

Positioning your Flash:

The Modular Flash Bracket System design allows you to easily disassemble brackets for convenient storage. It also allows you to adjust the size of the bracket to fit different sized lenses. The M-3 Tilt Arm module can be adjusted in the slots of the M-2 Upright to increase or decrease the height of the flash unit (Fig. 6). Adjust the vertical position of the Tilt arm on the Upright for different telephoto lenses. Flip the Tilt Arm upside down to lower the flash even further (if you do this, you must remove the thumbscrew that holds the flash in place and reinstall it from the opposite side). You can also attach the Tilt Arm so that it positions the flash off-center. The Tilt Arm is fitted with two stop screws that keep the flash from tilting forward or backward. If you wish to tilt the flash forward, simply unscrew the appropriate screw enough to give you the desired amount of forward rotation. If you are using a collared macro lens, flip the Tilt Arm upside-down (Fig. 6). In this orientation, the stop screws do not engage thus the arm is completely free to tilt forward and backward.

Note: The Modular Flash Bracket System design offers about 3/4" less height than the largest brackets on the market. This is because it does not need the extra height to clear the top of the lens barrel (because of the low profile Tilt Arm). If you find the Modular Flash Bracket is not compatible with any of your lenses in any way, please let us know.

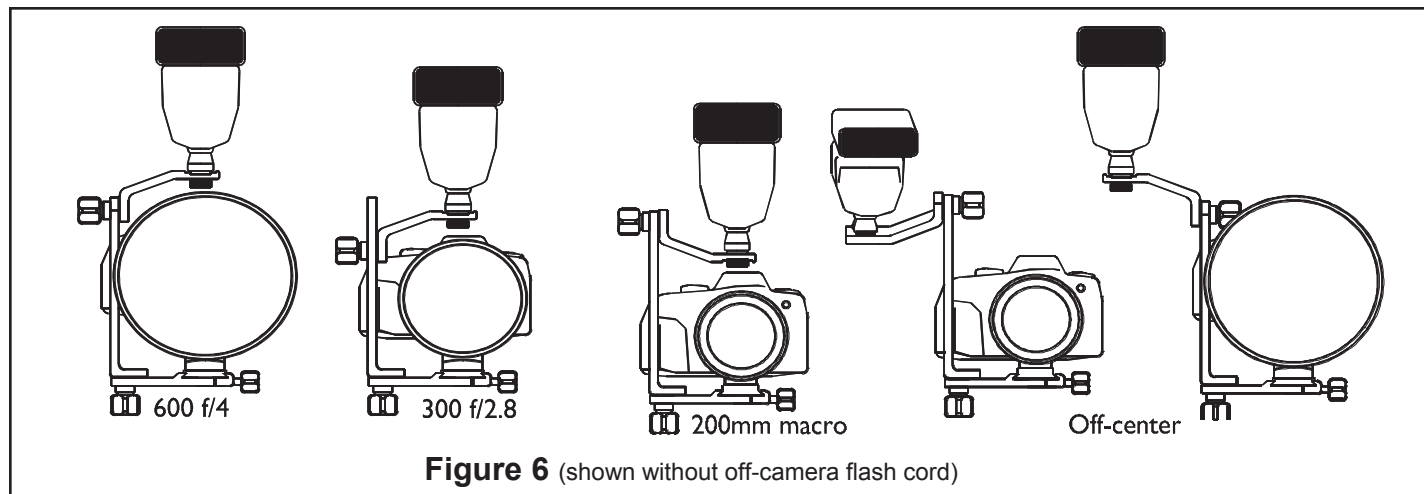


Figure 6 (shown without off-camera flash cord)

Add-ons and Other Uses:

1. This bracket works well with the Wimberley Sidemount Head and other side-mount tripod heads (Fig. 7).
2. Adding the Macro Arm Module (M-4) allows you to add more flash positioning versatility to your telephoto photography (Fig. 8), especially when shooting from a blind. Figure 8 shows with the telephoto bracket on the old style Wimberley Head, but the same principal applies to the F-6 bracket with the addition of the M-4 module.
3. Removing the Tilt Arm and adding the Macro Arm, you can make the F-2 Macro Bracket (Fig. 9).
4. **The Wimberley M-6 Extension Post Module™** is a simple post that allows you to extend the height or vertical position of your flash. The M-6 module attaches to the vertical module of your flash bracket using the same captive fastener system found on several other modules in the system. The M-6 can give you up to 5" of extension to help you reduce red eye or "steel eye" in your animal subjects. If you desire more extension, you can stack 2-3 Extension Posts to get the height and horizontal extension you need for your application, and pairs fit together for compact storage. See our catalog or website for more information.

