

Operation Manual

PDII-CH9



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Studio Pedestal System Package

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Safety



Where there is a risk of injury, or damage to equipment, this warning symbol will appear. This equipment may cause harm if not used in accordance with this operation manual.

Before operating this equipment, please read manual for safety.

- Always maintain payload to within the maximum capacity limit.
- Ensure slide plate lock lever is firmly tightend.
- Ensure pedestal is securely positioned, and all leg locks are in the locked position.
- Do not modify, or dismantle equipment, as it may cause damage, and injury.
- When using pan and tilt features, ensure the lock knobs are fully loosened.
- Always remove camera and accessories before transporting.
- Never carry pedestal system by grabbing the pan arm as it may cause damage.

Technical Specifications

	CH-9	PD3800		D-5	
Payload	33kg / 73lb	Weight	11kg / 24lb	Weight	5.3kg / 11.7lb
Counter Balance	8 Step	Height	97-168cm / 38"-66"	Wheel Diameter	125mm
Pan Drag	Free - 8 Step	Payload	40kg / 88lb+	Payload	90kg / 200lb
Tilt Drag	Free - 8 Step				
Tilt Angle	+90/-70				
Ball Diameter	100mm				
Camera Plate	Slide Plate				
Slide Range	+60/-60mm				
Plate Attachment	3/8" - Screw				
Spare Screw	1/4" & 3/8" Screw				
LED level illumination	Yes - 15 second auto				

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| 1 - Pan Bar (PB-5C) | 10 - Tilt Lock Knob |
| 2 - Pan Bar Mount | 11 - Pan Lock Knob |
| 3 - Slide Plate | 12 - Ball Leveler Fixing Handle |
| 4 - Slide Plate Lock Knob | 13 - Leg Lock |
| 5 - Tilt Drag Control | 14 - Pnumatic Column |
| 6 - Pan Drag Control | 15 - Air Pressure Gauge |
| 7 - Ball Leveler | 16 - Air Pressure Insert Pin |
| 8 - Counter Balance Control | 17 - Pneumatic Column Lock |
| 9 - Bubble Level w/ LED auto | 18 - Pneumatic Column Lock Hook |

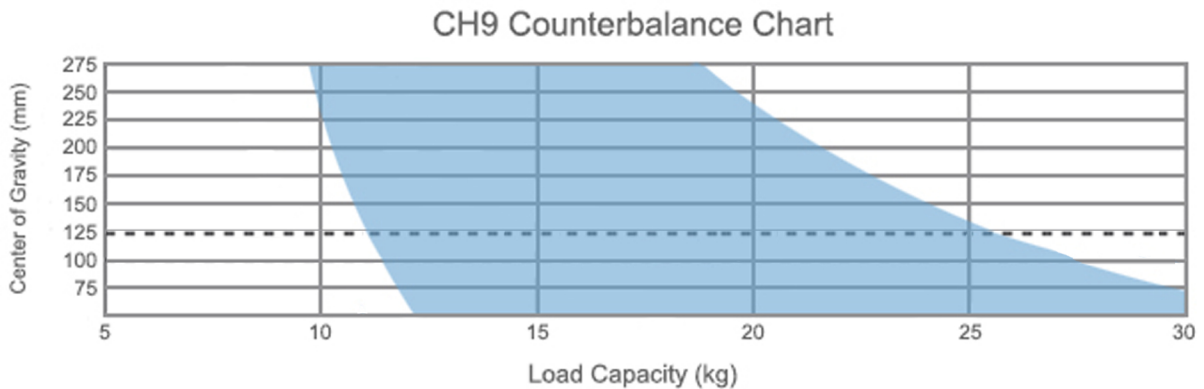
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Counter Balance

The definitive way to find the most accurate counterbalance between camera/accessories and a tripod head is to actually mount the camera on the head. However, you can use this counterbalance chart to get a rough idea of the correct counterbalance.

