
Leg Sections	4	4	3	3	5 (4 stages)	4	5	5	1	1	1
Leg Lock Type	N/A	N/A	Flip	N/A	Twist	Speed-release	N/A	Flip	N/A	N/A	N/A
Leg Tube Diameter	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.5 - 1.3 - 1.1" (39.2 - 34.2 - 29.2 mm)	N/A	N/A	0.9" (23 mm)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Leg Cross Section	N/A	N/A	N/A	Round	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Non-Skid Feet	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Spiked Feet	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes, retractable	N/A	N/A	N/A
Level	Compact	Eye	4x Bubble	N/A	1x Bubble	1x Bubble	N/A	3x Bubble	N/A	N/A	N/A
Head	Ball	Tilt head - Quick-release	Ball - Quick-release	Magnesium ball - Quick-release; 360-deg rotation; -103 to 40 deg lateral tilt	Ball with 3 knobs - Quick-release (Arca type)	2-way pan	Ball with quick shoe: 360-deg rotation; 90 deg to -35 deg tilt	Magnesium alloy 3-way pan with 2x handles - Quick-release	Mini ball	Mini ball	Mini ball
Center Column Type	N/A	N/A	Sliding, 1 section	N/A	Rapid	Gearless: 7.48" (18.9 cm)	N/A	Sliding	N/A	2 sections	2 sections
Max. Height	58.66" (149 cm); 48.43" (123 cm) with center column down	64.57" (164 cm); 50.98" (129.5 cm) with center column down	54.96" (139 cm); 45.6" (116 cm) with center column down	67.72" (172 cm); 57.87" (147 cm) with center column down	53.2" (135.1 cm); 47.0" (119.4 cm) with center column down	38.98" (99.0 cm); 31.5" (80.0 cm) with center column down	49" (124.5 cm)	49.25" (125 cm)	4.2" (10.6 cm)	14.5" (36.8 cm)	17.3" (43.9 cm)
Min. Height	9.06" (23 cm)	12.6" (32 cm)	10.7" (27.17 cm)	14.57" (37 cm)	13.0" (33.0 cm)	N/A	44.9" (114 cm)	7.5" (19 cm) with head	2.0" (5.0 cm)	9.5" (24.1 cm)	11.3" (28.7 cm)
Closed Length	17.13" (43.5 cm)	20.87" (53 cm)	23.3" (59.18 cm)	30.31" (77 cm)	13.3" (33.8 cm)	14.17" (37.3 cm)	18.7" (47.5 cm)	18.75" (47.5 cm)	7.5" (19.0 cm)	10" (25.4 cm)	11.5" (29.2 cm)
Weight	3.09 lb (1.4 kg)	4.32 lb (1.96 kg)	2.6 lb (1.18 kg)	9.04 lb (4.1 kg)	2.35 lb (1.0 kg)	1.26 lb (571.5 g)	3.2 lb (1.45 kg)	3.35 lb (1.52 kg)	0.5 lb (0.23 kg)	0.66 lb (0.3 kg)	0.88 lb (0.4 kg)
Load Capacity	8.82 lb (4.0 kg)	8.82 lb (4.0 kg)	6.6 lb (3.0 kg)	33.07 lb (15 kg)	12.4 lb (5.6 kg)	2.75 lb (1.24 kg)	6.6 lb (3.0 kg)	6.6 lb (3.0 kg)	6.0 lb (2.7 kg)	6.0 lb (2.7 kg)	6.0 lb (2.7 kg)

