INSTRUCTION MANUAL

AZGTi Mount

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Parts Diagram

Bubble Level

Dovetail Locking Knob

Altitude Clutch Wheel

Dovetail Groove

Saddle

Battery Compartment

Azimuth Clutch Knob

SNAP port

Power Switch

External Power

Hand controller port

LED Indicator

3/8" socket
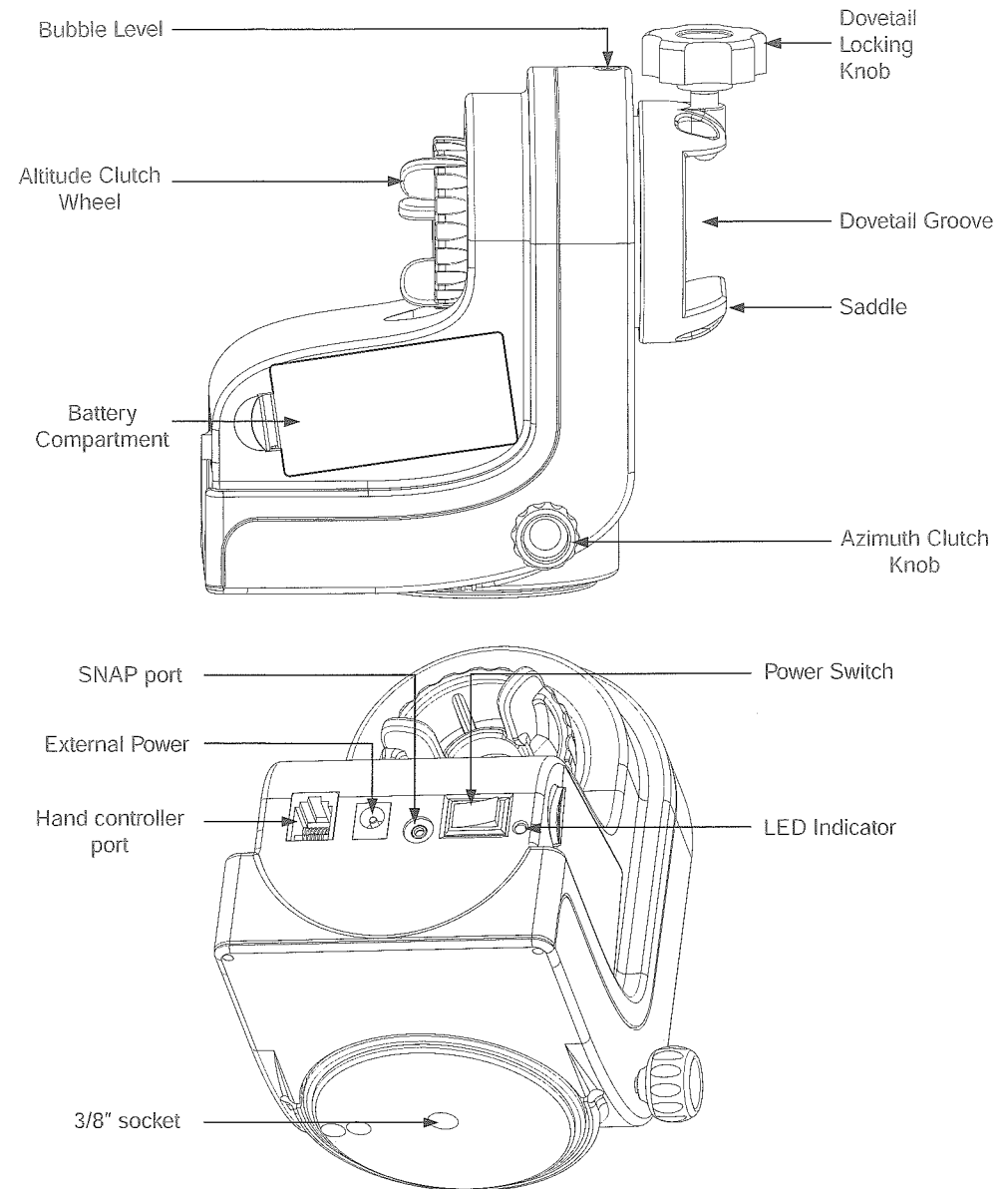
PART I : SETTING UP THE AZGTi MOUNT