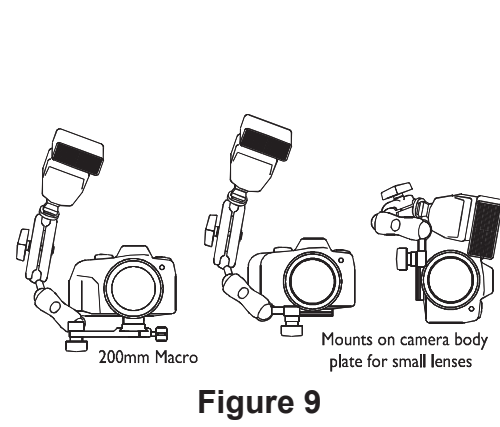
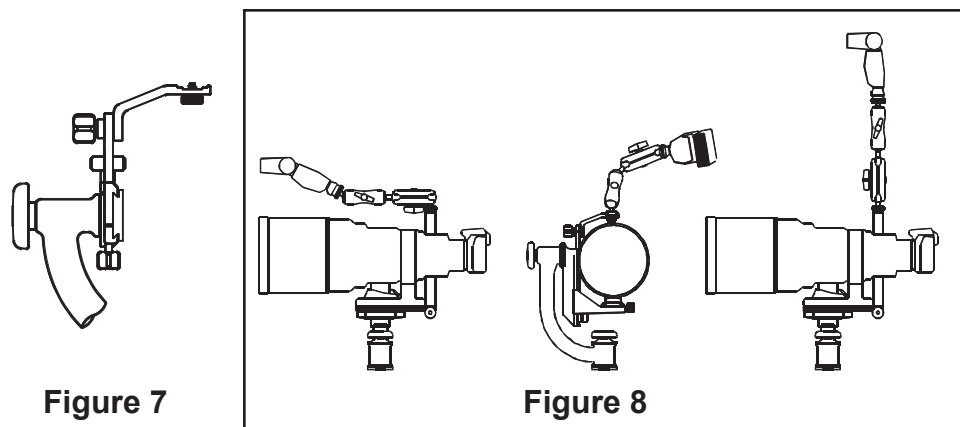


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About the F-6

The F-6 Sidekick® Flash Bracket™ is one of several flash bracket combinations that can be assembled from the nine components of the Wimberley Modular Flash Bracket System™. The Modular Flash Bracket System has brought a new level of versatility and portability to the world of flash brackets.

The F-6 flash bracket attaches to most Arca-Swiss style lens plates and allows you to use an off-camera flash unit. **This bracket requires the use of an off-camera shoe cord or wireless adapter recommended by manufacturer of your camera and/or flash unit (not available through Wimberley).**

It is important to read these instructions and to spend some time getting familiar with the modular parts and how they fit together. Once you become familiar with the modules in the flash bracket system, you may well find new and unique configurations and applications for them.

The standard F-6 Sidekick Bracket consists of two modules: the Tilt Arm (M-3), and the Quick-release Arm (M-1). The F-6 bracket can be used with most side-mount gimbal heads on the market today.

Dimensions (Overall L x W x H): 5.7 x 1.0 x 6.7 in
Weight: 6 oz
Materials: Anodized 6061 Aluminum, stainless steel fasteners

Instructions

Connecting Flash Bracket Modules:

(The figure below shows the connection between two companion modules; the same principle applies for other module connections.)