Unconventional Mini Tripods Comparison Chart

	Construction	Thread Size	Head	Quick Release	Min. Height	Max. Height	Dimensions	Weight	Load Capacity
Gary Fong Flip Cage Tabletop Tripod	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.9 x 3.6 x 1.8" (9.8 x 9.2 x 4.5 cm)	0.19 lb (88 g)	N/A
Joby Gorillapod	Japanese ABS plastic; German TPE rubber grip rings; stainless steel camera screw	1/4" tripod screw		Yes	N/A	N/A	5.9 x 1.2 x 1.2" (15 x 3.0 x 3.0 cm)	N/A	0.72 lb (0.33 kg)
Gorillapod Hybrid	Japanese ABS plastic; German TPE rubber grip rings; stainless steel camera screw; aluminum ball head		Ball, 360-deg pan, 90-deg tilt	Yes, with bubble level	N/A	N/A	2.2 x 2.2 x 10.2" (5.5 x 5.5 x 25.7 cm)	0.4 lb (0.2 kg)	2.2 lb (1.0 kg)
Gorillapod Focus	Japanese ABS plastic; German TPE rubber grip rings; stainless-steel screw	1/4" tripod screw with 3/8" adapter	Ball, 360-deg pan, 90-deg tilt	Yes, Arca-Swiss compatible	N/A	N/A	11.4 x 3.6 x 3.6" (29 x 9.2 x 9.2 cm)	N/A	11.1 lb (5.3 kg)
Gorillapod SLR-Zoom	Japanese ABS plastic; German TPE rubber grip rings; stainless-steel screw	1/4" tripod screw with 3/8" adapter	Ball, 360-deg pan, 90-deg tilt	Yes, with bubble level	N/A	N/A	9.8 x 2.4 x 2.4" (25 x 6.0 x 6.0 cm)	N/A	6.6 lb (3 kg)
GorillaPod Micro 250	Coated zinc aluminum alloy legs, silicone feet, machined aluminum ball	N/A	Ball, 36-deg movement in any direction	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.75 x 2.6 x 0.6" (1.9 x 6.6 x 1.5 cm)	0.9 oz (25.5 g)	0.55 lb (0.25 kg)
MP3-D01 Pocket Support (large)	Zamak (metal alloy)	1/4"-20	N/A	N/A	0.4" (1.0 cm)	1.6" (4.0 cm)	3.2 x 2.0" (8.1 x 5.1 cm)	0.15 lb (0.07 kg)	3.3 lb (1.5 kg)
MP1-C02 Pocket Support (small)	Zamak (metal alloy)	1/4"-20	N/A	N/A	0.31" (0.8 cm)	0.83" (2.1 cm)	3.1 x 0.8" (8.0 x 2.1 cm)	0.07 lb (0.03 kg)	1.32 lb (0.6 kg)
Joby Gorillamobile Yogi for iPad 2	Polycarbonate; ABS plastic; TPE grips	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Case: 7.5 x 0.5 x 9.7" (19 x 1.3 x 24.6 cm); Legs: 3.1 x 1.3 x 8.8" (8.0 x 3.3 x 22.3 cm)	Case: 5.2 oz (147 g); Legs: 3.9 oz (111 g)	N/A
Joby Gorillamobile Yogi for iPad 1	Polycarbonate; ABS plastic; TPE grips	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Case: 7.5 x 0.5 x 9.7" (19 x 1.3 x 24.6 cm); Legs: 3.1 x 1.3 x 8.8" (8.0 x 3.3 x 22.3 cm)	Case: 5.2 oz (147 g); Legs: 3.9 oz (111 g)	N/A
Joby Gorillamobile Ori for iPad 1	Lightweight aluminum, polypropylene composite; polycarbonate; ABS plastic and TPE grips	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.5" (34.3 cm)	Closed: 7.6 x 0.7 x 9.6" (19.4 x 1.8 x 24.4 cm)	0.91 lb (0.41 kg)	N/A
Quik Pod Extendable Handheld Tripod	Polycarbonate, aluminum	1/4"-20	N/A	N/A	7.5" (19 cm)	18.5" (47 cm)	N/A	3.5 oz (99.2 g)	N/A