1.1 Setting Up on a Skywatcher Tripod

1. Fully expand the three legs of the tripod on level ground.
2. Install the accessory tray on the tripod as shown in Fig. 1.1a.
3. If using a short tube telescope, which does not hit the tripod legs when it points to zenith, with the AZGTi mount, the mount can be installed onto the tripod directly. Align the 3/8" socket at the base of the mount with the locking bolt on the tripod head. Lock the mount on the tripod by tightening the bolt (Fig. 1.1b).
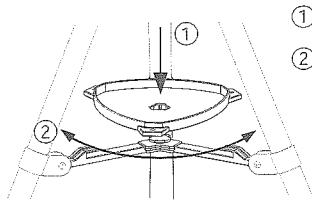
① Align the accessory tray and push down on it while holding onto the bottom supports.
② Rotate the tray to lock it into place.

WARNING: The accessory tray of a Skywatcher tripod ensures that the tripod legs are firmly expanded, which prevents the tripod from accidentally tipping over. When using the AZGTi mount on a Skywatcher tripod, an accessory tray should always be used to ensure stability.
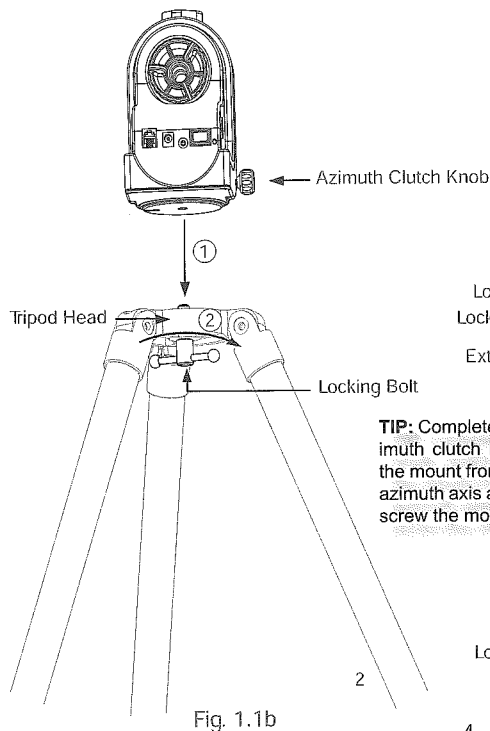
Fig. 1.1a

Azimuth Clutch Knob

Tripod Head

Locking Bolt

TIP: Completely tightening the azimuth clutch knob would prevent the mount from rotating around its azimuth axis and make it easier to screw the mount onto the tripod.

Fig. 1.1b

Pier Head
Locking Knob
Locking Screws
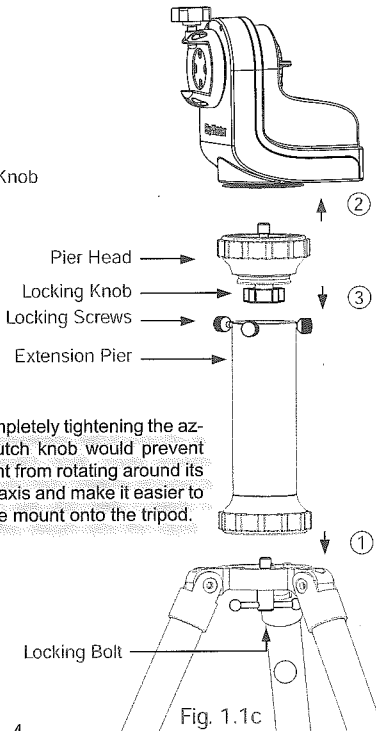Extension Pier

Locking Bolt

Fig. 1.1c

4. If using a long tube telescope with AZGTi mount, an extension pier should be inserted between the tripod and the AZGTi mount to prevent the telescope from hitting the tripod legs when it points to zenith(Fig. 1.1c).
   1) Attached the extension pier to the tripod and tighten the locking bolt.
   2) Remove the pier head from the extension pier by loosening the three locking screws.
   3) Attach the pier head to the AZGTi mount and tighten the locking knob.
   4) Place the pier head back to the extension pier, lock it with the three locking screws.

