

Levenhuk SkyMatic Telescopes Quick Start Guide

Telescope assembly

1. Tripod assembly

- Remove the tripod from its original packaging.
- Spread the tripod legs apart, extend them to the required height and secure them in place with locking screws (image 1).
- Do not overtighten the locking screws, as this may strip the thread.



1. Tripod locking screw



2. Tripod bracket for the accessory tray



3. Upon placing the accessory tray on the bracket, rotate the tray to fix it in place



4. Tripod head without the mount. The clamping screw is in the center

2. Accessory tray assembly

- Remove the accessory tray from its original packaging.
- Place the accessory tray on the tripod bracket and twist to lock it in place (image 2, 3).

3. Mount assembly

- Remove the mount from its original packaging.
- Place the mount on the tripod head (image 4), so that the screw at the center of the tripod head slides into the slot at the bottom of the mount (image 4, 5, 6).
- Tighten the clamping screw (image 4) at the bottom of the tripod head to lock the mount in place.
- Do not overtighten the screw, as this may strip the thread.



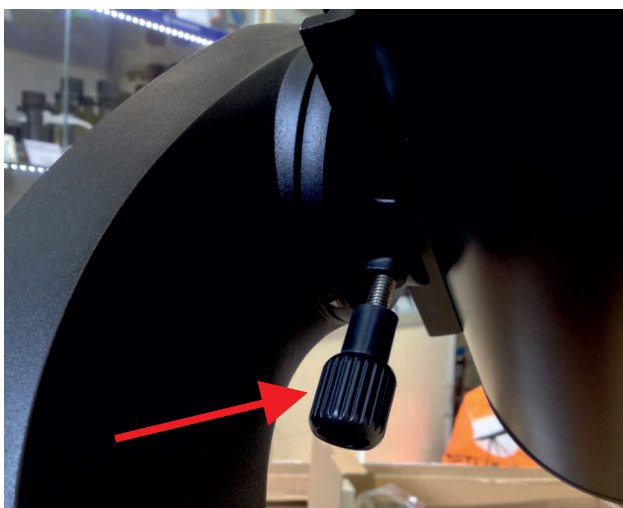
5. Attaching the mount to the tripod head



6. Clamping screw of the tripod head

4. Optical tube assembly

- Remove the optical tube from its original packaging.
- Do not remove the dust cap from the objective lens during assembly and try not to touch the optics, as this may damage the coating.
- Attach the optical tube to the dovetail plate on the mount and secure it in place with the locking thumbscrew (image 7).
- Do not overtighten the thumbscrew, as this may strip the thread.



7. Locking thumbscrew on the mount



8. Dovetail plate on the optical tube

5. Finderscope assembly

- Remove the finderscope and its mount from the original packaging.
- Slide the rubber ring to the center of the finderscope, insert the finderscope into its mount and secure it in place with thumbscrews.
- Slide the finderscope mount into the dovetail plate on the optical tube (image 8) and lock it in place with the thumbscrew (image 9).
- Do not overtighten thumbscrews, as this may strip the thread.
- Align the finderscope with adjustment screws, as necessary (image 10).



9. Tighten this thumbscrew to lock the finderscope mount in place



10. Adjustment screws for alignment of the optical axis

6. Eyepiece and diagonal mirror assembly

- Remove the 25-mm eyepiece and diagonal mirror from their original packaging*.
- Loosen the thumbscrew on the focuser and remove the plastic cap. Insert the eyepiece into the diagonal mirror* and then insert the diagonal mirror into the focuser (image 11). For models without diagonal mirrors**, the eyepiece should be inserted directly into the focuser (image 12).



