

Equipment

Manfrotto MP3-BK ©2025 Joseph T Sinclair

This is the first *must have* gadget I've seen in a long time. It's small, well made (metal), innovative, and inexpensive. It's a professional-grade tabletop tripod, in effect.

It attaches to the bottom of your camera in the normal way with a screw. You can keep it on your camera even when you put your camera into a camera bag or case.



Can be attached to a camera folded

It works well as a floor plate to put your camera on the floor or other flat surface without getting your camera dirty.



Use as a floor plate flattened (unfolded)

But it also unfolds into a useful tripod-like support enabling you to shoot at multiple angles. You will find it quite easy to use.



The adjustable legs

The device supports up to 1.7 lbs (771 gm).

For those who don't like to use a tripod but need solid support occasionally, this is a reasonable substitute for many situations. For instance, if you like to travel but don't want to carry a tripod, this mini-mount may be useful. In

addition, there are many places where tripods are prohibited (e.g., museums, churches, public buildings), but this device is acceptable.

Many photographers use tabletop tripods; but many such devices are too large for a pocket and inconvenient to keep attached to a camera. Thus, the Manfrotto *whatchamacallit* will find a place with minimalist photographers.