1. Unscrew the 5-lobe knob on M-3 Tilt Arm until it reaches the end of its range, exposing about 3/8" of the threaded stud on which the knob rides (#1, Fig. 1). The knob should not be forced to unscrew completely. If the knob unscrews all the way and comes off, please contact us.
2. Slip the forked end of the M-1 Quick-release Arm companion module over the exposed threads (#2, Fig. 1). Seat the M-1 by slipping one of the enlarged areas in its slot over the cylindrical nub at the base of the exposed threads.
3. Tighten the 5-lobe knob securely (#3, Fig. 1).

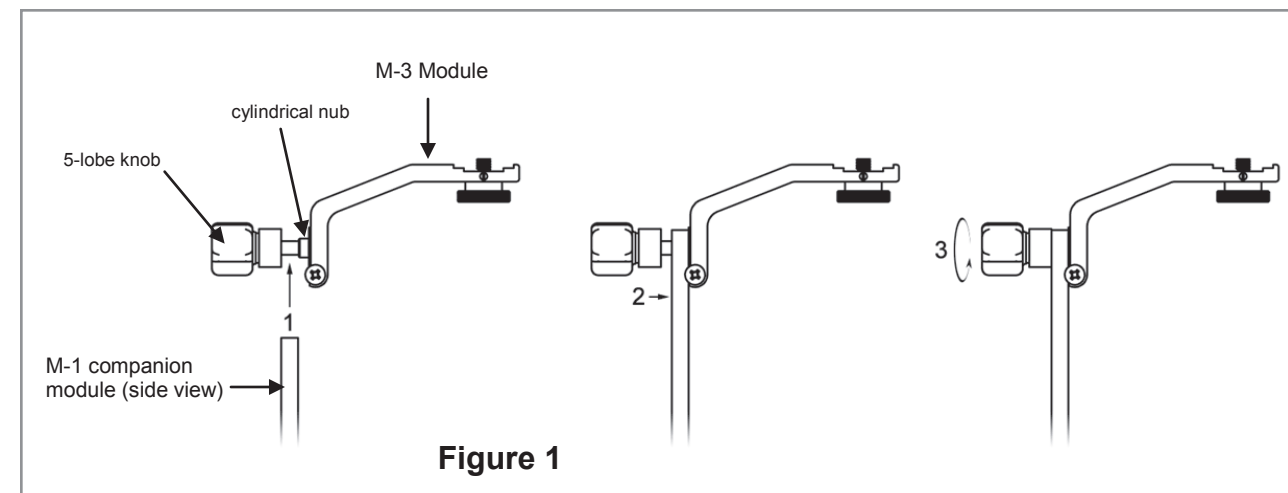


Figure 1

Wimberley™

F-6

Sidekick® Flash Bracket™

(Also for use with most side-mount style gimbal heads.)



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Package Contents:

- M-1 Module: Quick-release Arm (Qty 1)
- M-3 Module: Tilt Arm (Qty 1)

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Attaching the Bracket to a Lens:

The F-6 bracket attaches to your Arca-Swiss style plate using a special narrow, low-profile quick-release clamp that eliminates loose screws and the need for tools. The clamp on the bottom module (M-1) can be attached to the bottom of an Arca-Swiss style plate, or the M-1 can be flipped to attach to the top of the plate if needed (Fig. 2 & 3).

