



GLIDECAM

VISTATRACK

30-24 / 30-36 / 30-48



MANUAL

Set-up and Operations Guide

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#1 INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on your purchase of a Glidecam VistaTrack.

This manual was created with the VistaTrack 30-48. It works the same for the VistaTrack 30-24 and VistaTrack 30-36. For illustrative purposes the VistaTrack 30-48 will be referenced through the remainder of this manual.

The Glidecam VistaTrack 30-48 is a combined, miniature linear track and dolly system. Made to professional standards with precision components, the Glidecam VistaTracks are the premier camera sliders of the industry at their price point.

The Glidecam VistaTracks will allow you to create super-smooth camera movements that are accurate and vibration free, greatly increasing the value of your production.

The VistaTrack 30-48 can be used with cameras weighing up to 30 pounds when attached to a single tripod or when using its integrated adjustable legs. The VistaTrack 30-48 can be used with cameras weighing up to 30 pounds when attached to two tripods for added stability

The VistaTrack 30-48 includes two quick release plates, one for mounting the camera and the other for attaching the system to a single set of tripod legs. To attach the system to two tripods, an additional tripod mount is required, which is available to purchase as an option.

The VistaTrack 30-48 has a 48" long track, and is also available in 24" and 36" lengths. The Vista Track 30-36 has a 36" long track, and the Vista Track 30-24 has a 24' long track.

Two Quick Release Plates are included that are compatible with most 1/4"-20 and 3/8"-16 mounting applications.

The Glidecam VistaTrack 30-48 can be used on flat surfaces, uneven surfaces and mount to tripod head or legs.

If you have need of any technical assistance, you can call our Technical Support Line at 1-781-585-7900. Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, Eastern Time.

We're sure that once you have the Glidecam VistaTrack 30-48 up and running, you will find years of enjoyment with it.

#2 QUICK SETUP WITHOUT TRIPOD

Since you will be using your GLIDECAM VISTATRACK 30-48 with either a tripod or the integrated adjustable leg system, you should make sure you have attached the camera to the QUICK RELEASE PLATE and adjust the Vista Track 30-48 to meet your needs. (See Quick Release Dovetail Plate operation on page 14)

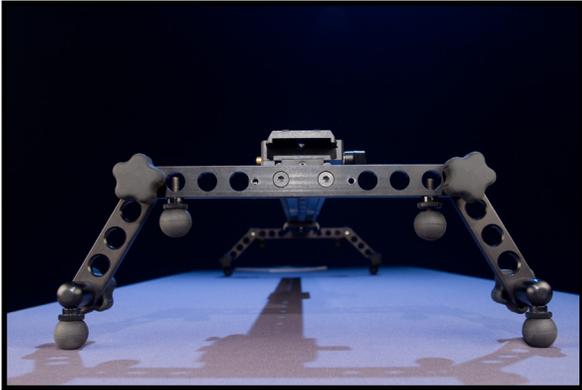


Figure 1

The Integrated Adjustable Leg System can be easily adjusted to a flat table top or most even surfaces for a smooth seamless movement. (See **figure 1**)

To use the Integrated Adjustable Leg System you must first Place VistaTrack 30-48 on any relatively level surface in the start position. (See **figure 2**)