Monopods and Unipods Comparison Chart

	mp-60v 3-Section Video Monopod with DV head	BOGgear BOG-POD RLD-1	Monopod 500	ACM-2400L 4-Section Aluminum Self-Standing Monopod with Mini-Legs	Pocket XShot	XShot 2.0
Construction	N/A	Anodized aluminum; steel connection components; removable rubber foot; nylon hand strap	Foam grip	Anodized aluminum	N/A	N/A
Thread Size	1/4"	N/A	N/A	1/4"-20, 3/8"-16	N/A	N/A
Head	Flat-base DV	N/A	Mini ball	N/A	N/A	N/A
Quick-Release	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Leg Sections	N/A	3	5	4	N/A	N/A
Leg Lock Type	N/A	Twist	Flip	Flip	N/A	N/A
Min. Height	27.9" (71 cm)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Max. Height	70.9" (180 cm)	68.0" (172.7cm)	64.5" (163.8 cm)	66.8" (167.6 cm)	30.5" (77.5 cm)	37" (94 cm)
Dimensions	N/A	22.0" (55.9 cm) long (folded)	21.9" (55.6 cm) long (folded)	23.2" (58.9 cm) long (folded)	6.5" (16.5 cm) long (folded)	9.0" (22.9 cm) long (folded)
Weight	3.9 lb (1.8 kg)	0.75 lb (0.34 kg)	1.1 lb (0.50 kg)	N/A	5.0 oz (142 g)	5.0 oz (142 g)
Load Capacity	8.8 lb (4.0 kg)	N/A	8.5 lb (3.9 kg)	26.4 lb (12 kg)	1.25 lb (0.57 kg)	1.25 lb (0.57 kg)

Camcorder Tripod Systems Comparison Chart

	GT2540LLVL Leveling 6X Carbon Fiber Tripod / Head Kit	Joby GorillaPod Video	Pearstone VT-2100 Fluid Head Video Tripod
Construction	Carbon fiber legs; technopolymer head	Japanese ABS plastic, German TPE rubber grip rings, stainless steel camera screw; neodymium magnets	Aluminum
Thread Size	1/4", 3/8"	N/A	1/4"
Leg Angles	24, 55 and 80 deg	N/A	N/A
Leg Sections	4	N/A	3
Leg Lock Type	N/A	N/A	Flip
Leg Tube Diameter	N/A	N/A	N/A
Leg Cross Section	N/A	N/A	N/A
Non-Skid Feet	N/A	N/A	N/A
Spiked Feet	N/A	N/A	Yes
Level	Bubble, eye	N/A	N/A
Head	QR fluid	N/A	2-way Fluid Head Pan with Auto-lock and Quick-release Mount
Pan / Tilt / Rotation	-90 to 90-deg front tilt range; 360-deg panoramic rotation	360-deg pan; 135-deg tilt	N/A
Center Column Type	Rapid	N/A	Geared with friction control
Max. Height	67.72" (172 cm); 59.45" (151 cm) with center column down	N/A	64.3" (163 cm)
Working Height	Head: 8.5" (21.6 cm)	N/A	N/A
Min. Height	6.3" (16.0 cm)	N/A	25" (63.5 cm)
Closed Length	24.02" (61 cm)	N/A	26.5" (67.3 cm)
Overall Dimensions	N/A	7.1 x 1.2 x 1.2" (18 x 3.0 x 3.0 cm)	N/A
Weight	Tripod: 3.66 lb (1.66 kg); Head: 1.26 lb (0.57 kg)	2.8 oz (80 g)	4.5 lb (2.0 kg)
Load Capacity	Tripod: 26.46 lb (12 kg); Head: 8.82 lb (4.0 kg)	0.7 lb (0.3 kg)	15 lbs (6.8 kg)

