

f-stop BACKPACKS

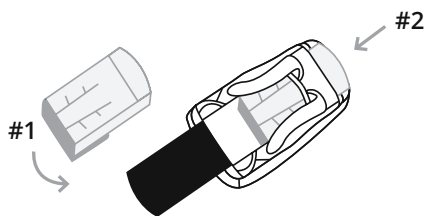
Proper usage dos and donts

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Inserting the ICU into the shell

It takes a couple of tries to get the hang of this, but once you've mastered the trick it's easy. Always do this with both items lying flat, not upright.

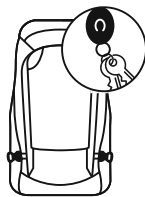
1. Fold back the top flap of the ICU so that it is underneath the ICU
2. Open the top and rear panels of your Shell
3. Make sure that the compression strap buckles are disconnected / loose
4. Insert the rear of the ICU (with folded flap) into the top of the shell
5. Grip the rear of the ICU via the back panel and pull it all the way in.
6. Connecting the side tabs of the ICU to the corresponding loops in the shell helps to make the pack more solid and stable, but it's not critical.



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Make use of key clip

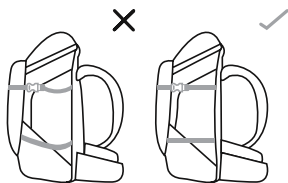
Ever wondered whether your car key is safely stored while out shooting? Attach the female part of the key clip to your car key and always click it in when you lock up and go to know that your keys are safe.



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Use the compression straps

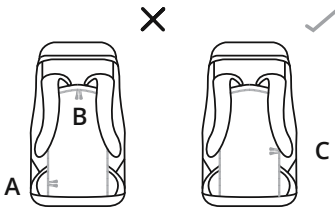
The two compressions straps on either side of the shell serve a more important purpose than just fastening tripods and accessories. When firmly tightened they ensure that the back panel sits firmly against the open side of the ICU and keeps everything in place.



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Zip placement

Correct placement of the zip tabs makes a critical difference to the comfort of your pack. If placed at the bottom (A) or the top-middle (B) it might irritate your back. Place it halfway along the height of the pack on either side (C). This is where the pack sits furthest from your back and there is ample space for the zip tabs to rest without touching your back.



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Shoulder straps

IMPORTANT: Always pick up a heavily loaded backpack by the carry handle, not the shoulder straps.

Please note that backpacks are not designed to be picked up by a single shoulder strap if heavily loaded, which is why all backpacks have a carry handle. The inertia of a strong person quickly hoisting a backpack off the ground can put multiple times the force of the actual load on a single shoulder strap. If done repeatedly, the stitching will eventually start to tear.

A travelling photographer's backpack is normally the heaviest when going through airports as it contains a massive camera kit, laptop, chargers and a plethora of other items. When overloaded you should take special consideration to ensure that you do the initial lift by the carry handle.

If staff at lodges/hotels handle your backpack, make sure that they also pick it up by the carry handle.

Tearing of shoulder straps due to improper handling is not covered by the warranty.

*some models have two reinforced carry handles, while others only just one.