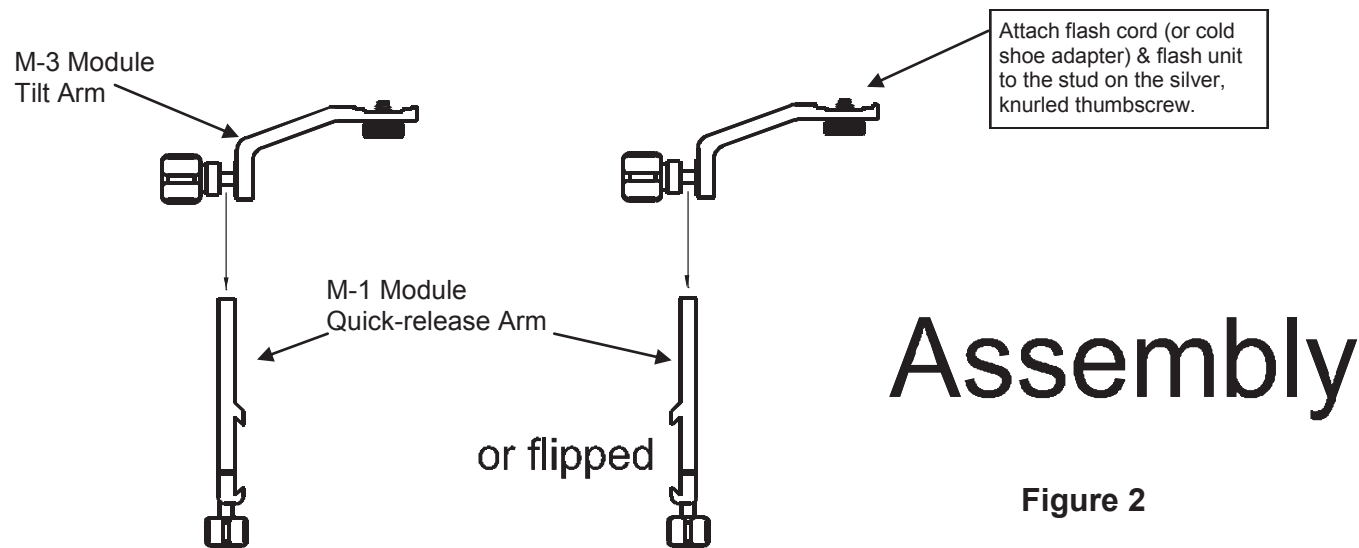
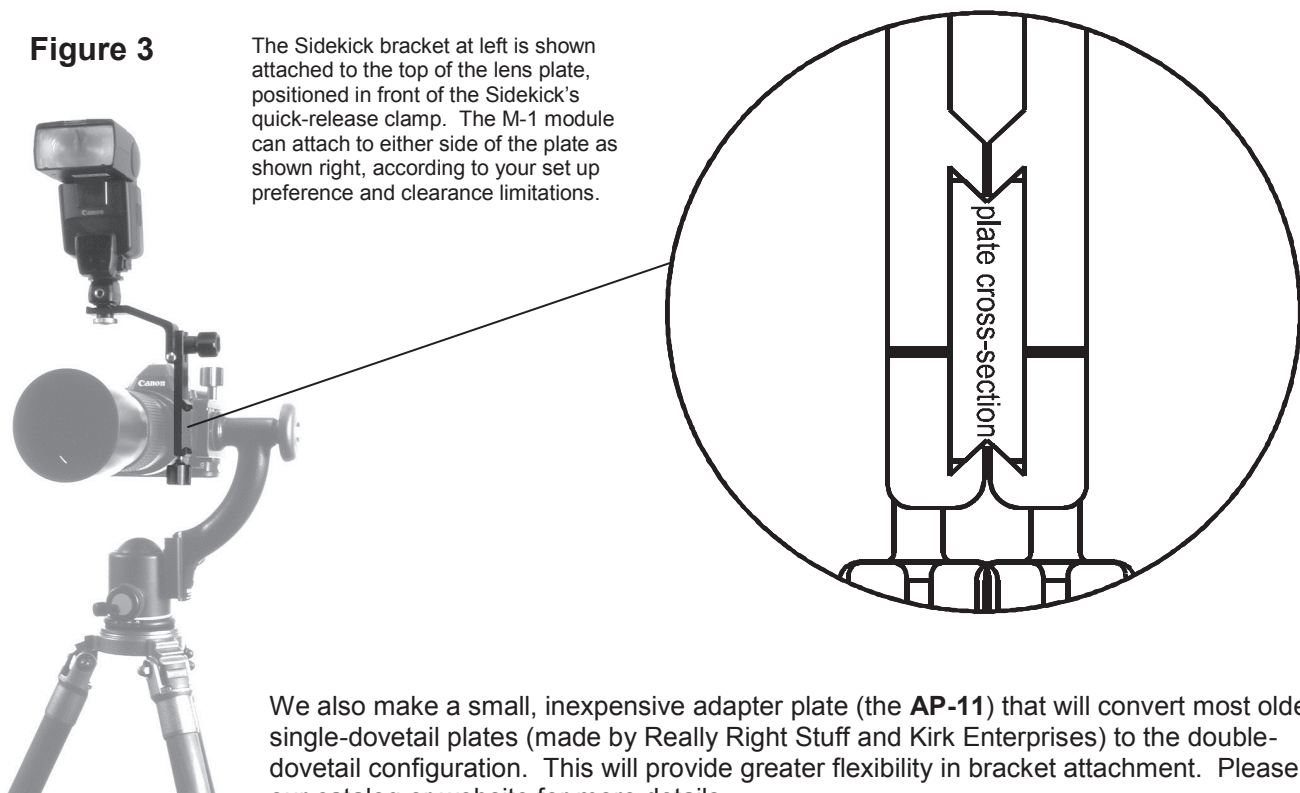