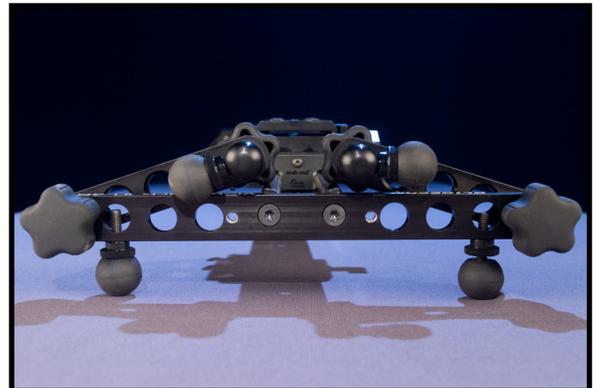


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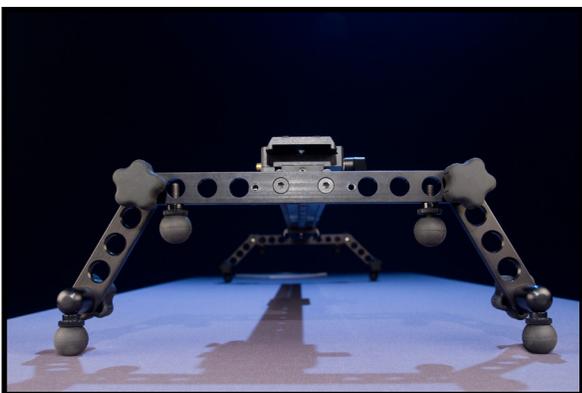


Figure 3

Adjust left and right knobs located on the outside and rear of the VistaTrack 30-48 to loosen the Integrated Adjustable Leg System. (See **figure 3**)



Figure 4



Figure 5

After loosening knobs on both the front and rear, extend legs out to easily access the spring loaded rosette knob located on top of the adjustable leg.
(See **figures 4 & 5**)



Figure 6



Figure 7

Turn knob until spring loaded rosette moves with ease. Then turn footing to desired position.
(See **figures 6 & 7**)



Figure 8

Before extending the leg down, you may also adjust the rubber footing ball to your required height by simply turning the adjustable knob located under the rubber ball.

(See **figure 8**)

Now, extend leg to desired position and tighten the knob until there is resistance.

(See **figure 9**)



Figure 9



Figure 10

Make sure adjustable footing is in the appropriate position and tighten knob until it is snug.
(See **figure 10**)

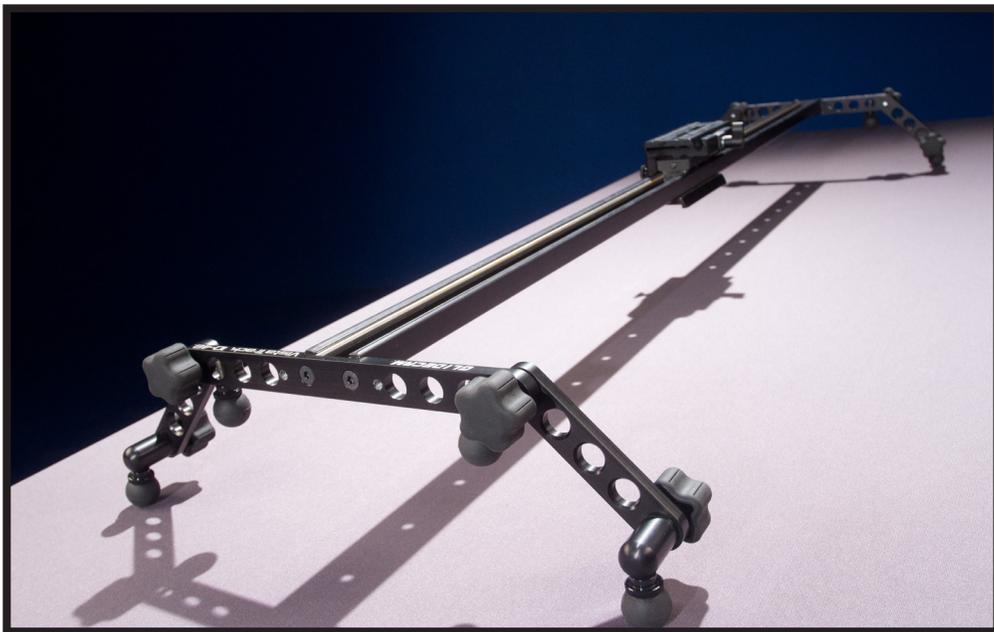


Figure 11

Make sure adjustable footing is in the appropriate position and tighten knob until it is snug.
(See **figure 10**)