Vinten Vision 100 - Pro Video Tripod

	Tripod Legs	Head	Spreader (Adjustable mid-level)
Construction	Carbon fiber	N/A	Plastic/Rubber
Thread Size	N/A	N/A	N/A
Leg Angles	N/A	N/A	N/A
Leg Sections	3	N/A	N/A
Leg Lock Type	Pozi-Loc	N/A	N/A
Leg Tube Diameter	N/A	N/A	N/A
Leg Cross Section	N/A	N/A	N/A
Non-Skid Feet	N/A	N/A	N/A
Spiked Feet	Yes	N/A	N/A
Level	N/A	Yes, bubble; illuminated	N/A
Head	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pan / Tilt / Rotation	N/A	360-deg pan; -90 to 90-deg tilt (with flick on/off tilt locks); tilt drag: infinitely variable, 0 to 9	N/A
Counter Balance	N/A	Infinitely-Variable Spring Mechanism, 15.4 - 44.1 lb (7.0 - 20 kg) range; spring-loaded counter balance: infinitely variable, 0 to 9	N/A
Center of Gravity	N/A	5.0" (12.7 cm) Typical	N/A
Center Column Type	N/A	N/A	N/A
Quick Release/Wedge Plate	N/A	Yes (Cat #3364-900SP)	N/A
Balance Plate	N/A	2-Way 4.0" (10.2 cm) Sliding Range, with 2x 3/8" screws	N/A
Bowl Diameter/Thread	100 mm 4.0" (10.2 cm) Half Bowl	100 mm 4.0" (10.2 cm) Half Bowl	N/A
Min. Height	16.4" (41.7 cm)	N/A	15.0" (38.1 cm) (length)

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Max. Height	61.5" (156.2 cm)	N/A	19.7" (50 cm) (length)
Closed Length	28.0" (71 cm)	N/A	N/A
Weight	5.7 lb (2.6 kg)	7.01 lb (3.18 kg)	2.1 lb (0.95 kg)
Load Capacity	55.1 lb (25 kg)	44.1 lb (20 kg)	N/A

Pedestals Roundup

	P-200 Pneumatic Pedestal	Ikan E-Image EI-7902-A Pedestal
Construction	N/A	Aluminum
Maximum Pressure	13.0 atm (187 psi)	N/A
Load Capacity	55 lb (25 kg)	18-33 lb (8.2-15 kg)
Counter-Balance Load	N/A	22 lb (10 kg)
“On-Shot” Stroke	15.7" (40 cm)	N/A
Steering Wheel Diameter	10.2" (26 cm)	N/A
Transport Height	N/A	46" (116.8 cm)
Minimum Height	29" (74 cm)	44" (111.8 cm)
Maximum Height	63.3" (161 cm)	80" (203.2 cm)
Wheels	3 x 2 coupled	N/A
Wheel Diameter	3.9" (10 cm)	N/A
Bowl Size	3.94" (100 mm)	3.94" (100 mm)
Tilt Range	N/A	-60 to 90 deg.
Doorway Tracking Width	26.3" (67 cm) min.; 38.1" (97 cm)	N/A
Transit Width	N/A	N/A
Dolly Leg Radius	18.7" (47.5 cm)	N/A
Ground Clearance	N/A	N/A
Trim Weights	N/A	N/A
Total Weight	31 lb (14 kg)	36 lb (16.3 kg)