Figure 2

You can attach the F-6 bracket to any Arca-Swiss style plate mounted to the lens foot of a side-mounted lens (Fig. 3). If your current lens plate is not long enough to accept the flash bracket, Wimberley has a line of quick-release plates that have dovetails milled on both the upper and lower halves of the plate for increased positioning versatility. If you plan to attach the bracket to a lens plate while the lens is mounted to a tripod head quick-release clamp, you will need to make sure you have enough plate length outside the clamp to accommodate the secure attachment of the bracket. The quick-release plates we recommend for specific lenses (in our catalog and on our website) should provide enough length to allow you to attach a flash bracket to the plate without sacrificing balance or lens safety.

Figure 3



The Sidekick bracket at left is shown attached to the top of the lens plate, positioned in front of the Sidekick's quick-release clamp. The M-1 module can attach to either side of the plate as shown right, according to your set up preference and clearance limitations.

We also make a small, inexpensive adapter plate (the **AP-11**) that will convert most older single-dovetail plates (made by Really Right Stuff and Kirk Enterprises) to the double-dovetail configuration. This will provide greater flexibility in bracket attachment. Please see our catalog or website for more details.

Attaching & Removing Your Flash Unit:

To attach a flash unit to this bracket, you will need a flash sync cord or wireless flash adapter (Fig. 4). Wimberley Flash brackets have 1/4"-20 mounting studs that screw into one end of an off-camera hot shoe cable or a wireless cold shoe adapter. The flash cord connects the electrical signal from the hot shoe on your camera body to the flash unit allowing it to fire properly. We recommend purchasing a cord that is recommended by your camera manufacturer so it will be compatible with both your flash unit and your camera body. (Wimberley does not sell flash cords. Contact your local camera shop or B&H Photo Video for in-depth guidance based on your specific set up.)

Most flash cords have one end which slides into the camera's flash hot shoe, and another end which slides onto the bottom of the flash unit (Fig. 4). The bottom of the end that slides onto the bottom of the flash unit should have a 1/4" threaded hole. This is the attachment point for your Wimberley flash bracket. Position the flash cord adapter on the top of the F-1 bracket so that the flash unit will face forward when slid into the cord's hot shoe. Screw the protruding stud of the inverted, silver knurled thumbscrew on the top of the M-3 Tilt Arm module into the bottom of the shoe (Fig. 2). Make sure the flash adapter seats firmly and snugly into the bottom notch of the Tilt Arm module. There should be no need to over-tighten. Lock your flash unit in place if it has a locking lever.

To remove the flash unit: unlock the flash unit lever (if applicable), then hold the flash unit with one hand while unscrewing the silver knurled thumbscrew on the top of the M-3 Tilt Arm module with your other hand. Gently lift the flash unit while unscrewing the thumbscrew as this will keep the thumbscrew from unscrewing from its hole in the Tilt Arm module. If this does occur however, simply screw it back into place.

Tip: take care to keep the flash unit vertically straight when mounting and removing the unit to prevent cross-threading.

