

## Auto Level AT-24A

### Foreword



Thank you for purchasing the TOP-JR Auto Level AT-24A.  
For the best performance of the instruments, please read these instructions carefully and keep them in a convenient location for future reference.

### General Handling Precautions

- Before starting work or operation, be sure to check that the instrument is functioning correctly with normal performance.


### Display for safe use


In order to encourage the safe use of products and prevent any danger to the operator and others or damage to properties, important warnings are put on the products and inserted in the instruction manuals.  
We suggest that everyone understand the meaning of the following displays and icons before reading the "Safety Cautions" and text.

Display	Meaning
 <b>WARNING</b>	Ignoring or disregard of this display may lead to death or serious injury.
 <b>CAUTION</b>	Ignoring or disregard of this display may lead to personal injury or physical damage to the instrument.

- 1) Injury refers to hurt, burn, electric shock, etc.
- 2) Physical damage refers to extensive damage to buildings or equipment and furniture.

### Safety Cautions

 <b>WARNING</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cause eye injury or blindness.</b> Do not look at the sun through a telescope. It is suggested to pay care specially at the time the position of the sun is low such in the morning or evening, or at the time the sunlight is coming directly to the objective lens of the instrument, cut off the sunlight by your hand or use an umbrella in such case.</li> <li>• <b>Do not use the staff in conditions of thunder and lightning.</b> As this is an electric conductor, thunderbolt can cause serious injury or death.</li> <li>• <b>Keep the staff away from electric facilities such as a high voltage wire or substation.</b> As this is an electric conductor, there is danger of electric shock.</li> </ul>

 <b>CAUTION</b>
Risk of injury by overturn the carrying case. Do not stand or sit on the carrying cases.
Please note that the tips of tripod can be hazardous, be aware of this when setting up or carrying the tripod.
Risk of injury by falling down the instrument or case. Do not use a carrying case with a damaged which belts, grips or latches.
A plumb bob can cause an injury to a person if used incorrectly.
Ensure that you mount the Tribrach correctly, failing to do so may result in injury if the tribrach were to fall over.
It could be dangerous if the instrument falls over, please check that you fix the instrument to the tripod correctly.
Risk of injury by falling down a tripod and an instrument. Always check that the screws of tripod are tightened.

### User

- 1) This product is for professional use only!  
The user is required to be a qualified surveyor or have a good knowledge of surveying, in order to understand the user and safety instructions, before operating, inspecting or adjusting.
- 2) Wear the required protectors (safety shoes, helmet, etc.) when operating.

### Exemptions from responsibility

- 1) The user of this product is expected to follow all operating instructions and make periodic checks of the product's performance.
- 2) The manufacturer, or its representatives, assumes no responsibility for results of a faulty or intentional usage or misuse including any direct, indirect, consequential damage, and loss of profits.
- 3) The manufacturer, or its representatives, assumes no responsibility for consequential damage, and loss of profits by any disaster, (an earthquake, storms, floods etc.).  
A fire, accident, or an act of a third party and/or a usage any other usual conditions.
- 4) The manufacturer, or its representatives, assumes no responsibility for any damage, and loss of profits due to a change of data, loss of data, an interruption of business etc., caused by using the product or an unusable product.
- 5) The manufacturer, or its representatives, assumes no responsibility for any damage, and loss of profits caused by usage except for explained in the user manual.
- 6) The manufacturer, or its representatives, assumes no responsibility for damage caused by wrong movement, or action due to connecting with other products.

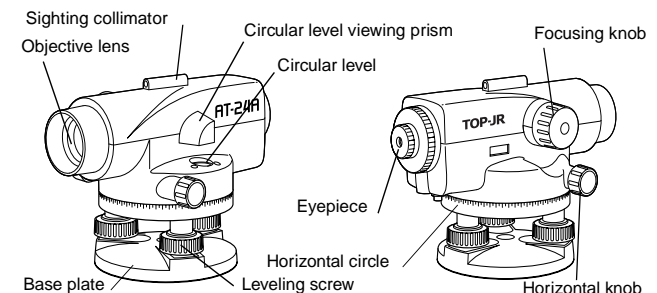
### Specifications

<b>Telescope</b>	
Overall length .....	204mm
Image .....	Erect
Effective diameter lens...	36mm
Magnification .....	24X
Field of view .....	1°30'
Minimum focus .....	0.8m
<b>Horizontal circle</b>	
Diameter .....	106mm
Minimum reading .....	1°
<b>Automatic compensation mechanism</b>	
Range .....	±15'
<b>Measuring accuracy</b>	
1 km double run .....	±2.0mm
<b>Circular level</b>	
Sensitivity .....	10' / 2mm
<b>Other</b>	
Protection against water and dust .....	IP55 (Based on the standard IEC60529)
<b>Weight</b>	
Instrument .....	1.8kg
Plastic carrying case .....	1.1kg

