

# TrekPod™ .vs Manfrotto 682

The Manfrotto 682 is the only other “self-standing” monopod on the market of which we are aware. There are a number of notable differences between a TrekPod and this product.

The legs “store” in the base of the bottom leg and must be unscrewed from their storage position, then rethreaded into their tripod position. While in their stored position, the legs “clank” loudly inside the lower aluminum tube when the monopod is moved. Because of this issue, plus the poor “swing weight” balance, the 682 really isn’t a practical walking stick. (If a walking stick is heavier at the bottom, as is the 682, it is much harder to “swing” forward while walking, making the perceived weight seem much higher than the actual weight.)

Also, because of the much lower rigidity of the Manfrotto legs and the higher center of gravity of the leg attachment design (in tripod mode), you will find that the 682 is much less rigid than the TrekPod, particularly with heavier cameras.

In either the monopod or tripod mode, the TrekPod is lighter, significantly stiffer, and rated for a heavier load, and the TrekPod is truly unique as a hiking staff—plus it has MagMount™. We urge users to compare these two products before assuming they’re “about the same”.

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Comparison Data



Specifications		
	Manfrotto 682	TrekPod
Maximum Height - Tripod mode	67.2" / 170.7 cm	58.0" / 147.3 cm
Maximum Height - Monopod mode	65.2" / 165.6 cm	62.5" / 159 cm
Minimum Height - Tripod mode	48" / 121.9 cm	43" / 109 cm
Minimum Height - Monopod mode	31.2" / 79.2 cm	46.5" / 118 cm
Folded Length	29.2" / 74.2 cm	35.5" / 90 cm*
Load Capacity - Tripod Mode	5.5 lb / 2.49 kg	9 lbs / 4 kg**
Load Capacity - Hiking Staff Mode	N/A	100 lbs / 45.4 kg**
Leg Sections	3	3
Leg Lock Type	Flip levers	Twist
Independent Leg Spread	No	Yes (limited)
Center Column Sections	1	1
Center Column Type	Sliding	Sliding
Center Brace	No	No
Spiked Feet	No	No***
Head Type	Swivel/Tilt Head	Ballhead with QR
Head Mount Thread Size	1/4"-20 & 3/8"-16	1/4"-20
Weight	2.27 lb / 1.02 kg	1.9 lb / .85 kg
Internet Price Range (US \$'s)	\$109.95 - \$111.11	\$139.95 - \$155.55
*Disassembled into two sections - **See <a href="http://www.trek-tech.com/faq">www.trek-tech.com/faq</a> for more load & rating info - ***Optional 2007		
All comparison data was compiled from the internet mid-2005, and is accurate to the best of our knowledge.		