- About the AP-501 —

The **AP-501** Replacement Foot fits the Nikon 70-200 f/2.8 Z, Nikon 100-400 f/4.5-5.6 Z, and Nikon 400 f/4.5 Z lenses and serves three main purposes:

- 1. Added Stiffness over the factory tripod mounting foot connected to a lens plate, reducing flex and vibration.
- 2. Functions as the Arca-Swiss style quick-release plate for your lens.
- 3. Creates a more ideal geometry for using your lens on the Wimberley Sidemount Head and Sidekick, allowing the lens to balance optimally.

Wimberley lens plates are compatible with Arca-Swiss style quick-release clamps such as those made by Wimberley, Kirk Enterprises, Really Right Stuff, Arca-Swiss, Markins, and others.

Installation Instructions -

1. Remove the factory foot from the lens.

2. Attach the AP-501 plate to the lens using the enclosed 1/4-20 x 9/16"L flat head fastener (Fig. 1).

3. Drive the screw in until you first meet resistance, then turn it about 30° farther to establish appropriate, but not excessive, torque. Do not over tighten; it is possible to shear the head off the fastener or damage the threaded insert on the lens with the hex key included.

4. Install safety stop screws as shown on page 2 (Fig. 3). Safety stop screws are not required, however they keep your lens and camera secure when using a compatible QR clamp.



Figure 1

- Using Flash Brackets -

Wimberley replacement feet have a double dovetail cross-section. The upper dovetail allows you to attach Wimberley Flash Brackets as well as other 3rd party quick-release style brackets.





Using the AP-501 without using a quick-release

The 3/8 and 1/4 inch holes in the middle section of the plate can be used to attach the foot directly to the threaded stud of a monopod or other lens support equipment, without needing a quick-release clamp.

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Figure 3

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- Using the Optional Safety-Stop Screws -

Your Wimberley foot comes with two safety stop screws and a matching 2.5mm hex key. Two of these screws are intended to be screwed into the small bottom threaded holes in the front and back of the foot (*Fig. 3*) to serve as stops that prevent the foot from accidentally sliding out of the quick-release clamp. If you opt to use both stops, you must open the jaws of the quick-release clamp wide enough to load your lens from the top (instead of sliding it in).

Top Loading is less convenient,

but you can be certain that your lens will not slide out of the clamp.



(Required with Safety Stop screws)

Safety Stop Channels We recommend using clamps with safety stop channels. These channels allow a full range of forward and backward motion but will not let the plate slip out if the clamp is inadvertently loosened.



A 3rd Party Clamp Warning: Our safety stop screws work with most 3rd party quick-release clamps, but clamps that do not have channels and are too wide to be straddled by the safety stop screws will not work.



Thank you for your interest in Wimberley products. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact us.