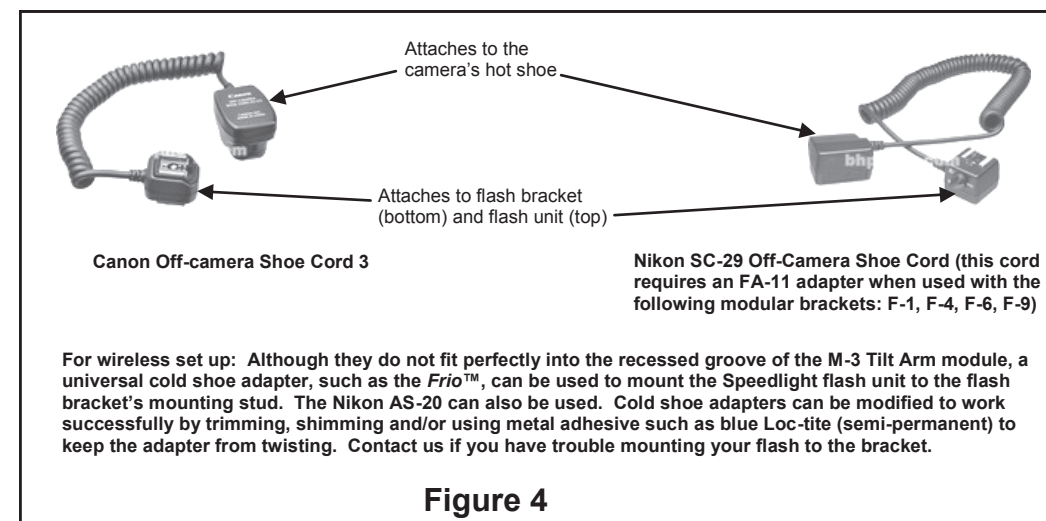


Figure 4

Flash Cord Compatibility Note: the Nikon SC-29 cord requires the use our **FA-11** Flash Cord Adapter (Fig. 5) to attach the cord snugly to the bracket because the cord mounting foot is slightly too wide to fit properly in the slot on the flash arm. Some older Canon off-camera flash cords have this same issue. The off-camera adapter has a square footprint. If one of the sides of the flash adapter square has a lump on it, you can remove just enough material from the side of the square opposite this lump with a file until it fits into the groove on the M-3. We apologize for this dimensional incompatibility. We made this design sacrifice so that the bracket would fit newer Canon cords snugly.

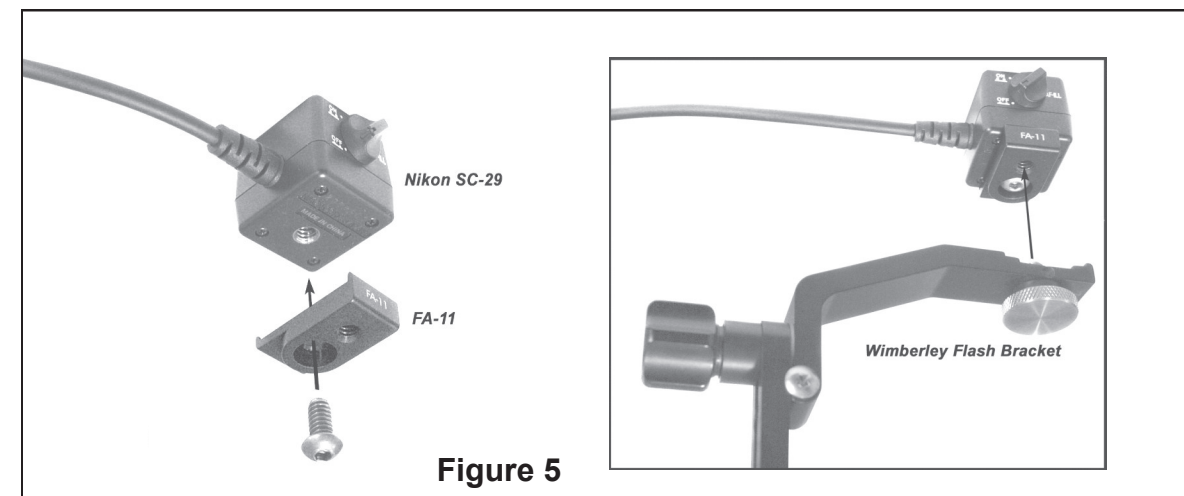


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