### Standard set component

Plastic carrying case .....	1each
Plumb bob set .....	1set
Hexagonal wrench .....	2pcs
Vinyl cover .....	1each
Silica gel .....	1each
Instruction manual .....	1each

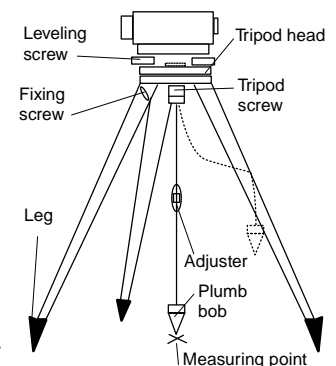
### Nomenclature



### Operating

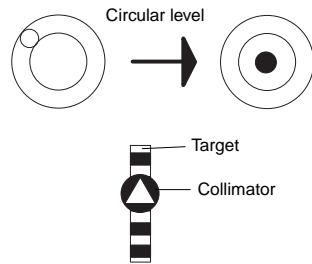
#### Setting

- 1 First position the tripod leg and then spread the other two so as to make the tripod head almost level.
- 2 Firmly position the tripod legs on the ground, then tighten the screws.
- 3 Place the instrument on the tripod head, then screw the tripod screw into the instrument bottom for securing it to the tripod.
- 4 Use a plumb bob to match the instrument center with the measuring point when a horizontal scale is used.
- 5 Use the three leveling screws to center the circular level. When a dome head tripod is used loosen the tripod screw a little, slide the instrument, center the bubble, looking at the level, then the tripod screw to secure the instrument.3



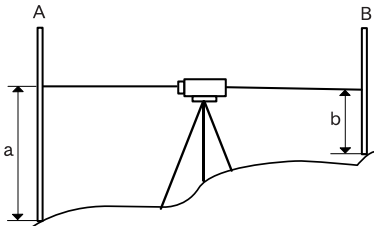
## Collimating

- 1 Direct the telescope to bright object and turn the eyepiece ring so that the reticle in the telescope is clearly seen.
- 2 Turn the instrument manually and align the target through the sighting collimator.
- 3 Focus the target with the focusing knob.
- 4 Turn the horizontal knob to match the reticle with the target.



## Measuring (Height)

- In order to measure the difference in height between point A and point B.
- 1 Set up the instrument almost in the middle of the points.
  - 2 Provide a leveling rod at point A and B, one each, collimate them and read the horizontal line of the reticle.
  - 3 Suppose the reading at point A is a and that at point B is b, and the difference in height between the two points will be:  $a - b$



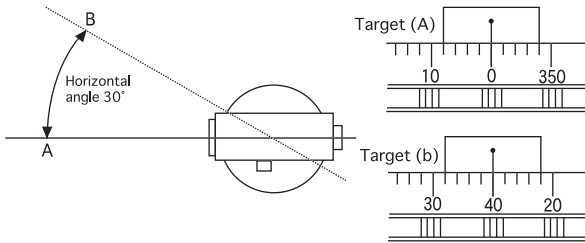
Note:

Be sure that the leveling rods are almost vertical.  
It is recommended to position the level almost in the center of points A and B to avoid influence by the axis of vision on the measuring even if it varies a little in terms of being horizontal.

## Measuring (Horizontal angle)

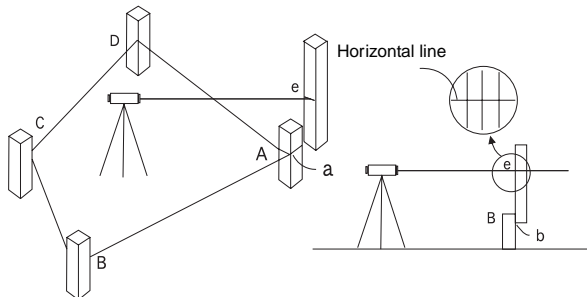
The horizontal circle has a clockwise graduation from  $0^\circ$  to  $359^\circ$  numeric indications every 10 degrees.