1.2 Attaching the AZGTi Mount to a Camera Tripod

1. Fully expand the legs of the tripod on leveled ground. Make sure that the tripod is stable.
2. Screw the AZGTi mount to the 3/8" bolt on the tripod head's mounting plate, tighten the bolt **SLIGHTLY**.
   Caution: Over-tightening the mount may cause damage to the internal mechanical parts.
3. Most camera tripods' mounting plate comes with 1 to 3 locking screws. Firmly tighten the locking screws from underneath the plate to secure the AZGTi mount in place.
4. Raise the camera tripod's centeral pole to the desired height, and make sure that it also prevents the telescope from hitting the tripod legs when the telesocpe points to zenith.
5. Adjust the lengths of the legs to center the bubble level on the mount.
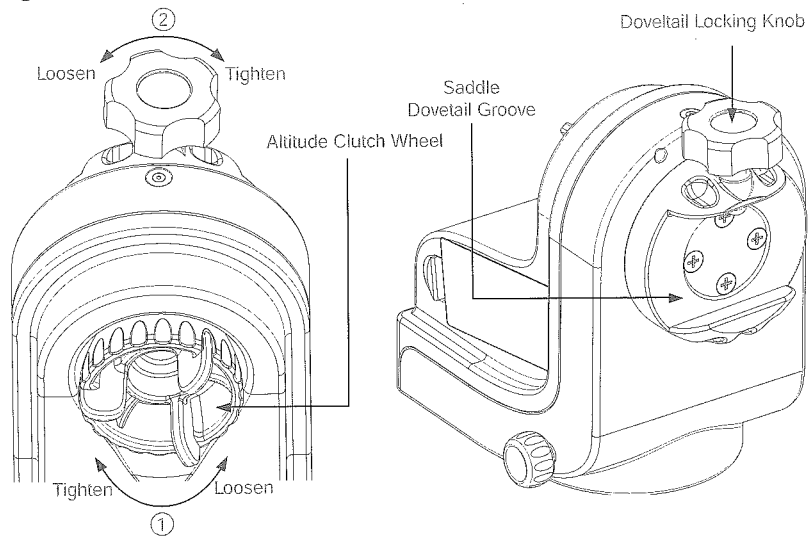
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1.3 Installing The Telescope

Fig. 1.3a

Fig. 1.3b

1. Loosen the altitude clutch wheel and rotate the saddle until the dovetail groove is horizontal, then tighten the altitude clutch wheel again (Fig 1.3a).
2. Loosen the dovetail locking knob until nothing is obstructing the dovetail groove in the saddle (Fig 1.3b).
3. Hold the telescope horizontally and slide the dovetail bar of the telescope into the dovetail groove of the saddle (Fig 1.3b).
4. Tighten the dovetail locking knob until the bar is secure in the groove. **DO NOT LET GO OF THE TELESCOPE UNTIL YOU ARE SURE IT IS FIRMLY ATTACHED TO THE SADDLE**
5. While holding the telescope tube, fully loosen the altitude clutch to check the balance.
6. Repeat the above steps to adjust the position of the dovetail bar back and forth to reach good balance in the altitude axis.

PART II : ELECTRONIC CONTROL INTERFACE

2.1 Control Panel
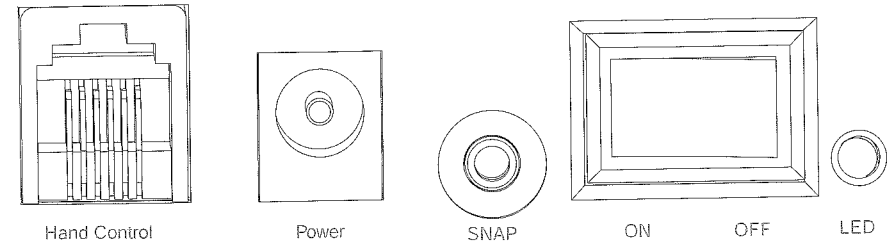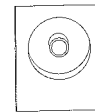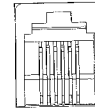The control panel of the AZGTi mount is shown below:

Hand Control   Power   SNAP   ON   OFF   LED

Fig. 2.1

2.2 Panel Interface Components:

POWER: This is an outlet from which the mount and the hand control get the external power supply.

HAND CONTROL: This RJ-12 6-pins outlet is for connecting the SynScan hand controller.

SNAP:This is a stereo outlets for connecting with a camera's shutter control ports. The SynScan hand control can control the cameras to take pictures automatically via these interfaces.
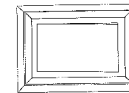
ON/OFF Switch: Turns the power to the mount and hand controller on and off.