#3 QUICK SETUP WITH TRIPOD



Figure 12

Set tripod up in correct location and desired height for your production before attaching the Quick Release Adapter.
(See *figure 12*)

Locate the Tension knob on the Release Adapter and turn it until loose.
(See *figure 13*)



Figure 13



Figure 14



Figure 15

To Attach the VistaTrack 30-48, simply slide the Dovetail Quick Release Plate on to the release adapter. Then effortlessly slide track on until clicking sound is heard. Then tighten tension knob until snug.

(See **figure 14 & 15**)



Figure 16

Now your GLIDECAM VISTATRACK 30-48 is ready for tripod shooting.

NOTE: For more stability and increased weight capacity, another tripod and quick release plate are needed.

#4 ATTACHING A TRIPOD HEAD TO THE GLIDECAM VISTATRACK 30-48



Figure 17

Flip Tripod Head over, then place the Dovetail Quick Release Plate on the bottom of the tripod head, not forgetting to line up the thread inserts with the plate. (See *figure 17*)

After lining up the Dovetail Quick Release Plate to the thread inserts on the bottom of the tripod head, use a 1/4-20 or 3/8-16 screw to attach the plate to the tripod head. (See *figure 18*)

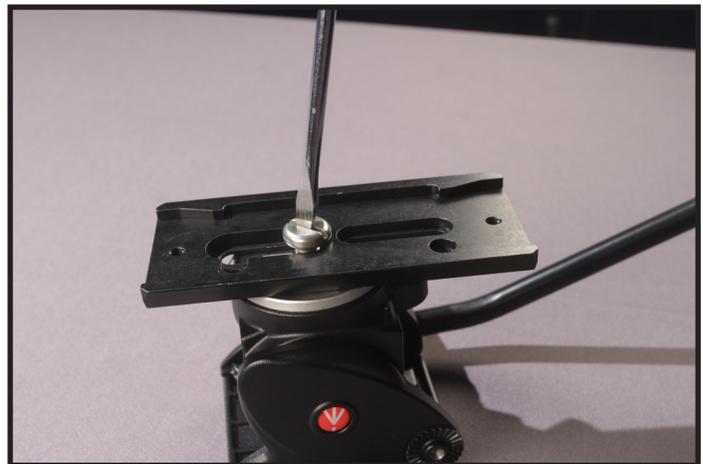


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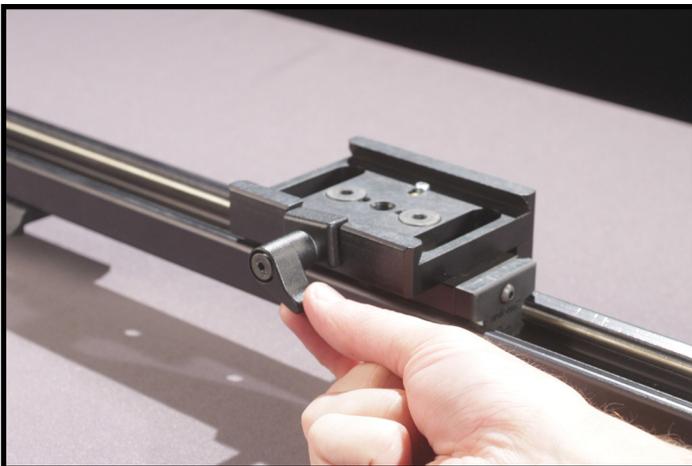


Figure 19

Now, to attach tripod head you must locate and loosen lock knob. (See *figure 19*)

