

Removing the WH-200 from a Tripod

Do not unscrew or remove any of the screws in the top of the panning base. These screws hold the unit together and have nothing to do with mounting the Head to a tripod or other support mount.

The standard method of removing the Wimberley Head Version II from a tripod is to tighten the pan base and unscrew the Head counterclockwise. **Tip:** stand with the Wimberley Head knobs and Upright to your right (as shown below). Place the palm of your left hand on top of the pan base and push down. At the same time, use your right hand to grasp the Upright tube portion of the Head just above the pan knob and push it away from you horizontally. This should loosen the spool enough for you to unscrew the Head from the mounting stud. If your Head is mounted to a leveling base, make sure the tightening lever on the leveling base is released or you will not be able to remove the Head.

To assist you in removing the Head if the normal method of removal does not work, we have incorporated a small non-threaded hole on the side of the pan base so that you can use leverage to remove a tightly mounted Head. If it is difficult to remove using the standard method, insert a leverage tool into the hole and push the tool away from you, horizontally with the palm of your hand, in a counterclockwise direction (to your right side). This hole was made to accommodate a 5/32" hex key because most of our customers have a similarly sized hex key (usually provided with lens plates), and hex keys are strong and unlikely to break in bending. There is no mechanism inside the leverage hole, and nothing to turn by rotating a hex key around its axis. The hole is simply there to provide a place to insert a leverage device.



If the Head is really stuck, you might want to try another object as a leverage tool. We have found that a cement nail with the point ground off is quite effective. (Safety glasses should be worn if you are using this approach, just in case the nail breaks.) If the force of your hand is ineffective, you can tap the exposed end of the hex key or cement nail with a hammer in the same direction as described above (laterally), or add a length of rigid tubing over the exposed end of the nail, for additional leverage.

If you are really having trouble getting the Wimberley Head off the tripod, you may want to spray some penetrating oil around the area where the spool bottom contacts the tripod platform. After the interface between the tripod and the Head has soaked for a while (the longer, the better) the Head may be easier to remove.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if these methods are not effective in allowing you to remove your Wimberley Head Version II (WH-200) from your tripod or monopod mounting plate.