TREKKER AW II User's Guide

THE TREKKER AW II SERIES

Congratulations on purchasing your Trekker AW II. This deluxe photo backpack has a fully adjustable harness system and numerous special features.

TRAVELING WITH THE SUPER & PRO TREKKER AW II

For convenience when traveling with the Super Trekker AW II and Pro Trekker AW II, zip the harness and waistbelt under the back travel cover. The Super Trekker AW II and Pro Trekker AW II have both a side handle and a top handle for hand carrying.

TRAVELING WITH THE PHOTO & NATURE TREKKER AW II

The Photo Trekker AW II and Nature Trekker AW II come with the Lowepro curved shoulder strap. Carrying handles are located on the top of these packs. Photo Trekker AW II also has an additional side handle. These two Trekkers fit into the overhead compartments of most airplanes.

THE BACKPACK HARNESS

The body-contoured, fully adjustable technical harness system of the Trekker AW II transfers the load from your shoulders to your hips. All elements of the system work together for maximum carrying comfort.

- The CollarCut™ shoulder straps are the result of hundreds of hours of research and testing. They have a 3-dimensional curve that arcs perfectly around your collarbone, neck and shoulders to prevent fatigue and strain on muscles.
- The Super Trekker AW II and Pro Trekker AW II have the Parallux™ Internal Frame consisting of 2 aircraft-grade aluminum staves that complete the load transfer to the waistbelt. The staves are gently curved to conform to the average back contour.
- The Photo Trekker AW II and Nature Trekker AW II include a frame sheet in the back of the pack which transfers the weight of the pack onto your hips through the waistbelt.
- The Waistbelt is padded with bi-laminate foam to prevent hip abrasion and provide support for the load. The highly advanced, quad-stretch material conforms to your body contours for optimum comfort.
- The foam back pad provides lumbar support and the breathable mesh allows evaporation of moisture from your back.
- The load adjustment straps and stabilizers bring the pack closer to your body for better balance and stability.
- The sternum strap is elasticized to prevent breathing restrictions and shoulder fatigue. It is adjustable to allow unrestricted movement of your arms and shoulders.

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IMPORTANT SAFETY FEATURE

There are two security buckles, one on each side of the pack. They must always be fastened after the compartment is zipped closed to retain structure of the bag, to protect the zipper and to secure the backpack's contents. ***See Figure 1.***

Figure 1



ADJUSTING THE BACKPACK HARNESS

1. The torso length can be adjusted by pulling the shoulder harness up and down. Remove the Pack Jack™ from its storage slot and insert between the padding and hook & loop to release the shoulder harness. Once the shoulder harness is positioned properly, remove Pack Jack™ and press against the back of the pack to secure shoulder harness with hook & loop. Repeat as necessary until the harness fits properly making sure the yellow line on the shoulder harness is always below the backpad. Place Pack Jack™ back in its storage slot. ***See Figure 2.***
2. Loosen all straps and put the pack on your back. Fasten the waistbelt and tighten by pulling forward on the straps so that it rests on your hips. ***See Figure 3.***
3. Tighten the shoulder straps by pulling down on the straps until the pack feels comfortable. ***See Figure 4.***
4. The 'S' curve of the CollarCut™ harness is designed to follow the curve of your shoulders and collarbone. The widest part of the shoulder straps should fit comfortably on your shoulders. ***See Figure 5.***
5. Tighten the load stabilizers by pulling the strap ***as shown in Figure 6.*** This will bring the pack closer to your shoulders and stabilize the load. Tighten the hip stabilizer by pulling the strap ***shown in Figure 7.*** This will pull the pack closer to your body. Most of the weight should still be carried on your hips with the shoulder straps providing some support. You can readjust the weight distribution to your personal preference while wearing the pack.
6. Connect and tighten the sternum strap by pulling the strap ***as shown in Figure 8.*** Change the vertical position by pulling the tri-glides up or down on the webbing so the strap fits comfortably across your chest. The sternum strap reduces shoulder fatigue and increases mobility by pulling the shoulder straps inward. ***See Figure 8.***

Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5



Tri-glides for vertical adjustment.