Power LED: The power LED serves as a power-on indicator and provides other statuses.

1. <u>Steady on</u>: Internal Wi-Fi is off.
2. <u>Intermittent one flash</u>: Internal Wi-Fi is on.
3. <u>Intermittent two flashes</u>: App has connected to internal Wi-Fi.
4. <u>Intermittent three flashes</u>: Internal control board has entered firmware update mode.
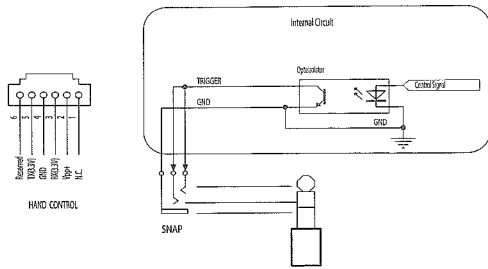
2.3 Pinout of The Interfaces:

Fig. 2.3

Note:

The SNAP port provides two trigger signals to the stereo plug. For a camera which only needs a shutter-release signal, either trigger signals will work. For a camera which requires an extra "Focus" signal, both signals should be connected properly.

2.4 DSLR Control Cable

Available for Canon, Nikon, Olympus and Sony cameras. See the table below to select the appropriate cable for your camera model; it can be ordered from the local Skywatcher dealer.

Part Number	Camera Interface Style	Controller Interface	Compatible Camera Models
AP-R1C	Canon remote (E3 type)	Canon RS-60E3	Canon EOS 100D, 300D/350D, 400D/450D, 500D/550D, 600D/650D, 700D, 60D/60Da, 70D
AP-R3C	Canon remote (N3 type)	Canon RS-80N3, TC-80N3	Canon EOS 5D/6D/7D, 10D/20D/30D/40D/50D, 1V, 1D, 1Ds Mark III, 5D Mark III
AP-R1N	Nikon 10-pin remote terminal	Nikon MC-22, MC-30, MC-36	Nikon D1/D2/D3/D4 D200/D300/D700/D800
AP-R2N	Nikon remote cord connector	Nikon MC-DC1	Nikon D70S, D80
AP-R3N	Nikon accessory terminal	Nikon MC-DC2	Nikon D90, D600, D3000/D3100/D3200/D3300, D5000/D5100/D5200/D5300, D7000/D7100
AP-R1S	Sony remote terminal	Sony RM-S1AM, RM-L1AM	Sony a100, a200, a300, a350, a450, a550, a560 a700, a850, a900
AP-R3L	Olympus multi-connector	RM-UC1	Olympus E-P1/E-P2, E-PL2/E-PL3, E510/E520/E550/E620, E400/E410/E420, SP-570UZ/SP-590UZ

2.5 External Power Supply Requirements

- Output Voltage: DC 7.5V (minimum) to DC 14V (maximum). Voltage not in this range might cause permanent damage to the motor controller or the hand controller.
- Output Plug: Barrel type with 2.0mm I.D and 5.5mm O.D. Must be central positive.
- Output Current: At least 750mA.
- Do not use an unregulated AC-to-DC adapter. When choosing an AC adapter, a switching power supply with 12V output voltage and minimum 750mA output current is recommended.
- If the power voltage is too high, the motor controller will stop the motors automatically.

3.1 Manually Rotating The Mount
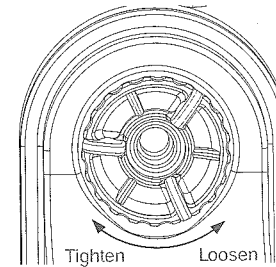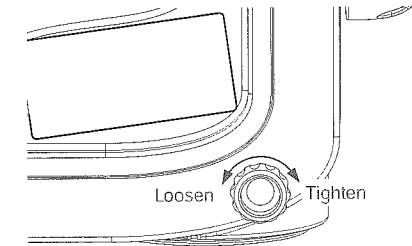
Refer to the following diagrams:

Fig. 3.1a

Fig. 3.1b

1. Loosen the Alt clutch wheel to manually rotate the telescope vertically.
2. Loosen the Azimuth adjustment knob to manually rotate the telescope horizontally.

