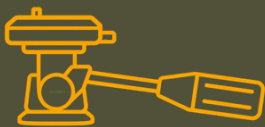


Simple guide for choosing the right tripod for your spotting scope

With up to 60x magnification even the slightest movement is magnified, so the right tripod will help you get the most from your spotting scope.

As more tripods become **Arca compatible** a compatible tripod head will allow you to put the foot directly into the clamp without a quick release plate for the most solid grip. If not, we'd recommend a quick release plate with a non-twist spring pin.



A **smooth 2-way pan head** is key. Locking control in the pan handle is a bonus as it simplifies the head in use, leaving a hand free to adjust the focus or magnification.



All tripods include a 1/4" or 3/8" thread, so any head will fit. As a result, the **choice of tripod** varies based on the use, so focus on balancing the following considerations:

Maximum Height: Focus on the height with the centre column down as this gives the most solid setup and most birding spotting scopes have angled eyepieces reducing the maximum height needed.

Stability v Portability: If stability is key, then a full size tripod is recommended. If covering longer distances or travelling abroad a travel tripod may be better.

Carbon Fibre v Aluminium: Carbon fibre reduces weight and can damp vibration more effectively, while feeling less cold to handle. The tubes do not corrode, though metal fittings can, making it better to use by the sea with regular cleaning. Aluminium usually offers the more affordable option.

TIP Build your ideal setup by choosing the tripod legs and head separately, or select a ready to use kit for a simpler solution that can often offer better value and make your budget go further.

VANGUARD SPOTTING SCOPE TRIPODS

Feature	VESTA GO	VESTA 3	VEO 5
Best For	Portability	Working height & stability	Working height, compactness & stability
Material	Available in aluminium or carbon fibre		
Head	PH-24	PH-26	PH-28
Tilt Control	Pan handle	Pan handle	Pan handle
Control	Locking knob	Pan handle	Pan handle
Arca Compatible	Yes, and includes a compact quick release plate with non-twist spring pin		
Maximum Height	154-166.5cm	169.5cm	167cm
Without Column	122.5-132.5cm	139cm	141cm
Folded Length	44.5-47.5cm	67.5cm	58cm
Weight	1.3-1.5kg	1.8-2.1kg	1.9-2.2kg
Load Capacity	5kg	6kg	8kg
Models	VESTA GO 234AP VESTA GO 234CP VESTA GO 264CP	VESTA 3 263AO VESTA 3 263CO	VEO 5 264AO VEO 5 264CO

VESTA GO

VESTA 3

VEO 5



Prefer a traditional video head? Check out the **VESTA GO Video Series**, the **Alta Pro 3VL Series** or the **Alta Pro 3VRL Series**

ACCESSORIES

The right accessories can help make the most of your spotting scope



Digiscoping
VEO PA-65



Add Weight
ALTA SBM



Level Fast
LVL-55



Carry All
ALTA SKY 42



From Car
VEO PH-24WM