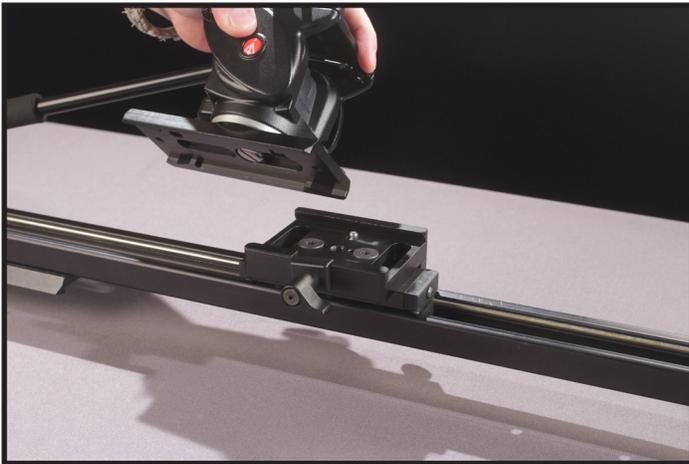


Figure 20

Then, slide the Dovetail Quick Release Plate under the tripod head on to the Slide Plate.
(See **figure 20**)

Next: Tighten Tension knob until it's snug against the Dovetail Quick Release Plate.
(See **figure 21**)



Figure 21

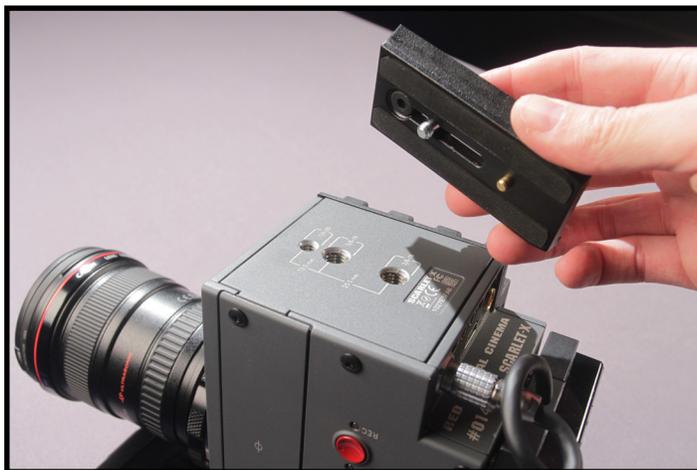
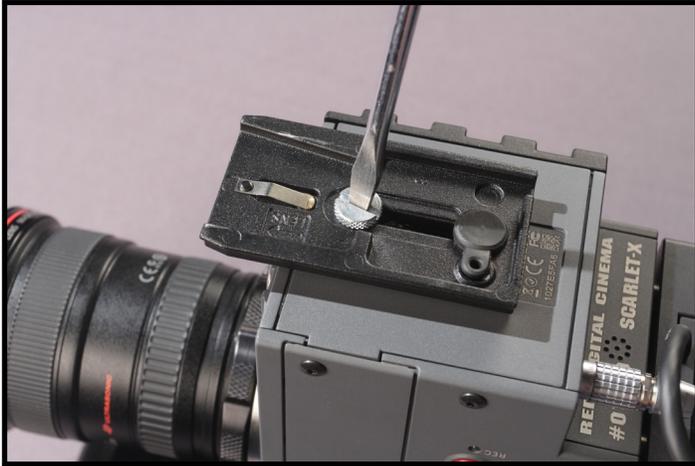


Figure 22

Flip camera over, then place the Dovetail Quick Release Plate on the bottom of the camera, not forgetting to line up the thread inserts with the plate.
(See **figure 22**)



After lining up the Dovetail Quick Release Plate to the thread inserts on the bottom of the camera, use a 1/4-11 or 3/8-11 screw to attach the plate to the camera. (See *figure 23*)

Figure 23

Once the Dovetail Quick Release Plate is Attached to your camera, simply slide plate on to tripod head until you hear a click. (See *figure 24 & 25*)