- 1 Attach the plumb bob string to the plumb bob hook and adjust the string length.
- 2 Loosen the tripod screw a little, and move the instrument according to the apex to match the plumb bob end with the measuring point.
- 3 Re-tighten the tripod screw.
- 4 Use the leveling screws to center the circular level.
- 5 Sight target A and turn the horizontal circle to bring the scale to "zero". Sight target B, and then the reading ( $30^\circ$ ) will be a horizontal angle between points A and B.



## Leveling (for 4 points)

- 1 Set up the instrument almost in the center of the 4 points.
- 2 Match the bottom of a rod with pile A marked line (a).
- 3 Sight the rod and mark (e) on the rod that coincides with the horizontal line of the reticle.
- 4 Place the rod at B and move it vertically to sight the marked line (e).
- 5 Mark (b) in ink on pile B according to the rod bottom.
- 6 Mark piles C and D in the above manner.

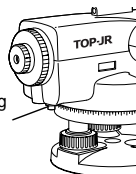


## Checking and adjusting

### Operation of the automatic compensating mechanism

- 1 Adjust the three leveling screw to center the circular level.
- 2 Sight the target, then push the auto-leveling checking button.
- 3 The reticle may swing, but it will soon return to its position. This provides that the mecha-

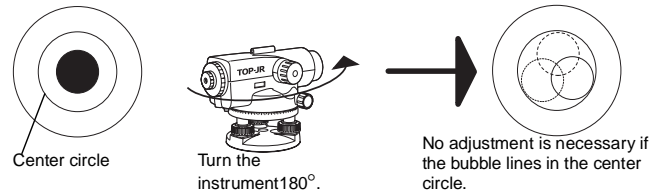
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## Checking and adjustment of the circular level

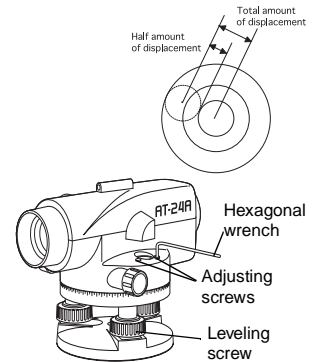
### Checking

- 1 Operate the three leveling screws to center the circular level. Turn the instrument  $180^\circ$ .  
No adjustment is necessary if the bubble lines in the center circle. If not, take the following measures for adjusting.



### Adjusting

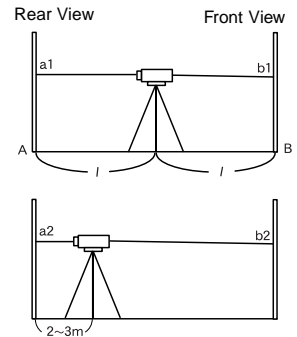
- 1 Use the hexagonal wrench to turn the three circular level adjusting screws to center the bubble by a half that it is out-of-level.
- 2 Turn the three leveling screws to bring the bubble to the center. Check the instrument again by turning  $180^\circ$ , and adjustment is satisfactory if the bubble remains at the center. If not, repeat the adjusting procedure



## Collimation of the instrument

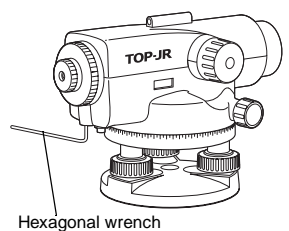
### Checking

- 1 Place leveling rods A and B about 30 to 40 meters away from each other, and set up the instrument with a tripod almost in the middle between the rods.
- 2 Use the leveling screws to center the circular level.
- 3 Sight the rods for A and B reading. (a1, b1)
- 4 Move the instrument to a position 2 to 3 meters (7 to 8 feet) away from point A.
- 5 Center the bubble again.
- 6 Sight the rods for reading again. (a2, b2)
- 7 No adjustment should be necessary if the difference between pairs of readings is equal:  $b1 - a1 = b2 - a2$ . If not, make the following adjustment.



### Adjusting

- 1 Calculate  $b2' = a2 + (b1 - a1)$  and apply to the rod farther away. Use adjusting pin to turn the reticle adjusting screw for collimating b'.
- 2 Follow "Checking" again, and confirm that the adjustment is satisfactory.



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