# **INSTRUCTION MANUAL**

# WAVE150i Mount



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## **WAVE150i Mount Packing List**

### **Mount Package Includes:**

WAVE150i Mount x 1



Power Cable x 1



USB Cable x 1



## **PART I: Installation**

#### 1.1 Setup Tripod and Wave 150i

The WAVE 150i mount can be installed on multiple tripods and extension stands, please refer to the instruction manual in you tripod kits for details.

If the mount is going to be setup in the equatorial mode, make sure one of the tripod legs orient to the polar direction ( $\mathbf{N}$ ). While attaching the mount to the tripod, please align the R.A. axis to the the north (or south, when observing in the southern hemisphere) orienting tripod leg.



Fig. 1

#### **1.2 Tilt Declination Axis**

1.For equatorial (**EQ**) mode, loosen slightly the two Latitude locking knobs and turn the Latitude adjustment knob until the arrow on the latitude scale of the mount matches the latitude of your observing site. Lock the two Latitude locking knobs. See Fig.2.

2.For Alt-Azimuth (**AZ**) mode, turn the Altitude adjustment knob counterclockwise until it stops, and then lock Latitude locking knobs. leave the mount in upright position as shown in Fig.3







#### 1.3 Install the Telescope

1. Turn on the power and connect the mount with the SynScan Pro App or hand controller

2. Use the direction buttons to slew the declination axis and level the saddle with the telescope locking knobs on the upper side. (Fig4 and Fig5)

3. Loosen the two telescope locking knobs on the saddle alternately until the width of saddle is slightly wider than the width of the dovetail bar on the telescope.

4. Seat or slide the dovetail bar into the saddle with the telescope pointing to the right. Tighten the two locking knobs alternately to secure the dovetail bar firmly. (Fig4 and Fig5)

Warning: Keep supporting the telescope until you are sure that it has been firmly locked in the saddle.



Fig. 4

AZ mode







Fig.5

#### 1.4 Install counterweight

Counterweight is optional unless the telescope and accessories are very heavy.

1. Remove the cap on the mount and keep it in a safe place.

2. Thread in the longer of the two counter weight rods, adding the short one if necessary. Turn clockwise to tighten.

3. Remove the security cap on the rod. Slide the counterweight onto the rod and tighten the locking knob. Thread in the security screw immediately.



Fig. 6

#### 1.5 Balance of the Payload

The Wave 150i mount can support unbalanced payload in both R.A (Azimuth) and declination (Altitude) axes. But balancing (even partially) the payload can provide the following benefits:

- \* Higher stability, especially when the supporting area of the tripod is small.
- \* Less power consumption.
- \* Higher tracking performance.

#### 1.5.1 Balance of the R.A. Axis in EQ Mode

\* Use your left hand to hold the counterweight rod firmly and use the right hand to fully release the R.A. locking knob.



\* Turn the R.A. axis and let the telescope lean to the right.

\* Adjust the counterweight's position on the rod until it is balanced in the R.A. axis and then re-lock the counterweight. Keep the counterweight locked at the furthest position if the telescope is too heavy to get a full balance.

\* Return the telescope to the home position of the R.A. axis and tighten the R.A. locking knob.



Use the following formula to decide the counterweight's position:

Dw = Mt \* Dt / Mw

Dw: Distance of the counterweight's gravity centre to the azimuth axis

Mw: Mass of the counterweight

Mt: Mass of the telescope

Dt: Distance of the telescope's gravity centre to the axis.



#### 1.5.2 Balance in Declination/Altitude axis

\* Use the SynScan Pro app to slew the two axes and level the telescope with the telescope locking knobs on the upper side. (Fig.10)

\* Hold the telescope with left hand and remove the two declination locking knobs.(Fig.11)



\* For tube ring mounting, slide the telescope in the ring to obtain balance.

\* For non-tube ring mounting, keep holding the telescope, slightly loosen the two telescope locking knobs and slide

the dovetail bar in the saddle to obtain balance and then firmly tighten the two telescope locking knobs. (Fig.12)

\* Lock the axis with the two declination locking knobs again.



## **Part II: Polar Alignment of the WAVE150i Mount**

#### 2.1 General Process

1.Slightly loosen the two Latitude locking knobs.

2. Turn the Latitude adjustment knob to let the latitude scale read the local latitude.

3. Roughly point the RA axis to the pole.

4.Use one of the following means in section 2.2 or 2.3 to do the polar alignment.

5.Use the altitude (or latitude) adjustment knob to fine tune the tilt of the R.A. axis. Use the azimuth adjustment knobs to fine tune the horizontal direction of the R.A. axis towards the pole. Tighten the Latitude locking knobs and the Azimuth adjustment knobs at the end of the polar alignment.





#### 2.2 Polar Alignment Based on Star Alignment

1.Run a 2-Star alignment with the SynScan Pro app or the SynScan hand contoller.

2.Run the polar alignment process.

3.Repeat the above steps for two or 3 times.

#### 2.3 Polar Alignment based on Imaging

Many applications, like SharpCap Pro and PHD2, provide highly accurate, imaging based, polar alignment. Please refer to the instruction manual of those software for details.

#### 3.1 Control Panel



#### Connectors to operate the Wave 150i mount:

PWR 12V: Power supply Input.

**USB**: Communication port to connect to a computer or an Android device.

HAND CNTRL: Communication port to connect to a SynScan controller or other devices.