Figure 24



Once the Dovetail Quick Release Plate is Attached to your camera, simply slide plate on to tripod head until you hear a click. (See *figure 24 & 25*)

Figure 25

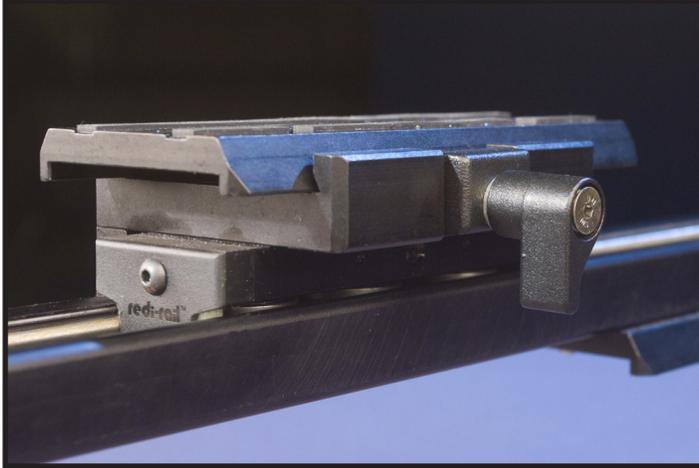


Figure 26

Now you're ready to shoot smooth and vibration free using the Glidecam VistaTrack 30-48.

#5 OPERATING YOUR GLIDECAM VISTATRACK 30-48

DOVETAIL QUICK RELEASE OPTION



To operate the Dovetail Quick Release plate, first you must locate the lock knob on the side of Quick Release Adapter. (See *figure 27*)

Figure 27

Turn lock knob until Plate slides with ease. (See *figure 28*)

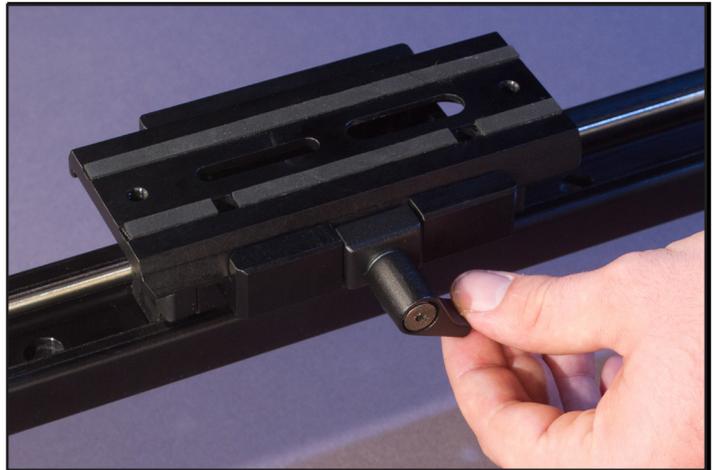
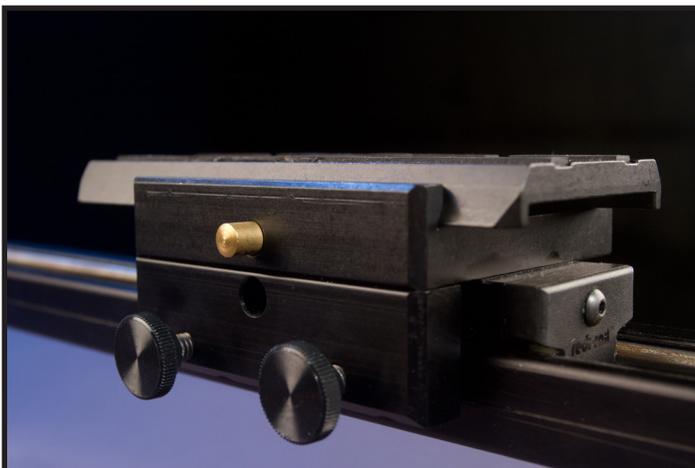
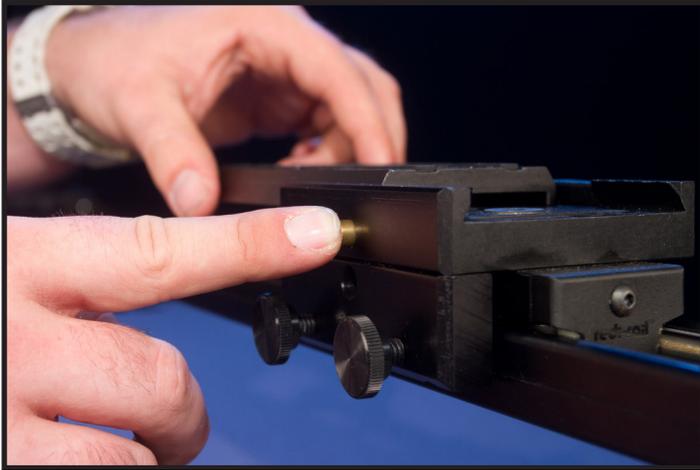


