



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. There are four models in the Trekker AW II series:

Super Trekker AW II

Size (Interior): 14.5W x 6.5D x 25.5H in / 37 x 16.5 x 65 cm

Size (Exterior, Tripod holder attached): 23.5W x 15D x 27.5H in / 59.5 x 38 x 70 cm

Pro Trekker AW II

Size (Interior): 12W x 6D x 20.5H in / 30.5 x 15 x 52 cm

Size (Exterior, Tripod holder attached): 21W x 15D x 23.5H in / 53.5 x 38 x 59.5 cm

Photo Trekker AW II

Size (Interior): 12W x 6D x 19H in / 30.5 x 15 x 48.5 cm

Size (Exterior, Tripod holder attached): 14.5W x 15D x 21.5H in / 37 x 38 x 54.5 cm

Nature Trekker AW II

Size (Interior): 11.5W x 6D x 16.75H in / 29 x 15 x 42.5 cm

Size (Exterior, Tripod holder attached): 14.5W x 15D x 19H in / 37 x 38 x 48.5 cm

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, introduced by Lowe Alpine in 1987, 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 Parallax™ Internal Frame that consists 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.

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THE BACK PACK HARNESS (CONT')

- 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. They are adjustable to allow unrestricted movement of your arms and shoulders.

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. Remove the Pack Jack™ from its storage slot and insert between the padding and hook & loop until it is no longer securing the shoulder harness. Now the shoulder harness is free to be moved. Adjust the torso length by pulling the shoulder harness up or down. Remove Pack Jack™ to secure shoulder harness with hook & loop. Repeat as necessary. Ensure the yellow line on the shoulder harness is below the backpad. Place the 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 should follow the curve of your shoulders and collarbone. Ensure the widest part of the shoulder straps 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 adjust the weight distribution to your personal preference during the course of wearing the pack.

Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5



6. Connect and tighten the sternum strap by pulling the strap as shown in Figure 8. You can change the vertical position by pulling the tri-glides up or down on the webbing so that 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.*

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:

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 draw-string tight until the cover is snug around the sides of the pack. *See Figure 9.*



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 with 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

WEARING THE DAYPACK

1. Remove the DayPack from the backpack by sliding the oval catch through the rectangular clip. *See Figure 14.*
2. Remove the shoulder straps from their storage compartment on the back of the DayPack.
3. Fasten the two snaphooks, located at the lower end of each shoulder strap, to the D-rings on either side of the DayPack. *See Figure 15.*
4. Put on the DayPack.
5. Fasten the sternum strap and adjust to fit comfortably.

Figure 14



Figure 15



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 a handle on the side of the pack for luggage-style hand carrying and a handle on the top 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, they also have a handle on the top for hand carrying. The Photo Trekker AW II has an additional side carrying handle. These two Trekkers fit into the overhead compartments of most airplanes.

ACCESSORIES & HIGHLIGHTS OF TREKKER SERIES

- Water-resistant YKK zippers allow for 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 allow you to position optional SlipLock accessories wherever they're most convenient: on the front or sides of the backpack, or on the shoulder harness and waistbelt. Although, not included, a variety of sizes of SlipLock pouches and accessories are available for carrying items such as compact camera, 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.