Tips:

- *Fully tighten the clutches for all motor driven applications. This will give the best pointing accuracy.*
- *Half engage the clutches to manually point the telescope while preventing it from moving freely without external force.*
- *Fully loosen the clutches to move the telescope quickly.*

3.2 Control with a SynScan Hand Control

Plug in the SynScan hand control into the hand control port in order to control the telescope and mount for astronomical observation. Please refer to the SynScan hand control manual for operation instructions.

3.3 Control with an Mobile Device

Users can download the free "SynScan" App from the App Store(for iOS devices) or Google Play (for Android Devices) for astronormical observation. Skywatcher will also provide apps for photography. Please check the stores for availability.

3.4 Wi-Fi Connection

- User must connect to the mount's Wi-Fi within 15 minutes after turning on power. The Wi-Fi will be turned off automatically if no connection is estabilished within 15 minutes, .
- By default, the SSID of the built-in Wi-Fi is "SynScan_xxxx" and there is no passward. User can download Skywatcher's "SynScan" App from App Store or Google Play to configure the mount's built-in Wi-Fi.
- Reset Wi-Fi configuration to factory default by turning on the power without the SynScan hand control connected and no App operations via the Wi-Fi connection for 4 hours.

3.5 Freedom Find™ Function

The AZGTi mount is equipped with auxiliary encoders on both the azimuth axis and altitude axis. Therefore, the mount can keep track of its current position even when a user unlocks the clutches and rotates the mount in azimuth axis and altitude axis manually.

With this feature, a user can manually operate the mount anytime without worrying about losing the mount's alignment status. When the user wants to operate the mount with the SynScan hand control again, no alignment is required and all that is needed to be done is to re-lock the clutches.

This feature can be disabled with the SynScan hand controller or the SynScan App. If a user do not need to rotate the mount manually after alignment, it is recommended to disable this feature to obtain the best pointing accuracy.

3.6 Firmware Update

When a new firmware for the control board inside the mount is available, Skywatcher will release it on www.skywatcher.com. Users can visit this website to download the firmware and the necessary application to upate the firmware.

APPENDIX I : SPECIFICATIONS

Dimensions:
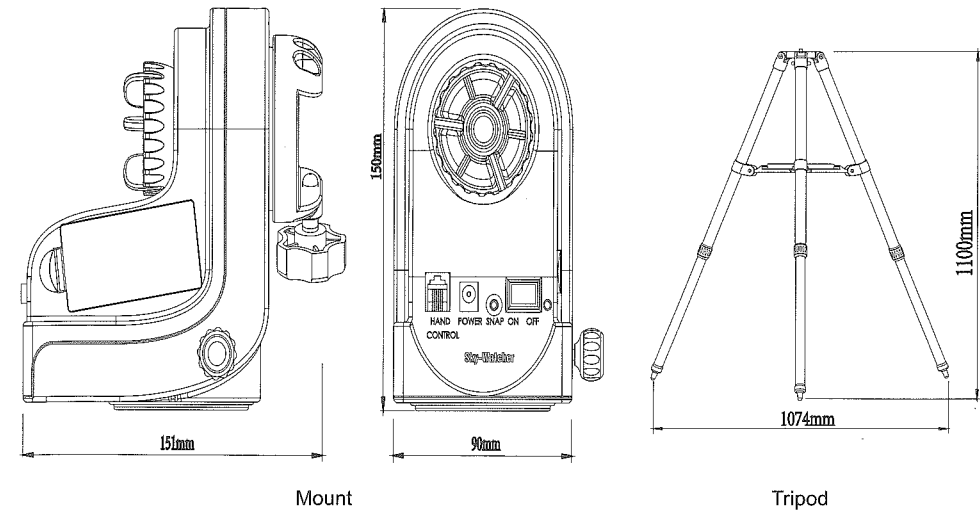
Mount   Tripod

Specifications:

Product Name	AZGTi Mount
Mount Type	Altitude-azimuth Mount
Payload	.5 kg
Mount's Weight	1.3 kg
Tripod + Extension Pier Weight	1.9 kg + 0.5kg
Power Requirement	DC7.5~14V, 0.75A
Motor	DC Servo Motor
Gear Ratio	6480
Resolution	2073600 Counts/Rev., 0.625 arc-second
Resolution of Aux. R.A./Dec. Axis Encoders	1068 Counts/Rev., approx. 20 arc-minutes
Default Wi-Fi Access Point SSID	SynScan_xxxx
Access Point IP Address	192.168.4.1
Network Protocol	UDP, Port 11880

Note: The above specifications may be changed without prior notice.