Figure 28



To operate the Dovetail Quick Release plate, first you must locate the lock knob on the side of Quick Release Adapter. (See *figure 29*)

Figure 29



Gently push in the brass button in, then, carefully slide out the Dovetail Quick Release Plate.
(See **figure 30**)

Figure 30

Now you're free to mount Dovetail Quick Release plate on any camera body of your choice.
(See **figure 31**)

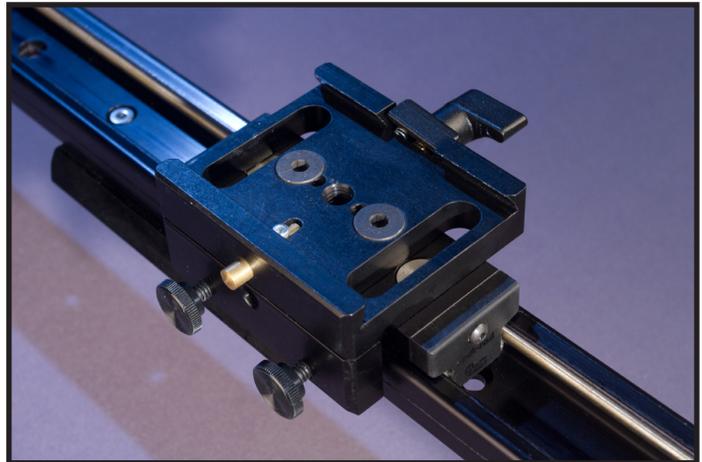
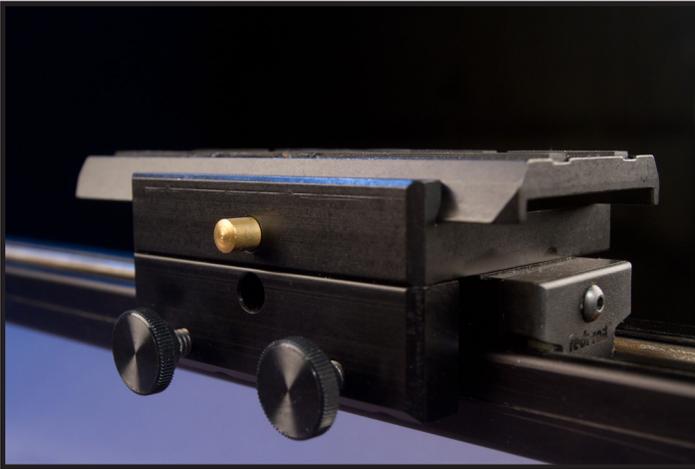


Figure 31

SLIDER OPERATION



Locate the two Slider Lock Knobs under the brass button.
(See *figure 32*)

Figure 32

After locating the Slider Lock Knobs, you can then start by Gently turning the left tension knob.
(See *figure 33*)