Bean Bags Comparisson Chart

	Material	Head Attachment	Load Capacity	Overall Dimensions	Weight
Apex Mini Bean Bag - Realtree Max4	Nylon pack cloth, polyester thread; aluminum plate	3/8"-16	Lenses up to 500mm	N/A	5.5 lb (2.5 kg) (filled)
Apex Low Profile Bean Bag - Realtree Max4	High-tack material; aluminum plate	3/8"-16	600-800mm lenses	7.0 x 7.0 x 12" (17.8 x 17.8 x 30.5 cm)	9.0 lb (4.1 kg) (filled)
Apex Bean Bag	Nylon pack cloth, polyester thread; aluminum plate	N/A	N/A	11.0 x 8.0" (27.94 x 20.32 cm)	N/A
Apex Mini Bean Bag	Aluminum plate	3/8"-16	Lenses up to 500mm	N/A	5.5 lb (2.5 kg) (filled)
Apex Bean Bag - Realtree Max-4	Nylon pack cloth, polyester thread; aluminum plate	3/8"-16	Lenses up to 800mm	N/A	14 lb (6.35 kg) (filled)
Apex Mini Bean Bag - Realtree APG	High-tack material; aluminum plate	3/8"-16	Lenses up to 500mm	N/A	5.5 lb (2.5 kg) (filled)
Apex Bean Bag - Realtree APG	High-tack material; aluminum plate	3/8"-16	Lenses up to 800mm	N/A	14 lb (6.35 kg) (filled)
Apex Low Profile Bean Bag	High-tack material; aluminum plate	3/8"-16	600-800mm lenses	7.0 x 7.0 x 12" (17.8 x 17.8 x 30.5 cm)	9.0 lb (4.1 kg) (filled)
Apex Low Profile Bean Bag (Realtree APG)	High-tack material; aluminum plate	3/8"-16	600-800mm lenses	7.0 x 7.0 x 12" (17.8 x 17.8 x 30.5 cm)	9.0 lb (4.1 kg) (filled)
Steadybag Junior	Expedition-grade nylon exterior; polypropylene bead interior	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.5 lb (0.23 kg)
Model I Steadybag	Expedition-grade nylon exterior; polypropylene bead interior	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.0 lb (1.4 kg)
Model II Steadybag	Expedition-grade nylon exterior; polypropylene bead interior	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.0 lb (3.2 kg)

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	Material	Head Attachment	Load Capacity	Overall Dimensions	Weight
Novoflex TELESACK	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.0 x 8.0" (20.3 x 20.3 cm)	N/A
The Red Pod Bean Bag	N/A	1/4" (center)	Compact camcorders, DSLRs with short lenses, e.g, 50mm	5.0 x 2.0" (12.7 x 5.1 cm) (diameter x thickness)	0.75 lb (0.35 kg)
The Green Pod Bean Bag	N/A	1/4" (off-center)	DSLRs with zoom lenses up to 300mm	5.0 x 2.0" (12.7 x 5.1 cm) (diameter x thickness)	0.75 lb (0.35 kg)
The Silver Pod Bean Bag	N/A	1/4" (edge)	DSLRs with heavy long lenses	7.5 x 3.0" (19 x 7.6 cm)	2.2 lb (1.0 kg)
The Pod The Cube	Foam covered in rip-stop nylon; touch-fastener base	N/A	DSLRs with battery packs	2.0 x 2.0" (5.1 x 5.1 cm)	N/A
LowRider	100% waterproof cotton canvas, 390 GSM; polystyrene micro-bead filling	N/A	Up to 55 lb (24.9 kg)	10 x 19 x 13.5" (25.4 x 48.3 x 34.3 cm); center height: 6.5" (16.5 cm)	4.63 lb (2.1 kg)
LowRider Mini	N/A	N/A	Up to 30 lb (13.6 kg)	8.0 x 13.5 x 10.5" (20.3 x 34.3 x 26.7 cm); center height: 5.0" (12.7 cm)	2.25 lb (1.0 kg)

Bean Bag Alternative	Material	Dimensions	Weight
Puffin Pad	Automotive foam topped with memory foam	5.0 x 5.0 x 7.0" (12.7 x 12.7 x 17.8 cm)	3.4 oz (96 g)

Chest / Strap Supports Comparison Chart

	Cotton Carrier Steady Shot	Novoflex Chestpod / Shoulder Pod
Construction	6061 Aluminum	Rubberized base
Thread Size	1/4"-20	1/4"-20
Dimensions	N/A	11.8 x 1.6 x 1.8" (30.0 x 4.1 x 4.6 cm)
Weight	N/A	0.99 lb (0.45 kg)