11. Fully assembled optical tube, with the diagonal mirror and an eyepiece

**Diagonal mirror is included in standard kits of refractors and Maksutov-Cassegrain telescopes only.*



12. Focuser with an eyepiece

***There is no need to use a diagonal mirror with reflectors; therefore an eyepiece is inserted directly into the focuser.*

7. Hand controller assembly

- Remove the battery box, cables, the hand controller and its base from their original packaging.
- Attach the base to a tripod leg and place the hand controller on the base (image 13).
- Put eight AA batteries into the battery box (image 14). Batteries are purchased separately.
- Connect the hand controller to the mount with a special cable. Make sure the RJ-6 connector (image 15) goes into the hand controller and the RJ-4 connector (image 16) goes into the mount.
- Use the power cable to connect the battery box to the mount (image 17).
- Check the connections to make sure everything is working properly (image 18).



13. Hand controller base



14. Battery box accepts eight AA batteries (purchased separately)



15. RJ-6 connector of the hand controller cable



16. RJ-4 connector of the hand controller cable goes into the mount

8. Finishing the assembly

- Make sure the telescope is completely leveled (check the spirit level on one of the tripod legs to confirm (image 19).
- Upon finishing the assembly, remove the dust cap from the objective lens (image 20).
- You can now proceed with setting up the database and observing the night sky.



17. Power cable connected to the mount



18. If both cables are connected properly, the hand controller starts operating. A beep will notify you of this



19. Spirit level (the bubble has to be within the center ring)



20. Dust cap of the objective lens

First setup

Before you can use the database of your new telescope for celestial observations, you need to set it up with the hand controller. Follow this simple procedure:

1. Make sure the mount is leveled and the tripod is stable.
2. Enter the current coordinates with the hand controller: input the longitude first, followed by the latitude, e.g. 060 04' W 49 09' N. Use the scroll keys to select the required cardinal direction (W for west, E for east, N for north and S for south). Input the current time zone in hours and minutes (+ for Eastern Hemisphere, - for Western Hemisphere). Confirm each input by pressing ENTER.

Note: use maps.google.com to find out your current coordinates and worldtimezone.com to find out your current time zone.

3. Enter the current date in MM/DD/YYYY format. Confirm the input by pressing ENTER.
4. Enter the current time in 24-hour format. Confirm the input by pressing ENTER.
5. Upon entering the current time, you will be prompted to set up the daylight saving time. Use scroll keys to select YES or NO and press ENTER to confirm.
6. Once you are finished with these settings, a Begin alignment? message will appear on the screen.

Select the alignment method you want to use (Brightest Star Align or 2-Star align) and press ENTER to confirm.

Brightest Star Align

- You will be prompted to select the region of observations from eight options, i.e. N, NE, E, SE, S, SW, W, NW. Each direction covers a span of 90° along the azimuth. Select the required region and confirm by pressing ENTER.
- The hand controller will then compile a list of bright stars in the observed region. The first line denotes the name and magnitude of the star. The second line tells you the approximate location of the star. Choose a star from the list and press ENTER to continue.

- You will have to navigate to the chosen star manually with the direction keys on the hand controller. You can increase the rotation rate with the RATE key on the hand controller (ranges from 0 to 9). Once the star is centered in the field of view, press ENTER to confirm.
- You will then be prompted to select the secondary star for alignment. The telescope will navigate to this star automatically, but you will have to center it manually.
- If the alignment has been done properly, you will be notified with Alignment Successful message. Otherwise, Alignment Failed will appear and the process will have to be repeated.

2-Star align

- The hand controller will compile a list of bright stars, visible from your location. Select the most familiar star with the scroll keys and press ENTER. Manually navigate to the selected star with the direction keys on the hand controller, then center it in the field of view. Press ENTER once you have centered it.
 - Another list of stars will appear, prompting you to choose the secondary star for alignment. Select one of the stars and the telescope will automatically rotate to the chosen object. Manually center the star in the field of view and press ENTER to confirm.
 - If the alignment has been done properly, you will be notified with Alignment Successful message. Otherwise, the process will have to be repeated.
7. Upon aligning the telescope, you can use the database to observe any of the forty thousand celestial objects within it.

** For additional information on operating your new telescope, please refer to the User Manual supplied with the telescope.*



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