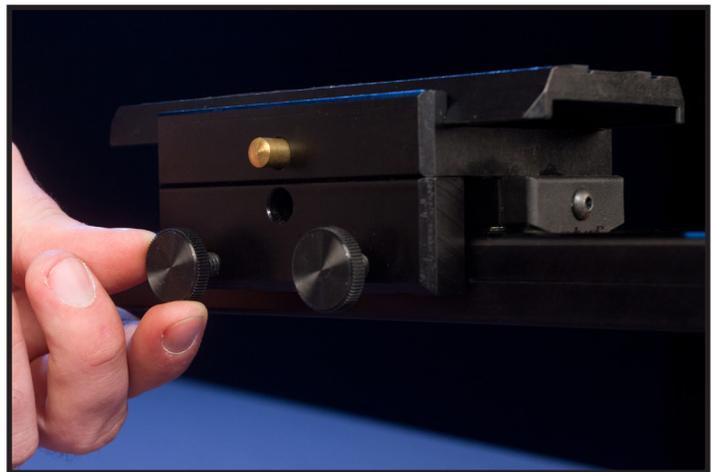


Figure 33



Then, turn right Slider lock knob to release the Slider Head for easy movement up and down the track.
(See *figure 34*)

Figure 34

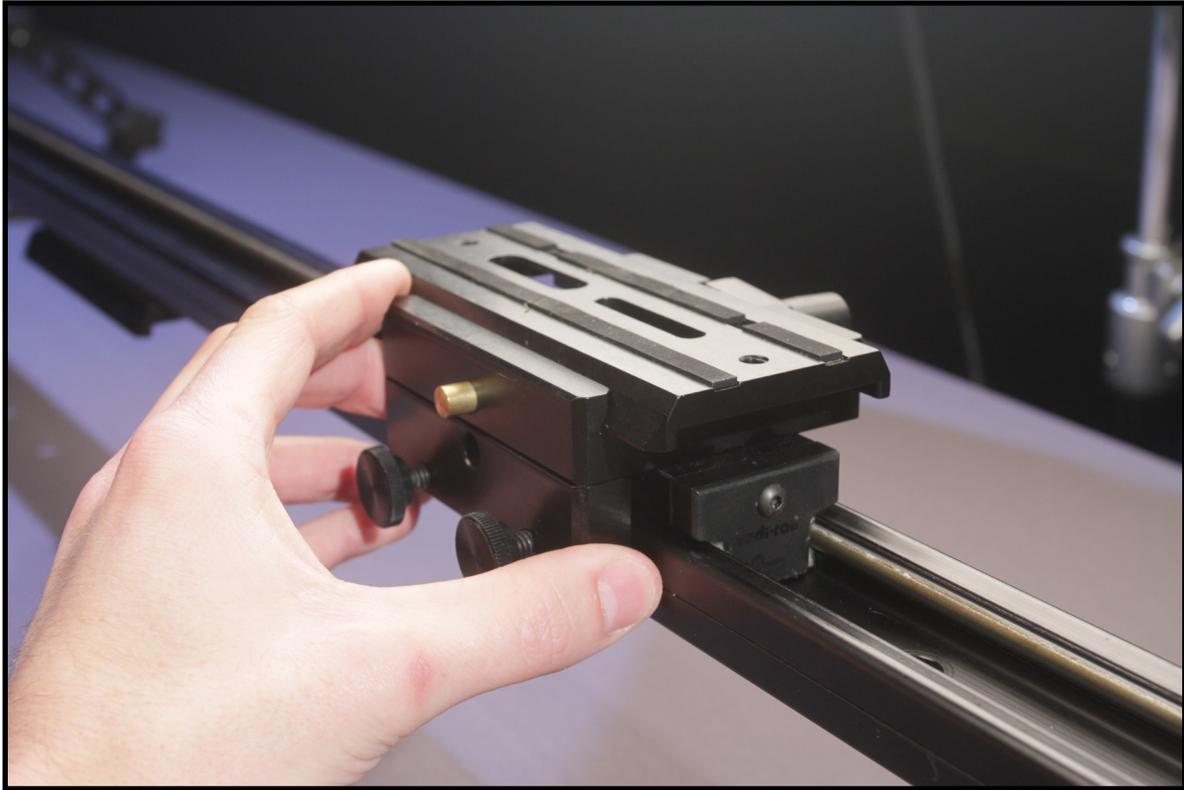


Figure 35

Just simply push slider up and down the slider track for a smooth and vibration free movement using the Glidecam VistaTrack 30-48.
(See **figure 36** with camera and **figure 35** without camera)



Figure 36

#6 PROFESSIONAL USAGE

If you are using the Glidecam VistaTrack 30-48 to shoot professional looking shots, and you plan on incorporating them into a short movie or some sort of commercial project, we suggest that you plan the shot out in advance, perhaps rehearse the move a few times before shooting, and that you use an assistant to help you during complex shots. This will give you optimum results and will make your movies look more professional.

Good luck with your shooting.

#7 MAINTENANCE

Bearing Maintenance - The main bearing on your VistaTrack 30-48 is attached under the slider head. It is metal and is partially enclosed by the Bearing Assembly. If after some period of time your bearing doesn't turn smoothly, you can oil it lightly. We recommend that you use very little oil. Very little, because this is all that is needed, plus anything more than a little will end up coming out of the bearing and onto the rest of your VistaTrack 30-48. Light oil may also be used (5-20 weight or 5-30 weight) if needed on the yoke and handle bearings.

#8 WARNINGS

You should make sure that you are very careful when using the VistaTrack 30-48 at night or in low light conditions. Do not make the mistake of focusing so much on what you are shooting that you trip or fall over something, or wander into something dangerous like a swimming pool or automobile traffic, and be extra careful when shooting on stairs etc. These cautions pertain to daytime shooting as well.