AUX PWR: Auxiliary power connectors, 2.5mm I.D., 5.5mm O.D., maximum DC 5A.

AUX USB: USB connectors for connecting devices on the telescope to a host.

GUIDE: ST-4 autoguider port.

AUX USB: USB connectors for connecting devices on the telescope to a host.

**Power Switch**: Turn power On/Off, with the light indicating the following status:

- 1. Single flashing with short On time: Wireless module is ready for connection.
- 2. Double flashing: Wireless connection established.
- 3. Steady On: Wireless module is turned off due to long idle.
- 4. Single slow flashing with equal On/Off time: Power voltage is low.
- 5. Single quick flashing: Power voltage is extremely low, stop using the mount immediately.
- 6. Triple flashing: Firmware update is not finished.

#### 3.2 Pinout of the Interfaces:



Fig. 15

#### 3.3 Power Supply Requirements

- 1. Output Voltage: DC 12 to 16 V, higher voltage is recommended
- 2. Power Rating: >35W (>3A @12VDC or >2.2A @16VDC)
- 3. Barrel Plug: 2.1mm I.D, 5.5mm O.D., central positive
- 4. Do not use an unregulated AC-to-DC adapter

## Part IV: The WAVE150i Mount Features

#### 4.1 SynScan Pro App

The SynScan Pro app is the recommended controller for the Wave 150i mount. Windows and Mac version: Download from www.skywatcher.com. Supports USB, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth connections.

**Android version:** Download from Google Play or www.skywatcher.com. Support USB, Wi-Fi and Bluetooth connection. While using an USB connection with an Android device, a USB OTG dongle is required.

iOS version: Download from App Store. Support Wi-Fi, Bluetooth connections.

The SynScan Pro app can also work with a tablet on all platforms. Please refer to the SynScan Pro app's online help or instruction manual for details.

#### 4.2 SynScan Hand Controller

The SynScan hand controller is an optional controller for the Wave 150i mount. Please refer to the SynScan hand controller manual for detail instructions.

#### 4.3 Auto-Home

The SynScan Pro app can return the mount to the same home position. Start the Auto-Home operation in SynScan Pro app's menu "Utility\Advanced\Auto Home"

\* For equatorial mode: Fill the Dec Offset with 0, the mount will return to the polar-home position.

\* For alt-az mode: Fill the Dec offset with -90, the mount will return to the north-level position.

NOTICE: Avoid starting Auto-Home in the following position: Dec/Alt=-90°/270°.

#### 4.4 Illumination

The WAVE 150i has illuminated latitude scale and level bubble. The brightness can be adjusted using the Polar Scope Illuminator settings in the SynScan Pro app or the SynScan hand controller.

#### 4.5 Firmware Update

Please visit **www.skywatcher.com** to check for the latest firmware for the Wave 150i mount. The firmware can be downloaded with the Motor Controller Firmware Loader application. Detail instruction is included in the application package.

#### 4.6 Cable Management System

The AUX USB interfaces provide an internal wiring for connecting a host to the USB devices on the telescope. Connect a USB hub to the AUX USB port on the declination saddle for multiple USB devices attached to the telescope.

The AUX PWR interfaces provide an internal wiring for powering devices on the telescope.

## **APPENDIX: SPECIFICATIONS**

#### Dimensions (mm)









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#### **Specifications:**

Product Name	WAVE150i mount
Mount Type	Equatorial /Alt-Az Dual Mode
Maximum Balanced Payload	5kgf•m (25kg @0.2m )
Maximum unbalanced in R.A.	3kgf•m (15kg @0.2m)
Maximum unbalanced in Declination/Altitude	0.75kgf•m (25kg @0.03m)
Polar Alignment Range	90 Degrees in Latitude, 20 Degrees in Azimuth
Weight	5.8kg
Counterweight (optional)	1x 5kg
Counterweight Rod (optional)	0.7kg+0.4kg
Extension Pier (optional)	1kg
Motor Drive	Stepper Motor (1.8°/step), 256 Microsteps per step
Gear Ratio	RA: 303:1; DEC: 275.4:1
Power Supply	DC12V to 16V,>35W
Maximum Slewing Speed	7.5 degrees/second
Auto-guiding Speed	0.125X, 0.25X, 0.5X, 0.75X, 1X
GOTO Controller	SynScan Pro App or SynScan Hand Controller (Optional)
Operational Temperature	-10°C ~ 50°C
Celestial Object Catalog	Messier, NGC, IC, Caldwell, Double Star, Variable Star, Named Star, Planets
Telescope Mounting Bar	43mm~73mm_dovetail bar

Note: The above specifications may be changed without advance notice.

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NEVER USE YOUR TELESCOPE TO LOOK DIRECTLY AT THE SUN. PERMANENT EYE DAMAGE WILL RESULT. USE A PROPER SOLAR FILTER FIRMLY MOUNTED ON THE FRONT OF THE TELESCOPE FOR VIEWING THE SUN. WHEN OBSERVING THE SUN, PLACE A DUST CAP OVER YOUR FINDERSCOPE OR REMOVE IT TO PROTECT YOU FROM ACCIDENTAL EXPOSURE. NEVER USE AN EYEPIECE-TYPE SOLAR FILTER AND NEVER USE YOUR TELESCOPE TO PROJECT SUNLIGHT ONTO ANOTHER SURFACE, THE INTERNAL HEAT BUILD-UP WILL DAMAGE THE TELESCOPE OPTICAL ELEMENTS.