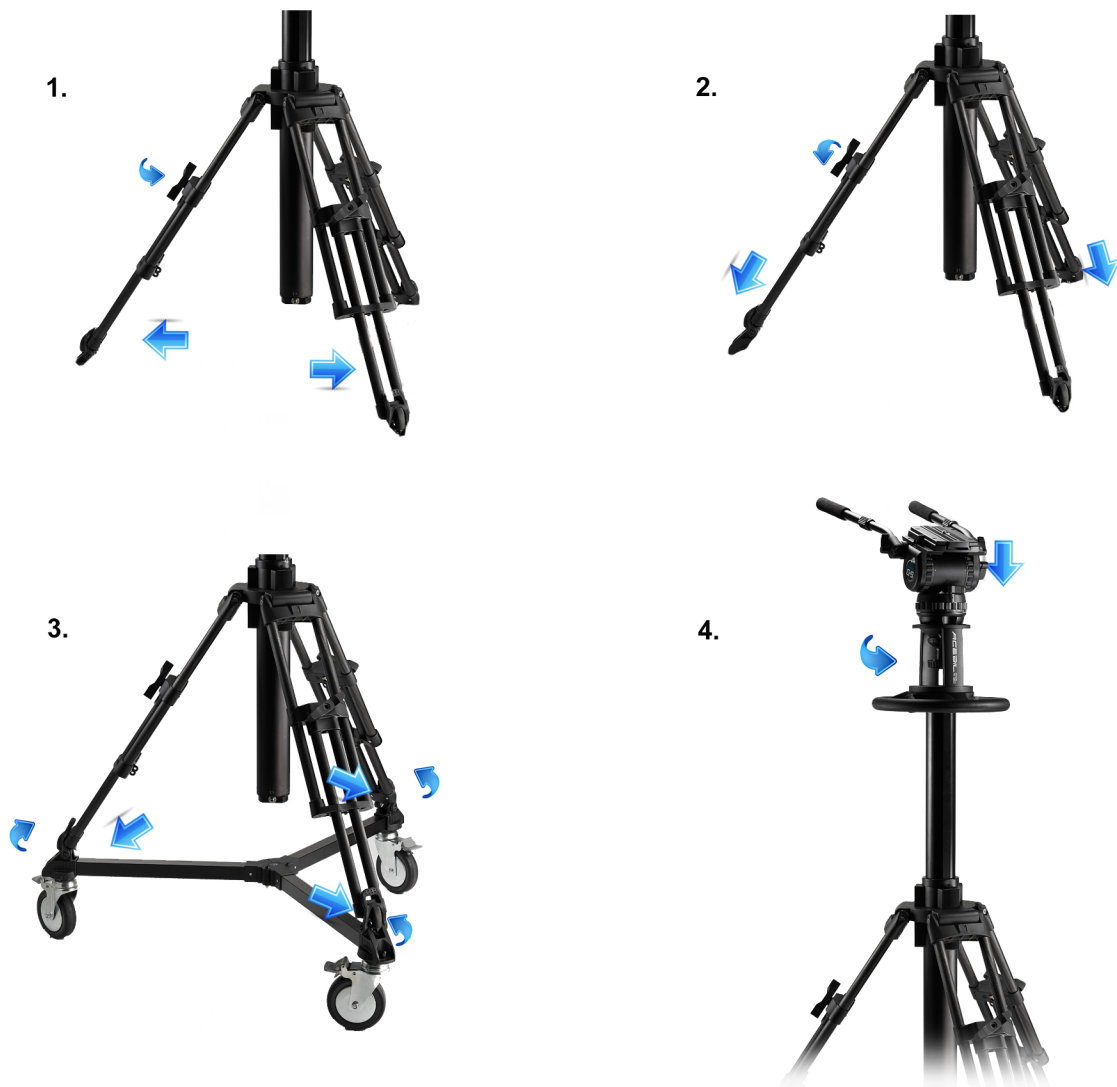
The vertical axis of the chart depicts the height of the gravitational center and the horizontal axis is load weight (total weight of the camera and accessories). Based on the combination of these two elements, you can find a suitable tripod head for your camera.

When a standard lens, microphone and battery are used, the normal height of the gravitational center is approximately 125mm / 4.9"(for a shoulder type camera), 100mm / 3.9" (semi-shoulder) and 75mm / 3.0" (hand-held). The height of the gravitational center will not shift much even when a different lens or a different battery is used on the back of the camera. Please be aware that attaching a light or a monitor on top of the camera will shift the center of gravity.



Setting up the pedestal.

1. Loosen leg locks, and extend legs away from column.
2. Extend legs to desired height.
Unlock leg locks while holding the pedestal.
Adjust legs to desired height, and re-engage leg locks.
3. Secure pedestal spike feet into dolly locking straps and engage mid spreader locks.
4. Mount head to pedestal.
Remove ball locking tie down knob and place head into pedestal bowl adaptor.
While holding the head in position, tighten the tie down knob firmly.



Mounting the camera.



Load capacity is 33kg / 73lb - Do exceed the load capacity as it may cause damage to equipment or injury.
When mounting and removing camera, ensure the tilt lock knob is firmly tightened.

1. Ensure tilt lock knob is tightened.
2. Loosen the ball leveler fixing handle, level the head using the bubble level, and tighten the ball leveler fixing handle securely.
3. Remove the slide plate.
 - ① Loosen the slide plate lock lever.
 - ② Press slide plate safety lock to release slide plate.
 - ③ Pull slide plate out.
4. Mount the camera to the slide plate.
Align the camera screw and video boss with the camera, and tighten camera screw securely.
5. Mount camera and slide plate to the tripod head.
With camera mounted, insert slide plate back into the tripod head.
Tighten slide plate lock lever securely, for final step.



3.



4.



5.



Balancing

When balanced correctly, it will take a minimum amount of effort to tilt the head smoothly.

When perfect balance is achieved, the head and payload can be set to any tilt angle, and will maintain its position without the operator holding it (hands free).

Ensure all accessories, including pan arms are mounted prior to balancing.



Prevent the payload from free falling when tilt lock knob is loosened.

Failure to secure the camera and payload may result in damage to equipment and injury.

While securing the payload, loosen the tilt lock knob, and adjust the slide plate position until perfect balance is achieved.



Pan and Tilt

The head can be locked at any chosen position by using the pan and tilt lock knobs.
To lock the head, turn lock knob fully clockwise.
To unlock the head, turn lock knob fully counter-clockwise.



DO NOT use lock knobs to supplement drag, as it may cause damage to the head.

■ Panning

Unlock the pan lock knob by turning counter-clockwise fully.
Pan the head left to right as needed.
Lock into position by turning the pan lock knob clockwise fully.
Use Free + 8 step drag control by turning drag knob into desired position and you should feel the drag lock in.

■ Tilting

Unlock the tilt lock knob by turning counter-clockwise fully.
Tilt the head up and down as needed.
Lock into position by turning the tilt lock knob clockwise fully.
Use Free + 8 drag control by turning drag knob into desired position and you should feel the drag lock in.



Operating the pedestal.

1. Raise and lower column as desired.
Tighten the column lock knob to set a desired height.



Further Information

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