Storage - If you are going to store your Glidecam VistaTrack 30-48 for a long period of time then please store the unit upright in a dry or low to normal humidity area whenever possible. If you are unable to find an environment like this, then we suggest you store the unit in an air tight plastic container or bag. Standing the unit upright helps to alleviate stress on the system.

Cleaning - Do not use solvents or harsh cleaners of any kind on your Glidecam VistaTrack 30-48. If the unit becomes dirty, use only a cloth or sponge with water to gently rub the unit clean

#9 WARRANTY

For 1 year from the date of shipment, we will repair or replace your Glidecam VistaTrack 30-48, free of charge, in the event of a defect in materials or workmanship (the shipment date appears on your purchase receipt) which occurs during normal use in accordance with the Glidecam VistaTrack 30-48's instruction manual. Shipping, packing, and insurance costs to and from the factory are your responsibility. This limited warranty extends only to the original purchaser, and you will need your purchase receipt. This warranty does not cover, by way of example, damage caused by products not supplied by us or damage resulting from mishandling in transit, accident, misuse, vandalism, neglect, modification, lack of reasonable care (or commercial use, including rentals to others) of the Glidecam VistaTrack 30-48 or service by anyone other than us. There are no express warranties except as listed above. This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

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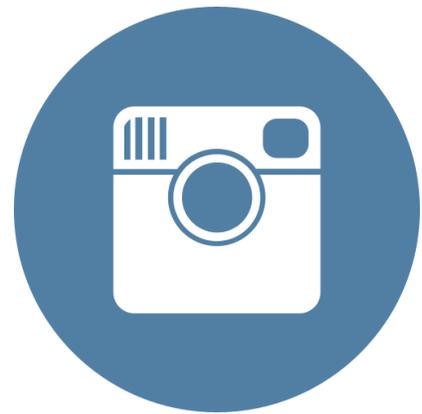
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