Figure 6 Figure 7 Figure 8

USING THE ALL WEATHER COVER (AW)

The patented All Weather Cover™ protects the pack and your equipment from dust, sand, rain or snow. It also works as a protective sheet for sorting through your gear when the ground is wet or muddy. To use the AW Cover:


Figure 9

1. Take the All Weather Cover out of its storage compartment located on the bottom of the backpack.
2. Drape it over the front and top of the backpack and pull the drawstring tight until the cover is snug around the sides of the pack. ***See Figure 9.***

USING THE TRIPOD MOUNT

1. Release the hook and loop fabric from the inside of the holder and unwind strap.
2. Position the Tripod Mount™ on either side or front of the pack.
3. To attach, feed tongue through SlipLock™ slot. ***See Figure 10.***
4. Wrap tongue around holder and tuck inside to secure hook and loop panel. ***See Figure 11.***
5. Insert two of the tripod's legs into the Tripod Mount™. ***See Figure 12.***
6. Secure the tripod to the backpack using the quick–release buckles with tie-down bungee cords. ***See Figure 13.***
7. Tighten the bungee cords by pulling the bungee cord through the cord locks.


Figure 10


Figure 11


Figure 12


Figure 13

USING THE DAYPACK II

Locate the DayPack II inside the main compartment of the Trekker AW II pack. The DayPack II can be worn separately or attached to the main pack.


Figure 14

Wearing the DayPack II:

1. Take out the shoulder straps from their storage compartment on the back of the DayPack II.
2. Fasten the two snaphooks, located at the lower end of each shoulder strap, to the D-rings on either side of the DayPack II. ***See Figure 14.***
3. Put on the DayPack II.
4. Fasten the sternum strap and adjust to fit comfortably.

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Attaching the DayPack II to the Trekker AW II:

The DayPack II can also be attached to the outside of a Trekker AW II pack. Secure by locking the four oval catches on the front of the DayPack II into the corresponding rectangular clips on the Trekker AW II.



Wearing the DayPack II

Wearing the Trekker AW II with the DayPack II attached

1. Slide oval catch through rectangular clip. ***See Figures 15 and 16 below.***
2. Pull the attachment straps to adjust the DayPack II load. To loosen the strap, pull up on the end of the ladder lock ***as shown in Figure 17.***

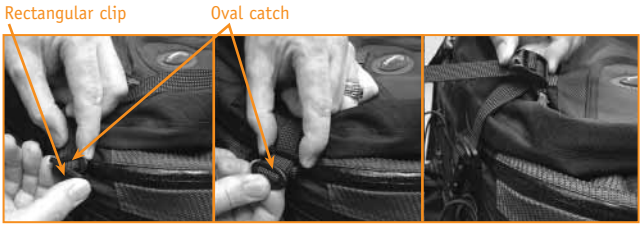


Figure 15 *Figure 16* *Figure 17*

ACCESSORIES & HIGHLIGHTS OF TREKKER SERIES

- Water-resistant YKK zippers allow quick-access.
- Trekker DayPack II included with all Trekker AW II models.
- Trekker Accessory Pouch II and Trekker Lens Pouch II included with Super Trekker AW II and Pro Trekker AW II.
- SlipLock™ attachment slots position optional SlipLock accessories wherever they're most convenient: on the front or sides of the backpack, on the shoulder harness or waistbelt. Although not included, a variety of SlipLock pouches and accessories are available for carrying items such as compact cameras, binoculars, battery packs, film or water bottle.
- The ultra-comfortable Spandura® lined harness is composed of closed and open cell foam.
- Fully customizable interior for any system.
- Silent zipper pulls enable quiet trekking.